

HARRY SLUSSER, ED PFAFF, ARNO UHLHORN; HOME

After Seeing Service in France and Italy Downers Grove "Looks Good to Them"

Capt. Harry Slusser, Edward Pfaff and Arno Uhlhorn came home the first of the week, discharged from the service and glad to see Downers Grove once more.

Uhlhorn and Pfaff were on the Italian front for months with an American Ambulance unit. It was their outfit which received so much praise from the Italian nation for the good work they did on the Piave. For his bravery Ed. Pfaff wears the ribbon signifying that the Italian Government has presented him with the Italian war cross.

Harry Slusser, late captain, U. S. Army, arrived home Sunday night. He received a first lieutenant's commission at the second camp at Ft. Sheridan and sailed as a casual officer January 8, 1918. Landing at Liverpool, England, on the 24th he went direct to Southampton and then LaFavre, France.

He was assigned to the army school at Langries where he was assistant adjutant until June 29, when at his request he was transferred to a line division. Lieut. Slusser commanded a platoon of Co. C. of the 126th Infantry, 32nd Division and later was put in command of Company E. of the same outfit.

This division was in the east sector in Alsace when the Germans were at the height of their drive toward Paris and were withdrawn and sent to Chateau Thierry. They hiked through this much fought over village just after the Germans had left on their Rhineward retreat and helped hurry them along. On August 1st his battalion took Clerges and it was here the Lieutenant was slightly wounded at the side of his right eye. A portion of the bullet is still just under the skin.

After a month of hard driving he was sent to a hospital to recuperate and rejoined his company in November after the armistice was signed. He was with the division on its march to the Rhine, which river they crossed on Friday the 13th day of December. The 32nd on account of its record was one of the three given the honor of holding the bridgehead at Coblenz. The 32nd held the center, the 1st the right and the 2nd the left, being miles into enemy territory.

With other casual officers, Slusser now a Captain, U. S. Army, on April 18th in an ancient United Fruit Co. boat and landed in New York on the 29th. He was sent to Camp Dix, N. J. for discharge.

HOLY NAME BIG BROTHERS MEET AT NAPERVILLE

At the big Brother meeting of the Holy Name Society in Chicago Sunday April 27th last it was definitely decided to hold a Big Brother meeting in Naperville, DuPage County in July for the purpose of organizing the Catholic farmers into Unions of Big Brothers. The purpose of the Union will be twofold. It will be an aid to the farmers and it will be an aid to the Catholic boys who are without homes.

There are many Catholic boys each year ordered to the farm by the court. These boys are not criminals but merely lads who do not have homes or whose homes are not the proper places for them. The boys are to be placed with these Catholic farmers where they will work. Thus the farmers will receive help which is so badly needed and the boys will have a good home and a profitable job. The boys will receive a reasonable wage, decided on by the guardian appointed by the court to look after them.

Plans were made for this organization more than a year ago but due to the epidemic of influenza it was necessary to postpone the meetings.

"THE POPPY GIRL'S HUSBAND"

At The Dicke Theatre, Saturday, May 10th.

Hairpin Harry Dutton, in the tenth year of a fourteen year sentence for burglary, sits despondently in his "solitary" cell. This prematurely gray prisoner is spending most of his time in "solitary" because of his unshakable faith in the constancy of his wife.

The Pardon Board paroled Hairpin Harry, but the only person who waits near the prison gate is Boston Black. Where is Polly, the Poppy Girl—his wife?

Boston Blackie finally tells him that he is not going to find Polly waiting for him when he gets to Prison, as she had married big Mike McCafferty the year after he was sent to prison.

The stricken man is dazed. Slowly his heart is filled with a savagery which presages a terrible vengeance. Nightfall at Mother McGinnis' hotel, the Frisco Merca of West Coast crooks. Boston Blackie has his hands full restraining the ex-convict from killing big Mike McCafferty, the man who sent him up and stole his wife.

At the home of the Poppy Girl, now Mrs. McCafferty, a great and growing feud dominates the heart of the gully. Her son, Hairpin Harry's son Donald, enjoys little love in the home of his step-father. As the days pass Hairpin Harry spends most of his time working at his room on a copper plate.

Hairpin Harry spends his days near the public school. The only joy left to him is to feast his eyes on the boy he knows to be his son. Donald and son are drawn to each other. The little chap has an Indian case in the park and he wants the big fellow to play Indian with him, and every day Hairpin Harry goes to the little cave to meet the "big chief" his son. Meantime, the gully Poppy girl suffers the fear of vengeance.

At Mither McGinnis' hotel the crook informs Harry that a "lead" at headquarters has informed them of the frame that big Mike is to put that night. Hairpin Harry resumes work on the copper plate. Big Mike and his fellow "bull" await Hairpin Harry's coming, but he escapes to attend to his one last duty. Polly the Poppy girl, dolls herself up in her boudoir. Framed in the doorway stand Hairpin Harry Dutton—the man she betrayed.

The picture of a convict being pushed into an open grave by a woman, this is the copper plate he has fashioned. In exchange for what she has taken from him he proposes to take her beauty. He is going to bring her pretty check for all the world to see. He laughs at her desperate struggle as he chloroforms her.

Little Donald has learned that Hairpin Harry is his father, and when the man goes to him, pleads to be taken away. Vengeance is gone. The little boy kisses his unconscious mama good bye, and the copper plate is cheated

CONGREGATIONAL PHILATHEAS HAVE "CHILDRENS' PARTY"

The Philathea Class of the Congregational Sunday School held a Children's Party last Friday at the home of the President, Mrs. E. F. Lacey. The 34 present were dressed as "little birds" and children's songs and games were played. Mrs. Bunge as "Mama's Angel Child" was the hit of the evening. This class meets every Sunday morning with Mr. W. W. Heintz as teacher, and once a month a social is held which is always a most enjoyable affair. A welcome is extended to all.

SPEAKERS ON THE LEAGUE OF NATIONS

S. J. Duncan-Clark, one of the best known of the writers on the war and a newspaper man of note, is speaking and writing for the League of Nations, under the direction of the Illinois branch of the League to Enforce Peace, 232 Monadnock Building, Chicago. Mr. Duncan-Clark has promised to take an active part during the present campaign of publicity being carried on in favor of the League of Nations, in order that information may be spread widely on the scope

ELEANOR HANCHETT WINS FIRST PRIZE IN ESSAY CONTEST

The Seventh grade English classes in the South Side grammar school have just completed the annual Essay contest for prizes offered by the local W. C. T. U. Much interest was shown in the contest and sixty splendid essays were written. Ten of the best were selected and sent to the judges who returned the following verdict: First prize \$1.50. Eleanor Hanchett. Second prize \$1.00. Dorothy Drew. Third prize \$50. Margaret Stough. Honorable Mention Charles Blaha, Mary Gillespie, Lucile Heintz, Teddy Huth, Kenneth Morton, Ruth Thomas and William Latchford.

Miss Frances Hughes, Miss Rowland and Reverend Fleming acted as judges. Last year the Downers Grove contestant, James Mitchell, received the County and State prize also.

The following essay won the first prize: THE EFFECTS OF TOBACCO By Eleanor Hanchett. Tobacco is a plant that contains the poisonous ingredient, nicotine. Chemists have discovered that one-fifth of a grain of nicotine will kill a man. The injurious effects of tobacco on the human system are many and varied. Tobacco impairs appetite and digestion, and seriously affects many vital organs. When tobacco is used for a little while, it creates a craving, which in cigarettes is due to opium, and is not satisfied until more tobacco has been used. Thus the habit grows upon the deceived person. Cigarettes contain drugs that usually color the fingers of the smoker. These drugs and the poison that is in all tobacco, make cigarettes exceedingly harmful. Smoking causes an extra supply of blood to flow to the head which seems to make the brain more active. Sucking air through a quill will produce the same effect upon the brain as sucking through a pipe. Tobacco weakens the heart; consequently less blood flows through the body than did before the heart became inactive. The "tobacco heart" pumps slower and with less strength than before tobacco was used. The heart thus impaired will show its weakness when it is called on for more strength. Even a slight exertion will cause palpitation. Tobacco smoke contains very irritating substances. Nicotine turns to vapor and is found in the smoke when the tobacco is burned. The smoker is usually sucked into the mouth, then blown out again, while cigarette smoke is commonly drawn into the lungs and blown out of the nose. This poisonous smoke is irritating to the throat and makes it susceptible to inflammation or throat diseases of various kinds. The eyes are also affected by tobacco smoke. The optic nerve is greatly weakened causing blindness of vision. Tobacco smoke is irritating to the delicate nerves of smell, and thus deprives a man that smokes of his power of distinguishing odors. The voice is affected in some instances. This poisonous smoke, irritates the throat and causes a constant hacking cough. The younger the person using tobacco the more serious will be its effects. A young boy who smokes or uses tobacco in any form must expect to be short in stature, weak in his studies at school, while his fellow-companions that abstain from tobacco, are large, strong and mentally alert.

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MAYOR BARBER TOOK OATH OF OFFICE MONDAY

J. F. Kidwell Turned Over Reins of Local Government at First Meeting of Commissioners.

Dr. W. C. Barber took the oath of office, making him Mayor of Downers Grove, Monday evening. The retiring Mayor, J. F. Kidwell, who has efficiently served the village as its first mayor under the Commission form of government, turned over to Wm. Barber, the gavel.

Flowers for both the old and the new chief executive graced the room and the Commissioners, I. G. Heartz, Delbert Austin, Harry Bryce and Haller were all present to assume their duties.

The first order of business was to call the old board to order. After but a few minutes of work they adjourned sine die.

Mayor Barber then took the chair and after a few words asking the Commissioners to work with him in making Downers Grove an even better place in which to live, he read his appointments.

The following will serve as heads of the various village departments for the next term:

I. G. Heartz, Commissioner of Accounts and Finances. Delbert Austin, Commissioner of Streets and Public Improvements.

Harry Bryce, Commissioner of Public Works (Water and Light Plant). Charles Haller, Commissioner of Public Health and Safety.

The appointive officers such as Village Clerk and Collector, Village Treasurer and Village Attorney have not yet been filled. These were held over until a later meeting.

Commissioner Haller has appointed the same Police Officers, Michael Vennard, Chief and John McMahon, night policeman.

No business of any importance was transacted but plans were made whereby each department would work with all to make this a real administration of the city's affairs.

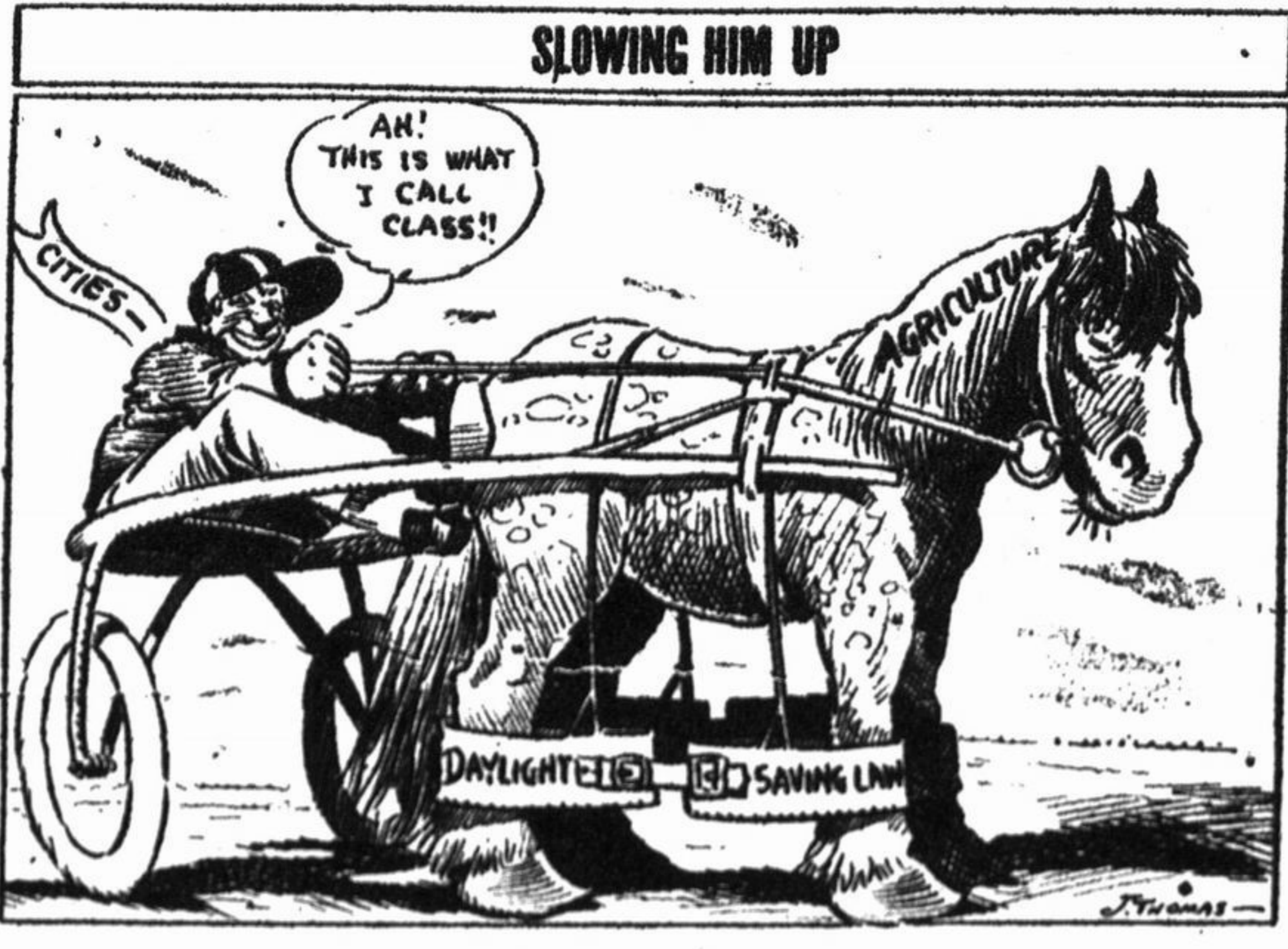
Ancient Jewels. That women of ancient times were not less fond of jewelry than those of today might reasonably be taken for granted. But the remarkable fact (as recently ascertained by archaeologists) is that the jewelry they wore at a period, let us say, 1,000 years before the birth of Christ—was fully equal in artistic workmanship to the best products of the twentieth century.

Her Eyes Open. A little girl who always has her eyes open for the conservation of her elders, heard her grandmother diagnosing a case of the measles. Later the little girl noticed a red spot on her arm. She ran to her grandmother, exclaiming: "The measles, see, I have the measles!"

CROPS WILL NOT BE HARMED BY LOCUSTS



The 17-year locust has had its eating. In fact it never had any, scientists now tell us. It will arrive as scheduled this year, but it will do no harm. It's right name is the periodical Cicada, often mistaken for the locust. The grasshopper, the real locust, destroys crops.



DOWNERS GROVE IS BEHIND ON QUOTA FOR "V" LOAN

Up to the time of going to press only about \$87,000 had been subscribed by local people to the Fifth, the Victory Liberty Loan.

At the present rate our quota, \$128,000 will be far from filled when the books close tomorrow night.

For some not understandable reason people are not buying as they should. Arguments seem to be of no avail. Where subscriptions are taken they are short of the totals on the previous loans and it seems as if people have lost all interest in the affairs of the government.

As previous experience showed subscriptions are slow in Chicago. Either through their firms or the Chicago banks. This money does not help, well the local total although it really should be counted with the rest.

People of Downers Grove if you do not put the loan over the top really but can you look the returning soldier in the face and welcome him back to the village? He was willing to sacrifice everything dear to him to protect you. What are you doing to help him? The government is giving to each discharged soldier and sailor \$50 as a bonus. This \$50 comes from the sale of bonds. That's one place where your money goes. How many \$50 bonuses have you paid by subscribing to the Fifth loan? Buy, buy, buy and put Downers Grove where it has been on the other loans—at the head of the column.

To Remove Paint. Paint stains that are not fresh and yet have not entirely hardened can be softened by moistening them with ammonia and sprinkling them with a little turpentine. Roll the fabric up for fifteen or twenty minutes or soak it for several hours if necessary and then wash it with warm water and soap and hang it out in the air to remove the turpentine odor.

True Genius. How grateful we are to the man of the world who obeys the morale, as a business, and in the obligation to serve mankind. True genius always has these in mind.—Emerson.

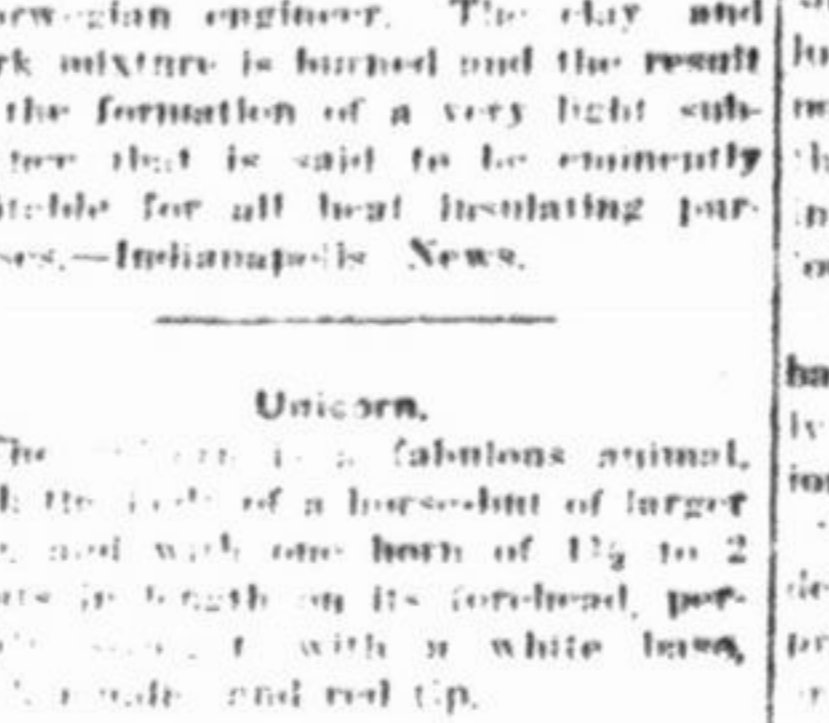
of its victim. The father and son make their home in a cabin in the mountains, and both play baseball.

and purposes of the league, which must come up before the United States senate for ratification. Mr. Duncan-Clark made a trip to the battlefields of France before the end of the war, during which he was the guest of the English government. Communities wishing to have a speaker on the League of Nations may write to the Speakers' Bureau, Room 412 Fine Arts Building, Chicago. The object of the present campaign is to secure, through resolutions passed by organizations and by other public demonstrations, a wide expression of public opinion in Illinois, in order to show to the United States senate that Illinois supports a League of Nations.

Clay and Cork for Insulation. A new heat insulating material, composed of a mixture of a special clay and cork, has been discovered by a Norwegian engineer. The clay and cork mixture is burned and the result is the formation of a very light substance that is said to be eminently suitable for all heat insulating purposes.—Indianapolis News.

Unicorn. The unicorn is a fabulous animal, with the body of a horse but of larger size, and with one horn of 1 1/2 to 2 inches in length on its forehead, perfectly smooth, with a white base, black middle, and red tip.

ZBYSKO IN LINE FOR TITLED MAT MATCH



A great wrestling match is promised when Champion Earl Caddock returns to his Iowa home from France, where he is now serving as a private in the U. S. army. Wladek Zbyszko's defeat of "Strangler" Ed Lewis and Joe Stecher will force Caddock into another match with the giant Pole. This is a new picture of Zbyszko.



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LOCAL WOMEN ATTEND W. C. T. U. CONVENTION AT NAPERVILLE

Mrs. I. J. Kimball and Mrs. Frank McCollum attended the W. C. T. U. County Conference at Naperville Friday. It was held in the Congregational Church, a good attendance with speaking and music full of enthusiasm. Those not attending these meetings miss a helpful as well as interesting meeting.

HOME SWEET HOME



Why DO the lodges keep their members out so late?