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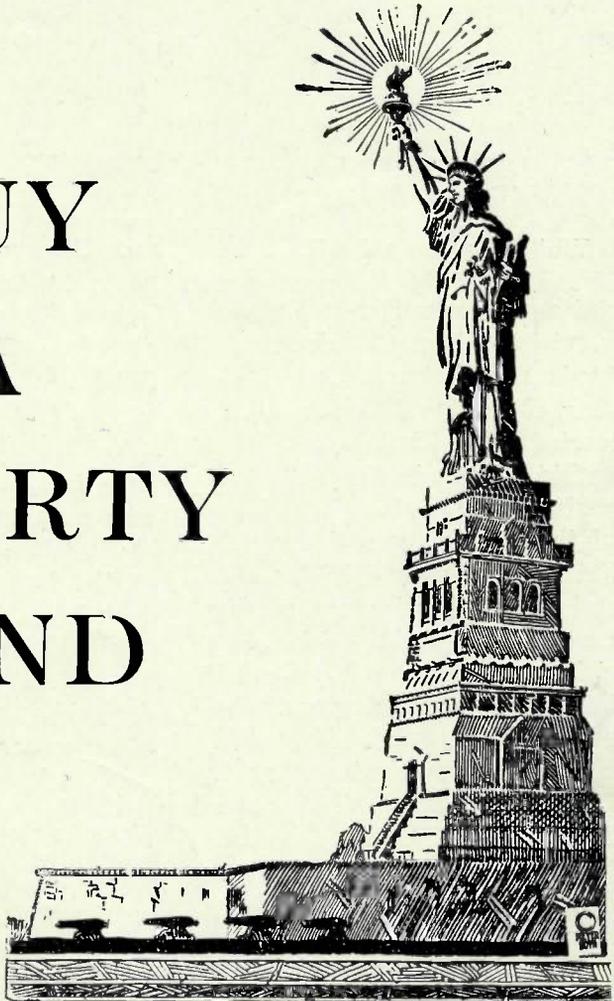
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Our Boys at The Front



RAY C. SCHERER

While east on a business trip, Mr. Wolf, our traffic manager, had an opportunity, on Oct. 5th, of visiting Ray C. Scherer and Louis Brand, two of our Staley boys, at the Naval Training Camp located at Berkley, Va., which is within a few minutes walk of the business center of Norfolk. Both of the boys show a fine coat of tan from being out in the open, and are getting in good physical condition due to daily drills, exercising and other work laid out for them, such as washing daily their white uniform suits. About 5,000 seamen are in training at the Berkley station. During the past few days our boys have been sent to a newly built camp located at Hampton Roads, Va., which is about nine miles from Norfolk.

Like all of the boys that have



LOUIS BRAND

recently entered the army and navy, our boys would like to get letters from their acquaintances at home. Their present address is "A. S. Regiment, U. S. Naval Operating Base, Hampton Roads, Va., Co. B.-1-B."

Jack Lieser, one of our boys who answered the call, is located at Fort Benjamin Harrison, Ind. In the last letter received from Jack he states that he bought a "Cole 60," so we are all waiting for the next letter stating that Jack has received his officer's commission. Good luck and success, Jack.

F. W. Kropla, the well liked fitter helper, is now acting Corporal at Camp Dodge, Des Moines, Iowa. He would welcome some word from his former fellow workers. Address Machine Company No. 1.

THE STALEY LION

Several Monday mornings ago one of our night watchmen had an exciting experience when patrolling down the track by the old Table House. About 3 a. m. our hero was making his rounds and, being a good Christian evangelist, was in imagination casting out devils when, lo and behold! out from under the old lime shed crawled a hairy monster.

Our hero stood stock still and for a moment was paralyzed. In his fright he thought the Monster in front of him was as large as the Table House, with eyes as big as saucers and a tail a mile long.

On coming out of his trance, he remembered reading in the daily papers of a lioness at large, also he thought of his duty as night watchman, which was to bring all strangers found on the premises to headquarters, dead or alive.

"Oh, what a predicament!" he exclaimed. "I don't want to tackle that lioness and yet if I let her escape and some of the other watchmen capture her, I will be disgraced and branded as a coward."

Also there was the other probability, he mused, that the Monster might be an alien spy in disguise.

In the meantime the Monster was crawling down the track as unconcerned as if nothing unusual had happened. Our hero, having made up his mind to do or die, followed as silently as an Indian, and when within striking distance brought his night stick down on the head of the Monster with such force as to cave in its skull, caus-

ing instant death. After executing a war dance and wondering how much of a reward he would receive, he turned his flashlight on his victim, when H—ll, would you believe it? The Monster he had slain in the darkest hour of the night was a miserable wharf rat!
Correspondent.

FOR LADIES ONLY

By Ivan Idea

Editor's Note—Miss Iona Lott, who has been conducting this column for the past sixty years, has become a blushing young bride, and no longer must work for a living. It has been found necessary to employ a substitute this week. Next week a new column conductor will take charge of this column. We are about to sign a contract with her and her name will appear at the head of the column November 1st.

Dear Editor—What can I do to keep from perspiring in hot weather?

Dainty Dorothea.

Give your hide a coat of shellac and then two coats of varnish, Dor, and if this doesn't work try a coat of enamel. Living in the refrigerator might help some.

Dear Miss Lott—Is there anything I can use on my breath to prevent my wife from knowing that I have been drinking something other than water?

Boozing Bill.

If there is, Bill, I've never heard of it and I've tried everything without success.

Practise Safety by Buying a Liberty Bond

BITS OF NEWS

The U. S. Senate has eliminated from the House war revenue bill the 5 per cent tax on gross sales of many manufacturers. This tax was expected to raise \$118,750,000..

Government control of telephone, telegraph and wireless during the war is proposed in a bill introduced in the U. S. House of Representatives.

A bill before the U. S. Senate would appropriate \$100,000,000 for camps which shall fit for army service men rejected because of curable defects.

The Newfoundland legislature has convened in extra session to reconsider bill for 20 per cent tax on business profits.

A member of the Massachusetts Industrial Accident Board states that of 350,000 accidents in that state reported in the past four years, 15 to 25 per cent could have been prevented by safeguarding machinery, 25 to 65 per cent by education in caution.

Grand jury at Belleville, Ill., has indicted 105 persons for alleged murder and arson during the East St. Louis, Ill., race riot.

A bill before Congress to insure U. S. war forces would award men totally disabled, if single, 40 per cent of policy, minimum \$40 per month; if married, but without children, 50 per cent, minimum \$55; married, one child, 55 per cent, minimum \$65; married, two or more children, 60 per cent, minimum \$75.

The Los Angeles Times states that the workmen's compensation

act, passed by last California legislature, provides that workers, injured because of their own serious or willful misconduct, shall be paid one-half of regular awards.

A \$50,000,000 wheat corporation has been organized by the U. S. Government to buy and sell wheat at terminals for U. S., and to buy flour for the Allies. H. C. Hoover is chairman, and Julius Barnes, president. Millers will be limited to 30 days supply of wheat and will be permitted 25 cents per barrel profit.

Robert S. Lovett, appointed by President Wilson federal agent to govern priority of shipments under the Freight Priority Law, enacted August 10th, has directed 46 railroads to give preference to bituminous coal consigned from mines to Northwest via Great Lakes.

President Wilson has appointed federal food commissioners in 28 states to co-ordinate state and national food control.

U. S. Food Administrator has ordered that the distillation of food-stuffs into spirituous beverages cease after 11 p. m., September 8th.

Loans made by U. S. to Allies up to August 21st aggregated \$1,966,400,000, approximately 65 per cent of the \$3,000,000,000 authorized by Congress.

Corporations in U. S. paid the Government \$180,064,664 in income taxes in the year ending June 30th; in the previous twelve months, \$56,972,721.

BUY A LIBERTY BOND

A LETTER FROM SOME OF
OUR BOYS AT THE
FRONT

Norfolk, Va., Oct. 10, 1917.
To the Employes of
A. E. Staley Mfg. Co.,
Decatur, Ill.

Dear Friends:

Received your special delivery letter last Thursday, and sure enjoyed same with a good hearty laugh. That was some letter, but one of the boys received one on "Non Skid," which went us one better as to quality of writing paper. It was sure a big surprise for us to see a familiar face from the office and we certainly appreciated Mr. Wolf's visit. We were out drilling when he arrived and received an order to go out to the gate, to see someone, which kept us wondering until we caught a glimpse of his smiling face. Ray came the closest to guessing who the visitor was, as he said it was Mr. Staley.

We are still enjoying this life, and have never been dissatisfied with a thing up to the present time, and have had no inclination to get out of the Navy. I guess it would do us a lot of good to wish to be back in Decatur. We are still washing our own clothes and have developed into two good washwomen, with prospects of making the rating of a first class Chinaman by the time we see four years of soap suds.

Drilling sure has been a snap and we were expecting a whole lot more than we have been getting since we joined the navy. They sure do not believe in overdrilling anyone. Some days we would like to have a little better workout. Have plenty of things to exercise with, as we have baseball supplies, football, basketball,

boxing gloves, and most everything in the athletic line. Also for less strenuous amusement we have checkers, dominoes, pool tables, library, victrola, piano, bean bags, fancy work and moving pictures.

Eats continue to be pretty fair. Ray still has arguments over fresh air.

We got our first liberty September 29th, and took in the city of Norfolk. Though it was sprinkling all day, it was our first day out on liberty, and nothing could have kept us in. There is sure a lot of black and white chickens in this burg, also quite a few of Lahnier's friends (Fit like the paper on the wall). You ought to see this burg, with all these sailors on the streets. People have gotten so that they have not much use for you, unless they meet you at some church party.

You can see sailors from all different nations, and they sure are a jolly bunch of fellows. When it comes to looks, I believe the U. S. has it on them all. The Navy Y. M. C. A. is general headquarters for sailors here, and all of them congregate there some time during the day, so you can wait there and see almost anyone you are looking for.

Secretary of the Navy Daniels visited this station Saturday and made an inspection of it. Had to have everything in first class shape before his arrival. They put us on grinder at 7:30 a. m., as he was supposed to arrive at 8. He was late, and did not show up till 11:15, which caused us to stand in one spot for that length of time and which made us feel as if we had done the hardest day's work since coming here. I suppose we thought so because it was Saturday and we do not drill

on that day. Mr. Daniels made a very interesting speech, but he does not get around to these camps very often. He told us that the last time he visited this camp the Navy's strength was 43,000 and that it now is 243,000. Taking those figures, I imagine his last visit was made quite a while back. We are expecting to be transferred to Jamestown tomorrow, which is about 9 miles from here, and will probably get all the finishing touches down there. It is a new camp and I don't know much about it. We are still apprentice seamen and I do not think that we will get into any other branch very soon, as we are not looking for anything any softer, and want to get hardened up a little. Ray seems to think he doesn't want anything that has book work connected with it, and is going to stay away from any clerical position, at least for a while. Louis says he will take a job as yeoman when he has opportunity.

As it is getting late, we will close, with full intention of bringing back the Kaiser's scalp to Decatur.

Hoping this letter finds every one in the best of health, we remain, as ever

Your friends,
Louis Brand.
Ray C. Scherer.

PLANT NEWS

The telegraph department was kept very busy during the world's series in keeping up with the regular business and supplying the fans with the score. The results of the series were very favorable to the majority of the men in the plant. The Corporation book took a little from those that thought the Giants were the best team.

Clam Shell Charley, while in

the tin shop the other day, was inspecting the workings of one of the tinner's bench tools and in so doing got his finger caught in one of the roller wheels. This is what you would call a near accident, and if it had happened in the machine shop where the power machines are, the results would have been different. The moral of this story is — *Don't monkey with a machine that you don't know anything about, even if you do run some other kind or make of machine*, whether it is power or hand driven.

The boys gave a wiener roast the other evening and it is said that some acted as if they hadn't eaten for a week. At least, they went so far as to invite several young ladies, and from reports there was a large spread at the home of one of the young ladies afterwards. What was the matter, boys; were the stores closed, or were you short?

Several people have asked, in the past week, if Fred Klump is married, as they have seen him more than once on the Condit street car. In a personal interview Mr. Klump denies being in such a state, and makes the further assertion that he is feeling quite well and expects to continue being a bachelor.

Arrangements have been made by which our employes can invest in Liberty Bonds, paying the regular rate of \$1.00 per week for each \$50.00 Bond. This is to be taken out of the pay through the Paymaster's office. Boys, get busy and let's keep up our reputation by making the largest purchase of Bonds in Decatur. This we can do if we all get together.

Carelessness vs. Caution

How often do we hear the remark, "This or that company has killed three employes; that mill has killed two of its employes, or this railroad has killed five of its employes"! Very few of us stop to think how wrong and how far from the truth some of these remarks really happen to be.

Employes have been killed and employes have been injured, but in how many cases were the employes themselves really to blame! There is no doubt but that the majority of these fatalities or injuries have occurred not through the fault of the employers, but because the employe was disobeying his employer's rules—was not considering his employer's efforts to safeguard him—was not thinking of his employer's intentions to be humane. Remember, it is the employe who runs the machine, it is the employe who comes in contact with dangerous conditions, and it is the employe whose unsafe practices lead to injuries. Is it any wonder that many employers are disgusted with accident prevention work, when after untiring efforts to make their plants safe, when after unlimited expenditures for safeguards and for improving unsafe conditions, they find that they have been on the wrong tack? When they find

that the main cause of accidents in their plants is not the unguarded machine, but the careless employe?

This may sound strange to those who blame the machine, whether guarded or unguarded, for any injury. But take all the accidents within your own experience and see how clearly stands out the fact that most of them were due to the carelessness of the employe. It may have been his refusal to obey instructions, it may have been his overstepping the bounds of safety, or it may have been his neglect to take care of minor injuries; in any event, you can nearly always trace the cause to carelessness.

What, then, can we do to breed the habit of caution and to get rid of the habit of carelessness? That is up to you, employes! Especially you who by constant effort and by continued effort have become safe men. In order that you may be rewarded for your pains you must now begin to seek out the careless man and put it up to him to change his habits, to show him how unwelcome he will be among his fellow workers if he continues to risk not only himself but his fellow workers.

Editor.

Think of the Kids at Home

To be careless, thoughtless, or reckless means injury sooner or later to yourself or others. :- :- :-

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