

MARINES, SOLDIERS IN NAVAL SERVICE, ALWAYS ARE FIRST-TO BE SENT TO SCENE OF TROUBLE

Military Organization, Praised Even by Kaiser, Is One of Finest in World, Even in Opinion of Foreign Critics of America—Long and Distinguished Record Dates From 1775.

An' after I met 'im all over, the world. A-doing all kinds of things, Like landing 'isself with a gatling gun. To talk to them 'eathen kings. 'E sleeps in an 'ammick instead of a cot, And 'e drills with the deck on a slew, For there isn't a job on the top 'o the earth The beggar don't know or do. —Kipling.

"The marines have landed and have the situation well in hand." How frequently do we see this headline over a press dispatch from some distant land or remote island. Yet how few of us in our democratic way fully understand the true significance conveyed in those few words: how few of us know who these "marines" are who "have the situation well in hand."

It conjures up the mysteries of the sea and of strange lands and stranger peoples far out of the scope of our individual sphere of observation and acquaintance, for the average American citizen has but a vague idea who the marines are, where they go, what they do, their characteristics, duties and dress.

Somewhere in his mind is stored away the impression that a marine is some kind of amphibious warrior of the sailor type and whose habitat is in that part of the world where the most trouble is brewing. At all events, he looks upon the marine as being a man who is thoroughly on the job and lets it go at that.

Organization is Fine.

In the United States Marine Corps the Nation has one of the finest military organizations in the whole world. Foreign critics of America, including the German Kaiser, have saluted with admiration our famous "soldiers of the sea."

Its long and distinguished record dates from 1775, when its organization was authorized by the Continental Congress. Its history is a brilliant record of faithful and heroic service in many lands. Wherever trouble threatens for Uncle Sam there you will find marines.

First in Tripoli when the Barbary pirates were tamed; first in Cuba and first to raise the Stars and Stripes in Vera Cruz—these are only some of the high lights in their story. He is quite the handsomest little man in Uncle Sam's fighting force. He is never idle—always landing his guns on some foreign shore, and his life is kept filled with excitement and adventure.

But perhaps you have never heard of him. That would not be strange, for away from the seacoast cities he is little known and almost everywhere in the interior he is con-

founded with the soldier of the Army and the sailor of the Navy.

But he is neither of these and yet both, paradoxical as that may seem.

Branch Oldest in Service.

"The abyssmal ignorance which is prevalent among many otherwise well informed people regarding the Marine Corps is appalling," said a well known Naval officer a few days ago. "For the benefit of those who would like to know, let me say that the United States Marine Corps is the oldest branch of the service, having been called into existence by an act of the Continental Congress of November 10, 1775.

"It was the United States Marine Corps that first hoisted the American flag on foreign soil, when in 1805 Old Glory was raised over the fortress of Berne, in Tripoli. It was 500 marines who held off the Spanish army in Cuba in 1898 and cleared the way for the landing of the American army under General Shafter. Marines have carried their flag into action in Tripoli, Egypt, West Africa, Fiji Islands, Sumatra, Hawaii, Mexico, China, Uruguay, Paraguay, Alaska, Panama, Formosa, Korea, Nicaragua, Cuba and have only recently completely pacified the island republics of Haiti and Santo Domingo. In fact the Marine Corps is the Navy's own private little army and it has blazed the trail for naval deeds of daring since the beginning of our republic.

Soldiers Used at Sea.

"Many times the navy has need for soldiers to perform duty for which her bluejackets are not trained. In view of that the Marine Corps (now numbering about 640 officers and 17,400 men) is organized to do whatever strictly military duty may be required in the naval service. The marines wear soldier uniforms, their rank and titles, pay and allowances are the same as those of the Army. Their enlistment is for four years, without any reserve string attached. To all intents and purposes marines are soldiers, except that they are under the orders of the Secretary of the navy instead of the Secretary of War.

"They have made an excellent record for themselves, but have always been somewhat in the position of the prophet in his own country. For though foreign newspapers and service journals have praised the United States Marine Corps time and again as one of the finest little bodies of real soldiers in the world today, small recognition in this country is given to their services. In his greetings to the service last Christmas the late Admiral George Dewey said of the marines: 'The work accomplished by the Marine Corps at Vera Cruz and in Haiti has fully justified my belief that no finer military organization exists in the world.' Add to that the statement of Rear Admiral C. McR. Winslow before the House committee on naval affairs during the last session of Congress: 'I am inclined to think there

is no military body in our country of higher efficiency than the Marine Corps,' and you can form an idea of what the high naval officials think of the 'soldiers of the sea.'

Farmer Boys Better Physically.

Recruiting for the Marines is done principally in the larger cities, but the Government is rapidly reaching the conclusion that patriotism and love for country have a larger meaning in the rural districts than in crowded cities. Also that the farmer boys are of a much higher physical standard, and make better Marines. To that end Marine Corps recruiting officers are turning to the country towns to supply the brawn and muscle necessary to carry the Marine Corps colors to victory in this war with Germany.

The officer continued: "The Marines are the first men on the ground in case of trouble with a foreign power, and the first men into battle in case of hostilities. They have at all times served their country faithfully, both in peace and war, and have reflected credit upon themselves as a corps and on the nation which they represent. Ever have they lived up to the letter, as well as the spirit, of the motto of the corps: 'Semper Fidelis.'

"The pay of Marines varies from \$15 to \$69 per month in time of peace, and is increased 20 per cent during time of war. In addition to this pay Marines receive allowances to the value of approximately \$55 per month which starts the untrained private in at about \$70 per month. Increases come with service and advancement in rank.

"The inducements of pay and allowances, when coupled with the opportunities offered by Marines for broadening travel in strange lands, are very attractive, for very rarely indeed does one meet a man whose makeup does not include, to a greater or less degree the desire for adventure, and to whom the possibility of travel, especially to foreign countries does not appeal. It is only natural and human.

"No matter how fond one may be of home and its environments, the spirit of ad and desire for travel and adventure is deeply rooted in his nature, and few there are who can resist the temptation whenever the opportunity offers itself.

"Especially is this fact true with relation to foreign travel. In order to see foreign lands and strange peoples one must need cross the great oceans. Ever has the sea possessed an enchanting and enduring fascination for the landsman accustomed to the quiet and prosaic life of the office, factory or farm. To travel by sea from port to port, from country to country, from ocean to ocean, amid ever-changing scenery and climatic conditions, to see and study the habits and customs of the strange races of mankind, are, and always will be, among the highest ambitions of the average man."

The most patriotic kind of flag raising is the display of shirt sleeves by an active gardener.

Many men who are fearful of getting shot if they enlist, entertain no dread of getting half shot.

The usual result of press censorship is that the enemy knows everything while the home people know nothing.

Feeling so weary with spring fever that they can hardly sit upright at their desks, many men decide to take a fifteen mile tramp after fish.

The neutral nations indignantly deny buying food to sell to Germany, as they merely buy ours for their own use, and sell their own to German.

The worst of the horrors of war to many of our Congressmen is the shameful delay in providing the requisite number of marble post offices.

It is surprising how hard some people will work for the privilege of living in a big city slum to escape the horrors of a comfortable country home.

Those million men who were going to spring to arms over-night will have to spring some distance to the factories where the delayed orders for those arms are still unfilled.

The volunteer system never has been a success yet in assembling the children at school.

Work producing food will become known as agriculturists.

Wanted: A National Anthem that some people can sing, or some people that can sing the National Anthem.

The politicians are willing to vote for the army bill for the protection of the country, provided they all get their share of pork.

Anyway the Pacifists can stay at home and take care of the babies, and they should be careful not to go out of the house after dark.

Another way in which some people feel that they are helping out the Government an awful lot is by criticizing anyone who is trying to do anything.

The city man who removes to the country has an awfully hard time for a while not being awakened in the dead of the night by trolley cars and ice carts.

Arbor Day is observed in many states now, commonly by calling up the public officials and asking why in thunder they don't plant more trees at the tax-payers expense.

TO HAVE HEALTHY FEET

A club of 400 men at Orange, Tex., have signed an agreement to go barefoot this summer. Occasionally one hears of people who discard shoes as a health and back-to-nature fad. The doctors seem to think it helps children with weak arches. Shoes are more or less unnatural. Few white men have the endurance in walking of the Indian of Colonial days, whose moccasins were the next thing to an unshod foot.

At the same time people could improve their pedestrian abilities and promote good foot conditions, if they would cut out silly shoe fashions. For years men have railed at women for wearing preposterous high heels that tip the foot forward and must upset the arrangement of bones and muscles.

Yet the majority of young men now wear very pointed shoes. A well rounded toe, conforming to the shape of the foot, looks like an old man's style to them. They will pay the price of their smart looks some day in corns, bunions, and chiropodist's bills.

While the person who writes the woman's page in the newspapers is frequently a black-browed man smoking a clay pipe, the one who writes the garden hints is probably the lily-faced girl who knows all about embroidery but never touches a hoe.

The young man who comes to your door about now with those Russia leather covered books for sale dirt cheap at \$27.89, should be taken gently but firmly by the hand, led out to the back yard, and introduced to the spade.

It is claimed that it will take as long as three months to get together the first army. The requirements of the law may not take this, but it would be dreadful if they did not go through with all their etiquet and ret-tape motions.

It is getting to be a news item when anyone stays at home Sunday and spends a quiet and restful day.

There is some satisfaction going out in an automobile ride on a stormy day when the streets are not full of kidlets trying to get run over.

Want Ads Are Busy Workers.

REPORT OF THE CONDITION OF Winnetka Trust and Savings Bank

located at Winnetka, State of Illinois, before the commencement of business on the Second day of May, 1917, as made to the Auditor of Public Accounts of the State of Illinois, pursuant to law.

Table with columns for RESOURCES and LIABILITIES. Includes items like Loans on real estate, Overdraft—None, Investments, Capital stock, Surplus fund, etc.

I, M. K. Meyer, president of the Winnetka Trust and Savings Bank, do solemnly swear that the above statement is true to the best of my knowledge and belief. M. K. MEYER, President.

MAKING WISE PURCHASES.

It is quite a problem for the public to know where to buy its goods. All merchants talk plausibly, but some ask higher prices than others. Some are making a constant effort to get goods at bargain prices and give their customers the benefit. The others take what comes along without effort, and trust to the public to accept it without question.

How is the average consumer to know which merchant can serve the family best? Not everyone can be an expert judge of the value of fabrics and foods. Most people have to take these things somewhat on faith.

The advertising in the home newspaper furnishes the public with the best guide among the pitfalls of retail trade. The man who has enterprise and ambition enough to advertise, has enterprise and ambition enough to make a thorough study of his product, to reach out for the best bargains, and supply goods at moderate prices. Also he must have faith in his goods, or he would not spend money to back them up.

The poor little junk dealer is carefully watched for fear he might have received a few dollars worth of stolen brass and copper, but no one ever inquires who buys all these thousands of automobiles that are constantly being stolen.

About the only gain achieved by those fellows who get married to escape military service, is that they get a petticoated commander.

It is believed that if Germany will kindly refrain from doing anything to us for a couple of years, we will be pretty well prepared for war.

The submarine campaign has reached a point where it can't be beaten merely by a lot of retired admirals sitting in swivel chairs.

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I, Henry R. Hale, cashier of the Winnetka State Bank, do solemnly swear that the above statement is true to the best of my knowledge and belief. HENRY R. HALE, Cashier.