

MANY EUROPEAN NATIONS REPRESENTED BY DULUTH SOLDIERS ARMY IS WORLD'S GREATEST MELTING POT FOR YANKS IN FRANCE



MICHAEL PONTILIANA.



SAMUEL A. AZINE.



GOODMAN ZALIK.



JOHN WILLIAM LIEGNE.



MIKE ZIMNY.



HECTOR VAN FLETEREN.

Michael Pontiliana, aged 27 and his brother, John, aged 22, are sons of Italian parents, born in Duluth, who are doing service under the Stars and Stripes in France. Michael left here Sept. 13, 1917 for Camp Sherman, Ohio and John started for Camp Dodge on the 22nd of the same month. They were sent overseas in June, 1918, since which time, Michael has been doing duty in the ambulance corps, but sometimes drives a truck in case of emergency. John is serving in a machine gun company and both seem well satisfied with their work. Their parents, Como and Mary Pontiliana, reside at Hunters Park and are proud of the fact that their sons are loyal to the government of the United States. "The parents were born in sunny Italy but met and married in Chicago."

Their large family of children take pride in being Americans.

HERE'S ONE FROM WESTERN RUSSIA

Here is a letter from Private Goodman Zalik, Company B, Seventh Infantry, A. E. F., who was in a hospital "somewhere in France," when he wrote, recovering from a wound received July 14. He was born in Duluth 19 years ago. He trained at Camp Cook for some time before starting overseas, April 8, 1918. His brother, Louis Zalik, aged 22 years, left Duluth in May, 1918, and is also in France. Their parents, Mr. and Mrs. Z. Zalik, came from one of the western provinces of Russia 25 years ago. Under date of Sept. 4, Goodman writes:

"Dearest Dad and Mother:—Am still in the hospital and almost well. Guess I will leave in a few days to go back to my outfit. Today I go before the doctors to be classified. In other words, to see if I am able to leave."

"I got acquainted with a French family and they certainly treat me fine. This family has a son 15 years old who speaks pretty good English and, with what French I have picked up, I get along pretty fair. The woman's husband is an aviation photographer, and is home on a 15 day pass. It is now six months since I left the good old United States, and, during that time I haven't received a single letter. I wonder why? I am sure you write to me."

ZIMNY'S PARENTS

LIVED IN POLAND

Do the Polish people in Duluth favor their former oppressors in Germany? Or do they support the government under which they have come to know the meaning of liberty and opportunity?

If you wish to know the answer call on Wojciech Zimny, corner West Fifth street and Forty-seventh avenue. He came from German-Poland and has lived in Duluth 27 years. His son, Mike Zimny, aged 23, left here in September, 1917, and went overseas from Camp Pike in June last. Now in Company M, Twenty-third Infantry, A. E. F.

FINNISH-AMERICAN

ALSO TAKES PART

Did some one intimate that the Finnish-Americans are not patriots? Is so, let him call on some of the numerous families of Finnish people in Duluth and St. Louis county, whose sons are fighting for the Stars and Stripes, and become better enlightened.

Harewith is reproduced but one of a large collection of photographs in this office of such young men who are loyally supporting the government in the work of subduing oppression and making the world safe for democracy; for there is no nation in the world who are greater lovers of liberty than the Finns.

First Lieut. John W. Signer, artillery observer, United States Service A. E. F., is one of three brothers from Duluth who enlisted in the army at the beginning of the Mexican trouble and who went directly from the border to France. The brothers are Sergt. A. Edward Signer, Telephone Battalion A. E. F., and Erick Fred Signer, Great Lakes Training station, now in France. Their mother, who formerly lived in Duluth, is now Mrs. Haataja of Hibbing.

BELGIAN RETURNS TO

DEFEND HOME LAND

Victor Vanfleteren, Company M, Fifth Infantry United States Regulars A. E. F., is one of the natives of Belgium who is helping to avenge his country's wrongs in Uncle Sam's service. He came to this country

seven years ago at the age of 21 years and lived in Duluth up to the time of entering the service May 1, 1918. He drilled at Camp Wadsworth, S. C., and went overseas in July. He has no near relatives in Duluth but writes occasionally to Mrs. Alma Cools, 2119 West Railroad street, with whom he formerly boarded, expressing his anxiety to reach Berlin and help to annihilate the Hun. Before the war began he heard at frequent intervals from his aged parents in Belgium but has received no information concerning them since.

Mrs. Cools has seven cousins, who are brothers, in the Belgian army. Her parents, aged 70 and 68 years, respectively, were living at Roulers, Belgium, when hostilities began but no news of them has since been received. Mrs. Cools has lived in this country 11 years. She and her husband are among Duluth's most loyal citizens.

UKRAINIAN JEW

GOES FROM DULUTH

Did anybody say the Ukrainian Jews in the United States were not interested in the outcome of the war? Jas. J. Azine, 215 East Fourth street came from Odessa 30 years ago and located in Duluth where he married and has reared a family of 13 children. Two of his sons, Private Samuel A. and Corp. Jimmie Azine, are serving Uncle Sam with the utmost enthusiasm.

Samuel A. Azine, who is a first class private in Company D, Four Hundred and Fourth Telegraph Bat-

talion, Signal Corps, A. E. F., left Duluth for Camp Dodge, April 26, 1918, and has been in France since July. He was 12 years in the employ of the Western Union Telegraph company in Duluth, which accounts for the brevity of his training course in camp.

Corp. Jimmie Azine is an instructor in development, Battery G, One Hundred and Sixtieth depot brigade, at Camp Custer. He has been in service since July. Following are extracts from a letter written by Samuel A. Azine to his brother in Duluth:

"If someone told a year ago that I was to see Paris, I'd probably thought he was crazy and called an officer. But here I am in France, the land of wine, women and song. Of course the wine is gone but the women are here and you should have heard them sing when we boys marched through the streets."

"As we tramped through the little villages the French people would line up along the sides of the road and offer sandwiches and other things to eat but most of the boys refused to take them as we knew they needed it most themselves. The French people are very poor, especially in the smaller towns and they all dress in black, which means that they have lost a son, brother or a near relative. They are very kind to us and are always trying to do some little favor. The streets here are the most peculiar I have ever seen. They remind me of Superior street, rough and full of holes."