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SOMETHING-FOR-NOTHING FICTION.

On his farm near Pine City the farmer produces a bushel of potatoes. He does not need them himself. He wishes to sell them. And there's a fellow living on Blair street, St. Paul, who needs a bushel of potatoes, and wishes to buy them, says the St. Paul Pioneer Press.
 Now, before the consumer may exchange his money for the potatoes, several things must happen. The potatoes must be brought to St. Paul by rail, they must be offered somewhere for sale, and they must be delivered to the consumer's Blair street home. All of these things cost money—freight rates, the services of the seller, and the delivery. Sometimes we are inclined to forget these things—to forget that in the price we pay, whether it be for a bushel of potatoes or for a new pair of trousers, we must pay for service—transportation service, warehouse service, selling service and delivery service. No matter who performs it, it must be paid for. The idea that a municipality or a government may utter some magic abracadabra and waft a bushel of potatoes from Pine City to Blair street, St. Paul, without costing anybody anything belongs to Alice's Wonderland.

THE SHOE SITUATION.

Representatives of the shoe industry, who met recently in an effort to curb high prices on their own products, have appealed to the trade to stop competitive buying, and declare that:
 "The cause for this situation is easily to be discovered. The stocks on the shelves of the merchants have been depleted by the lessened production made necessary by war-time conditions. All classes of the people continue well supplied with funds and eager to obtain their usual supplies. The increased price so far established has not checked in any way the steadily increasing demand from the consumer. Shoe manufacturers struggling to meet the increasingly large requirements of their trade have suddenly found themselves in competition with leather buyers from Europe, seeking supplies for countries closed several years by the war. The actual and legitimate shortage of supplies has led to the bidding up of prices by these competitive buyers to the present unheard of and unprecedented level.
 "This situation will exist so long as the unusual export demand persists and this country's prosperous condition continues. Any further upheaval abroad, a serious labor or political disturbance in our own country would cause an immediate and serious reaction.
 "Extreme conservatism is, therefore, demanded from all branches of the trade. Tanners, manufacturers and dealers alike recognize the situation as dangerous and unfortunate. We see no reason to doubt that all the world's legitimate requirements for leather can be fully supplied from usual sources, and that the equilibrium of

the market can be restored if manufacturers and merchants generally will follow the dictates of common sense, but all purchases far in advance of actual needs, or buying quantities in excess of those actually needed for reasonable goods must stop."

EUROPE'S NEED OURS TOO.

Thomas W. Lamont, just returned from Europe where he had exceptional advantage for observation, gives it as his opinion that the greatest need abroad is trained young men.

No doubt of it—and it is America's greatest need, too, not only from the standpoint of the nation but from that of the individual as well.

We seem to have remembered very clearly, indeed, that "the laborer is worthy of his hire," but we have forgotten that he is not worth more than his hire; in other words, that there is a limitation of his earning capacity. But there is, and no law, decree or decision by any man or body of men can make it otherwise.

The man who sells a pound of coffee gets more for it than the man who sells only a half pound. Right, you say, he delivered twice as much.

The farmer who cultivates twenty acres earns more than his neighbor who works only half as much. Altogether proper, you say, for he has worked twice as hard.

But the untrained or the lazy man cannot quite understand why he should not be paid as much as his comrade who has trained his mind or who works twice as hard.

Always and ever, so long as the world stands, the trained man, the industrious man, will be paid more than his lazy fellow workman. Once suspend that law and the whole of civilization would go to ruin. Why? For the reason that if men are not paid according to their earning capacity and if all men are placed on an equality of wage, the result would be to encourage the lazy man and discourage the industrious one to the point that shortly nobody would be working more than an hour or so a day and their production would not keep the world alive.

Yes, the greatest need of the day is trained young men—not trained in technical and professional lines, but trained in the gospel of hard work, trained to believe that production should govern pay, that one should give an honest day's toil for an honest day's pay, trained in the rudiments of business, in honesty, fair play, and an intense desire to succeed by individual worth alone.

PERSHING'S HOME-COMING.

General Pershing will return to the United States in a few weeks to receive the approval of his countrymen. Throughout the great conflict in Europe he upheld the best traditions of the American army and the high ideals of the American people. With dignity and a fine perception of the obligations resting upon him as the direct military representative of the United States, he discharged with rare fidelity the duties which fell to his lot as leader of the men in khaki.

Whether he ever made that dramatic speech at the tomb of Lafayette or not, his actions throughout gave expression to the A. E. F. thought which took form in the famous sentence, "Lafayette, we are here!" His spirit was the spirit of the American army and the American people and at no time did he fail to meet public expectation, especially in the crucial days when the German horde was advancing upon Paris and he tendered without further delay, the services of the Americans already in France and arriving in constantly increasing force at every port.

General Pershing has made for himself his own niche in his country's temple of fame and will share with Grant, Sherman and Sheridan and other great military leaders imperishable glory.

He has earned the gratitude of the American people and will come back home to receive their sincere plaudits and the high honors which congress will bestow upon him.

ST. PETERSBURG, Fla., boasts the only out-of-doors postoffice in the United States.—News Item. We had been under the impression that all postoffice buildings were erected out-of-doors.

PRE-WAR prejudice against the United States army uniform is making its appearance in Boston, says a major general stationed there. Which is another reason we are glad to live in Lake County.

PERHAPS Carranza never heard of the pitcher that went to the well once too often.

"H. C. L." sounds like a chemical term for a poisonous gas.

The Passing Show

THERE are a good many who could drink and let it.

ALONE these days.

WE have never been able to figure

OUT how a man will be able to be happy in

HEAVEN unless they serve fresh blueberry pie now and

THEN and how a woman

CAN be happy with her husband going around in a white robe

LIBERALLY besprinkled with blueberry

PIE stains

IS an unsolvable mystery to us.

FUNNY how a girl who knows

SHE isn't well enough built to wear a bathing

SUIT imagines that the scantly her outfit is

THE better she looks.

WE and that one of the greatest troubles in being

POLITE and laughing at some old chestnut

YOUR friend tells you

HE will follow it up with several that HAVE still more whiskers on them.

AFTER all is said and done, our after-the-war garden

LOOKS as though it had been through one.

WE live and learn

SINCE the railroad strike has come on

WE are told that nothing makes an

ENGINE happier than to be washed out every

NOW and then

JUST as if it was an old coffee or tea-pot.

WE certainly have to give

THE girls credit these days for one thing

THE men don't have to pay their

WAY into a burlesque show when they

WANT to see legs.

ABE MARTIN looks around him a bit

AND says that "about all the girls ARE wrapped up in these days is themselves."

YOUTH is a beautiful thing, we distinctly remember

HOW when she even had a pimple we

WOULD think in those golden days that it was a beauty spot.

OUR prominent orchardists

OUT in the country would rather have the

FRUIT rot on the ground

THAN send out notices to their friends to

HELP themselves in passing that way.

AFTER all putting it by and large

MOST of the economic sorrow a nation suffers

ARISES from the greed of men

TRYING to sneak a selfish advantage

OVER somebody else merely for economic profit.

YOU can after all love things in this world

WITHOUT knowing much about them

FOR instance take women and music.

IT'S a great problem for one man hereabouts to know just

WHERE to take his family this summer

TO the lakes or to the soda fountain.

IT took war to make it

POSSIBLE for the Salvation Army

TO prove that it is more blessed to give

DOUGHNUTS than to receive them.

IT is rather hard for a man who de- plores

WRONG-DOING in all its forms to hear

ONE of the neighbor women

REMARK to the other with delighted enthusiasm

"WELL that was some scandal they had

IN the paper this evening."

MOST women and most men, too, for that

MATTER seem to imagine

THAT a doctor is an iron man

WHOC should never get sick

AND who should never need any sleep.

Hammond Boy In Fifth Back Home



ISADORE LEVIN.

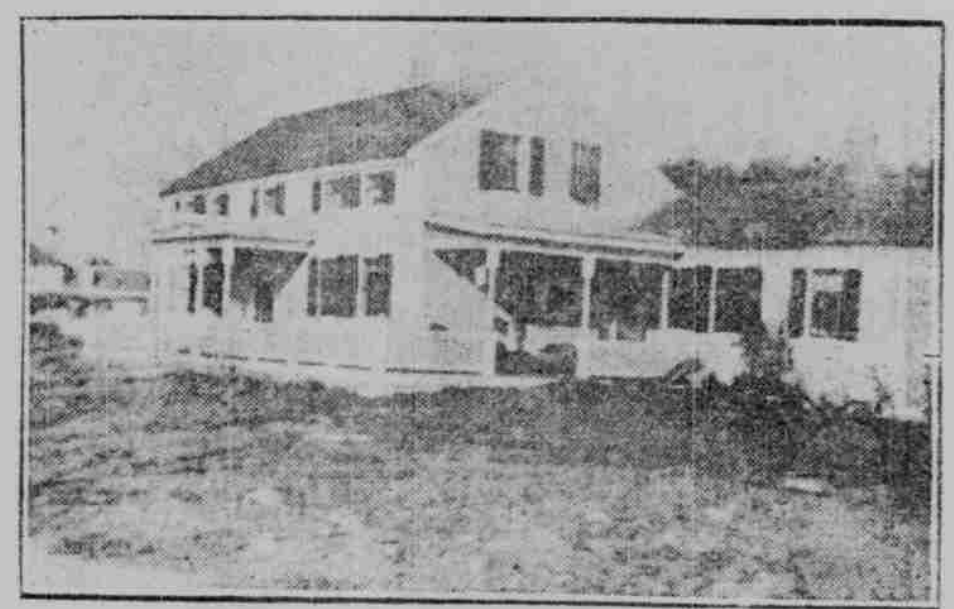
Isadore Levin, after eighteen months in France, is back in Hammond, a civilian once more. He was discharged from Camp Sherman Tuesday and after a brief visit with his brother in Hammond has gone to Des Moines, Iowa, to visit relatives. In about four weeks he will return to Hammond to take up his share of the work in the tailor shop which his brother has been running alone at 613 Calumet ave.

Isadore enlisted November 1, 1917, and was assigned to the Seventh engineers, attached to the Fifth division. His service record shows he was engaged at St. Mihiel from September 12 to 17, and in the Meuse-Argonne fighting from October 5 to November 11. During the thirty days preceding the signing of the armistice he put in twenty-seven hard days, building railroad and artillery bridges in advance of the troops, always under the fire of Hun artillery and machine guns.

After the signing of the armistice his unit was part of the army of occupation in Luxembourg.

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Plane Flight Over Historic Home Marks Epoch In Town's History



ANCESTRAL HAMMOND HOME.

Ashburnham, Mass., is still agog over the fact that an army plane circled over the town for a while and then landed there. Ashburnham is the birthplace of George H. Hammond, for whom Hammond was named, and late Hon. Thos. Hammond, former mayor and congressman, was also born there. Many old residents of Ashburnham re-

Soldier Boy News

Information has been received in East Chicago regarding the release from military duties of Thomas Scully, one of the two brothers who enlisted in the coast defense. Walter is the other brother who received his honorable discharge last February. Thomas was with the field artillery and did not carry on with the first assignment. He was transferred when duty became more imperative and called for volunteers. The boys are brothers of Mrs. S. Gaskey of Ivy St. and upon Thomas' return here there will be a welcome home party arranged for in his honor.

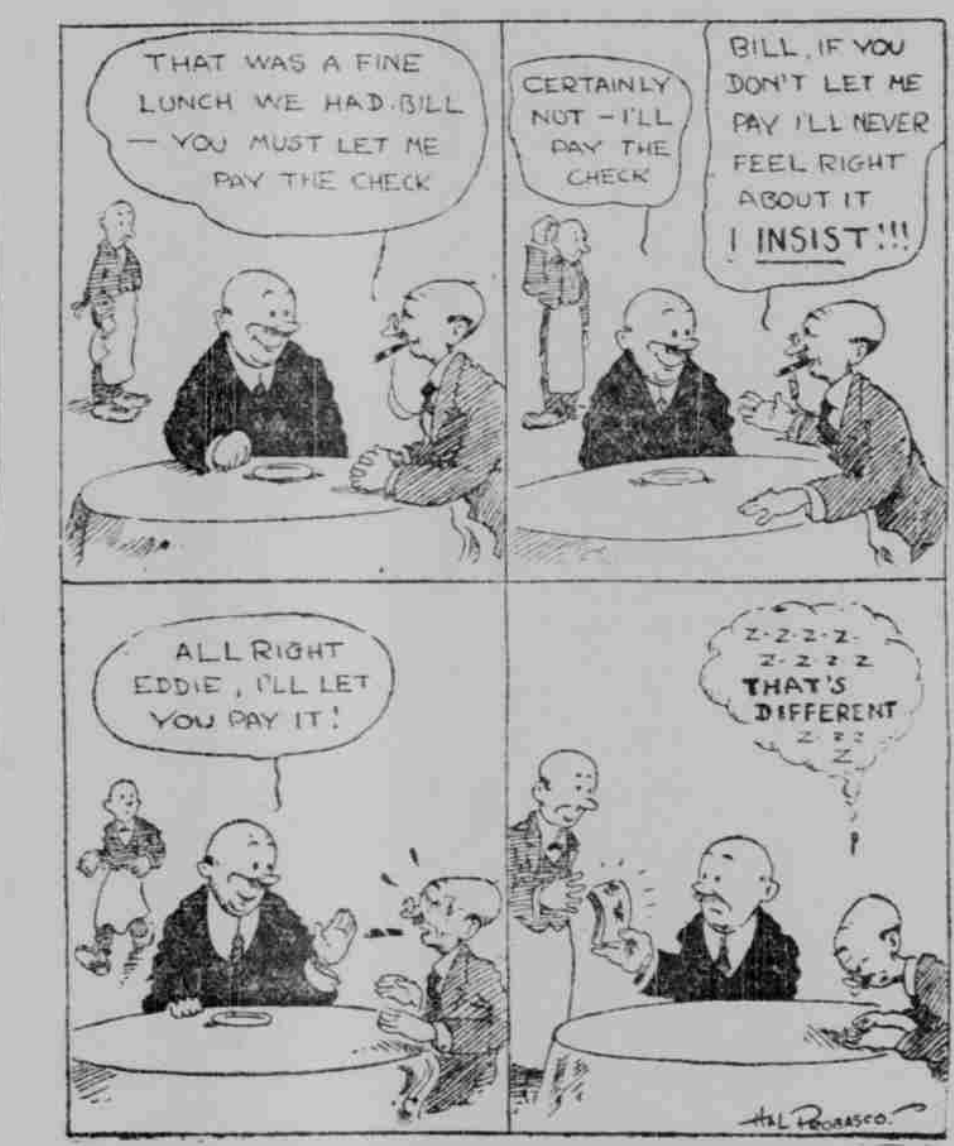
Lieut. Ralph Canine, son of Supt. of

Schools and Mrs. E. N. Canine of East Chicago, has arrived home from Camp Riley from where he has received his honorable discharge. He will accompany his parents and his sister, Miss Margaret, on a trip to Waukegan in his family's new Buick car.

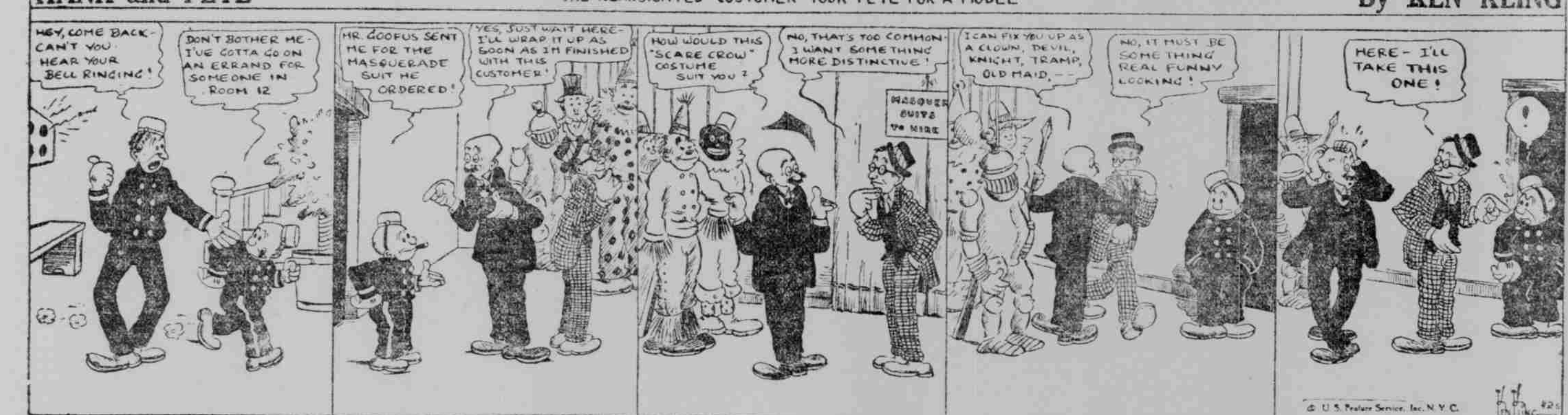
Billy Newman, a popular Hammond boy, son of Mrs. W. B. Newman, 525 Supply Co. 2nd division, left Luxembourg, Germany, July 12th, and arrived in Hammond July 30 and has received his honorable discharge.

Jack Blumenthal a popular 7000 man of Indiana Harbor, recently returned from overseas, will open a first class tire shop, selling tires of all kinds. Friends are all wishing Jack success and hoped he never gets tired selling tires.

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