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### THE MATTRESS BANK

A telegram from Donaldsonville states that when Salvatore Fulco's grocery store and residence were destroyed by fire a few days ago, the principal loss was \$1,000 in money which Fulco had concealed in a mattress. Fulco explained that he had "little confidence in banks.'

It seems strange that in an enlightened age Tike this, people can be found who will risk their hard-earned savings in nooks and corners of their homes rather than place them in a bank where they will be absolutely secure. Money concealed in a house or buried in a yard is not only flable to be lost, destroyed or stolen, but it actually endangers the lives of its owner and his family. Robbers will not hesitate to torture or murder the man who banks in a mattress in order to discover the hiding place of his money. It is only a short time since a family of four were murdered in cold blood in north Louisiana, because the man at its head was reputed to have a large sum of money concealed somewhere.

Banks were never so safe nor depositors so well protected as they are today. The chances of loss are so small as to be negligible. The Thoarding of money is an indication of a miserly disposition which frequently costs its possessor

### "COME IN; THE WATER'S FINE"

Good old Papa Joffre probably never heard the favorite American colloquialism quoted above, but he has been repeating its French equivalent in Washington to the country's administrative heads, for a week or more, until repears that he has convinced them agains will and that an expeditionary force of our early prepared troops, probably national dardsmen, will be sent to the battle front in France within the month.

Gen. Joffre has thus proved himself a psychologist as well as a warrior of renown His announced reason for wanting American troops at the front at as early a date as possible is to inspire the French army with renewed ensthusiasm at the visible evidence of American co-operation. It is also probable, though not announced, that Marshal Joffre pictures the United States unclad and shivering on the bank of a stream in early spring, dreading the first cold plunge, and that he is anxious for us to get our feet wet. It is also possible that American help, even if apparently negligible, will be appreciated in the desperate fighting that bids fair to last all summer.

It is certain that the American expeditionary force will be well guarded and cared for and will not be employed on the battle line until thoroughly trained and prepared back of the line. We may as well face and get accustomed to the fact that the United States is not wanted in this war merely for moral effect or financial support, though this will be its principal form of participation for the remainder of this year.

"Interest in the interview of Secretary Hous ton with the editors of fifty women's publica tions this week centers in the curiosity to know how many of them, excusing Sister Bok, were of the fair sex.

Nothing is so stubborn as a preconceived idea. Newspaper correspondents at Chester, Pa., continued to persist in the theory that the explosion at Eddystone munitions plant which bioited out over a hundred lives was caused by "plots" even after the coroner had rendered lover the court house Wednesday. Oratory a verdict that there was nothing to show that flowed and Alexandria took a holiday. the explosion was not purely accidental.

The news that there is a prospective famine in castor oil might be classed as absolute zero among worries.

Emilienne Ducinistiere, a nineteen year old porations for Saturday to find out why they girl to death for gathering military news for the should not show their books or get out of the Germans. Remember how shocked we were at state. the beginning of the war over the idea that a woman could be put to death for any sort of military offense?

Having been told by the Germans that they newspaper correspondents got mad and left of education showing that they made perfect last week.

Lord Northeliffe, the great British publisher, has tendered the output of his New-Established as l'Abeille de la Nouvelle-Orleans foundland paper mills, some sixty ax thousand tons annually, to the publishers of the United States, to break the strangle hold the paper situation has upon their throats. The relief comes just in time to keep a number of newspapers from being put out of existence.

> Henry Waller, a north Louisiana farmer. has been sentenced to a year in the penitenliary. Henry's trouble is due to the well known H. C. of L. Three or four years ago he might have gotten ten days in jail for petty larceny, but the increasing market has made a hog higher priced than a steer used to be.

The Illinois House of Representatives has urned down the bill to establish an eight hour lay for women workers. The vast majority of all notables and had arranged an women workers work from fifteen to eighteen hours a day. The kindhearted legislators probably concluded that the change would be too violent.

If American troops are to be sent to the French front immediately, it is hard to understand why they should not be Col. Roosevelt and his hard-headed and hard-bitten followers Probably most of them have never broken training in their lives.

The soft snap of the war is held by one hundred and fifty Germans in the canal zone who have been interned at the swell hotel Aspenwall, on Tabogo Island, for the duration

## LOUISIANA CONDENSED.

The railroads of the state will furnish free transportation to the members of the food commission when traveling on official business.

Joseph Moore, new U. S. district attorney in vestern Louisiana, has asked the appointment f J. H. Jackson of Lake Charles as his assist-

J. Holliday and H. J. Graham, Shreveport parbers quarreled over the war, Holliday biting iff the end of Graham's finger.

Supt. Broussard of Ascension parish is vorking for the establishment of a negro in-

lustrial school at Donaldsonville. Fire destroyed the lumber yard of W. J. F. denwald at Folsom Tuesday morning. No

Bastrop had of flag raising and patriotic ratory Tuesday.

Ruston business men are organizing a comnittee to establish a sweet potato curing plant. sociated with Miss Balfour and no straddles the enemy trench. Only by landing a shell directly upon a Southern Pacific employes in the car de-friends, breaklast, diamer and tenders are it by any it Southern Pacific employes in the car de partment at Lafayette banqueted their forenan, L. F. Stafford Monday night.

Capt. Price certified nine Ruston young men o the officers camp at Fort Logan H. Roots.

Lafayette farmers and citizens met Tuesday

o plan a food preparedness campaign. Foster Long, a laborer, beat his wife alnost to death with a club at Columbia and then burned her flesh with a red hot poker. She will probably recover and he will get his in.

Dr. J. H. MacIntosh of Richland parish, a brother of District Judge MacIntosh of the West Carroll-Richland district has been taken ertson Hale is sponsor for these to the penitentiary to serve a life term for the nurder of Arthur E. Harrell at Girard, three

The four children of Mrs. J. T. Drummer a Bogalusa widow, have been sent to New Orleans for treatment for pellagra. Her husband one attests. "There are no fasten- when the commanding officer deand father-in-law both died of it.

. The Tangipahoa parish food commission is nailing appeals for better crops to every farmer in the parish.

Sam Williams, a negro employe of a lumber like it? Well, it was a question of machine guns begins when outposts ompany at Scanlon, had his leg shattered by a teel raif falling on it.

Secretary of State Bailey has collected \$140,000 from auto owners so far this year and expects to total \$200,000.

Somebody fired a shot through a window tunics and some of those graceful and by sheer weight crush it and at Leona Henry, a negro woman of Shreveport and killed her. Police are looking for a discarded male friend.

Shreveport has a bad attack of the concentration camp fever.

The police jury of Rapides raised the flag

The state convention of the Order of the Eastern Star is in progress at Hammond. Lake Charles wants it next year.

Lafayette council, K. of C. initiated fifty new nembers last Sunday.

The board of state affairs has summoned A French court martial has condemned representatives of seven b ig non-resident cor

> The Pickering Land & Lumber Co. has aprealed to the federal authorities to stop the infimidation of negro employes. Eighteen men originally promised, but to see that have been arrested.

"Over 20,000 school pupils of Louisiana wil are not wanted in Germany, all the American receive certificates from the state department records in the state spelling tests.

# A NEW CEILING

Middletown, N. Y., May 1.—David Mess, proprietor of the Waldo Hotel CAPT. SWEENLY OF FOREIGN in this city, is following the war news with more than ordinary interest. In the party of Foreign Secretary Arthur James Balfour are numbered several men with whom IS A GRADUATE OF WEST POINT Mr. Moss has been associated in the past during his connection with The House of Commons in London, as chief caterer.

Of Mr. Balfour he tells a rather unusual stopy. The then Premier was entertaining Japanese and Chinese ambassalors and other Orientelaborate dinner for his distinguished guests. Mr. Moss, of course, had: charge of all of the arrangements and had everything in readiness more recently in command of a secearly in the evening. The feast was tion of French "tanks," or armored to have been served late at night caterpillar fighting cars, is here During the evening one of Mr. Bal- from the front to help the United four's secretaries called upon Mr. Mess and asked him where the ban-panies. quet was to be served. Mr. Moss indicated one of the large banquet used these hog-like machines with

"Will you take me to see it?" the granted the request.

After looking over the room the dating their gains." secretary said that he was exceedingly sorry but that as Mr. Balfour was "in very poor voice" he would present war as an infantry private, be unable to speak in the hall which despite his West Point training. He ing?" the secretary asked. "Mr. Balfour doesn't want to strain his cross of the Legion of Honor for be misunderstood.

Mr. Moss had just four Lours in which to build a false ceiling in the banquet chamber, but he accompished the task.

Mr. Moss declares that Mr. Balmuch of the "punch" of his earlier days. When Balfour was Irish Secretary, Mr. Moss says he was an altogether different individual, Then he was noted for his vigorous methods and his strenuous mode of attacki Today he is a remarkably. soft-spoken statesman.

"Too much petticoats," is Mr. one of the brightest women in London. But in recent years he has asand he gets nothing else but the sort of talk-which has altered his outlook, apparently."

"He is a great statesman, though, added Mr. Moss, "and I just wish I could see him before he goes back,

New York, May 1.-The "Two-Minute Gown" has swept out among the bizarre of Greenwich Village. It doesn't amount to much more than a couple of yards of chiffon and a string of beads, but what is lacking comfort. Mrs. Beatrice Forbes-Robthe ample alike.

Devotees of the bifurcated are enthusiastic over them. "Why, It can get into mine in two minutes," silence! the enemy's connon, and ings to some of these clothes. You just out your arms over your head in the first-line and supporting and give two quick shakes and trenches are sufficiently demoralyou're dressed. I tried it out on my ized the signal to advance is given. husband the other night. Did he liking it or having to wait-and you of the German defenders empty the know a man."

blouse, there isn't much else in the from their observation points just way of a costume. They come in in front of the barbed wire. Then all styles-smocks, Russian blouses, the tanks arrive at the harbed wire effects-"hand-painted" in the roll onward to the first-line trench. back-and the cost is anywhere from \$25 to \$45. Some of them—the tank to straddle the German trench costumes -look Turkish and others It is halted and a cross-fire poured are patterned after the Chinese. and most of them droop dejectedly at every possible point.

Sidney Drew, the actor, at the trenches, Mayor's Recruiting Committee ofour years of age.

\$500 to Mrs. Purves, as he had she was provided for all the time in a dependent state," Mr. Drew that her son was in active service. stated.

# TO TEACH USE OF FRENCH "TANKS"

LEGION SENT TO U. S.

Little Known of French Type of Armored Cars, But They Are Effectice-"Zanzans" Their Pet Name

By International News Service. Washington, May 3.—Capt. Charles States in organizing tractor com-

It is learned here that the French success in the recent offensive. They cleaned up machine gun nests and secretary asked, and Mr. Moss gave protection to the poilus while they were "digging in" or "conso!i-

Captain Sweeney is a native of Spokane, Wash. He entered the had been selected. The ceiling was wanted to be in the thick of it, so declared to be much too high, chose that branch of the service. "Can't you possibly lower the ceil- and during his campaigning was in many battles. He was awarded the voice and neither does he want to valor and promoted to lieutenant when, single handed, he captured a machine gun and six Germans.

Very little has been written in this or any country regarding the French tanks. The first few used by the French army went into acour, while he is the greatest dip- tion about the same time the Britomat in the world, as well as the ish put theirs in the field. It was most accomplished speaker, has lost not until the great offensive began this spring that the poilus trotted forward in support of great numbers of their tanks-"zanzans," as they called them.

The best way to describe a French tank is to compare it with a giant hog, kneeling so that its short legs as it roots in the ground.

A rain if lead pours from its sides Moss' way of explaining the change. A rain if end pours from its sides prevent the enormous loss from Baltour is a bachelor and he lives as it proceeds, and heavier shot and improper handling and storing. The with his sister, who by the way, is she'l are showered upon any posttion where machine guns of the Germans may remain in action as it straddles the enemy trench. Only tank can it be put out of commission. Bullets from German rapidfirers and the infantry rifles are powerless. Hand grenades do it no damage.

Exactly how the French get the tanks to their first-line trenches in preparation for attack is a seeret. The well-trained mechanicians and riflemen are ready when it is time to start, and upon the signal the tank gets into action.

Artillery preparation precedes the advance of tanks. As the time apin quantity is amply supplied in proaches for the start the borned wire entanglement directly in front of the first-line trench is but. That adult rompers, or trouserettes, and is done under cover of darkness. they are designed for the thin and Then over the trench goes the tank and all is ready for the invasion of No Man's Land.

> Shelling by French articlery has cides that the remaining Germans

The "zanzanning" of the tanks chambers of their magazine rifles Except for the frousers and by way of alarm and try to retreat

The caterpillar wheels allow the into the line. The emplacements of German machine guns are literally blasted away by the field pieces that are mounted in the tanks and the enemy reserve infantry mowed down by machine gun fire as they crawl from their communication

At a signal from the commander ice, offered to pay \$500 to the first of each tank the French supportman in the audience who would en- ing infantry rushes forward. If all list in the army. His offer was ac- goes well the ground is cleared of cepted by Harold Purves, twenty- the enemy and the "poilus" reach the trench with a minimum loss. "I have always wanted to enlist," Then the second line is taken. The Purves said, "but there was one advance continues until the enemy thing that held me back. That was line is all captured, going forward my mother, who looks to me for a greater or less distance, according to the nature of the ground. Mr. Drew agreed not only to pay Tanks cannot attack batteries of ar-

"If this young man does not pass Mr. and Mrs. James Purves exthe physical test, I will make good pressed the hope that their only my offer to a man of his type who son, Harold, would not accept Mc dees not want to leave his mother Drew's offer.

# GROW BIG CROP OF NO DULL SUMMER SWEET POTATOES

The f flowing special appeal to Department of Agriculture:

more than \$4 per stere where vine tween \$35,000,000 and \$10,000,000. the French F reign Legion and creased acreage of this crop wher- belt of this state for many months. ever it can be easily grown. Sweet potatoes, it is pointed out,

are the South's chief instrument for a quick and effective increase of the food supply. Seed is plentiful, last year's crop was the second largest ever produced. By means of vine cuttings it is possible to plant a!most unlimited areas of this crop and at the same time conserve the present supply. That is, a farmer who wishes to plant ten acres will bed seed enough—say eight to ten bushels-to get slips for one acre. Vine cuttings from this acre would plant many more acres, plantings being possible until the first of August in the lower South. This system, now widely used in the South, enables the utilization of land from which early potatoes, cabbage and

other truck crops have been taken. Sweet potatoes are not expensive to grow. The main limiting factor fields set with vine cuttings are as large as from plants grown from slips. This method has the further advantage of preventing the transfer of disease which are carriel on the tubers.

The South doesn't need to learn how to grow sweet potatoes, the specialists point out. Farmers know crop. But the farmer must be impressed with the necessity of incannot be seen and creeping forward creasing his acreage of this crop; at par as a popular subscription, and and then, when harvest comes, to ample opportunity will be given to prevent the enormous loss from best way to keep sweet potatoes is

to store them in well-ventilated storage houses, not "dugouts," Storage houses should be made ready as soon as possible. In Farmers' Bulfetin 518, "Soning and Marketing Sweet Potatees," instruction for building such houses and for converting old and unoccupied buildings åre given.

tillery, and, theref re, their work is accomplished when the trenches are cleared.

With the advance of the French infantry positions there is a relative advance of supporting artillery in the rear and a consequent retreat

by the German artillery. Tanks are considered the properare proud of them. To be assigned to a "zanzan"—a bang-banging war chariot—makes the Frenchman hap-

py. If the American army adopts such fighting machines the firstdlass privates will be given the honor of becoming mechanicians and fighters without them. Exactly in what proportion the

French use tanks as compared with infantry regiments is a secret. but the constant cry is for more. They are of different sizzes, according to the ground over which they operate juit the tendency of late has been to construct them along bigger lines. The armored sides, top the knowledge that their work saves the lives of so many of their fellowcountrymen and Allies prompt qualify as members of the off, egg them to do their utmost.

Word has been received from the fermore and gordeners of the Washington that the Federal Ship-South has been received from the ping Board is about to place the largest order for lumber known in Seed to plant an acre of Trish po- the history of the country. It will tatoes cost about \$10 this spring, contract for two billion feet of Seed sweet potatoes will not cost yellow pine, at a price ranging be-

outlings taken from early-set plants. The immense order will, of course, are used. The yield of sweet po- be split up amons all the mills in tatoes per acre is usually greater the territory, but with their trethan that of Irish potatoes, and as | mendous output the Louisiana mills a food they are as nutritious. Sweet will obtain a large share of the potatoes may be grown throughout order. The lumber required would the Southern States, and of course, keep all the Louisiana mills in operin certain ther sections. Special- ation for eight months. The placists in the United States Department ing of this order will insure pros Sweeney, West Pointer, recently of of Agriculture are urging an in- perity in the long leaf yellow pine

Having done her share in furnishing men for the war. New Orleans new has a chance to furnish her share of the necessary money, While the sale of the new issue of bonds will be made bhrough the Federal Reserve banks, every bonk in New Orleans has been given the privitege of receiving subscriptions for them, beginning yesterday.

In a statement making the announcement Secretary McAdoo said. "I have determined to make an initial offering of \$2,000,000,000 of

the 3 1-2 per cent liberty loan of to the production of vast quantities 1917. The bonds will be dated July by this plan is labor. Yields from 1, 1917, with interest payable semiannually January 1 and July 1. The maturities will be announced later. In accordance with the provisions of the act, the bonds will be convertible into bonds hearing a higher rate of interest than 3 1-2 persent if any subsequent series of bonds shall be issued at aghigher rate of interest before the termination of how to produce large yields of this the war between the United States and the German government.

"The 'tiberty lean' will be offered every man and woman in the United States who wishes to subscribe 12 secure an absolutely safe investment, free from federal, state or ional taxation texcept. If volume, inberitaire taxes,. The boosts will be n such denominations as will them within the reach of every

# POPULAR RAILROAD MAN DEAD

The funeral of John North Abbott, for over twenty-five years a conductor on the Elinois Central Railroad, who died at his home, 715 Webster street, Wednesday, will take place at 1:30 o'clock this afternoon from the family residence. Mr. Abbott was a native of Natchez, Miss., but came to New Orleans in early life. He was a member of the White League in 1874. He has been ty of the infantry, and the poilus in failing health since his retirement two years ago.

> VILLAGER TACKLES REAL CITY Fred Seiler, of Chicago, arrived in New Orleans Wednesday afternoon.

With a party of friends he went on a tour of the tango bell Wednesday night and yesterday morning reported to the police the loss of three annual railroad passes and \$20. in currency. A soldier who danced with him; Seiler believes, had something to do with the theft.

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