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MEMORIAL SERVICE IS HELD AT FT. OMAHA

Chaplain Sanders Honors Soldiers Who Died During Epidemic.

A service in honor of the memory of those men of Fort Omaha who died during the influenza epidemic was held Sunday, November 10, on South Field. The entire commands of Fort Omaha and Florence Field were present.

Following a song by Mrs. Sturdevant, Dr. Foster gave a reading from the scripture, and Father Kellinger of Creighton university offered prayer. The address was given by Lieutenant Sanders, post chaplain.

In his address Chaplain Sanders emphasized the meaning of the sacrifice those who died were called upon to make, and urged his hearers to devote themselves to the great service in which they were enlisted.

"We are here to pledge ourselves anew to the service in which they gave their all," he said. "We are not here to sound taps. The same divine reveille which called them from the ranks calls us to greater effort. We are here to assure them that we shall display the high devotion and the fearlessness which characterized them, and to pledge ourselves to God and native land."

"Have Found New Life."

Reviewing events before our entry into the war, and showing our great conception of the moral issues involved, the chaplain touched upon the fusion which brought us to unity.

"In the beginning we were many peoples; today we stand as a unit," he declared. "We have lost our old life, but in losing it we have found a far nobler one; and in this spiritual achievement the men whose names we honor had a real part. They, too, felt the tug of freedom, and without reservation gave themselves.

"In order to establish our principle it was necessary that there should be some sacrifice. Some must give life that there might be more abundant life, and to that end some from Fort Omaha have given their all. For them there was no opportunity to show valor on Flanders' fields; but they did their duty, and the doing enabled them and made us their debtors."

Finish Plans for School for Non-Com Officers

Plans have been completed for the formation of a non-commissioned officers' school, organized for the purpose of furnishing balloon companies with first-class sergeants and sergeants. This school will consist of a class of forty-two men, the necessary number of candidates properly, to equip three balloon companies. Each day will be divided into seven periods, beginning at 7:30 a. m. and ending at 4 p. m., except on Saturdays and Sundays when no classes will be held.

The first period, from 7:30 to 8:20, will be taken up with drill, under Lieutenant Finley, with the squad formed as a company. There will be six hours of military work in the class room. Paper work will be given under the direction of Lieutenant Reynolds, telephone under Lieutenant Powell, and balloon maneuvering under Lieutenant Ogilbee. Lieutenant Perkins will give transportation and winch courses. Classes in supplies, mess, balloon rigging, machine gun and gas will be supervised by non-commissioned officers.

These subjects comprise the first three weeks' work, upon the completion of which the candidates will be assigned or attached to school companies for practical work before graduation. Lieutenant L. C. Perkins is in charge of the direction of the school.

Chairman of Army Day



E. Buckingham, chairman of the civilian committee, appointed from the Chamber of Commerce to take charge of the celebration of "Army Day" in Omaha on Saturday, November 16. Twenty-five representative business men are included in the committee.

FREE BALLOONS IN TWO STORMY FLIGHTS

Propaganda and Passenger Balloons Encounter Rain Storms.

By R. A. BAKER.

A free balloon flight, scheduled for Tuesday morning, November 5, but postponed on account of unfavorable weather conditions, was staged the following afternoon.

A propaganda balloon of 3,500 cubic feet displacement was released at the same time. It carried Captain Pierce's propaganda distributing machine and automatic sand shifter.

A violent wind made the maneuvering of the balloon a delicate task and when released it took to the clouds with terrific speed.

Traveled 200 Miles.

The messages carried by the machine requested the finder to communicate with the Commanding Officer, Fort Omaha.

First returns came Friday evening, when a telegram announced that the balloon was beaten down by a heavy rain near Pipestone, Minn., about 10 o'clock Thursday morning.

This point is about 200 miles from the fort. The distributor was not set to scatter its propaganda until noon and all of the sheets were left where the balloon struck. The machine was knocked off, and the balloon, freed from its weight, took again to the clouds and disappeared.

Storm Strikes Balloon.

Passengers in the big "35" balloon, which was weighed off shortly after the propaganda balloon had taken the air, had an exciting ride when they ran into a rain

storm and were compelled to rise to a higher altitude to escape it.

A high wind made the maneuvering and launching of the balloon a difficult task. It shot briskly up when released and was carried south by a swift air current.

Lieutenant G. D. Kingsland, acting pilot, and Lieutenant Colonel Carmody and Lieutenants Horning, DeForrest and Walton made the trip.

A landing was effected on a barren area of sand dunes near Meadow, Neb., about fifteen miles from the fort. The anchor was used with scarcely a drag and not much loss of gas.

Lieutenant Walton Takes Solo.

All passengers dismounted with the exception of Lieutenant Walton, who made a second flight by himself. He ascended to an altitude of 10,000 feet, but failed to penetrate the unusually deep bank of clouds.

He sailed for ten miles south, then valved to earth, landing successfully near Murdock, Ia.

The peculiar nature of wind currents and strata of air is interesting as evidenced by these flights. Although both balloons left North Field within thirty minutes, one landed northwest and the other southwest, nearly 225 miles apart.

New Secretary at Fort Crook "Y."

The new executive secretary at the Fort Crook Y. M. C. A. is Arthur C. Smith, formerly at the army "Y" at the University of Minnesota training school.

Mr. Smith was formerly a Baptist minister, and held pastorages in Cincinnati, Cleveland and La Porte, Ind. He has given up the ministry to go into "Y" work, where he feels that there is a larger field.

Since the arrival of Mr. Smith, the Y. M. C. A. has had some splendid changes. He has done much to add to the comfort and good cheer of the boys after their day's work.

All Omaha Plans To Celebrate Army Day

THE WEATHER

Fair today and tomorrow. Sunday cooler. Rain or snow and slightly warmer during the early part of the week.

FRANCE NEEDS CASH AND GOODS, NOT MEN

French Officer States That Labor Is Secondary Problem.

Lieut. Sauvage and John Kendrick Bangs Guests in Omaha.

BY H. K. VASEY.

The greatest service America can render France and Belgium in the days of reconstruction that will follow the conclusion of peace is to furnish money and goods, not men.

This is the opinion of Lieutenant George M. Sauvage, French army, a member of the French high commission in the United States, given in an interview with the Gas Bag this week. While the need for labor will be urgent, he states, especially at the beginning of the work, it will not compare with the need for machinery and the money with which to buy it.

As a member of the high commission, Lieutenant Sauvage has given particular attention to the problems arising out of rebuilding the devastated areas of France, hence his statement may be accepted as authoritative.

Bangs Describes Problems.

The vast effort that will be necessary to place France upon a productive basis was vividly described by John Kendrick Bangs, noted American lecturer and member of the American committee for devastated France, at a luncheon given Tuesday by the Omaha Chamber of Commerce, with Lieutenant Sauvage as guest of honor.

Mr. Bangs was in Paris at the time of the long-range bombardment and has visited all of the important French cities destroyed by the Huns. Describing the morale of the French civilian population as unshakable, he declared we owed a moral responsibility to France to do our part toward reconstruction, as reparation for what she has suffered in stopping German lust for conquest of foreign lands—a lust that included our own land in its mad desire—and that a failure to respond would be the vilest sin of omission.

France can furnish the workers, Lieutenant Sauvage said, but she must have assistance in furnishing the means to work with. The war has made a tremendous drain upon her resources, and the enemy has carried off or destroyed all of the machinery and most of the buildings in the most industrial part of the country.

Coal Shortage Expected.

Further, the coal mines in the Lens district have been flooded by the Germans, and estimates show that full production from them cannot be expected in less than two years, thus making the problem of the production of machinery even more difficult, since coal is essential to its production.

Lieutenant Sauvage's military career has been that of a modern D'Artagnan. Enlisting as a private in the French army in September 1914, he passed through the ranks of corporal, sergeant and adjutant.

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Fort Omaha - Camp Grant Football Game, Acrobatic Flying, 4,000-Ft. Parachute Jump, Features to Be Staged Tomorrow.

BY WILLIAM SHEA.
Omaha will celebrate Army day tomorrow.

The biggest football game of the west will be played in the afternoon at Rourke park when the Fort Omaha eleven meets Camp Grant's fast team. Between the halves there will be acrobatic flying. Lieutenant Conklin will make a 4,000-foot parachute jump from a looping airplane.

At night the officers will hold a ball at the fort.

More than 200 persons have been working several weeks to make Army Day a day of history. The seating capacity of Rourke park has been increased several thousands so that 15,000 persons can be accommodated. The game has been advertised in Omaha and all cities and towns within eighty miles.

The football team came back strong from its game of Saturday and at practice this week showed excellent form. The players are working hard and training faithfully and are determined to win. The coaches, Lieutenants Joseph P. Spang, Jr., J. G. McKay and T. E. Faulk, are optimistic. All are certain the team will send the Camp Grant warriors home defeated.

Major C. H. Maranville, originator of the Army Trade Test system, arrived at the post this week and has thrown himself into the work of whipping the team into shape. He was varsity quarterback on the Case university team and starred with the Akron Indian eleven for three years. He may play.

Lieutenants Gledhill and Shimmon, the aviators who arrived here from Rantoul, Ill., recently, will do acrobatic flying. They will perform all the popular flying stunts, including the loop-the-loop, nose dive, tail spin, barrel loop and spiral twisting.

Lieutenant Conklin, leader of the post band, will make a parachute

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Never Too Late To "Doll Up" at Army and Navy

Have you ever met your "buddie" of an evening uptown and found him just rarin' to take you along to meet the swellest girl of West Farnam? And then have you passed up all chances with this fairy because the O. D.'s you were wearing had wrinkles instead of creases, or because you had postponed the shave until in the morning? If you have, you'll know it's the original time that a feller needs a friend—and now the friend is with us.

The Army and Navy club, in an attempt to offer further service to enlisted men, has been equipped with irons and ironing boards, shaving outfit, shoe shiners, and about everything else that a soldier needs for dolling up purposes, and the use of these articles is free to every soldier.

Not only will the club let you fuss yourself up, but in addition to these features, it has engaged the services of a dancing instructor who has just come from New York with the latest stuff in the light fantastic line. Free classes are being formed, admittance to which may be had thru application at the club.

ORGANIZATION NEWS

POST HOSPITAL.

O. M. Lambur.

The following promotions have been made:

To grade of sergeant: Private Icl. William Pester and Private Icl. Charley Windhorst.

To grade of corporal: Privates Icl. John E. DeNyse; Neil L. Keppler; John J. Montag, Clarence E. Stevens.

The following medics have been attached to balloon companies: 59th balloon company—Sergeant Lawrence P. Swarts, Private Icl. Dean Birkett, Privates Clinton P. Lightner and Charles S. Jordan. 60th balloon company—Private Icl. Paul J. Peterson.

Sergeant Flambeck left last week on a furlough for Waterloo, Iowa, to visit his grandmother, who is ill.

The medics turned out strong to see our football team play at Lincoln, Nebraska. It was a good game. No doubt in about a week from now Lincoln will know that the war is over.

Now that the armistice has been signed, the medics are wondering what is going to happen next?

The medics wish to thank the cartoonist for his beautiful imagination of their turnout at the football game. It was a corker.

BALLOON HOUSE.

R. A. Baker.

Private Parrish spent the week end with his wife, who is living in Herman, Neb. Parrish came back weighing about ten pounds more, which indicates that he gets plenty to eat at home.

Private Jewell is on a ten day furlough. He is spending it in the Quaker City with his wife.

Lieutenant Col. Wuest and wife made a tour of the balloon house one evening this week. Both the colonel and his wife appeared much interested in the aerostatic equipment.

Privates White and Baker spent Sunday at the home of "Mother" Meade. She takes a great delight in preparing the kinds of meals a soldier likes and she is aware that quantity must accompany quality.

With so many free balloon flights being staged and propaganda balloon experiments taking place, Private Howard is kept working overtime, as he is in charge of both.

Sergeant Pownee has returned from a ten day furlough, spent in Cleveland and in Akron, Ohio. In Akron, he visited the balloon construction departments of the Goodrich and the Goodyear rubber factories. The sergeant's wife accompanied him back from Cleveland.

The painting of excessively permeable tins on Goodyear Caquots, 165 and 293 with banana oil was completed this week.

Corporal Stepp shaved off his mustache. And it had taken months and months of coaxing and cultivating.

We pulled off some studio stuff last Friday, by suspending a nacelle in the hangar as it would appear on a Caquot. One of Omaha's beautiful girls mounted the nacelle and posed for a patriotic picture, appealing for W. S. S. The picture appeared in one of Omaha's Sunday edition papers.

The 74th Company moved to Ft. Crook, taking along two of our efficient balloon men, Privates Moore and McGrath.

Lieutenant Kingsland took in the football game at Lincoln last Saturday. The other men from here who attended were Corporal Moore and Private White. Private White took the official moving pictures of the game.

Private Howard will take Corporal Stepp's place, in charge of balloon rigging. Corporal Stepp has been transferred to the 60th company.

PERSONNEL OFFICE.

S. Vorzimer.

Strange, but in spite of a depleted office force, twice as much work is done in this office per day since the quarantine was lifted.

Sergeant Ellwein has lost his right-hand man, Private Wand, but the gap has been filled by Private Columi, from the Washington personnel office.

Sergeant Rozier is enjoying a vacation, being on detached service as escort.

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Private Ent is sojourning in St. Louis for a week to take examination for a commission.

Private Littleton has returned from Minneapolis, where he took an examination for balloon pilot.

This office is the busiest place in the post these days. Large numbers of transfers are being made and accuracy and speed are necessary to complete the records of each individual.

MOTOR TRANSPORT CORPS.

Harold G. Bell.

Chauffeur C. E. Holt has returned from Campbell, Neb.

Chauffeur Wm. Witt has returned from Camp Funston.

Chauffeur W. R. Fluke left Sunday with a prisoner from Camp Funston.

Chauffeur Harold Hayhurst left on a 10-day furlough.

Chauffeur D. L. Lindborg has returned from Camp Dodge.

Chauffeur Wm. Coate has returned from Camp Dodge.

Private T. B. Thompson has left for his home where his family is very ill. He will be gone 10 days.

Chauffeur Micheals is on a 10-day furlough.

Chauffeur Baur is on a five-day pass.

Sergeant Lathrop spends most of his time looking for his "detail."

The garage men attended the football game at Lincoln, in full strength Saturday from officer in charge down to the bear. The bear hewed up a couple of fingers even if he didn't get the Cornhuskers' goat.

Lieut. Clapp and wife have taken quarters in the post.

We lost a bunch of good drivers when the 74th Co. moved to Fort Crook.

Chauffeurs, Bugler and Christensen have left for detached service at Rochester, New York.

Lieut. McEntire returned from the football game at Lincoln Saturday in the army airplane.

47TH BALLOON COMPANY.

M. E. Herskind.

We had to go around the barracks Thursday mailing down the roof again, after the bogus report had come through that peace had been declared. We at least got the foot ball yell down in first class shape.

Pvt. Morgan returned Saturday from Minneapolis where he took the examination for Cadet School.

Pvt. Wilson got an extension to his furlough. His mother is very ill at Morehead, Ky.

Privates Milne, Harterand, Leis were all released from the Post Hospital on the 5th, and all had furloughs waiting for them.

Pvt. Wegmet is on furlough, visiting his family at Whiting, Ind.

Pts. Wolf, Huber, Johnson, F. J., Lytle, Matteson, Bye, Brockmueller and Scott are away on farm furloughs.

Pts. Glardon, Johnson and George, reported back from the hospital, and received ten day furloughs.

Private Singer is making good his name. During the day he runs the machines at the Balloon House while at night he practices in the Glee Club.

Several of our men were transferred to the 50th, 59th and 60th Balloon Companies.

Private Gust M. Peterson returned Sunday afternoon from his furlough. His brothers and sisters were ill with the "flu," but all are now recovered.

Pvt. Geo. Johnson expects to be released from the Post Hospital soon.

Pvt. Goodwyn, who broke his arm last week, is getting along very nicely.

Forty-eight men were attached to this company for rations and quarters and instruction in machine guns.

Privates Barta, Benton, Franke, Stockton and Wright reported back to the company on Sunday, having spent a week in Western Nebraska with the telephone men.

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50TH BALLOON COMPANY.

W. O'Neil Goodwin

Sergeant Storm and Corporal Jorgenson have returned from furlough.

Chauffeur Lehners, in charge of the reclamation work, did a good business in waste paper last week. Peace extras were the cause.

Now that Willie Hohenzollern has quit his job we're all on the lookout for that ticket home. Sans overseas cap, sans service stripe we must return to the duties of peace.

As long as it ended the way Wilson said it should let's call it a day and console ourselves with the fact that we were ready but Willie heard all about the balloons we had to spring on him and quit us cold.

Corporal "Bob" Larson has gone to Stromsburg, Nebraska, to fix up some business affairs before starting on the expected "kaiser killing" jaunt. "Bob" left before peace was declared.

We secured forty men by transfer last week. They were surely needed and some of our "old" men who had been doing the "K. P." every other day gave the newcomers the "glad hand."

Just interviewed our "lookout." He has not sighted the periscope of the lumber wagon as yet. The lumber wagon will probably contain boards to make our tents winter-proof.

It'll be hard to tell a pacifist from a militant now.

59TH BALLOON COMPANY.

W. H. Gomon.

Well, we have moved to Florence field, and we like it fine.

The following men are on furlough, recuperating from a recent attack of pneumonia: L. R. Nickerson, C. S. McDuffee, R. C. O'Brien, G. Kornkeven, H. A. Doty and S. A. Rice.

Matt Pellegrino has been called to Corpus Christi, Texas, by the sickness of his father.

A soldier recently burst into the headquarters tent, his face beaming with excitement, and asked for a furlough for the winter. When asked for his reason for such a request, he replied that he had never been away from home during the winter and that his mother had written him to try to come home so that she might have him under her supervision during the long cold months.

Oliver O. Hughes has returned from a furlough spent at Edmond, Okla.

Upon our arrival at the field, one of the men, after gazing carefully and delightfully at the camp and its surroundings, was heard to murmur, "Gee! We have a mess hall an' everything." He isn't the only one that felt that way, believe me!

Goodbye, mess kits, 'till we hit for the woods.

Isn't it strange how quietly the soldiers have taken the signing of the peace treaty? Our time will come later—then watch us step!!!

A fire, which destroyed a tent and its contents, broke the monotony of camp life last Thursday night. It may also be said that the fire nearly "broke" the unfortunate occupants of the tent. Aw' g'wan!

62D BALLOON COMPANY.

J. C. Wiedersum.

The joy caused by the opening of the post ten days ago was a mere trifle in comparison to that caused by the signing of the armistice with Germany. The boys of this company surely contributed more than their share to the celebration held downtown last Monday evening.

Cough drops for hoarseness were very much in demand on Tuesday.

Our company was well represented at the football game at Lincoln last Saturday. Two members of the team, Corporal Eudaly and Private Beck, belong to our company.

"We live and learn" was brought before us while elbowing our way through the downtown crowds on Monday evening. We never thought that a steady man like Sergeant Guthrie would forsake the company of the boys, and had no idea that the fair sex had such attractions for him until he left us without saying

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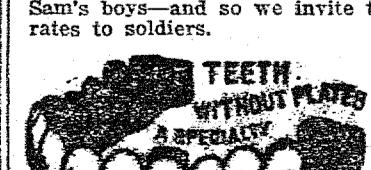
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"goodby" when two of his fair friends passed.

Corporal "Dutch" Missig says the neighborhood along Twenty-fourth street is the best in the city; we can understand now why he was worrying so much about the old question of two getting along on \$36 per month. Private McFarland also keeps George company, we understand.

Privates Click and Jokstad appear to be mighty popular with the young ladies, judging from their actions Monday night. Each had two of them with him, and were too busy to speak to their friends passing.

Private Tom Jensen says when the war is over he is going east, but intends to stop over in Council Bluffs a couple of days. Has Tom found a home "over there?"

We have been puzzled as to why Private Freitag is seen going up the Dodge street hill so much.

Our erstwhile mascot bear, "Bug 'Em" has deserted us for apparently better quarters at the Eighty-third company. Sergeant Zuber says he can sleep better at nights now, as he cannot afford to have any more K. P.'s fingers bitten off. "Red" Knight, king of K. P.s, had the end of his forefinger removed by "Hug 'Em's" grub crushers. The little fellow evidently can "bite 'Em" as well as "Hug 'Em."

73D BALLOON COMPANY.

W. E. Albert, the "baggage smasher," has the cleverest truck in the company, with color design and air service insignia.

Wife of Commandant at Crook a Popular Matron



Mrs. Eugene Wirt Crockett, of Fort Crook.

Mrs. E. W. Crockett, who has endeared herself to a host of friends, is welcome wherever she goes. Her personality is one of the kind that everybody likes. It doesn't matter when she is called on, if there is anything that she can do to further the interest of the service, or any of the boys or any cause, you will always find Mrs. Crockett ready and willing to respond.

Born in Quincy, Ill., and later moving to California, Mrs. Crockett has seen but little of the north. On a trip some years ago which she took to visit her brother, Colonel Nance, who was then serving in the Philippine Islands, Mrs. Crockett met Major Crockett, who was

soldiering there. Later they were married in that wonderful land of sunshine.

After settling in the Philippines Mrs. Crockett took up Red Cross work and has been devoting a great deal of her time to the cause ever since. She is now one of the most active ladies in the post in this service.

She is interested in all sports and is particularly fond of full-blooded horses and is an ardent equestrienne. There are other things besides sports however, that interest Mrs. Crockett. For she is a lover of music and is looking forward to attending the operas this winter, as well as doing a great deal of entertaining.

ON FLIGHT

Lieutenant Colonel H. B. Hersey and Captain Edward F. Ferguson have arrived safely overseas.

Among the recent arrivals at Fort Crook are First Lieutenant Roland J. Gaupel, Second Lieutenants George W. Adams, Raymond L. Fulmer, James A. Callan and Wallace N. Griswold.

Lieutenant Frank J. Boyle of Fort Crook, has returned from a leave of absence, from his home in Pennsylvania, where he attended the funeral of his brother.

Lieutenant David Washburn, who received his commission at Fort Omaha and who has been in France for the past nine months, has recently been promoted to captain and is now in charge of all telephone and telegraph equipment in France.

Lieutenant Carlyle Whitney, formerly of Fort Crook, who married Miss Elizabeth Sweet of Omaha, has been promoted to lieutenant colonel and is now stationed at Atlanta, Ga.

Captain John G. Ayling of Fort Crook in addition to his other duties, is detailed as officer in charge of military instruction of recruits.

First Lieutenant Harold B. Reed reported to this post from Camp Dick, Texas, where he will take a course of instruction.

Second Lieutenant Raymond L. Fulmer is now attached to the Sixty-third Balloon company.

The following officers left Omaha last week for Camp Morrison, Virginia, where they will depart for overseas: Captain Scott R. Brewer, First Lieutenant Raymond F. Vredenburgh, Second Lieutenant David H. Ham, Philip E. Philbrook, James F. Roberts, Guy E. Armatrout, Ernest P. Simmons, Jere Van Rensselaer, Jr., and Carl D. Berry.

Among the recent arrivals at Fort Omaha are Major Clarence H. Maraville, Captain Charles P. Clark, Captain Ackerman, quartermaster, and First Lieutenant James G. Holland.

• • SOCIETY • •

Corporal Ralph A. Magrum, Society Editor.

Captain and Mrs. Albert Wedemeyer entertained at a dinner-dance Saturday evening at the Prettiest Mile club in honor of their son, Lieutenant Albert Wedemeyer, Jr., and his classmates who graduated from the U. S. Military Academy. Those present were Colonel and Mrs. Jacob W. S. Wuest, Major and Mrs. Martin L. O'Brien, Captain and Mrs. Howard White, Lieutenant and Mrs. E. J. Wylie, Lieutenants Albert E. Yarborough, Howard Canan, Carlisle V. Allen, N. A. Bergman, Mr. and Mrs. Irving Allison, Mr. and Mrs. E. Draster, Dr. and Mrs. J. C. Soukup, Mr. and Mrs. Cuthbert Vincent, Mrs. Sroncy Allison, Jr., Misses Ruth Allison, Mildred Allison, Irene Rosewater, Eunice Pike, Emma Fallaway and Mildred Rhoades, Messrs. George E. Clark and Clarence Canan.

Captain Whithrop, who received his lieutenant's commission at Fort Omaha, and who is now in France, sent Miss Margery Smith a German helmet.

Lieutenant and Mrs. Franklin P. Quick of Fort Crook entertained at dinner at the Blackstone hotel Friday evening. Those present were Colonel and Mrs. Jacob W. S. Wuest, Major and Mrs. Eugene W. Crockett, Captain F. DeP. Townsend, First Lieutenant DeForest A. Horning, Mr. and Mrs. Henry T. Clarke, Jr., and Mrs. Howard Baldridge.

Lieutenant Loomis, who was married to Miss Florence Rahn of Omaha, have taken quarters at Fort Omaha.

Lieutenant and Mrs. Walter W. L. Foote of Fort Crook gave a chafing dish supper Sunday evening, those present being Major and Mrs. Eugene W. Crockett, Lieutenant and Mrs. George V. Baer, Lieutenant and Mrs. John R. Crowe, Mr. and Mrs. Henry T. Clarke, Lieutenants Gledhill and Shimmon.

Mr. and Mrs. G. H. Strong of Olean, N. Y., will arrive this week to be the house guests of their daughter, Mrs. Jacob W. S. Wuest, for a month's visit, en route to their winter home in Florida.

Mrs. Marie Haller Burstein, who has been the house guest of Captain and Mrs. Howard White, left last week.

Many of the officers are planning on attending the Fort Omaha-Camp Grant football game at Rourke park Saturday afternoon, Fontenelle tea, and the officers' dance at Fort Omaha in the evening, which will be the event of the day.

Lieutenant William E. Connolly and Miss Erna Reed, Lieutenant Charles S. Powell and Miss Esther Wilhelm and Lieutenant James T. Neely and Miss Hazel Paterson motored to Lincoln Saturday, where they attended the Fort Omaha and

University of Nebraska football game.

Major and Mrs. Eugene W. Crockett and Lieutenant and Mrs. John R. Crowe of Fort Crook witnessed the Fort Omaha-University of Nebraska football game Saturday at Lincoln.

Her many friends will be sorry to learn that Mrs. Luther L. Kountze has been ill for the past week.

The ladies of the command have set aside Thursday each week when they will meet at the home of Mrs. Jacob W. S. Wuest for Red Cross work. The will look after all mending of the hospital garments, and Tuesday of each week at the Prettiest Mile club they will make surgical dressings.

Miss Cornish is the house guest of Mrs. Wilson Low. She is the fiancee of her son, Lieutenant Raymond Low, who is now in France.

The officers and wives of Fort Crook recently met at Miss Plummer's quarters, for the purpose of organizing a reading club. Light refreshments were served with entertainments of the evening.

Mrs. Howard Schoenman chaperoned Misses Madeline Kendall, Margaret Carrick, Katherine Carrick and Lottie Owens at a dinner and theater party last week.

Mrs. David Reeves received a German helmet from Major Reeves, who is in France, also word of his promotion to lieutenant-colonel.

Current Events

Lieutenant Marion A. Baldwin, who was to meet Beverly W. Holmes in five minutes at the Red Cross canteen waited just five hours; Beverly was at the Y. M. C. A.

Lieutenant Theodore E. Faulk, who was guest of Miss Blanch V. Deuel Thursday for dinner, attended "The Han Within" at the Rialto.

Teddy enjoyed a peaceful nap, and got a good glimpse of Dorothy Gish just before he went "over the top."

Mrs. W. S. Wylie, who looks after the Red Cross orders for Fort Omaha and Fort Crook, has been very busy with the coming of the winter season. Among several orders placed at Fort Omaha were 2,145 sweaters, 343 pairs of socks, forty-five helmets, seventy-one wristlets, as well as many other Red Cross supplies.

Dances.
The "Smiles" club gave a delightful dance Saturday evening at Dundee hall.

"The Paxton Auxiliary society gave a "hard times" dance last week at Kel Pines dancing academy. Many soldiers were present.

Loyalty club gave a dance last Friday at the Knights of Columbus hall, Fort Omaha, Neb.

Dramatic club, composed of young college ladies, gave a play at the Y. M. C. A. Monday evening.

Young Women's Hebrew association gave a Hallowe'en dance last Saturday evening at their club rooms, Lyric building.

M. E. Smith & Co. gave a dance last Saturday evening. Many soldiers were present.

The Lafayette club filled the Cookie Jar at the Hostess Room in the Y. M. C. A. at Fort Omaha last Tuesday.

The Patricia club gave a dance at the K. C. Hut at Florence Field Wednesday evening.

The D. T. A. club will be hostess at the regular weekly dance at the K. of C. Hall, Wednesday evening, November 20th.

The Comrade club will give a dance at the K. C. Hut, Florence Field, Wednesday evening, November 20.

S. O. S. club will give a dance at Hanscom Park Pavilion, Friday evening, November 15.

The Unitarian Church at Thirty-first and Harney hold open house every Friday evening. Refreshments, games and dancing will be the pleasures of the evening.

The Patriots club will give a dance at Jacobs Hall, 1716 Dodge street, Saturday evening, November 16.

The Local Y. M. C. A. has arranged for open house and game party Wednesday evening, November 20.

The Army and Navy Club (Khaki Club) is now open to the men. Pool tables have been recovered, and a good program is being arranged.

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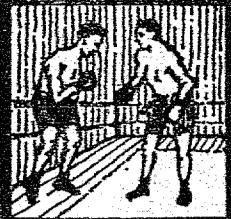
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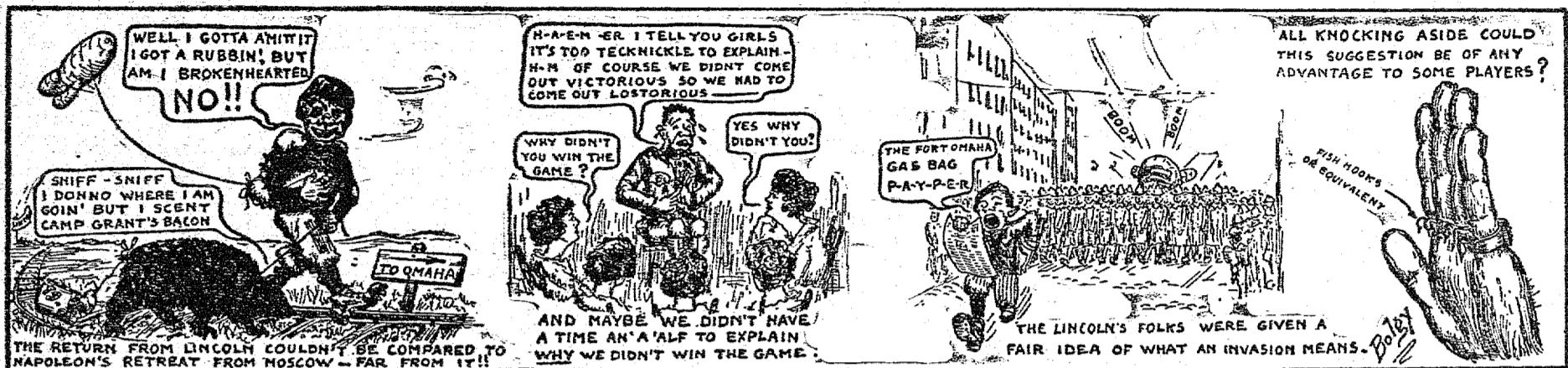
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SPORTING - NEWS

Bolgy's Impression of the Nebraska-Fort Omaha Mix



LINCOLN BEATS FORT OMAHA, HARD GAME

Cornhuskers Trim Balloon School to Tune of 19 to 0.

The representative eleven from the Fort Omaha balloon school lost their first gridiron battle of the season when they met the University of Nebraska team at Lincoln on Saturday, November 9.

In spite of a scrappy defensive on the part of the soldiers, the Huskers glommed the big end of a 19 to 0 score. Our team was accompanied by more than 200 rooters and a large crowd witnessed the contest.

Nebraska scored once in the first period, and once in the second. During the third quarter our players put up such a strong defense that Kline's warriors were unable to cross the line. In the final period, however, they succeeded in repeating the performance.

Our team was helpless on the offensive. They lacked co-operation and a consistent attack and were unable to negotiate a single first down on straight football during the game.

The game was lost on account of the failure of the soldiers to stop Hubka and Schellenberg, the stars of the Husker backfield. None of the other Nebraska players distinguished themselves by stellar playing.

Hubka and Schellenberg were good for distance practically every time they were called upon to carry the ball. For the soldiers, King and Dezendorff played the best game.

King's Fumbles Cost Scores.

Kline's pupils showed they were far from a finished eleven and crudities in the Husker play cost at least one touchdown.

Nebraska won the toss and after an exchange of punts, Nebraska got the ball on King's fumble. Lantz recovering and running to the Balloon school's 20-yard line before he was downed.

Hubka rammed off tackle for 17 yards and Schellenberg slid through for 9 more. Two more plays put the ball over, with Howarth carrying it. He missed an easy goal. A fumble by King in the second period again cost the Balloon school a touchdown. The Huskers recovered the ball on the Balloon school's 16-yard line and on the first play Schellenberg sprinted over for the second touchdown. Howarth kicked the goal, making the score 13 to 0.

Our Soldiers Improve.

In the third period the soldiers played their best football and kept the pigskin in Nebraska territory a majority portion of the time. The soldiers opened up with a forward pass and worked two for small gains, but for the most part the Huskers broke them up. With the ball in Nebraska's possession, after an attempted drop kick by Faulk had failed from the Nebraska 40-yard line, King intercepted a forward pass from Schellenberg and ran to the Nebraska 38-yard line before he was downed. Nebraska took the ball on downs and punt out of danger.

A series of forward passes by the Huskers in the fourth period car-

ried the ball to the soldiers' 10-yard line. Howarth then shot a forward pass to Swanson, standing behind the soldiers' goal, for the final touchdown. Howarth missed the goal. The game ended without further scoring.

NEBRASKA - BALLOON SCHOOL

Neuman	L. E.	(C) Falk
Hubka (C)	L. T.	Froelich
W. Munn	L. G.	Anderson
M. Munn	C.	Adams
Armous	R. G.	Wobber
Lyman	R. T.	Zerler
Swanson	R. E.	Beck
Howarth	Q. B.	Dezendorff
Schellenberg	L. H.	Deeds
Lantz	R. H.	Lundberg
Hartley	F. B.	King

Substitutes:

Nebraska—Lanphear for Neumann; Dana for Armour; Jobes for Schellenberg; Reynolds for Lantz; Martin for Hartley.

Balloon School—Capps for Adams; Reynolds for Capps; McCoy for Anderson; Sells for Zerler; Hennessey for Beck; Tracy for Lundberg; Weirich for Tracy; Littleton for Dezendorff; Jordan for Deeds; Reed for Jordan.

Touchdowns—Howarth, Schellenberg, Swanson.

Goal From Touchdown—Howarth.

Time of Periods—Fifteen minutes.

Score by periods:

Nebraska 6 7 0 6-19

Balloon School 0 0 0 0

Officials: Earl Johnson, Doane College, referee; Ben Beck, Nebraska Wesleyan, umpire; M. F. Jones, Grinnell College, head linesman and timekeeper. Hm:kf. K?

ALL OMAHA PLANS TO CELEBRATE ARMY DAY

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jump of 4,000 feet from a looping airplane onto the gridiron between the halves.

A field officer will drop the football onto the field from an airplane before the game.

To the soldiers of Fort Omaha, Army Day means much. A half holiday will be observed at the post to give every one an opportunity to back the team. Under the direction of Captain Whitney and on the Case universit yteam and er, the men have been practicing the post yells and are ready to make enough noise to raise the city.

The post band will play at the game and will give a concert in the morning in Omaha. The band has given concerts and paraded in the city every night this week to advertise the day.

Major P. E. Van Nostrand, executive officer, has taken a very active interest in the project and at mass meetings held during the last two weeks urged the men to do all in their power to make it a success.

The civilian committee directing the celebration is as follows: E. Buckingham, chairman; J. T. Wachob, Arthur Guiou, Wallace Lyman, Harvey Milliken, H. A. Tukey, C. C. George, Joe Wright, Jr., J. W. Welch, H. W. Pierpont, Howard Goulding, C. E. Black, Dean Smith, Charles L. Sykes, H. O. Wilhelm, W. B. Cheek, W. A. Fraser, George Brandeis, L. C. Nash, Charles Garvey, John W. Gamble, W. A. Rourke, Gould Dietz, Roy T. Byrne, Charles R. Docherty.

The officers' ball will be held in Garage No. 2. Elaborate plans have been made to make this affair a success. The committee in charge is: Lieutenants G. W. McIntire, W. E. Connelly, J. T. Neely 2d, G. R. Conklin, C. S. Powell, R. S. Walton and R. H. Loomis.

The game will start at 2:30 o'clock.

Because of the Spanish influenza epidemic, it is impossible to get a line on the calibre of either team. Both have been working hard, but have lost most of their games by default to the epidemic.

Omaha debutantes will sell programs at the game, passing through the audience. The subscriptions

will be turned over to a fund for remodeling the Fort Omaha gymnasium.

A large section of the bleachers has been reserved for the soldiers. Cars will carry the companies to the city. From there they will parade to the park.

Seats may be purchased at Beaton's Drug store at Farnam and Fifteenth streets, or at the gate.

At the Camp Grant-Custer game of last year, played at Chicago, \$34,000 was cleared.

The men who will start the game behind the line are: King at full-back; Desendorf at quarter, and Weirich and Lundberg as halfbacks. Other men from whom much is expected are, Faulk and Adams.

Faulk played end on the Washington university varsity team. King played for three years as halfback on the University of West Virginia eleven. Desendorf is an all-southern man. He played on the University of Georgia team. Lund-

berg is Pennsy state man. Weirich is an Omaha boy.

The line-up of the Omaha team follows:

L. E.	Faulk, Lt.
L. T.	Anderson, (Hughes).
L. G.	Froelich.
C.	Adams (Reynolds).
R. G.	Webber.
R. T.	Sills (Zerler) (Lt. Boyle).
R. E.	Littleton (Beck) (Hennesey).
Q. B.	Desendorf (Lt. Waiton).
R. H.	Lunberg, Lt.
L. H.	Weirich (Eudaily).
F. B.	King (Reid.)

TWO SOLDIERS KILLED WHEN TRAINS COLLIDE

At least two soldiers were killed and a dozen injured when a special train carrying 1,200 foot-ball rooters from Camp Grant, Rockford, to Chicago collided with a regular passenger train on the Chicago Burlington & Quincy railroad at Sugar Grove, six miles west

of Aurora, Ill.

The accident occurred close to the station at Sugar Grove. The special train was to pass the regular train at Sugar Grove and was running slowly. Reports said that the regular train had orders to take the siding east of the station, but ran on toward the west siding at reduced speed.

Women Take Places of Men Coaches in Boston

Enter the feminine football coaches and referees. Every day now the youngsters on the public school playgrounds are playing "soccer" football under the direction of their women teachers. Men teachers, who in other years always directed the school football, have been called away to the war and the women came to the rescue of the boys and volunteered to take the men's places. The women have gone the men one better by organizing a school boy soccer league.

Zieme Catches a Few Snap Shots





The memory of a lot of old-timers will be refreshed by reading the paragraphs to follow, which deal with Fort Omaha and the Balloon Division in the days just after war was declared. Naturally these were the days of experiment and adjustment as the wheels of our great military machine had just started to turn.

In the latter part of May, 1917, the first balloon companies in America were organized at Fort Omaha. These were Provisional A and Provisional B of ninety-one men each.

Provisional A was commanded by Captain Prentice and Provisional B by Captain Vaughn. Lieutenant Boettcher, now Major Boettcher in France with the Third Balloon Squadron, and Lieutenant Goodale, now Captain Goodale in charge of Balloon House, were also connected with these first companies.

There was a great rivalry existing between these first companies, every drill or detail was a contest. Balloon drill and truck formations were the favorite basis for judging the companies and all the men were



keen for contest all the time. The result was efficiency.

Deflated Balloon Drill.

The "deflated balloon drill" was the main occupation in those days and comparison of the old method with the present day drill is interesting. In the drill of the early days there was a sand bag detail, right and left side squads and inflation detail. The trucks used for carrying the gas cylinders were provided with seats for the men and racks were arranged to hold twenty-four cylinders.

Before drill the truck train would draw up in front of the company. The men would be standing at attention. At the command "prepare to mount" the men would take their position alongside the trucks and then at the command "mount" there would be a wild scrambling for seats.

The truck train would tour around the parade ground several times and then on signal from the



head truck they would all go into formation. This formation required an expert driver to bring a truck into proper position and failure to "hit the mark" brought forth a reprimand.

At this time the deflated balloon would be unrolled and spread out in preparation for inflation. All we did was prepare for inflation—we never really inflated the balloon.

Finally Inflate Balloon.

Finally the foolishness of drilling with a deflated balloon manifested itself and an inflated "Goodyear" was made ready in the balloon house. After two days' deliberation whether it was safe to fly a balloon the officers in charge decided that it would be all right if screw pickets were placed in the ground and the guy ropes attached to them. Every time the flying position was changed the screw pickets had to be changed accordingly.

Everyone seemed to think that a balloon should fly in all kinds of weather and we followed out this idea until one day the tail cups blew off and the balloon took a joy ride at the end of the cable in a high wind.

It was just about this time that a parachute to which was attached a sand bag had failed to open and

the bag buried itself in the ground. Previous to the dropping of the parachute there had been a list in the North Barracks for those desiring to take parachute drops to sign. Quite a number of officers had signified their willingness, but after the fatal drop of the sand bag their names suddenly disappeared from the list.

The first balloon company out of Fort Omaha went to Fort Sill. When this company left there were numerous difficulties that arose which caused the officials to investigate and resulted in the reorganization of the Balloon Service. Since that time great advances have been made in this branch of the service and right now the Balloon Division is efficient in every respect. We must remember that the wonderful military value of observation balloons had been ignored previous to the present war and the advances that have taken place to date were nearly all worked out in Fort Omaha since May, 1917.

They Wore Red Sweaters.

Nearly everyone has heard of the famous old First Balloon School Squadron which was formed here. This organization was among the first at Fort Omaha and many of our present officers came from the ranks of that squadron. Many interesting occurrences can be related concerning this old outfit, among them the way the sergeants used to dress on cold days in red sweaters, leather puttees and often sport ear muffs. Most of the privates were similarly dressed. In those days a private could dress in officers' uniforms and the only way to tell a "buck" private from a commissioned officer was to look for shoulder bars, or collar ornaments.

The cadets at this time had it pretty "soft." All they had to do was listen to a lecture now and then and after a while they would be commissioned first lieutenants. No one drew blanks.

When there was a dull day at the Country club, officers and cadets were in evidence at the post, but on busy days for society they were as scarce as the proverbial "hen teeth."

Since these days of infancy Fort Omaha and the Balloon School have grown and prospered. The "commission mill" has been busy turning out balloon officers and quite a few companies are doing their bit "over there." The Balloon Division is now ready—ready for any emergency, with officers, men and equipment.

FRANCE NEEDS CASH AND GOODS, NOT MEN

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until commissioned an officer in 1918. He was detailed to the British army at the front in 1914, and was in action at the battles of the Aisne, Ypres, La Bassee and the offensives of the Somme and of Flanders. In 1917 he was awarded the British distinguished conduct medal "for fulfilling his duties with the spirit of devotion beyond all praise," and during the Flanders offensive in 1917 he received honorable mention for exceptional coolness under fire.

Stunt Flying Is Really Essential to Air Fighters

By Captain K. G. Pullman, Jr., J. M. A.

(From Aerial Age.)

Acrobacy or trick flying is as necessary to the fighter of the air as a knowledge of the gun mechanism is to the infantryman. Consequently, such trick flying has been found necessary to prepare a flyer, for combat is now taught in the training schools.

It is extremely necessary that every chasse pilot master the rudiments of acrobacy before he tries air combat, for in such combat he must necessarily forget that he is flying and must devote every faculty to keeping out of the line of fire of his adversary. In thus dodging his enemy's attack the pilot puts his machine into positions which, due to inexperience, result in a virile or in an upside-down position, and unless he has been taught how to avoid such positions he places himself open to being shot down by his adversary.

The object of acrobacy is to produce each dangerous condition of flight that a pilot may be expected to encounter and to teach how to meet them. Only in this way is it possible for a pilot to become the master of his machine. Thus in a short period devoted to intentional acrobacy a pilot acquires the confidence in his ability to meet all emergencies that no amount of ordinary flying can produce, and as a result he finds it possible to devote his entire time to his work of warfare, the function of piloting being performed instinctively.

At a field where tricky flying is taught every student is given individual attention and instruction. Only one "stunt" at a time is explained, which must be repeated by the student, and unless every movement is thoroughly understood he is not permitted to attempt the work.

The Immelman Turn.

The Immelman turn was first used in combat by Lieutenant Immelman of the German flying corps, and has proved very useful as one of the fighting pilot's bag of tricks.

To perform the Immelman turn, the pilot ascends to the height of 1,200 meters, and after flying level for a few minutes he points the nose of the machine down very slightly and then pulls slowly back on the central stick, causing the machine to climb almost vertically. Care should be taken not to pull enough on the stick to cause the plane to loop. The motor should be cut as soon as the machine starts to climb, and as soon as excessive loss of speed is felt the rudder is pushed sharply to one side. The machine falls to the side on which the rudder is pushed, and as soon as the machine reaches vertical the pilot places the rudder in neutral, switches on the motor, and by pulling back on the stick resumes normal flight. A slight movement of the stick to the side corresponding to the rudder used will help the movement.

When done properly, the turn is

a very pretty performance, and no loss of altitude results. It can be performed to either side with uniform results, and after the pilot is thoroughly accustomed to the movement, he may use his motor throughout the complete evolution with no loss of speed.

Since the side-slip allows the pilot to lose an abnormal amount of altitude in proportion to the distance progressed forward, it is a very useful stunt. A pilot, in making a forced landing, may allow himself to overshoot his landing field and then side-slip off any surplus altitude, thus assuring his reaching the field.

In aerial combat and in dodging anti-aircraft fire it is also very useful, as it is a method of losing altitude very rapidly, and since in a side-slip the direction of motion is not directly forward, it is very disconcerting to any enemy firing at the machine.

A side-slip is accomplished by pushing the control stick all the way to one side and accompanying it by sufficient pressure of the opposite foot to hold the nose of the machine up. The control stick is at the same time pushed slightly forward, and the machine descends sidewise at a terrific speed.

To recover from a side-slip, the control stick is placed in neutral, and the rudder corresponding to the direction of the slip is pushed. As a result, the machine turns and dives into the direction of the slip, and by readdressing the stick straightaway flight is resumed.

The Loop.

The loop is accomplished by putting the nose of the machine down slightly to obtain maximum speed and then pulling back on the control stick, slowly at first and more rapidly as the top of the loop is reached. Just after the top has been passed the motor should be cut, the machine being allowed to fall of its own momentum through the last half. When the loop is completed the stick should be placed in neutral, the motor switched on and normal flight resumed. When looping with a plane using a rotary motor, some left rudder should be used at the top of the loop to prevent falling out of the loop to the right.

A loop improperly done may result in a virile, and, taken as a whole, looping is of no value in a fight, for when a machine is inverted the pilot is quite helpless until the machine has passed the "dead point" and starts downward, thus giving an enemy who is following a good target. The machine gun belt is likely to become disarranged

and cause the gun to jam.

If the loop is improperly done, the reversals of pressure are very severe and are extremely hard on a finely adjusted and very fast machine, but a loop properly done causes very little strain.

Acrobacy at low altitudes is strictly forbidden at training schools, and it should never be done close to the earth except in cases of emergency and actual combat.

A pilot cannot at all times be sure of the condition of the atmosphere, which he cannot see, and fatal falls often result when overconfidence meets with bad air conditions near the ground.

The number of expert flyers who have met their death in this manner should be a sufficient and convincing argument to any pupil in acrobacy that stunting near the ground is a game that is "not worth the candle."

Langford and Johnson

May Box in Boston Soon

The boxing promoters of Boston are planning to combine and put on a monster boxing show at the Arena for the benefit of the war workers during next week. In this show several glove artists from the Hub and its suburbs will participate. One of the bouts may bring together Sam Lanford and Battling Johnson. Another contest with Larry Burns and Johnny Donovan as the principals, may be arranged. These two lads hail from South Boston and keen rivalry exists between them. The boxing promoters of New Orleans, Oakland, Seattle and several other big towns in the country are also combining to aid the worthy cause.

When Was He There?

William Carl, the chubby individual who presides in the little store just outside the Florence Field gate, was somewhat puzzled by the request of an amateur comedian for "some of that Eskimo candy."

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ORGANIZATION NEWS

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Larkin, the tidy boy, complains of the depredations of a well organized gang of bandits in his vicinity.

Supply Sergeant Volz is forced to take inventory of stock—must have a lady assistant at once, one who has had experience in shorthand. Blouses need not apply. Salary no object, office hours from 1 to 11 A.M.

Mr. Gowen, our steady sergeant, has no favorites, and is a firm believer in 50-50.

74th Balloon Company.

Pvt. F. J. Reinhart, our clerk, is at the hospital recovering from a successful operation on his eyes.

We are rejoicing over the fact that we have fifty new rolls of music that cost us nothing.

We sure would like to locate the man in this company who is constantly whistling "we're going over."

We lost two of our officers, Lieuts Kassler and Callan.

Quartermaster's Corps.

Julius Du Boise.

Have you noticed that some agriculturist has been working on the cranium of rhodes? It is breathed it was at the suggestion of the "C. O."

Pvt. Early Kellogg is in Council Bluffs on furlough.

Corporal Doran has returned from a five day pass.

Quartermaster Sergeant Bianca is resting comfortably in the hospital.

That is all excepting Reveille, police, mess, more police, work, police, mess, more police, work, mess—"K. P." If you don't believe it ask Tishman.

Fort Crook Notes.

G. A. DeLand.

Flying Cadet.

The following cadets took a rather large step in their army life as they stepped out of our jurisdiction but we shall endeavor to follow them in their meanderings within the army circle:

For Arcadia, California:

Winslow, Walter M., Andrew, F. M., Canterbury, C. M., Kamerer, W. L., McClure, D. P., Shaw, D., McDaniel, R. W., Simons, F. L., Tyson, N. L., Logan, J. S., Grosche, A. S., Burgess, C. B., Wells, J. E., McWilliams, D. B., Gray, S. W., Haynes, H. V., Hilton, C. M., Joy, L. W., Lewis, S. M., Lovett, T. D., Mueller, H. P., Rankin, G. L., Vought, A. B.

For Camp Wise, San Antonio, Texas:

Hutchison, L. S., Harris, H. E., Malloy, J. D., Stanley, L. R., Stanley, J. C., Clowe, H. L., Wright, H. D., Garrett, H., Russack, E. A., Bates, B. F., Buntack, H. H., Holmes, H. H., Peacock, J. B., Ruler, T. H.

One more exception to the General Rule, for instance the preparatory command and the command of execution, when Cadet Bushey, formerly a Commodore in the Irish and Jewish navy, gives the command "lights on."

Why is the egg in the coffee pot like the order of the Medical corps releasing the quarantine? That settles it.

There is a lot of blue blood plutocrats son of trust combiners, who after the war will believe that the laborer is worthy of his hire, for they will have some small knowledge of the subject themselves.

Contemplate the scene of celebrating the glorious dawn of peace in a dry bone state.

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goldbrick but he gets something out of it. A cadet—but then let us not speak of ourselves.

If there is anything in a name, Cadet Lee Washington should be commissioned at least a general.

Three squares last Sunday. Thanks to Sergeant Bleau and his gang of porch climbers.

New rule in dining hall: Keep one foot on the floor.

Lieutenant Boyle has returned to duties.

MEDICS.

Our gloomy looking "snap out of it" friend, Roche, has been wearing a smile lately that makes the setting sun look like a ton of coal. Maybe it is because he saw his wife the other day, or that the Liberty bonds he bought are being mailed to him.

Assistant Cook Mourer had a terrible accident last week. He slipped and was met half way by a beautiful "shiner," which he dresses very gently every morning.

Sergeant "Murph" Milder and "Yid" Crawford set them up last week after several hints by the office rat.

As yet Deardorff has failed to kick in with the long blacks, but we expect something from him, as fourteen per additional, warrants the boys kicking in for "extras."

The Fort Omaha boys think themselves a little uppish on account of having a clear field with the Omaha Fair Ones, but woe unto you, when the eclat of Fort Crook bring up their reserves. The sun will cease shining when the wild bunch of "foreign service guys" cut loose about Saturday.

Quartermaster Corps.

"When do we go across" has changed to "when do we get out." Quoth the raven, "Nevermore."

We give it as our unbiased opinion that there has been more official business transacted in Omaha since this post went under quarantine than in any previous three months since the post was first organized.

Rumor sayeth that the 61st company is going across. May the boys in the balloons bag some of the peace whispers now creeping across the briny.

Anybody notice the great increase in spud hauling since the quarantine went on? Incidentally, did anyone notice the great number of passes issued to men to accompany the trucks to town? The boys surely are willing to take a chance on slinging spuds at the Depot Q. M., regardless of their record for work out there.

Detached Service Men.

"Attention Men" is the favorite expression of Sergeant Morrell, who was transferred down here on special duty training recruits. With him came Sergt. Wells and Corporals Bourgeois, Norris and Irey.

Chic is so busy fixing motors nowadays that he hasn't time for anything, but eating apples and keeping quiet.

Every time Raymone starts doing something in the flying directions, he gets stuck.

Hester has acquired the art of being a gang-boss and a box car shift-

Lieutenant Gledhill made a flight to Lincoln. He carried one passenger.

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Y. M. C. A. NOTES.

Last Monday evening Tom Corwine of Kentucky, the famous polyphonic imitator, entertained the audience. He imitated all kinds of musical instruments, barnyard sounds, train and steamboat whistles, sawmills, bumblebees, dog fights, etc., to the great delight of his hearers.

The Y has a regular program every night in the week. Tuesday and Friday night are movie nights. Monday night is entertainment night. Wednesday night is educational night. Thursday night is religious night. Saturday night is given over to stunts of various nature, especially athletic.

Any man who can box, wrestle, tumble or do anything of an athletic nature that can be put on indoors is invited to report to Secretary Seaton.

On Thursday nights some Omaha preacher speaks and brings his choir to furnish the music. Rev. Mr. Ernst of the Lowe Avenue Presbyterian church spoke last evening.

The Y has obtained a limited supply of Christmas cards, which will be sold to the men at cost. These cards are on sale now.

Sergeant M. S. Weed, Company H, 137th infantry, son of Secretary Weed, was wounded in the fighting around Verdun the last week in September. He writes that he hopes to be out of the hospital by Christmas.

AT THE GAYETY.

Abe Reynolds and Florence Mills, two of burlesque's foremost artists will be seen in this city Saturday afternoon when Max Spiegel's new version of THE MERRY ROUNDERS, will open a week's engagement at the Gayety theatre.

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character in the dramatic field. Miss Mills is pre-eminent in the prima donna role and is said to possess the most extensive wardrobe of any woman in burlesque.

Abe has written a new book for the show and Charles Kuebler has furnished the musical settings. Edward Hurdy known as the "American Urban," has designed several startling scenic creations, the foremost being the magnificent scene used for the patriotic finale.

Twenty-four of the prettiest girls that could be selected have been gathered together by Mr. Spiegel, as a background for the work of the principals.

Steinlauf Becomes Cadet. Henry Steinlauf, secretary to the post signal officer and advertising manager of The Gas Bag, has successfully passed examinations and entered the cadet school.

Steinlauf's cartoons and humorous letters on the "Rocking the Basket" page were hugely enjoyed by the readers of the fort paper.

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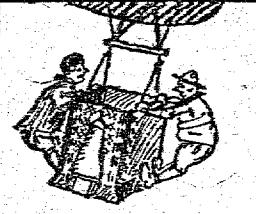
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Three Jacks!

In the good old pick and shovel days a recruit from the Fourteenth balloon company was nominated chauffeur on a road scraper with mules for motive power. The day he was issued a pair of mules followed one spent at intensive balloon drill under a "hard-boiled" sergeant. Friend rookie was just chock full of rudders, fins, ease off, haul down and cylinders when he had the "jacks" wished on him and he started out to maximize the highway in an absent-minded way.

An officer making a tour of inspection heard an unusual racket in the direction of rookie, jacks and scraper and hustled over to investigate. There was the mule driver pulling on the handles of the scraper and yelling at the top of his voice—"to the rear march"—"hold nose, tail right"—"ease off."

Finally the affair seemed to organize itself and a smile of satisfaction flitted over the rookie's countenance. Just as the officer left the scene he heard the cry—"forward march"—"traverse right." Needless to say that our friend soon graduated from the mule division and entered the ranks of balloon commanders.

Moral: If you can drive mules you can handle men.

Ordnance!

A guest ordering his dinner at a fashionable hotel.

"Noodle soup, veal cutlet with tomato sauce and a cream puff."

The waiter had just been discharged from the army following service at the front. "Bowl of submarines, camouflage the calf and a custard grenade."

LAUGHING GAS.

No Wonder!

A "classic dancer" Wins applause By romping in a Yard of gauze!

Let's Go;

Army Atten-shun!

DISMISSED!

I met Mister Rumor today. Just after returning from chow; He began in his asinine way To tell me the Why and the How.

THE HOUSE THAT GOTTA BUILT. This is the house that Gott built. This is the Hun that lived in the house that Gott built.

This is the hate that filled the Hun that lived in the house that Gott built.

These are the victims, mangled and torn, that succumbed to the hate that filled the Hun that lived in the house that Gott built.

These are the Liberty Bonds galore that backed up the boys from the Yankee shore against the house that Gott built.

This is the victory, sure and swift, that came to our boys from the land of thrift that avenged the victims, mangled and torn, that succumbed to the hate that filled the Hun that lives no more in the house that Gott built.

—Life."

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AROUND TOWN.

The other night Bill Moan and I went to the Orpheum. The orchestra played "Over There." Bill thought it was the the National Anthem and stood up. Poor Bill!

I THANK YOU.

WHY SURE!

"What did we have for breakfast this morning, sergeant?"

"A nice mess of slum."

"I thought it was about time we were having some; we haven't had any since last night."—Stars and Stripes.

A TIRED BUCK'S PLAINT.

I wisht I was a little rock

A-settin' on a hill,

A-doin' nothing all day long

But just a-settin' still.

I wouldn't eat, I wouldn't drink,

I wouldn't even wash;

I'd set and set a thousand years

And rest myself, by gosh.

J. C. B.

CONTRAST.

"My son has just been made a director in his company."

"Hate to crow over you, old man, but mine's just been made a Corporal in his."

DOWNSHILL WORK.

The director was giving the boys a few exercises before breakfast. "The next movement is known as the 'Bicycle,'" he explained; "each man will lie upon his back; at the count of one bring your right knee up sharply—at two return the right and bring up the left and repeat until I say, 'Halt.'"

The exercise was well under way and the director was counting "one—two, one—two," when all at once he noticed Private O'Reilly near the front was lying still with both knees drawn up under his chin. "What's the matter there," the director yelled—"have you got a cramp?"

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Front Prohi's.

A colored trooper was busily sipping on a glass of "Bevo" when one of his pals approached him.

"What yo all drinkin niggah?"

"Bebo, son, Bebo," was the reply.

"Is it sho nuff beah, Ras?"

"Wall I'll tell yo all, it looks a little like beah,—and he taste a little like beah but some how it sorta seems to lack the a-a-a-whori-

Shave!

Jack and Gill Went up the hill, Something to eat

To get. Jack fell down And broke his crown.

GILL-ETTE.

Cheer Up!

Twixt optimist and pessimist The difference is quite droll. The optimist sees the doughnut; The pessimist sees the hole.

And He Got 'Em.

Some months ago in the South Barracks an electric bell system was used to get the men out for formations and it also served to announce "chow" to an always hungry mob.

The bells were controlled by an electric push button in the orderly room. One day the following incident occurred:

Cook, to rookie K. P.: "Go out and ring the bell for chow."

The rookie carried out the order in part, but the only bell he knew of was in the rear of the barracks. This he rang with the greatest zeal, shouting at the top of his voice, "CHOW."

A crowd quickly gathered; startled expressions were in evidence. Questions were on every lip, but none entered the portals of the mess hall.

IT WAS THE FIRE BELL HE WAS EXERCISING.

Get Off the Earth!

The sergeant was vainly trying to teach a rookie the Manual of Arms.

"Private, you should be in the Balloon Division."

"Why, sir?" "Because you're no good on earth."

A. W. O. L.—A Bear Fact!

Huggem, as we all know, is the official mascot of the 63rd Balloon Company. To those who know not Huggem we say "he's a bear." Huggem has either adopted a certain mess sergeant, or a certain mess sergeant has adopted Huggem.

The recent furrowed forehead, drooped mouth and damp eyes of this mess sergeant brought forth excited inquiry and finally the Sphinx spoke—"Huggem is A. W. O. L."

'Twas sad but true. Teddy had been gone two long days and there were none who ventured an opinion as to where the bear had migrated. The flag in the bear's garage was put at half mast and an inventory of effects prepared for how could a helpless bear exist for two days in the wilds of Omaha, especially when we have no bear military police.

(Note: Slow music for the following.)

On the third night Huggem softly slipped by the sentry patrolling post tent and entered his quarters. Barely had the bear returned when the mess sergeant arrived to pay tribute to his missing mascot. Upon discovery of Huggem's return joy was rampant, a feed prepared and conditions again became normal.

But the question is still unanswered as to where the bear spent his furlough. Mebbe the De Luxe?

Letter From the Front. The sargent sed, "hear is a pick and shuvul—take yur pick." I took the shuvul.

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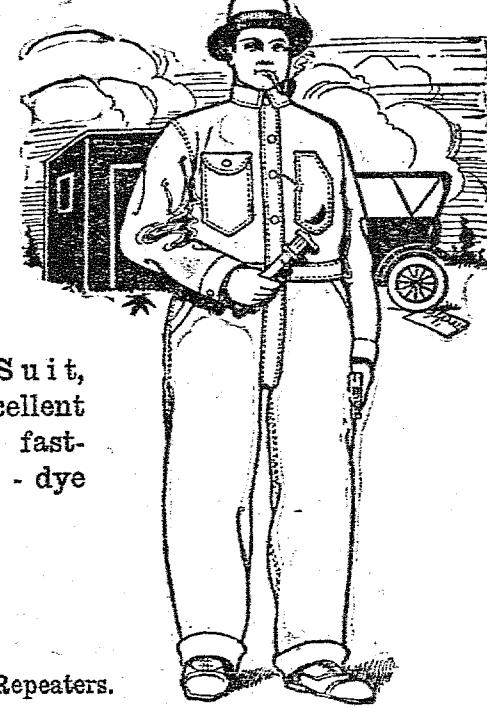
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FRIDAY, NOVEMBER 15, 1918.

The Fort Omaha Gas Bag has been founded by a group of men whose conviction it is that such an institution is necessary to furnish the men with the live news in and out of the post not only, but to bolster the "esprit de corps" and morale of the command and to reflect the opinion of the men themselves.

Contributions are invited. They must be typewritten. Contributors are advised to retain duplicate copies of such, as the Gas Bag will not be responsible for any copy received.

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Prepare yourself for the future. Until now you have been wasting your time on a "picayuna" circuit when you have the talent to play in "big time."

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You have an equal chance of achieving.

The guns that turned the Huns came from the same mines that gave ore for the baby's toy pistol.

The forest that furnished spokes for junk carts produced propellers that lifted twentieth century knights above the Rhine.

The steel in your flier is identical to that pulling truck after truck full of food and fighting material to the front.

Guns, and motors, and products of all kinds are classed according to their calibre horse-power quality.

Men are graded by strength of character or the lack of it.

But will it and you can accomplish anything within the scope of human capacity.

For he who perseveres the doors of opportunity open wide and happiness comes to him.

The time has come when you should take your due.

You are going right but you've got in a rut. Break away and make a way for yourself.

MENTAL STABILITY is all that you need. Get your bearings and get away without loss of time, hold your pace steadily and come down the home stretch leading.

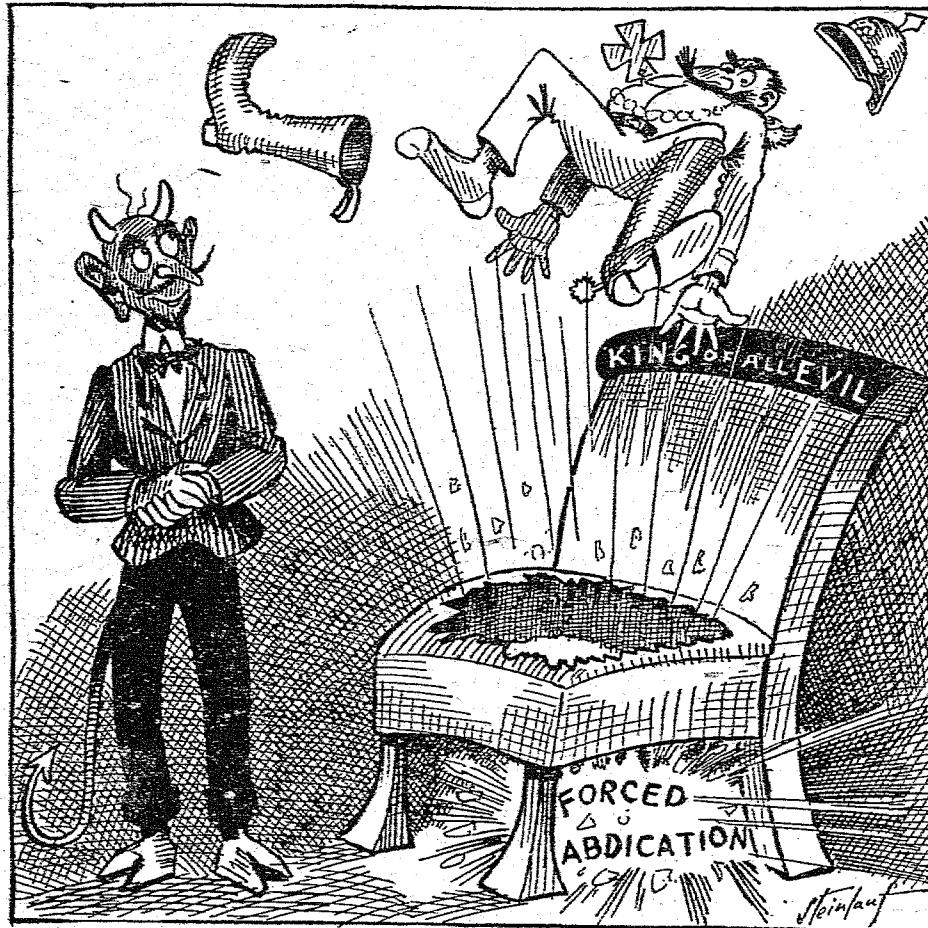
A Duty.

Tomorrow, Army Day, the post football team plays its first big game. The fort eleven meets the Camp Grant team at Rourke park. The Grant aggregation is a strong one and will come backed heavily by supporters.

The men in the Fort will be given an opportunity to attend the game. Let every man be there. Let the team know you have confidence in their ability to win and are backing them to the limit. And don't forget to root. And when you get through, root some more and keep on rooting until the men from Grant have been sent home defeated.

This is a duty that should not be shirked.

Now the Devil Can Have His Job Back Again



IN FLANDERS FIELDS

By LIEUT.-COL. JOHN M'CRAE.

Canadian Expeditionary Forces.

In Flanders fields, the poppies grow
Between the crosses, row on row,
That mark our place; and in the sky
The larks, still bravely singing, fly,
Scarce heard amid the guns below.

We are the dead. Short days ago
We lived, felt dawn, saw sunset glow,
Loved and were loved; and now we lie
In Flanders fields.

Take up our quarrel with the foe!
To you, from failing hands, we throw
The torch. Be yours to lift it high!
If ye break faith with us who die
We shall not sleep though poppies blow
In Flanders fields.

(The author of the foregoing poem died in France on January 28, 1918, after four years of service on the western front with the Canadian troops.)

IN FLANDERS FIELDS

(AN ANSWER)

By C. B. GALBREATH.

In Flanders fields the cannon boom
And fitful flashes light the gloom,
While up above, like eagles, fly
The fierce destroyers of the sky;
With stains the earth wherein you lie
Is redder than the poppy bloom,
In Flanders fields.

Sleep on, ye brave. The shrieking shell,
The quaking trench, the startled yell,
The fury of the battle hell
Shall wake you not, for all is well.
Sleep peacefully for all is well.

Your flaming torch aloft we bear,
With burning heart an oath we swear
To keep the faith, to fight it through,
To crush the foe or sleep with you
In Flanders fields.

(The foregoing poem is the answer to the above by a soldier fighting in Flanders Fields. Together the poems are considered the most powerful of the war.)

OBSERVATIONS

BY THE EDITOR

NEWS

OF peace

HAS put the

POST in a state

OF mental aberration.

MESS Sergeants are feeding

AT all meals, Supply Sergeants

ARE issuing otherwise than

BURLAP bags and canal boats,

AND it is whispered a "K. P."

stopped

KICKING and an "M. P." cracked a

smile.

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All out for your discharges.

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All together—"Some—Rumors."

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Did you ever notice that although it has the clearest road the last Florence car seems 100 degrees slower than a garbage wagon?

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Philburt says since the post opened all that the men have been doing is "waisting" their time.

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Wasted time, Bah! That's our idea of improving the lingering moments of the war. Philburt.

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WANTED TO EXCHANGE: One pair gold bars in first class condition for a meal ticket.

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Ethelbert Jellyback has a plan for obtaining a commission in a WEEK'S training. Maybe it can be done, Ethelbert, but we think it would be a WEAK commission.

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The morning after the whistles had been blowing all night, Top Sergeant Fogarty received a deluge of mail. All contained requests for appointments and all writers had something to pay back that had been long over due.

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The Kaiser keeps putting off his dental date, says the Rookie from the thirteenth Squad. He fears the Yanks.

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One Jay went into the Quartermaster Office the morning General Rumor declared peace and asked what clothing he was to leave behind.

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Upper rooms to rent.

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And he is trying for a direct commission at that.

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"Kaiser Steps Down From the Throne," says a Chicago paper. We believe a more apropos statement would be "Wilhelm thrown off the steps."

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The former Emperor of Germany, it is rumored, left his home with a gat on his hip. The fugitive is Theodore Roosevelt.

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An Answer to the inevitable question—"Oh, yes, I've been across—the continent."

* * *

We are banking that William Hohenzollern will be damn thankful to be in a position to eat a Christmas dinner this year in Paris or any other place—this side of Hades.

And we'll go you one better and raise you five on Hades at that.