

HIGH CLASS ARTISANS IN CORPS OF ENGINEERS

Picked Body of Mechanics
Enter Royal Engineers to
Act as Sappers and Miners.

Provide Uniforms for Re-
cruits and Build Bridges
and Pontoons for Armies
in Fighting Zone.

LONDON, Aug. 7.—Why the Royal Engineers, are, and probably always will be the most popular corps in the British army is a question that any sapper is prepared to answer at a moment's notice; but as his reply generally includes, with the advantages and glories of the Royal Corps, all the distinguished officers it has given to the service, that enumeration would be far too lengthy for a single issue of a newspaper.

Sufficient for the day is to mention that Lord Kitchener himself served his military apprenticeship as a subaltern of the Royal Engineers. To that may be attributed the fact that even in these months of war an endless stream of recruits has flowed into the training depot, whose headquarters overlook the tawny waters of the Basingstoke canal.

Scene of Action.

It is a block of buildings now that serves to house the sappers, miners, pontooniers, bridge-builders, mine-layers, redoubt contractors, and the artificers of a hundred and one trades who constitute the rank and file of the corps, for the solid red brick and almost artistic pile that stood in time of peace is now surrounded with groups of tar-roofed huts, whose only beauty lies in their utility.

The newcomers, however, are not the only huts the Engineers can boast. Hidden away among their stables are wooden huts that date back to the Crimea, condemned as dwelling places but serviceable still as storerooms, whose stability testifies to the craftsmanship of bygone generations of sappers.

"Sappers," it should be said, is the generic term for the R. E. of every rank, by the electricians, boat-builders, blacksmiths, joiners, surveyors, coppersmiths, telegraph clerks, or

All Mechanics Welcome.

There are all these and a hundred other callings in the various engineer companies, for the one essential to enlistment on this corps is the knowledge of a craft or profession. Turners and machinists of all kinds, too, are wearing its uniform, and if munition makers are withdrawn from the fighting forces, it is possible that the engineers will supply a very big percentage.

"Are you getting a more intelligent type of recruit?" was a question propounded to an Aldershot sapper officer.

"No, we are not," was the reply.

Queer Ones Over State

BEDFORD—A check for \$49.51, signed with the name of Earl G. Short, was accepted by the county treasurer during the rush of tax-paying time here. He gave a receipt for the money, too, without even glancing at the check. The county treasurer is Earl G. Short.

WANT ADS PAY.

LEEDANON—Found, a sum of money. Owner may have same by naming the amount and paying for this ad.—Miss Armourel Lewis, R. R. 1.

Miss Lewis began getting answers to this ad in a local newspaper before it had been printed an hour and replies are still coming. Most of the correspondents claim to have lost amounts ranging from \$6.50 to \$40. Miss Lewis says no one has guessed the amount yet.

BREAKS LEG ON ICE.

SHELBYVILLE—Slipping on the icy sidewalk in front of his home, this happened right in the middle of summer, too—Monroe Spurlin fell and his right leg was fractured. The ice was a small chunk accidentally dropped by the ice man.

QUESTION MARK IN SKY.

COATESVILLE—A huge luminous question mark hanging in the sky beneath the rainbow, was seen by several hundred people here, when the sun shone for a few minutes during a rain storm. Several people who saw the phenomenon believe it is an omen of some impending catastrophe.

MOVES HOUSE INTERIOR.

VALPARAISO—Being unable to remove here his boyhood home in Ohio, the scene of his most fond recollections, Prof. C. H. DeWitt, dean of the Valparaiso University medical department, has brought the walnut wainscoting, door casings and other trimmings from his ancestral home to this city and will use them in his new modern bungalow.

THE UNLOADED GUN.

TERRE HAUTE—"Didn't know it was loaded," bobbed up again when Rex Manuel, 14, shot and killed his sister, Esther, 15, with a revolver. The coroner exonerated the lad.

HAS TO SERVE TERM.

MUNCIE—It cost John Sunday, of Albany, a fine of \$100 and six months at the Putnamville penal farm for selling beer and whiskey illegally. An appeal to the supreme court and a promise never to do it again, failed to get him out of his scrape.

MAN THINKS HE'S HORSE.

COLUMBUS—John E. Millencamp, who was kicked on the head by a horse more than a year ago, recently became violently insane, and thinks he is a horse. He constantly imitates that animal by neighing, kicking and stamping. Millencamp engaged in the stock raising business for years.

CENTERVILLE PEOPLE PLAN TWO FESTIVALS

CENTERVILLE, Ind., Aug. 7.—Women of the Methodist Episcopal church will give an ice cream festival on Saturday evening, August 24. The place of holding it will be announced later.

Mrs. Ellen Mann, of Richmond, and Mrs. Victor Nixon, of Newport, Ind., and daughter, were house guests of their uncle, Tom C. Ellison. They were entertained to dinner on Wednesday by Mr. and Mrs. Wood Ellison.

Mrs. Daisy King and children are spending the week with her parents, Mr. and Mrs. Olier, of near Williamsburg.

Miss Dot Burris went to Cincinnati Wednesday to spend several days with relatives.

Miss Marjory Hurst will spend the next two weeks with relatives in Peru, Ind.

The West Grove Cemetery association will hold their annual ice cream festival on Saturday evening, August 28.

Mrs. Mark Stevens entertained the needlecraft club at her home on East Main street, yesterday afternoon. Those present were: Mesdames Josephine, H. L. Johnson, R. J. Dearoff, Paul O'Neal, Earl Stinson, W. L. Fisher, William Rhodenberg, O. K. Dunbar and Miss Laura Bertsch. Dainty refreshments were served.

Most Women Buy Shoes Too Small

Nine of every ten girls and women wear shoes from one to two sizes too small for them is the estimate of Richmond shoe clerks. Women's shoes range in size from one to eight and the shoes most used by them are from four and a half to five and a half, B and C. Extreme diplomacy must be used the clerks say in fitting the foot of a woman and occasionally he succeeds in having her purchase a pair of shoes which fit her at the same time leaving her under the impression that the shoe she bought is smaller than it really is.

One clerk tells this story of a woman, who having bought a pair, indignantly returned to exchange them. Opening the package containing the shoes, she thrust it at the clerk and said: "These shoes hurt my feet. I wear a four and a half C. These are not that size are they? I want shoes that fit me."

The clerk glanced at the number of the shoe and replied: "No lady, these are not four and a half C's. They are number sevens." The woman flushed a deep red, took the shoes under her arm and left the store without uttering another word, according to the clerk.

MANY TEACHERS FAIL

County Superintendent Williams has not completed the list of teachers for the county schools, but is waiting the result of the examinations held here last Saturday. Several teachers fell below the mark at the previous examination, and unless they passed the test last Saturday, they will not be granted licenses. The township trustee is also awaiting the result of the examination before he announces his corps of teachers for next year.

CAR CLIMBS POLE

A light car came to grief yesterday when it tried to climb a telegraph pole north of town. The machine ran into a guy wire and its top and windshield were torn completely off. Its fender was also badly damaged. The machine was driven by a Mansfield (O.) man who refused to reveal his identity.

BRIEFS

The celebrated Harper whiskey, quart \$1.00, gallon, \$3.75. All brands of whiskey bottled in bond \$1.25 per bottle. Westcott Hotel Bar.

CARD OF THANKS. We wish to thank our kind friends and neighbors for their kindness during the sickness and death of our little son. Mr. and Mrs. H. A. Dershen and Family.

WANTED—Drawing room clerk, must be man about 30 and be able to read drawings. Apply National Automatic Tool Co.

Chautauqua Notes

Advance Information About Program and Speakers of 1915 Assembly.

As soon as it was known that Anthony Fiala had been obliged to cancel all his chautauqua dates for this summer, the program committee took immediate steps to secure the most prominent man available to fill his place. The unanimous choice of the committee was United States Senator Warren G. Harding of Ohio. The only objection raised was that some of the committee thought Senator Harding should be reserved for one of the big headliners for the 1916 assembly.

Senator Harding is a comparatively young man, prominent in big affairs in his state and enjoys the distinction of being the first man elected to the United States Senate from Ohio by popular vote. In politics he is a very broad-minded Republican, keenly alive to the interests of his party, and if the

Republican-Progressive interests are to be reunited Senator Harding will be one of the men who will be instrumental in bringing it about. He is a forceful, convincing speaker, already well known to the chautauqua platform, and his election to the Senate last fall has given him added prestige. While his subject is not yet announced his address will be full of interest and of vital importance to this community. Senator Harding is also a chautauqua enthusiast and is a director of the Marion, Ohio, association, which is one of the largest chautauquas in that state.

Senator Harding will speak at the chautauqua Monday evening, Aug. 23d and his appearance will mark one of the big days of the coming assembly.

TOWNSHIP SCHOOLS ORDER YEAR'S COAL

Bids were received Friday afternoon from twelve concerns desiring to furnish supplies for the Wayne township schools next year. Bartel and Rohe will be awarded the contract for furnishing most of the school room supplies such as chalk, maps, etc. The bid was \$300.

Mather Brothers have been awarded the contract to furnish 100 tons of Mine Run Pocahontas coal at \$3.82 and Harsh coal company will furnish Glen Allen lump coal at \$2.65. This bid calls for 30 tons.

The contract for furniture needed in the equipment of the new building and also in some of the old buildings, has been awarded to Kiger and Company, Indianapolis.

U. S. CUTS UP MONEY

WASHINGTON, Aug. 7.—While European nations are shooting away millions of dollars, the United States is cutting up an average of five millions daily. This statement was made today by Secretary of the Treasury McAdoo, in a statement detailing new regulations governing destruction of redeemed paper money which has been worn out.

In the fiscal year 1915, the secretary stated \$377,364,188 redeemed bills of various denominations, of a nominal value of \$1,541,121,111 were destroyed by maceration. These notes weighed 590 tons. An average of 1,250,000 pieces weighing almost two tons and representing \$5,000,000 were disposed of daily.

NO SNOW IN STATE

INDIANAPOLIS, Aug. 7.—That the hundreds of persons in various sections of Indiana, who declared they saw snowflakes during the past week was made of the peace commission which was supposed to have been on it. Caperton has been forced to become a virtual dictator in Haiti. He has organized a new peace committee, composed of citizens to run the government. All government functions are performed by this committee at his direction. Minister Menos, of Haiti, today received a protest against the occupation by the American forces at Port-au-Prince of the national palace, the barracks and forts.

Mr. Armstrong does not doubt that all these people were absolutely sincere, but he insists they were mistaken. In proof of his claims the weather forecaster calls attention to the fact that the lowest temperature registered anywhere in Indiana during the chilly spell was 51 degrees above zero, Fahrenheit. In such an atmosphere, he argues, a snowflake wouldn't stand at all.

"Sometimes the rays of light pass through raindrops in such a manner as to give them a white appearance," said Mr. Armstrong, "and make them resemble snow. It might fool a person many times into the belief that it really was snow when it is nothing more than moisture in the air."

No frost was reported anywhere in the United States during the past week.

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warned Secretary Lansing that laying of an embargo on arms might prove a serious matter. They asked him what the position of the United States would be in the event that an arms embargo was enforced against every one except the de facto government it was planned to recognize, and then Carranza, with the material at his disposal, wiped out the recognized government. This was one of the matters that went over for further consideration.

Hard-working Scribes Fail to Land "Scoop"

It was rumored around the Pennsylvania depot yesterday that Champ Clark would pass through Richmond and there was foundation for the rumor for the speaker had wired ahead of reservations on the 9:30 p. m. train for St. Louis.

This information reached the ears of a reporter who "covers" the depot and he determined to get an interview of the distinguished visitor and haunted the station platform all day. In fact he was there so frequently and being a stranger, aroused the suspicion of the "gum shoe" squad and he was questioned closely as to his family history.

It was not known when Speaker Clark would arrive but the idea prevailed that he would come on the 9:15 train in the evening.

As that hour approached another reporter who had heard the rumor downtown, dashed madly into the station and the pair decided to hook interests and share the glory of a "scoop."

When the train finally arrived the two ambitious young men dashed madly through every car looking wildly in every direction for the speaker, who did not arrive.

Lower 3 and 4 in car one, had been reserved at the ticket office and thinking that perhaps in some mysterious way the legislator would try to dodge an interview because such embarrassing questions had been prepared as "what do you think of the President's policy in the present war?" "Are you going to be a candidate for the presidency again?" "Were you disappointed when you did not get the Baltimore nomination?" one reporter stationed himself at the window and "Hawk-shawed" every purchaser of sleeping car tickets while the other prowled around the station thinking maybe that the man they were seeking was hiding in hot box.

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