

THE AMERICAN LEGION

No mystery surrounds the shooting in Nashville, Tenn., last week of Carl Peters, world war veteran. He re-fused to take a drink. Carrying out his American Legion injunction of ed on the street late at night by a hospitable bootlegger, politely declined a proffered draught of white whiskey. The h. b. insisted and when Peters still refused, the former drew a pis-tol and fired. The ex-soldier went to a hospital with a bullet in his leg and the moonshine merchant went to jail.

Major General John A. Lejeune, commandant of the United States Marine Corps, will go to Kansas City this fall to visit the man who safely chauffeured him through France while he was commanding the famous Second Division, A. E. F., according t oword received from him last week by the American Legion convention committee. Incidentally General Le-jeune also will attend the Legion's national convention there. He will be driven through the quieter streets of the convention city by his erstwhile battle chauffeur, Victor II. Lenge, Kansas City.

The governors of Missouri and Kan-The governors of Missouri and Kan-sas and the mayors of Kansas City, Kas. and Mo., joined in a formal ex-pression of the honor they feel at the coming visit of Marshal Foch to those states and cities to attend the nation-al convention of the American Legion this fall. A memorial to this effect was presented the French generalis-simo by Charles W. Bartlett, Kansas SCity, at the recent dedication of the City, at the recent dedication of the Flirey monument in France.

Representation in the American commission to the international dis-arament congress November 11 by at least one soldier of the world war was asked of President Harding last week by the American Legion's national by the American Legion's national legislative committee at Washington. "There is no group in the nation that knows as much about war and has as vital an interest in the problem of war and peace as t'ie ex-service men of the country," the Legion declared. The committee also urged Secretary Hoover to give the Legion representation on behalf of service men in the unemployment conference soon to be unemployment conference soon to be held.

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WEEKLY NEWS NOTES

During the celebration of "Buddy Weew" in Baltimore last week, a relay of 24 American Legion runners carried the "buddy proclamation" President Harding at Washington to the mayor of Baltimore. Service men from several eastern and south-ern states attended the meeting.

> Use of New York state's many armories as places of shelter for jobless ex-soldiers is being considered by William F. Deegan, American Legion representative on New York City's committee on unemployment. The Overseas Women's Lengue last week offered the service of its members to put the armories in condition for the men's occupancy. Fully 50,000 ex-service men are among city's army of unemployed, according to Mr. Deegan.

> gistered for the \$1,750 prize musical contest during the national convention of the American Legion at Kansas City this fall. In the list are bands from New York, Massachusetts, Ohio, Michigan, Texas, Oktahoma, Indiana, Oregon, Kansas and Missouri

> Men who accepted officers commissions for the world war only and who were wounded or disabled should be retired with pension the same as are officers of the regular army, the American Legion's national legislative committee declared last week in praying Secretary of War Weeks to extend the privilege to them. The selective service law and an oninion of the army's judge advocate general were cited as justifying the claim.

After the state of New York had voted to give ex-service men a bonus by a majority of 700,000 the Court of Appeals held last week that the new law was unconstitutional. American Legion of the state now is preparing to campaign for an amendment to the constitution, with the Governor of the state and members of the legislature behind them.

To assist in ridding the city of prowlers, petty thieves and holdups, the American Legion post of Wichita, Kas., recently volunteered the services of its 500 members. Due to numerous attacks on women and the resultant panic in their realizable states. panic in their ranks, the chief of po-lice and the city manager accepted the offer. The service men will patrol the

More than three years after he had

been gassed at Chateau Thierry, Richard Cross, American Legion veteran of Des Moines, Ia., suddenly was stricken blind recently while sitting at home playing with his baby. Physicians blame the Germans' poison for his plight and entertain no hope for his presented. for his recovery.

DEPARTMENT MAKES POSSIBLE TABLE GRAPES YEAR 'ROUNE

Table grapes for the year around—the ambition of American horticulturists for years—is an accomplished fact with the United States Department of Agriculture this season. The first control of Part of ment of Agriculture this season. The first carloads of Panariti, the socalled Greek currant grape, recently developed in this country by the department, reached New York from California the latter part of July. Last autumn department viticulturists at Washington opened packages of Ohannez grapes fully three weeks after their arrival from California and

namez grapes fully three weeks after their arrival from California and found them in perfect condition.

The Panariti grape until recently was known in this country only as a dried currant, of which 30,000,000 were imported annually from Greece. It is brought into perfect fruitage through a secret method carefully guarded by the Greeks and discovered by department workers very recently. by department workers very recently. The secret method is to girdle the vines while they are in bloom so as to keep the sap in the tops of the vines. The Panariti has unusual merit as a table grape, but, due to unfamiliarity on the part of the native American public, shipments to New York were largely purchased by the Greek population, who bought them eagerly.

CASSINA, OF YAUPON, PLANT YIELDS TEALIKE BEVERAGE

An investigation is being made by the Bureau of Chemistry, United States Department of Agriculture, in-to the beverage possibilities of a plant which has long been used in place of which has long been used in place of tea along the coast of the South Atlantic and Gulf States, as far south as the northern part of Florida. In Virginia and North Carolina this plant is known as "yaupon." It grows also in South Carolina, Georgia, northern Florida, Alabama, Louisiana, Mississippi, and Texas. In South Carolina it is called the "cassina," or "Christmas-berry, tree."

Not only the tender shoots but all the leaves, it has been found, contain

caffeine, making it possible to eliminate the laborious hand picking necessary in gathering tea, of which only certain leaves can be used. Wild plants are abundant, and in one place a cassina hedge 2 miles long has been tound. During the World War it was suggested as a possible native source in case the imported supply of medial suggested as a possible native source in case the imported supply of medicinal caffeine became unavailable. It is known that the Indians in this resion used the plant both as a beverage and for ceremonial purposes. The Spaniards learned the use of it from the Indians. At the time of the Giril the Indians. At the time of the Civil War it was used again, crudely prepared, to take the place of tea and coffee, which the Southern States could not easily get.

It is thought by the United States Department of Agriculture that by

black teas, a very excellent beverage might be brewed from it. Further investigations will be made by the de-partment to determine the practical problems incidental to the production of cassina for beverage purposes.

THIRTY-NINE VARIETIES
MIMUNE TO TAKE-ALI

Efforts by the United States Department of Agriculture to combat the so-called take-all disease of wheat in Illinois and Indiana have resulted in finding 39 varieties that are either immune or highly resistant to the di-sease. They are Beloglina, Crimean, Currell, Dietz, Longberry, Early May, Fulcaster, Fultz, Gipsy, Gladden, Gold

proper methods of curing, similar to Coin, Grandprize, Harvest King, Hun the methods used in curing green and black teas, a very excellent beverage Leap, Malakof, Mammoth Red, Michigan Amber, Mediterranean, Minneso-ta Reliable, Nigger, Pesterboden, Poole, Portage, Pride of Indiana, Red Cross (red chaff), Red Rock, Red Wave, Reliable, Rudy, Stoner (Mar-velous), Trumbull, Turkey, and

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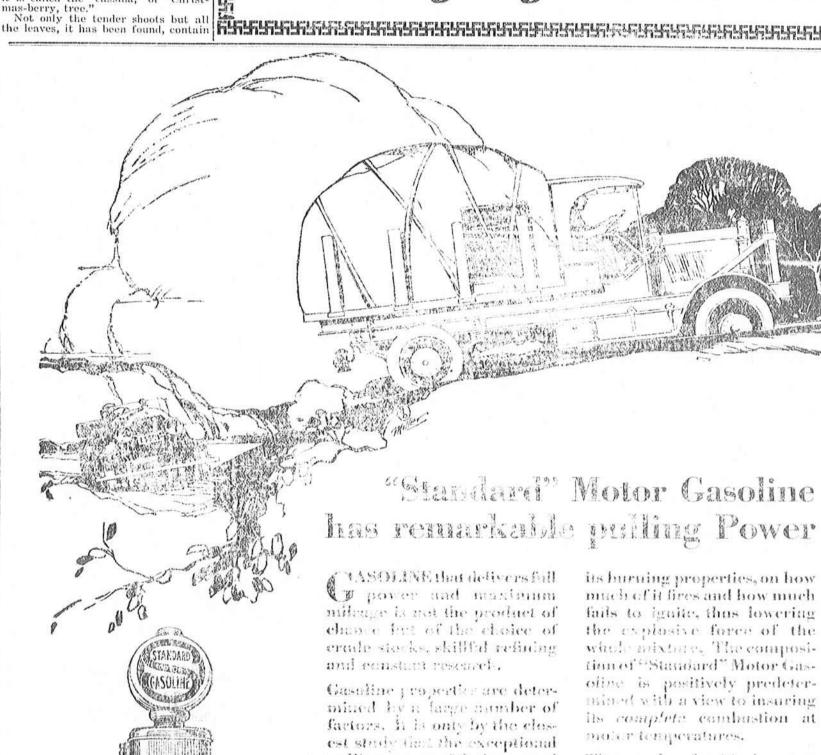


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