

The Spirit of 1917

By Albert T. Reid

The Veteran: "WELL, COME ON! YOU'RE NOT A BIT TOUGHER THAN THE LAST ONE I HAD TO TAKE ON!"



Legion Can Not Let This Challenge Go Unheeded Says Cook

By Russell Cook

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Professional pacifists, radical agitators and other forces not having at heart the future welfare of the United States of America have combined in a concerted effort to break down our naturalization laws, abolish means of national defense and bring about social disorder where every conscience is a law unto itself.

They have hurled a challenge to every liberty-loving, law-abiding citizen and believer in ethical religion as they work by day and by night in the furtherance of schemes to weaken and destroy a national spirit in America.

This challenge can not pass unanswered. The self-respecting citizenship must arouse itself to meet this organized campaign which is threatening the security of our general welfare. The call of duty to the American Legion is clear.

The professional pacifists are sponsoring a bill to amend the laws so that a slacker may become a citizen, enjoying the benefits and protection of the United States government, without sharing his proportionate part of the responsibilities.

This question goes to the very root of citizenship and national security. The founders of this nation established the Constitution for our common advancement and common defense.

Fundamentally, citizenship is based on the obligation of every one who enjoys its protection to share its responsibilities, regardless of how the individual conscience look upon the tragic wastefulness of war.

No government can stand with every individual conscience a law unto itself.

Boy Injured by Gun Discharge at Fox Lake; Is Accidental

The absence of his parents, Mr. and Mrs. Paul Petencin, of 3411 N. Lowell avenue, Chicago, at their summer cottage at Fox Lake over the week-end, left Edwin, 14, the oldest son, in charge of the house.

Edwin took charge with a degree of efficiency that was remarkable, even to putting his smaller brother, Leonard, 4, to bed at the proper time.

As a last act he located his father's revolver and placed it under his pillow "just for protection."

When morning came he prepared breakfast for himself and his brother and then read the comic section of the Sunday paper.

Suddenly remembering that he had not removed the revolver from under the pillow, he went to get it to put it back in the usual hiding place.

Leonard saw the weapon and clamored for it. In order to appease the youngster, Edwin agreed that he could take one little look at it. The gun discharged, and the bullet plowed a furrow beneath the heart. Leonard's condition was considered critical.

Life in Russia is said to be just one five year plan after another.

National Guard Units Go Into Annual Camp Near Rockford July 29

Illinois National guard units will go into encampment at Camp Grant, near Rockford, for their annual tour of duty on Saturday, July 30, for a period of two weeks, it was definitely announced here today.

The tour of duty officially will start Friday midnight July 29, and end Saturday midnight Aug. 13. All units of the national guard with the exception of the 202nd coast artillery group, it was said, will either be stationed at Fort Barrancas, Florida or Fort Oswego, New York.

Approximately 8,300 enlisted men will attend the encampment at Grant while 1,200 soldiers will attend the coast artillery camp.

Field artillery units of the state will be in attendance at Camp Grant this year. Last year the group encamped in Wisconsin to be trained in actual firing of field guns, there, since Illinois has no artillery range.

Decision to have the artillery organizations attend the Illinois camp instead of at Wisconsin is said to be caused by retrenchments due to lack of funds.

First Newt Baker and then Governor Roosevelt come out against the League of Nations. It isn't difficult to detect the political drift in the United States so far as the international situation is concerned.

Receiver Reports on Waukegan State Bank Cash on Hand Feb. 29

Total cash on hand in the defunct Waukegan State bank as of Feb. 29, is \$83,781.29, according to the report filed last week by Fred Brown Whitney, receiver, with Circuit Judge Ralph J. Dady.

The deposit liability of the bank when it closed June 17 was stated to be approximately \$1,250,000.

Receipts during the period have been \$93,432.65, Whitney reported, with disbursements reaching \$9,651.36.

It was estimated that of the \$450,000 listed payable from the Central Republic Bank & Trust company it has been collected down to \$146,505.

Indications that progress was being made in the organization of the Citizens Trust & Savings bank, which would acquire the liquid assets of the Waukegan State and Waukegan National bank and disburse 35 per cent of the deposit liability immediately, came through a conference between State's Attorney A. V. Smith and officials of the Waukegan State Bank Depositors' association.

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