

SERGT. ANDERSON FROM FORT OMAHA HAS NEW THRILLS

Former Cowboy Has Many
Experiences in France
That Are Novel.

WENT OVER WITH FIRST
U. S. BALLOON SQUADRON

Blown Thirty Feet in Air by
High Explosive Shell.
Legs Broken.

Sergeant Grover S. Anderson, a former cowboy, who received his military training at Fort Omaha, was not unused to thrills, such as being hurled from the back of a bucking broncho or looking into the muzzle of a six-shooter, but when he was blown thirty feet in the air by a high explosive shell, which fractured his left leg in two places, he put that down as the crowning adventure of his lifetime.

When the call came to fight for Uncle Sam, Sergeant Anderson doffed his bearskin "chaps" and sombrero and enlisted in the aviation service at Lawton, Wash., April 15, 1917. After a month's training there he came to Fort Omaha balloon school, where he remained six months. He went overseas December 10, 1917, with Company C of the second balloon squadron, which was the first balloon squadron in the United States to go abroad.

The first observation work done by Company C was near Beasansan, France, close to the Swiss border. From there the squadron was transferred to Bruville and engaged in the first active observation work over the German lines. From Bruville the squadron went to the Toul sector and later to St. Mihiel, where it was engaged in directing the artillery movements in the American offensive of September 12.

"It was near Malancourt, close to the Argonne forest, on October 9, that I got mine," said Sergeant

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Blind Men Show a Rare Courage, Says Surgeon

American soldiers totally or partially blinded in battle displayed wonderful courage, according to Captain H. B. Lemere, Omaha oculist, who spent five months in United States hospitals in France and has recently returned.

"The most remarkable thing I witnessed was the rare courage of these boys, many of whom will spend the remainder of their lives in darkness," said Captain Lemere.

He told of one young top sergeant who begged to be allowed to go to the front, although his superiors were loath to spare his services at the hospital. He came back with both eyes blown out, but without a word of complaint, and tried to cheer up the other boys who had suffered a similar fate.

Remain Faithful to the Girls They Left Behind

Des Moines, Ia., Jan. 24.—Not a returned soldier has been found at Fort Des Moines or Camp Dodge who has married while abroad, according to all Y. M. C. A. and Knights of Columbus secretaries at both military camps.

"The boys have returned loyal to the girls they left behind them," is the opinion of Secretary Edward Boll of the Knights of Columbus at Fort Des Moines. "I haven't met a man who married while in France, or who even had intentions of marrying other than an American girl."

Bird-Men Who Are Stationed at Fort Crook With Planes



Lieutenant F. W. Gledhill.

Two airplanes have been stationed at Fort Crook since the latter part of October, in charge of two reserve military aviators, Lieutenant F. W. Gledhill and Lieutenant J. M. Shimon.

Lieutenant Gledhill was the first to arrive from Chanute Field, Rantoul, Ill., where they were previously stationed. The planes left at the same time, but Lieutenant Shimon and his mechanic, Sergeant H. W. Graves, were delayed



Lieutenant J. M. Shimon.

by an accident near Tampa, Ia. Both planes landed north of the city along the river bank at a point opposite Florence Field.

Lieutenant Shimon had more bad luck in landing here. He arrived after dark and crashed into a fence, demolishing a wheel and propeller. Neither he nor his mechanic sustained injuries.

Both aviators have made frequent flights from the large open fields near Fort Crook.

AUTO RUNS THROUGH WALL INTO BED ROOM

Sergeant From Fort Omaha
Injured in Dodging Another Car.

Two Machines Strike, But
the Damage to Either
Is Slight.

The home of Fred Hansen, 3111 South Twenty-fourth street, is partially wrecked and Sergeant C. E. Rossiter of Fort Omaha is at the fort hospital with severe injuries as the result of an automobile accident Tuesday afternoon when Rossiter, in attempting to avoid a collision with another machine, drove a seven-passenger army car right into the Hansen home.

The machine bumped over the curb and hit the side of the house with terrific force. Crashing through the wall the machine nosed its way into a bedroom. The side and front of the house were partially demolished and the whole building had the appearance of having flirled with a cyclone.

Mrs. Hansen and her daughter, Clara, were in an adjoining room. Miss Hansen suffered a severe nervous shock and is under a physician's care.

Sergeant Rossiter was taken from his wrecked machine and hurried to the post hospital, where it was announced that his injuries consisted of cuts and severe bruises.

In the machine with him was his brother, Lieutenant Rossiter, who escaped with minor hurts.

The second car was driven by J. M. Looney, 2112 S street, South Side. The two machines struck, but the collision was comparatively slight, owing to Sergeant Rossiter's manipulation of his car. Looney escaped injury.

Two of 113 conscientious objectors, honorably discharged by war department orders, refused to leave when release was begun at the disciplinary barracks at Fort Leavenworth prison.

Four Officers Leave to Attend Dirigible School

Captain John C. Ayling and Lieutenants R. H. Finley, H. D. Kingsland and T. E. Faulk will leave the first of next week for Akron, O., to receive preliminary dirigible instruction.

They will then proceed to Pensacola, Fla., where they will meet Major C. H. Maranville and take further training in this work.

It is rumored that they will later go to England for final instruction, but nothing in their present orders indicate this.

RESERVE OFFICERS MAY APPLY FOR REGULAR ARMY

Graduates of officers' training schools who received discharges and reserve commissions may make application for commissions in the regular army, according to advice from the office of the adjutant general.

Enlisted men who successfully complete courses of instruction in such schools and who are appointed to commissioned grade, inactive status, may apply for active commissions in the regular upon one of the regular forms provided for the purpose by altering the wording of the same to properly describe the applicant.

Discharged Soldiers Get Memberships in "Y. M."

"Two hundred and fifty discharged soldiers have been given free membership in the Y. M. C. A. since the armistice was signed," said one of the "Y" secretaries.

"We have found positions for some 75 or 100 men and of the 104 rooms in the Y. M. C. A. building at least 50 are occupied by soldiers recently discharged from the service."

"Every day we are accommodating soldiers from other states passing through the city with a hot shower bath and a swim in our pool. Since America entered this conflict some 30,000 soldiers have been given the privilege of using our bathing facilities."

GAS BAG ON THURSDAY

The Gas Bag will hereafter be published Thursday morning of each week, instead of Friday as previously. The paper will go to press Wednesday night and be distributed at the post and down town next day.

Contributors please take notice and submit copy one day earlier than usual. Organization notes must be handed in on Monday, as must items for the Rocking the Basket page. Society and sporting items must be submitted not later than Tuesday night.

MILITARY BALL WAS A DECIDED SUCCESS

Large Crowd Turns Out for
Final Farewell Last
Saturday Eve.

Minstrel Show, Vaudeville
Stunts and Dancing
Were Features.

The farewell military ball given at the Omaha Auditorium last Saturday evening by the officers and enlisted personnel of Fort Omaha, Fort Crook and Florence Field was a decided success.

It was the last official military affair to be given downtown, according to orders from the commanding officer of the post.

The Auditorium was filled with crowds of civilians and soldiers, who took a final opportunity of meeting each other at a farewell dance. Most of the men in uniform will have received their discharges within a month and returned home.

Great Minstrel Show.

The minstrel show which opened the entertainment for the evening was a scream. The cast for the show had not been announced and several distinct surprises were scored as the various participants were recognized.

Hits were made by several song numbers, especially "How Can We Keep the Boys on the Farm After Gay Paree," by Captain Goodale; "We Never Did That Before the War," by Lieutenant "Cubby" Taylor; "A Perfect Day," by Lieutenant Connolly, and "Give Me All of You," by Sergeant Howard K. Steberg.

The affair was very cleverly staged and received with much appreciation by the audience.

An Enjoyed Dance.

Professor Chambers' dancing pupils presented a series of fancy dances and songs. The participants ranged from tiny tots to the grown-up youngsters. All did splendid work and received equal shares of applause.

After the entertainment the chairs were cleared from the floor and wax was liberally distributed to facilitate dancing. The forty piece orchestra, mounted on a platform in the center of the hall, burst into a variety of wild jazz music and everyone enjoyed themselves to the limit.

Dancing was suspended occasionally to allow vaudeville stunts of varied character to hold forth upon the stage and the "picnic grove," where refreshments were served, was generally patronized throughout the evening. The Auditorium was specially decorated for the occasion.

Miss Martha Ebert, pretty cashier at the Beaton drug store, was awarded special honor for selling more tickets than anyone outside of the box office.

Y. M. C. A. Neutral

The war has changed the attitude of the Y. M. C. A. on smoking and secretaries over the country are being told to use their judgment about permitting smoking in buildings.

The Omaha Y. M. C. A. will be neutral, neither discouraging nor encouraging smoking in the building.

ALL DISCHARGED WITHIN A MONTH, GENERAL MARCH

Chief of Staff Tells Sen-
ators of Plans for Re-
lease of Men.

GOOD NEWS FROM THOSE
IN CAMPS OVER HERE

Propose American Standing
Army of 500,000 Men
He Tells Committee.

The 785,000 men in camp in the United States will all be demobilized within one month, General March, chief of staff, informed the senate military committee.

This includes every man in a camp in this country, with the exception of those retained for "overhead" duty.

Discussing demobilization plans generally with the committee, General March said retention of an American standing army of 500,000 was proposed.

"We don't ever expect to reduce below 500,000 men—if we can help it," he said.

Shipping arrangements have been made by which 300,000 men might be transported home from overseas monthly and all of the American expeditionary force could be returned home within six months.

How many Americans will be held abroad in the army of occupation is to be determined by President Wilson, General March stated, but more Americans already have been designated for return home than originally proposed by Marshal Foch.

He indicated that ten divisions had been suggested as America's contribution to the army of occupation.

Several senators said they had received complaints because divisions which had seen long service overseas apparently were to be the last sent home.

This policy, General March said, was strictly in accordance with military plans to hold experienced men in the army of occupation.

200,000 Yanks to Stay Abroad as Peace Comes

Captivated by the charms of French women and French life, word comes from across the Atlantic that a startling number of American soldiers will remain in the country which they helped rescue from the plunder and oppression of the Huns.

According to a statement made by a member of the American colony in Paris and quoted by the Intransigent, at least 200,000 of Uncle Sam's fighting men will refuse opportunities to return to their native land. They will remain in France, it is said, to marry French women and take advantage of life there, which they believe promises success and contentment in a greater degree than would be realized in the United States.

Of the thousands of American soldiers who have indicated they will make France the land of their adoption, the greater number, it is declared, have become engaged to marry women "over there."

Others are enthusiastic in their expressions of appreciation of business opportunities which they are convinced France will offer American skill and energy during the reconstruction period.

"The German people do not believe that their army was beaten," says a French general who has just returned from Berlin.

ORGANIZATION NEWS

MOTOR TRANSPORT CORPS.

Maurice J. Frank.

All the garage men are transferred to the Motor Transport corps and assigned to the different companies for quarters and rations. We have found only one way to make Porter stop singing and that is feed him a lot of chewing tobacco and give him a cigarette. This quiets him for a few moments.

There are two officers here now checking inventory slips and taking inventory of the cars, etc., in the M. T. C.

What cars is that which Henry always enters on the gas records as "Junk?" The little gray car "Bunny" drives.

Bill Coates likes his job as associate to the inventory officers.

Mensinger is some stenographer. He uses the one-finger pick and find method.

That's all right though, men. There are others, including the writer.

Talk about your "General Nuisance," Sergeant Burris is the worst pest the stock room has to contend with.

The other morning, when it was still dark and after roll call the Sergeant asked if there was any one whose name he had missed.

Some one piped up, "Did you call my name, sergeant?"

The sergeant waited for the party to tell who he was but no answer.

After a moment's wait he says again, "Did you call my name, sergeant?"

Finally some one down the line says: "Tell him your name, you dummy."

Can you imagine? It was our old friend Pat Connors again.

Pilley and Smith are back in the motorcycle repair shop again.

PERSONNEL OFFICE

P. S. Coluni.

Lieutenant George C. Lundberg has left for Arcadia, Cal., for further instruction in ballooning.

Corporal Cox has left for Joplin, Mo., on a ten-day furlough.

I'll tell the world that it sure is tough when you get the wrong telephone number. The other night Sergeant First Class Ellwein called up one of his lady friends, and after having quite a long conversation and planning where they were going to spend the following evening, the young lady said, "I beg your pardon, but I think you have been telling your story to the wrong party." Excused!!!

Corporal Davis has been added to the civil service employees roll of this office. He gave us a fair demonstration as to the way he intends to spend his time with the young dames in Washington, when he gets out of the army. For the lack of a feminine partner, he showed us the way he would glide along the Arcade floors, with a broom. Well, as long as you keep away from Alexandria, everything will be O. K.

Since the signing of the armistice this office has attended to the exit of over 1,100 men.

Can you beat it? Sergeant Evans attended the Gayety and he's married, at that.

MEDICAL DEPARTMENT POST HOSPITAL.

Miss Genevieve Backus, army nurse, returned to her home in Omaha, Neb., having been relieved from active duty at this post.

Miss Nellis Bigelow, dietician at the hospital, has returned from a twenty-one-day leave of absence at her home at Phillipsburg, Pa.

Corporal Neil L. Kepple returned from his home in Waterloo, Ia. He was called there by the illness of his mother.

Private Floyd B. Faw left for his home in Newton, Kas., to spend a ten-day furlough, while convalescing from an operation.

Private First Class Charles H. Draeger and Private Frank V. Kincaid have received their discharges from the service and returned to their respective homes, Omaha,

Neb., and Winfield, Kas. Private First Class Draeger will resume his former position with the Hayden Brothers store of Omaha, as manager of the drug department.

Sergeant Frank Reida spent last week-end in Lincoln, Neb.

Private First Class Elder J. Erlandson spent the week-end visiting relatives and friends in Red Oak, Iowa.

ENGINEERING DEPT.

Although our force has somewhat decreased in numbers, it has not decreased in pep!

While Private O'Brien was taking his physical examination prior to his discharge, the doctor told him that he had a slight fever. O'Brien said, "Oh, that's because I'm so excited at the chance of getting out of the army."

Our stenographer spent the day at the supply office last Friday, and it is surprising how much work was accomplished during her absence.

Sergeant Belgiano says that if Miss Kendall has as many callers this week as last he is going to charge admittance to the department.

Corporal Tempest says that he has a sign business he will sell cheap.

Lieutenants Lehr and Godfrey are no longer in our midst. Lieutenant Lehr has gone to Arcadia and Lieutenant Godfrey to Virginia. They are sorely missed by the department.

Private Charles Roick has joined our department in the capacity of repairman.

59TH BALLOON COMPANY

Cpl. Dunks.

What do you think of Sgt. Farrington, our ex-mess sergeant, now assistant maneuvering sergeant to Sgt. Rozmajzl. We all extend our sympathy to Sgt. Hosenozzel.

We have at least a dozen men in this company who have pleaded with Capt. (Daddy) Wise to remain in the service, of course we won't mention names, but supply work is hell.

We don't mind the 47th Co. men eating here, but in the future please register at the orderly room so that we may draw your rations, especially the firemen.

Sgt. Dreibholz was rushing madly through the squad room on one of his many errands when he was hailed by a rookie by this remark, "Hey, orderly, what the chance for a furlough." Needless to say he was very much insulted. Those wishing to become acquainted with the rookie who made the remark can visit Mess Hall No. 1, where he is on exhibition.

60TH Balloon Company.

The "FIGHTING 60TH," is still fighting—for discharge. The company has taken on the appearance of a recruit outfit; we've taken on a rookie detachment who haven't learned how to pull ropes or to "rabbit."

Sergeant Hurley wanders around like a lost dog since the departure of his pals, Elide and Barret; he may recover.

We mourn the loss of our premier barber, formerly Private Lenehan, now "Mr." Lenehan. He scraped our faces raw and chopped our hair up beautifully.

It looks as though some of our aviators are out of luck; the chauffeurs are transferred to air service, unassigned and are detailed for duty in the motor transport corps. They may get their discharges sometime. Sergeant Kirkland was not the only lucky guy when he got his discharge; the chow has already improved and Jurore is going to be a good mess sergeant.

We were disturbed at our peaceful supper last Sunday evening, by the sound of fire call. Of course we responded and in "nothing flat," almost, had the chemical cart and other apparatus at the scene of the conflagration. Unfortunately the guard tent at the west gate was burned beyond help before our arrival, but it is of interest to note that the 60th, was the only com-

pany to answer "here" when the O. D. called the roll of companies. "Efficiency," that's us all over.

63D BALLOON COMPANY

E. W. Gehrke.

Corp. Cox of the Personnel office has gone on a ten day furlough.

Will someone please advise where Baker of the post-office can be found after reveille.

Private Shwenk has received his discharge and gone to his parents, who live in Washington.

Corp. Orme has returned to duty at the postoffice following a sick leave.

Sgt. Hayes and Corp. Peterson, both of headquarters, have received their discharges.

Captain Wise while making one of his many tours of inspection, visited the kitchen and was greeted by Cook Bena in this manner. "Captain, what's the chance for a discharge," the captain replied, "Well, Bena, in all probability I can arrange to let you go home on a furlough around the 4th of July."

When it comes to cutting the tails off of "rabbits," you've got to hand it to Corporal Witt, for corroboration of this fact, ask Chauffer Lathrop.

When efficiency is needed, call the "Nerve Center" of the 59th Balloon company, they never fail.

Clifford Nichols, chief crusher and cook, met his Waterloo last Friday-night when he called upon his girl, only to find a Camp Dodge, A. E. F. man had beat him to it. That's one time the "Bary Crusher" took the count of ten. Corporal Witt will verify the above.

The writer is spending his spare time on balloons and toy balloons (blowing them up to see how they are inflated) studying the evolution of dirigibles.

We never knew what Corporal McGraw was best fitted for until Saturday night, now he is known as the Punch Salesman.

When it comes to setting a pace for a funeral escort, we match Captain Wise with anyone, there is more truth and poetry in that. Speed, that's him all over, Mabel.

81ST BALLOON COMPANY

Cpl. J. H. Frazier.

We fly balloons "most every day

But that is not the worst, We furnish all the details too

So call the Eighty-first.

What's that? Oh yes, the old Eighty-first is reorganized again

and we expect to display a lot of "pep" in the future so let's all pull together.

We have at last found one man in the company whom we cannot call "rabbit," and that is Private Merrill. We figure the term "rabbit" is too swift for him so have named him "snail."

It has been whispered around the company that Sergeant "Jimmie" De Yarman is well versed in the making of enameled ware. (We wonder just what he knows.)

It sure is remarkable the number of men in this company that have found dependents in the last week. Howdaya get that way???

Things that never happen:

TO SEE:

Cook Fraser stay in one night.

Private Morrison working.

Mess Sergeant Ferrill when he wasn't eating.

Private First Class Henckel with cigars.

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Private Stine with money.

Butter on the table.

The day the bugler forgets reveille.

Sergeant McKay who is on special duty at post headquarters, was recently promoted to his present grade from private first class. Those of us that knew him as a private first class are pleased to hear of his advancement. (Atta boy Mac.)

The fellow that said that Corporal Fenstermaker got more mail than any other man in the company, sure hit the nail on the head. It sure must be grand to be popular.

Cook Griffin is home on a ten day furlough at Dow City, Ia., on business.

Private Bultman is spending a ten day furlough at his home.

Private First Class Pressley accompanied the body of the late Private John Herwith to his brother-in-law's home at Dell Rapids, S. D.

LEADERS AWARDED

D. S. CROSSES

Upon the recommendation of General Pershing Distinguished Service Medals have been awarded to the following officers for exceptionally meritorious and distinguished services in positions of great responsibility:

Major General Mason M. Patrick, United States Army. For exceptionally meritorious and distinguished services. He displayed much ability and devotion to duty as director of construction and forestry, and, later, as Chief of the Air Service of the American Expeditionary Forces, he perfected and ably administered the organization of this important department.

Major General Charles T. Mencher, United States Army. For exceptionally meritorious and distinguished service. In command of the 42nd Division from Chateau Thierry to the conclusion of the Argonne-Meuse offensive, including the Baccarat Sector, Rheims, Vesles and St. Mihiel Salient, this officer, with his division, participated in all of those important engagements. The reputation as a fighting unit of the 42nd Division is in no small measure due to the soldierly qualities and the military leadership of this officer. (Now Director of Air Service.)

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Until the action of the Joint Army and Navy Board on Aeronautic Cognizance, civilians were only permitted to fly experimental machines and then only under permits from the board.

Applications from civilian pilots should be addressed to the Joint Army and Navy Board on Aeronautic Cognizance, Building "D," 6th and B Sts., N. W., Washington, D. C. Lieut. L. G. Haugen, A. S. A., Secy.

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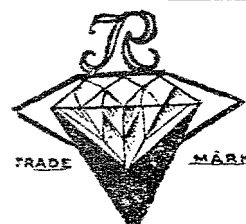
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FROM 74TH COMPANY TO 50TH COMPANY

The following enlisted men have been transferred from the Seventy-fourth balloon company to the Fiftieth balloon company at Florence Field:

Sergeant Richard J. Jones, Privates W. J. Curley, John Silver-school, C. E. Brooks, Edwin Haugen, F. P. Kent, K. R. Kirkpatrick, Jacob Nyse, S. E. Odean, C. E. Oldham, Rudolph Rosti, F. J. Spellman, E. E. Webb, Harm Westerman and W. J. Young.

Sergeant Anderson From Fort Omaha Has New Thrills

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Anderson. "At 3:45 that morning the observers went up to ascertain what was going on behind the boche lines. I was sent about a half mile from the rest of the company to examine some trench fortifications. I was alone and had to cut my way through a mass of barbed wire to get to a certain point. I had just made an opening and started to step through when I felt the earth under me heave and a sharp twitch in my leg. I went up it seemed to me about a quarter of a mile, but one of the boys afterward told me it was only about thirty feet. The next thing I remember I was on a cot at a dressing station. There was a numb feeling just above my ankle and below the knee. The doctor said I had two fractures of the bone."

No Sign of Danger.

Sergeant Anderson said he afterward saw the spot where the shell had struck. There was a hole in the ground twelve feet in diameter and more than six feet deep, he said.

"It was one of those time shells, and had buried itself in the ground when it fell. It had traveled several feet under the ground after lighting, and there was no indication of danger. The ground over which I was passing looked perfectly innocent, but I happened to step over where the shell was buried."

Another thrill which Sergeant Anderson experienced and which he says he does not care to repeat, was a ride with an American aviator over the German lines.

"One of my aviator friends asked me one day if I would not like to go up with him for a little joy ride.



Sergeant G. S. Anderson.

I accepted, and we started circling about over our own camp with no particular destination. Pretty soon I noticed that we were out of sight of our camp but thought nothing of it. We couldn't talk to each other for the rush of wind made it impossible.

"We were up about a half a mile when I noticed what looked like trenches directly beneath us. Suddenly a puff of black smoke a little way to our right attracted my attention. In a few seconds another puff of smoke appeared within a few yards of our machine. I heard something crack and saw a hole torn in the canvas of our plane. It then dawned on me that we were over the German line and they were pumping at us with their anti-aircraft gun.

"My friend had not told me where we were going when we started out. We went up in a spiral curve to a height of about a mile and then circled back to our own lines. Believe me, it was old terra firma for me after that."

After spending two months in various hospitals in France, Sergeant Anderson sailed from Brest December 2 on the steamer DeKalb, which was the former German raider Prince Eitel Friedrich. He has nearly recovered from his wounds and is visiting friends in Omaha for a few days before returning to his home at Forsyth, Mont.

SOLDIERS' REVERIE IS CLEVER SKETCH

Original Playlet Will Be Presented at Brandeis on February 8.

Pretty Girls Expected to Attract Fort Omaha Men to Benefit.

Men from Fort Omaha who attend the benefit entertainment given at the Brandeis theater on February 8 by the girls of the Patriotic league will be particularly interested in the sketch, "The Soldiers' Reverie," which was written and is being directed by Miss Mary Marston.

The cast for this sketch, although not yet complete, will consist of a representative from each of the clubs in the Patriotic league, specially selected upon points of beauty. A more attractive group of girls has never appeared in a local entertainment.

The beauty choruses of the legitimate stage will be completely outclassed.

Miss Edith Peterson and Miss Dorothy Wenke will play the part of the soldiers in this play, and Miss Mary Wideman will be the guard. Miss Pleasant Holyoke, well known Omaha dancer, will also be a participant.

For Armenian Relief.

The performance will be staged for the benefit of the Armenian relief fund, under the auspices of the War Camp Community Service. A section of the theater will be reserved for men in uniform, who will be admitted free as guests of honor.

All Fort Omaha men are urged to reserve the evening and attend the entertainment. Indications are that the house will be filled to capacity and the soldiers should show their appreciation for the consideration extended them by those in charge of the affair.

Oliver Goldsmith's comedy, "David Garrick," will be the initial feature of the evening. It is a quaint love story of olden times, comprising three acts, with elaborate costuming and scenery.

In this sketch also the male parts will be taken by girls. Miss Minna Stedinger plays the leading role of David Garrick in an admirable manner. Miss Mildred Mekeel, as Ada Ingot, is the leading lady.

Two other difficult male parts, Ingot, the cross old father, and Chivy, the young rascal, are taken by Miss Marjorie Corrigan and Miss Elizabeth Beveridge, respectively.

Ticket Sale Large.

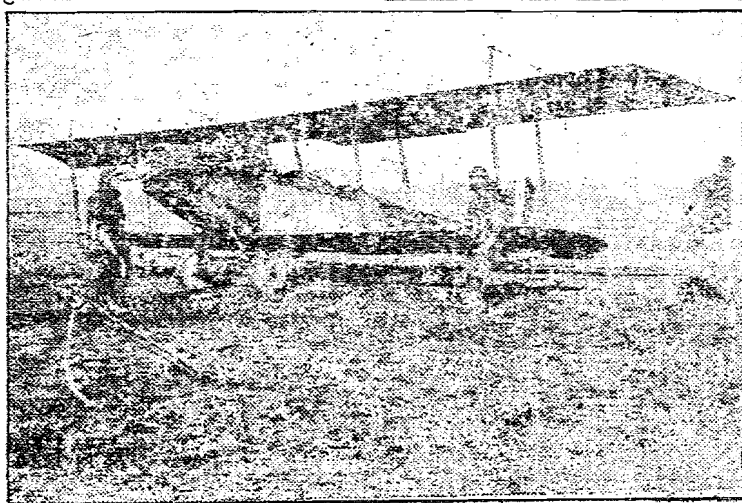
Miss Mary English, who is chairman of the ticket committee, has announced that there is a great demand for tickets. They may be secured at the Burgess-Nash Co., Beaton Drug Co. or the Unit-Docekal Drug Co.

The following girls are helping distribute the tickets to the members of the various clubs:

Misses Agnes Coffey, Amalia Anheuser, Mary Holbrook, Dorothy Kissing, Stella Kelly, Florence Emmet, Adaline Bruce, Agnes Bushman, Margaret Welsh, Grace Mahaffey, Lela Ash, Mary Quinby, Mayde Berry, Ida Bossard, Ruth Stine, Kate Connell, Viola Moriety, Gertrude McCauley, Mary Maher, Mrs. Christine Coughlin, Elizabeth Scoville, Mrs. Evelyn Knapp, Mirtle Jensen, Katherine Newman, Clara Baldwin and Mrs. Bob Larson.

The house passed and sent to the senate the bill appropriating \$10,500,000 for constructing hospitals for disabled soldiers and sailors.

One of the Fort Cook Planes



One of Dancers at Relief Fund Benefit



Miss Pleasant Holyoke.

The breezy little sketch to be presented as part of the Armenian Relief Fund benefit performance at the Brandeis theater on February 8 will feature special dances by several talented Omaha girls.

Miss Pleasant Holyoke, who has gained considerable reputation as a classic dancer, will be one of these.

Fort Omaha men who take advantage of the kind invitation of the War Camp Community Service and occupy the section reserved for them on that evening, are sure to be charmed with her interpretations.

SOLDIERS WILL TAKE HOMESTEADS IN WEST

Union Pacific Agent Receives Inquiries From Men Leaving Service.

Many returning soldiers and sailors are going "back to the land," according to R. A. Smith, supervisor of agriculture of the Union Pacific system.

Scores of ex-service men returning have visited the colonization offices of the railroad for information regarding homesteads. The sailors have been in the majority. More than 100 have called the last two weeks.

"This will be one of the biggest years for colonization in history," said Mr. Smith. "Such a movement always follows any war and is to be expected. Few men who have had a taste of outdoor work will be content with office jobs and we are preparing to take care of all prospective homesteaders."

Leo Stevens, chief balloonist of the service, is at Washington, D. C., at present having completed his inspection of supplies at the air service depot at Richmond Va. He expects to return to Fort Omaha within the next few weeks.

Soldiers Show Preference for Outdoor Work

"Practically every man recently discharged from the service of the United States army or navy is eager to find work which takes him away from offices and factories into the open air," said Mrs. Mabel Walker, in charge of the soldiers' employment bureau of the Omaha Chamber of Commerce.

"Former clerks hate inside jobs and at the present time we have some hundred or more applications for truck and automobile drivers on hand, than we can possibly fill."

"Since last August last we were operating a women's employment bureau, but we closed this department recently to devote our entire time to finding employment for discharged soldiers and sailors."

"In certain professions is a decided shortage of help. For example one big printing company in this city has asked us to supply them with twenty printers and we were able to furnish only two. The Peterson Construction company notified us that they will need some 200 men by April 1. The Union Pacific road has taken some twenty men out of the list of our applicants and many other large and small firms take ample advantage of this department."

"The warm weather and the advanced season brought many inquiries for farm labor and as the boys are eager to get outside jobs, we are filling these demands rapidly."

Leavenworth Men Help Fight Fire

Leavenworth, Kan.—Fire, the origin of which has not been determined, broke out in the federal disciplinary barracks here, and before it was placed under control, caused loss estimated at between \$125,000 and \$150,000. The building was badly damaged.

A large amount of clothing in the quartermaster's store house which was located in the building was destroyed.

The flames were soon extinguished. Soldiers were thrown about the building and there was no disorder on the part of the prisoners, many of whom assisted in fighting the fire.

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Men who are placed on this work will, if possible, first be sent to Akron to see ships assembled, then to Pensacola, Fla., to take a course at the navy school.

On account of the high technical quality of the work to be done only men of proven skill as engine operators or fabric and rigging workers should be mentioned on the first list. The first are to be used as a nucleus for a school staff, and it is preferred that they shall be non-commissioned officers.

A second list should be made up of worthy men who desire this work, but who are not specially skilled at present. They can be made up into subsequent educational squads for sending to such stations as are available, such as Akron or Langley Field.

From the most capable men it is intended to select a group to go to England as soon as arrangements can be made. Three airships have been ordered in England of a small, but very serviceable, type.

In dirigible balloon work, enlisted men make up part of the flying crew. As a rule, only men who can pass physical examination for flying should be recommended. There are a great many ground jobs paying very well also open to specially skilled men who desire to transfer, but cannot fly.

Soldiers who actually fly are given flying pay. In the air service this is 50 per cent increase.

The following classifications of soldiers are needed to operate a dirigible station: Fitters, turners, sheet metal workers, blacksmiths, welders, mechanics, power engineers, instrument makers, electricians, carpenters, propeller makers, wood work machinists, painters, riggers and fabric workers, armament, hydrogen workers, photography, meteorological, stores, drivers, plumbers, vulcanizers, coxswains, engineer draughtsman, ship's writer, telephones, buglers, stokers, messdeck orderlies, transport working party, landing party.

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FRIDAY, JANUARY 31, 1919.

BALLOON PILOT COMES TO END.

Camp John Wise will be a lone some place Tuesday. The Balloon Pilot, the official paper of that camp, was run off the press for the last time this week.

The Balloon Pilot was the first paper to be published in the balloon service. Its editions always were live and newswy. On its staff were some of the best men in newspaperdom. Among these was Sergeant J. F. Lowmyer, managing editor, a Los Angeles newspaper man.

OBSERVATIONS

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HE asked me the

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I wanted a lift

TO town I climbed

IN and we started

DOWN the boulevard and

BUD forgot everything

EXCEPT to get where he

WAS going at sixty-five plus and

WHEN I asked him what would

HAPPEN if another car came

IN from a side street he

SAID it would be "S. O. L."

Apparently the party of the first part is "persona non grata" with Bud.

Private Powers reported late at the Garage one morning last week. "Your late," remarked Sergeant Burris, "how does that happen?"

"Well," answered Powers surlily, "I stopped to get a hair cut."

"What do you mean by getting a hair cut on my time," demanded Sergeant Burris.

"Well, it grew on your time," demanded Powers, truculently.

"Draft evaders will be traced to the ground if it takes a hundred years," declares F. J. O'Kellier, National Draft Inspector at Chicago. From which it appears that the evaders made a serious mistake by not enlisting in the army as conscientious objectors.

"Dizzy" O'Rourke claims that no amount of culture will stop Lakin from snoring in his sleep.

Our contribution to the list of "Useless Things" is a five-year guarantee on a fountain pen. Who ever carried a fountain five years without losing it?

Rash believes they are going to

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keep eternally pegging away at it until finally somebody will tell a funny war story one of these days.

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Great celebrations are being planned by the dry leaders since the ratification of the prohibition amendment. Provided we give our discharge in time there are going to be other final celebrations to which in all probability the dry leaders will not be invited.

Private Wells demurs to the statement that the three sweetest words in the English language are, "Sweetheart, wife and mother." He claims it may be true in some cases, but insists that in his language the three sweetest words are, "Enclosed find check."

How do those bolsheviks pull their shirts over their whiskers?

The fact that the ex-kaiser is starting a full beard ought to be good news to the barbers, as everybody else will want to be smooth shaven.

Pvt. Spohn wonders why nobody ever invented a syringe for spreading butter on bread in cold weather.

Suspend Discharge Till They Get Jobs

Washington, D. C.—To solve the problem of unemployed discharged soldiers, the war department has ordered that no man be discharged from the army against his desire until such time as he can obtain employment in civil life.

It was announced orders had been telegraphed to all departments and division commanders, at Secretary Baker's direction, to retain all men who desire to remain temporarily in the service, without prejudice to their subsequent discharge to take employment.

Any man who would normally have been discharged if he had not expressed his desire in writing to remain in the service, may thereafter be discharged at his own request whenever he thinks he may secure employment.

Families of married soldiers will continue to draw their allotments from the government during this temporary service.

CHANCE FOR YOUNG MEN IN MERCHANT MARINE

An appeal from the United States Shipping board for enlistment of young men in the government merchant marine states:

"Americans between 18 and 35 years of age will be accepted by this board for special training as firemen, sailors or stewards at \$30 a month, board included. Opportunity to see the world and to advance in rating until officers' positions are reached will be open to all who enter this service. After two months' training they will be provided with positions on ocean-going vessels under the American flag at wages from \$55 to \$75 a month, board included. The board wants 2,000 men at once to put on its training ships at Atlantic or Pacific ports. Fares are paid to place of training."

Those entering the service are expected to sign an agreement for one year's service. Recruiting stations are being opened in many towns.

A bullet which struck Lieutenant Will Mack of Cleveland, O., passed between his eyes and brain and above the roof of his mouth. It entered in front of his left ear and emerged in front of his right ear. He left the hospital thirty days later and got back into the fighting.

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Major K. P. Littauer, air service, United States army; for repeated acts of heroism in action near Conflans, France, September 14, 1918, and near Doullon, France, October 30, 1918. Major Littauer volunteered on a mission to protect a photographic plane for another squadron on September 14, and continued toward the objective at Conflans after three other protecting planes had failed to start. In an encounter with five enemy pursuit planes he protected the photographic plane by skillful maneuvering, although his observer was wounded and his machine seriously damaged. On October 30, Major Littauer, on duty as chief of air service of the Third army corps, volunteered and made an important reconnaissance of enemy machine-gun emplacements at a low altitude near Doullon. Home address, Alfred Littauer, father, One Hundred and Fifth avenue, New York, N. Y.

Second Lieut. James M. Richardson, air service (pilot), 1st Aero squadron. For extraordinary heroism in action near Grandpre, France, October 6, 1918. Lieut. Richardson undertook an infantry contact patrol mission under weather conditions which necessitated flying at an altitude of only 100 meters. Near the front lines, machine guns opened an effective fire on his plane and he was wounded in the foot, but he continued on the mission until the front lines of the American troops were located and his observer had written out a report for the division commander. Home address, Miss Emma Richardson, sister, Devalle Bluff, Ark.

First Lieut. John F. Michener, air service (pilot), 1st Aero squadron. For extraordinary heroism in action near Varennes, France, October 4, 1918. Lieut. Michener was assigned the mission of locating the front lines of our troops at a time when dense mist and low clouds compelled him to fly at an altitude of only 100 meters. His observer's signal rockets drew fire from an advanced hostile machine-gun battery and Lieut. Michener was wounded in the leg. Despite his wound he continued the mission until the position of troops was ascertained. He was then compelled to land on shell-torn ground behind the lines, the plane being completely wrecked. Home address, Mrs. A. R. Michener, mother, Erie, Pa.

Capt. John Mitchell, deceased, air service, 95th Aero squadron. For extraordinary heroism in action near Beaumont, France, May 27, 1918. Seeing three enemy planes flying east over Apremont at 2,500 meters, Capt. Mitchell unhesitatingly attacked the three machines, which were in close formation, despite the fact that a fourth, hovering above, threatened to close in and join the enemy formation. He succeeded in shooting down the enemy machine, which proved to be a biplane returning from an important mission. Home address, Walter J. Mitchell, Manchester, Mass.

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First Lieut. Asher E. Kelty, deceased, air service, 91st Aero squadron. For extraordinary heroism in action near Crepion, France, September 26, 1918. In the course of a photographic mission Lieut. Kelty, with his observer, was obliged to penetrate a heavy enemy anti-aircraft barrage, realizing that obtaining the location of the artillery objectives was of the greatest importance. When a shell struck his machine, his observer was instantly killed and his machine so badly wrecked that it plunged to the earth, thereby causing his death. Next of kin, Mrs. Cora B. Kelty, 1 South Main street, Rice Lake, Wis.

Second Lieut. Francis B. Lowry, deceased, observer, C. A. C., 91st Aero squadron. For extraordinary heroism in action near Crepion, France, September 26, 1918. On September 26, while on a very important photographic mission, Lieut. Lowry, with Lieut. Kelty (pilot), realized the importance of the mission and chose to continue their course through a harassing anti-aircraft barrage. A shell made a direct hit on the plane, brought it down in fragments, and instantly killed Lieut. Lowry. Next of kin, Walter R. Lowry, 946 Corona street, Denver, Colo.

THREE AIR SERVICE BOOKS BEING EDITED

Three interesting and instructive publications on the medical side of flying prepared by members of the Air Service Medical, are now in press.

The first of these pamphlets will appear under the title "The Air Service, Medical Manual." It will comprise four chapters concerning the conservation of human material, as well as the conservation of machines as developed in practice in the U. S. Air Service. The development of the "Trouble-shooter" of the flier as compared to the trouble-shooter of engines and machines was developed in the person of the "flight surgeon."

The second publication is more general in character and also more extensive. It is issued under the title, "Air Service, Medical," and comprises 500 pages of text with 275 full-page illustrations. It is a story on the general standpoint of the medical aspect of aviation from Langley's experiments to the aeronautical achievements of the present day. It is the doctor who makes flying safer, through selection, classification and maintenance of the fliers. Under the last sub-division are explained the duties of the physical director and nutrition officer.

The third publication is more technical and deals with the internal working of the medical research laboratory established for Air Service at Mineola, L. I. It is actually a manual of the Air Service Medical Laboratory and recounts and describes the tests and experiments developed and conducted for the safety of the flier.

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Don't get fresh, what's yer orgynae-
tion?
Per'aps now you'll read up G. O.
No. 1.

Mebe ya tink we as it easy
If ya does ya shure is fleazy
Caus' wen all o' youse is sleepin'
Bout some place we's allus creepin,
Lookin' for that guy what got yer
shoos.

Jes yer try our job,
No more you'll call us slob
Jes because you'r jazzin
Yer sure tuh fin' us always
There to see ya act that gent.
Our jobs a cinch ya say:
Yes? Well try it anny day,
An' see if ya don' soon get sick
Tryin' to teach a low brow hick
To keep his self presentible.
We ain't no jay town constible
What don't care so longs a man's
a shirt

An' keeps decently covered with
dirt

To hide his nakedness.
Our job's as good's it's worth
If some Loot. sees us slip
A feller by on some fil' quip.
He's sure to turn us in
An then our woes begin,
Per'aps it's tha Can fer us
Please take our job.
An then you'll be rough
An more'n tough
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SMILES CLUB TO GIVE VALENTINE DANCE.

The Smiles Club will give a special Valentine Dance on February 14, at Hart Hall in Dundee. A rumor that plans for the affair had been abandoned is without foundation, according to Mrs. Charles Mallory, patroness.

Those who have attended previous parties given by this delightful organization are cordially invited to reserve this evening and attend the dance. The music, as usual, will be excellent and the young hostesses as irresistibly charming as ever.

Y. M. C. A.

Secretary Radford spent four days of this week in Chicago attending a conference of Y. M. C. A. leaders in the work in military camps. Plans were made for continuation of the work until the complete demobilization of the army.

Rev. E. L. Reese of the Hartford Memorial United Brethren church, spoke to the men, January 23.

Mr. Shaw, educational secretary of the city Y. M. C. A., delivered an interesting address Sunday morning, January 26.

Word comes from Fort McHenry, Baltimore, Md., hospital No. 2, that Mr. Burke, formerly Private Burke, Fifty-third company, is acting as a Y. secretary.

Monday evening Omaha musical talent furnished a program much appreciated by the men. Corporal Wayne Moore, Forty-seventh company, assisted with several readings and his work was received with evident satisfaction. We hope to hear from Mr. Moore again.

On Tuesday evening Dr. G. Jones, professor of history in the state university, Lincoln, spoke on "Russia in Dissolution—the Bolshevik Menace." Professor Jones showed himself to be master of the intricate and supposedly incomprehensible situation in Russia and the men were greatly pleased with the facile way in which he straightened out the Russian tangle for them.

Mr. Tibbles of the editorial staff of the World-Herald, spoke on "Economic Life Among the Indians" on Wednesday night. The lecture was laced with first hand information, gained by the personal experience of the speaker, and held the closest attention of the hearers.

On Saturday evening, February 1, the Lafayette club will entertain the soldiers of the post at the "Y" hut.

The S. O. S. and General Pershing clubs will give a party at the Y. M. C. A. Wednesday evening, February 5, for the soldiers of Fort Omaha.

ON FLIGHT

Lieutenant Sam Warren was assigned to and in command of the Forty-seventh company.

Lieutenant R. H. Finley has been relieved from command of the Forty-seventh company. He will leave soon for Akron, O.

Lieutenant Theodore Nelson has been assigned to the Forty-seventh Balloon company.

Lieutenant Kirkpatrick has been assigned to headquarters as assistant adjutant.

Lieutenant Robert P. Lehr has been ordered to Texas. From there he will go to Arcadia, Cal., for study.

Lieutenant John S. Godfrey has been transferred to Virginia.

Lieutenant Kassler has been transferred to Fort Logan.

Lieutenant Walter has been transferred to Fort Wayne, Mich.

Lieutenant Lundberg left for California.

Captain John G. Ayling left Friday for Akron, O., where he will enter dirigible service.

Lieutenant Reber has been assigned to the Forty-seventh company.

Among those recently receiving their discharges are: Lieutenant Reynolds, Collins, John G. McKay, Charles H. Sheets and Kassler.

Lieutenant A. M. Foster is relieved from duty with the Sixty-first balloon company and assigned to the Eighty-first balloon company as maneuvering officer.

Lieutenant W. S. Taylor is attached (temporarily) to the Sixtieth balloon company at Fort Crook for duty as maneuvering officer.

Captain M. R. Walters, medical corps, has been relieved from duty at the hospital in this post and transferred to Fort Wayne, Mich.

Lieutenant T. E. Faulk returned Wednesday from a ten-day leave, in which he visited the horse show in Denver and relatives in Cheyenne, Wyo.

Lieutenant C. R. Jacobson, dental surgeon at Florence Field, will go Monday to spend a ten-day leave at his home in Tracy, Minn.

First Lieutenant Stephen L. Dowd has reported at this post for duty as chaplain. He will also relieve Major R. T. Crawford as post librarian.

Lieutenant Frank M. Henry has been attached to the Fifty-ninth balloon company for duty.

Lieutenant Otto U. Weimer is relieved from duty with the Seventy-fourth balloon company and is assigned to duty as motor transport officer at Fort Crook.

Lieutenant Frank E. Dennen is relieved from duty with the Sixtieth balloon company and assigned as adjutant at Fort Crook.

FINE ARTS SECTION

The Fine Arts Section is to be a permanent feature covering Omaha appearances of music, art and drama. Co-operation and contributions are invited. Address communications to Merrill E. L. Hooven, Gas Bag, or phone 126 at Colfax 4600.

K. C. NOTES

The usual Sunday afternoon service at the K. C. was made more interesting last Sunday by the special music.

Solos by Mrs. Mary Moriarty and Mr. Shannon were especially enjoyed. Mrs. Riley accompanied the singers on the organ.

Motion pictures were held at the K. C. hut this week. Tuesday—"No Man's Land," and Thursday—"Cyclone Higgins" both of which were well attended and enjoyed by the boys.

Father Stephen Dowd reported here January 27 from Camp Grant. Father Dowd was with an overseas company, but was hurt in an auto accident which prevented his going overseas and kept him in the hospital for some time. He has been assigned to this post as chaplain.

DANCES

The Joan of Arc club gave a dance at K. C. hut on Wednesday. The Loyalty club gave a dance at the K. C. hut at Florence field on Wednesday, January 29.

The Patricia club entertained Fort Omaha men with a dancing party Monday.

The Patriot's club gave a feature dance and held open house last Saturday evening, January 25, at the Girls' Community house.

There is a dance every Wednesday evening at the K. C. hut.

The Smiles club will give a Valentine dance, February 14, at Hart hall. The club and its friends have been cordially invited to attend.

Mrs. Charles Mallory will give an informal dance at her home next Saturday evening, February 4, for some of the soldiers of the post.

A Valentine ball will be held February 14 at the Fontenelle for the benefit of the Creche. Miss Pleasant Holyoke is the solo dancer. It is hoped that all who can will attend this ball as the committee is anxious to make as much money as possible for this worthy cause.

The Patricia club will entertain at a dancing party Monday evening, February 3, at Sacred Heart lyceum, Twenty-second and Locust streets. Men in uniform will be guests of the club.

FINE ARTS SECTION

By Merrill E. L. Hooven

Lucy Gates Will Sing at Brandeis on February 6th

The Tuesday Musical club will present Miss Lucy Gates and the "Trio de Lutece" at the Brandeis theater next Thursday evening at 8:15 o'clock.

Miss Gates is a soprano of the higher class, having been a prima donna in the Imperial opera in Berlin until the war broke out, and she is becoming increasingly popular in this country.

The "Trio de Lutece" (three of Paris) are French artists; Mr. George Barrere is a flutist of eminence; Mr. Charles Salzedo has been a harpist with the Metropolitan opera for years, and Mr. Paul Kefer is a solo cellist of rare ability.

Art Exhibition at Fontenelle Holds Interest for Many

The exhibition of famous paintings which has been on view in the ball room at the Fontenelle the past three weeks, comes to a close tonight with over 5,000 people having viewed the collection.

Among the exhibit the following are a few of the better known works: Paul Dougherty's marine painting "Spray and Sunlight," Gari Melchers', "Summer Home," "The Masterpiece," by Jules Dupret; George Innes', "Moonlight,"

and "Mother and Children," by the old Dutch master, De Hoog.

Lectures on the paintings have been given daily by Mr. R. C. Vose, who accompanies the collection. Admission is free, and all who care to see this remarkable exhibition are urged to do so this evening, as it will be the last opportunity to view it before it is taken to Kansas City.

Attractive Orpheum Bill for the Week of February 2d

The Orpheum theater will have an attractive bill this coming week, starting February 2, presenting the following artists:

Agnes Berri and Irene Jonani, interesting vocalists, will give a short program of their own; Grace Dunbar Nile appears in a promising comedy sketch, "Petticoats," which reminds one of "The Taming of the Shrew." It deals with college girl life, and a handsome young doctor who doesn't appreciate the charms of the fair sex.

A musical playette, "Clothes, Clothes, Clothes," will feature the De Wolf Girls.

"Pills for Ills" will be administered by the Lander Brothers, who appear as comedy apothecaries, and a laugh in every pill is to be expected.

Charlie Wilson will be rollickingly, ridiculously foolish in "The Loose Nut." Paul Le Varre and brother offer

equilibrium stunts that are pleasing exhibitions of the gymnasts' skill and grace.

Movies, the Weekly Allied War review, picturing overseas activities, and the Orpheum Travel Weekly, portraying rare and beautiful birds, also Chinese views, will be shown.

Omaha Music Lovers Were Given a Rare Treat at Auditorium

Omaha music lovers were given a rare treat at the Auditorium Friday night when the great tenor artist, John McCormack, gave a recital of unusual worth that was designed to cater to the varied tastes of his audience of 7,000 appreciative listeners.

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Each number was received with a continuous thunder of applause, that would be hushed only after several encores, and then only from consideration for the artist. Every seat in the building was occupied, and additional chairs were placed on the stage. Though Omaha patrons of art have been spoken of as cold and unappreciative, that criticism found no ground on this occasion.

McCormack sang from opera, Irish ballads, and the higher type of war song, and pleased his audience with every number, but it seemed that his peculiar sweetness of voice was shown to the highest degree in the simpler melodies. On one encore he turned his back to the main part of the audience and sang his famous "Mother Machree" to the crowd on the stage.

Appearing at the same recital was Flight Lieutenant Donald McBeath, in the uniform of the Canadian air service, whose violin numbers were applauded by the audience fully as much as the vocal art of McCormack.

Edwin Schneider, pianist, assisted both artists, and won favor for himself. Fort Omaha was well represented in the audience, principally from among the commissioned personnel.

"Spray and Sunshine," by Paul

Daugherty, noted painter of marine subjects, which has been on view at the Fontenelle among the R. C. Vose collection, has been purchased by the Friends of Art for \$3,500, and will be in their permanent collection.

The most striking quality of this painting is the skillful treatment of the illumination and detail of the jagged rock shelf in the foreground, a difficult subject at best. The coloring of the entire work is vivid, yet so delicately harmonized that the effect is one of unison; all elements in co-ordination, yet distinct and clear.

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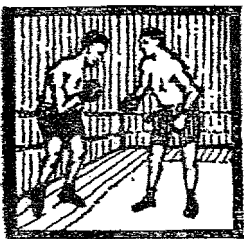
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DARK HORSE HELD OUT BY SPRAINED ARM FROM FIGHT

Lt. Faulk's 'Denver' Obligated to Withdraw From Match Monday Night.

SUBSTITUTE IS AT ONCE SECURED TO MEET DEAL

Battling Kirby Hurts Shoulder, but Still Expects to Clean Drexel.

"Denver," the 50th Balloon company's dark horse, scheduled by Lieutenant Faulk to meet Dutch Deal in the heavyweight class on the second big fight night at Fort Omaha February 3, sprained his arm severely in landing a blow in a practice bout.

He will be unable to appear Monday night.

However, a substitute dark horse has been uncovered in the 50th Balloon company. He jumped into training immediately, and although handicapped, is expected to make a regular showing. His buddies are backing him to the limit.

Battling Kirby, former champion of the Canadian army, has hurt his shoulder and will also be handicapped in his match with Jimmy Drexel, local welterweight scrapper.

He is undaunted and expects to show his opponent a hot time for the six rounds for which they are scheduled. Kirby is devoting considerable time in his training to prepare for two particularly wicked punches with which Drexel is credited.

Walsh and Erickson are supposed to go four rounds, but Walsh claims he will wipe up his man in the first period. This scrap will be a warm one.

Al Gates will be unable to meet Henderson in a four-round bout, as originally planned, and a substitute must be secured. Lieutenant Faulk expects to locate one Friday at the latest.

The go between Roscoe, the fighting medic, and Spellman, a civilian, is still a sure thing. The two are well matched and an interesting clash is anticipated.

Arrangements have been closed for the wrestling bout. Jack Tolliver, who issued a broad challenge, will be met by Vernon Breedlove, a Council Bluffs prodigy of no little fame. The match will surely be a classic in every respect.

Judging from the interest and enthusiasm manifested in the initial fight night, a capacity crowd is assured for Monday evening's performance.

HOSPITAL FOR RUDY; WALLACE GOES TO JAIL

Milwaukee, Wis.—In the semi-windup of a boxing match here, Otto Wallace of Milwaukee, knocked out Battling Rudy of Chicago in the second round. Rudy was taken to a hospital and Wallace is being held pending the outcome of Rudy's injuries.

"Pinkey" Mitchell, brother of Richie, outboxed Eddie Moy of Allentown, Pa., lightweight, in a ten-round, no decision windup, according to a majority of sporting writers at the ringside.

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SEVEN PLAYERS TRADED FOR BASEMAN SCHULTZ

St. Louis.—Seven members of the St. Louis Nationals have been traded to the Kansas City American association team for Joe Schultz, second baseman. The players traded are: John Brock, catcher; Roy Jenkins, infielder; Rankin Johnson, Bruce Hitt, Murphy Currie and Fred Lamline, pitchers and John Beall, outfielder.

Branch Rickey, president of the Cardinals, in making the announcement of the trade, said that, while he had not officially accepted the management of the club, he was signing players as president.

Of the seven Cardinal players traded, Johnson, Beall and Brock were with the St. Louis club at various times last season. Jenkins, Hitt, Currie and Lamline were untried material.

Brottem Is Released.

St. Louis, Mo.—President Branch Rickey of the St. Louis Nationals announced he had released Tony Brottem, catcher, and Herbert Moran, outfielder, to the Little Rock, Ark., club of the Southern association.

Brottem, with Pitcher Murphy Currie, who was traded to Kansas City, came to St. Louis from the Omaha Western league club.

Kilbane a Lieutenant.

Cleveland, O.—Johnny Kilbane, the featherweight champion, is a first lieutenant in the United States Army Reserve Corps. The commission was offered him as a reward for his work as boxing instructor at Camp Sherman.

No A. A. Schedule Yet.

Chicago, Ill.—Refusal of Roger Brehnan, owner of the Toledo club, to accept the date allotted him prevented adoption of the schedule for the coming season at a meeting of the American association club owners here.

Greb Outpoints Bartfield.

Columbus, O.—Harry Greb of Pittsburg outpointed Soldier Bartfield of New York in their twelve-round bout here. The contest was uninteresting with the exception of the fourth round when Greb showed his superiority.

Minnesota Beats Illinois.

Minneapolis, Minn.—Minnesota defeated Illinois, 36 to 17, in a fast western conference basketball game here. Captain Platon made seven baskets and two throws for Minnesota.

Bashan Beats Shevlin.

London—Johnny Bashan, champion welterweight of England, defeated Eddie Shevlin of Boston, champion of the United States navy, on points in a fifteen-round bout. The contest took place at the National Sporting club.

Schaefer Beats Cochran.

New York.—Jake Schaefer of San Francisco defeated Welker Cochran of New York in a 3,699-point 18.2 ball line billiard match here, winning the final block by a score of 309 to 114. The total scores and high runs were: Schaefer, 2,690; 185. Cochran, 2,978; 260.

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\$100,000 PURSE LURES WILLARD INTO GAME

Signs With Rickard to Fight Any Man Any Number of Rounds Up to Forty.

Promoter Says Carpentier or Jack Dempsey Will Be Opponent.

Chicago, Ill.—A purse of \$100,000 drew Jess Willard, the heavyweight champion out of retirement.

Tex Rickard, promoter of the Joe Gans-Battling Nelson fight, and the heavyweight championship battle between Jeffries and Johnson, obtained Willard's signature to a set of articles to fight any opponent selected for him. He agreed to box any number of rounds up to forty. The match will be decided next July, probably on the 4th. Willard will receive \$100,000 win, lose or draw.

The champion came to terms with Rickard after two days of arguing.

Carpentier or Dempsey.

Rickard said that either Georges Carpentier, the French heavyweight, or Jack Dempsey, who has been clamoring for a match with the champion, would be Willard's opponent. Rickard reserved the right to wait until March 25 before making the selection. The place for holding the battle will be named sixty days before the contest.

The fight will be Willard's first since he met Frank Moran of Pittsburg in New York in March, 1916. Rickard was the promoter of that match.

Under the terms of the agreement, the champion agreed to deposit \$10,000 with a Chicago bank at once, this sum to be forfeited to Rickard if Willard fails to carry out his promises. Rickard agreed to deposit \$10,000 in Chicago at once, \$15,000 sixty days before the date of the contest and \$75,000 forty-eight hours before the day of the battle.

Provided Rickard fails to make the second deposit of \$15,000, he agreed to forfeit the first \$10,000 to Willard, and if he fails to post the \$75,000, Willard will receive \$25,000.

Rickard to Name Referee.

Willard agreed not to make any other engagements or to appear in any exhibition contests and also agreed to be at the place designated for the battle sixty days in advance to finish his training. It was decided that Rickard should name the referee.

"I haven't any idea where the contest will be decided," said Rickard. "I hope to stage the contest in a state allowing bouts of twenty or thirty rounds."

"Wherever the battle is fought, it will not be in a baseball park. I plan to build an especially constructed arena with a seating capacity of 50,000 persons. This will cost close to \$25,000. The prices of admission probably will be from \$10 to \$50.

Willard, looking brown and

strong, left his oil business in Texas to come to Chicago, at Rickard's request. The champion said that he weighed close to 275 pounds, but that he probably would enter the ring weighing about 245 pounds.

"I presume some people will think I demanded the earth to box," Willard said. "Rickard met my terms and I accepted. I didn't get a cent for fighting Johnson in Havana. I had to borrow money to get back."

"I don't care who is selected to meet me. The purse is the thing. I am not boxing for fun. It's business with me."

The \$100,000 purse is the biggest ever offered a pugilist. Jack Johnson got \$68,000 for defeating Jeffries.

\$12,000 BEAUTY GOES BACK TO MINOR LEAGUE

Chicago, Ill.—Joe Tinker, president of the Columbus club of the American association, purchased "Chuck" Wortman, a shortstop from the Chicago Nationals. Wortman was purchased from Kansas City three years ago for \$12,000.

Rickard Goes South.

Kansas City, Mo.—"Tex" Rickard, who has obtained Jess Willard's signature to a contract for a contest for the heavyweight pugilistic championship, left Kansas City for the Texas oil fields. After ten days there, Rickard said he will start on a pilgrimage that will take him to all prospective scenes of the fight—possibly including France and England.

Attaining a speed of 270 miles an hour, favored by a high tail wind, Lieutenant R. H. Baker, in a De Havilland twelve-cylinder plane, broke all previous records in a flight from Fort Sill to Oklahoma City, when he made the 90 miles in 20 minutes.

HENDRICKS MAY MANAGE THE INDIANAPOLIS CLUB

Chicago, Ill.—Jack Hendricks, who relinquished his contract as manager of the St. Louis club of the National league, probably will return to the American association as manager of the Indianapolis club, it developed at the schedule meeting of the American association club owners here.

James McGill, owner of the Indianapolis franchise, and Hendricks were in conference, but McGill said he would have no announcement to make in regard to his selection for several days.

Movies of Flying Life

A moving picture scenario from the air service, medical, is now being shown at all the flying fields by Captain Harry W. Lyman.

The story carries the aviator through from his original application for examination and his entrance into the service, to his active participation with the army at the front. It is a story full of army episode and human interest. Its particular "punch" is in showing the flight surgeon as the trouble-shooter of the human machine.

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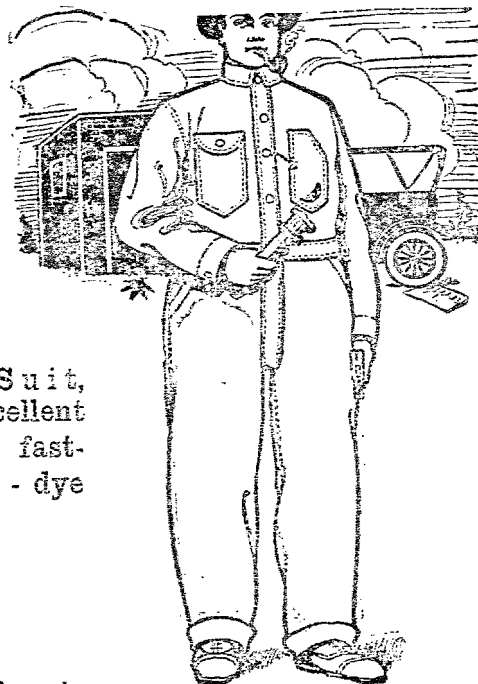
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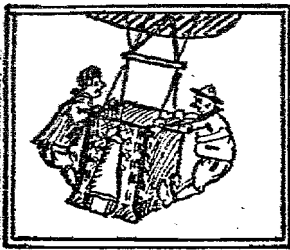
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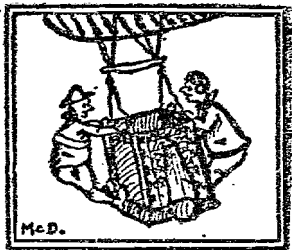
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Read This One Without Laughing

The following letter is one of the many reasons why some of our company commanders grow bald. It is "taken from life":

From: Private _____
To: Commanding Officer.
Subject: Discharge.

Reasons, Sir: my reasons are for putting in for a discharge are that I had a Garage in _____ and a very nice business to. But as I got called in the army so I had to sell it in a rush at a considerable low price and then I had to wait quite a while for getting my money but in about a month and a half ago he sold the Garage again for mighty near the double price. And so I got my money for the business. But I had some different parts which I didn't sell. Like a Hudson car, motorcycle air compressor, dynamo and different tools and old motors etc.

I certainly would appreciate it if I could get out as quick as possible. As I want to get married and build up a nice business again as I got two places spotted already which want to sell out. So I taught the sooner I get out the army the better it is for me. As I have to get married in the near future anyhow.

See I haven't got no dependency nor any loiment made and I will be one of the last ones getting out, and think it is more important for me to get out than lots that did get out already.

I had to give up a nice business on account of this war. I was making about \$25.00 profit per day and if I can get any discharge some times soon I would appreciate it very much so that I can buy my old business or a Garage close by with my old customers which is for sale and start in living a real life again.

Yours truly,

Foxy Clothes for Men, Say Tailors

Atlantic City, N. J.—Delegates to the convention of the National Association of Merchant Tailors, which opened here, foresee a new era for picturesque sports attire for men.

Garish designs and hues will be the rule, the delegates announce, and they ascribe the prospective situation to the association of peoples of diverse nationalities during the war.

The woolen goods industry almost approached a condition of demoralization at one time during the war, it was declared, because of a state of hysteria due to busybodies, who intruded on the province of the tailors and advocated the wearing of "home spun sack cloth and ashes."

GIRLS

By Our Own "Walt."

When grandma was a girl in teens, maids didn't dress like burlesque queens. She didn't wear a lot of rouge, nor 6-inch heels upon her shoes. She didn't have a poodle pet nor smoke a perfumed cigarette. She never donned a gossamer waist, but then 'twas scandalous how she laced! And O! the hoop-skirts and the bustles, the furbelows and plaited ruffles, the beauty patch and pantalets she wore while dancing minuets. Her skirts fell swooping to the floor and caught a million germs or more. The waist she wore was called a basque, to squeeze into it was a task. And once inside it made her flinch to raise her arms a half an inch. These things to grandma seem all right, to modern maids they are a fright; and cigarettes are bad enough, but are they worse than pinching snuff? When I'm a grandpa though, I'll say, "Girls were more modest in my day."

The food administration announced that President Wilson signed a proclamation in Paris removing restrictions on the manufacture of so-called near beer.

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Concerning the Dilemma of One Omaha Debutante

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And, being a perfectly good lieutenant with bars 'everything, he was able to splash around some in the social swim.

He met her and she liked him. Maybe he liked her, too, but he failed to 'phone.

She invited him to call several times without results. Then she finally cornered him one afternoon and repeated her invitation in terms of no-uncertain strength.

She was despit!

How they fall for these lookes!

"Why don't you ask Billy?" was the answer.

Billy was an acting buck private in this same lieutenant's company, but in civilian life he had been "steady" with the fair maid.

The officer knew this.

The sweet young thing was obdurate and the pursued lieutenant had to come clean with the following facts:

"Billy and I are expecting our discharges soon," he elucidated.

"Before war I was Billy's father's chauffeur and upon our release I'm going to become Billy's chauffeur. Why court complications?"

HERE'S ONE FOR THE LI'L UKELELE

Darling, here's your warrior bold, Silver stripes instead of gold Shine upon his sleeves today 'Cause he couldn't sail away.

But, my darling, don't you bleat. No one thinks you had cold feet—You had to do as you were told, Silver stripes—instead of gold.

—Kelly Field Eagle.

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- 1 table with a real tablecloth.
- 1 meal (cooked by mother).
- 1 feather bed.
- 48 hours' sleep.
- Serve just after discharge.
- Oh, boy! What a grand and glorious feeling it must be.

I'll Bet He Was a Buck

Lawrence Trimble Swinburne, a "Y" worker who has done much to organize soldier entertainments, needed a pianist.

A soldier was taken to him as a likely piano player. Mr. Swinburne was astounded and delighted by his playing. He said so. The soldier replied:

"Yes, I guess I can play a bit. I used to be Caruso's accompanist."

—Association Men.

Soft "A!"

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Some Study.

Little Mildred—What does "B. A." stand for, mamma?

Mamma—Bachelor of arts, my dear.

Little Mildred—And what is a bachelor of arts, mamma?

Mamma—Any bachelor who is trying to stay in the bachelor class, darling.—Judge.

THE HUN INVADES NURSERY RHYME.

There was a little Hun,
And he had a little gun,
And his bullets were all dum-dum,
dum-dum;

He shinned up a tree
To snipe what he could see,
But now he is in kingdom come—
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MAGAZINE SECTION

PIGEON'S PROMOTION

By Frank D. Bianco

Pigeon had been off duty all day and had just come in from a little walk around the post. A crowd of the boys were standing before the bulletin board reading something very interesting. Suddenly one would slap another on the back; let out a yell of glee and off he would scamper to his bunk and begin piling his junk into a bag or grip.

Pigeon watched these sudden outbreaks and approached to hear the cause.

"Read it out loud," shouted two or three of the boys.

"S. O. 182, Par. 3. The 88th Balloon company is hereby ordered to prepare for a two weeks' maneuvering expedition in the field to properly prepare the men for overseas duty. The company will leave June 10th, 1918 and return to Fort Omaha, their proper station, June 24th."

It was the 9th and the next day they were to leave on the expedition. They had hardly finished reading the bulletin when Top Sergeant Casey belittled down the barracks room.

"All you fellows get a move on and pack your stuff and be ready to leave right after reveille."

The merry notes of reveille rolled across the parade ground the next morning and all the boys of the Eighty-eighth company rolled out of their bunks with a shout of joy. An hour later a long line of trucks carried the company with its baggage equipment out the main gate and the column swung north on Thirtieth street. The column moved on steadily past Florence field and out into the dirt roads of the country to the camp rendezvous.

They were ready to meet danger of any kind at any time and at any place no matter where their duty took them. Pigeon was quiet during most of the journey and as he looked upon the few weeks he had been in the post and how often he thought of the hard drudgery he had gone through, he smiled. They were pleasant thoughts now that time had added their touch to them. He smiled at the almost disastrous ending of his adventure with the Step Ladder corps, when he thought so earnestly that he was going to see some real fighting and real adventures, just like his grandfather had told him of his campaigns in the civil war. And now as his mind ran over these past events he thought of the words of the trial officer, when he court-martialed for misbehavior. "Do the task set before you and you will have done your duty, then you will be given new and more pleasant tasks."

He had followed those instructions and now in his heart he swelled with pride at the thought of his tasks well done and he looked forward to pleasanter, even though harder tasks and filled with more responsibility.

The beauty of the country next attracted his attention and he forgot his thoughts in his admiration of nature. The beautiful pictures he painted on every side, with pretty flowers, high and stately trees, here and there a brook and surmounted with the blue vaulted sky of a clear June day, the endless panorama of nature passed by.

The road now became only a path and soon entered a wooded country and before they had gone another mile the column came to a halt on the edge of a densely populated grove of trees. This was the camp rendezvous and all hands were ordered out to build the camp.

The merry clatter of picks and shovels sounded through the woods as the dirt was made to fly. The cook shack was the first to go up and soon a fire was burning and the smell of cooking food permeated the air, adding vigor and energy to the strokes of the shovels and picks building company street and digging ditches around the tent sites. By the time dinner was ready all the tents were up and the call "Chow!" went ringing merrily down the line. All grabbed the cook shack and drew their mess kits and lined up past the cook shack and drew their dinner.

The talk was light, as the boys were too hungry to waste words and time was precious. Camp must be completed before night, the balloon inflated and bedded ready for the first maneuvering trip on the

Pigeon had been detailed to the cook shack and had been busy all day helping the cook. The work was much different from helping in the mess halls as the boys washed their own mess kits. Top Sergeant Casey came out of headquarters tent and walked down company street looking for someone. He did not see him, so shouted to every one in general.

"Where's Pigeon?"

"Down in the cook shack," replied the fellow nearest to him.

Casey swung around and headed for the cook shack. Pigeon was busy scrubbing some pans.

"Hey cook," shouted Casey, "you'll have to get another man. Pigeon's a corporal now."

Pigeon nearly dropped the pan he has been scouring and a grin began on his face and spread from ear to ear.

"Come on Pigeon, drop the pans, and come get your warrant."

Pigeon followed Sergeant Casey into headquarters tent and there received his warrant, making him a noncommissioned officer. Corporal Peglow Johnson or Corporal Pigeon as the boys would invariably call him.

"Your excused from further duty today corporal and can take a rest."

Pigeon didn't stop for anything, but left the tent and ran to a group of boys digging a ditch.

"Well yo all buck privates, ah reckon ah can done tell you what to do from now on, beh."

"Righto, Pigeon, they all assented."

And so on down the line Pigeon received words of help and congratulations amid good natured jokes and bantering. That night by the light of a candle Pigeon was busy sewing on his chevrons which he had bought from a fellow corporal and as he slept that night he dreamed they grew into the stars of a general.

Next week: Another adventure of a general.

Treasury Message to Soldiers and Sailors

Do not permit your government insurance policy to lapse!

The fact that you are no longer in the service of the army or navy does not mean that your insurance policy has terminated. You can keep up your insurance with the United States government for the rest of your life. And at rates at least 20 per cent lower than any private or commercial insurance company could quote you.

Uncle Sam will remain in the insurance business for you as a reward for the splendid loyalty you showed in war days.

After you leave the service, send check or money order to pay your premium every month to the Disbursing Clerk, Bureau of War Risk Insurance, Treasury department, Washington, D. C. Give your first, middle and last name, your full address, your army serial number and the number of your certificate—if you know what it is.

In quite a number of cases the government so far has been unable to mail out the insurance certificates. That has been due to the fact that the great number of applications has overwhelmed the mailing department and has thrown it weeks and months behind its schedule. But the very fact that you took out an application for insurance is your guarantee that you are insured by the government, the policy should reach you soon. At any time during the five year period you can change your present insurance into the standard form of government insurance good for the rest of your life and without another medical examination. The new government policies are now being prepared for you—ordinary life insurance, twenty-year payment life, endowment maturing at the age of 62, and the other annual forms of insurance. You will be notified when these new policies are ready.

Meanwhile, don't permit your policy to lapse. Government insurance is the safest in the world and it's the cheapest. Don't let it lapse.

Uncle Sam in Insurance Business to Stay Says Department Official With Emphasis

Assistant Secretary of the Treasury, Hon. Thomas B. Love, Tells How the United States Has "Written" Thirty-Eight Billions of Insurance, and How Insured Men Can Continue Their Cheap Investment. Over Four Million Men in the Grand Total of Beneficiaries.

BY HON. THOMAS B. LOVE.

Assistant Secretary of the Treasury Uncle Sam is operating the greatest insurance organization in the world—and he is in the insurance business to stay!

America's entry into the war made it necessary for the government to perfect some organization which gave protection to parents, or the wives or children of the men who went away to fight. And so it inaugurated its government insurance business which, from a modest beginning, has grown, in a trifle more than a year, to the greatest business in the world.

Since October 1917, the government of the United States has written \$38,000,000,000 worth of insurance—a total not only greater than that of any insurance organization in the world, but greater than the combined writing of all the insurance concerns in the United States.

And the end of the war has not ended Uncle Sam as an insurance man. He is in the insurance business for the soldiers and sailors of America to stay. The insurance that was issued to his 4,000,000 warriors will be continued permanently—in the men so wish. Every man who was in the army or navy service of this country during the war will be privileged to carry along the insurance at rates far under those which he could secure from any ordinary insurance company. It is one of the ways in which Uncle Sam is rewarding his boys who showed their willingness to lay down their lives for him.

Story of Insurance.

The story of war risk insurance, which reads like a romance, begins in the dark recesses of a government building and ends by reaching out to 4,000,000 homes.

In September, 1914, five persons—a bureau chief, his assistant, two clerks and a negro messenger—occupying an obscure basement room in the treasury building in Washington, constituted the entire personnel of the bureau of war risk insurance. Their work at that time consisted of writing government insurance on the hulls and the cargoes of America's insignificant merchant marine.

Early in 1917 when the United States entered the war, the force had grown to thirty-five persons, because the United States government had secured additions to its merchant marine fleet through the seizure of German and Austrian vessels.

Pension or Insurance?

As the men of the nation took up arms to fight for the freedom of the world the government realized that something must be done immediately to reassure and sustain their loved ones. Justice required it, gratitude impelled it, morale demanded it.

The pension system had been tried in other wars. It was an antiquated method at its best. Something had to be done to hearten the men who were going away to fight. They had no hesitancy and no fear for themselves. They were willing to lay down their lives for their country. But the thought of their passing and leaving their loved ones unprotected was a thought which somewhat undermined their morale.

And then came the idea. Government insurance for every man in the army and navy who wanted it; insurance in generous amount and at a premium rate that was within reach of every man who entered the service.

On October 6, 1917, President

UNCLE SAM'S INSURANCE FIGURES

TOTAL INSURANCE IN FORCE.....	\$38,000,000,000
Insurance applications.....	4,000,000
Allotment and allowance applications.....	4,250,000
Individual card records.....	36,000,000
Letters received and answered.....	2,500,000
Checks sent out to date.....	9,000,000
Monthly output of checks.....	1,000,000
Total money disbursed to date.....	\$2,000,000
Insurance benefits awarded to date (computed value).....	\$19,000,000
Personnel of bureau.....	About 11,000 people
Number of buildings occupied by bureau in Washington.....	15
And, so far as Soldiers' and Sailors' Insurance (compensation and Allotments are concerned, the bureau is just a little.....	

Wilson affixed his signature to a prosaic looking document in the presidential room of the capitol—and the government insurance idea had become a reality—an idea had been developed into an actuality—and the great adventure was begun.

Would the plan be a success? No other country in the world ever attempted to underwrite the lives of its warriors. America's experiment was a new and novel one. As the project was launched there was considerable speculation as to whether or not it would prove successful.

But even before the first week had ended it had become a phenomenal success. In the first seven days the government wrote more insurance than some private companies had written in generations. In a month the total went far beyond the billion mark—and the figure increased by leaps and bounds with every passing hour.

The "Red Letter Day."

The "red letter day" as regards writing of policies was on February 14, 1918, when \$501,000,000 worth of government insurance was taken out—a total greater than any private life insurance company has written in a single year.

Government insurance for its warring men was an instantaneous and tremendous success.

The best illustration of how the chance to insure themselves affected the fighting men is to quote a letter received from the mother of an American soldier, which said in part:

"In one letter my boy wrote: 'Mother, I am not afraid to go into battle or to face a gun. If I have to give my life for my country, I'll do it gladly, but I cannot sleep at night thinking what will become of you and my little sisters.' Later he wrote: 'Today I am the happiest boy in the world because the insurance bill has been passed and I am taking out the full amount. Now I can face anything with a smile because I know that you will be taken care of if anything happens to me.'"

"Now I Can Fight."

A young soldier who had left a wife and two small children at home because patriotic fervor had caused him to enlist, was worried about their future. Then came the opportunity to take out government insurance. Gladly he seized a pen and signed an application for a \$10,000 policy. As he blotted the ink, he said:

"I have taken care of the wife and kids—now I can fight like hell."

Up to the present moment applications have been made out by more than 4,000,000 men and the grand total is almost \$39,000,000,000. The average insurance applied for per man is approximately \$9,500—against the average amount of \$2,200 taken in commercial and private insurance companies.

Now that demobilization is under way, every soldier and sailor who took out life insurance with the government is urged to keep it. And, strange as it may seem, no small part of this urging comes from the big commercial and private life insurance companies of

the United States. Continuation of insurance by the fighting men of Uncle Sam hurts the prospective business of those concerns. But to their everlasting credit it can be said that they have crushed every sordid and selfish thought and, inspired by patriotic motives, have added their urging to that of the government.

The Life Insurance Side.

"Soldier boys and sailor boys—keep up your government insurance. It's the best and the cheapest you can get anywhere in the world."

One of the largest life insurance companies in the United States recently issued the following instructions to all of its branches and agents:

"Now that demobilization is setting in, it is necessary to once more refer to government insurance on the boys in the army and navy."

"As you know, the insurance now carried by the soldiers and sailors with the government, is term insurance. The boys can carry this insurance until five years after the declaration of peace, at the end of which time the insurance ceases. During these five years all soldiers and sailors who have taken out government term insurance will be permitted, under the act of congress, to exchange term policies for regular life plan, limited payment plan, or endowment plan. The premium rate will be according to the attained age of the insured at the time exchanging the term insurance for the regular insurance. The government rates for this regular insurance will be probably the net rate table rates, which means a rate about loading for expenses, or in other words, lower rate than any life insurance company can do business on."

"You are hereby instructed that it is the duty of every agent of this company, as well as every officer and employee, to advise any soldier or sailor holding government insurance with whom you come in contact, to apply to the government for an exchange of his term policy to one of the regular forms of policies, just as soon as the government is ready to make the exchange. No one but those holding government insurance at the time peace is declared will be permitted, under the act of congress, to obtain permanent government insurance. It is our duty as insurance men to frankly tell the boys of the army and navy what a favorable opportunity they have for securing permanent rates which cannot be duplicated elsewhere."

"DON'T FAIL TO KEEP FAITH WITH THE BOYS WHO ENLISTED TO FIGHT FOR AMERICA."

The war brought about many remarkable results, many changes, many reforms, many improvements. But has any been greater than that which effected the insurance of 4,000,000 men and gave protection to 4,000,000 American families?

And it all started from these few obscure rooms in the gloomy basement of the treasury building in Washington.

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HOW MUCH MONEY IS \$38,000,000,000?

If all the money represented by the government's insurance were converted into silver dollars, and if these dollars were laid end to end they would make a double railroad track entirely encircling the globe.

If you laid thirty-eight billion dollars end to end they would make more than 1,500 bridges from here to France. If the bridges were five feet wide you would have more than 70 bridges of dollar bills.

Thirty-eight billion silver dollars piled one upon the other would make almost 700,000 columns as high as the Washington monument.

Thirty-eight billion dollars represents about \$45 a minute since the birth of Christ.