

FREE CANDY AND CIGARETS. **INSISTS K. C.**

- Board of Directors Protests Effort To **Restrian** Welfare Organizations From Giving Comforts to Soldiers.

DONORS WISHED MONEY SO SPENT

Knights Emphatically Claim Right To Maintain Service as it was Before United Drive; Boxing Arena Opened.

The opening of the new boxing head-quarters of the Knights of Colum-bus in Paris was punctuated with a re-markable speech by William J. Mulli-gar, general chairman of all war activi-tizs. Mr. Mulligan outlined succinctly the future policy of the Knights of Co-fumbus, declaring that the slogan would in future be as it has been in would in future be, as it has been in the past, "Every-body welcome and everything free".

In substantiation of the emphatic announcement of the chairman he produced a cablegram which had been received from the board of directors of the Knights of Columbus within an hour of the opening of the club. The cable was the result of a conference of the Knights of Columbus within an hour of the opening of the club. The cable was the result of a conference of the "committee of eleven", having ge-neral supervision of the work of all war service organizations in France and America which was held in Chicago

President Back; Peace by April 1 Is Now Possible

President Wilson came back to France last week and resumed his labors with the peace commission on Friday. His first task was co-operation in the drafting of the preliminary peace treaty. Sub-committee reports have been recei-ved and the reports of the main commis-

sions are being co-ordinated, ready to be placed before the entire conference. It is believed that the preliminary treaty will be complete by March 20 and that it will be handed to the German delegates at Ver-sailles this week. Thus, if the enemy agrees to the terms or does not not de-mand too radical or too numerous changes peace may he signed by April 1.



One hundred and forty officers and en-listed men of the Eighty-eighth division were sent to the A. E. F. university at Beaune, Cote d'Or, last week in three déta-chments. The courses the men will take were to be selected after they arrived at the school.

The division also has furnished eleven instructors for the university. Five officers were requested from general headquarters about three weeks ago and six enlisted men were sent on an order of about ten days

Spick and Span Trucks, Passenger Cars and Motorcycles Will Compete in Big. Exhibits March 28, 29.

MOTOR SHOWS

UP FOR A. E. F.

AUTOS SHINED

ALL DIVISIONS ARE HOLDING SHOWS

Winners will be Awarded Seven, Five And Three-Day Leaves; Corpe Shows Will be Given on April 11, 12.

S wishing of paint brushes, splashing of water and scraping of mud will be sounds and sights for the next two weeks everywhere there is a motor vehicle. They are portents of spick and span trucks, passenger cars and riotor-cycles that will compete in the Motor Transport Show on March 28 and 29. A general program of painting and and cleaning up has been inaugurated through the M.T.C. in preparation for the exhibition the exhibition.

Appearance, however, is not to be the most important point upon which a ris will be made, according to Capt. Apple and M.T.O. Cleanliness and efficiency of the tors and the general condition of the running gear of the vehicles will count largely in the final judgement.

Col. Olmsted, of the 313th Ammunition Train has been appointed Master of Cere-monies of the division's show. With severall other officers he recently attended the

Two Automatic Rifles Souvenirs ***** To be Put in Des Moines Museum

The two rifles were used, and were mainly instrumental, in the repulsing of a German raid on the Clover Leaf lines in Schönholz wood, center sec-tor, Haute Alsace, Germany, on Oct. 31, 1918.

They were secured last week from the They were secured last week from the S52nd Infantry, Company I, by Capt. J. L. Aney of the historical section at general headquarters and are to be sent immedia-tely to the capitol at Des Moines. Capt. Aney is collecting war material captured from the enemy for historical pur-

poses, but as the Eighty-eighth did not have any, he felt that the two Browning rifles

were just as appropriate. The history of the rifles in brief is : About 8:50 on the morning of Oct. 31, 1918 the Germans started a bombardment on the American lines of the center sector in Haute Alsace, Germany. It lasted for 30 minutes, until 9:20, and was followed by a raiding party of 40 Germans under com-mand of a non-commissioned officer. Their ordens were to capture American prisoners.

Wiped out Trenches

The barrage wiped out the observation trenches, causing a few casualties in killed and wounded. One post was in an isolated place on a small ridge. It was in charge of forp. Hans Johnson (and a squad of men

Pyts. Harold H. Crosby and Culcie E Boyd were on sentry duty when the rai-ders came over. Each had an automatic rife.

T wo Browning automatic rifles are to be placed in the Iowa Historical museum at Des Moines as souvenirs le guerre from the Eighty-eighth divithe dugout wer with a shower of bullets and hand ar the nd were throw to go back. One of the en was hit and he fell in such a manner that the dugout entrance was completely blocked, thus cut ing off two men in the trench from inunediate assistance.

Corp. Johnson and Pyt. Crosby manned their guns and with hand grenades gave the invaders a hot reception. However, they could not stop the rush and it became a hand-to-hand fight. Dut Crosby was shot and hit with grenade splinters in se-veral places. His in was taken away from him and he was beaten to the ground.

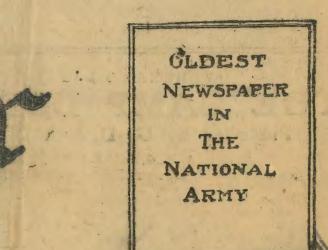
Johnson's gun was put out of commission for a few moments by dirt blown into the mechanism from an exploding grenade. He got it to working again and starled peppering the enemy.

By this time aid fron the rear reached the men and the enemy was forced to retreat. One wounded German was captured, but he died while being taken back to headquarters.

Corp. Johnson come through the fight practically unscathed and he is now a sergeant. Pyts. Crosby and Boyd were sent to the hospital and be now in the United States, probably discharged.

Crosby's gun was recovered after things had quieted down where the Germans had dropped it in their flight.

Thus the two guns actually used will form part of the history for the Eightyeighth



2,000 SOLDIERS **MEET TO FORM** A.E.F. LEAGUE

Colonels and Buck Privales Join in Conférence to Organize Liberty Association and Perpetuate Ideal.

ALL PARTS OF AMRY REPRESENTED

Preliminaries Taken Care of and Arrangements Made to Mcet Again Next Winter in America to Finish Business.

Worke than 2.000 soldiers of every rank and branch of the A. E. F. are in Paris today, closing final prepa-rations for the launching of a war ve-

terans' association the Liberty-League. The last meeting will be concluded this afternoon. The conference, made up of officers and men who were sent to Paris from every unit of the A. E. F., has been in session for the last three days.

Although no full announcement of preparations for the association will be unde until the committee reports are received tenight, the enthusiasm and vigor with which the delegates went to work during the first two days have forecasted imme-diate success for the organization.

The first session of the caucus was scheduled to be held last Saturday noon at the American Red Cross Club, 4, ave-nue Gabriel. The number of delegates sens

Peppers the Enemy.