





# SAILOR FOUGHT WHOLE WAR AND DIDN'T KNOW IT

Father Identifies Picture of Son Missing for Five Years.

CHICAGO, April 29.—Unless an operation to be performed in the near future clears his memory, what he did in the world war will always remain a mystery to Lawrence Kesling, 24 years old, who is enroute to his home in Lewiston, Mont., after an absence of six years.

Kesling was discharged from the military hospital of the National Home for Disabled Veterans at Dayton, Ohio, two months ago. His discharge papers from the United States navy bears the name of Harold Payton, but how he got the name, how he got into the navy and what he did in the service is a Chinese puzzle to both the youth and his father, G. G. Kesling, a rancher of ewiston.

Kesling found his son at the Dayton, Ohio, military hospital in February after the youth's picture had been published in a Dayton newspaper over the name of Harold Payton. Relatives of Mr. Kesling's who lived in Dayton, sent the paper to the youth's father and the elder Kesling immediately left Lewiston for the Ohio hospital. He identified Payton as his son, and the two are now en route to their home, Mr. Kesling having visited other cities in an effort to clear up some of the movements of the ex-service man.

Young Kesling has a livid scar on the top of his head and the hair has been clipped away.

Was Amnesia Patient  
"They told me at the military hospital at Dayton," he said at the Law hotel Wednesday, "that they had operated on me for amnesia and that I had been in the hospital since December, 1917. They said I had been on the transport, the Susquehanna, when it was torpedoed by the Germans in the Bay of Biscay in November, 1917, and that I had been struck on the head by a flying piece of steel. They said they had been trying to find out who I was, and had had my picture published in papers all over the country, but had met with no success.

"My records gave my name as Harold Payton, and all the other information on my navy entrance papers in regard to myself is fictitious, my father tells me.

"I cannot get any compensation from the government because there is this mystery about me. If I passed myself off as Harold Payton when I entered the navy, I face the chance of being charged by the government with false enlistment. If there really is a Harold Payton and the records got mixed up in some strange manner, I don't know how it came that I always gave my name at the hospital as Payton and thought I was Payton till my father came there and told differently."

According to the older Kesling, the youth disappeared from home in November, 1916. Nothing was heard of him until the picture of him was published in the Dayton paper and relatives of the Keslings living there saw it.

Boat Was Torpedoed.  
Lawrence Kesling is of the opinion that his memory became a blank when the troop transport on which he was an oiler, according to the records, was torpedoed.

"But what worries me most," he said, "is the fact that they have me down as Payton. I don't remember about enlisting in the navy, but I feel sure that I would not have gone in under a 'phony' name, as there is no reason why I should not have used my own."

As the first operation failed to clear up young Kesling's memory, another one will be performed after he gets home, according to his father, as the ex-sailor can obtain no compensation from the government until the mystery connected with his identity and his record is cleared up. The boy is apparently in full possession of all his mental faculties at the present time, according to his father.

## WELL IN OIL CITY AREA FLOWS 2,100 IN 20 HOURS

OIL CITY, Texas, April 29.—The Ralco company's Roark No. 1 well, one and one-half miles southeast of Oil City, Thursday gauged 2,100 barrels production in twenty hours. This is due to the operators having drilled the well about two feet deeper into the sand.

The Carmack well, one and one-half miles southwest of Oil City, continues to flow 570 barrels daily and has not yet been fully developed.

Four days and nights of rain has filled all the tanks and flushed out the water ways in this field. A few places have been made inaccessible to truck travel, the most of the roads being deep sand are all the better going for the rains.

## MAN KILLED WHEN TRACTOR TURNS OVER

DALHART, Texas, April 29.—While plowing with a tractor on his farm thirty miles north of Dalhart, Cave Bull was instantly killed when the tractor turned over, pinning his body underneath.

Bull is survived by a wife and children, mother and father and two sisters, Mrs. Robert L. Henry of El Paso and Mrs. Tatum of Dalhart.

## Actresses Depict Evolution of Period Styles



In this heyday of changing styles there is a certain relief in glancing back over the designs of yesteryear. At the Actors' Equity Show at the Metropolitan opera house, New York, on May 7, Broadway stage beauties will display costumes of the past. Here are shown four of the pretty actresses in the dresses they will wear. From left to right you see Bernice Ackerman in a costume of the Elizabethan period, Grace Culbert, in a dress of grandmother's time; Olive King, in a design of Mediaeval times, and Helen Lyons in a garb of a Puritan maiden.

## GUM-SHOEING!

EVANSVILLE, Ind., April 29.—It developed here today that since the primary election campaign was opened in Indiana candidates have become heavy buyers of chewing gum.

This increase in the demand for chewing gum is laid to the fact that it provides one of the best mediums for approaching the feminine voter. Cigars still hold their place in the front rank of staples to accompany the hearty handshake and critical inquiry as to the health and prosperity of the men.

Reports from rural communities are that certain candidates already have assured themselves of a substantial support by an intensive campaign of baby kissing.

## RATS DRIVEN OUT BY FLOOD ATTACK CHILD

DALLAS, April 29.—Little 18-months-old John Malcolm Reid, 508 South Harwood street, was severely bitten on the hand and wrist by a rat during the early morning hours of Thursday, according to emergency hospital surgeons, who treated the child. They reported the hand and wrist seriously lacerated and inflamed. The child's aged grandmother was also bitten by a rodent. City officials say that high waters have driven them from their dens and that large numbers are likely to be seen during the next day or two.

## POSSIBLY FATALY SHOCKED CONNECTING RADIOPHONE

FORT WORTH, April 29.—L. H. Hager, 1938 Fifth avenue, was possibly fatally shocked while connecting up a small home receiving radiophone. He threw one end of the connecting wire over a power wire leading

## CARDINAL O'CONNELL IS HOME FROM ABROAD



Cardinal O'Connell, Boston Prelate, has returned to America from Rome. He arrived there too late to participate in the election of Pope Pius XI. Here the venerable prelate is seen viewing the New York skyline from the steamer Arabic, on which he came home.

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from a light pole, retaining one end in his hand. He was badly burned about the hands, arms and feet.

Hager was taken to St. Joseph infirmary, where attendants declare the shock he received was so severe he can not recover. He is still unconscious.

## T. & P. SHOPS TO CLOSE FOR INDEFINITE PERIOD

MARSHALL, Texas, April 29.—A bulletin posted here Friday afternoon

## DIVORCED WIFE SPURNS A RECONCILIATION



Reports that she would become reconciled with her husband, Senator Arthur L. Smith, president of the Rhode Island Senate, have been emphatically denied by Mrs. Alice Thompson Smith, of Barrington, Mass., head of the city's branch of the W. C. T. U. Her divorce decree is final, she asserts.

in the shops by Superintendent G. A. Weber of the Texas & Pacific, announced that the shops will be closed down Monday, May 1, indefinitely. The shut-down is due to the flood that spread over the country traversed by the Texas & Pacific railway and the enormous expense that will be necessary in rebuilding the track and bridges along the line. The close-down here will affect over 1,000 workmen.

## —AT THE— Lamb Theatre TODAY

Tom Mix  
—in—  
"Trailing"  
Also Sunshine Comedy  
"SMALL TOWN STUFF"  
—and—  
RUTH ROLAND  
—in—  
"THE WHITE EAGLE"

## LOOK FOR T. O. O. CLUB ANNOUNCEMENT IN SUN-DAY'S TIMES

## JAZZ NO WORSE THAN OLD WALTZ, VIOLINIST SAYS

By Associated Press.  
PRINCETON, N. J., April 29.—Jazz is no worse than the old-fashioned waltz, Fritz Kreisler, famous violinist, said here. Looked upon as a humorous turn of the musical world, there is nothing objectionable about it, he declared, in discussing modern music before his concert at Princeton university.

"Jazz is but a clever satire on the older music," he said.

The larger bats are found in the warmer climates.

## PROGRAM

LAMB—Tom Mix in "Trailing," also Sunshine comedy, "Small Town Stuff," and Ruth Roland in "The White Eagle."  
MAJESTIC—Harold Lloyd in "A Sailor-Made Man."

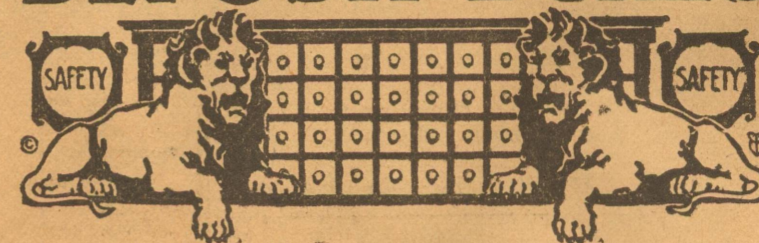
## LUBBOCK LETS CONTRACT FOR NEW AUDITORIUM

LUBBOCK, Texas, April 29.—The contract was let Friday to J. G. Gelin for a community auditorium to seat 2,500. The building will be octagon

shaped with a balcony on five sides and will be located on the City Park property at the corner of Ninth and I. The contract calls for the building complete with dressing-rooms, a 25x40 foot stage, orchestra pit, lounge-room, restroom, radio and moving picture projector room and every other detail of comfort and convenience.

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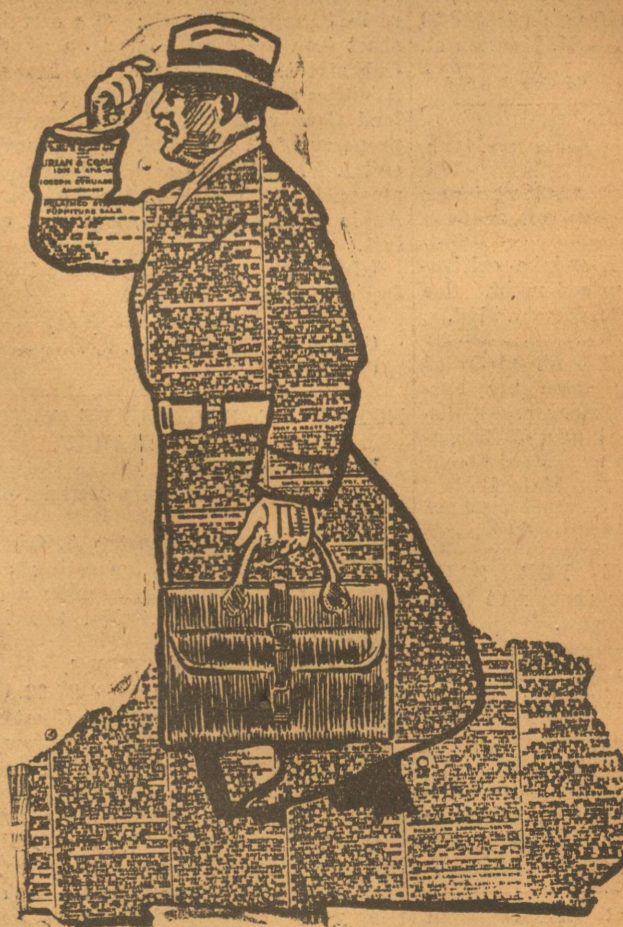
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