

FOCH WHITTLES, TRIMS TREES IN HIS SPARE TIME

Between Times at Country Home He Puts in Many Hours Writing.

This is the fifth and last of a series on Marshal Ferdinand Foch.

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PARIS, Sept. 9.—At his country home in Brittany, Marshal Foch spends most of his time trimming and whittling.

Almost on arriving, Foch takes his shears and starts to trim, everything which can be trimmed. When there is nothing more to be trimmed he goes back to the house.

Between times Foch spends long hours in his library writing, either on his memoirs, or as was the case last summer, writing a preface for the memoirs of Marshal Wilson of England, who is an old friend of Foch.

To rest from his work and when he has covered a number of pages with his large, firm hand-writing, the marshal will again pick up his shears or his cane and start out on another tour of his park. When he is not trimming a hedge or the branches of a tree he takes out his hunting knife and begins whittling canes as did the polius during the war.

From time to time in his Brittany home Foch receives some illustrious French or foreign visitor who has made a detour to call on the distinguished soldier. Last summer the marshal received the visit at Tréfontaine of General Pershing before the latter boarded a ship for America.

When Foch was once asked how he passed his time at his Brittany home he responded: "I play at strategy with my trees." For the marshal, trimming the branches of his ancient trees and planting other trees in selected spots, erects in this way a "first line of defense" against the strong winds that blow in Brittany.

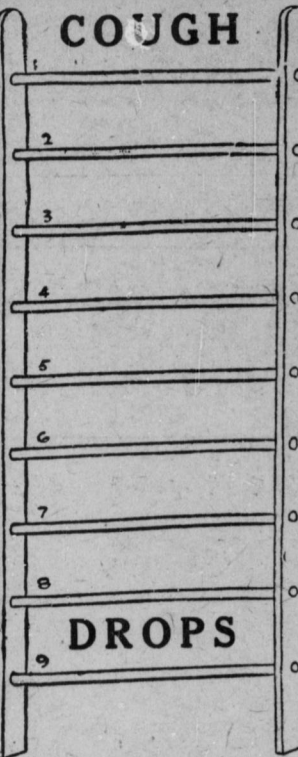
It is curious to compare the occupation of Marshal Foch at his country home with those of Clemenceau, who on his moor at Saint Vincent sur Jard in Vendée devotes his efforts to conquering the sea in reconstructing and consolidating the dikes about his property, which the waves have assailed during the winter.

Also it is curious that these two men, Clemenceau and Foch, who in different roles were victors of the great war, never visit each other and seem each to desire to forget that the other exists.

At the entrance of Foch's manor one sees a little chapel. Here each morning and evening Foch, accom-

Laddergram

Climb Down!



Cough looks like a hard word to start with but it can be changed to drops by climbing down a rung at a time. Make sure that each new word differs from the one above by a single letter only, and not change the order of the letters. One good way of doing it will be printed with the next Laddergram. Answer to Scare-Crows: 1, Scare; 2, share; 3, Chare; 4, Chars; 5, Chaps; 6, chops; 7, Crops; 8, Crows.

panied by his wife, his daughters and seven grandchildren, goes to prayer. Some times he goes alone to the chapel to meditate.

Marshal Foch at the present time is preoccupied with the coming convention of the American Legion in France. He interests himself personally in the details of the lodging in Paris of the 30,000 American veterans formerly under his command.

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STATE BEAUTY NEAR TO TITLE

Anne One of Five Who May Be 'Miss America.'

By United Press

ATLANTIC CITY, N. J., Sept. 9.—

The bathing beauty who for the next twelve months will be known as "Miss America" was chosen by judges in the annual contest today, but her identity will not be disclosed until tonight.

It was known, however, that the winner would be one of these five: "Miss Dallas," Moelle Ransom.

"Miss Hammond," Lois Howe.

"Miss Illinois," Lois Eleanor Delander of Joliet.

"Miss Philadelphia," Kathleen Coyle.

"Miss Tulsa," Virginia Claire Howard.

That quintet was chosen from the fifteen beauties who Thursday survived first eliminations. After the judges had voted they reduced the five to two by secret ballot and from the final two selected the victor and the runner-up.

The votes were put in a golden apple and will be opened tonight.

'Miss America 1926' Bolts

By United Press

REIDSVILLE, N. C., Sept. 9.—Miss Norma Smallwood, the "Miss America" of 1926, who bolted this year's Atlantic City beauty contest, was reported today at Piedmont Springs, a mountain resort forty miles from here.

Miss Smallwood will appear at the Piedmont Springs beauty pageant tomorrow night, receiving \$600.

She danced at Walnut Cove, N. C., last night.

BLAST BURNS SERIOUS

Vat Explosion Victim in Critical Condition at Hospital.

Edward Logan, 40, of 4034 Madison Ave., foreman for the International Metal Polish Company, Brill St. and the Belt Railroad, remained in a serious condition today at city hospital from burns received when naphtha fumes exploded in a vat where he was working Thursday.

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School Board Gives Out List of Books

Whether Johnny's last year's books can be used by younger sister Mabel this year in Indianapolis public schools may be ascertained by parents from study of the following official book list, as given to The Times at school headquarters today.

Because the school board has taken over the textbook business, books will be sold to patrons of the Indianapolis schools at less than regular prices. The reduced prices apply only to books sold at the school buildings. The regular retail prices set out are the prices dealers are lawfully entitled to charge.

5B pupils who have Webster's Elementary School Dictionary will not be required to buy the Webster's.

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