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WEEKLY AMERICAN LEGION NEWS LETTER

It would be difficult to create an atmosphere more favorable to the American Legion than that which attended the birth of the son of Mr. and Mrs. Jack Loomis, of Nashua, N. H. His father served in the Medical Corps during the World War; his mother was a yeoman; the attending physician was a Medical Corps captain and the nurse was an army nurse. All four adults are members of James E. Coffey post of the Legion.

When Rene Viviani returned to France he brought to the French people a lively appreciation of the work of the American Legion, as attested by a wireless message to the ex-service men's organization. The message, in part, read:

"Before returning to France, I cannot refrain from expressing my affectionate greetings to the American Legion, to its National Commander, Colonel F. W. Galbraith, Jr., and to the Commander-in-Chief of the American Expeditionary Forces, my beloved and valiant friend General John J. Pershing."

Fifty-eight charters were granted to units of the Women's Auxiliary of the American Legion during the week ending April 23, Legion national headquarters reports. Pennsylvania led with eight units organized; Iowa and Kansas tied with six units each and New York was third with five units. There are now 2,671 units of the Auxiliary in the United States and territorial possessions.

One of North Dakota's highest-ranking buck privates has joined the staff of field representatives of national headquarters of the American Legion. He is C. L. Dawson, Beach, N. D., chief clerk of the North Dakota legislature during its last session and state commander of the Legion. Although past middle age, Mr. Dawson enlisted as a private in the Balloon Corps, served fifteen months at Fort Omaha and was discharged as a private first class.

I. W. W.'s may be excluded from Kansas through an interpretation of the anti-syndicalist law fathered by the American Legion and passed by the Kansas legislature in 1919. The decision will be made in the hearing of an injunction suit against members and organizers of the I. W. W. before a district court in Eldorado.

Stars of motion pictures were guests and performers for Los Angeles, Cal., Post No. 8 of the American Legion at an entertainment and smoker. The mayor of the city made an address. Among the screen favorites who fraternized with the veterans were Harold Lloyd, Carter De Haven, Jackie Coogan, juvenile lead with Charlie Chaplin, and Jack Coogan, father of the young movie star.

Praise of the ideals and purposes of the American Legion was voiced by Chin Yun-peng, premier of China, a speaker at a dinner given by the Legion post in Peking. Other guests of the foreign post were Admiral Sah Chen-ping, Chinese Minister of the Navy; Charles B. Crane, American Minister to China; and Major General Crozier, retired head of the Ordnance Department, United States Army.

"My name is Smith and my buddy's name is Brown. I've bet him a trip to the next American Legion convention at Kansas City that there were more Smiths than Browns in the Army during the World War. Who wins?"

This query was received by the Washington bureau of the American Legion News Service from a member of an Oklahoma post. The answer was:

"You win, buddy Smith, by 3,900 majority. There were 51,900 Smiths in the Army and only 48,000 Browns. It's a good thing though that you didn't get into a bet with one of the Johnston tribe, who numbered 58,200 in Uncle Sam's Army."

"May God bless and reward the American Legion and give it strength to continue its good work" is the sentiment expressed by Mr. and Mrs. Walter S. Hawkins, of West Philadelphia, Penn., in a letter to Miss Ray Sawyer, executive secretary of the Legion's Women's Auxiliary in New York, thanking the Legion for its aid in bringing the body of James A. K. Hawkins, a son, from El Paso, Tex., to Arlington Cemetery in Washington, D. C. When the body arrived in New York City, it was met by a delegation from Marine Post of the



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Legion, who brought floral offerings and made arrangements for shipping the remains to Washington, where the Marines held a military funeral. Mr. Hawkins, a former member of the 6th Marines, died from tuberculosis brought on by pneumonia contracted in the service.

The complete fire department of Crystal Springs, Miss., has been turned over to the local post of the American Legion by the city's board of aldermen. The commander of the post formed a fire fighting unit from his membership and the Legionnaires are holding regular drills and exercises to become proficient in handling fires.

HINTS TO IRISH POTATO SHIPPERS

Clemson College, May 16.—Much of the loss in southern new potatoes in transit and in the markets is caused by field cuts and bruises and by the practice of allowing the potatoes to remain exposed to the sun after digging. Careful grading will increase the grower's profits and will make a surer and more constant market for his products, suggest the marketing agents of the Extension Service. It is important to keep the skin of the potato intact. In handling new potatoes this requires great care.

Cars should be located according to a definite plan. Loaders should secure the maximum amount of ventilation throughout the load and avoid methods that allow shifting and breakage in transit.

The double-headed barrel is the most satisfactory package for new potatoes. The heads should be secured by "head-liners." The barrels used should conform into the specifications of the U. S. standard barrel. Barrels loaded on end carry better than those loaded on their sides.

Cloth-topped barrels do not protect their contents as effectively as those having double heads.

Sacks do not sufficiently protect new potatoes from cuts and bruising. If used, those holding 90 to 120 pounds are the most desirable for careful handling and ventilation of the contents.

Hampers should not be used. If crates are used they should be so made as to protect the potatoes from too rapid evaporation and consequent shriveling.

Packages should be marked with the weight or dry measure of their contents.

If stocks cars are used, it is advisable to protect the potatoes from the sun and weather by lining certain of the open parts with strong building paper.

CORN RIDDLE OR SHATTER WORM

Clemson College, May 16.—Young corn plants six inches to two feet high are sometimes attacked by worms which riddle the leaves and buds. The worm principally responsible for this injury is the corn ear worm or cotton boll worm. This

insect has numerous names, a new name being given for almost each food plant it attacks, and among these names are, cotton boll worm, corn ear worm, tomato fruit worm, tobacco bud worm, and corn shatter or riddle worm. The least damage occurs on such farms where rotation is systematically practical, including winter cover crops. When winter approaches the worm burrows into the soil to a depth of about two and one-half inches, where it makes its cell in which the winter is passed as a pupa. So it will pass the winter successfully on cotton land and corn land that is left undisturbed from harvest time in the fall until planting time the following spring. Therefore late fall plowing, winter disking, and early spring plowing are the most effective measures of control against this insect.

The following measures may be tried during the spring and early summer when the worm attacks young plants say the entomologists.

but the results may or may not be entirely effective.

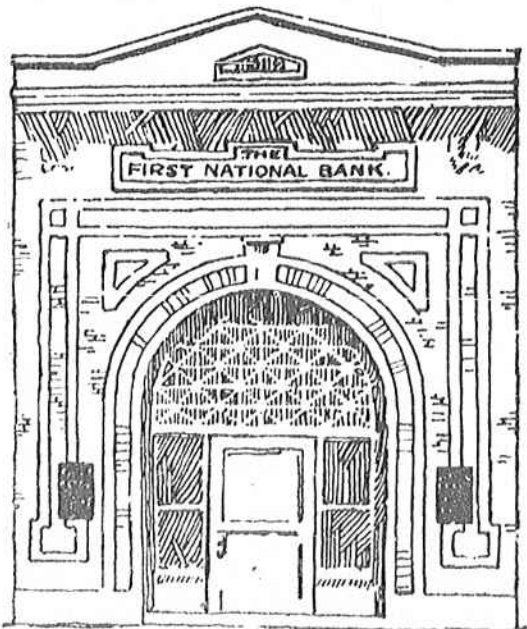
1 Thoroughly dust the plants with calcium arsenate, taking care to see that the whole plant is covered including the throat (bud) of the plant.

2 It has been reported that air-slaked lime or fine dry sand or dry ashes will help to control this worm, applied in the same way as calcium arsenate.

LARGE LUMBER SALE

Mobile, Ala., May 15.—One of the largest lumber deals concluded in many months was closed today when the E. D. Flynn Export company sold 3,200,000 feet to Cuban interests. The lumber will be shipped from Mobile, St. Andrews bay, Jacksonville, Fla., and other ports, it was stated.

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