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# THE MISSOURI MINER.

Missouri School of Mines and Metallurgy, Rolla, Missouri.

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Saturday, October 19, 1918.

Price 5 Cents.

## A PERMANENT FILE FOR MINING RECORDS AND REPORTS.

The exigencies of the war have brought out the necessity of having in Washington a permanent file containing detailed information relating to mines and mining companies, information that is not now available in any library, but is needed by the Government in solving many problems relating to the betterment of the mineral industries. The Bureau of Mines, therefore, has undertaken the establishment of a file, in which it intends to place not only data published in the annual reports of directors or mine managers to stockholders, but also reports of consulting engineers and the information supplied by mining companies in reply to questionnaires submitted to them. The reports of consulting engineers and any mining reports that the author or the operator wishes to have considered confidential will be so regarded; those that may be published later will bear a stipulated release date such as the author or operator may indicate.

In order that this information may be collected as rapidly as possible the Bureau of Mines invites mine operators, consulting engineers, and others to forward copies of reports that they may on any mining property, these reports to be filed permanently with the bureau at Washington. Also the bureau asks all mining companies that issue an annual report to kindly favor the bureau with a copy for its files.

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## THE S. A. T. C.

The S. A. T. C. is definitely established at the school now, and things promise to run along in a routine. It has certainly been a period of uncertainty in which every one found it difficult to concentrate on any one thing. Even now there is a little unsettledness, but it is a matter of only a short time when every one will feel quite settled, and will as a result, be able to take hold of the many new duties that have become a part of their training, and do them well. The barracks in Mechanical Hall were occupied for the first time Wednesday night, and until taps were sounded there were many humorous occurrences. Mess has become a matter of routine, and is not looked upon by any one as unusual—unless it is late, when there is a general howl. There has not been a great deal of drill this week, for drill periods, as well as all other spare time, has been used for arranging the barracks.

## M. S. M. SOLDIERS DEPART.

The second contingent of soldiers that underwent training at M. S. M. left Rolla Monday morning. The men were apportioned to the various camps as follows: 72 to Machine Gun Training Center, Camp Hancock, Ga.; 23 to Medical Corps, Camp Allentown, Pa.; 1 to Washington Barracks, D. C.; 3 to Division of Military Aeronautics, Wilbur Wright Field, Fairfield, O.; 19 to Raritan Arsenal, Metuchen, N. J.; 4 to Coast Artillery, Baltimore; 5 to Motor Transportation, El Paso, Texas; 15 to Engineer Corps, Camp Benjamin Harrison, Ind.

## PROF. C. E. RODGERS VICTIM OF INFLUENZA.

Prof. Charles E. Rodgers was a victim of the influenza epidemic. As a result of this malady, which merged into pneumonia, Prof. Rodgers died at his home in this city Friday evening. He is survived by his wife.

Charles Elmer Rodgers was born in Des Moines, Iowa, forty years ago. He came to Missouri twenty-five years ago, and engaged in the mining business in the Joplin district. He united in marriage with Miss Alice Moffett, of Seneca, Mo. Mr. Rodgers was a very successful mining man, and was regarded as an expert ground man in mining.

When the School of Mines was taken over last June by the U. S. Government to train men in mining, trench digging and explosives for war work, Mr. Rodgers, on account of his expert knowledge in this line, was called here from his home in Webb City to give instruction in this particular line. His services were highly satisfactory, and he was held in high regard by all who knew him. His is the only death in connection with the School of Mines epidemic.

Mr. Rodgers was a member of the Knights and Ladies of Security, and a prominent member of the Brotherhood of Elks. Besides his wife he is survived by his father, a Civil War veteran, now in the Federal Soldiers' Home in Kansas, and two brothers and two sisters. A brother-in-law, Mr. R. G. Kirwan, of Webb City, arrived in Rolla Friday, and was here during the last hours of



the deceased.

The remains were shipped to Webb City Saturday night for interment.

Many Rolla friends sympathize with Mrs. Rodgers in her bereavement.

#### NORMAN L. OHNSORG.

Norman L. Ohnsorg, '10, died at Nashville, Tenn., Oct. 11. He was a victim of the Spanish influenza, and at the time of his death he was a First Lieutenant in the Ordnance Department of U. S. A. He, with his father and mother, Mr. and Mrs. W. H. Ohnsorg, resided for a number of years in Rolla, but during the last few years they have made their home in St. Louis. His remains were brought to DeSoto, Mo., for burial.

He had four degrees from M. S. M. to his credit. They were B. S. in Mining Engineering; E. M.; B. S. in Metallurgy; and Met. E. He received his first degree in 1910, and his last in 1916.

Watertown, Mass.,  
Oct. 14th, 1918.

Editor of the Miner:

I am enclosing a clipping from the Watchman Advocate, St. Louis County, Mo., weekly, concerning the death of James K. Black, an alumnus, which I thought might be of interest to the Miner.

How is everything in Rolla? Since I left Washington, D. C., I have not run across any M. S. M. men, but I certainly met enough of them at the Capital.

We are just about over a bad scare on account of the Spanish influenza, and have been under quarantine for about three weeks. We expect to have it lifted in a few days.

Give my regards to the boys.  
PVT. HUGO E. KOCH.

R. R. Riddlesperger has been made Lieutenant of the 72d Co., 6th Group, M. T. D.—M. G. T. U., Camp Hancock, Ga.

#### GENERAL ORDER NO. 2.

Headquarters S. A. T. C., Missouri School of Mines, Rolla, Mo., October 15, 1918.

1. The following list of calls is announced for this command, effective October 15, 1918:

#### Week Days.

First call.....	6:15
Reveille .....	6:25
Assembly .....	6:30
Mess .....	6:45
Sick call.....	7:10
Drill.....	
First call.....	7:25
Assembly .....	7:30
School call.....	9:00
Recall .....	12:00
Mess .....	12:15
School .....	1:00
Recall .....	3:55
Drill call.....	4:00
Recall .....	4:30
Retreat.....	
First call.....	5:50
Assembly .....	5:55
Attention, followed by re-	
treat at.....	6:00
Mess .....	6:10
School call.....	7:30
Recall .....	9:30
Call to quarters.....	9:45
Taps .....	10:00

#### Saturday.

First call.....	6:15
Reveille .....	6:25
Assembly .....	6:30
Mess .....	6:45
Sick call.....	7:10
Inspection .....	8:00
Drill call.....	9:00
Recall .....	9:55
School .....	10:00
Recall .....	12:00
Mess .....	12:15
Retreat .....	6:00
Mess .....	6:10
Call to quarters.....	10:45
Taps .....	11:00

#### Sunday.

First call.....	7:15
Reveille .....	7:25
Assembly .....	7:30
Mess .....	7:45
Sick call.....	8:10
Mess .....	1:15
Retreat .....	6:00
Mess .....	6:10

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### SOPHOMORE COLUMN.

"Edith" thought Prof. Garrett was assigning some problem; he had copied down the following:

"A stone is dropped into a well, and after 2 seconds is heard to strike the water. If the velocity of sound is 1100 feet per second, how much water does the well contain?"

It's been rumored that a Sophomore was the guilty source of the sobriquet of "Pee-wee". But what's in a name after all. Every Miner has two, his baptismal name and his college name. Besides, like Tweedle-de-dum and Tweedle-de-dee, we play thumbs up and thumbs down, and are real sports, except when we meet our first unsociable Irishman in the person of a certain O'Grady. It's just the name, but not the fault of the Irish.

Bystanders hearing several unusual reports from the squads felt obliged to ask whether those men were really to serve as Knights of Pythias in France; but "Wilkie" said there were more pressing duties at home—aind't ut true?

"War shoes" is an illuminative class in a way, altho some of our "lights" don not shine so brightly as to escape such errors as reporting on the Bosphorus mountain-range, the Marne river in Prussia, and the Vosges Straits.

Now that the Sophomores are all buck privates in the S. A. T. C. they should not forget that "Mort" Wilson is still class treasurer. Delinquency will be punished by something like K. P., or a firing squad at sunrise.

What are our fussers to do? There's no time for their gentle art now. Men whose initials are something like the following: "R. D. N," "J. M. W.," "H. H. P.," and "H. I. A.," will find life lacking without that endearing element of the species "400," mostly Rollië and thereabouts.

A certain Sophomore was heard to remark that he could enjoy his meals more if that "bally chawp" next to him would not inhale his soup and coffee, if he would cut with his knife, and not swallow it, if he would use his fork where he now uses his knife, and stop stirring his coffee with his fork, if he would stop trying to stand behind three chairs at once and perform that "3 in 1" stunt on his plate, and if he would please keep one foot on the floor when he reaches. ("Army Rules Etiquette," Chap. IX, pp. 108-111.) "Outside of that he is very congenial," added he of '21.

Cats seem to be on a rampage after taps. One "cat" can surely gargle his "meows" way down in his throat and blankets without swallowing them, (I mean the "meows," tho if he'd try a blanket or two it would improve the silence.)

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**SUPERVISED STUDY.**

There have been murmurings of dissatisfaction among the students over the supervised study. It is contended that to do efficient studying in an assembly where even strict order is maintained is a difficult thing. Then, too, one will not have access to the necessary implements, such as personal reference books, notes and sundry other things that are necessary for good work. It is hoped that a solution of the problem will be arrived at that will overcome some of these difficulties, so that under the existing conditions of having to use all the available time one may use it to its maximum.

Eddie Williams and David Bash are again in Rolla. Here's hoping they may stay.

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**AMERICAN CLAYS AND CERAMICS.**

The clay products industry is perhaps the most ancient and honorable of the chemical allies. Vases and urns of a considerable degree of fineness are constantly being found in the burial mounds of the prehistoric inhabitants of our hemisphere. The art appears to have originated in Asia, and the fact that the aborigines of America knew it well indicates that there is some kinship between the Indians of Columbus and the oriental peoples. Upon the landing of the colonists in America, ship traffic was such that bricks and other clay products offered the most convenient form of return ballast, so that buildings along our coast from Portland to Galveston were built of English brick. However, as our pioneers penetrated farther and farther into the forest, imported bricks became a burden, and with the pottery of the Ohio Indians showing what could be done, it was only natural that the ceramic industry should eventually be started. However, the colonial potter had been schooled to European methods and recipes, so that while he freed us of imported bricks, he subjugated us to foreign clays wherever the product would stand the freight.

With the recent interruption in ocean traffic and German imports, a much needed punch has been put into our ceramic industries. Foreign clays and clay products were stopped with a bump. The wheels of the industries began to turn faster than ever before. Ceramists had to get busy and contribute their share. How admirably the requirements have been met are exemplified at the Fourth National Exposition of Chemical Industries. From bricks to aeroplane engine spark plugs is a long trip, but the journey has been made at

a finish pace that will break the world's records for speed.

The one great need for the acquisition of perfection in ceramics is the proper understanding of the science involved in the art. Chemical and physical properties cannot be studied independently. The requirements of the scientists in this field are so great and the technology so rich, that the American Ceramic Society is going to issue a journal. That greater progress is to be expected by this infusion of modern science into ancient ceramics goes without question from the results of the short period just past. American chemical porcelain ware will go down into the history of our industries with honors.—Ch. & Met. Eng.

**FRESHMAN COLUMN.**

"You'll like it" is the phrase heard most on the campus now-a-days, and there is no doubt as to the veracity of the statement. We'll have to like it.

We may expect to do the fire drill most any night now, dressed in practically the same attire that was issued to Adam on his entrance into the Garden of Eden.

It seems we have some former circus men in our class. Some men show that their former occupations must have been sword swallowers in side shows.

Swyers has made the discovery that syrup as well as mashed potatoes will serve to hold peas on a knife. This is quite a prominent discovery, in that mashed potatoes and peas are not always served in combination.

Coach Sermon is Mess Sergeant, and take it from us, he sure knows everything that needs to be done. Any K. P. will testify to that.

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## OUR PRE-EMINENCE IN METAL PRODUCTION.

In view of the important part played by metals in the prosecution of the war, it is a significant fact that neither Germany nor Austria holds first rank in the production of a single vital metal. The Allies, on the other hand, not only have the advantage of the United States' leadership in base-metal production, but they also control the output of the precious metals. Taking the latter first, we find that Great Britain controls over 60 per cent of the output of gold, through the mines of South Africa and Australia. The United States leads in silver production. Russia is the most important source of platinum, so necessary for making heavy acids for explosives; and while that unfortunate country may not be a comforting asset now, there is abundant opportunity to capitalize her metal resources if we proceed in the right way.

Among the base metals, the United States takes first place in the production of lead, copper and zinc, all useful in the manufacture of small ammunition. In iron and steel, also, we have normally led the other nations, producing about 40 per cent of the world's total. This has been of incalculable value in the making of ships, guns and projectiles, and in the tremendous amount of construction that has been under way. Aluminum for light alloys used in aeroplane construction is of vital importance, and here again the United States is the fortunate leader in production. With nickel available in large quantities from the mines of Canada and refineries of our own country, and tungsten from Colorado and California, we have the basis for alloy steels of the first importance. Indeed it would be difficult to find a brighter galaxy, and it is safe to say that no oth-

er nation is so favored. The advantage which it represents cannot be adequately estimated because so many factors enter into our ultimate success; but if a careful analysis could be made and reliable values assigned to our various advantages we venture the belief that our pre-eminence in metal production would stand near the head of the list.

## OUR OFFICE BOY'S PHILOSOPHY OF LIFE.

Did it ever occur to you that a man's life is full of crosses and temptations? He comes into this world without his consent, and goes out against his will, and the trip between is exceedingly rocky. The rule of contraries is one of the features of this trip.

When he is little, the big girls kiss him; when he is big, the little girls kiss him. If he is poor, he is a bad manager; if he is rich, he is dishonest; if he needs credit, he can't get it; if he is prosperous, every one wants to do him a favor.

If he is in politics, it is for a graft; if he is out of politics, he is no good to the country. If he doesn't give to charity, he is a stingy cuss; if he does, it is for show.

If he is actually religious, he is a hypocrite; if he takes no interest in religion, he is a hardened sinner. If he gives affection, he is a soft specimen; if he cares for no one, he is cold-blooded. If he dies young there was a great future for him. If he lives to an old age, he missed his callings.

If you save money, you're a grouch.

If you spend it, you're a loafer.

If you get it, you're a grafter. If you don't get it, you're a bum. So what's the use?

Alvah Starkey is sick at his room with an attack of pneumonia.

## SENIOR COLUMN.

The Seniors who are in the nursery came down a few notches.

"Kit" Morris had a geology section that was an absolute guarantee to reduce his weight. Military made it impossible to do the work on it, but don't fear, "Kit," the student can't win. The army will bring the same results.

"Shanks" Moore has been gunning for game—squirrels. What's the idea? Making a few meals a certain thing?

Dave Bash has made another move in his wild chase, and is now again in school.

Bohart was the first Senior to break into highest military honors of the S. A. T. C.—K. P. That's what you get for having your name start with a letter so near the head of the alphabet. This may be an asset when issue comes around.

Don't forget our bubble fountain idea.

## CLOCKS TO BE TURNED BACK AN HOUR ON OCTOBER 27.

Washington, D. C., Oct. 17.—No further effort will be made by Congress to continue the existing daylight saving law, and the hands of the clocks will be turned back an hour on October 27, as originally planned. This decision was reached today at a conference between congressional leaders and Chairman Baruch of the War Industries Board, who had recommended that the law remain in force for the period of the war.

Word has been received of the arrival overseas of Lt. L. M. Tidd, who is an artillery observer in the balloon service. His address is Field Artillery Att., A. S. M. A. (air service) American Expeditionary Force, via New York.



### THE CROWN PRINCE TO HIS PA.

Written by an American Soldier in France.

Dear Papa— am writing on der run, as der brave and glorious soldiers under my command have not seen der Rhine for so long dat they have started back dat vay and of course I am going mit dem. Oh, papa, dere has been some offel dings happened here in France. First, I started in my big offensive which was to crush de fool American, but dey know so little about military tactics dat dey vill not be crushed just like I vant 'em. I sent my men in der fight in big waves, and ven dey got to de Americans dey all said, "Boo" as loud as dey could holler. Vell, according to vat you half always told me, de Americans have turned and run like blazes. But vat do you think? Dem fool Americans don't know anything about war instead of running de odder vay, dey came right towards us. Some of dem was singing something about "Ve Won't Come Back Till It's Over Over Dere," or some odder foolish song, and some of dem ver laughing like fools. Dey are so ignorant. But dey are offel reckless mit dere guns, and ven dey come toward us it vas dat my men took a notion dey wanted to go back to de dear old Rhine Ve don't like de little old dirty Marne River, anyhow. And, oh, papa, dem Americans use such offel language. Dey know nothing of Kultur, and say such offel dings right before me.

And dey talk blasphemy, too. Vot you tink dey said right in front of my face? One big husky from a place dey call Arizona, he said—oh, papa, I hate to tell you vot an offel ting he said, "To Hell mit der Kaiser!" Did you ever hear anything so offel? I don't think anybody would say such a offel ting. It make me so mad. I

couldn't stand and hear such a offel ting, so I turned round and run mit der odder boys. Was I right? And, oh, papa, you know dem breast plates vot you sent us—can you send some more to put on our backs? You know we are going de odder vay now, and breast plates are no good, for de cowardly Americans are shooting us right in der back. Some of our boys took off der breast plates and put 'em behind, but de fool Americans are playing "Der Star-Spangled Banner" mit machine guns on dem plates.

Can't you help us? You remember in your speech you said nothing could stand before the brave German soldiers. Oh, papa, I don't believe dese ignorant Americans ever read your speech, for dey run after us just like ve vas a lot of rabbits. Vot you tink of dot? Can't you send dem some of your speeches right away? Dey don't know how terrible ve are. Can't you move my army back to Belgium vere ve von our glory? My men can vip all de vimmen and children vot dem Belgians can bring us. But does Americans are so rough and ignorant. We can't make 'em understand dot vot ve are de greatest soldiers on earth, and ven ve try to sing "Deutschland Ueber Allies" dey laugh like a lot of monkeys. But ve are getting the best of the Americans. We can outrun dem. Papa, if ve are not de best fighters on earth, we are sure de best runners. Nobody can keep up mit us ven ve tink of der dear old Rhine (and my army never did tink so much of dot dear old river. Let me know right avay vot to do by return post office.

WILLIE.

Sergt. Herbert George Mesloh, '20, at Camp Funston, Kansas, was married to Miss Flora Charlotte Steiner in St. Louis October 7, 1918.

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Felipe Buenaventura Ore, ex-'19, is spending a short time in Rolla, while waiting for a passport permitting him to return to his home in Peru. He will enter into the mining field at Caylloma, Peru, shortly after his arrival. It is rumored that Ore has other "very important reasons" for returning. He was in the service of the Ray Consolidated Copper Company as a sampler during the summer. Those who know him are sure that he will represent M. S. M. in a most creditable manner.

Chas. B. Gold, '16, who took his military training at Camp Dodge, Ia., has been transferred to the Ordnance Department, Rome, N. Y.

## TALES AND TAILINGS.

### Signing Up.

They line us up for Muster,  
They line us up as for Pay;  
We're lined up for inspection,  
We're lining up all day.

We line up when there's roll  
call;

For Chow, for Drill, to pray;  
And sometimes they will line  
us up

Just to see how we look that  
way.

They line us up for Guard  
Mount,

At Reveille (to begin),  
We line up when we draw our  
duds,  
And when a guy kicks in.

We'll be lined up forever  
Until we pass away,  
And then you will hear some  
Johnnie shout:

"Line up for Judgment Day."

"I see Bill has fitted his car  
with a new siren."

"Yes; good looking, too."

### Take Your Choice.

"What is the name of your  
automobile?"

"I don't know."

"You don't know? What do  
your folks call it?"

"Oh, as to that, father al-  
ways says, 'The Mortgage;'  
brother Tom calls it 'The  
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sine ;" sister, "Our Car;"  
grandma, "That Peril;" the  
chauffeur, "Some Freak;" and  
our neighbors, "The Limit."

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adore,

When the moon shines

Over the g-g-g-guard house,

I'll be mopping up the k-k-k-

itchen floor!

Dentist: Have you been  
anywhere else?

Patient: I went to see the  
chemist in our village.

Dentist: And what idiotic  
advice did he give you?

Patient: He told me to  
come and see you.

Probably the reason that the  
girl who attacked Lenine was  
less successful than Charlotte  
Corday is that she could never  
catch the Russian Bolshevik in  
the bath tub.—Seattle Post-In-  
telligencer.

"Money talks," quoted the  
sage.

"Yes, and it stops talk," add-  
ed the fool.

### Life's Wedding Lexicon.

Rice: A symbol illustrating  
future extravagance in house-  
keeping.

Altar: A hitching post.

Honeymoon: The blind lead-  
ing the blind.

Obey: An obsolete term.

Ring: Band of hope.

Trousseau: Merely a begin-  
ning.

Groom: The silent partner.

Bride: Head of the firm.

Wedding breakfast: A meal  
served in the afternoon or even-  
ing.

Notice: The man's obitu-  
ary.

Gift: A woman's exchange.

"Woodrow" Wilson, '19, who  
was graduated here last May,  
is now in Section "A" of the S.  
A. T. C., at the University of  
Arizona. He was employed  
during the summer as a samp-  
ler for the Ray Consolidated  
Copper Mining Company of  
Ray, Arizona.

Roland Tragitt, '22, has re-  
ceived an appointment from  
Congressman Rubey to the  
West Point Military Academy.  
He took his examination in St.  
Louis on last Tuesday.



# **JAMES K. BLACK FALLS VICTIM TO INFLUENZA.**

**Son of Late Charles R. Black  
Gives Life in Service  
of Country.**

**Former Washington University  
Instructor Volunteered July  
16 for Service in Tank Corps  
—Born and Reared in Clay-  
ton.**

Watchman Advocate, Clayton,  
Mo.

The first of Clayton's native sons has given his life for his country. It is also noteworthy that he is also the first Clayton boy to fall victim to Spanish influenza.

James K. Black, a private in Company C, 304th Battery, Tank Corps, died at 10 o'clock Monday morning at Camp Colt, Gettysburg, Pa., according to a brief message to his wife, Mrs. Alice Koenke Black, who is residing with her parents at 5120 Maple avenue, St. Louis. Other than stating the fact that the body was en route home, no other word was contained in the message.

St. Louis Countyans who have lived here for years need no comment upon the sterling manhood of the younger son of the late Charles Rice Black, teacher and journalist, who for years was editor of the Clayton Argus, leaving the editorship in 1901. "Jim," as he was affectionately and generally known among the multitude of friends and boyhood companions, as well as the older residents of Clayton, although far past draft age, left the excellent position he held as chemist with the Montesano Chemical Company, enlisting in the tank corps in New York City July 16, this year. He was undergoing training in this branch of the service at the time of his death. In spite of the education he possessed and the fact that he could have ob-

tained a "soft place" in the army, he preferred to be a private, and gave his life to the great cause in a noble manner.

He was born on the McKnight road in Clayton November 9, 1881. His early childhood and youth were spent in Clayton, where his father's interests were centered. He attended Manual Training School in St. Louis, and upon graduation went to Rolla School of Mines, being graduated from that institution with the degree of bachelor of science. For several years he was an instructor in chemistry at Washington University.

It was during the period spent in this institution of learning that he married June 23, 1909, Miss Alice Koenke daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Frank T. Koenke, who now reside at 5120 Maple avenue, A daughter, Mary Elizabeth, 5 years old, survives him.

Private Black was a member of the Masonic order, and also of the American Chemical Society. His only brother, Gurdon G. Black, is a major, with the 314th Engineers, somewhere in France.

Samuel Black, grandfather of James K. Black, was a nephew of Ralph Clayton, for whom the City of Clayton was named. Because of the close family connection with the very woof and weave of many years of local history, in which the name of Black stands forth in letters carved from pure gold, as well as because of the scores of friends and acquaintances who count the loss a personal one, the heartfelt sympathy of Clayton is extended to the bereaved at this time of sorrow. Also, they join in consolation that, as he lived, he died, staunch, true, and sincere in the convictions by which he was guided, even to making the greatest sacrifice. His name will remain a perpetual challenge to the future generations who read the

history of Clayton and St. Louis County, and those who had a part in making that history.

Funeral services will be held Saturday, and will be strictly private, by request of the family. Interment will be in Bellefontaine Cemetery.

## **FROM FRED STEFFENS.**

Cambridge, Mass., Oct. 8, '18.  
Editor of the Miner:

Now we don't happen to be Admirals, yet—Dorris and I—but as sea-going gobs we might pass first class. Oh! the navy is a fine life all right, but we are only now beginning to realize it.

When we were at the Great Lakes it was—well, "Squeak" can tell you about that. After being there for about two months and a half, Dorris and myself were lucky enough to be sent to Minneapolis together. That place really should be called Camp Heaven, because it certainly did seem like a Paradise to us. It was anything but navy life.

But here in the East at the dit da da-dit dit Harvard Radio School it's the real thing. We receive the actual practice of picking up messages from Germany, France, and the ships of the Allied fleet, besides all the electrical theory.

The course here has been lengthened since we arrived, but we have nearly completed the new schedule, and will no doubt be sent to sea as first-class wireless operators within the next three weeks or so. Our hopes are, of course, that we get the same vessel. Our home port will be either Philadelphia or New York.

We would both like to be back at Rolla this year again, but can't say that we are at all sorry for our enlistment. Wishing all at M. S. M. one of the best years yet, I am,

Sincerely yours,

FRED. STEFFENS, JR.

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Boston, Mass.