

### 300 WAR ORPHANS ADOPTED BY A. E. F.; BALLOONS NOW IN

#### Third Line Trench Carried with 39 Orders in Past Week

### NAVAL AIRMEN REGISTER

#### "Scheme Nearly Knocked Them Cold," Is Report of Sky Sailors

### BAKERS ON PARRAINS' LIST

#### Fine Observation by Flyers Big Factor in Boosting Figure—Godmothers Are Heard from

TAKEN THIS WEEK

Lt. E. A. W. and W. H. E.	1
Hq. Staff, 2nd Bn., — F. A.	1
Officers and Enlisted Men, Co. D.	1
Balloon Sq.	4
Company B., — Balloon Sq.	1
Bakery Co., No. — Q.M.C.	1
Co. C., — Balloon Sq.	1
Hq. Co., — Balloon Sq.	1
— Balloon Replacement Sq.	1
Co. D Club, — Engrs., Ry.	1
Personnel Office of Chief Q.M. H.Q. S.O.S.	1
Officers of the — Artillery	1
Co. A., — M.G. Bn.	1
Lt., — S.C.	1
Rosalie S. Willson, Y.M.C.A.	1
Co. A., — Inf.	1
Unit No., — Graves Registration Service	1
U.S. Naval Air Station	8
Joy and Claire Gerbaulet	1
Field and Staff Officers, — Engrs., Ry.	1
Company G., — Balloon Sq.	2
Res. and Insp. Div., S.C.	1
Co. B., — U.S. Engrs.	1
J. R. R. (Misc. fund)	1
Previously adopted	261
Total	300

This was balloon week in the adoption of French war orphans under THE STARS AND STRIPES plan.

The visibility improved suddenly early in the week and continued good for so long that no less than six units of balloon men were able to observe the opportunity to enlist enthusiastic human little mascots and smooth out the wrinkles in their troubled lives for a year. And the aeronauts did such helpful work—directing the fire, as it were—that the A.E.F. went right about and captured the third line trenches. The total reached the 300 mark.

Company D., — Balloon Squadron, spotted four orphans at once, and immediately telephoned down to the ground, beating out by two hours Company B., — Balloon Squadron, who came down in a parachute for a like number.

Company C., — Balloon Squadron, was third to pick up and locate the proposition and order three, and this was followed by three other squadrons taking four orphans, making a total of 15 for the balloon men for the week.

Not a Bad Second, Either

Second to the aeronauts—and not a bad second at that—ran the naval aviators. The Navy flyers got right up in the air, too, and spotted eight in a group, which were adopted by various units of a certain naval air station.

The scheme nearly knocked them cold around here," wrote the flyers of the air. "Interest in French orphans went sky high, and I think it advisable to try and create a permanent fund at this station."

"It might be interesting to you to know that we had the 560 francs originally started out to get within two hours, and that after we had expended this and passed the 2,000 franc mark, a collection was taken in a box which amounted to 556 francs. When we finished, we had half a bushel of money containing coins from 13 different nations and one 100 franc note. This 556 francs was taken up in less than ten minutes."

"We would like to have several questions answered," continued the aviators. "Some of these are: 'What unit of the A.E.F. holds the record for single contributions, etc.' 'Are there more boys than girls waiting to be adopted?' 'Is it true that there are very few French children that have red hair?' 'Can an orphan be sent to the United States?'"

The Record Holders

For the benefit of all concerned, it may be said that an Ohio regiment last week adopted 54 orphans, which is the regimental record. Two companies of the same regiment adopted five children each, which is the high mark for companies. One Aero Squadron has five children, and others have four. And then there are the two balloon squadrons this week with four each.

As to the other questions, The available children are about equally divided between boys and girls, but girls have been more asked for, and the Red Cross committee in charge of selecting the children has been favoring the boys in filling most of the requests sent in which mention no choice. There are no red-headed children in France—not real red, anyhow.

The present French law on legal adoption is so rigid that actual adoption of war orphans by members of the A.E.F. is practically impossible. At the termination of the war it may be changed, but it is apparent that France will need her children, particularly her boys, and it is doubtful if they will be permitted to leave. The plan of THE STARS AND STRIPES aims merely to help these needy children temporarily over a very critical period in their lives.

Bakers Come In, Too

The Bakers—we had forgotten the Bakers a couple of weeks ago when we announced that all branches of the A.E.F. were represented in the list of parrains, so much so we take our daily bread in gratitude to them in an adoption this week. The Graves Registration Service also became represented among the A.E.F.'s parrains, Unit No. — taking one child.

"We feel proud of the fact that we are able to be of some assistance to one of these worthy children," said the Bakers. "We heartily approve of the interest you have taken in so worthy a cause."

The personnel of the office of the Chief Q.M. took an orphan a month ago, but the 500 franc mark was exceeded so quickly that the subscription was continued until a second 500 francs was gathered for another.

Also, godmothers appeared this week for two children. Miss Rosalie S. Willson, of the Y.M.C.A., asked for a little boy between the age of three and five, and the Misses Joy and Claire Gerbaulet, "The Army and Navy girls" asked for a boy of four.

### "OLD KIP"

Oh, they ain't long on the highbrow in this Yankee gang of ours. And they don't read Walter Pater in their precious leisure hours. But they do like simple soldier-sons, a-full of pep and zip— And the guy what's wrote the best of 'em is Mister Rudyard Kip!

So, it's good old cheery Kip—(you will pardon us our lip. But we like your stuff so mighty well formally we'll skip)— You have lightened many a load with your poems of camp and road, And you've kept us grinnin' cheery 'neath the Top's or Skipper's good!

We get thrilled on "Danny Deever," and, before we hit the hay, There's a chorus round the fire singing "Road to Mandalay." When we're feelin' sentimental, there's that "Mother" thing of yours That just lifts us out o' France back to our own Atlantic shores!

We have felt like little Mowgli—oh, a lot o' times this year!— All so helpless in the jungle, but your song has brought us cheer: For when shells is bustin' round us, and it's mighty hard to grin, We can gather heart and courage from the tale o' Gunga Din!

Though we cannot say of Fritz what you said of Fuzzy-Wuzz, We can bear with him as patient like us Mr. Job of Uz. If we only have a volume of a fattered sort of scrip, Filled from title-page to back-page with the dittie of Old Kip!

So, it's good old sunny Kip—(you might call us kind o' lip For addressin' you familiar-like—but you don't care a rip.)— To your arm more power be; and when this here scrap's "over," We will bless the name of Kipling through all North Amerikee!

### A PROUD PARRAIN



### D.S.G. AWARDS

Distinguished Service Crosses have been awarded to the following members of the A.E.F. for gallantry in action:

- MAJOR ALEXANDER RASMUSSEN, Inf., U.S.R. (Posthumous).
- SERGEANT GRAY E. SWINGLE, U.S. Eng. (Posthumous).
- CORPORAL THOMAS A. CARROLL, Inf.
- PRIVATE FIRST CLASS LESLIE M. LANE, Inf.
- PRIVATE OSCAR GRIFFITH, Medical Dept. (Posthumous).
- PRIVATE FRANK J. GOLDCAMP, U.S. Eng.
- To Captain Charles J. Biddle, A.S., S.C., U.S.R., and to Privates First Class Mark V. Brennan, Edward A. G. Wylie, Harold E. Purly and John O'Malley Dale, the Commander-in-Chief has written letters of commendation. General Pershing's words to the four enlisted men were:

"I have heard with great pleasure of your fine conduct. The soldierly qualities exhibited by you on this occasion are admired throughout the command."

### HUN AVIATOR'S CAP SENT TO PRESIDENT

Former Washington Policeman Finds Nippers Useful in War

Within about a week from now there will be presented to President Wilson a German aviator's cap, together with one of his shoulder straps—just a reminder to the President, that Captain Philip Browne, Q.M.C., X.A., formerly of the Washington Police Force, hasn't forgotten the days when he used to help protect the President from cranks and crowds.

Captain Browne, who has strayed far from his original precinct, came upon a German aviator who had landed with intent to trespass in a perfectly good French wheatfield, took him prisoner, got him away from an enraged crowd of French civilians, and turned him over to the French authorities encased in a real old-fashioned pair of American police handcuffs. And the French authorities, in return for the gift, decided that the souvenirs for the President were quite in order.

The way it happened was this: Shortly after noon on June 7 the alerte was sounded to note the approach of hostile airplanes. One was seen far up in the clouds, and was immediately pursued by two French planes. After about half an hour the German was forced out into the open and into the barrage of the French anti-aircraft guns.

The Doche machine—a Fokker tri-plane—was hit, but after a long fall the aviator regained control of it, and proceeded to attempt to land. Captain Browne, who had been a witness of the air-battle, jumped into an automobile with several French officers, and hastened toward the spot where it seemed that the Fokker would land. Down it came plump in the middle of a wheatfield. Covering the German with his revolver, Captain Browne advanced. The aviator, standing coolly at attention, surrendered to the American, and was about the most surprised man in the world when he saw his captor produce the handcuffs. He didn't know that he had run into a professional capturer, but that is just what had happened to him.

### FIRE BUFFS GET CHANCE

[BY CABLE TO THE STARS AND STRIPES.] AMERICA, June 20.—Here's a chance for the "Buffs," the fire-finders, the would-be Boys-That-Fight-The-Flames, whose name in any big city is Legion.

New York is going to enroll 4,000 volunteer firemen, to make up for the shortage caused by the departure of many regular firemen for the work of mounting the ladder and putting the hooks into the Hohenzollerns and the Hapsburgs.

More than 1,000 amateur smoke-eaters have come forward to fill the gaps caused by draft and enlistment in the ranks of Pa "Knickerbocker's" save-mouth-cheelers—going to show that love for the great American sport of running with the old engine is not dead yet.

### FORD CANDIDACY SOLE RIPPLE IN SEA OF POLITICS

Democratic and Republican Warhorses Don't Know What to Do

### SUMMER SURE TO BE ACTIVE

Col. Roosevelt Will Not Take Sides in Fight for New York Governorship

By J. W. MULLER  
American Staff Correspondent of THE STARS AND STRIPES.

AMERICA, June 20.—A chaste peace prevailed on all this front during the past week, as if the whole country were at Sunday School. Nobody slammed anybody else. Nobody brought charges of strictly fresh advice to Washington. Nobody proclaimed dolefully that the country was going to the dogs.

The only occurrence making even a ripple of excitement was the acceptance by Henry Ford of the Democratic nomination to the United States Senate from Michigan. His nomination has produced a flood of controversy more interesting for its ingenuity and its complexity than for its illumination.

Good old Democratic war horses plaintively denounce Ford as a Republican. Republican warhorses, who don't want him to get the Republican nomination, too, declare he is a mighty poor Republican. Meanwhile, a quiet movement aims at fusion, and if Ford does not get the Republican nomination, it is expected that he will get a second nomination anyway from some nonpartisan independent organization.

Many Ferocious Skirmishes

Political advance patrols on both sides have already had ferocious skirmishes and people who hate a quiet life anticipate a delightful summer. The perturbation of the Michigan Republicans shows graphically how utterly the good old political trench system has been eliminated in favor of a war of movement. A few years ago, a Republican nomination in Michigan was equivalent to election.

The political genius displayed in picking Ford for the Democratic nomination is universally admitted. It creates conditions which split the State wide open and probably affects other State situations sympathetically.

New York's governorship fight is becoming strenuous on the Republican side, while the Democrats hold back and keep their candidates under excellent camouflage. Governor Whitman and Attorney General Morton E. Lewis are the chief Republican candidates, and so far their chances are about even to the ordinary eyes.

Col. Roosevelt, returning from the West, has issued a formal statement that he will take no part on either side in this governorship contest. His declaration of strict neutrality is particularly interesting to the politicians because the Colonel's nephew is managing the Lewis campaign.

### HOW ABOUT CHECKERS?

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### DULL DAYS ALONG COAST

[BY CABLE TO THE STARS AND STRIPES.] AMERICA, June 20.—Except for the darkening of the electric light signs, New York City hardly thinks of submarines. One week seems to be the city's limit for getting exercised over little things like that.

### Artistic Portraits.

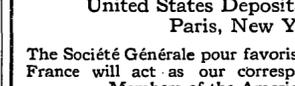
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### OLD ROMANCE WAKES FOR SALVAGE SARGE

Search Among Clothes of Wounded Man Reveals Ancient History

"Funny thing," began a sergeant of a certain salvage unit near the front. "The things you'll run into when you're sorting over this junk."

"Look at this pile of wounded guys' clothes, sent up from the field hospital. It was in just such a pile as that that I got one of the surprises of my life. "I was poking it over to see how much of it could be saved and how much could be scrapped, when out of a pocket rolled a picture, the picture of a girl. Well, I'm human, and I picked it up to look at it. And I'm a son-of-a-gun if it wasn't a girl I used to go with steady some ten years ago!"

"Seeing I was on the scent, and to make sure, I picked up the blouse and looked in the pockets. I found another picture, and on it the information that she was a Mrs. Somebody or other now, and that the guy who'd been wounded was the Mr. of the family.

"Well, I picked out the two pictures, got the fellow's address from a letter in his pocket, and went on working. But as soon as I can get anything like time off from this junkman's job, I'm going to try and bum a ride down to the hospital and see if he wants anything more for him. He must have been a pretty decent sort of a fellow, wouldn't you say?"

"It's a funny little old world, now isn't it?"

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