THE MAN WHO COMMANDED HIMSELF AND FOUR MILLION.

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things concerning the measure of their joint contribution toward the attainment of the great military objective of the A. E. F.

"By the way, Watson," he remarked, "I don't seem to have met the artist, So-and-so. I think his work has been excellent. Where is he?"

Major Watson said he would see if he could find him and went into the room where So-and-so was snoring fitfully. It was not too gently that the editor shook the artist into wakefullness and assisted him to make himself as presentable as possible in the circumstances.

It was a somewhat dazed and not very military-appearing artist who was presented to Pershing. The general shook him cordially by the hand and said some pleasing things about the splendid moral effect of So-and-so's work. "Of course," remarked the general, "you have been doing that sort o' thing for years, I suppose. You do it in civil life, don't you?"

"What do you mean, general, drink or draw?"

The general's hearty laugh lasted for several minutes and put every one at his ease, including even the, by this time, much-perturbed editor, Major Watson.

The outstanding characteristic of General Pershing always has been his habit of recognizing merit and ability in subordinates and opening to them vistas of opportunity. There are many instances which prove the point.

At Pershing's headquarters in Mexico was a very efficient non-commissioned officer, Sergeant Major Michael F. O'Brien. At G. H. Q., A. E. F., O'Brien was a lieutenant colonel and assistant adjutant general

Pershing's adjutant general in Mexico and later his chief of staff there was Major John L. Hines, an infantry officer. Almost every member of the general's staff when he went overseas as A. E. F. commander had served with him in the Philippines or Mexico. Hines, still major, accompanied him.

It was not long before Hines commanded a regiment in the line. Soon thereafter, as a colonel, he was given a brigade, attaining ere long, the titular rank of that command. Brigadier General Hines later led a division in action and, in the last months of hostilities, was a corps commander with the rank of major general.

It was Major General Hines whose corps held the place of honor in the bridgehead across the Rhine in the Army of Occupation, and it was Major General Hines whom Pershing groomed as his successor in his last months as general of the army.

All of the officers of distinction in the higher grades of the United States Army today at one time or another had served with Pershing. Once they had been appraised and approved beneath his dispassionate gaze, the professional destinies were in safekeeping. He might never have talked to them, but they bore his stamp.

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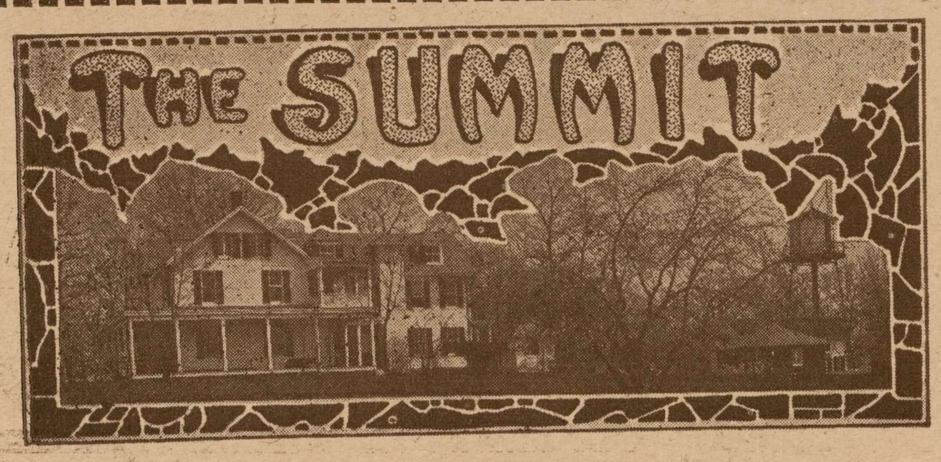

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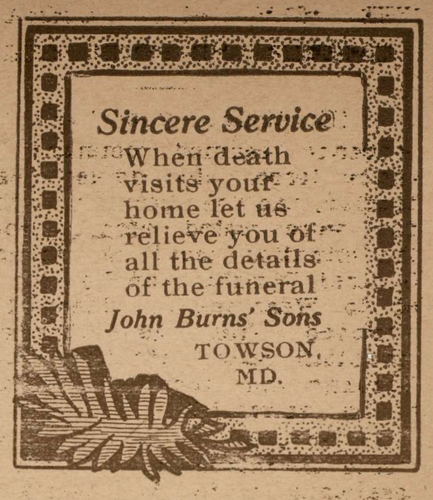

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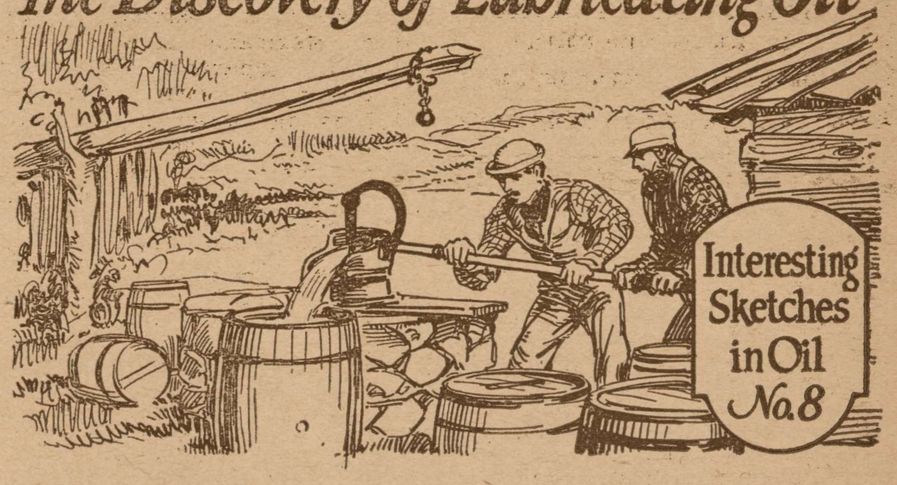

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