

RECORD JUMP WINS HONORS FOR WAR HERO

Twelve-Foot Leap Lands
Sergeant Congressional
Medal.

By Times Special
LOS ANGELES, March 1.—Maybe you've never heard of Louis Van Iersel. Possibly you recall him as one of the handful of men who won the highest American recognition of heroism, the congressional medal of honor, in the late war. But it's hardly likely you ever heard of him as world's champion broad jumper, because that's what this story is about.

It was Louis' broad jump of twelve feet that landed his congressional medal, but since the terse language of the citation doesn't mention it, that sterling athletic feat has remained buried until now, ten years after, when the mild little Dutch-American has revealed the details for publication in the March issue of McClure's magazine.

If you don't believe twelve feet constitutes a broad jump record, try it at night some time from a position clinging to a post with an icy river raging under you, machine guns shredding the air around you and the nearest land twelve feet away.

He was Sergeant Van Iersel, then, leading a reconnoitering party at Mouzon, France, on the black night of Nov. 9, 1918. Across the Meuse the enemy held a village, commanding the only bridge with machine guns. Louis' job was to cross, find

Come Home!

By United Press
WASHINGTON, March 1.—Charles Otto Schubert, left his wife in Doylestown, Pa., in 1905 to purchase a lot in a nearby town. He never returned.

Thursday night she asked police to seek him because she was no longer able to earn her living making embroidery.

the position of those machine guns and report back. But the order did not take into consideration the fact that the bridge would be blown away before he reached it.

Finding only wreckage where the bridge had stood, Louis left his six men behind, crawled out among the splintered boards, stepped on a board which the foe had wired to sound an alarm. Immediately the air was ripped with bullets. But plunging into the water, the little sergeant swam the gap—and found that he had crawled ashore immediately under the machine gun nests.

For a half hour he lay listening, noting the position, until he heard a guttural order for a barrage which would wipe out the American position. He had to get back to give the warning. He crawled forward on the slippery, teetering wreckage to its end, made a fifteen foot dive that brought him up clinging to the post in the darkness. And just then a flare went up—showing Louis gripping his post with the American bank twelve feet away. A machine gun hall rent the air around him as he jumped. His uniform was seared in a dozen places by bullets, but he made the leap, dashed for headquarters, reported the oncoming barrage and collapsed.

Los Angeles favorite hero, three times wounded, lives now on the city's outskirts, raises chickens and works with a city crew of surveyors.



Land Grants

The expenditure of public funds to build canals and improve rivers for navigation is often compared to the land grants that were made by the government to aid the construction of some pioneer railroads. The fact is that such expenditures and land grants are different in several important particulars.

Take the grant of land in Illinois to the original Illinois Central Railroad. It was the first of the federal land grants for railroads.

There is no question of the substantial help which the Illinois Central Railroad derived from this grant. Without such help the road could not have been built at the time it was built, in advance of the settlement of interior Illinois. Yet the government gave away nothing of value, for there was no one to buy the land until the railroad provided a reliable means of transportation.

On the other hand, the government received something of great value. The building of the Illinois Central Railroad enabled the government to sell at advanced prices the land it had retained and thereby recoup immediately the full price of the entire land grant. Moreover, taxable property was permanently created, the Illinois Central obligated itself forever to carry mail, troops and other government traffic at reduced rates, and a special tax was levied upon behalf of the state of Illinois which is still being regularly collected after more than seventy years.

Government expenditures on inland waterways are different. They are valuable at the time they are made, the beneficiaries give nothing for them, and where the government itself goes into the transportation business there is no increase in taxable property values.

Government assistance to inland waterways truly comparable to the Illinois Central land grant would be the donation of stretches of unimproved streams and adjacent worthless land, the recipients to make all improvements themselves, pay special taxes and handle government traffic at reduced rates.

Constructive criticism and suggestions are invited.

L. A. DOWNS,
President, Illinois Central System

CHICAGO, March 1, 1929.

BLOCK'S BASEMENT STORE



1,000 New Coats and Dresses

For Women and Misses

\$10.00

New, youthful spring dresses... reproductions of costlier models. Georgettes, prints, flat crepes and wool ensembles are included. Style, serviceability and value dominate this assortment.

Slenderizing lines are stressed in these dresses for the larger woman.

Smart new spring coats have just arrived in time for SATURDAY'S SELLING.

In this unusual lot are offered mixtures, basquette weaves, twill chins, twill cords, kashas, flannels, jacquard silks and satins. Featuring all the predominant spring shades, grays, tans, blues and black.



500 Smart New Easter Frocks

For Ages **\$5** 2 to 6

Gay Easter frocks for the young miss. A smart array of up-to-the-minute styles in novelty prints or pretty flat crepes. Sleeveless party dresses are also to be found in this selection.

Thrifty mothers will take advantage of this opportunity to secure attractive dresses at an attractive price.

Spring Coats

For Ages **\$5** 7 to 14

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Over 30 models from which to choose in this event.



Crepe de Chine Gowns

With pretty lace tops, **\$1.79**
For women and misses,

Hand-Embroidered
Imported Gowns
For Women and
Misses **59c**

500 Rayon Bloomers
and Step-ins
For Women and
Misses **43c**

300 Rayon Pajamas
For Women and
Misses **\$1.95**

500 Extra Size
Rayon Gowns
For Larger
Women **\$1.95**

100 Printed Pajamas
Two-piece pajamas for
Women and Misses ... **\$1.00**

Hosiery Specials! Westcott Hose

\$1.00 Quality

65c

SPECIAL SATURDAY! We are discontinuing our 'Westcott' stock—first quality women's and misses' hose retailing at the unusually low price of 65c.

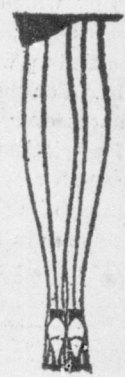
Block's Outsize Hose

Substandards of \$2.50 quality—full fashioned, extra heavy, silk to the top. Made by one of America's largest producers.

For Women and Misses. **\$1.55**
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Block's "Dominant" Hose

Substandards selected and guaranteed to give the wear and appearance of first quality hose. 1,000 pairs in the new spring shades; pair **59c**



New Spring Hats

New Colors and Styles **\$1.95** For Women and Misses

Beautiful printed crepes... new tinsel crochets, flower trimmed and new novelty effects.



Cinderella Wash Dresses

\$1.00
New Assorted Colors
Sizes 2 to 6
7 to 14

A new shipment of Spring wash frocks for the young miss... a wide assortment of beautiful colors (guaranteed fast)... tailored dresses and hand embroidered dresses with generous hems.

Thrifty mothers will approve of and little girls will adore every style.



New Spring Shirts

For Men and Young Men

\$1.25

Sizes 14 to 17—Featuring the laundered attached collar so much in demand. A selection of new patterns with exceptional tailoring and perfect fitting collars in the season's leading colors.

Cheney Neckwear

In New Spring Patterns

69c 3 for \$2.00

Substandards of \$1.50 and \$2.00 qualities, in the new patterns for spring wear... Hand tailored and wool lined for durability... large variety of bright or conservative patterns. For men and young men.

Arrow Soft Collars

17c 3 for 50c

Substandards of 3 for \$1.00 qualities... imperfections in laundering only. The styles include: Tate, Times, Art, Dix and Rand. For men and young men.



Novelty Shorts

49c

Sizes 32 to 46. Tailored of novelty broadcloths... three-buttoned waistband. Slip-on shirt to match.

Men's Overalls

\$1.59

Sizes 32 to 46 of heavy quality denim, high back style, strongly reinforced at all points of strain. Sizes 36 to 44. Jackets to match. Extra sizes up to 50... \$1.75

Saturday Candy Specials

"Glass"

Little Fish Candy
Glass's pure sugar assorted
flavors, 50c quality. Lb. ... **34c**

Chocolate
Dipped Raisins
Special, lb. **29c**

Fruit Flavored
Chocolates
Assorted fruit flavors, cream centers. Lb. **29c**

30c Quality
Marshmallows
Creamy, Mellow Marshmallows. Special, lb. **18c**