

## BILLIONS AT STAKE War Veterans in Race Against Time

By NEA Service

NEW ORLEANS, Oct. 2.—"I'll be one of the three richest men in the world."

Thus spoke Louis D. Radinsky, 24, from San Francisco, as he stopped here

for a few hours in a race in which, he believes, many millions of dollars are at stake.

In a lonely cabin in the Colombian Andes mountains, 500 miles inland from the Pacific, two young partners

of Radinsky are anxiously awaiting his return. They are Carl Peterson and Nat Kinross, fellow buddies of the 61st Infantry, 5th Division.

The two are guarding a gold mine on which they have an option. Radinsky must get back to them before Oct. 15 with \$15,000 necessary to develop the mine which they believe will make each a Croesus.

"When we returned from France,"

says Radinsky, "we found things pretty dull. We wanted adventure. So we decided to go hunting for gold. Each of us had some technical knowledge of mining."

"We went into Colombia in a section never trodden by man before. There we discovered this mine which we believe contains a billion dollars worth of gold and silver. The deposit is five miles long and a quarter of a mile wide."

Under the laws of Colombia they were unable to develop their own claims, for they were foreigners. They had to take some natives into their secret.

But they ran short of money to continue their development. So Radinsky had to make the long trip to raise the funds. As soon as he gets them he expects to charter a steamer and hurry back in time to save the option and the fortune of his buddies.

## DAY WITHOUT MUSIC Portland, Oregon, Declares Holiday

PORLTAND, Ore., Oct. 2.—Saxophones, trombones, clarinets, trumpets, harmonicas, bass violins, drums, violins, pianos, hurdygurdies, phonographs, tubas, jewsharps, cornets, accordions, banjos, ukuleles, guitars,

day, Nov. 4, by order of the Portland city council.

This move is not being made to obtain a surcease from any or all of the instruments named or from amateur songbirds—from far from it. Nov. 4 is part of "Music Week" here and the idea of a "musicless day" has been fostered and put over by the Portland Musicians Club just to demonstrate what a dull, drab and dreary day is a day without music.

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## SERVICE VITAL FOR BATTERIES

**Motorists, as Rule, Fail to  
Understand Electrical  
Trouble.**

That the storage battery is the least understood of all motor car parts is the opinion expressed by C. B. Harris, manager of the USL battery service, 501 N. Illinois St.

"How many motorists actually know what steps to take to correct the trouble when they have battery trouble?" he asked. "If the car driver gets an unpleasant surprise in the shape of a refusal of his starter to function nine chances to one will he rush off to the service station for expert advice and to have the trouble diagnosed and corrected. But just suppose he happens to be miles away from a service station. Then what?"

"A little practical information concerning the workings of his battery would come in mighty handy. He would give a great deal to know as much about the battery as he does about spark plugs, connecting rods, transmission gears or other parts of his machine.

"It would pay him to know the probable cause of his trouble. Perhaps, for example, the battery is partially discharged, due to insufficient charging. Perhaps one of the cells has gone dead. Possibly the terminals and top connectors are loose or dirty and corroded. Perhaps the generator is not delivering a sufficient charge of current to meet the car's requirements.

"In any case he should know where to look if trouble develops. If the trouble is due to dirty terminals he could correct it by cleaning and tightening them. Or if it were such as to require special repair he could give the matter prompt attention and save further expense by going immediately to a battery station.

"Too many automobile owners are satisfied to go on from day to day, unmindful of the important little black box attached to the car. They should know and understand their batteries as well as they do the working of other parts of their cars. By doing so they would effect a big saving in time, money and mental ease.

"Many car owners make the big mistake of passing up the service station until something goes radically wrong with the battery. This is a great mistake. The old adage about the stitch in time saving nine certainly holds good for batteries and many an expensive repair or purchase of a whole new battery would be avoided if the car owner would merely take the trouble to pay an occasional visit to his battery service station."

**BUILDING RECORDS FALL**

**Lumber Demand Continues Heavy,  
Dealer Says.**

Despite the fact that a shortage of cement has resulted in a slowing down of building activity the demand for lumber continues to be great, according to Herbert E. Hill, president of the Speedway Lumber Company. Con-

struction records are bound to fall this year, he said, for there has been greater activity throughout the country than for years past. Speaking of the situation he said:

"Our plant is still running at capacity. Most of our business at the present time is confined to work that we contracted for during the summer months. New operations of late have been slowed somewhat by a shortage of that much-needed building material, cement. Without cement, a foundation is impossible and where a foundation is impossible, a building is out of the question. The farming trade demands Lehigh cement and the factory producing that brand has been closed for some weeks due to a lack of sufficient coal to operate. The same is true of other plants manufacturing popular brands. The coal strike has now been settled, but it will probably be some time before cement plants can resume operations since the farmers' crops take precedence over all other commodities and the railroads are taxed to capacity and especially is this true after such a strike as has just been ended. I would therefore hesitate to make a prediction as to when cement will again move."

"Our sales for this year to date exceed considerably those for all of last year in spite of the fact that last year was universally the best year in the building game all over the entire country. Here and elsewhere this year will fair to outdo last year so far as construction records go.

"There was enough building started during the summer to keep the building trades busy for some time. The summer, different from usual, did not disclose a lull in construction work and for that reason there is yet much building to be completed. This includes homes, commercial buildings, public buildings, etc.

"Frequently lumber at the mill is sold at an actual loss. This price the public is apt to accept as the normal price and an advance to a fair price brings a storm of protests and accusations of profiteering. Nothing would be of greater advantage to this honored industry than to eliminate from the business all sophistry and false impressions.

"The following appeared in a late issue of the American Lumberman: 'While the railroad situation generally seems to have shown considerable improvement with the last week, lumber shippers are still wrestling with an acute car shortage, as cars continue to be diverted to the movement of coal, grain and cotton. There is a marked decrease shown in the amount of business placed with Southern pine mills, but this does not necessarily indicate a cessation in demand. Shippers as a rule are declining to take orders where prompt shipment is necessary. And there is no assurance that cars can be secured in which to take these shipments. On the West Coast latest reports show production at about two per cent above normal, but this has not as yet resulted in any undue accumulation of stocks, for stocks on mill yards there and all over the country are low and assortments are badly broken.'

"If cement again moves, and the acute car shortage is removed, the building business will surely go forward during the coming months. The railroad strike is settled. The coal strike was over thirty days ago. In many industries wages have been increased. Despite rather low prices for

farm commodities, crops in general have been heavy. Bank deposits are on the increase, and all sources of income show that increased buying power among consumers can be reasonably expected.

"On Aug. 1, 1921, there was a surplus of 125,000 box cars in this country while on the same date last month there was a surplus of only 39,000 box cars. With heavy crops to be moved, and the unusual volume of coal and other commodities to be handled, due to the delay in shipping caused by the coal and rail strikes, railroad facilities will be taxed to the limit during the next sixty to ninety days."

**PLAN PLANT EXTENSIONS**

**Local Utility Will Improve Entire System.**

Important improvements throughout its system have been planned by the Merchants' Heat and Light Company of this city. In order to cover the cost of these improvements and those already completed the company has asked the public service commission of Indiana for authority to issue common stock to the amount of \$118,000 and bonds amounting to \$256,500. The securities are to be sold so that the company will realize not less than 99 per cent of their face value.

It is planned to make improvements amounting to \$425,064.96 before June 30, 1923, the petition states, while \$30,354.46 will go to pay for improvements made between July and September of this year.

Officials of the company said that additions to the already extensive distribution system will cost \$91,323.23. Other contemplated expenditures are \$85,000 for new turbines, \$70,000 for new transmission lines and sums ranging from \$10,000 to \$21,000 for new equipment for increasing voltage and other sums for various purposes, all looking to an enlargement of the plant. Equipment, stores and other expenditures for the period vary from \$1,000 to \$3,000.

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"The really modern home certainly cannot afford to have a dirty, wasteful, back breaking heating plant of the old type. The necessity of constant coal shoveling and ash removing must be done away with.

"Many persons fully realizing the splendid features of oil heating plants, still labor under the delusion that they are luxury and too expensive for average use. Nothing could be further from the truth. Under normal conditions fuel expense is slightly less than for coal in properly designed plants. If the removal of ashes, time and labor involved in handled ashes and coal are figured, oil is really much cheaper than coal as a fuel."

**SONG COMES TRUE**

**Singer Receives News of Son's Birth While Singing "Son o' Mine."**

**By United Press**

LONDON, Oct. 2.—While Peter Grahame, famous baritone, was singing "Son o' Mine" before an audience of 2,000, a telegram boy interrupted him by coming on the stage with a telegram which he handed Grahame. Grahame read the message and then held up his hand:

"The song's come true," he said.

"I've got one."

The telegram was a message announcing that his wife had presented him with a son.

**MONKEY STEALS LINGERIE**

**Fair Co-Ed Started by Simian While Unpacking.**

**BERKELEY, Calif., Oct. 2.—A mischievous monkey was the cause not only of confusion on the part of a fair student, but also of curiosity, approaching consternation among the dense crowd that quickly gathered in the vicinity of a coeducational institution here. The simian swung himself into the co-ed's room, as she was unpacking her trunks, and seizing an array of varied and delicate lingerie, returned to the roof of the sorority house, waving them about. Heads in plenty shot from the windows of other dormitories in response to her screams, while the police had to take a hand, cordon the neighborhood and disperse the crowds. Eventually, the monkey was captured and claimed by his Italian owner, whose habitat is at the other end of the city.**

"I wish the newspapers, the theaters and the movies would eliminate the murderers and all depressing and sorrow-bred items, act and pictures.

"Take the 'funnies,' both papers and pictures to the hospital, the sanitarium and all places where the unfortunate are confined, that all may forget troubles and enjoy hearty laughs."

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