

**MARINE CORPS IS SEEKING RECRUITS**

**Cites Examples of Rapid Promotion From Ranks; Apply to Postmaster**

Launching a drive for recruits, the United States Marine Corps is reaching out for select men who will take advantage of the opportunities of the service, it was announced recently by First Lieut. George D. Hamilton, officer in charge of the Chicago Recruiting office.

Two examples of the opportunities of the service was called to the attention of the Chicago office in the promotion from ranks of Presley M. Rixey, Jr. and Austin Kautz, Jr. to lieutenants. Lieut. Rixey is a son of Lieut. Colonel P. M. Rixey, U. S. Marine corps, and a grandson of Rear Admiral P. M. Rixey, U. S. N., retired, former surgeon general of the navy. Lieutenant Kautz is a son of Captain Austin Kautz of the navy.

Starting at the bottom of the ladder eighteen months ago, they were selected after competition with a large number of other enlisted men to attend the Candidates' school at Washington, winning their commissions after a thorough course of study.

While appointment from the ranks to commissioned grade is not without precedent in peace times, the rise of Lieut. Rixey and Kautz is unusual. Sons of commissioned officers rarely enter the service with the rank of private, and still more rarely are two

such men graduated as lieutenants from the same class. Members of the Marine corps also have an opportunity to enter the Naval academy at Annapolis direct from the ranks without obtaining an appointment from a United States congressman.

Lieutenant Hamilton announces that the postmaster in this city has been appointed a recruiting officer for his branch of the service, and all young men in this locality who are interested may apply to that official for information and transportation to Chicago. Physical examinations will be held in this city prior to departure for Chicago.

**NORTHWESTERN HAS NEW SAFETY DEVICE**

**Electric Control Warns Engineer of Danger and Stops Train; Experiment**

A new standard in railroad safety is now in operation on the Chicago & North Western Railway company's tracks between Boone, Ia. and Council Bluffs, and is being extended from Boone to Clinton, Ia.

This device is operated by an alternating electric current flowing through the rails. The approach of another train, a broken rail, or an open switch breaks this current and by flashing a yellow light in his cab and blowing a sharp toned whistle, gives the engineer immediate warning that his train is entering a danger zone.

If for any reason the engineer fails to give prompt attention to these warnings, the Automatic Speed Control immediately takes charge of the train, applies the brakes and brings it to a stop.

While the train remains in the danger zone, the yellow light still shows, the warning whistle blows every half mile, and by means of a gear driven governor on the tender, the brakes are applied any time the speed exceeds 20 miles an hour.

This governor also safeguards against excessive speed when the tracks are clear and the green light is showing, by signalling the engineer with a soft toned whistle when the speed reaches 67 miles an hour. If this signal is not obeyed, the brakes are automatically applied when the speed reaches 70 miles an hour.

At the start of the run, the conductor must not give the signal to proceed until the engineer has handed him the "token." This "token" is a key which cannot be removed until the Automatic Speed Control has been "cut in," thus assuring that both the engineer and conductor, who are responsible for the safety of the train, know that the device is in operation before it starts.

**WORLD POPULATION INCREASES RAPIDLY**

**Expert Says It Doubles About Every 60 Years and Sees Difficulties**

Doctor Victor E. Levine, of Creighton University, Omaha, who is one of those statistical crepehangers, who persist in taking the joy out of life, is now proclaiming "that the world under present conditions will double its population about every sixty years. Within three generations there will be a population of seven thousand million, or two thousand million more than the earth can support. Although the birth rate is decreasing, science has lengthened the average life by twenty years." No doubt this is a correct scientific conclusion, but for all of that even at the beginning of the period which the doctor so emphatically prophesies, it is a fair guess that the hunt for a hired girl for a family of three, agreeable to two afternoons off a week, and also accepting the responsibility of a light family washing, will be even more intense than now.

A British publicist says that all Europe wants of America is to be let alone, but what he probably meant was "lent a loan."

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