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FORT OMAHA, NEBRASKA: FRIDAY, OCTOBER 25, 1918.

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PLANE PLUNGES DOWN IN DARKNESS AT FORT

**Lt. Shimson Strikes Fence
in Landing With Machine
Monday Evening.**

Lieutenant J. M. Shimson and Sergeant H. W. Graves, his mechanic, landed with their airplane on the river bank east of Florence Field at a late hour Monday evening.

The machine was scheduled to arrive last week, but was delayed by an accident near Tama, Ia.

The lieutenant and his sergeant, who is a former Omaha man, flew from Rantoul, Ill., in the big army biplane. He arrived at Omaha about 7:30 p. m. and was noticed circling above the city for some time to locate a landing place.

Officers at the fort sent men with lights to indicate a suitable spot to him, and others followed the plane in automobiles about the city to lend assistance in case of accident.

Darkness had fallen and the machine crashed into a fence in landing and demolished a wheel and propeller.

The plane was taken Wednesday morning to Fort Crook, where the other machine which arrived last week in charge of Lieutenant F. W. C. Smith is stationed.

Origin of Weekly Paper Occurred Early This Month

The Fort Omaha Gas Bag was conceived, planned and realized in less than three weeks, thanks to the aggressive personalities of the men behind it.

On October 6 our editor, William A. Shea, interviewed Major Van Nostrand, the executive officer of the post, upon the prospects of instituting a post newspaper.

Three days later a meeting of all men interested was called by Lieutenant J. P. Spang, Jr., who had been designated by Major Van Nostrand as censor and officer in charge. Much of the credit is due to him for his untiring efforts and co-operation with his staff.

Plans were rapidly formulated and carried out under the indirect supervision of the editor, who was confined to the hospital and was unable to attend the initial staff meeting.

The title, "The Gas Bag," was suggested by Cadet Arthur R. Barbiers. It was selected from many others volunteered for the occasion.

Corporal J. Philip McDonnell, an artist-architect in civilian life and now art editor of the paper, designed the heading for the title page as well as the headings for the various departments and sections.

A volunteer corps of advertising men canvassed the city and secured the support of Omaha merchants which makes the paper a possibility.

Company representatives were secured, a staff of writers was recruited and the result is in your hands.

Two Fort Omaha Men Have Passed West Point Exam.

Corporal Frank M. Dempsey and Private ICI. Uzal Ent, both of the Seventy-third Balloon company, have passed the entrance examination to the United States Military academy at West Point.

They took the examination on Wednesday, Thursday, Friday and Saturday of last week at Chicago. They expect to receive travel orders about the first of the month.

Corporal Dempsey was varsity half-back on the varsity football team of St. Thomas' college during the season of 1917. Private Ent played end on the University of Susquehanna team and is trying for a place on the post eleven.

OUR NEW COMMANDING OFFICER



Lieutenant Colonel Jacob W. S. Wuest.

By Charles R. Weir.

Lieutenant Colonel Jacob W. S. Wuest is an army man in every sense of the word, and he expects every man in the post to be likewise. Enlisted men at Fort Omaha are enjoying privileges which were never heretofore extended to them as the result of the liberal policies of the new commanding officer. We do not hesitate in saying that the confidence which he has placed in the men will be appreciated to the extent that the colonel will not feel that it was misplaced.

He is a well-balanced, fair-minded officer, of the type that commands respect at first sight, but who is always willing to help any man who is in trouble, whether he is a commissioned officer or an enlisted man. His first thought is the well-being and comfort of the men under his jurisdiction.

Almost any evening during the week the colonel can be seen strolling about the post, accompanied by Mrs. Wuest, and taking an interest in everything that comes under his observation.

We haven't been able to ascertain directly just what hobby is claimed by the colonel, but one

hobby at least is good, hard work. He is up early and is everywhere in the post at one time, it seems. He does not confine his duties entirely to office routine, but is outside a great part of the time looking here and inquiring there to see that everything is shipshape and orderly.

Colonel Wuest is not a stranger at this post. A great many officers and enlisted men of the post remember him as being here during the months of May, June and July of this year. But long before that Colonel Wuest got acquainted with Omaha and Fort Omaha, for he was a second lieutenant in the infantry stationed at Fort Crook from 1904 to 1907.

Colonel Wuest is an honorary life member of the United States Infantry association. His career in the army has been successful. His sterling qualities and soldierly characteristics have been the key to his success, and we predict a continuation of his steady rise. The Fort Omaha Balloon school, which is classed as one of the most important schools in the country, will grow under Colonel Wuest's leadership, and will turn out a constant stream of highly trained officers and enlisted men that will reflect credit on his ability as a commanding officer.

None Are Dead—They All Survive

They've passed us by and left us for a time,
The High Commander gave the word to rest.
They played the game; they passed the final test,
And now are on that furlough most sublime.

Their faults were many; ours are many, too,
But they came here to do the best they could.
Their efforts were not vain, God understood,
And told them, "Boys come in, I'm calling you."

So let there be no dirge, nor mournful knell,
They're still on duty there, far up above,
And carry on; their memory we love,
Attention-men, one last salute, farewell.

—Cadet S. B. Johnston, Fort Crook, Nebraska,
GOLD STARS

"To us they fling the torch—be ours to hold it high."

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Oscar Westberg,
William O. Woodrow.

INFLUENZA HELD IN CHECK AT THE FORT

THE WEATHER

Continued cold and fair over week end with winds shifting from northerly to east and southeast. Warmer and partly cloudy during the early part of next week.

Tomorrow: Fair weather and mild temperature; moderate northeast winds.

Meteorological Service,
Fort Omaha.

**Epidemic Is Broken After
Rapid Spread—Cases
Total More Than 700.**

By NED E. WILLIAMS

The recent epidemic of Spanish influenza broke out simultaneously in all parts of the post and Florence Field, according to Major Lindquist, the post surgeon.

Thirty cases were reported in rapid succession during the first twenty-four hours. This was on October 3. Strict quarantine was at once dropped upon the camp.

It being the afternoon of the AK-SAR-BEN military parade, many soldiers were fortunate enough to be out on pass and enjoyed the privilege of spending an evening "out" while their comrades were unavoidably "in".

The increase and spread of the epidemic was rapid. Two ambulances were kept busy day and night in the transportation of new patients from the companies to the hospital.

The wards at the hospital were quickly filled to capacity and it became necessary to fit up a barracks building to accommodate the influx of patients. An additional barracks building was taken over and equipped as an emergency hospital each day for the first five days.

Adopt Stringent Precautions

Utmost precautions were adopted throughout the post and in the hospital to check the spread of the epidemic. In the companies the number of cots in each tent was reduced to the lowest possible minimum, the soldiers were forbidden to congregate in the Y. M. C. A. and K. C. buildings and throats and noses were regularly sprayed with a special solution. In the hospital each individual bed was enclosed with six-foot curtains to prevent the spread of infection by the coughing and sneezing of patients. Medical officers, nurses and all attendants wore white caps, gowns and gauze face masks. Visitors were required to don the masks before entering the wards.

The crisis or climax of the epidemic was reached on October 8, five days later, when the maximum daily total of 106 new cases were reported. Daily totals registered a steady decrease from this date until this week, when the course of the epidemic is considered at an end.

Deaths Total Forty-Seven.

The first death occurred October 11, followed by others daily until the total reached forty-seven on October 23. All deaths were directly due to pneumonia, but indirectly attributable to the Spanish influenza which preceded it.

The severity of the disease was manifested by the slow convalescence which followed it in each instance. Those cases in which the course of the fever continued for only three or four days exhibited indications of marked prostration for a week or more.

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AN EDITORIAL.

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

The administrative staff of the paper very kindly thank those who have made its institution possible. Those responsible for it are Major P. E. Van Nostrand, who took interest in the project and laid its foundation; the World-Herald, the concern publishing the paper; and the advertisers, who have made it a financial possibility.

If you like this paper and wish to see it edited every week patronize our advertisers. They have the interest of the man in uniform at heart.

—THE EDITOR.

EPIDEMIC HURTS SALE OF BONDS

More than thirty-six thousand dollars was subscribed toward the Fourth Liberty Loan by the men of Fort Omaha, Fort Crook and Florence Field.

Lieut. Ralph Cooper, the officer in charge of the campaign, was very well satisfied with the results inasmuch as the workers were greatly handicapped by the influenza epidemic, there being hundreds of men sick in the hospital who could not be canvassed.

A systematic canvass was made of the command. Committees worked the various companies and presented the matter to every available man.

While the average purchase was a fifty-dollar bond many of the men purchased greater amounts.

The 61st Company led all other organizations. The men of this unit bought thirty-three hundred dollars worth of bonds.

The Personnel office force subscribed \$1,150.

War Community Secretary Will Leave Work Here

J. M. Parker, executive secretary of the Omaha branch of the War Community service, will leave here tomorrow for duty elsewhere. He will be succeeded by Frederick C. Williams of Cheyenne, Wyo. Mr. Williams has had considerable experience in war work.

Mr. Parker came to Omaha in June. During his assignment here he has been very active in providing entertainment for the men of the Fort, including a series of dances in the Knights of Columbus buildings in Fort Omaha and Florence Field.

Y. M. C. A. and K. C. Men Render Many Services

The Post Y. M. C. A. began its work at Fort Omaha in July, 1917, and now provides athletic games, educational classes, lectures, musical entertainment, picture shows and facilities for writing. A post office is maintained and stamps and money orders furnished.

The recent quarantine has necessitated an abandonment of the regular schedule of work. Men have been allowed to enter the building to purchase stamps, obtain writing material, draw books from the library or to use the telephone, however.

Outdoor movies have been provided and the staff has devoted the remainder of its time to serving the men in the hospital and performing downtown missions and other services for the men who were unable to leave the camp on account of the quarantine.

The K. C. building was opened to soldiers at the fort on May 12, 1918. It is completely equipped with a dancing floor, boxing platform, cold showers, sacristy and ladies' parlor.

Movies are given on Monday and Wednesday evenings, boxing and wrestling instruction on Thursday evening, special entertainment on Friday evening, dancing on Saturday evening and religious services every Sunday morning, with choir in attendance.

Organization News

PERSONNEL OFFICE. V. Vorzimer.

Captain Glidden, former personnel adjutant, has been called to Washington for assignment to more important work. His successor is Lieutenant Richard E. Thompson.

Private Uzal G. Ent, one of our best payroll clerks and very promising football material, was selected by Lieutenant Colonel Wuest as candidate for West Point. He has gone to Chicago to take his examinations.

This office has been exceptionally lucky in not having a man incapacitated by Spanish influenza during the recent epidemic.

If you have private insurance and find it hard to care for the premiums, call at the personnel office and ask about the Soldiers and Sailors' civil relief act.

The personnel office force have subscribed for \$1,150 worth of liberty bonds.

During the month of September this office sold \$550,000 insurance.

This office is supplying three men to the football team, Lieutenant Lundberg, Private Ent and Private Littleton.

Sergeant Elwein is on furlough, but will return October 27.

FLYING CADETS. Campbell Marvin.

"Our A, B, C's."

First comes Allen, a little runt. He took the military course on the jump.

That he got through is certainly phony. If he does it again he'll need a pony.

Next in order comes Anderson, or Red. His favorite sport is lying in bed. We hope he will make his classes on time. But for his chances we wouldn't give a dime.

Next we come to Anderson, the tall. His head like a stone from a Chinese wall. A soldier brave and bold he'll make. That is—providing his knees don't shake.

Next comes Arthur of Omaha fame. He's not a man but a modern dame. His chance for a commission is slim. But "she" will make a great successor to Elinor Glyn.

The following cadets are sick at the hospital: R. L. Rogers, C. H. Wight, R. W. McDaniels and F. L. Simonds.

Cadet Campbell Marvin, former cheer leader at the University of Chicago, will have charge of the rooting section at Saturday's football game.

BALLOON HOUSE. R. A. Baker.

Corporal Stepp is taking a ten-day furlough, visiting his wife and friends in St. Paul, Minn.

Private Wheaterson has returned from a ten-day furlough spent in Baltimore, Md.

Private White spent his furlough of ten days in Salt Lake City, Utah, with his relatives there.

The classes in rigging and fabric work have been abandoned indefinitely on account of the epidemic.

The oriental yellow lining of the fins of the new Italian balloon caused much comment when it was inflated here. It was suggestive of the interior of a beautiful boudoir. Many of the fellows were distressed by the sight, claiming that it recalled fond memories.

Private Steinhilper has returned from a three weeks' furlough following an operation, spent in Detroit, Mich., and Omaha.

Private Freitag has returned from a furlough of three weeks spent with his folks in Omaha. It followed an operation.

Privates Jewell and Baker, instructors, from the Sixty-third and Sixty-second companies, respectively, have been transferred to the Forty-seventh company.

Sergeant Pownee has been transferred from the Seventy-third to the Forty-seventh company, and Private Singer, assistant to Instructor Baker, from the Sixty-third to the Forty-seventh company.

FORT CROOK CADETS. G. A. DeLand.

Life in the cadet company continues its variety. Located amidst the scenery of Fort Crook, hilariously engaged in K. P. and evening marches, we gamble through the army with little on our minds.

Thomas Don Lovett writes friend wife that he has been promoted to the commissary department. He is now on K. P.

Section Leader Peacock is taking a special course in voice culture to eliminate the second-handed southern accent which seems to have crept in.

There are a few cadets still at Fort Omaha. We do not recall their names, but trust that they are properly attending to their studies.

Corporal Gibb has an additional piece of furniture in the orderly room. It is Cadet Winslow.

Here lie the bones of a cadet. He led a wicked life, you bet. Slept all day, snored all night. Take warning from the wretched wight.

The cadet company brought the singing fever into the camp; they are all doing it now.

FORT CROOK MEDICAL DEPT. G. A. DeLand.

The efficiency of our quarantine has been clearly established since we have only two cases of influenza among the troops that were stationed here previous to the time the lid was dropped. Also in the case of the S. A. T. C. at Bellevue college, where our surgeon established a quarantine and from which camp not one report of influenza has been received.

We all agree with Sherman that "Warishell," especially during quarantine.

It's been a "helluva" long time since I had a haircut. Oh, my boy he's joined the army. And he's gone away to war. But there's no star in my window. For he's in the medical corps.

Florence Field Canteen. We were sorry to lose our old canteen officer, Lieutenant Toston, but he has been replaced by another competent and experienced officer, Lieutenant Hanley.

Since the quarantine Florence Field canteen is a prosperous wholesale house. Retailing establishments have been placed in each company.

The canteen workers will long be celebrated as having repulsed frequent counter attacks with many a pop.

In spite of the sign on the canteen door, "No enlisted men allowed to enter," a private walked in calmly and ordered a cigar. When asked if he didn't believe in signs, he answered, "That doesn't apply to me, I was drafted!"

Croft (looking around mouse-traps)—Something smells rotten in here!

Langley—I think it's the business you smell!

A letter with an absolutely unintelligible address in a feminine hand was received at the postoffice recently. The postmaster noted across the end: "Try Corporal Hildebrand." It didn't return.

46TH BALLOON COMPANY. W. M. Craren.

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Corporal Richmond has returned from acting escort to the body of a comrade.

Sergeant Dobbs has returned from Philadelphia, where he accompanied the body of Sergeant Jacobs.

Cook Nichols has hidden the crank of the graphophone, claiming that the "agony box" interferes with his ability to make "chow." We agree with him because we eat the same "chow."

The quarantine has affected this command in divers ways. In certain cases "absence has made the heart grow fonder," but we know of one instance in which it has completely upset matrimonial plans.

47TH BALLOON COMPANY. M. E. Herskind.

Nearly all of our sick men have returned from the hospital.

Lieutenant Holmes, our company commander, is quarterback of the football team. Privates Kehoutek and Hauschild are in the line-up.

Doubts concerning his wife's opinion of the same has caused Company Clerk Vandercreek to sacrifice a perfectly good one-week-old mustache.

Private Glen Wyer, who has been ill at his home in Duluth, Minn., is convalescing and will return soon.

Sergeant Lawrence L. Brown has returned from Virgil, S. D., where he went to accompany a body.

A very popular young society belle tells us that our company has the pick of good looking officers of the post.

Sergeant Spiesberger claims he is "sure being missed these nights." Observation of his frequent phone calls makes us believe she hasn't had a chance to miss him.

Private Harlan A. Bennett has returned from a trip to Weatherford, Tex.

Cook "Shorty" Homer has just returned from a wedding trip with his bride in time to drop into the quarantine.

50TH BALLOON COMPANY. F. E. Steward.

Lieutenant J. C. Cluck of this company has been in charge of the Italian balloon, which has been flying almost daily.

The telephone booth in the recreation hall has been the most popular spot in camp for the past two weeks.

The sergeant was shocked when Private Fleming asked him how long a certain lieutenant had been "on the force." Then he learned that the private had been a policeman ever since his arrival from Ireland.

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ably for the protection of the "dear ones" at the other end of the line. Easy pickings for the officers these days. With all the "bucks" in quarantine, they have at least a fighting chance with the women.

53D BALLOON COMPANY.

George Young.

Corporal William R. Seidel has been promoted to top sergeant. We expect "the kid" to make good.

Corporal G. M. Roberts, acting supply sergeant, keeps his light burning late. They say he's sorting out the winter underwear and socks with a view to giving us correct sizes.

Oh, boy! We regret the loss of Roswell Atkinson as mess sergeant, but hope that arrangements can be made whereby he can go overseas with the company. He lost the use of his right eye at Kelly Field.

We expect some "Royal" chow now, since Corporal Royal E. Buckman is acting mess sergeant.

Private James W. Smith is spending a furlough at Gowanda, N. Y., on account of the illness of his mother.

Lieutenant D. H. Ham, in charge of our company football team, is challenging any company team in the post.

Captain Ayling's remark last summer that "some people have great heads for growing hair" is realized in its true significance during this quarantine.

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"Wouldn't that split your Cac-quot?"

"This is no Keystone comedy."
"Whale for chow!"

61ST BALLOON COMPANY.

G. A. DeLand.

One of our men is a stenographer, carpenter, printer, boxer, wrestler, writer, lady-killer and talker. And yet he hails from "Deadwood."

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ORGANIZATION NEWS

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"chief clerk" are exceedingly busy during Liberty bond time. The bonds are going like hot cakes and the rush on their office caused some nervousness among the fair telephone operators next door.

The Fort Crook Telephone office is absolutely popular. The popularity even extends to some parts of Fort Omaha. Blondes and brunettes operate the switch-board, you know. It is the sure place to look for someone you can't find around the fort. They are always there.

Everybody from the cook in the canteen to the first sergeant at the hospital is singing the praises of the "sky pilot" who landed here recently. We suspect that they all want a ride.

Lt. Quick, Commanding Officer of the "Gallant Sixty-first," has so many titles since he arrived at Fort Crook that he has decided to call himself "Company Commander," and that's all that we can find out about him.

Him: (learning to waltz) "Is it hard to reverse?"

Her: "No, just take your foot off my right one and put it on my left."

"May we have the pleasure of your company this evening Colonel?"

"Company, Madam? I command a regiment!"

60TH BALLOON COMPANY
A. J. Eide.

We are nestling just a few triflings of an inch on the outskirts of fair Omaha in an abbreviated valley of Florence Field, composed of eighty aspiring young warriors.

Our former first sergeant, Sergeant Ruler, is now a Cadet and is wearing the white hat band at Fort Crook.

Cpl. F. A. Barrett is enduring much scoffing from his fellow soldiers, who are spending considerable time encouraging his upper lip endeavors.

First Sergeant John Hurley made a grievous mistake when he employed his best Stetson to protect a piece of cake on his desk from the ravages of mice. Next morning he discovered that the ingenious mice had gone "over the top," leaving a ruinous hole in the crown of the hat.

"Shake-a-leg" Sendhauf, also familiarly known as "Step-and-a-half," former Omaha automobile dealer and champion pool player of the state, has been attached to us by the medical department.

62D BALLOON COMPANY.
James E. Bolger.

Sergeant DeWald has been called to his home in Freeman, So. Dakota, on account of the sudden death of his brother.

Private McEntee left Saturday evening for his home in Detroit, Michigan. Word was received of the illness of his sister.

Among those successfully passing entrance examinations to the Officers' Training School for Balloon Observers are: Sergeant Remaly of the Telephone and Sergeant Langton of the Engineering Department.

Corporal Hess, formerly in charge of the Military police, has been notified to report for duty at Cornell, where he will aspire to become an American Ace.

Cupid figured prominently in our company during the past week, when Corporal Lee Marshall was married to Miss Fern Pool, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. W. S. Pool of Omaha. Among their gifts was a handsome set of table linens—from the boys.

How Corporal Marshall "gets away with it" on thirty-six dollars per, is still a deep mystery to Private "Dutch" Messig who has figured it out in the following manner—\$6.50 for insurance, \$5.00 for Liberty loan, \$15.00 for allotment, .08 for milk, .06 for bread, and .10 rent per day, will only leave him \$2.30 for carfare and smokes, during the month. Will any young girl who can find a better solution to the above problem please come to the rescue of our "Dutch."

What we can do for ourselves far exceeds that which anybody else can do for us; we are the arbiters of our own fortunes and this grand truth is made manifest every day of our lives. This fact has to do with our daily methods of life no matter how trivial those methods may seem. We take great pleasure in announcing the promotion of Sergeant "Bill" Bennett to the rank

of Master Signal Electrician. Corporal Eudaly, a member of the Military Police and former college gridiron star was slightly injured in football practice Saturday. Zuber, our mess Sergeant has won fame as an animal trainer and is contemplating on starting a zoo all of his own. During the recent Ak-Sar-Ben parade, it will be recalled that Sergeant Zuber and our company bear known as "Hug 'Em" were conspicuously seen seated together on the Delahaye winch. They provided considerable amusement for little "Hug 'Em" insisted on showing his love and devotion for his master by occasionally clapping his arms about him. Needless to say "Hug 'Em" has never been on K. P.

73RD BALLOON COMPANY.
C. J. Myler.

Pvts. 1st cl. Weir, Wynn, Norris, Davis and Zerbs have been promoted to corporals. Chfr. Rowell and Pvt. Hamilton have been promoted to chauffeurs first-class. Pvts. Lathrop and William Witt have been made chauffeurs and Pvt. Christenson is now a private first-class.

Pvt. Huffman, who has been on special duty at the Q. M., has been transferred to special duty in the M. V. D.

Chfr. Savoy has returned from Gulfport, Miss., where he escorted the body of Pvt. Oscar Lindeh.

Cpl. Frank Lempey and Pvt. Ent have returned from Fort Sheridan where they took entrance examinations for West Point.

Pvt. Jones has been assigned to special duty at the post canteen. He had better treat his bunkies right or no "first" in line for chow.

Is it fair that Cpl. Norris should be permitted to go rabbit-hunting every morning?

The leaf-raking squad has commenced work upon the officers' lawns this week. Oh, you S. D. men!

Our mess sergeant says that he is now feeding us brain food, because the cadets are eating with us.

Sgt. Lathrop has succeeded in cranking a truck in gear.

Favorite morning pastime; shooting snipes in officer's quarters.

63RD BALLOON COMPANY.
Corporal Murphy.

King Perunna (no relation to the famous prohibition evader) holds sway in the new shoe repair shop. One might say that he has religion as he is now saving soles.

With Wilson tying McElvie for first place, and Pierce and Joseph tenaciously balanced at second, our competent judge, Cpl. Hinesis, is concentrated on the outcome of the rabbit contest.

Woof! Woof! doggone it! Morrell holds the company speechless daily with such tasty bits as "Dress them squads!" and "Look where y'er at!"

As yet no positive proof is at hand that any agent of a correspondence school has approached anyone to sell a course upon "The Planting, Care and Training of an Up-to-Date Hirsute Appendage." Will Brother Joseph please enlighten us on this subject?

"Hallroom Boys" does not please Sgts. Fischer and Heazlett. Still Sgt. Fischer expects his pamphlet on "Advanced Clothing Models for 1919" at any time. How about the 95 cents collect charges?

What was the day last week that nothing was burned in the kitchen? The K. P.'s may not be in the first line trenches, but they seem

to be getting their's these days. And that's no kid!

Wilson's magic exemption stick has not proved the "Open Sesame" to civilian life as yet. However, our favorite R. is "worse if necessary."

Cook Harry Johnson of this company has just received a letter from his brother, Clarence, who has been jimmied up a bit by Fritz in France. The letter states that he has returned to the front lines again, however.

The company's dance artistes, Arton and Yarton, will soon be ready to exhibit their latest hits, "The Open Post Waltz" and "The Quarantine Quiver."

74TH BALLOON COMPANY.
J. J. Reinhardt.

Pvts. A. G. Walsworth, C. E. Anderson, J. H. Keefe, J. F. Macbeth, E. D. Montgomery, L. A. Nall and L. W. Roen were transferred to the 62d company with the post band.

About the most musical spot on the map lately is the new recreation room which, through the thoughtfulness of the company officers, has been provided with a new piano and reading and writing materials to relieve the monotony of quarantine.

Fred W. Meis, jr., and John J. Gillin have been warranted as sergeants.

Corporal Frank E. Williams, recently assigned to special duty in the machine gun department, has been transferred to the 47th company.

Private Walter M. Broderick has recently returned from a furlough spent with relatives in western Nebraska.

One 74th company Adonis states that he got fourteen addresses at the fence last Sunday afternoon. See his ad elsewhere in this paper for a private secretary.

Privates John Kinnaird, John Zilverschoon, L. T. Mercer, Stith T. Noe, William Curley and J. J. Reinhardt have been made privates first class.

Pvt. Lawrence C. Pontzler of the telephone department is on a ten-day furlough at his home in Philadelphia, Pa.

Pvts. Harold J. Murphy and John W. Taylor were among those transferred to Camp Funston recently.

Pvt. George R. Murray, detailed to the M. V. D., has received his chauffeur's stripes.

"Bill" Irey and "Dave" Sellery have recently been made corporals. Sgts. Gillen and Meis have a gunning average of 1,000 each. In Belgium they call them "bares."

Pvt. Lee R. Weldon has gone to Fort Bayard, N. M., for lung treatment in the army hospital there.

Pvt. Chris E. Peterson, who just recovered from an attack of pneumonia, is on farm furlough at his home at Viborg, S. D.

During the recent furlough of Pvt. James J. Scott of the hydrogen plant, it is rumored that he embarked on the matrimonial sea.

75TH BALLOON COMPANY.
John O'Flynn.

Pvts. Adamson, Benne, Miklihost and Naus are home on furlough.

Mrs. Lee Rosegrant is in Omaha, trying to visit her husband, Pvt. Lee Rosegrant.

Pvt. John O'Flynn accompanied the body of Hugh Scanlon to Bradley, S. D., and has returned.

Pvt. W. C. Schmidt was called to his home in Fort Worth, Tex., by the death of his brother.

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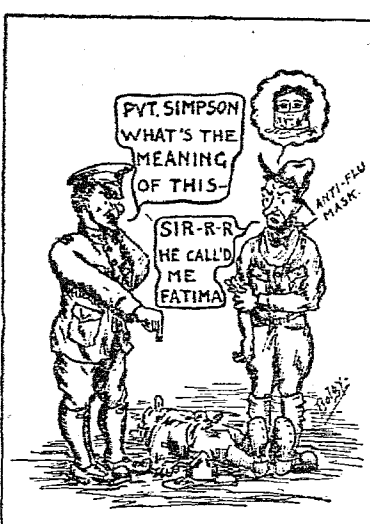
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Tex., challenges anyone in the fort to a game of dominoes. "Has it come to that?"

Cpl. William S. Putnam, acting supply sergeant, has left on furlough to his home at Little Falls, Minn.

Stoves were set up in all tents 'neverythings "comfy."

Pvts. Hitchcock and Roos have been promoted to sergeants and Pvts. Wyckoff, Reynolds, Unsworth, Domaschk, Snyder, Wilhelm, Bruckner, Sowney, Bowser and Jones have been promoted to the grade of corporal.

Spanish influenza took a fall out of the football team of the fort, just like it disarranged many other things in the last two weeks.

A game had been scheduled with Nebraska Wesleyan to be played in Omaha, but it was called off by Capt. Lundquist after a conference with city health officials.

It is improbable that the game will be played at a later date.

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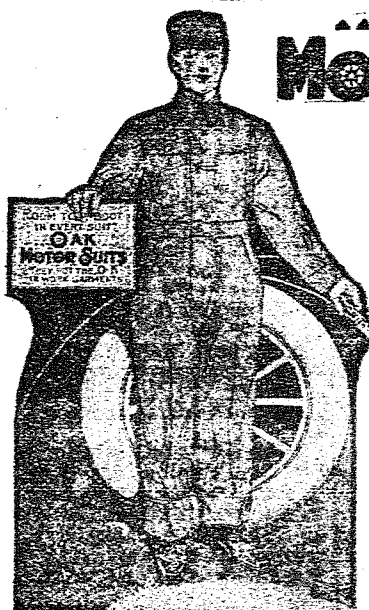
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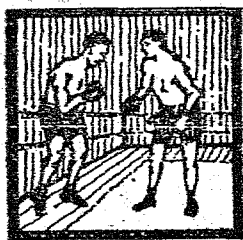


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SPORTING - NEWS



FORT OMAHA HAS WEALTH OF FINE FOOTBALL MATERIAL Stars From Various Colleges Trying for Places on Balloon Team

The Fort Omaha football team is ready for a tough old season. The second game, scheduled with Creighton for Saturday, October 26, has been postponed.

But the boys are making the best of their opportunities for preparatory skirmishes and will show up fine when the lifting of the quarantine permits them to make their initial gridiron debut.

When football was first talked of City Commissioner Falconer gave permission for daily practice at Miller park, immediately north of the fort.

Not only that, but workmen under the direction of Captain Townsend laid out the gridiron and marked it off perfectly, taking an excellent spot just east of Thirtieth street and chopping off a piece of the golf course.

Golfers Didn't Kick

Golfers who use the course daily did not fume and rage when they found their course being used as a football gridiron, but rather laid aside their clubs and watched the balloon men in their daily practice.

It was the co-operation of City Commissioner Falconer, Captain Townsend, the workmen at Miller park and the golfers who use the course that made it possible to have a good field for practice daily.

Officers Favor Sports

Col. Weust and Maj. Van Nostrand gave their unqualified consent to the team. They not only gave their consent but endorsed it and encouraged it and when the scheduled games are played it is more than a safe bet they will be "pulling" for the Fort Omaha team as strongly as will any buck private, non-com or commissioned officer.

They have placed their stamp of approval on all athletic sports.

Who The Coaches Are

Lieut. McKay, head coach, and Coaches Spang and Faulk, who are working with him, have a wealth of stars from which to choose their team.

Lieut. McKay, who recently won the Omaha city tennis championship was formerly coach at the University of Pittsburgh. He turned out wonderful teams there, teams that proved demons on the gridiron.

Lieut. Spang played on Harvard in 1915 and 1916. He is a bundle of energy, a brainy football player and good director of players.

Faulk coached the team last year. He played for two years on the University of Washington team and these were two of the twelve years straight in which that school under the coaching of Dobie, now in the Navy, didn't lose a single game.

Cancel First Game

The first game of the team, slated for last Saturday with Nebraska Wesleyan at Rourke baseball park, was called off after a conference between Captain Lundquist and City Health Commissioner Manning, because of the Spanish influenza epidemic. Dr. Manning did not order the game called off, the captain volunteered to assist the health commissioner in fighting the spread of the epidemic and made the offer to cancel the contest.

That throws the first game next Saturday when soldiers at the fort should turn out and support their organization. It's bound to be a great team, but every team needs the support of those most vitally connected with it and the men at the fort are the one who would naturally be most vitally interested in the team.

Hey Bowlers!

Take a Shot

at the Pins

The bowling alleys beneath the gymnasium, will be a spot frequented by many of the boys stationed at the fort. The alleys are likely to undergo a "treatment" to put them in better shape and some speedy work with the maples would doubtless result.



At the left, Whistler, former Haskell Indian star. In the center, Lieutenant McKay, head coach, at right, with Lieutenant Spang, assistant coach. At left, Tracy, former Creighton University player.

—Cut by Courtesy Omaha Daily News.

Omaha Boy Plays on Navy Reserve Team Here Nov. 2

When the United States naval reserves come here to play the Fort Omaha balloon school team, residents of Omaha will have an opportunity to see a former Omaha Central high school athlete in action.

Leo Klein, all-around athlete at Central and later star end for the University of Illinois team, will play one of the ends for the navy crew.

He is a popular player in Omaha, as he was at Urbana.

Fort Omaha Has Prospects for Good Football Team

From the fifty or more stars who have reported to Lieutenant McKay, head coach of the Fort Omaha football team, there could be collected a team which, on paper, could hold its own against any organization in the country.

Men who have played for from one to four years on some of the best college and university teams in the entire country are in the squad.

If these stars can work as well together as they did on their old teams Fort Omaha will have a team which will make the school famous from one end of the country to the other.

Lieutenant Reber, manager of the team, did not seek easy games when he arranged his schedule. He chose the hardest nuts in army camps. The Creighton game of Saturday is the only team the fort squad will meet which is composed of other than service teams.

Lieutenant McKay will be assisted by Coaches Spang and Faulk. A line on the football activities of the three coaches is given on page 1.

Others who will have a hand in the coaching of the squad are: Captain Townsend, former athletic coach at Williams college; and Lieutenant Lundberg of the University of Pennsylvania. Captain Townsend was an all-American star.

Two Indians from the famous Haskell Indian team are practically assured of places on the team. Whistler, a member of the Indian team from 1909 to 1912 inclusive, looks the goods. He plays in either the line or backfield equally as well. He is a strenuous player, hits 'em far.

Deems, trying for a half-back job, is the other Haskell candidate. He has a faculty of carrying the ball in tight places and was a sure ground gainer with Haskell in 1914 and the Colorado School of Mines and Brookings College in 1916.

King, a backfield candidate, is a kicker de luxe. He played with the University of Virginia in 1915, 1916 and 1917 after getting his start at Vanderbilt in 1914. His punts and kicks have figured materially in the winning of many a game. He's a repeater and should be of great assistance to the team.

Littleton, a Wittenberg College crack, is working for quarter but has plenty of opposition in Walton, a quarterback and end who played with Kansas City Polytechnic and other Kansas City teams.

Tracy, backfield candidate, is a veteran from Creighton University where he showed up fine.

Gaupp, practically assured of one of the end positions, played with Notre Dame prep teams and with fraternity teams there but did not make the varsity. He has plenty of dash, vigor and pep and is dangerous on either offensive or defensive.

And there are scores of others who have been stars with various teams.

It looks like a great year for the Fort Omaha Balloon School team.

FOOTBALL NOTES

Cadet Campbell Marvin is managing the Cadet football team, which is composed of men from Section 63. He is out with a challenge to any team inside the post and feels confident that he has an aggregation of winners. The Cadets defeated Section 67 by a score of 24 to 0, at Fort Crook on Oct. 6th. They defeated the 73rd Balloon Company team 6 to 0 Sunday.

Lt. Ham, manager of the football team of the 53rd Balloon Company has extended a challenge to all comers. This team has been practicing with bee-like enthusiasm during the past month.

The Fort Football Song.

By Cadet Campbell Marvin.

(Tune—"Over There.")

Hit them low! Hit them hard!
Gain a yard, gain a yard, down the field,
Till we get them going, we get them going,
And crush the foe beneath our heel!
Do your share! Do your share!
Make our name and our fame known everywhere,
We'll win the victory! We'll win the victory!
So don't stop fighting till we've won it fair and square.

"Denny" Wants to Teach Men Boxing Free!

The winter months will not be at all dull if men stationed at the fort accept the invitation sent out by Tommy Ryan, athletic director of the K. of C. hut.

Denny has arranged to organize a boxing instruction class and will arrange his classes for 10 o'clock every morning. There is not a dime charge for this instruction and every man at the fort is not only welcome, but is invited to attend these classes and indulge in the sport.

Exhibitions in the ring will also be arranged for the winter months, same as last year and early this year.

Lt. Spang Represents Fort Omaha at Chi.

The athletic directors of the Army and Navy posts of the Central Department held a convention at Chicago Saturday October 12.

The discussion covered football, boxing, wrestling and baseball and the atmosphere was pregnant with big ideas for the development of these sports in the camps of the Department.

It was planned for the camp teams to replace college sporting activities owing to the large number of college stars and players now in the service.

Lt. Joseph Spang Jr., representing Fort Omaha at the meeting.

Basketball to Be Feature at the Post This Year

Pvt. J. McGlynn, Sporting Editor. There will be a basketball team at the Fort this year. That is almost an assured fact.

Stars from some of the best teams in the country are now in training at the fort and if a team is organized at the post it would be able to give a good account of itself.

Omaha this year will have something like twenty-five or thirty teams in the field and these teams are counting on games with Omaha.

There are enough players here to organize a league and this step may be taken in a short time.

The Knights of Columbus and the Y. M. C. A. have arranged to see to it that men stationed here have plenty of "goods" for the game.

And We May Have a Soccer Team Also

A soccer team for this fall and winter is a possibility at the fort. There are a number of cracks at the post who are anxious to get into the harness and already Camp Dodge has written for a game to be played in Omaha.

A call for soccer players may be issued soon. If the athletic management of the post decides a soccer team is to represent the fort this year, a fast team is almost a certainty.

Chamber of Commerce Equips Football Team

Too much cannot be said at this time of the generous donation of \$1,100 by the members of the Omaha Chamber of Commerce, which made possible the equipping of the football team. This contribution is in keeping with the spirit shown by this organization where any war work is concerned.

In extending our thanks we can only say that we deeply appreciate the liveliest Chamber of Commerce in the country.

Both K. C. and Y. Will Feature Lessons on Mat

Balloon men at Fort Omaha are right in the hotbed of the country when it comes to wrestling. Nebraska and Iowa are wild over wrestling, they crave it more than any other sport.

Frank Gotch, who died last year without losing a match on the mat and after he had relinquished his world's championship voluntarily, was a resident of Iowa, near the Nebraska line.

Joe Stecher, now at Great Lakes Training Station, who won the title afterwards, was born and reared in Dodge, Neb., and from there enlisted in the navy.

Earl Caddeok, who defeated Stecher a year ago last April for the title, was born and reared in Iowa and when he enlisted in the army was a resident of Anita, Iowa, just a short distance from the Nebraska line. Caddeok, now a lieutenant in the army in France, was managed by Gene Melady of Omaha, and won the title from Stecher in Omaha.

These are just a few of the reasons why the wrestling instruction classes, planned by both the Knights of Columbus and the Y. M. C. A. for this winter for Fort Omaha men, free of charge, should be well attended.

SUNFISH BALLOON IS SAID TO BE A WONDER

New Italian Balloon Arouses Much Interest and Admiration.

By R. A. Baker.

The unique spectacle of a gigantic sun fish hovering many hundreds of feet above the earth in the vicinity of Fort Omaha is the material indication that the "new Italian balloon" has arrived and is being tried out.

The Italian balloon, known technically as the Avorio-Prassone, is almost round in shape, with huge fins that duplicate exactly the movements of the fish which it resembles.

The Avorio-Prassone is known as the A. P. type. It is of the spherical ellipsoid shape and differs widely in many respects from the elongated Caquot, and because of this particular form it commands a much better pressure, which means greater lifting power and less ground area.

The rigging of the A. P. is as simple as could readily be and still be feasible. The suspension band consists of a succession of inverted catenaries of steel wire. From the intersection twelve lines connect to the junction piece and from six of the same intersections other lines connect to the basket. The space between the basket and the junction piece is only a few feet, which throws the load and traction nearly to the same point and therefore effects greater buoyancy. The rigging is protected by a fabric covering which is intended to extend its life.

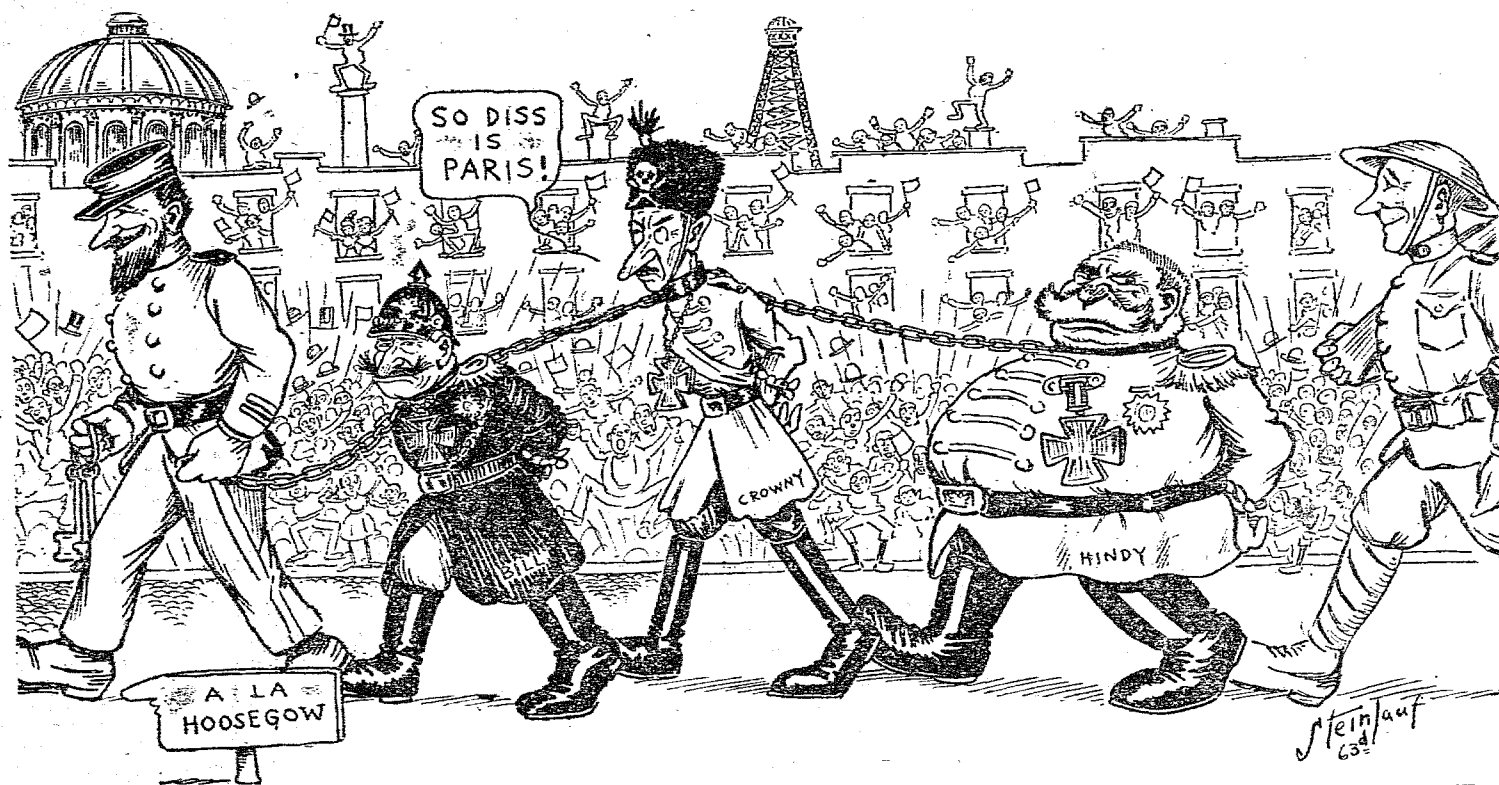
Instead of having a valve in the nose as on the Caquot, it is on the right of the A. P. and in appearance resembles a butterfly valve. It is non-metallic and is very light and simple in its operation.

The rip-panel is in the shape of a V upside down, directly over the nose with the V ends extending down to the equator line. The pull begins at the top and both sides pull off together. This is an advantage over the Caquot, where the rip-panel is in the top of the balloon at about the highest point and is approximately twenty-six feet long. The pull is from one end only and requires a pull twice as long as does the rip-panel of the A. P. The rip-panel of the Caquot seems to be in the most favorable place for quick escape of gas after the pull; but the A. P. assumes the same favorable condition when its rip-panel is torn off, because the gas suddenly rushes to the point of escape and with the assistance of the empennage throws the nose up.

The A. P. balloon when fully inflated occupies about one-third of the envelope. The air for the balloon is scooped up in practically the same manner as on the Caquot.

The empennage of the A. P. differs from the Caquot in size, being larger and the fins are inflated and tied off before the balloon leaves the ground, or the rudder can be left open as on the Caquot; but on the A. P. it would effect high pressure on account of its conical tail. This is a very good feature. The rigging in the empennage differs from that in the Caquot in that the Caquot is stabilized by ropes and the A. P. by silk panels. When fully inflated the fins of both types ride at about the same angle. It is claimed that on account of the A. P. empennage's size it will afford room for high

Society Item—Paris expects to entertain her long delayed guests at dinner this Christmas.



pressure nursing bottles, which would make the balloon self-nursing if so desired.

The fabric of the A. P. is so constructed that it is claimed it has less diffusion. Inspection of the two types reveals that the statement is very feasible.

Due to the shape of the A. P. the handling and maneuvering is rendered more easy than on the elongated Caquot and affords a harder target. It requires less mooring area and is moored in the open. A camouflaged cover is spread over it and a ground cloth under. It is moored down by the cover. This goes away with the constant strain and tugging which is apparent on the Caquot envelope when it is moored down. It also does away with balloon beds, which require much time and labor to erect.

The spheroidal envelope of the A. P. is lighter than the Caquot and will lift more with the same amount of gas. It will retain its shape when only partly inflated. Its stability is astonishing, no rocking or pitching, even in strong and turbulent winds, and it will ride a fifty-five-mile wind with ease. No nose cupping, even when partly inflated and it is claimed impossible for it to nose dive. If this is true it is one great feature in itself. The great stability then would make an observer much more effective and give him much more ease.

At Florence field the A. P. has made numerous flights in the past few days and has met with much favorable comment, even to the extent that if the war lasts another year we will be using the type as exclusively as we are now using the Caquot type.

The A. P. sent here has a capacity of 37,000 cubic feet against the Caquot's 37,500 cubic feet and will ascend to an altitude of 6,700 feet with two observers, against the Caquot's 5,500 feet with the same load.

The most interesting as well as amusing feature claimed for the A. P. is that "in case of rupture it may parachute so well that parachute equipment will be unnecessary."

NEW TYPE BALLOON TO SCATTER PROPAGANDA

Capt. Pierce Designs Special Apparatus for This Purpose.

Monday morning, October 14, Captain Pierce and Lieutenant Kingsland, acting pilot, started from the balloon house with a 19,000 cubic foot spherical balloon. They carried with them a new type propaganda distributing machine and automatic sand sifting device. Both are the products of Captain Pierce's ingenuity.

The purpose of the flight was to ascertain the working conditions of the machine under the same conditions under which it is to be applied when found practical in every detail.

Just before leaving the ground the machine was attached to the basket and everything inspected to insure a perfect flight. At the command "hands off," the balloon ascended rapidly for about twenty feet and then dived for the ground. Lieutenant Kingsland was active in getting sand overboard, lightening the load sufficiently to cause the balloon to overcome the whirlwind caused by the wind blowing around the corner of the hangar. When within a few feet of the ground the balloon recovered and started upward, reaching an equilibrium of about 4,000 feet and starting in an eastwardly direction.

Leaflets Spread Broadcast. The machine distributed its propaganda at regular intervals throughout the entire trip as was expected. On the leaflets was printed a message, appealing to the people not to "slack" but to "loosen" and buy bonds of the fourth liberty loan.

After flying along serenely for several hours it was decided to land. The wind was blowing at about forty miles near the ground and to effect an easy landing Lieutenant Kingsland picked a cornfield. He dropped the anchor at the edge of the cornfield and the balloon played out over the corn with the basket dragging over the top of the stalks. This action affected a break, retarding the balloon's speed and a very easy landing was made in spite of a strong wind.

It was Captain Pierce's first free balloon ride and he reported that he enjoyed the trip beyond expression and also stated that he was much pleased with the propaganda experiment.

The real value of Captain Pierce's machine is to use against the Germans, by attaching the distributing machine to a small spherical balloon, accompanied by an automatic sand sifting device, designed to regulate the balloon's altitude from 8,000 to 10,000 feet, which would render the balloon invisible from the ground and at the same time give a wide spreading area for the propaganda.

May Enlighten Germans. When perfected it is intended to release numbers of propaganda balloons to fly over Germany, with an endeavor to spread the "truth" to the German people.

Lieutenant Colonel Wuest, Captain Pierce and Lieutenant Kingsland, acting pilot, started from here Sunday morning, October 20, in a 35,000 cubic foot free balloon. The balloon rose steadily to an altitude of about 2,500 feet, where it found its equilibrium, and drifted

in a southeastwardly direction, passing over the heart of the city. The object of the flight was to experiment further with Captain Pierce's automatic sand sifting instrument.

INFLUENZA HELD IN CHECK AT THE FORT

Continued from Page One.

The total number of influenza cases during the two weeks that the influenza epidemic held full sway had reached the 733 mark on October 21.

Utmost efficiency marked the manner in which the medical authorities handled the situation. Supplies were at once available and every case received its full quota of attention. The result was a toll of deaths which was remarkably light when the severe character of the epidemic is considered.

Required Seventy-five Extra Men. The large extension of hospital space necessitated the assignment of seventy-five signal corps men to special duty with the medical department. But none of the flurry and waste of energy which usually marks emergency proceedings was noticeable. Everything was handled

with machine-like precision.

Medical authorities give the Red Cross organization full credit for prompt aid whenever called upon.

The entire enlisted personnel of the post seemed to appreciate the serious aspect of the epidemic, as none of the usual grumblings of discontent against the restrictions of the quarantine were heard anywhere. Everyone was content to abide by the orders and no recalcitrants refused to do so.

Although the spread of the epidemic has been definitely checked in the post, the soldiers are facing an indefinite quarantine as the result of its continued growth among the civilian population of the city of Omaha and the state of Nebraska. The governor has ordered state-wide quarantine restrictions and it is expected that the gates at Fort Omaha will not be thrown open until Saturday, November 2, the tentative date fixed for the lifting of the state quarantine.

Will Beat the Bugler.

Monday morning even the veriest rabbit in the post is expected to beat the bugler to reveille by a full hour—providing the aforesaid bunny forgets to turn his watch back one hour.

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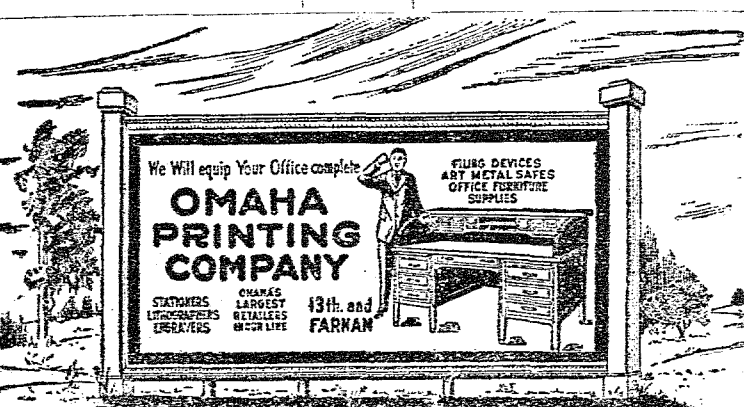
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Omaha Society Women Make Canteen the Bright Spot of the Post.

Mrs. L. L. Kountze, a prominent Omaha society woman, has been one of the most active Omahans in making life pleasant for the men of Fort Omaha. She directed the opening of the post Red Cross canteen in September, 1917, and since that time has managed it.

During the year the canteen has been enlarged three times.

Regarding the canteen Mrs. Kountze made a remark that is very apropos. "It is not the food alone. It is the bringing of the influence of women into the post that makes the eating place a haven of comfort to the men."

Almost everything "eatable" is served in the canteen from smoking hot pancakes to ice cold

drinks. "T-bone steaks like mother used to make" is the specialty.

The service at the canteen has been furnished by society women and debutantes of Omaha. Among those who have assisted are Mrs. Francis Brogan, Mrs. Howard Baldrige, Mrs. Samuel Burns, Mrs. Ralph Peters, Mrs. T. F. Kennedy, Mrs. J. E. Davidson and Mrs. Max Fleishman, and the Misses Louise White, Margreta Grimmel, Emily Keller, Daphne Peters, Menie Davis, Elizabeth Davis, Elizabeth Reed, Regina Connell, Gertrude Stout, Virginia Offutt and Esther Wilhelm. These women have been at the canteen since it opened. Many others have joined the service and at present the number is nearly 150.

Society Notes.

Mrs. E. A. Draper will be the new overseer.

Miss Ester Brine, army nurse corps, has reported to this post for duty.

Captain R. A. Edlundh of the royal air force, arrived at this post for duty from Arcadia, Cal.

Lieutenant Lewis and his bride have gone to California on their honeymoon. He will be stationed at Arcadia.

Major and Mrs. R. T. Crawford entertained Mrs. E. G. Witters, who is here from Berkeley, Cal., visiting her daughter, Mrs. Roy Page.

Lieutenant Ralph Reynolds, who was married to Miss Helen Baker of San Diego, Cal., last August, is now stationed at Florence Field.

Among the recent arrivals at Fort Crook are Mrs. J. R. Crowe, jr., and Miss Nancy Crowe, Mrs. Robert Reasoner and Mrs. Frank Dennen.

Mrs. E. W. Witter has two sons, Lieutenant Guy Witter and Captain Dean Witter, in the service. Her daughter, Miss Margaret Witter, is in the Red Cross hospital service.

French Lieutenant Creville, who is now stationed at Arcadia, Cal., is being visited by his mother and sister, Miss Helene Creville, who

came from Melbourne, Australia, only to find that he will soon be leaving for France.

Miss Craig, who has been overseer at the canteen, left Wednesday for her home in Akron, O. She is to be married soon to a lieutenant now stationed at Camp Taylor.

Miss Jean Butler, who was connected with the engineering department under W. D. Burton, left Friday for New York, where she will sail for France as a Red Cross stenographer.

Colonel and Mrs. J. W. S. Wuest gave a tea for the officers and their wives. Pink roses and pink candles adorned the table. Those assisting the hostess were Mrs. E. W. Crockett, Mrs. R. T. Crawford, Mrs. M. J. O'Brien and Mrs. Lundberg.

French Lieutenants M. Orihac, C. Loudin and A. Lemire, who were formerly at this post with the French mission, are leaving Camp John Wise for Akron, O., where they will spend a few days. From there they will proceed to France for duty.

Mr. and Mrs. Paul Gallagher gave a dinner at their home for Captain and Mrs. Charles J. Glidden. Those present were Colonel and Mrs. J. W. S. Wuest, Colonel and Mrs. Grant, Major and Mrs.

Moher, Captain and Mrs. Charles J. Glidden and Mrs. Benjamin Gallagher.

Second Lieutenant Joseph M. Shimmom from Chanute Field, Rantoul, Ill., reported for duty at this post, arriving by airplane, and will be connected with the aero photographic work.

Captain Bonvelain, who was also connected with the French mission at this post, is now in Washington, where he has been recently promoted to major. He is living with his wife and son, who have a beautiful home facing the Potomac.

The field officers of Fort Omaha and the officers stationed at Fort Crook were entertained by Major and Mrs. E. W. Crockett at a tea, given in honor of Colonel and Mrs. J. W. S. Wuest Sunday afternoon. Those present from Fort Omaha were Major and Mrs. R. T. Crawford, Major and Mrs. M. J. O'Brien and Major Van Nostrand.

ON FLIGHT

Captain and Mrs. Charles J. Glidden left last week for Washington, D. C.

First Lieutenant John C. Ayling has been commissioned captain, A. S., S. C.

Second Lieutenant Glen R. Laster has been transferred to Anderson, S. C.

Second Lieutenant Frank Cimmino has been transferred to Camp Morrison, Va.

First Lieutenant Scott R. Brewer has been commissioned captain in the air service.

Second Lieutenant John C. Oakes has been transferred to Camp John Wise.

Captain George Young, jr., reported at the post this week for flying instruction.

Captain Alin M. Whitney and Second Lieutenant S. White arrived at this post for duty.

Second Lieutenant Raymond T. Vredenburg has been promoted to first lieutenant, A. S., Aero.

Second Lieutenant Robert K. Lloyd has been transferred to the Army Balloon school, Arcadia, Cal.

J. S. Maxwell of the Star Piano company arrived at this post to witness a test of metal balloon valve.

Lieutenant Colonel H. B. Heisey, formerly commanding officer of this post, is in Washington awaiting overseas orders.

The following men who have been at this post for the past week conducting experiments with propaganda balloons have left: Captain B. J. Sherry, S. C.; First Lieutenant Richard F. Lussier, infan-

try; W. J. Lester, Lawrence R. Davis, S. R. Williams and Sergeant W. H. Redman.

Flying Cadet Otto U. Weimer has been commissioned second lieutenant, A. S. A., and has reported for duty.

W. D. Burton, aeronautical mechanical engineer, has returned from Washington, D. C., where he has been on temporary duty.

Captain Frank W. Goodale left recently for Akron, O., for temporary duty in connection with the air service of the army for instruction on balloon manufacture.

Colonel F. A. Grant, who was formerly in command of the depot quartermasters here, has returned from Montreal, Canada, where he has been in charge of embarkation.

Lieutenant Gledhill reports from Chanute Field, Rantoul, Ill., having flown to Omaha, a distance of approximately 900 miles. He will remain at Fort Crook for the purpose of making a photographic map of this section.

Lieutenant Tracy Lewis has been promoted to first lieutenant.

Major Henry Rogers, who was commanding officer of Florence Field, has left for Camp John Wise. He will be succeeded by Captain F. DeP. Townsend.

Reporting for duty by air line is new, even in the air service. However, Lieutenant Franklin W. Gledhill, A. S., A. R. M. A., dropped in on Fort Crook Wednesday afternoon, spinning down from a 3,000-foot elevation in his Curtis ship.

The following officers arrived at this post: First Lieutenants Oscar R. Engelman, M. C.; John S. Sheets, M. C.; Herbert C. Kimberlin, M. C.; Lester C. Hilsabeck, M. C.; Alfred H. Schooley, M. C.; James D. Simons, M. C.; James L. Collins, M. C., and Second Lieutenants Edward H. Dozendorf and Herman E. Babcock.

Will Organize Glee Club.

You can't play football? Maybe you can sing. Good singing will help put pep and punch into the life of this Post. A Glee Club will be organized, with Lieut. Cressey in charge. If you can carry a tune report to Chaplain Sanders, Post Library, second floor, north barracks, Monday evening, October 28, at 7 o'clock.

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Chaplain Sanders' office is in the Post Library on the second floor of the North Barracks, where he may be found in the mornings from 8 until 11 o'clock. He will be at the Y. M. C. A. building every Tuesday evening from 7 until 8 o'clock, and at the K. C. building every Thursday evening at the same hour.

Soldiers Can Play Pool.

The management of the Sun Billiard Parlors, in the basement of the Sun theater building, has designated Thursday as "soldier" day. On this day of every week men in uniform may have the free use of the tables.

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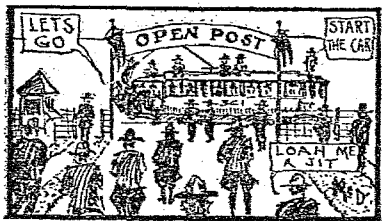
WE WILL WIN THE WAR

"Good Coffee" - Buy!

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ROCKING THE BASKET



Sez the K. P. to the Cooky,
"Purty soft I'd say fer us,
Now they've got the old Post open,
An' without a bit of fuss—

We kin beat it to the car line,
An' fer only half a dime
Kin enjoy a pleasant evenin'
With them dames we met that
time."

So the cooky an' the K. P.
Fooled around a day or two,
Didn't think to read the papers
Tellin' 'bout the Spanish "Flu."

An' one evenin' after chow time,
With their leggins clean an' neat,
With their chains all shaved an'
scoured,
An' the grease scraped off their
feet—

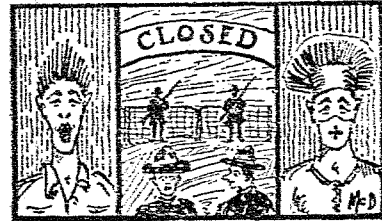


Arm in arm they sauntered gate-
ward,
Not a care on earth had they,
Fer they figgered on some sparkin'
From the Janes they'd met that
day.

Alas, alack, how hopes are shat-
tered,
Dashed an' torn by bitter fate,
Fer the K. P. an' the cooky
Somehow couldn't pass the gate.

"Spanish Flew, what's that?" asked
Cooky,
As with droopin' heads hung low
Back they shuffled into barracks.
Sez the K. P., "All I know—

"Is that luck is sure agin us,
An' we're bound to git a roast,
But I'll tell the whole wide nation
It's a hell of an open post."
—By Cadet S. B. Johnston.



Superfluous Words.

There is a very well known phy-
sician who can cure the "flu" in
where all others fail. He has
proved his ability in all corners of
the globe. He has been successful
in all seasons. No phase of the
disease puzzles him. His medicine
has a pleasant taste. But an ap-
pointment with him is very hard to
get. His name is Johnnie Walker.
He has assistants, among whom
are Wilson and Haig.

"Rough" Rhoades of the quarter-
master corps jumped on the little
fellow from the garage.

The battle was a one-sided af-
fair and in a moment the garage
man was on his back.

In muffled tones the little fellow
yelled, "Wait till I get the garage
gang after ya tonight."

"Then wait till you get here to-
morrow," returned "Rough."

"But you don't understand," pro-
tested the garage man as he
brushed himself off and registered
the spirit of a funeral "tomorrow
you're not going to be here."

Yes, Barnam Was—
The "rookie" stepped out of the
"Q. M." in his new array with a
"springy" step.

There was some class to this out-
fit. And as he looked at his forty-
eight-hour pass he murmured,
"Wait till the home folks give me
the once over."

Then the "old timer" chanced
along. He gave one glance at the
"John" and almost doubled over,
convulsed with mirth.

The "rook" was really hurt.
"Does it look that bad?" he asked.
"Worse than that," he of the tan
assured him. Then, "Say, you've
got a pass, haven't ya?"

"Yes."
"Goin' to use it?"
"N-no, not now—that is—"
"Don't let it go to waste then.
Let me use it?" argued the "vet."

The "rookie" watched him go
through the gate bound for a big
time. At the same time the voice
of a brother "rook" remarked to
him "That's some nifty uniform
you have there."

And as the "rook" walked slowly
back to the barracks through his
brain floated the thought that
there was a chance that he had
been "jipped."

YOU NEVER CAN TELL.

The Omaha de-
butante looked up
into the eyes of
her partner of the
Greek God-like
stature as he
twirled her grace-
fully through the
whirling trotters
and she mur-
mured, "You say you're from
Omaha."

"I am," he assured her.
"I had the feeling that I had met
you before somewhere. I wonder
whether it was at the Jones-Smythe
ball, or—"

"Why don't you remember? I
used to be your ice man."

HOW DO THEY.

The old veteran
gave a last good-
bye look at his
trusty russets as
he handed them
over for the field
shoes, new speci-
fications.

Then he started
away.

"Just a mo-
ment," called the supply sergeant.

The old "vet" went back. The
supply sergeant handed over an-
other pair of field shoes, new speci-
fications.

And as the old "vet" went off
staggering under his load they
heard him murmuring, "Two pair
field shoes, new specifications, two
wars."

QUARANTINE QUIPS

The Officer of the Day should
have roller skates to patrol the
east fence. We will make a bet
that a pedometer would break the
main spring if one was used by the
O. D. after 6 p. m. along said
fence.

It is unfortunate for us that we
cannot all repair motorcycles like
some of these M. V. D. men who
have been working "outside the
line of duty" on them.

Did you ever notice Sheldon lead-
ing his band down toward Miller
park in the afternoon, trying to
kid himself into believing that he
had it on the rest of us poor ducks
who couldn't go through the gate?

This post has had more outside
"official business" in the last three
weeks that Washington has had in
the last four months. But look who
we are.

The quarantine hit Sergeant Ma-
jor Smith right between the eyes,
believe me. That bird has been
looking toward the southwest so
much that his eyesight has been
impaired.

Who are the M. P.'s keeping out
of mischief down town these
nights? Must be pretty soft for
them.

Bill Moan of the 50th company
hasn't shaved since the lid was put
on. He has been using the time
it usually takes to shave in snooz-
ing. Anyone who knows Bill will
not be surprised at this news.

Rookie inside the fence to ditto
outside: "Say, how do you get
that away?" Rookie outside the
fence to ditto within: "Official
business, Buddie" (in the confec-
tionery store).

Two silly questions: "When is
the war going to end?" and "When
is the quarantine going to be lift-
ed?"

Dave Williams says: "Someone
opened the window and influenza.
Pretty soon they'll open the post
and out flies Dave!"

What Does He Mean?

"There's a lump of sugar down in
Dixie and it's all my own," hummed
the recruit from Kelly Field. "Yes,"
returned the sergeant, "but are you
sure that sugar isn't brown?"

HOW TO PREVENT THE SPANISH FLU

By Private Gutts.

To the Editor of the Gas Bag:
I seen in one of the Omaha news-
papers the other day an article
about a Chicago doctor by the
name of Dr. Louis J. Pint, and this
doctor says he nose how to cure
the Spanish flu. He says the hole
trouble is cawsed becawse we dont
eat enuff sugar. Now, Mister Edi-
tor, I think that this here doctor
with the thirsty name has got the
rite dope. If you wood reed the
article yourself you would see that
this guy nose what he's talking
about. He says that this here
Spanish flu aint really no Spanish
flu at all, like a lot of us ignirint
people think. He says that the reel
name is Staphylococcus Aureus,
which I think makes it a darn site
worse for us than we thought. Dr.
Pint says if we eat more sugar we
woodn't get this terrible decease.

The reason I think this here doc-
tor has the rite ideer is becawse
when I was home I always uster
eat a lot of sweet stuff and I never
had no flu. But since I inlisted in
the army fore weeks ago I notise I
have sneezed a lot espeshilly after
chow. The other day after reedin
this article I sneezed twice. So I
reported for sick call. I thought
sure that the doctor would pre-
scribe somethin sweet for me like
pie or cookies. But instead he gave
me a hell of a dose of Castor Oil.
I tried to tell him about Dr. Pint
but he said he didn't have no time
to argu with me and who did I
think was runnin the hospital
anyway.

So I thought I wood rite to you
about this, Mr. Editor. I wood like
to rite to the colonel but he don't
know me and mite think I am a
fresh rookie. I wish you wood
speke to him about this. Being as
how you are a Editor I guess you
must have a lot of pull with him.
Tell him if he wants to save the
lives of the soljers to reed over
these menus which I sudjest shoed
be fed to the boys everyday:

BREAKFAST.

Oatmeal with Powdered Sugar Jam
Buckwheat Cakes with Syrup
Coffee with Plenty of Sugar
Fruit Cake
DINNER.

Honey
Sweet Potatoes
Sugar Corn
Sweet Beets
Apple Dumplings
Coffee with Plenty of Sugar
Assorted Chocolates
SUPPER.

Sweet Meats
Pie
Ice Cream
Coffee with Plenty of Sugar.

If the Colonel will foller these
suggestions which I and Dr. Pint
both agree on I am sure there wont
be no more of this here Staphylo-
coccus in the Post and all the boys
will be healthy and happy. Hoping
you can fix it with him to open the
post soon I remane Yours truly,
PVT. SIMON P. GUTTS.
SPG:HS

New Valve Tester Is Designed by Lieut. Kingsland

Lieutenant Kingsland is the de-
signer of a valve-testing apparatus
which purpose is to discover the
amount of gas leakage through a
valve. An instrument of this kind
has not been in use before and
there has never been a way of tell-
ing accurately whether or not a
valve is leaking, and if so, the
amount of leakage.

The apparatus is very simple in
construction, a body fabric cap is
placed down over the valve. At
the end is a flange that fits under
the clamping ring of the valve. An
elongated bag of regular balloon
fabric construction and with a vol-
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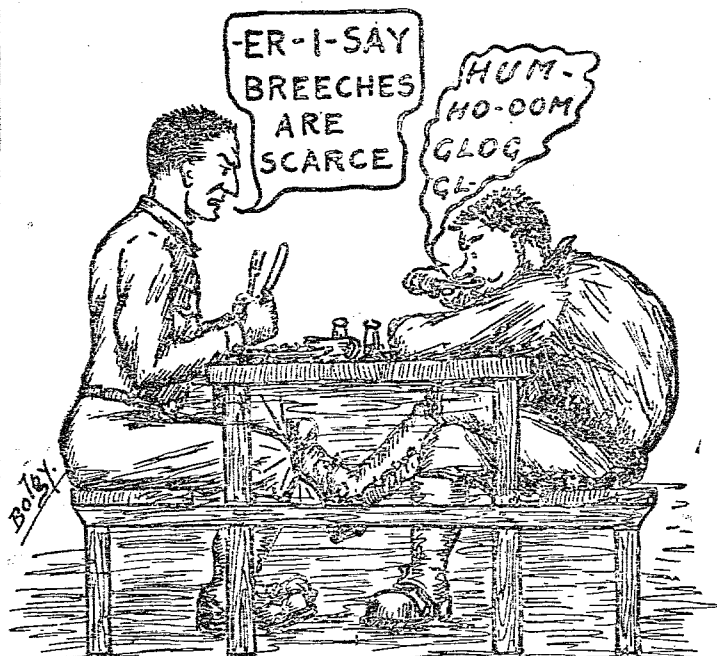
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to a balloon.

A 200-cubic foot hydrogen tank
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pours a steady flow of gas into the
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about 25 m. m. water pressure,
from where the surplus gas is al-
lowed to escape. If the valve leaks
the volume of the elongated bag
forces the gas through it into the
hood over the exterior of the valve.
From this hood is connected a dis-
placement tube which is connected
to a small rubber balloon. The
valve is timed and when desired
the volume of the elongated bag
balloon is measured and the diffu-
sion through the valve is ascer-
tained.

Experiments with the valve test-
ing device have been very success-
ful and it is soon expected to know
the leakage of all valves in every
balloon.

The boys of the medical depart-
ment got their share of the epi-
demic. It was this fact that made
the assignment of so many air
service men to special duty neces-
sary.

"That's me all over, Mabel!
Everything has a bright side! For
instance, consider the extra sleep
we gained during the quarantine."

'Funny, but the sergeants never
shout "Everybody outside" when
the bugler calls "chow" 1.

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acter of the summary that we saw.

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We want you to know that we have an organization that is
full of "pep" and this is an institution big enough to take care
of every need you have—from the necessities to the little things
that you know you want whether you need them or not.

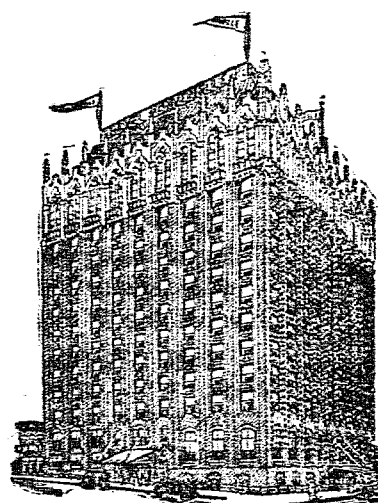
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and those who have traveled from coast to coast—and we're
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COME CLEAN!

The human derelict in the picture, imperialized Germany, his very being dripping with the filth of autocracy and his hands still reeking with the blood of Belgian babes, begs Peace that he may yet save that same regime that aspired to dominate the world.

But they behind Humanity's drive are not blind. They see the rottenness still clinging to his being and refuse to deal with it. Only when the GERMAN PEOPLE have washed themselves clean of this filth will the Allies look kindly at a flag of truce.

Germany must overthrow this gang of despots if it, as a nation, desires to survive. Then will the Allies give peace to Germany and help it to plan a brighter and a democratic future.

A BATTLE CRY.

"Because defeat is unendurable" wrote a Yankee Battalion Commander to his chief, "we are pressing on to retake a position without orders."

He was from the land of doers. He took the position, one of the first sectorial victories of the greatest drive in his history.

What a truly American cry of battle, his "Because defeat is unendurable."

Let every soldier take it for his own!

Hang it up on the walls of our barracks!

Carve it into the floors of our tents!

Carry it to the front of the fight! Burn it into the brain of "C.O." and "K.P." alike.

For it is the spirit of America, the great intangible force that is winning the war.

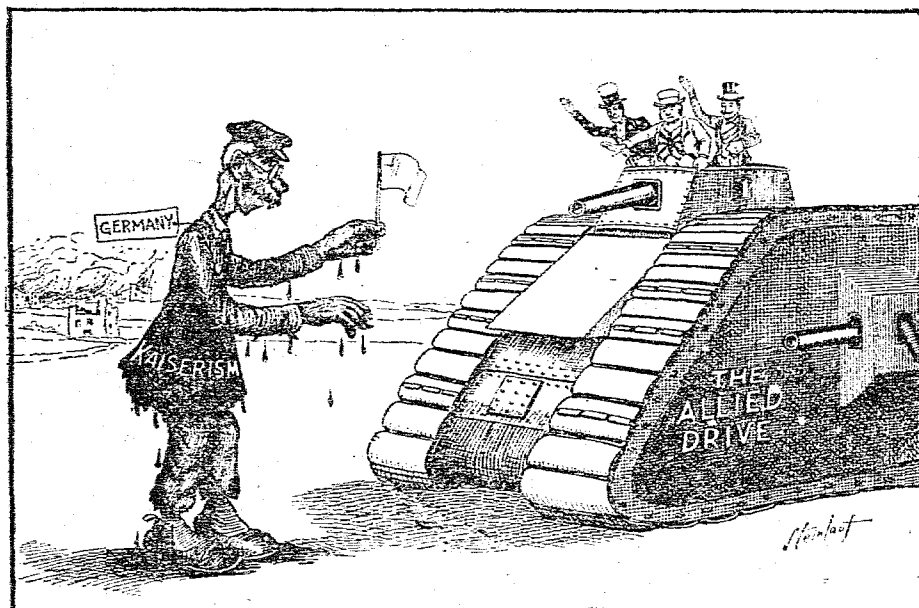
NOT SAMMIE!

There is a difference, a very great difference between that good old American name "Uncle Sam" and its "wishy", "washy" offspring, that misnomer "Sammie" which some persons have tried to tack on to the American soldier despite his protest.

If you must call him something, make it "Yank." Nothing is more apropos. Or call him "doughboy." Every day in the "A.E.F." this name is coming more and more to indicate the American soldier at large rather than just the infantry man.

But can the "Sammie."

COME CLEAN!



A Litany—By Woodbridge Clapp

In "Life"

From foes within and foes without,
From Shadow Huns and spies,
From those who fear and those who doubt,
From sophistry and lies,
From those whose special pleas assist
An enemy abhorred,
From hyphenate and pacifist—
Deliver us, O Lord!

From college cranks on dress parade,
From laggards in our land,
From slacker, coward and renegade,
From foes of native brand,
From critics and their poisoned darts
That cut like two-edged sword:
From all but patriotic hearts
Deliver us, O Lord!

From crawlers of the trousered kind,
From mortal weeds and tares,
From men like moles, asleep and blind,
From human hounds and hares,
From whiskered wasps and social fleas—
The van of treason's horde—
From all of these—Our Father, please—
Deliver us, O Lord!



THE SOLDIER'S CREED

By Lieut. Colonel
Jacob W. S. Wuest.

In the work upon which I am engaged, my first duty is to my government: my last is to my government; my duty at all times is to my government.

I will see to it that my government is not robbed, that its good name is not maligned, that it is not cheated nor dealt with unfairly at any time or by any person.

The uniform that I wear is a badge of honor that I will keep bright. I will honor it wherever and upon whomsoever it may be seen.

I am a brother to my comrade in arms. I live with him, as I expect to die with him, in the honorable atmosphere of a soldier.

In my daily labors, I will keep

this thought present; the materials my government has given me, and the men who labor with me, I will use as if they were my own and as though I were paying for their service. I will not be extravagant in expending them but will exercise the strictest economy at all times in their use.

My undeviating aim will be to make myself efficient; to make my company efficient; to make my regiment efficient; to make my country efficient, for efficiency is lasting.

Above all things, I will consecrate the powers of my entire being to the destruction of the public foe.

Inspire me, O Lord, to keep my sight set upon this, my creed, that my country may be strong in all its righteous deeds.

OBSERVATIONS.

BY THE EDITOR

America shall win the war;
Therefore I will work,
I will save,
I will sacrifice,
I will endure,
I will fight cheerfully and do my utmost as if the whole issue of the struggle depended on me alone.
TREPTOW, Private, "A.E.F."

After he had been dropped by a machine gun bullet, while attempting to carry a message through a curtain of fire, the companions of this Iowan, Treptow, found the above pledge in the pocket of his blouse.

And is there any wonder that the members of his company, after they had laid him gently away, took his pledge for their own? For after all is it not the pledge of every member of the "A.E.F." and of the American Army in training here?

"Go over the Top with Empey" reads an advertisement. We can't imagine it. The only thing that those we have seen could do is to hold down a few of the flags around Sixteenth and Farnam.

I see where several of the twinkling lights of old Broadway were pulled in on this last draft. "Acting buck privates." Eh! What?

"The quarantine is over," says Philbert McNutt. Oh, yes, we're quite aware of the fact. It covers all of us.

What a salvation if the little white "flu" masks that have made their appearance around the post could be used to muzzle some of the more strenuous of our hot air artists.

In the theaters all over the country we now have the usherette. What a relief to our soldiers in embryo if the hard boiled supply sergeants should be supplanted by "the issue-ette."

It sure is an ill, ill wind that does not blow good to some poor soul. Even the quarantine has its virtues. Think of our poor, tired, fluttering butterflies. What a time for them to catch up on sleep.

My old "bunkie", Roy Elmanford, writing for the Kelly Field Eagle muses on whether or not the "flu" is any relative of the well known fly, Spanish species. "No, Roy old top. I have just convalesced from an attack of that same 'flu,' and take it from me, I am feeling anything, anything but 'fly.'"

Sergeant Rumor says "It's a sad but true fact that we're going to get out Saturday." Oh, yes, Sergeant, sad but true all right, but we're inclined to think it's a case of the more said, the less true.

The Piker Philosopher says that there will be a big saving to the men and a big loss to the bootleggers during the quarantine. Yes, Piker, old scout, but think of the loss to the government in the supply of vanilla and lemon extract.

McAdoo's first three sales of Fourth Liberty Loan bonds is an excellent example of American democracy. He sold the first to President Wilson on installments; the second to Baruch, the multi-millionaire, a million dollars' worth; and the third to a negro woman servant, a \$50 bond the first installment of which she paid to the Secretary of the Treasury in small change.