ACCORDING TO STATISTICS reported in a Hamilton teachers' convention, there are 26,516 Canadian-born adults in the Dominion who can neither read nor-write. An educator who would not be quoted owing to the ethics of the profession, said: "Our 80,000 illiterates is a matter of serious concern to any citizen, but it is not a thing to become unduly excited over; nor is there need of calling in volumes of statistics from a larger country."

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of Defendant.

The trial was in the Marion circuit court, on appeal from the police court, where the defendant had been guilty of violating a city ordinance prohibiting the throwing of rubbish in the streets, relates the Indianapolis News. The charge had been preferred by a neighbor, who filed his affidavit setring forth that the defendant had willfully, unlawfully and maliciously thrown certain particles of giase into the street in front of amant's resi-

During the hearing of testimony in the county court the defendant's lawbest line of closs-examination of the complaining neighbor. " .

sparied, "that you saw this defendant, throw some glass in front of your house and then run back to his tront." door you mean to tell this court that he men or just simply walked fast?"
"I guess I know, when I see a man run," the witness helf answered. test?" the attorney thundered.

"You say, Mr. Witness," the lawyer

"Judge. your honor," the withese excitedly replied, as he turned and faced the judge, "This here same lawyer made me a liar in police court. He might for all I know gone sixty miles an hour. I ain't no judge of

PLEA FOR MEMORIAL TREES Committee Would Have One Planted in Baptiet Churchyarde as Tribute to Roger Williams.

A memorial tree in every Baptist churchyard in the United States to commemorate establishment of religious freedom and soul liberty is the plan of the Roger Williams National Memorial committee of the District of Columbia. The committee, which is in charge of the drive to raise a fund for the epection in Washington of the Roger Williams memorial, announced It would ask every congregation in

the country to plant a memorial tree. "The tree stands for life." says statement from the committee issued at the Washington headquarters. "and as the American Foresty association is urging the planting of memorial trees in honor of the American sailors and soldiers who gave their lives that political freedom should not perish from the earth, so we will ask that trees be planted in honor of Roger Williams, who worked and suffered that religious liberty might be weven into the national fabric of America."

Pacific Blockade.

"Pacific blockade" is a term invested by Hautefenille, the French writer on international maritime law, to discribe a blockade exercised by a great power for the purpose of bringing pressure to bear on a weaker state without actual war, The pacific blockade has apparently established itself as a legitimate means of coercing a weak power to observe its luternational obligations without resorting to war for that purpose. It is a moderndevelopment and has usually been the It was first employed in 1827, when the combined fleets of Great Britain, France and Russia blockaded a portion of the Turkish coast. More recent instances of its exercise were the

The Barges. "American soldiers in London," mid Gen. Samuel A. Ansell, "take a great" deal of interest in the bargees who row enormous canel boats up and down the Thames.

"A soldier stood on the Blackfriare bridge one day watching a burges row his canal boat, or barge. It was an enormous barge; half a dozen oarsmen could hardly have managed it, but the lone barges wielded his oar undismayed, and the barge approached the soldier on the bridge at the Tate of about an inch a minute. "The soldier watched the barge a long time, and, when the bridge was

at last reached, he took the cigarette from his mouth and shouted down to the plucky oarsman: "Well, so long, old timer! Don't

forget to bring us a parrot buck with Self-Sacrifice.

"Has the war made any change Spongeleigh ?" "I should say so!" "In what respect?"

"Spongeleigh says that in view the fact that his friends are buying Liberty bonds and contributing to war philanthropies, he considers it his patrictic duty not to borrow more than \$5 at a time from any of them/-

Cause for Thanks. "I met a real optimist the other said the war hospital surgeon, "a fellow to whom I certainly doff my hat. He had lost a leg and when they picked him up the first-thing he wald was: "Thank God it was the with the rheumatism!".

AFRICAN DEMAND FOR LACES Trade of That Section Sure to Be Wel Worth Cultivating, According to a

Concular Report. Ne laces, embroideries or dress trim minge of any kind are produced in West Africa. Of machine-made goods, principally cotton, large quantities are imported, being supplied chiefly by England, France and Switzerland. The native women use them in embroidered

under and top skirts, chemises, chemisettes and kimonos. This is true as regards the native romen in all West Africa, even in the far interior. They fancy the top chemisette, or short chemise, worn as a kimone. For the most just the goods are embroidered, but many have begun to wear garments with inscritons and lacer. Light figured and flowered volles and dimittee are well liked in

Many of the women are seen wearing some of the best qualities of these goods, sepecially the value, though, of course, the chesper grades of the dimittee find a larger sale. While no state

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THEIR TRIBUTE TO FIGHTER Spontaneous Expressions of Admiration From Colonials at Sight of Gallant American Destroyer.

The next sunrise found us anchored at the entrance to an English barbor. Ahead and astern, as far as the eye mild reach, stretched a line of ships waiting to carry food into England. That is how England is being starved by Germany! And that is how the British and American navies are dong their work!

After several deeply, loaded ships had shot in past us we got our pilot and joined the procession. Bound out in the opposite diffection, a powerful destroyer of the latest type swept up. three black plumes trailing from her funnels and a great white hone in her teeth. She was the very spirit of dash and daring, with a tinge of swank.
"I' say, that's a tophole." "Look at that," "Absolutely It," "Ripping," was chorused in the English of the isles. a big South African nudged me.

"Yath, look at that flag." It was the Stare and Stripes. More than all the speeches I had heard on the significance of this. war to the Angle-Saxons meant the quick rimpse of that fine ship under that day outward bound to defend

hores of England. "Come on Springboks, a good one for the Tanks," yelled the big colonial and the men who had licked the German's in East Africa and who were going to liek them in France reared the Zulu war cry.—Gregory Mason in

INNER MAN WELL FORTIFIED

American Seidler, Ordered to the Front, at Least Did Not Set Out en Mission Hungry.

An American doughboy entered restaurant in the Rue Richelleu and after carefully studying the menu, or lered dejeuner. The waitress brought him becon and eggs, cheese and a pint of beer. When Credit Row be had finished eating, he paid his bill

end called the waitrees. "Now I want some lunch." This time she brought him a plate of roast beef, vegetables and chicken, which he washed down with half a dosen cups of tea; then he paid his bill and called the wondering waitress

back again. "Now, my dear, I want dinner." He ate some beef, vegetables, apples and drank a bottle of wine. At 1:80, after having taken all three meals at once, the soldier left the restaurant, and a little while later set out on a mission to the front-Stars and Stripes,

Nitrogen From Atmosphers. There has been erected at the Unit ed States department of agriculture's experiment farm at Arlington, Va., the largest experimental plant in the United States for the production of nitrogen from air. The nitrogen so produced is combined with hydrogen to form ammonia, which can be used in the manufacture of explosives and fertilizers. Experiments with the view of increasing the efficiency of the process are now being conducted by the hureau of solls. The Haber process of manufacturing nitrogen to being empleyed. This process involves the production of amments from bydroges and nitrogen. The two gases are mixed in the preper proportion, put under high pressure and subjected to intense your spring work. Don't put off spongy tron, whereupon a portion of the mixture combines to form and Needs.

Pish-Skin Shoes.

At the recent exposition of the chemical industries at New York there was am interesting exhibit of leather made from the skin of fisher, shark, perpoise and tune fish, which showed to be as full of good qualities as leather made from the skins of ant-

Scientists of the Pratt Institute and the United States bureau of fisheries have been experimenting with fish skin as a substitute for leather, and the raw hide of sharks and perpoises alyeady is in commercial use. Porpoise skin rasor strops have been used for years, and other kinds of fish leather would have been on the market long ago, the scientists say, had it not been that there was an abundance of real

industrial Exemption Conscription boards have their troubles, and occasionally a tragedy, but once in a while they have a little joke, too. The local draft board at Scotte burg thinks it has a "good one" on the third district appeal board. Recently the Scottsburg board sent

up papers of a man who sought ex emption because of marriage since August 5, 1918. In due time the papers were returned by the appeal board with the ruling "deferred classification refused. Place can be filled by another." It is presumed that the appeal clerks wrote a reason for refusal of an appeal for exemption on industrial grounds on the papers instead of the one intended

How much stuff does a Yank take into the limp? It all depends on the

In one squad you will see a man carrying full pack, including extra sheer and overcost, and wearing a whole string of corned Willie caus much as a Fiji Islander wears a lots cloth. Another man in the same squad will so up minus his plouse, and cap rying only a blanket, gas mask and beimet .- Paris Stars and Stripes.

for case, Indianapolis News.

Blim and Specs. Slim was talking about a young lady of his nequalitance, and conclude

"And, oh, how that girl can tickle the lvorles!" "Some planiste, is she?" queried Specs, Innocently. "No," chuckled Slim, "she gives scalp massage treatments."

Meeting of Extremes. "Another thing prohibition has done," sald Uncle Bill Bottletop, "la-to make the bartenders and temperance lecturers a little more sympatholic." "For what reason?"

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