DON'T LEAVE SCHOOL.

A LETTER TO THE AMERICAN FOOD ADMINISTRATION REPRE-HIGH SCHOOL STUDENT.

Stirred by War Unrest, Tired of Daily Routine, and Tempted by High Wages to Desert the Monotony of the School for the Fascination of Money-Making.

merce, through its president, secretary and chairman of the educational committee, began a campaign for the conservation of our educational resources. Many agencies elsewhere have been engaged in the same ac-

A few days ago Superintendent Edmunds received a letter from Dr. Smith, the president of Washington and Lee University, stating that he was sending a series of letters to the high school students in some schools that he had selected and requested a list of the names of the boys in the high school. This list was sent immediately and already the high school boys of Sumter have begun to receive

In order that these letters may be iven a wider publicity, The Item is publishing the one that follows: Washington and Lee University,

Lexington, Va.

To .The American School-Boy:

Never have lessons seemed so uninteresting and daily school-routine so tiresome as now. Our country is affame with the war-spirit; your older brothers and many boy friends are wearing khaki, and their letters home make school-life seem duller than ever; every business is short of workers and every week you hear of splendid positions paying unheard-of wages, open to boys of your age. You never had before and may never have again such a chance to make money. Shall you keep on grinding over dry text-books shut up in school every day like a convict in a penitentlary, when im and Tom and Aleck no older than you have left Latin and Math. and chool-room tyranny behind them and are out in the world leading a man's life, getting a man's pay, and urging you to follow their example?

ing, and the chances to make money keep on calling,and you quit studying and keep on begging, your parents will probably give way and let you leave school. So the decision is realby up to you. It is probably the most important decision you have ever been called upon to make. You stand at the fork of your life's highway. Which road will you take? The first mile or two of the non-trained, non-educated road is, I freely admit, very attractive just now, offering liberty, novelty and ready money; the first stages of the education-road are the same old grind-tedious, rocky, uphill, and unattractive.

If the other fellows keep on leav-

Tet remember, it is the whole long ed, through 40, 50, or 60 years, you now choosing, not the first few sitles alone. Your boyhood's choice cides your manhood's destiny. It short-lived, always prevail with him infantry, who face death penalty and all territory subject to the jurisover the long future. Before you exchange trained brains and educated

that your high school work will never turned his car to go around the nebe resumed or completed.

2. With this decision you, therefore, lose your chance of college the running board at the volley and the legislatures of the several States training and of entering any of the took shelter beside the road. great professions. Without a highschool training you cannot enter any that era of ferment and reconstruc-

away your chances of gaining in- of their country's future. fluence, prominence, and leadership in These are a few of the many reathe fierce competition of twentieth- sons why you should resolutely say legislatures that amendments shall be war offices announce. Two of the are worse from the sanitary point of four deaths. Overcrowding is decentury American life, which is too no to the call of temporary money- submitted to votes of the State electrical view than in any of the camps 1 scribed by the report as the basic-

wages, you seriously diminish your in- trench-training for the sake of future therefore, will not be affected by it. come for all the long years of your victory, be enough of a soldier to unmanhood. In the mere matter of in- dergo the drudgery of school studies except Dominick, voted for the amend come alone a man's earning power for the sake of your own future sucthrough life is so increased by every cess and leadership, fired by the ceryear of high-school and college train- tainty that never in the world's hising, that a high-school year for the tory has education been so sure to average boy represents nearly \$3,000 pay rich dividends as during your life. Christian States Must Not Aid Turks of invested capital; a year at college time. for the average student over \$5,000; Commending these considerations Rome, Dec. 17.—According to the

5. You will also serve your country best by training yourself for the great work of the next generation. In

ON THE BATTLE FRONT.

SENTATIVES LIVING LIFE OF SOLDIERS IN FRANCE,

Spent Sunday With Former National Guard Units from Their Home

With the American Army in France, Last spring the Chamber of Com- Sunday, Dec. 16 .- (By the Associated Press)-Representatives of the United States food administration know

tins without shelter. They were bil- the United States or its territories. | the Emergency Fleet Corporation

were standing in mud and ice, busy two-thirds of those voting. with soap, brushes and frigid water. Both wets and drys had been pre- who denounced the board's continuous It appeared to be too much for one dicting victory all day and it was not difficulties as "an interminable tangle

that even under the most trying cir- victors were joined by the galleries in ate ordered the inquiry, referring it cumstances, and some times without such a demonstration as is rarely per to the commerce committee. Chaira single apparent comfort, except, mitted in the house. Former Secretary man Fletcher called the committee possibly a cigarette, the morale and Bryan, an interested spectator nearly to meet Thursday to arrange profinest possible. Today the visitors joined in receiving congratulations spent part of the time with former with Representative Webb of North National Guardsmen from their re- Carolina, who had led the fight. spective home States.

PORTO RICANS NOT COMING.

So Says Gov. Manning After Seeing in which to ratify the amendment. Secretary Baker.

ker this morning and discussed at ances that the seven years period considerable length the question of would be approved and that he did sending Porto Rican troops to Camp not believe a roll call would be neces-Jackson. On leaving the Secretary's sary. office the governor said to The News | The president's approval is not re- accomplished as long as there are and Courier's correspondent, with quired and the State legislatures may constant changes in the personnel of very evident satisfaction: "I am au- act as soon as they please after the the board." thorized to make the statement that signatures of the vice president and notwithstanding the order that has Speaker Clark have been attached to been issued. Porto Ricans will not the resolution. be sent to South Carolina. There will be a cantonment in Porto Rico at a Christmas present to the American which the Porto Rican troops will be people," said Sheppard, "and I believe

The governor has several other matters on hand during his Washing- amendments to except light wines ton visit, but is not yet ready to talk about any of them for publication. He will be here a day or two more.

NEGRO SOLDIERS ON TRIAL.

Fifteen Face Death Penalty Under

Court-Martial.

San Antonio, Texas, Dec. 17 .- Direct testimony of how negro soldiers deliberately fired at the automobile If your business, therefore, to decide driven by E. M. Jones, the night of this question like a man, not like a the riots at Houston, Texas, August boy. The child looks only at the 23 last, killing Jones and wounding a present, the man studies the future civilian named Clayton, while a girl also. With the child, present gratifi- and a soldier on the back seat of the cation is always the controlling mo- automobile escaped unharmed, was year from the ratification of this artive; he cannot resist attractive bait, given today by Frank Bebee and Joe ticle the manufacturer, sale or transhowever sharp and deadly the steel McCarthy, medical corps privates, at portation of intoxicating liquor or the heek which he takes with it; the now the opening of the court-martial of importation thereof into or the exporand the here, however shallow and lifteen negroes of the Twenty-fourth tation thereof from the United States

Bebee and McCarthy were on the is hereby prohibited. manhood for a brief boyhood period running board of the automobile when of money-making, ponder these facts: the negroes fired, but escaped. They eral States shall have ocncurrent 1. If you leave school and enter saw twelve negro soldiers, heard three power to enforce this article by apbusiness now, it is almost certain quick commands, "halt," and as Jones propriate legislation. groes a volley was fired.

Bebee and McCarthy jumped from fled as an act to the constitution by housing shipyard workers.

college or university; the doors of tion it will need trained men far congress." our great schools of law, medicine, more than it now needs the services electrical, civil, and mechanical engi- of untrained boys. Which should you resolution by Senator Brandegee of neering, architecture, industrial chem- offer your native land? Our leading Connecticut, providing a general and istry, commerce and business admin- statesmen, our president, the secre- new plan for submission of constituistration-all these, and other great taries of the array and navy, great tional amendments was favorably re openings like them are swung shut in educators and business leaders—all ported by the senate judiciary comarge the boys to carry on their mittee. It provides that all amend-You thus practically throw school and college work for the sake ments shall be acted upon within last night's raid over England was

complex for the untrained to under-making, make a man's choice for a tors. The prohibition amendment alive. From 16 to 20 raiders, di-have visited," General Gorgas said. man's future, and as the soldier en- probably will be submitted before the vided into six groups, endeavored to "The base hospital is unfinished, of these diseases, the general recom-4. For the sake of present high dures the monotonous drudgery of Brandegee resolution passes and.

while for the student who stands any- to your thoughtful attention, and Messaggero the pope has addressed a committee engaged in investigating "This indicates the most serious increased the tendency to pneumonia. where near the top in his classes these hoping in the near future to send you circular letter to the bishops of all the navy's war activities today. He condition as far as infection from another message, I am

Cordially your older Brother.

HOUSE FOR PROHIBITION.

MORE THAN NECESSARY TWO- SHIP BUILDING SCHEME WILL BE GEN. GORGAS GIVES REASONS ATTEMPT TO KILL GOVERNOR OF THIRD VOTE SECURED FOR AMENDMENT.

Slight Difference Between Resolution Passed Yesterday and That Formerly Acted on by Senate-If This is Smoothed Out Legislatures Will Have Chance.

Washington, Dec. 17.-Nationwide prohibition won in the house to- reorganization of the government's now just how the American soldiers day and only the adjustment of a machinery for building a merchant in France live. Last night the party slight difference in resolution between marine culminated today in the senof six split up and joined different the house and senate now stands in ate ordering a thorough investigathe way of submitting to State legisla- tion of the whole situation. Several units were on practice tures an amendment to the federal Almost at the moment Chairman marches, and the visitors had the ex- constitution forbidding the manufac- Hurley of the shipping board was anperience of standing in the rain at the ture, sale or importation of intoxicat- nouncing the resignation of Rear Admess line and eating from the mess ing liquor for beverage purposes in miral Harris as general manager of

letted for the night with soldiers who The vote in the house, taken after and the appointment of Charles A. were sleeping in lofts and in rooms of a day of debate before crowded gal- Piez of Chicago, to the place, resoluleries, was 282 to 128, with the partitions for investigation were being in-This morning one of the visitors ties dividing almost evenly. The mar- troduced in both houses amid heated wanted to wash, and as the sergeant gin for prohibition was eight votes charges of "red tape," "inefficiency," had been instructed to show them no more than the necessary two-thirds "a crime" and other hot phrases of favors, he was directed to the nearest of the membership of the house re- denunciation. muddy stream, where artillerymen quired for adoption and 26 more than

member of the party, so the captain until the last few names had been of red tape." allowed him to share his billet, which called that the antiprohibition forces conceded their defeat. After Speak- guditing committee approved Sena-All members of the party agreed er Clark announced the result the tor Harding's resolutions and the seniemeanor of the soldiers was the all day, appeared on the floor and cedure.

The resolution passed by the house is identical with that passed by the senate last August except that it gives the States seven years instead of six

Senator Sheppard, author of the resolution, predicted tonight that the Washington, Dec. 17 .- Gov. Man- senate would accept the amendment ning called on Secretary of War Ba- tomorrow. He said he had assur-

"It will be submitted tomorrow as it will be ratified within three years." Every attempt today to put on and beer was beaten and 141 Demo-

crats stood aligned with 137 Republicans and four independents to win the final victory for the prohibitionist

Following is the resolution as

"Resolved, By the senate and house of representatives that the following amendment to the constitution be and get it done," said he. hereby is proposed to the States, to become valid as a part of the constitution when ratified by the legislature of the several States as provided by the constitution:

Article --- Section 1-After one diction thereof for beverage purposes

"Sec. 2. The congress and the sev-

"Sec. 3. This article shall be inoperative unless it shall have been rati- tion on a request for \$12,000,000 for as provided in the constitution within night the ship building program was ton truck, one one and one-half ton overcrowded conditions, the oiling of seven years from the date of the submission thereof to the States by the

While the house was debating, a eight years after submission and, in- brought down, and another is be-

All South Carolina representatives, th channel, the report says.

POPE SOUNDS WARNING.

Against Jerusalem.

any Christian state aids the Turks in ing done, avoiding disclosure of facts ed," General Gorgas says. President, be condemned by the holy see, my.

TAKE OFF THE LID.

INVESTIGATED.

Continual Reorganization of Govern- Surgeon General of Army Finds That Rear of Building Blown Out but Famment's Machinery for Producing Merchant Marine Results in Action by Senate Ordering Thorough Inquiry-Plez Succeds Admiral Har-

Washington, Dec. 18 .- Continual

Action came on the resolution introduced by Senator Harding of Ohio

With haste rarely shown the senate

It is considered likely the whole inside story of the shipping board's progress, beginning the celebrated row between Chairman Denman and Maj. Gen, George W. Goethals will be

The keynote of the demand for investigation, to which appeared to be no dissent in the senate, was the necessity of building ships if the nation is to win the war.

Senator Chamberlain, an administration spokesman, declared the shipping board had resolved into a "debating society" and added "something has got to be done, for nothing will be

Senator Williams, Democrat, declaring for the investigation, said:

"No one can close his eyes to the fact that we as a nation have not done our full part in this war."

"The best thing that can be done," he continued, "is to let your own people know all about the matter."

Senator Lewis, Democratic whip, declared officers of the shipping board would welcome the investigation because it would show who was responsible for the conflicts in the organization.

Senator Lodge declared the board's procedure was all wrong.

"If we put in one really competent and tell him to build ships we can

ager of the fleet corporation and tion. confirming his full authority over the ship building program the shipping board retains him also as the corporation's vice president.

Rear Admiral Harris was designated as general manager just two years days by the arrival of woolen clothing ago upon the resignation of Rear Admiral Capps, who quit because of ill health. He was selected by the navy department on the shipping boards' suggestion that a naval constructor be named for the place.

The board accepted Admiral Harris' resignation, Chairman Hurley thorized two weeks ago. I recom- the country being known, he says, to said, when he insisted that the office of the fleet corporation be moved to Philadelphia and asked immediate ac-

Shipping board officials said tobe feared in a congressional investi-

GERMAN AIRPLANE CAPTURED.

One of Raiding Squadron Brought Down in England.

man airplanes which participated in veloped in the same length of time.

WHAT THE NAVY IS DOING.

House Committee.

summoned before the house sub- is with 70 cases.

ARMY CAMPS UNSANITARY.

FOR DISEASE IN CAMPS.

Epidemics Have Been Caused by Overcrowding, Insufficient Clothing and Bad Sanitary Conditions-Camp Sevier Visited.

clothing, over crowding and bad sanitary conditions are held largely responsible for disease epidemics at Camp Bowie, Texas; Camp Funston, Kansas; Camp Doniphan, Oklahoma, and Camp Sevier, South Carolina by jury. The detonation was heard all Surgeon General Gorgas in reports to Secretary Baker made public today as the result of his personal inspection of the camps.

With the exception of Funston none of the camp base hospitals have been completed, General Gorgas says, and this is handicapping the medical officers in treating patients. He recommends the rushing this work, particularly the installation of the necessary

Conditions at Camp Sevier, Greenvlile, S. C., where former National Guard organizations from Tennessee and North Carolina and South Carolina, are in training are shown in the following letter, dated November 29,

"Sanitary conditions here are seri ous. Sixty men have died of pneumonia in the past monh. The camp had been exposed to a general epidemic of measles, about 2,000 cases having occurred within the last menth. During the same period they have had 175 cases of pneumonia and 15 cases of meningitis. The new conscripts of this command are men who are non-immune to measles. They come from the neighboring Southern States where population is scarce and therefore have not had measles in childhood. Always with measles, a certain number of cases of pneumonia occur. The mortality of pneumonia from any cause is always high.

"The basic unsanitary condition, however, in my opinion, is over crowding. In the past in this camp. the division commander has had to put 11 and 12 men in a tent, due to the shortage of tentage. This would give about 20 square feet of space to each man. At present he has to put nine men in a tent, which gives about 28 square feet to the man. I urge that the division commander be directed to furnish at least 50 square feet of floor space to the man, which would give about five men to the tent.

"I also recommend that an observation camp be established where fresh men can be isolated and kept under observation for at least two weeks, or until the camp itself shows evidence of being free from infection.

"The division commander tells me that he expects a large increase in the force at an early date. I urge that no fresh men be sent to this camp until the division commander says that he is able to care for them In making Mr. Piez general man- along the lines of this recommenda-

> comfort and exposure on account of positions on Monte Azalone and adthe men having nothing but their joining sites. More than two thousummer clothing. This has been in sand Italians were captured, accordgreat part corrected in the last ten ing to the German staff department. and overcoats.

> "The olive drab wool has not yet normal death rate of such a command been issued, but the authorities are should be about 12." informed it is on the way. The whole command is still in khaki.

needed in the hospial. Both were au- many meningitis carriers, this part of mend that the matter be pressed and all health officers as having been for the hospital be equipped in this re- several years the principal epidemic spect at just as early a date as pos- center in the civil population for sible. The hospital needs more trans. meningitis. portation. Irecommend that they be furnished one motor car, one three servation camps, the relieving of in good shape and that nothing was to truck and one three-quarters ton nearby roads to keep down dust and truck. The hospital at present has the erecting and heating of ambul-750 patients."

sixth Division is in training. General ambulances started during the coid Corgas reported during the past month 41 deaths from pneumonia out

water and sewer connections and electric cookers in all the wards."

ninth National Army Division, there coming men. Washington. Dec. 19 .- Secretary have been 43 deaths from pneumonia Until rece tly, the general reports. Daniels was one of the first witnesses with 189 cases and 22 from meningit- the command had nothing but sum-

attention to the fact that they had 84 hospital authorities,

BOMBED GOVERNOR'S MANSION

CALIFORNIA.

ily All Escaped Injury.

Sacramento, Cal., Dec. 18.-What is believed to have been an attempt to kill Gov. William D. Stevens, was Washington, Dec. 18 .- Insufficient made at midnight, when a powerful bomb exploded under the rear of the porch of the executive mansion. The rear of the building was blown out. The governor's wife and servants were asleep at the time, but all escaped inover the city. It is believed about twenty-five sticks of dynamite were used. A hole several feet deep was torn in the ground.

WAR DEPARTMENT TO BLAME,

Change in Type of Rifle Caused Several Months Delay.

Washington, Dec. 18 .-- Several months delay in supplying rifles reulted from the war department's decision to modify the enfield type, private ordnance manufacturers told the senate committee today. Their production will not return to the maximum urtil next May, it was tes-

SPANISH STEAMER SUBMARINED.

Ship Was Torpedoed Without Warning at Night.

Paris, Dec. 19.-The Spanish steamship Noviembre, thirty-six hundred tons, was torpedoed without warning at night, according to advices received at Biarritz from Bilbo. Thirty of the crew have landed.

AIRPLANES' DEATH TOLL.

Ten Killed and Seventy Injured in London.

London, Dec. 19.-Ten persons were killed and seventy injured in London during last night's air raid. Outside of London five persons were injured. The material damage was not serious.

Washington, Dec. 19 .- A step to relieve the widespread coal shortage in South Carolina was taken by the fuel administrator today when instructions were sent to Kentucky, Virginia and Tennessee producers to make immediate shipments to Carolina towns.

London, Dec. 19 .- Field Marshall Haig, commander in chief of the British forces in France, is making important changes in his headquarters staff, which up to this time virtually has been unaltered since he took supreme command.

Chicago, Dec. 19.-Demands for wage increases from 10 to 40 per cent, were today submitted to the 75,000 locomotive firemen of the railroads of the United States for a

Berlin, Dec. 19 .- Austro-German "There has been a good deal of dis- forces yes, erday stormed the Italian

deaths from all causes when the

The general reports that among the 36,000 of drafted men injected "Heat and plumbing are badly into the contonment in Otcober were

General Gorgas recommends obance sheds to obviate the present dif-At Camp Bowle, where the Thirty- ficulties found in geting the motor

During the past month at Camp of 409 cases admitted to the hospital. Doniphan, where the Thirty-fifth London, Dec. 19 .- One of the Ger- About 2,990 cases of measles have de- Guard Division is training, there have been 74 admissions from pneumonia "There is a great deal of uneasiness with 11 deaths; 316 cases of measles and criticism arrong the people with and one death; 104 of diphtheria with stead of action as at present by State lieved to have been destroyed, the regard to the conditions here which one death and six of meningitis with cause. To properly control the spread reach London. There is reason to without water, plumbing or sewerage mends that suspects be immediately believe another raider dropped into I recommend that telegraphic instruc- removed from the general camp with tions be sent to the division com. appearance of the first case of commander at once to put in plumbing, nunicable diseases and placed in a separate detention camp for observation. This is in addition to the ob-Secretary Daniels Testifies Before At Camp Funston, in the Eighty- servation camp recommended for in-

mer clothing, which undoubtedly had

Many wards in the base hospital belligerent countries declaring that if gave a genral review of what was be- meningitis and pneumonia is concern- now required for patients are unfinished and the report says this has Henry Louis Smith, an attempt to retake Jerusalem it will which would be of interst to the ene-