

CHRISTMAS PARTY TUESDAY EVENING WAS BIG SUCCESS

Splendid Program Enjoyed
by Men of Command in
Garage No. 2.

COLONEL WUEST WISHES
ALL A "HOMEY" XMAS

Santa Drops Down in Big
Balloon and Distributed
Presents.

A "homey" Christmas was what Colonel Wuest wished the soldiers of Fort Omaha in his speech at the big Christmas eve party at Garage No. 2 Tuesday evening.

And that's what every man present enjoyed.

Lieutenant L. W. Sanders, post chaplain, was in charge of the program. At 8 o'clock the entire enlisted personnel, as well as all the officers of the fort, were present and the fun commenced.

The initial stunt was the balloon ascension to bring Santa and his sack to the party. The guard on the stage got into communication with the old gentleman at once and promised a prompt arrival.

Sergeant Steeborg of the 63d company had to answer three encores when he sang "Smiles." His enor voice was appreciated.

Colonel Wuest made a splendid talk, rousing all of the latent enthusiasm in his audience. He referred to the conclusion of the war, which made this the merriest of Christmas. Also to the fact that Jerusalem and the Holy Land, so long in the hands of infidels, has been delivered once more into Christian keeping.

He asked the men to enter into the spirit of the holidays and forget, if possible, that they could not all spend them at home. He stated that these ten days could be made a pleasant memory for later years.

Presented Souvenirs.

Mrs. Jacob W. S. Wuest was presented with a silver cake tray by Corp. J. E. McGlynn on behalf of the enlisted men of the post. He spoke at length upon the high esteem with which the first lady of the post is regarded by the men.

Mrs. Wuest made a very pretty speech in acceptance.

Mrs. W. L. Sanders, wife of the post chaplain, was also the recipient of a silver cake tray from the men and the presentation speech was delivered by Corporal McGlynn.

She made a suitable reply. Popular selections by the post glee club made a big hit with the audience. The club was accompanied on the piano by Mrs. R. T. Crawford.

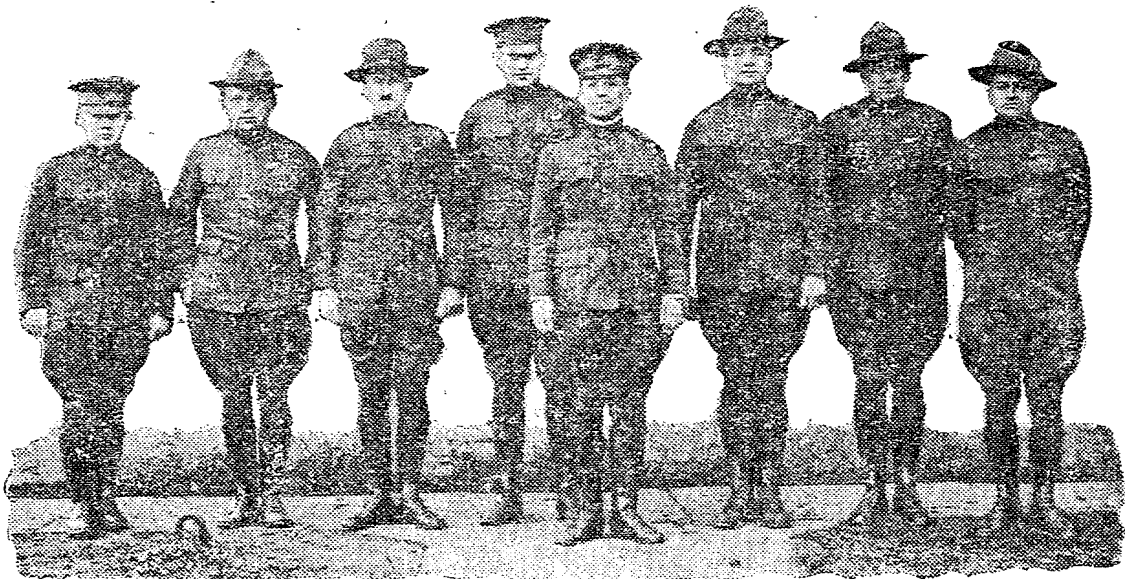
A portion of the Charles Chaplin film scream, "Shoulder Arms," was enjoyed by the men. The apparatus (Continued on Page 3.)

Lieutenant Neeley Succeeds Spang

Upon the discharge of Lieutenant Spang, formerly Publicity Officer of the Gas Bag, Lieutenant James Neeley was appointed to succeed him. We, the staff of the Gas Bag, congratulate the officials on their choice of Lieutenant Neeley to be our Censor and Publicity Officer, and shall endeavor to maintain the present high standard of the paper.

At Christmas tree celebrations in 1,500 Y. M. C. A. huts "over there," 36,000,000 cigarettes were given away to the men. Also 4,000,000 chocolate bars, 2,000,000 tins of smoking tobacco and 2,000,000 packages of chewing gum.

Staff of the School of Instruction



Left to right: Lt. M. E. Northwall, Lt. G. M. Carleton, Lt. P. J. Vollmar, Lt. R. H. Finley, Major R. T. Crawford, Lt. W. F. Collins, Lt. E. G. Hotchkiss, Lt. J. P. Spang.

The first candidates for commissions to arrive at Fort Omaha came from Yale and Columbia universities. The first of these arrived June 8, 1917. They were given instruction in meteorology by Major Hersey and in free ballooning by Lieutenant Davidson.

Up until December 9, 1918, there had been received into the school 1,180 cadets. Of these, 426 have been commissioned here, 316 were sent to other schools to complete their training, 203 were discharged or transferred because of disqualifications, 201 were recently discharged under the demobilization order, 3 have died and 31 are still in training.

The course of study known as

the ground school course was inaugurated October 8, 1917. Instruction was given in map reading, artillery observation, winch, telephone, captive balloon, panoramic drawing, cordage, military and meteorology.

The length of the course was five weeks and in connection there was given an air course, consisting first of twelve half-hour flights and later of ten flights, totaling twenty-four hours.

Upon orders from the office of the director of military aeronautics, balloon branch, training section, the course of instruction was altered materially upon August 21, 1918.

Under the new course of study,

the cadets are first given a six-weeks' intensive military training. Instruction in a new ground school course follows. Subjects are ones that are useful to both maneuvering officers and observers. The course requires four weeks.

Major Crawford is officer in charge of instruction and the instructors, with their respective subjects are as follows: Lieutenant W. F. Collins, topography; Lieutenant R. H. Finley, telephony; Lieutenant J. P. Spang, physics, mechanics and composition of company; Lieutenant E. G. Hotchkiss, balloon course; Lieutenant M. E. Northwall, perspective; Lieutenant G. M. Carleton, topography, and Lieutenant P. J. Vollmar, meteorology and terrain board.

Menohar Is New Head of the Air Service Branch

Appointment of Major General Charles T. Menohar, who commanded the Forty-second (Rainbow) division in France, as director of air service, succeeding John D. Ryan, was announced by General March.

Colonel James A. Mars has been named acting director of aircraft production, succeeding William C. Potter.

General March explained that these two details brought the producing machinery of the aviation service back into the permanent military organization.

May Make Three Army Leaders Life Generals

Bestowal of the permanent rank of general on John J. Pershing, commander of the American forces in France; Peyton C. March, chief of staff, and Tasker H. Bliss, military representative at the supreme war council, and a permanent rank of lieutenant general on Hunter Liggett and Robert L. Bullard, commanding the First and Second armies, was asked by Secretary Baker in a letter to Chairman Dent of the house military committee.

Eighteen Officers Get Discharges

The following officers have been discharged from the service, and in all cases save that of Lieutenant Tracey Lewis, who has elected to remain in the reserve, their papers call for complete severance from the army: Lieutenants J. L. Carter, W. L. Sanders, V. H. Bonney, O. S. Brown, W. J. Carter, R. L. Fulmer, E. K. Hawley, F. P. Quick, N. R. Reasoner, K. C. Sears, W. Sieck, C. F. Smith, J. P. Spang, D. L. Yale, H. M. Hine, J. R. Crowe, E. G. Hotchkiss and Tracey Lewis.

POST HISTORY BEING PREPARED

Orders to prepare a complete history of Fort Omaha and the Balloon School have been received from Lieutenant Colonel Wuest and work is being pushed as rapidly as possible. This history, when completed, will contain pictures of all officers and enlisted men by companies as well as details concerning each organization. Further, there will be interesting photos of camp life, balloons, buildings and equipment. No effort will be spared to make this history a complete reminder of the days we spent at old Fort Omaha, and in years to come the owners of such a book will number it among their most prized possessions. Lieutenant Collins has been appointed Officer in Charge, Sergeant Goodwin, Associate Editor of the Gas Bag, is collecting and editing information and will attend to the manufacturing of the history, Corporal J. E. McGlynn, Advertising Manager of the Gas Bag, has been placed in charge of the advertising accounts and has a staff of solicitors busily engaged on this work. Any information or suggestions that will assist in the compilation of this history will be appreciated.

L. S. Men to Be Mustered Out at Fort Omaha

General Crowder at Washington has issued an order that the limited service men now serving on the draft boards in Nebraska will be mustered out at Fort Omaha instead of Camp Funston, as originally ordered.

The reason assigned was that the trip to Fort Omaha would necessitate less traveling and less danger from influenza.

They will probably be released about January 1.

The signing of the armistice left the American expeditionary force with enough candles to keep one burning continuously and without interruption for 5,529 years.

Demobilization Reaches Rate of 30,000 Per Day

With a total of 188,562 men discharged from the army during the week ending December 14, General March announced, the war department has about reached the average of 30,000 discharges daily, for which the demobilization plans call.

On a seven-day basis the average for that week was 27,000 men per day, but in many cases demobilization officers did not operate on Sunday.

Additional units in this country designated for early demobilization brings the total of men so selected to 900,000. General March announced. Up to the date of the latest official reports 26,903 officers had been honorably discharged.

Army and Navy Club Busy Place

The Army and Navy club was a busy place all week, for the men in khaki came to the club to wrap their packages before sending them to "mother" and "the best girl." Three hundred soldiers were at the club Sunday.

Arrangements for the canteen proposed to be installed by the National League for Woman's Service are now being considered.

SOLDIERS ENJOY THEIR SCHEDULE OF AMUSEMENTS

Holiday Calendar of Events
Is Making Big Hit with
Men at Post.

ALL ARE ENTERING THE
AFFAIRS WITH INTEREST

Round of Entertainment Is
to Last Until After New
Year's Day.

The holiday schedule of amusements planned for the soldiers of Fort Omaha has been a corking success. The men have entered into all affairs with the proper spirit and everyone has enjoyed himself thoroughly.

The boxing and wrestling tournament staged at Garage No. 2 Monday evening probably has been the most popular of the entertainments. Sport lovers were pleased beyond their expectations by the exhibition.

All the men enjoyed the Christmas eve celebration at the garage on Tuesday evening. The program was of high quality, but also brief, which permitted the soldiers to fill other engagements for the evening.

Christmas Day Merry.

The post was opened at noon on Christmas to allow the men to accept invitations to dine with private families. Many such invitations were secured through the War Camp Community Service and accepted with pleasure by the soldiers.

Three hundred soldiers from the fort were guests of the Omaha Athletic club at luncheon on this day. The men were invited by individual members of the club. H. A. Tucker and J. Clark Coit acted as hosts. The post band was taken along and gave a short musical program. The soldiers were given the freedom of the club and spent several hours in playing billiards and pool, bowling, indoor golf and swimming.

Nearly everyone had personal plans for spending the evening and the theaters received a large attendance of the fellows and their girl friends. The day will be pleasantly remembered by all.

Auto Tour of City.

A continuous movie program at the Brandels theater was free of charge to all men in uniform during the afternoon and evening on Thursday. Many took advantage of the opportunity.

Friday afternoon the soldiers will be given a chance to tour Omaha in private automobiles. Lieutenant McEntire is in charge of the arrangements. Many Omaha citizens have volunteered the use of their machines for the afternoon.

The automobiles will leave the fort at 3 o'clock and make an extended trip over the boulevards of the city before bringing the honor guests back to the post for supper.

Saturday afternoon the big athletic meet will be staged. Stunts (Continued on Page 3.)

Calendar for Week.

Friday, December 27—Auto tour of city for everyone, cars leave at 3 o'clock in the afternoon.
Saturday, December 28—Field Day, athletic program in afternoon. Big county fair at Garage No. 2 in evening.
Sunday, December 29—Religious services at Y. M. C. A. and K. C. in morning. Special concert at an Omaha church in the afternoon.
Monday, December 30—Visit to stock yards and packing houses in afternoon. Minstrel show and movie at Garage No. 2 in evening.
Tuesday, December 31—Competition company and balloon drill in afternoon. Uncertain prospects for dances in evening.
Wednesday, January 1—New Year's Day feast.

ORGANIZATION NEWS

POST HEADQUARTERS.

PAYNE.

Miss Roach has been spending her vacation doing Christmas shopping. What's his name, Madeline? We know he will appreciate that present you bought for him.

Ask Mr. Medhurst what his wife said about his new shoes!

Private Knetsar is going to Texas to spend the holidays with his folks; also we think a certain young lady in Houston will be glad to see him, judging from the volume of mail he has been getting lately.

Private Click is a familiar figure on the streets of Benson. Seems like he just can't stay away from that town. We have seen her, Click, and don't blame you a bit.

Miss Owens is going home to Alliance for Christmas. SOME town, from what we hear about it, and a good place to spend Christmas. She will be back before New Year's day, however.

One of the boys in headquarters, mentioning no names, said to his cook: "If you'd keep the cover on that kettle there wouldn't be so much dirt in the soup." "Shut up," retorted the cook. "Your job is not to criticize, but to fight for your country." "Sure," snapped the other, "but not to eat it."

Some of the boys of the balloon companies who left here last summer for Arcadia are very popular with the young ladies at headquarters. When the boys get discharged we expect they will stop off at Fort Omaha on their way home, as they both live on the Atlantic coast, and such a long journey would naturally be very tiresome.

BALLOON HOUSE.

R. A. BAKER.

The following balloon house men have been transferred to the Forty-seventh balloon company: Corporals Wiedersum and Moore, Privates White, Shadle, Spearman, Mahoney, Stuebel, Bedwell, Freitag, McGrath and Moore.

Sergeant Pownee and Private Freitag have returned from Kansas City, where they displayed a French barrage balloon at the war exhibit. They report having had a very good time and claim that the balloon attracted much attention and was the source of much curiosity.

Privates Thomas and Freitag took a trip up in a Caequet balloon last week, with Lieutenant Kingsland, to assist in checking up the suspension rigging.

The enlisted specialists located at the balloon house were given their final examination in rigging and balloon repair work last week. Private Ellis of the Seventy-fifth company is given credit for making the highest average in both subjects.

Corporal Wayne Moore has inspected four new type basket parachutes of Goodyear make that have just been received. Inspection of the "schutes" does not reveal them as satisfactory looking as the ones we are using now. The Goodyear "schutes" are 120 feet in circumference and lack the essential feature of having an anti-ripping tape attached. The suspension ropes are attached at the edge of the "schute" and connect with a webbing tape which runs up to the vent, and in this respect differs from the Stevens "schute," where the suspension ropes are spliced to the crown grommet and the rope ribs are reinforced with webbing tape.

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QUARTERMASTER CORPS.

JULIUS DU BOSE.

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Private Young is planning spending Xmas with his brother, who lives in Omaha.

PERSONNEL OFFICE.

P. S. COLONI.

Private Henry E. Martell of the Fifty-ninth company has been assigned temporarily as messenger to this office. He sure is always on the go.

Sergeant Rozier is on a ten-day furlough.

STOP! LOOK! LISTEN!—Be on the watch for Corporal Davis since he has fallen for a sorrel top. Beware, Davis, as we do not think that the climate will agree with you.

A resolution was passed at the last meeting of the board of health that the "cat's-tail" on Private Koty's upper lip could stand a little trimming. Lets see you harvest some of that overgrown hay, boy.

The Personnel Office Force posed for a photograph and to our surprise we didn't break the glass. It was a good picture, considering the different eyes that watched for the bird to come out of the "box."

ATTENTION, MEN! It is urgently requested that we do not be asked that silly question any more, "When do we get our discharges." Whenever there is any information available on this subject, your company commanders will notify you in due time.—Enlisted Personnel Office Force.

Engineering Department.

Wells: "I tried to give Bolgy an inspiration for a picture of us fellows discharged as old men. I wonder why he didn't get the idea." Something new! Oh, yes, the engineering department got shot by the camera and are looking forward to a picture of smiles and prosperous thoughts of the coming New Year.

Begg and Cornell like to go baggy riding! I wonder why.

Tempest has a new walk, called the lame duck or the hesitation, since he mistook a bunch of cardboard for a paint can when he tried to give it a lift with his foot.

Corporal Miller wants to try fancy stunts on the new skating pond.

Mr. Grupe has a new Cozy Corner now.

Besides being a coal administrator for Fort Omaha, Lieutenant Godfrey has been assigned to the engineering department. His first action was to see that we received due amount of heat and in order that we should get it he went to the basement and broke a steam pipe, thus turning the place into a refrigerator for the day.

Motor Transport Corps.

HAROLD G. BELL.

Jackson is back from a furlough. He says that while he was away no one put a broom in his bunk, as they do in No. 5 squad room.

Well most of our boys were transferred out of the Seventy-third company (Captain Wise's "Own"), and are now in the Seventy-fifth company. Just when they were all getting acquainted and the twin of our Farrington started feeding. They give three cheers to the Seventy-third C. O.

Wow! Bill Coats is right in style now. He has three silver service stripes on.

The Winch department say they can't use Thompson any longer. The reason is his long legs now barely fit in the driver's position.

Chr. Ist. cl. A. R. Dooley of the Winch department is now able to eat oranges after a night in a Turkish bath parlor. These baths seem to be popular in this department.

Fat Hoffman hasn't worked since somebody says your papers have left for Chicago.

If the PORTER should ring the BELL and ask me to SMACK my HANCE together and TRIPP down to the BEACH without a COATE to CLAPP for the MAJORS, I would probably lose my WITT and be FRANK enough to BEGG the SPEAKER for a MASHIN. He would WELSH out of it by saying I couldn't HANDLER or PARKER, or that I might SKIDMORE and land in a HOEL. He would probably grab HOLT of me and try to give me some CASPER oil or tell me I could be LYNCHED for this. This gave MELOTZ of courage and I MIKED and BUFFALOED him out of it.

47TH BALLOON COMPANY

M. E. HERSKIND.

Private Iel Vandercreek was the first man in this organization to receive his "quit" papers. Lucky boy!

Lieutenant Mills, who has been the supply officer in this company

since it was first organized, is visiting his parents in Boston, Mass., previous to his leaving for California.

Lieutenant Boyle has been assigned to this company and is now the "C. O." Lieutenant Fulmer has been attached to this company, he having been in charge of the recruit training at Fort Crook.

The Forty-seventh company is said to have the best chow in the post just now. If you don't believe that that is true, come around some time after "chow" and see the men from other companies hanging around our mess hall, picking their teeth, trying to look as they had just had a square meal!

It is reported that one of the sergeants has discovered that all men wearing leather leggings are not necessarily commissioned. We all get fooled once in a while; the writer once saluted a hotel footman by mistake.

59TH BALLOON COMPANY

PAUL J. ROZMAZL.

Private Persons was caught hugging his pillow the other night, and was heard to make this remark: "Sweetheart, will you be mine?" I think that a set of double harness would be the proper cure for a case like this.

Private McGraw had a little hard luck, as he lost the moustache that improved his looks so much. If he really knew how cute it looked, he would grow another. But remember that girls dislike them very much!

General inspection last Sunday was the cause of a lot of the boys getting rid of their golden locks. Something had to be done as it looked as if it was taking a female course. This is a man's army.

There is a prospect of a lot of new Benedicts in our company, as some cases are getting very serious. Boys, how about Omaha for your future home? I am not mentioning any names, as this paper could not hold them all.

Privates J. C. Cranmore and R. A. Pierce received their discharges, and will leave for their homes this week.

62D BALLOON COMPANY.

Maurice F. Murphy.

Four-minute men may have been popular before the public selling Liberty bonds, but the four-minute men at the fort who call "attention" at chow when a man is juggling a pea on his knife and is just about to make it, is, we must admit, the pinnacle of exasperation. How about it, Orton?

Private Peronne was asked the other day why he consulted his pocket dictionary so often. "Well," said Peronne, "I want to make sure that there are other words in the dictionary besides 'discharge' and 'home'."

It's getting more difficult every day for the band men to believe that a certain sergeant ever was a teacher. He teaches them a new one daily or, at least, presents a new proposition that gathers in the coin—for him—and makes them happy.

What some of these fellows are kicking about because they missed their five-day pass doesn't seem quite clear. How about the five, ten and twenty bucks some of you received that the mistake brought you?

Private Grebe, some times known as "apple blossom," is very busy in the office. He may feel like an office boy, but "it's all essential, it's all essential," as a certain brunette he knows would say.

63D BALLOON COMPANY.

E. W. GEHRKE.

Sergeants Missig and Helstand left Wednesday on a ten-day furlough.

Privates Darrington and Ireland walk up and down the barracks like caged lions. They are impatiently waiting for the little sheets of paper which will allow them to go forth, as they were notified last week that their requests for discharge had been accepted. Boys, we congratulate you and sincerely hope we can follow you soon.

Sergeant Steberg must have found a new home. Bunk vacant every night.

Some poor girl is shy a perfectly good pair of earrings, as Chauffeur Neal has a pair in his possession. Wonder who she is? Does anybody know?

Somebody played a dirty trick on us the other evening when the lights went out in our washroom. Oh, boy! What clean faces and nicely combed hair were noticeable around the barracks.

Corporal Pugh and Sergeant Bennett are getting to be professional cribbage players. You can find them every afternoon in the same corner counting up 15—2, 15—4, etc.

Where did Private Kelly get his crutch?

Will somebody please advise how many service stripes Sergeant Zuber is entitled to wear?

75TH BALLOON COMPANY

MONTGOMERY OWENS.

Our commanding officer, Lieutenant Kenneth H. Paterson, is away on leave of absence, spending the holidays with his family and recuperating from the influenza. During the absence of Lieutenant Paterson, Lieutenant Andrew R. Harris is in charge of the company.

Lieutenant Carl E. Pienze has been attached to this company.

Lieutenant Harold M. Hine was attached to this company temporarily, but has been relieved to take up other duties.

Lieutenant Everett K. Hawley has been attached to this company, but is at present away on a leave of absence.

Sergeant Keran is spending a few days with the home folks at Percyville, Ia.

Corporal Sowney has returned from Philadelphia, his ten-day furlough having expired.

Corporal Snyder has been appointed assistant to the mess sergeant. No remarks necessary.

Quite a number of our boys went home to spend Christmas, having been able to secure short time passes for that purpose.

Private Arnold A. Boldt has secured a ten days' furlough to visit sick relatives at Cuero, Tex.

Sergeant Putnam is away on a ten days' furlough. He is visiting at Little Falls, Minn.

Private David B. Christensen has gone to his home at Lignite, S. D., having secured a ten days' furlough.

81ST BALLOON COMPANY

GEORGE J. LAMB.

Private Hall has been relieved from special duty on bunk fatigue and is now reporting regularly for dental work.

An informal shirt tail parade was held Monday evening some time between retreat and reveille. Acting Sergeant Ruby was the convening officer.

Private Ratzman was promoted from rip cord carrier to acting side corporal on the balloon last week.

To the rear. Disburse. Here comes "Whiskers" for a detail.

"Acting Private" Harry Decker anticipates spending his ten-day furlough home in 1920.

"Rabbit" Rick of the "Stalling" 81st Balloon company had dinner with a number of his friends in this company yesterday. Rick was very popular while convalescing in this company.

Private "Jack" Sullivan, our "Beau Brummel" and prominent society leader, has rescued several invitations from the Brandeis stores to a Christmas dinner. Being both a diplomat and camouflage, it is beyond his friends to know how he will accept them all. But leave it to "Sully."

Sergeant, First Class, James Dobbs has reported to the company for duty from Morrison, Va. Dobbs was the maneuvering sergeant for the 46th balloon company and remained with that organization until the company was disbanded recently. He reported back to Fort Omaha to be mustered out. Dobbs says that he reported for discharge and not for duty. Ha! Ha!

FLORENCE FIELD

50TH BALLOON COMPANY

W. O'NEIL GOODWIN.

Lieutenant Faulk is acting as executive officer of Florence Field in the absence of Captain Townsend.

Lieutenant Ogilbee is on leave, visiting his home at Marion, Ind.

Lieutenant Lydiard is company commander in the absence of Lieutenant Faulk—he is also officer of the day on Christmas. Tough luck!

Corporal Wiggill is visiting the home folks at Salt Lake city.

Privates Clark and Gooch are on furlough.

Sergeant "Broadway Fred" Steward is now a valuable addition to the orderly room.

We are too busy counting the Sixty-first company's money to write very much this week. That man Scandrett of wrestling fame sure brought home the bacon.

Don't try to borrow any "jack" from a member of the Sixty-first. We have their bankroll. Whee!

Much married Corporal Hay received a Christmas box full of love and other things. He keeps the lid on tight!

"Bill" Moan, our "topkick," is spending the holidays and his money in Des Moines. His "sweetie" will sure have a box of fudge for him. Sweet things—that's Bill all over.

At Last—Pullman Passenger—Well, Rastus, I hear that Uncle Sam is now in charge of your sleeping car.

Porter—Yes, sah; Ah knew sooner or later he was going to get this here berth-control.—Chicago Medical Recorder.

61ST BALLOON COMPANY.

Walter F. Lawlor.

Lieutenant Quick, who will be leaving the air service, returning to civilian life, will leave behind him a very downhearted company of men who have been with him for some time. Whereas "somebody's gain will be our loss," still, his presence will be missed only in person and not in the fond remembrances that he will leave behind him. That good luck be his at all times is the wish of all his men.

Sergeant Ewing has left for a ten days' furlough, which we know will be spent peacefully on his boundless estate in the heart of St. Louis.

The 61st company will hold a banquet at the Fontenelle hotel on Thursday evening, December 26. There will be an orchestra of eight pieces to help drown the noise that is bound to occur during the soup period. (A good opportunity for the saxophones.) The use of gas masks and handcuffs is hereby advocated for the one who sits next to us. Walking on the tables in their eagerness to satisfy their hunger will not be permitted nor will hats be worn according to the usual custom. Some have been on a hunger strike since the announcement of the supper; already they are crying: "When do we eat?"

Lieutenant Foster has enlisted in the Benedict service. He has the best wishes of the company as regards the undertaking. There is a vast difference between the air service and the Benedict service as there is a chance of getting out of the former, but—

FORT CROOK NOTES

QUARTERMASTER CORPS.

Discharged two o'clock next week. Oh, ain't that funny

Buz wah

Luff me a little

All's well that ends well

Are some favorite expressions.

Orders from the Dental Surgeon read "Mach, Baker." His first name is Charley, however.

Life is sure worth while for some time to come. We have to take an inventory of everything that is in the store room, including all accumulations for years and years in years.

Glenn Wheatstone, Private First class, if you please, got real wavy last Saturday when he went down to a certain house in Raleigh and told Miss Grace Eldridge, a very attractive little lady, that she was going to be Mrs. Wheatstone immediately. Fortunately Wheatstone succeeded and we compliment him, though we are dubious as to whether we ought to compliment her on getting Glenn. There is one thing about Glenn and that is, that he is mighty good natured. In fact that seems to run in the family, for so is Dewey, his brother.

It is the plans of Mr. and Mrs. Wheatstone to make their home in Omaha in the near future.

74TH BALLOON COMPANY

This organization wishes to express its appreciation of the efforts of Miss Jeane Bothwell of the War Camp Community Service to make our recreation room a complete success. It is through the thoughtfulness of this lady that our boys are able to enjoy themselves during their leisure hours.

The basketball teams are working hard, but under difficulties. We expect, however, to have things going in good shape in the near future.

With the transfer of several special duty men this company is getting into good shape.

We are having competition with the Sixtieth, and if they don't look out they won't be in it at all.

Many of the boys are visiting their homes for Christmas. They left a happy bunch and we expect to see them come back happier still.

Our basketball team went down to defeat in the hands of the fast Creighton college teams Wednesday night. Our boys played a good game, but were outclassed. Other companies take notice.

Lieutenant Burgess is a busy man these days gathering up all the warblers, etc. Fort Crook is going to have some Christmas entertainment, due to a great extent to our Lute, who sure ain't some live wire.

Private Sgabati is still looking for his discharge, inasmuch as buying brick pays more than the army.

RABBIT HUNTING IS IN SEASON.—DELAND.

Several ordinary tests for the eyesight were tried in vain, and at last the doctor, growing exasperated, seized a large empty metal garbage can lid and asked:

"Can you see that?"

"Yes," came the reply.

"Well, what is it?"

"Half a dollar!"—London Tit-Bits.

Armies Exchange Yule Greetings

The American armies in France and at home exchanged Christmas greetings by cable. General Pershing cabled to General March:

"Please accept for the officers and men of the American army in the United States cordial Christmas greetings and best wishes for the coming year from the expeditionary force."

General March replied:

"Christmas greetings to yourself and the American expeditionary force. A happy New Year and a speedy return home."

Flying Instructors Get Insignia for Their Service

Washington, D. C.—Instructors of flyers in the air service of the army have been authorized by the war department to wear on the left arm a sleeve decoration consisting of gilt wings the same size as those in the insignia on the collar decoration. This award, it was announced today, "is made in appreciation of the services of the several hundred fine flyers who have been kept at home for use on the flying fields of this country in turning out the quota of pilots asked for by the allies."

BOILED BRIEFS.

President Wilson shook hands individually and talked with 1,200 badly wounded Americans when he visited the Red Cross hospital at Neuilly.

General Pershing has issued an order to American commanders to co-operate fully with the French government in measures against excessive use of alcoholic liquors.

Reports received at American Red Cross headquarters from all parts of the country showed a total enrollment of 16,000,000 in the "Christmas Roll Call," with 40 per cent of the chapters unheard from.

SKATING POND READY.

The prospective hockey players will hand in their names to the office, the skating pond is now complete and the surface is being graded down to suit the requirements of the most fastidious. Practice can start any time.

CHRISTMAS PARTY TUESDAY EVENING WAS BIG SUCCESS

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tus unfortunately balked before the show was completed.

A violin solo completed the formal program, which was arranged by Private Sam Vorzimmer, Corporal T. M. Oliver and Corporal John Volz.

A pleasing feature of the decorations of the garage for the evening was the huge air service insignia electric lighted with red, white and blue bulbs, which was conspicuously displayed.

Santa Claus Arrives.

Joy, mirth, glee and all those things were unrestrained when Santa Claus, alias Sergeant Zuber of the 63d company, descended from the skies in four balloon baskets with gifts for all.

Each man received a sack of candy and nuts, two handkerchiefs from the K. C. organization and a lead pencil from the Y. M. C. A. Then there were boxes of goodies and gifts, packed by the ladies of Omaha under the direction of the War Camp Community Service and the Red Cross.

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SOLDIERS ENJOY THEIR SCHEDULE OF AMUSEMENTS

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and games of the outdoor variety will be promoted. The skating pond is completed, giving prospects of a hockey game and a snowball fight may be planned. There will be lots of activity.

Big County Fair.

The celebrated county fair will be pulled off in Garage No. 2 Saturday night. Lieutenant Cluck and his committee promise that there will not be an idle moment.

Each company will have charge of a separate concession and freak side shows of the wildest variety will be one of the many features. Plenty of music and confetti and an interesting free program are expected to add to the enjoyment of the occasion.

Sunday morning special religious services will be held in the Y. M. C. A. and Knights of Columbus rooms, followed by a musical program in the afternoon at some Omaha church, to be named later.

Monday the soldiers will visit the South Omaha stock yards and packing houses, returning in the evening for a minstrel show and movie at Garage No. 2.

Tuesday competitive company and balloon drills will be held on the parade grounds, with suitable prizes to the company that makes the best showing.

The New Year's Eve dances for officers and enlisted men were called off by Colonel Wuest on account of the influenza situation. Supervisor Manning of Omaha declared Thursday, however, that he may lift the ban in the city on Monday.

This might result in a similar lifting of restriction at the fort. The enlisted men were to have held their dance in Garage No. 2 and the officers in the K. C. hall.

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Mrs. Margaret Boys is sincerely grateful for the sympathy, courtesy and flowers sent to Harcourt Boyd of the 75th Balloon company, and wishes to thank the chaplain, doctors, officers, nurses and men of the 75th Balloon company, who were so very kind.

NEW SPORT COLUMN

We are starting a new column devoted to the interests of the sporting fraternity in the post. This will consist of letters and questions from the men themselves. All contributions should be addressed to the sporting editor at the Gas Bag office in the North Barracks. Send in your stuff right away.

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Officers' School Starts Soon

According to a recent order received from Washington, D. C., all officers on duty at this post will be required to attend a special class one hour each day from January 2 to April 1. The subjects covered will be varied among company administration and military subjects in general.

Basketball.

Basketball practice started December second and big crowd reported. Practice is held regularly on Monday, Wednesday and Friday. For further particulars see the desk man at the Y, or the down town office.

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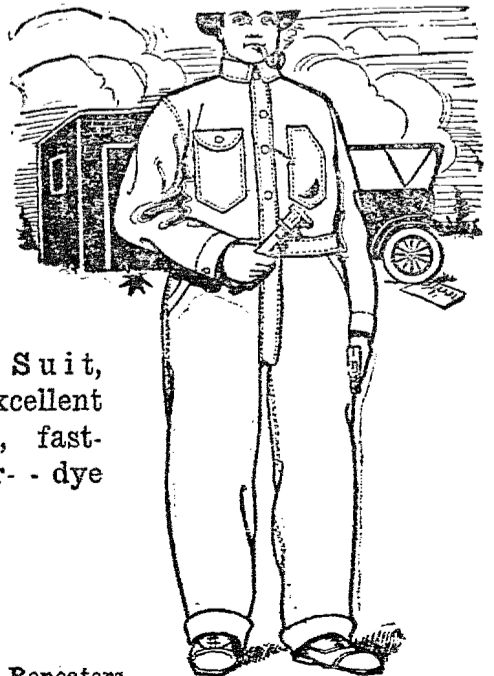
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MAGAZINE SECTION



RAINBOW RAYS

NED E. WILLIAMS.

"Tonight, Sweetie, we celebrate!" the tall soldier told the winsome bit of femininity at his side as they maneuvered through the Broadway crowds. "I have seats for a good show, and afterward we'll go places and dance 'n' everything."

"We won't forget this last night, will we, Chuck?" said the girl, squeezing the khaki clad arm on which her hand was snuggled.

"Nope!" answered Chuck, promptly. "Although its memory may have to last us a long time. I can't tell when I'll be back again."

"Sweetie" was sure it would last forever.

"I don't like to trust you so far away from me," she confided, during the play. "You're too darn good looking!" she added, naively.

"At the end of the rainbow is happiness—" began the leading man. The attractive personality of the singer held the attention of both Chuck and his Sweetie during the entire song and numerous encores.

And it saved Chuck from manufacturing half-serious, half-mocking assurances that he would return from France with a whole heart.

The rollicking musical comedy came to an end and the young people began their tour of cafes that was to make their last night memorable.

"Some fellows look and find the sunshine, I always look and find the rain," sang Sweetie softly, as they finished a dance to the "Rainbow" song in one of the gayly lighted places.

"That song is you all over, Chuck!" she told him. "To date you've never even made a gain, have you? About the biggest thing you've done in your young life was to enter the service."

"It's been my nerves, Sweetie," recited Chuck. "I simply can't concentrate and the monotony of any sort of work drives me frantic."

Sweetie smiled at the old story. "It's pure, unadulterated laziness, Big Boy!" she retorted, shaking a pink finger at him across the table. "You've just been waiting idly for that happiness at the end of the rainbow. If you'd forget your nerves and chase jobs instead of rainbows, we'd have been married a year ago."

Chuck winced. He knew in his heart that his girlie was telling the truth. But she had never spoken so frankly and openly on the subject before.

"I'll try to be different when I come back," he began, lamely. Sweetie softened.

"I know you mean well, Chuck," she said. "And I didn't mean to hurt you. I think this experience will do you worlds of good. That's one thing that makes it easier for me to let you go."

"Chuck left a softly sobbing little girlie that night, and there was a lump in his own throat as he swung up the street alone. He

tried to whistle "I'm Always Chasing Rainbows," with no success.

"Shell-shock" was what the nurse and doctor always referred to when they discussed the case of the man in the corner of the ward of the big reconstruction hospital.

He sat all day long in his arm chair, his long legs swathed in blankets, and his fingers were busy, weaving, weaving, hour after hour. Fashioning long willow plaits into big baskets and little baskets, baskets with handles and baskets without.

His wounds, trivial ones, had long since healed, but still the man was not a normal human.

"No indication yet," was the daily report of the nurse to the medical officer.

They were expectantly waiting for the soldier's blank memory to slip back to its "center" and bring him the knowledge of who he was and what he was.

He manifested no interest in things or affairs about him, his attention concentrated upon the work in his hands.

"We've had another letter from his girlie back in New York," the nurse told the doctor one day.

"Did you try reading it to him?" "I've read all of her letters to him several times, but they have no effect. I am still hoping that some little ray from one of them will bring him to himself."

"His sweetheart is fairly wild. She wants to come to him, but, of course, that is impossible. I have answered every one of her letters to keep her assured."

And the tall man in his chair in the corner silently plaited baskets.

"Send him back to me!" pleaded the girl in the next letter. "Shell-shocked or maimed or anything, he's my Chuck and I want him."

"Tell him to come back to me," the letter ran. "We can wait together for that happiness at the end of the rainbow."

When the little nurse read this aloud something stirred deep in the fogged mind of the silent soldier.

From somewhere a small pink finger wagged at him across a table and a familiar voice said: "If you'd chase jobs instead of rainbows—"

"Why, that's from my Sweetie!" he cried aloud, clasping the arms of his chair and leaning toward the reader.

"Will you write a letter for me, Nurse?" he said, excitedly. "We'll tell her that I'm coming back to chase—not rainbows, but jobs."

The nurse's head was turned to hide her brimming eyes.

"How long have I been doing this stuff?" Chuck asked the nurse, nodding at the half-done basket in his lap.

She told him. "Well, can you picture that?" was his only comment.

prison and made to work at hard, excruciating labor.

Too tired even to eat his dinner Pigeon lay upon his bunk. His brain refused to think any more and the more he scratched his head to make himself think, the harder it became. Just then the provost sergeant entered.

"You are to be tried tomorrow morning at 10 o'clock. Get yourself cleaned and shaved and be ready on time."

He walked out without another word, leaving Pigeon to ponder and scratch his head more violently at the new thoughts of torture he would have to undergo. In one way he was glad. Since he had been confined in the hoosegow he had known no peace. All day he had to work. At night the other inmates continually played jokes on him, making his nights miserable. Once they set his bed to make him fall when he lay. At another time they hid his mattress and blankets, but the joke that made him furious was the pail of water that dropped on him when he entered his cell. For this he was thankful he would be tried on the morrow.

The afternoon wore on quickly to Pigeon and he felt a little more at ease, but still puzzling to himself what the new day would bring. He felt that he would find out what crime had been committed to bring him to this position and that he would be justified in the end. That night he slept more peacefully than ever before.

With the break of dawn Pigeon was up and busy as a meadowlark in the early summer mornings. Although he did not chirp a morning song like the meadowlark does, he felt better at ease and proceeded with his toilet as per instruction of his almighty presence, the provost sergeant. Clean shaven and dressed in his O. D's again he waited for the hour when he must appear before the judge who would decide his fate and his military career. He had no fear because he had confidence in himself that he was doing what was right and what he had been told to do. With these resolutions in mind he waited calmly. The iron door of the cell grated and the provost sergeant appeared.

"Come on here, Pigeon, time to go to the court room."

Pigeon fell in before his escort and marched to the court room. He entered and stood at attention, the escort by his side. The trial officer was seated at his desk reading over the papers in the case. The sergeant major was present as witness, as also were Austin and Grebe. When Pigeon saw them he smiled to himself. The trial officer looked up from his papers. Pigeon felt his gaze as he looked him over from head to foot. Pigeon began to feel nervous and shifted from one foot to the other, not knowing what to do.

"Private Pegloe Johnson, step forward."

Pigeon did as directed and waited.

"Are you the defendant in this case?" "Sah, ah's the prisoner, but the defendant ah knows nuffin about."

"That will do. Listen closely to what I read. 'Charges against Private Pegloe Johnson. You are charged with violation of the sixty-second article of war—'"

Before the trial officer could continue Pigeon broke into a heated disavowal.

"Beg pahdon, sah, ah didn't declare no wuh, dere sho is some mistake, sah. Hit war President Woody done declare dai wuh."

"Will the prisoner remain quiet until I finish reading the charges?" The trial officer continued.

"In that he did act in an unsoldierly manner and bring ridicule upon the service in which he was serving." The prisoner will now testify."

Pigeon was silent for a moment and was scratching his head terrifically to absorb the meaning of the trial officer.

"Come, come. Speak up and tell your side of the case."

"Sah, ah don't have nuffin to say for mahself. 'septin' dis. He then went on to relate his experience with the step ladder and the events and incidents leading up to the climax when he was placed under confinement."

The trial officer listened patiently to his story, occasionally a half smile would creep over his face and then he would suppress it and look as stern as possible. After Pigeon had finished his story he questioned Austin and Grebe, from whom he gleaned the truth of the

whole affair and from which evidence he could deal justice to Pigeon. The witnesses were all dismissed and Pigeon and his escort alone remained. When Pigeon saw himself alone before the trial officer all his self-confidence left him and he stood in a cold sweat, not knowing what terrible calamity would befall him. The trial officer then began to address him.

"Private Johnson, your case deserves leniency, in view of the fact that you have been the victim of a joke, and I shall recommend in your case that you be reprimanded by your commanding officer. Because of your patriotism and willing desire to serve your country I want to give you a little friendly advice. If you want to be a soldier it is your duty to do the task set before you NOW, and then as you acquit yourself and credibly perform that duty, then you will be given others and in that way you will learn to be a true soldier. Follow the work given you and you will learn to do the service you wish to give your country. Prisoner is dismissed."

Next week: Pigeon Becomes a Soldier.

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Pigeon in the Hoosegow

By Frank D. Bianco

Pigeon rolled and tossed in his bunk. Someone was shaking him violently and he heard a voice as if in the distance.

"Come on, git out of this. This is no place for you."

He opened his feverish eyes and looked up into the face of the provost sergeant. Large, fat and burly, the provost sergeant glared in bullying these unfortunate inmates of the hoosegow. He was not downright brutal, but he kept them grinding at work and gave them no rest, believing sincerely in the old adage, "there is no rest for the wicked."

"Come on, git up and git behind that mule and cart."

When Pigeon heard this he let out a little groan. He knew what that meant. The old mule and dump cart meant going over all the roads of the post and cleaning out all the gutters. It was back-breaking work for him, but he stuck to it doggedly. Often times the seeming injustice of his case drove him to desperation and he thought many times of the opportunities of escaping when the guard was not looking. But one day a fellow more desperate than he, did succeed in getting away,

but he was caught, and in the punishment made to wear a heavy ball and chain fettered to his leg, which he would have to carry every time he moved. The thought of that ball and chain diverted his mind from this solution and he worked on patiently.

Pigeon was now at work determined to finish the day in spite of his aches and pains. The wheels of the old cart creaked and groaned under their growing load as Pigeon scraped the gutters and pitched the dirt and silt into the old cart. By noon he had finished his task and returned to his bunk nearly crushed in spirit and body. For three days he had been in confinement. Used as he was to the light work of picking cotton in the fields of Texas this hard labor was telling upon his physique.

Again and again the spirit of rebellion welled up in him. He could not understand why he should be the victim of this ruthless labor. He was inspired by patriotic duty to fight for his country. The blood of his fighting forefathers made him fearless in every danger. Because he had chosen to go to the front he was in the war. In the war he was thrown into

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Untiring War Worker at the Post Hospital



When the 18-year-old wife of a Fort Omaha soldier, who died recently at the post hospital, arrived at the local railroad station with her 4-months-old baby, she was met by a pretty, sympathetic little woman with a big machine.

The young wife, saddened by the knowledge of her husband's death and frightened by the prospects of loneliness in this big city of strangers, was cheered by the warmth of her reception.

The little woman was Mrs. W. S. Wiley, chairman of the army hospital committee of the Red Cross. She is known by most of the relatives who have come here to visit men in the hospital or on sadder missions, because she has shown hospitality to nearly all of them.

These courtesies, however, form a very small part of Mrs. Wiley's activities. It is she who has made all of the purchases of emergency supplies for the hospital from the Red Cross fund available for this purpose.

She has directed all of the Red Cross work in connection with the army hospital. And she is distinct-

ly not a "swivel chair artist." All work has been under her personal supervision. A large part of it has been done with her own hands.

When special apparatus or emergency supplies are needed, it is Mrs. Wiley that searches supply houses and other hospitals until they are secured. When the influenza epidemic raged it was Mrs. Wiley that organized ladies' auxiliaries to prepare masks and other needed things and dispatched two truckloads of supplies several times a day during the first week.

Mrs. Wiley, assisted by her committee, arranged the special Christmas celebration with the tree, presents, everything for the patients in the hospital. And decorated the corridors and wards with festoons and bells in true holiday fashion.

Modest and retiring to the extreme, but generous, sympathetic and enthusiastic, no war worker is more generally or genuinely beloved and admired by the Fort Omaha boys than Mrs. Wiley. Her two children, Robert and Marian, are devoted to her and assist constantly in her work.

On Flight

First Lieutenant Jewell L. Carter has been detailed as assistant to the inspecting officer.

Mr. E. Y. Grupe, jr., aeronautical mechanical engineer, left last week for temporary duty in Kansas City, Mo., and will return to Fort Omaha on completion of his duties.

Captain Frank W. Goodale arrived at Fort Omaha last week from Akron, O.

Lieutenant Sheets of Fort Crook has been ill for the past week with a slight attack of influenza.

Second Lieutenant Marion A. Baldwin has been transferred to the Army Balloon School, Arcadia, Cal.

Second Lieutenant Harold R. Austin has been detailed as officer in charge of machine gun instruction in connection with his other duties.

Second Lieutenant Raymond L. Fulmer has been relieved from duty as assistant to the officer in charge of recruit instruction at Fort Crook, and attached to the Forty-seventh balloon company.

Second Lieutenant John S. Godfrey has been relieved as assistant to the inspecting officer and assigned to duty with the aeronautical mechanical engineering department.

Second Lieutenant James T. Neely has been detailed as post supply officer during the absence of Captain Raymond H. Harrell.

Second Lieutenant George C. Lundberg has been detailed to audit the accounts of the post exchange for the current year, in connection with his other duties.

Current Events

Mr. and Mrs. Charles A. Mallory will entertain a number of guests of Fort Omaha at New Year's party, to see the "old year out and the new year in."

The ladies of the Fort Omaha command met at Garage 2 Tuesday morning, where they packed the Christmas socks for the enlisted men.

Lieutenant Albert Cody Wedemeyer, who received his commission December 6, is now at West Point Military Academy taking the academic course, which will be completed June 15, at which time he hopes to receive his assignment.

Lieutenant Alfred N. Bergman is located at the School of Fire, Fort Sill, Okla.

Lieutenant Percival Banister, son of Colonel J. M. Banister, is now located at Camp Columbus, Ga., where he is taking the course of instruction in the infantry.

Lieutenant Leslie Martin, who is now at the Army Balloon School at Bordeaux, France, states the 17th, 18th, 19th and 26th Balloon companies are located there.

Red Cross

The Red Cross club room at the Union depot, which has just been completed, received over 600 soldiers on Monday.

Several of the trains which were scheduled for only short stops, were visited by the Red Cross women, where they distributed a great number of bandages to wounded soldiers, as well as a number of thermometers, coffee and sandwiches, and sent telegrams to the Red Cross at Grand Island to meet them there and look after their wants.

• ❖ • SOCIETY • ❖ •

Corporal Ralph A. Magrum, Society Editor.

It is to the college contingent that Omaha society must look for its activity during the holiday season, and with the young girls and boys from eastern colleges and finishing schools and many of the men home from training camps, the next two weeks will be gay with teas, dinners and other parties the festive air which formerly existed in Omaha over the holiday season will be revived to a great extent. With the young folk beginning to roll the social ball it is quite probable that their elders will keep it in motion during the winter season.

Mrs. Henry Wyman entertained at luncheon at the Blackstone last Wednesday evening in honor of Mrs. W. A. Hinemon, who is spending the winter here during Colonel Hinemon's absence in France. Those present were: Mesdames Ludovic Crofoot, Edgar Morsman, Lawrence Phipps, jr., of Denver, David Stone and W. E. Chiff and Miss Gladys Peters.

Lieutenant James T. Neely and Miss Mary Fuller, Mr. Donald Shepard and Miss Helen Pearce went together to see "So Long Letty" last Saturday evening.

Mrs. Albert Wedemeyer and Mrs. Howard White, who canvassed Fort Omaha for the Red Cross roll call, collected \$146.25, of which \$15.00 was contributed in memory of Lieutenant DeForest A. Horning. The Fort Omaha command all totaled 100 per cent.

Mr. and Mrs. Charles A. Mallory entertained the D. T. A. girls Sunday, having as their guests seventeen soldiers of Fort Omaha.

Lieutenant and Mrs. Ralph A. Reynolds entertained Lieutenant and Mrs. William F. Collins for dinner Sunday evening.

Captain and Mrs. Gordon B. Logan were hosts at an informal dinner Sunday in honor of Lieutenant Clarence Jacobson of Florence Field.

Lieutenant and Mrs. Edward S. Kassler, jr., left Monday afternoon for Denver to spend Christmas at their home. Mrs. Kassler expects to remain in Denver, providing Lieutenant Kassler receives his discharge in the near future.

Mr. and Mrs. John U. Loomis arrived in Omaha Tuesday morning from London, England, where Mr. Loomis has been connected with the diplomatic service. They will celebrate a family reunion, joined by Mr. and Mrs. N. H. Loomis, Mr. and Mrs. A. C. Loomis and Lieutenant and Mrs. R. H. Loomis of Fort Omaha.

The friends of Mrs. Lynn Carpenter Lockwood will be glad to know she is improving after having been seriously ill with pneumonia for the past few weeks. Also her presence has been greatly missed at the Hostess house, and trust that a speedy recovery will bring her back soon.

Miss Helen Woods, army nurse, left Fort Omaha to spend Christmas with her folks at Lincoln, Neb.

Dr. and Mrs. Henry Newton were hosts at an informal dinner Saturday evening in honor of Lieutenant and Mrs. Robert P. Clapp.

Mr. and Mrs. Charles A. Mallory entertained Lieutenant and Mrs. William F. Collins informally at a dinner Wednesday evening.

Dr. and Mrs. H. A. Melson entertained a supper Sunday evening in honor of Captain and Mrs. Gordon B. Logan.

Lieutenant and Mrs. Robert H. Loomis entertained a theater party at the Brandeis Wednesday evening, having as their guests Mr. and Mrs. John U. Loomis, Mr. and Mrs. N. H. Loomis and Mr. and Mrs. A. C. Loomis.

Miss Louise Freeman, army nurse, of Fort Omaha has been called to her home at Grand Forks, N. D., on account of the serious illness of her sister.

Lieutenant and Mrs. Franklin P. Quick are leaving this week to make their home in Lincoln, Neb. Lieutenant Quick having received his release from the service.

Mr. and Mrs. Howard H. Baldrige were hosts at a dinner Saturday evening at the Omaha Athletic club at which Colonel and Mrs. Jacob W. S. Wuest were the honored guests. Covers were laid for Major and Mrs. Eugene W. Crockett, Mr. and Mrs. Charles P. Kounze, Mr. and Mrs. J. C. Davidson, Mr. and Mrs. George Brandeis, Mrs. Arthur Remington and Mr. Randall Brown.

Lieutenant and Mrs. William F. Collins were hosts at an informal dinner Saturday evening in honor of Lieutenant and Mrs. Robert H. Finley.

Captain and Mrs. Howard White entertained a box party at the Brandeis theater Monday evening. Their guests were Mr. and Mrs. Arthur Guious, Mr. E. M. Fairfield and Miss Mary Grant.

Colonel and Mrs. Jacob W. S. Wuest will have open house on New Year's day from 12 to 1 p. m. to the Fort Omaha command. The Fort Omaha band will play for this occasion.

Lieutenant and Mrs. Robert P. Clapp entertained at dinner Thursday evening, their guests being Captain John C. Ayling, Captain F. DeP. Townsend, Lieutenant and Mrs. Franklin P. Quick, Dr. and Mrs. Henry Newton, Lieutenant George W. McEntire, Lieutenant Larry G. Hunt, Mr. John Barnes and Mr. James Pray.

Miss Helen Gray, army nurse, left last week for her home in St. Louis, Mo., where she will spend Christmas.

Lieutenant and Mrs. Lancer left Omaha last week for New York, Lieutenant Lancer being ordered there for duty.

Mrs. Gordon B. Logan entertained a bridge luncheon Wednesday evening of eight covers.

Mrs. Howard N. White entertained at tea Wednesday afternoon. Those present were Mrs. Jacob W. S. Wuest, Mrs. Martin J. O'Brien, Mrs. Russell T. Crawford, Mrs. Albert Wedemeyer, Mrs. William Sanders, Mrs. George C. Lundberg and Mrs. Young.

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Lieutenant and Mrs. William L. Sanders are leaving Omaha after the first of the year, Lieutenant Sanders having received his release from the service.

An interesting wedding is that of Lieutenant A. H. Foster and Miss Anne Wallingford of Prescott, Ariz., which took place last evening at Calvary Baptist church. A small gathering of friends witnessed the ceremony, which was performed by the Rev. W. O. Anderson of the Baptist faith. The couple have taken quarters at Fort Omaha. Both have a wide circle of friends.

Mr. and Mrs. William J. Foster of West Somerville, Mass., announce the engagement of their daughter, Miss Marian Sewick Foster, to Lieutenant Lloyd W. Knight of Boston, Mass. Lieutenant Knight was stationed at Fort Omaha for a short while, having taken the course of instruction.

Lieutenant and Mrs. Walter Kottrell entertained Thursday for Mrs. C. F. Smith.

Lieutenant and Mrs. William H. Siefert entertained at dinner Thursday evening in honor of Major and Mrs. Eugene W. Crockett.

Misses Jeanne Bothwell and Martha Cunningham were entertained at a dinner last week at Lieutenant and Mrs. Simmond's quarters.

Lieutenant and Mrs. Otto U. Weimer are spending the holidays in Boulder, Colo. Lieutenant Weimer have a ten day leave of absence.

Major and Mrs. Russell T. Crawford, Lieutenant and Mrs. Karl Rudolph and Mrs. Young were visiting at Fort Crook on Saturday last.

Lieutenant and Mrs. Otto U. Weimer entertained most informally Lieutenant and Mrs. William H. Siefert at a dinner Sunday.

Her many friends will be sorry to learn that Mrs. George W. Adams has been confined to her bed.

Master Clement Crockett of Fort Crook is giving a party to all the children of the post Tuesday evening.

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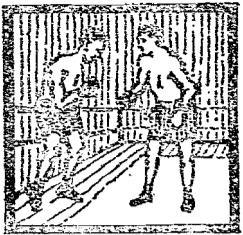
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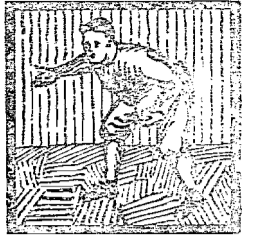
Thursday, Friday, Saturday.

W. S. FARNUM, in

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SPORTING - NEWS



CLASSY SPORT BILL AT FORT ON MONDAY

Fight Fans Have Their Ap- petites Satisfied by Big Program.

Before an audience of 2,500 fans, the Fort Athletic association showed its material last Monday night in what is conceded, by local sport followers, to be the classiest bill that has been dished up in these parts in years. There was an absence of stalling, and the bouts were clean and fast throughout.

At 8 p. m. promptly, Dinny Ryan threw the gloves in the ring, and the program was on. The first bout was between Dempsey (78rd), at 129 pounds, and Erickson (local boy), at 125 pounds, which went 4 rounds, Erickson was given the decision after having Dempsey almost out twice, both men were willing and mixed it freely.

In the second go, Laird (74th) vs. Holman (65rd) went four rounds, the feature was the left jab of Holman which he used repeatedly, and at will on Laird, putting him down once, Holman was declared the winner.

Myers and Barnham, both locals, wrestled 20 minutes to a draw. This was refereed by Jack Tolliver, instructor at the K. C. hut, who challenged any man in or out of the post at 130 pounds.

Stensbol (50th) went 20 minutes with a local named Cohn. From the energy displayed by Stensbol, we suspect that he has been missing sleep and needed the rest, the bout easily went to Cohn.

Kirby (73rd), 129 pounds, went six fast rounds with Gates (local). Although outweighed by 10 pounds, Kirby put up a fast battle and was given the decision.

Henderson and Montayo give spectacular exhibition. The men came on with Henderson giving Montayo four pounds the better of the argument, and it was the fastest bout on the card.

Round 1—Henderson rushes and uses both hands, but with little effect, Montayo seems to be waiting

for an opening and plays purely on the defensive. Henderson mixes freely and backs Montayo to the ropes where he uses a body blow with telling effect. Henderson's round.

Round 2—Both men come out of their corners with a rush and Montayo opens up with a left hook that reaches Henderson and slows him up, Montayo follows up and connects with two body blows and takes a hard hook to the jaw, both spar for an opening and Henderson reaches with a left, and Montayo slips into a clinch where he lands a heavy kidney punch, in the break-away Montayo finds Henderson with a jab to the face which starts the claret. The gong finds both slamming away and Dinny has to come in between them. Even.

Round 3—The Mex. has blood in his eye and works Henderson all over the ring, who develops speed in getting in and out. Montayo goes in hard and corners Henderson who gets away and has Montayo guessing, they mix and Montayo uses a body blow several times in quick succession, and the bell finds Montayo with the round to his credit. Montayo sits down for a rub down for the first time.

Round 4—Henderson rushes Montayo off his feet and has him covered, Henderson stands off and slugs at will, the Mex. keeps covered all through the round and Henderson presses the fight. Henderson's round.

Round 5—The Mex. comes out strong and the crowd is up on its feet yelling for their man; the Mex. gets mad and chases Henderson from corner. Henderson turns repeatedly and jabs and gets away, his dodging is the feature of the round. The Mex. is found fighting after the bell. Montayo's round.

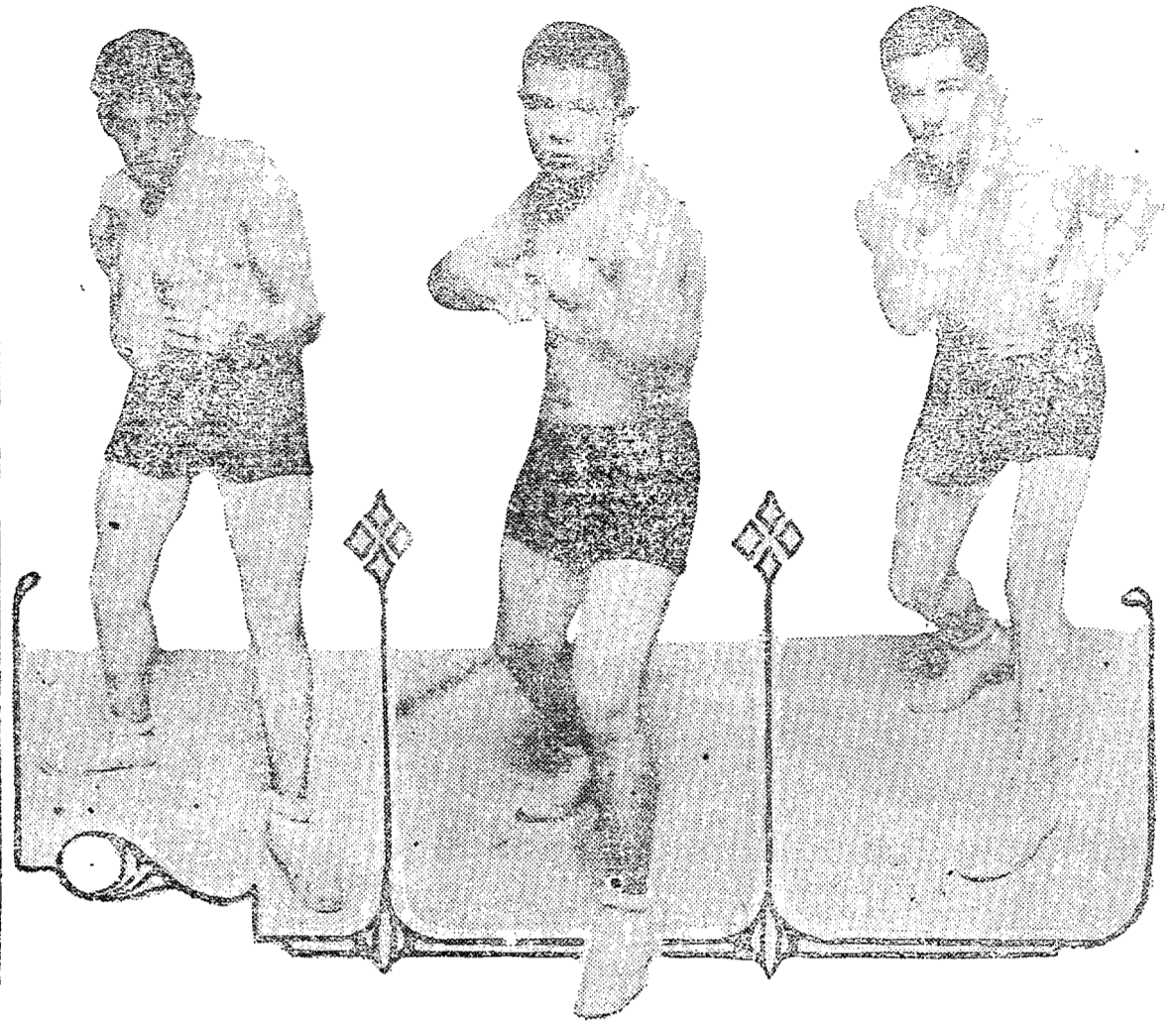
Round 6—Both men slug from the gong and the going is fast and furious, both are anxious to finish it and stand toe to toe and slug, the crowd goes frantic and every blow of the men is cheered. Dinny goes in between and Henderson comes out with a bloody nose, when the gong sounds the scrap is declared a draw.

The decision satisfies the crowd, and every one seems happy. Henderson, 145 pounds; Montayo, 140 pounds.

The sixth event was a wrestling bout between Scandrett (Fiddle-b) and Tripet (First).

The men came in at 140 and 150 pounds. The main feature of the match was the head-lock used by Scandrett, many thought this was a strangle hold but the referee, Jack Tolliver, ruled it permissible, and Scandrett used it again and again until he drew blood. The match would, in all probability, have been called a draw had not Tripet hurt his right side after one hour and eleven minutes of hard and grueling wrestling.

Feeling ran high and the men had their respective companies back of them and every move was watched with interest. Tripet displayed some fast work at the start by using an arm hold that took some fast work on Scandrett's part to get away from.



Kirby, the Canadian champion that defeated Gates Monday night, has now been discharged. We shall miss an opportunity of seeing him in action at the post again. He is aggressive, always boring in, and can be relied upon for a good, scrappy ten rounds.

Santiago Montayo is the welter champion of Kelly field. He put up a dandy scrap with Henderson of the ordinance Monday evening. He carries a punch in either hand and

Both men tied repeatedly for a scissors and Scandrett got it twice on the body but Tripet broke it with apparent ease. Tripet used the head scissors twice with telling effect, and Scandrett came back with the same hold.

Scandrett was on top most of the time and kept after his man all the way. After an hour of constant work with not one moment of stalling, Scandrett called Tolliver's attention to Tripet, who was hurt. Tripet stuck it out for eleven minutes, but his side was getting worse so Tolliver declared Scandrett the winner.

The eighth event was an exhibition by the Teddy brothers and their antics were enjoyed by the crowd, who applauded the different holds and it was a fitting termination to the very fine program dished out.

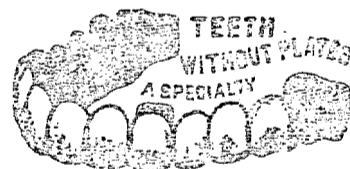
is a dangerous man at all times. He is cool and calm in the ring and is matched with Henderson for the next meet.

Kid Henderson (ordnance) is the idol of the miners of Butte, Mont. A clean, aggressive boy, who dis-

plays lightning-like footwork which has his man guessing. It is a pleasure to watch him work. His stock in trade is a left hook that can bring home the bacon every time. He will meet Montayo at 145 pounds.

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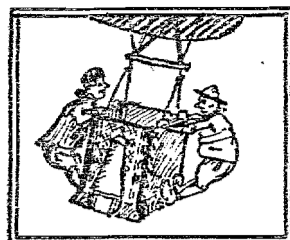
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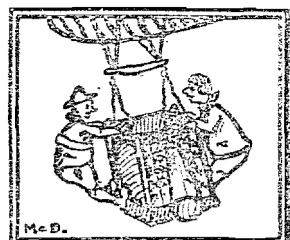
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Twice Told Tale Spin

"Tale Spins," the official victrola of Ellington field, numbers among its contributors a certain Helen of old Virginny. Helen took a couple drags on her "hop" pipe and wrote the following parody to the tune of "Smiles":

There are styles that show the ankle;
There are styles that show the knee;
There are styles that make men's glances wander;
I don't know what it e'er can be!
There are styles that have a foolish meaning,
That the eyes of men alone can see;
But the style—

The "Tale Spins" censor wouldn't permit the finish to be published—it sure must have been risqué—so the Gas Bag presents the following complete ditty to the Ellington outfit with best wishes and a hand-shake.

There are lises that show the ankle,
There are lises that show the knee;
There are lises that make you look and wonder,
Where she got that thin hosiery;
There are lises that look like mosquito screening,
That the eyes of fleas alone can see;
But the lise I like to see on women,
Is the lilac of old Dundee. (Gimme silk all the time!).

W. O. N. G.

Commutes to War.

Stationed at the Mount Sec observation post, near St. Mihiel, a French soldier was showing the scenery to a doughboy.

"I have been in this section ever since the beginning of the war," he said. "Back there is Commercy, where my home is."

"I suppose you get home once in a while?" said the doughboy.

"Nearly every week," was the response. "Hell," said the doughboy, thinking of his own home in South Bend, Ind. Then, calling to a comrade, he added: "Hey, buddie; here's a guy what commutes to the war!"

—New York Globe.

Too Tired Even for That.

After coming in from a twenty-mile hike the officer in command of a negro company said, before dismissing them: "I want all the men who are too tired to take another hike, to take two paces forward."

All stepped forward except one big husky six-footer. Noticing him, the officer said: "Well, Johnson, ready for twenty miles more?" "No, suh," replied Johnson. "Ah'm too tired to even take dem two steps."

—New York American.

Exit the Proverb.

Upon a very early day Eve gazed on Adam's scant array, And said, as only woman can, "Thank goodness, clothes don't make a man!"

A Soldier's Seven Ages.

(By Privt. J. D. McMaster, U. S. Naval Air Station, Miami, Fla.) The day he left home.
The first reveille in camp.
The day he won his first promotion.
The time he went on furlough.

The night he sailed for "somewhere."
The morning he landed in France.
The day he killed his first German.

Another—The man arose from his seat and quietly walked over and closed the window.
"Another draft evader," said an onlooker.—Detroit Free Press.

A Model—"That ladies' tailor neither smokes, drinks, swears, nor chews."
"Well, a ladies' tailor has to be a man of good habits."—Baltimore American.

Snap—"An easy job will suit me."
"How about winding the clocks every week?"

"I might make that do. But what's the matter with tearing the leaves off the calendars every month?"—Le Rire (Paris).

And Still Going—"Var's der news from der front?" asked one Berlin citizen of another.

"Ach! Der news iss dot der front is now vere der rear vas," replied the second cheerfully, emptying his skin of sawdust beer.—Boston Transcript.

That Strained Quality—Daniel Willard, former chairman of the war industry board, said at a dinner in Washington: "The Germans are funny people. They are whining now that the world is unjust to them. They remind me of an old maid who once went to a fashionable photographer's and had herself photographed in a low-necked white gown. Looking at the result, the old maid hissed: 'This photograph doesn't do me justice.' 'Justice, ma'am?' said the

AROUND OMAHA.

Soldiers from many different camps are seen on the city streets. Some are loafing. Others working.

A woman has my former position, said one of them. And is entirely satisfactory. I'll let her fight the next war.

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photographer. "Don't talk about justice. What you want is mercy." —Washington Post.

Echoing Rills.

"Notice the horse-faced guy that just went out?" asked Heloise, a waitress in the rapid-fire restaurant. "I don't know whether he is a kiddo or an undertaker with a jag on."

"Well, I'r cat's sake!" returned Claudine, another waitress. "What'd he do?"

"Why" he looked around at the customers gulluping their soup, and says he, 'Ah, young lady, permit me to compliment this establishment on the acoustic properties of its soup. It is the best I ever listened to.' JUDGE.

Left to His Fate—Wife—John there's a burglar downstairs. He's in the pantry eating my pie.

Hub (drowsily)—Well, I'm not going to get up this time o' night to give him dyspepsia tablets.—Boston Transcript.

"At Ease, Colonel"

Corporal Lehnars was en route from Salt Lake City to Fort Omaha, and with his usual "bullshe-viki" proceeded to get acquainted with all the passengers within sight or hearing. Among the passengers on the Pullman, John of Apple Fame had elected to trust with his person, was a real honest to goodness colonel of infantry, vintage of '98. The bird on the old timer's shoulders meant little to John and he tried to be real congenial with the old gent. Upon offering the "big boy" a seat he was occupying, John saluted when the colonel was just about seated. The colonel half rose to return the salute when he was stopped by the musical voice of Lehnars saying, "At Ease, Sir." Yes, reader, Corporal John F. Lehnars is still alive and claims, with emphasis, that the colonel was interested in him. We admit that you aroused a certain something in the breast of the "chief," John, but feel sure that the emotion was that of admiring your nerve.

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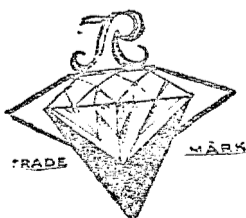
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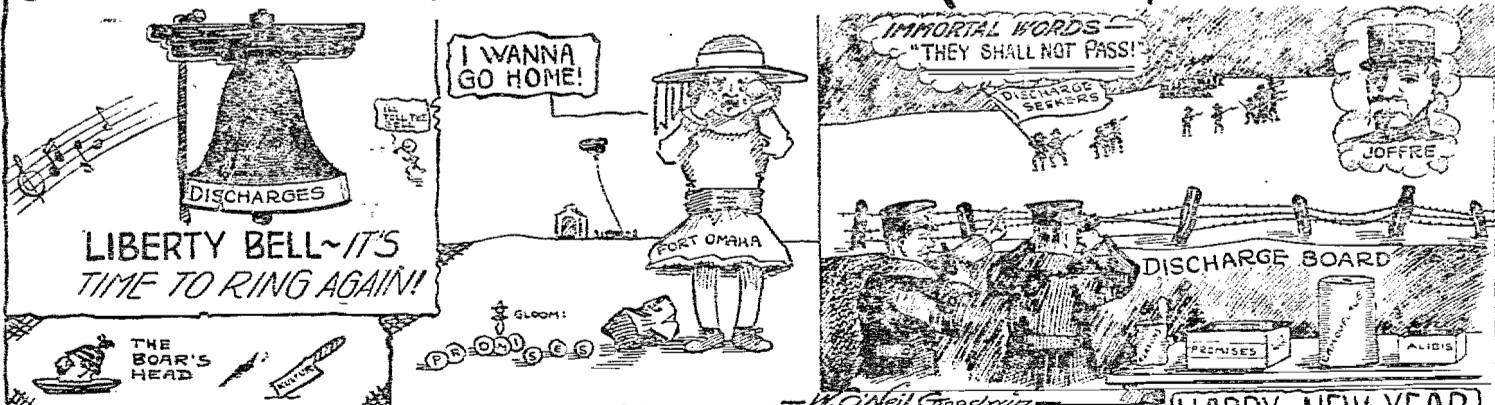
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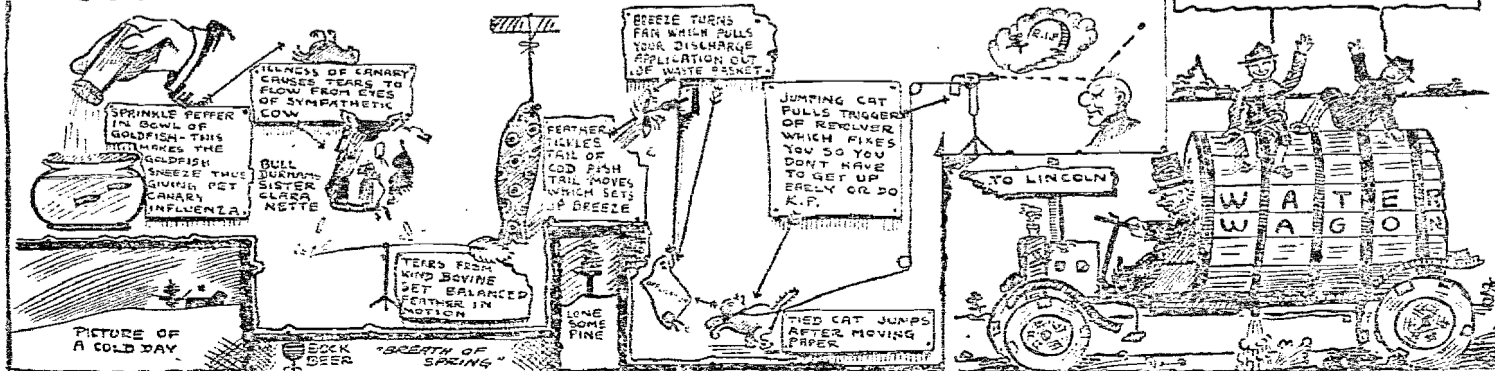
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GOOD LOOKIN' WORLD TO ME! *The New Year*



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Recollections of the horror and suffering of the war will not trouble the New Year when he springs into existence on January 1.

The little fellow, 1919, will only see the result of the long struggle, the ultimate realization of the purpose of the war.

He will find the world shaken and torn and bleeding from the four years' strife and turmoil. He will find nations disrupted and areas devastated.

He will find homes saddened by supreme sacrifices.

But he will also find that the torn world has been made safe for democracy. The terrible battles have been, but heroic measures toward the attainment of this end.

He will find the disrupted nations shaping themselves for democratic rule, having shaken off previous autocratic oppression.

And he will find each saddened home proud that one of its members has made the sacrifice that the earth might be a better place for the homes of posterity. The war was terrible—but it is ended.

Many results of its evil features still remain, but they are scheduled for short lives. A single generation will practically eliminate them.

All of its good effects also endure, and—better yet—will be permanent. They will survive to benefit the peoples of the world for generation after generation.

The world has been freed from autocracy and militarism, the enemies of democracy and freedom.

Well might little 1919 exclaim, "It's a good lookin' world to me!"

The three predecessors of 1919 have been born to find gigantic tasks awaiting them, the carrying on of the strife and struggle.

Necessary but unpleasant tasks, the slaughtering of men, wrecking of cities

and towns, wasting of fields.

1919 finds these tasks completed for him.

Peace awaits him—no more slaughter, no more wreckage, no more waste! Nevertheless, little 1919's job is no sinecure.

Just as gigantic efforts, although not so disagreeable, will be required of him. The greatest period of all dawns with his birth.

More actual work and labor and toil than ever is needed now. Restitution, rehabilitation and reconstruction must be made for the damage that has accrued from the four years of terrific strife.

The world has been made a safe place to live in.

It must now be made a fit place to live in.

The world has been purged of its greatest enemies.

The wreckage and debris of the purging process must be cleared away.

Governments of nations have been revolutionized.

They must now be stabilized.

Cities and towns must be rebuilt and fields made tillable.

The abnormal must be made normal.

Little 1919 will be kept busy during his twelve months, so that it will be "still a better lookin' world" to 1920.

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