

# LEGION WILL HOLD BIG MEET IN FALL

## New York Gets Ready for 600,000 Veterans.

New York—For the first time since the World war, Fifth avenue will resound to the beat of marching feet of more than a half million veterans, amid the blare of martial music. The parade will mark the second day of the American Legion's 1937 national convention—and this city's first convalesce in Legion history.

During the four-day Legion caucus, September 20-23, it is estimated, conservatively, that 600,000 ex-servicemen plus their wives and children—who are represented in auxiliary units such as Women's Auxiliary and the Sons of the American Legion—will attend the meeting. The high lights of the convention will include the opening session Monday, September 20, in Madison Square garden; the Drum and Bugle corps contest, in which 621 individual musical units will compete later at the Polo grounds, and the gigantic convention parade on Fifth avenue, Tuesday, September 21.

Twentieth Anniversary. The forthcoming annual gathering is planned to eclipse by far all its previous efforts and officials of the American Legion describe the 1937 affair as "the largest ever held on earth by any organization."

This year's great convention, marking the twentieth anniversary of America's entry into the World war, will have as its slogan, "Peace through preparedness."

The press, radio and Legion periodicals are being used by the promoters to induce the members to defer their vacation to coincide with the Legionnaires' convention.

From the convention officials here reports indicate more than 100 veterans' societies and associations

plan to hold reunions at the same time. Major-Gen. John F. O'Ryan, New York's ex-police commissioner, will head the reunions committee.

40 and 8 Reunion. One of the outstanding reunions, for color and interest, at the 1937 convention, will be that of the famous 40 and 8. Because this reunion plays an integral part in the convention proceedings, there is a 40 and 8 committee, of which the chairman is Pelham St. George Bissell, president justice of the Municipal court.

Justice Bissell is chief chemist de fer passe of the 40 and 8, and ex-officio a member of Legion officials. He served with the Seventy-seventh division in France.

Simultaneously with the convention is the annual assembly of the American Legion auxiliary, headed by Mrs. William N. Corwith, present national radio chairman of the organization and past president of the New York Department auxiliary.

### SIDE GLANCES

A cockroach sheds its skin and gets a new one seven times as it grows up.

Over 4,000 termites have been counted in a single cubic foot of infested wood.

Publication of senators' speeches in the Congressional Record costs approximately \$250,000 a session.

### DO YOU KNOW—

Chicago has 40 miles of bicycle paths.

Beer was once strictly a lady's drink.

Uncle Sam has over 250 sources of income.

Only the female of the glow worm is luminous.

### Flowers Convey Messages

Symbolize Months of Year. In sending out flowers, certain combinations have their meanings, observes a writer in the Los Angeles Times. Rosebuds with myrtle are a confession of love. Colored daisies with mimosa de-note, "I admire your beauty."

Dillies-of-the-valley with ferns say, "Your unconscious sweetness has fascinated me." Yellow roses with ivy and a broken straw flower mean, "Your jealousy has broken our friendship." Day lilies, colored daisies and a bit of white holly mean, "Your coquetry and beauty have cast a spell over me." An orchid or an orchid corsage sent to your lady friend, signifies, "You are highest in my affections."

Roses have always portended certain meanings. And sophisticated youth today delights in sending, or receiving the blossoms or buds with these meanings in mind. Sim-lax has been equally popular in the decorating of homes and churches for weddings. No doubt this is due to the mythological meaning of the plant. A combination of roses and smilax say to the receiver, "I shall love you always."

Water lilies and mimosa, mean, "I admire you for your heart of gold."

A combination of sweet peas, golden-rod, monkshood and forget-me-not would give the following message: "I wish you a pleasant departure, but be cautious, danger is near: forget-me-not."

Geraniums and arbor vitae inform the receiver of the message: "Accept my consolation and be assured of my unchanging friendship."

Through this, you may learn your own combinations and send your messages via the flower way.

Certain flowers also symbolize the months of the year: Snowdrop, January; primrose, February; violet, March; daisy, April; haw-thorne, May; honeysuckle, June; water lily, July; poppy, August; morning-glory, September; hops, October; chrysanthemum, November; holly, December.

## PEIPING AGAIN IS SCENE OF WARFARE

### Ancient Capital of China Again in Spotlight.

Washington, D. C.—Fighting in the Forbidden city has again thrown a world spotlight on the frequently fought-over city, former capital of China and always a center of international interest. The National Geographic society, "its geographic location brings it into contact with Japanese-controlled Manchukuo on the northeast, semi-independent Tibetan provinces on the west, and Russian-controlled Mongolian republics on the northwest. Foreign embassies and branches of scores of foreign business firms give it the greatest international importance north of the Yangtze river. As center of the Hopen-Chaihar council, it is a focus for the independence movement which has weakened ties between North China and the central government at Nanking.

Stronghold of Tradition.

"In national affairs Peiping is a stronghold of tradition. Contrasting with the present Chinese capital at Nanking, the northern metropolis has had many reincarnations as seat of China's government under such romance-freighted names as Peking, Cambule, and Purple Imperial City. Its Mandarin dialect, the 'Parisian French' of Chinese speech, comes closer than any other to being generally understood throughout the nation.

"Peiping was the focus of perhaps the most widespread international tension on Chinese record during the anti-foreign Boxer uprising in 1900, when troops of several nations, including the United States, were landed and marched inland to rescue all Peiping's foreign residents, who had been besieged for two months in the British embassy.

"Since that time an important sector of the Chinese city has been the half-square-mile of occidental oasis on the oriental scene—the legation quarter, where foreign troops guard gateways. Three and four-story buildings form the legation quarter, pierced by the radio tower of the United States marines.

"China's ghost-town-in-chief lies at the very heart of Peiping's walled rectangle, the Forbidden city. This realm of fabulous imperial splendor began to totter when invaded by foreign troops quelling the Boxer uprising, was supplanted by Chinese republicanism, and when the 'White House' was moved to Nanking in 1928, the Imperial palace became a haunt for sightseers.

Really Five Cities.

"When the Forbidden city lost its potency, Peiping was crippled but not killed. For the northern metropolis is really five cities, built like the nests of lacquer boxes on shelves of its own curio shops. The ancient but unbroken Peiping walls encircle a Chinese city in its southern part, from which the Tientsin city in the north section is set apart. Within that, red walls protect the Imperial city, within which nestles the once most exclusive area of all, the purple-walled Forbidden city. Just south of the latter is the international enclosure.

"Commerce with the north preserved Peiping's importance when imperial prestige faded. Seven main highways for camel caravans, passable for some distance by auto, radiate from the city. Nomadic Mongol relatives of Genghis Khan from the north of the Great Wall converge by these routes to exchange meat, livestock, hides and furs for winter supplies of brick tea and salt. A thriving fur trade is stimulated by icy winds from frozen northern deserts, giving Peiping some zero winter weather although it is south of Philadelphia's latitude. Summer winds bring blighting dust storms, for which Peiping is as notorious as London is for fog.

"As commercial and cultural mistress of China's northern plain, Peiping is the country's second largest city, being surpassed only by Shanghai. In location it has no natural advantages over the thousands of nearby villages, few of them containing more than a dozen earthen houses with thatched roofs. Yet Peiping is renowned for its spacious paved streets, imposing gates, and its crumbling palaces and temples."

### Buck Western Grave for Sutter, Finder of Gold

Lititz, Pa.—Removal of Gen. John Augustus Sutter's body from this place to San Francisco for a proposed expository purposes so far has met with a cool reception. Several California emissaries recently visiting here pleaded for permission to return the body to the west coast where, they said, the general should remain. They would build a monument near the site of his mill where he discovered gold. Sutter was credited with starting the "Western Flood" of the '40s who, crowding around the mill creek, eventually founded the colony which became the city of Sacramento.

Little officials, however, insist that Sutter found it necessary to come here to prosecute his claims of California property. While his suit was in litigation in Washington Sutter died, reportedly a poor and disappointed man.

## WHO ARE YOU?

### The Romance of Your Name

By RUBY HASKINS ELLIS

#### An Edmonstone?

THE family originated in north France, with Count de Edmont, a duke of Flanders, whose son William, in 1093, went to Scotland as a special attaché to Queen Margaret, wife of King Malcolm.

The king bestowed upon him the land of Edmonston and Ulmet for faithful service.

Archibald Edmonstone was the first of the family in America. He



Edmonstone

patented land in 1689 in Maryland and Virginia, and succeeded his father as commander of county militia in Maryland. He married Jane Beall, daughter of the well-known Ninian Beall.

Through intermarriages the Edmonstones became connected with many prominent families, among them the Ormes, who claim descent from the royal house of Stuart.

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#### The Term "White Paper"

The term "white paper" is applied to government reports on any subject, especially British publications of a less extensive nature than the British blue-books, which are official reports of parliament and of the privy council. Reports of ambassadors, consular officials, etc., are often printed as "white papers." These terms have been in use for many years. During the late war, most of the war-time nations published official documents to justify their stand. These included the white book of the Germans, the blue books of the British and Serbians, the yellow book of the French, the orange book of the Russians, the red book of the Austrians, the green book of the Italians, etc. The names are derived from the colors of the paper covers given to the documents.

## Gnome Rat Is Relative

of Common Kangaroo Rat. The gnome rat is a close relative of the fairly common kangaroo rat of the West. It lives only in a very limited area in southern Idaho and Nevada, which is covered with wind-blown sand of a certain texture. In this sand the rat burrows at the feet of rare bushes. So fine is its adaptation to such peculiar environment—where hardly any other mammal can live, so that it is fairly free from enemies—that it cannot exist in a region where the sand is a trifle coarser or finer.

Its feet and toes are heavily furred. In other words, it apparently wears "sandshoes" to keep it from sinking into the drifts of fine sand. These are much the same principle as snowshoes.

Another peculiarity, according to a writer in the Washington Star, is that, living in a waterless desert, it "carries water bottles" around with it. About the only food is the seed of a tiny shrub that is sated over this queer desert. This shrub bears pods, each of which contains a droplet of water. The gnome rat found this out, gathers the pods and crushes them around in its cheek pouch and even stores them for the winter so that it will have water when needed.

Every now and then they are almost completely wiped out by starvation. They are strictly nocturnal in their habits, remaining crouched in their burrows during the day.

#### Training Elephants

In India, Burma, and Siam elephants have been domesticated since written history began, but used as beasts of burden and for hunting. The period of training lasts many years, says a writer in the Chicago Tribune, and a well-trained animal will frequently command a price high as \$5,000. Contrary to general belief, the big African elephants are about as amenable to training as their Indian cousins. The armies of ancient Carthage used African elephants in war, and according to Vevers: "At Ayl, in the Congo, there were in 1924 fifty elephants in training, nineteen of which had completed the course and were waiting animals. The training is done by local natives who learned their business from Indian mahouts imported as instructors. Half-grown wild elephants are chosen for training, which is carried on for ten years before the animal is strong enough for regular work. Attempts to shorten the period of training in the past have always ended in the death of the animal."

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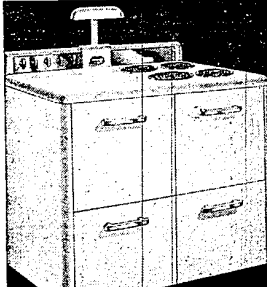
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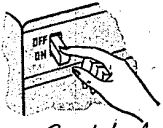
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