

Chicago—For the second time a jury will try to decide whether two kisses are worth \$25,000 to Miss Mathilda Benhardt, student nurse. She claims Dr. Justin L. Mitchell gave her the kisses three years apart.

## The People's Voice

The preamble of the American Legion's constitution states that it is dedicated to God and Country. The Legion, during its career of only three years has demonstrated that it is the best insurance policy the Nation has.

Our post appeals to all eligible ex-service men in this community to join the Legion and to aid our fight for Americanism. The blue and gold button of the American Legion marks its wearer a one who has not thrown away his patriotism with the uniform. It means that he has not "passed the buck" to someone else to see that the sick and disabled buddies get justice and to fulfill all those things that he desired to result from the war.

Every man in the service hoped for better things after the War. More than two million doughboys, gobs and gyrenes realized that it was going to be a fight to bring to pass all the things that they dreamed of. The result of this prevailing sentiment was the formation of the American Legion.

Legion members are from every branch in the service, from those who were forced to remain at home to men who won the congressional medal at Chateau-Thierry and in the Argonne. It includes all ranks from private to general.

Our Legion post can be the most beneficial organization in this community. Its purposes are high; its ideals are untautened. It deserves your support and the membership of every war veteran, join Adams post No. 43 of the American Legion and make it the best post in your state.

JOSEPH LAURENT  
Commander Adams Post No. 43.

## MONROE NEWS

Mr. and Mrs. Ernest Eggley visited relatives in Fort Wayne, Friday and Saturday.

John F. Hocker is seeking a partner to join him on the J. H. Brown tourist trip through Michigan, which will start from Adrian, Mich., on August 17. This is an opportunity which one should miss at so small expense to see the sights, and the entertainment throughout the trip. See Mr. Hocker for full particulars at once. It will be worthy of your time and expense to take your vacation.

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It would be a wise act on the part of our town dads to put the curfew law in force and effect again and see that it is rigidly enforced. The youngsters are seen on the streets at any time at night, running on the public streets. After one or more of them becomes crippled or killed by some auto driver it is too late. The curfew bell should be sounded at 8 p.m. as heretofore and the proper authority should see that every youngster is off the streets and under the care of their parents.

## LUTHERANS WERE AMONG THE FIRST SETTLERS IN UNITED STATES OF AMERICA

Long before the founding of the Lutheran Missouri synod, which is celebrating its 75th anniversary this year, there were Lutherans in this country. Danish Lutherans landed on the shore of Hudson Bay, a year before the Mayflower sailed from England. This was in August 1619. Lutherans were among the earlier settlers in a number of the thirteen original States. In the year of 1638, forty-four years before William Penn came and founded Philadelphia, a colony of Swedish Lutherans settled on the Upper Delaware and there built Fort Christina. The city of Wilmington now occupies this site. Campanius, a pastor of this Lutheran colony, translated Luther's Catechism into the tongue of the Delaware Indians. His Indians state that this was the first book translated into an Indian dialect of which there is record in America. Holy Trinity Church in Wilmington, dedicated in 1699 by Christina Lutherans, is the oldest Protestant Church in the Western Hemisphere. Gloria Dei Church, built in 1700, and still standing and in use in Philadelphia, is known as the church in which Lutheran ministers for over a century continued to preach the Gospel of Jesus Christ in three languages, Swedish, German and English. The first Lutheran church in America was dedicated on Tinicum Island, fifteen miles up the Delaware, September 4, 1646.

The first settlement of German Lutherans recorded was made at New Amsterdam, August 1642. Here a Lutheran congregation was organized in 1656. Its work was much hindered by Governor Stuyvesant and the Dutch Council who were of Calvinistic persuasion and tolerated no other creed. The Lutheran pastor of the New Amsterdam church, John Gutwasser, was arrested and forbidden to hold public services, and finally forced to return to Holland. Religious freedom became a fact in New Amsterdam after the Dutch had surrendered to the English. The oldest Lutheran congregation, dating its origin from those days is St. Matthews in New York City, a member of the Missouri synod. It was due to the number of emigrants arriving in this country from Germany that the Lutheran Church, and, particularly, the Missouri synod, found it necessary in its work of preaching the Gospel, to do so by the medium of the German tongue. A great part of the work still is done thus. Unfortunately this particular language has fallen into disfavor with the legislature of this State, thus placing an odium upon a language which in no way deserves it. Wherever necessary the Gospel is preached in that tongue which men can understand best. The Lutheran Church gathers men into the fold from all the nations and tongues of the world.

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It may be mentioned that German Lutherans in 1734 settled about thirty miles up the Savannah River, only a year later than the arrival of George Oglethorpe, the founder of Savannah, in 1733. They sought and found here religious freedom which the Catholic ruler of Salzburg, Austria, denied them, and for which they had been persecuted. The Georgia Lutherans were staunch supporters of George Washington.

JAPAN TRYING TO DODGE BAD TRADE CRISIS

Tokyo (By mail to United Press)—The biggest brains in Japanese business were today seeking ways to avert the threatening wave of commercial and industrial depression.

Conferences and discussions were continuing and financial leaders were still hopeful of averting a Japanese business crisis. For weeks some have feared the precipitation of such a crisis at any time. Others, while facing the fact of a present serious stagnancy and seemingly certain period of severe depression, believe that an actual crisis will be avoided.

Money has become abnormally tight. The listings on every exchange have slumped—some violently. Speculation and inflation, heritages of the war boom, are still unliquidated. If these boom readjustments are forced now, many big concerns may close and many thousands of workmen be thrown out.

In a business and economic sense, Japan is just realizing the war is over. The slump that came to Europe over two years ago and to the United States and most South American countries well over a year ago is just threatening Japan in the spring of 1922. War prices and war profits are still being maintained here—artificially. But buying is getting slacker every day. People are refusing to pay and most are unable to pay the exorbitant prices. Japan is losing her foreign trade because her prices are in most cases much higher than any other

country.

With the banks refusing loans, buyers striking, labor getting uglier and more discontented, the exchanges demoralized and all the business world fearful, the situation is filled with exceeding uncertainty.

Depression and readjustment are inevitable, every authority agrees. The question is whether the financial storm will be sudden and calamitous, leaving business wreckage and bankruptcies in its wake, or whether the readjustment can be conducted slowly and without such disaster.

Japanese newspapers are filled with demands that the "government do something." But there isn't much the government can do.

## FREQUENT INSPECTION KEEPS CONTAINERS UP TO FULL SIZE

A "short" tomato basket masquerading as a 4-quart till basket. The United States Department of Agriculture picks up the scent. On the trail of the troublesome till, the basket is called.

Partly through a desire to conform to the wishes of the shippers and partly because of failure to have the basket forms inspected frequently, canners far short of the standard measure were being made.

Short-measure till baskets for fruits and vegetables are frequently the result of careless handling of the forms used in manufacturing the containers, the department points out. Dropping the forms in the floor or otherwise mishandling them can easily knock them out of shape.

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