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

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

DONORS WISHED MONEY SO SPENT

*Knights Emphatically Claim Right To
Maintain Service as it was Before Uni-
ted 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-
gan, general chairman of all war activi-
ties. Mr. Mulligan outlined succinctly
the future policy of the Knights of Col-
umbus, declaring that the slogan
would in future be, as it has been in
the past, "Every-body welcome and
everything free".

In substantiation of the emphatic an-
nouncement of the chairman he pro-
duced a cablegram which had been re-
ceived 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 "committee of eleven", having gen-
eral 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 receiv-
ed 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 be signed by April 1.

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**140 Men Sent to
A. E. F. University
11 Teachers too**

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 deta-
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
ago.

Officer-instructors are: Ist. Lt. Sidney H.
Moise, infantry; 2nd. Lt. William J. Field,
349th Inf.; Capt. Arthur L. Burnham, 351st
Inf.; Ist. Lt. Irving Beholken, 351st Inf.;
and 2nd. Lt. Robert F. Bacchus, 119th F. A.
Enlisted men-instructors are: Sgt. 1cl.
Victor W. Zieske, 313th San. Tr.; Sgt. Eu-
gene K. Rainard, 120th F. A.; Corp. Ben-

**AUTOS SHINED
UP FOR A. E. F.
MOTOR SHOWS**

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

ALL DIVISIONS ARE HOLDING SHOWS

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

SWISHING 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 ve-
hicle. They are portents of spick and
span trucks, passenger cars and motor-
cycles that will compete in the Motor
Transport Show on March 28 and 29.
A general program of painting and
cleaning up has been inaugurated
through the M.T.C. in preparation for
the exhibition.

Appearance, however, is not to be the
most important point upon which awards
will be made, according to Capt. Apple-
ton, M.T.O. Cleanliness and efficiency of motors
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 sev-
eral other officers he recently attended the
District transportation show at Beaune-Aube

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

Two Browning automatic rifles are
to be placed in the Iowa Historical
museum at Des Moines as souvenirs
of the war from the Eighty-eighth divi-
sion.

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

They were secured last week from the
352nd Infantry, Company I, by Capt. J. L.
Aney of the historical section at general
headquarters and are to be sent immedi-
ately to the capitol at Des Moines.

Capt. Aney is collecting war material
captured from the enemy for historical
purposes, 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
orders were to capture American pris-
oners.

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 Corp. Hans Johnson and a squad of
men.

Pyts. Harold H. Crosby and Culcie E.
Boyd were on sentry duty when the raid-
ers came over. Each had an automatic
rifle.

Boyd was injured and put out of the
fighting early in the fight and Corp. John-
son seized his rifle and took his place.
The other men as they started to come out
of the dugout were hit with a shower of
bullets and hand grenades and were forced
to go back. One of the men was hit and he
fell in such a manner that the dugout en-
trance was completely blocked, thus cut-
ting off two men in the trench from imme-
diate assistance.

Corp. Johnson and Pvt. 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. Pvt. Crosby was
shot and hit with grenade splinters in sev-
eral places. His gun was taken away
from him and he was beaten to the ground.

Peppers the Enemy.

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 started pep-
pering the enemy.

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

Corp. Johnson came through the fight
practically unscathed and he is now a ser-
geant. Pvts. Crosby and Boyd were sent
to the hospital and are 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 Eighty-
eighth.

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

*Colonels and Back Privates Join in Con-
ference to Organize Liberty Association
and Perpetuate Ideal.*

ALL PARTS OF AMRY REPRESENTED

*Preliminaries Taken Care of and Arran-
gements Made to Meet Again Next
Winter in America to Finish Business.*

WORE than 2,000 soldiers of every
rank and branch of the A. E. F.
are in Paris today, closing final prepara-
tions 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 prepara-
tions for the association will be made
until the committee reports are received
tonight, the enthusiasm and vigor with
which the delegates went to work during
the first two days have forecasted im-
mediate success for the organization.

The first session of the caucus was
scheduled to be held last Saturday noon
at the American Red Cross Club, 1, ave-
nue Gabriel. The number of delegates sent
by all the units...