

SOLDIERS IN WAR BELIEVERS IN LUCK

Many Who Are at the Front Expect to Be Killed, with Feeling that They Cannot Escape Their Fate.

TAKE CHANCES AND HIDE TIME

(Correspondence of the Associated Press.) PARIS, April 24.—"Many of us, soldiers and officers," says an officer who has been at the front since the beginning of the war, "have faith in a mysterious power analogous to antique fatalism which disposes of our sort. Those that it favors we say are in luck. The greatest imprudence does not affect their invulnerability. Others seem fated to sacrifice; if they escape from a pitched battle, a spent ball or a fragment of shell will get them the following day, miles behind the trenches, while they are in apparent security."

"This instinctive belief brings a certain tranquility, not only to those who think that they are in luck, but to those also who are in doubt whether they possess a lucky star. 'No one escapes his fate,' they say. 'If one is slated for death, what's the good of taking precautions; the bullet that's intended for me will find me.'"

"Certain cases seem to bear out this superstition. One of them was related by an officer of the general staff, tall, cool, almost as phlegmatic as an Englishman behind his eyeglasses, and so careful to exaggerate nothing that he seems to contemplate the most tragic events with the wrong end of his eyes glass.

Expected to Be Killed. "I ought to have been killed 100 times," he told me. "At the moment of the general mobilization I was in the staff of the general of division, to whom I was personally attached after years of very close collaboration; he treated me somewhat as his personal aide-de-camp. I went everywhere with him. A few days after the declaration of war he was informed of the death of his wife, whom I knew he adored. He concealed his pain, but I understood at once that the blow had morally crushed him and that he had made up his mind to get himself killed. He took me with him where the bullets were thickest. The division was on the eastern front, and, alongside the storm of shrapnel that burst above our heads the German bombardments of today are small incidents. Every other day we went to the first line, and while the men lying round us fired at the Germans, we remained erect to encourage them."

"One afternoon we had passed four hours under the enemy's shells. From time to time, I said to myself, 'I am even in five minutes, perhaps, it'll be my turn.' But we were neither of us touched. Another day, after a very violent engagement in which we had been obliged to give way, one of our batteries remained stuck between the two armies. I proposed to reconnoitre the position to see if it was possible to bring it back. I intended to go alone and to come back quickly. But the general declared he would go along. It was vain to remark that it was not his place, he replied with some feeling that he had no orders to receive from me."

Stream of Bullets.

"Everything went well and we reached the position of the battery without any trouble. There remained only two men, a major and a private soldier, guarding the battery, firing with all their energy to make the enemy believe that the position was still occupied in force. We succeeded in getting the pieces into shape and dragging them out of danger, but instead of following the direct route toward our lines, the general proposed that we make a little detour. 'In order,' he said, 'that the men may not have the impression that we are retreating.' We followed a route on the side of a hill, which during several hundred yards passed over a space of absolutely uncovered ground between the two firing lines. If I had been alone I should have covered that space at double quick. The general though, declared that this precipitation would have produced a bad effect upon the troops, so it was at a walk that we crossed this exposed ground offering ourselves as targets to the German infantry."

"The balls whistled around us incessantly—so thickly that the leaves on the trees along the route fell as in an autumn storm. Neither of us received a scratch, neither were our horses touched. I asked the general if he did not think it marvelous that we should have passed unscathed through this storm of bullets. He shook his head sadly and said: 'The bullets don't seem to want me.' As for me, since that trial there is nothing that surprises me. I sincerely believe I'm in luck and am quite sure that the Germans will never get me."

Boasting Bachelor of California House Kissed by Fair Lobbyist

SACRAMENTO, Cal., April 24.—Assemblyman Maurice E. Browne, author of a constitutional amendment to impose a tax of \$10 a year on all bachelors over 30 year of age, and advocate of strict moral reform laws, boasted to a fair lobbyist in the house yesterday that he was 40 years old and had never been kissed except by his mother. Without hesitation the lobbyist threw her arms around the neck of the tall assemblyman and kissed him. The incident occurred while the assembly was in informal session under a call of the house and in an instant Browne's desk was surrounded by a shouting, cheering crowd of his colleagues. A near-riot ensued.

GERMANS DRIVE WEDGE THROUGH LINE OF ALLIES

(Continued from Page One.) LONDON, April 24.—The war office today says the following official note: "The fight for the ground into which the Germans penetrated between Steenstrate and Lanencmarck still continues. The loss of this part of the line laid bare the left of the Canadian division, which was forced to fall back in order to keep in touch with the right of the neighboring troops."

"In the rear of the latter had been four Canadian 47 guns, which thus passed into the hands of the enemy. But some hours later the Canadians made a most brilliant and successful advance, recapturing these guns and taking a considerable number of German prisoners, including a colonel.

"The Canadians had many casualties, but their gallantry and determination undoubtedly saved the situation. Their conduct has been magnificent throughout."

Germans Use Chemical Bombs. PARIS, April 24.—The asphyxiating bombs used by the Germans in their attack near Ypres were thrown at numerous points along a front of three miles, according to information that has been received from the front. The contents of these missiles were largely chloride mixed with other chemicals.

The Germans threw these bombs when the wind was blowing from them in the direction of the French trenches. The fumes caused uncomfortable breathing and a smarting of the eyes at a distance of nearly two miles behind the trenches, and they were so powerful that the Germans had to wait themselves a considerable time before they could occupy the evacuated trenches.

During this delay the French troops recovered from the effects of the fumes, delivered a counter attack and regained most of the ground lost. The German supply of chloride bombs apparently had been used up by their first advance. They had no more to throw and they gave way before the resolute bayonet attack of the French. The bombs themselves are thrown by means of a hand sling, such as boys use for throwing stones.

Notes from McGehee County.

BEATRICE, Neb., April 24.—(Special.)—Samuel Rodder, a farmer living near Filley, sustained two broken ribs, a dislocated shoulder and possibly internal injuries in a runaway at his farm Friday. Mrs. Frank Zaribnick was bitten by a rattlesnake Thursday morning at her home near Odell while going to the field with lunch for her husband. She killed the snake, delivered the lunch to her husband and then walked back home, where she was given medical attention.

New State Veterinarian.

PIERRE, S. D., April 24.—(Special Telegram.)—Governor Byrne today appointed Dr. J. E. Phelps of Alexandria as state veterinarian to succeed Dr. Saby, resigned. He appointed L. M. Davis of Winner as a member of the State Live Stock commission to fill the vacancy caused by the advancement of Phelps.

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Terre Haute Council Impeaches Roberts

TERRE HAUTE, Ind., April 24.—Mayor Donn M. Roberts, recently found guilty, with twenty-seven other Terre Hauteans, of conspiracy to corrupt the election here on November 3, 1914, was impeached today by the city council by a vote of 7 to 3. Roberts is now in the federal prison at Leavenworth, Kan., serving a six-year sentence on the election conspiracy conviction. He was charged in the council proceedings with malfeasance in office.

DEATH RECORD

John T. Ashcroft. BIGLE FOURCHE, S. D., April 24.—(Special.)—J. J. Ashcroft received a telephone message Tuesday morning, announcing the death of his father, John T. Ashcroft, at Camp Crook that morning. Mr. Ashcroft accompanied by his brother, Dick, of California, left Tuesday morning for Camp Crook to attend the funeral. John T. Ashcroft was one of the old timers of northern Harding county.

John J. Grinnett. TECUMSEH, Neb., April 24.—(Special Telegram.)—John J. Grinnett, died at his home here today, after a long illness. He was a native of West Virginia, and was aged 82 years. The Grinnett family came to Tecumseh twenty years ago. Mr. Grinnett is survived by the widow and several children. The funeral will be held at the home Sunday afternoon in charge of the Masonic order.

Rene De Saint Marceaux. PARIS, April 24.—Rene De Saint Marceaux, the sculptor, died last night at his home in this city at the age of 70 years. Many of his works are famous and occupy places of honor in Paris. He was elected to the Academy of Fine Arts in 1905, to succeed the late Paul Dubois.

Mrs. D. Daniel. SUPERIOR, Neb., April 24.—(Special Telegram.)—Mrs. D. Daniel, one of the old settlers of this community, died this morning, after being sick since Easter from a paralytic stroke. The funeral will be held tomorrow.

State Guaranty Fund Board.

PIERRE, S. D., April 24.—(Special Telegram.)—The board to act with State Examiner J. T. Wingfield as the State Banking commission to look after the administrative work of putting the state guaranty act into actual operation was selected by Governor Byrne this evening, as follows: H. H. Lien of Sisseton, Lewis Jacobs of Lenox and William H. Hoesa of Spencer.

Lot's Sold at Auction.

CAMBRIDGE, Neb., April 24.—(Special Telegram.)—The opera house lots sold today for \$80 at public auction to Robert Rankin. The building burned one year ago and the lots were sold in order to make a division of assets to stockholders.

Reparation Given to Hull.

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ALBERT A. CLARK. Caught by the camera at Seventeenth and Farnam streets as he was going to court with his attorney, W. J. Connel.

CLEAR LAKE MEN MAKE A BOOSTING TRIP TO OMAHA

CLEAR LAKE, Ia., April 24.—(Special.)—All three of the summer hotels here are undergoing extensive repairs and improvements, which means much better service to the thousands of summer tourists. The Lakeshore is having a new porch built along the entire front, is being repainted throughout and extensive improvements on the interior. The Oaks hotel is doubling its garage accommodations, adding eight new stalls, and also making considerable improvements on the interior of the hotel. The Oakwood Park hotel is having the porch repainted, electric lights installed, and considerable done in the way of interior improvements. C. F. Crane and D. C. Branson have just returned from a three days' trip to Omaha in the distribution of printed matter for the Commercial club. This is to be followed by newspaper advertising and a very large increase of summer business is expected from this point. The Chicago Great Western railway is assisting the Commercial club in this effort for more southwest business at Clear Lake.

TECUMSEH PIONEER DIES IN WASHINGTON STATE

TECUMSEH, Neb., April 24.—(Special.)—Martin V. Easterday, for many years a resident of this community, died at the home of his son, Milton Easterday, in Tacoma, Wash., yesterday. Had he lived until August 29 next he would have been 90 years of age. Mr. Easterday had been in failing health for several years. He was a native of Jefferson county, O., and in an early day located in Johnson county, Nebraska. Mr. Easterday had served as treasurer of this county, and had represented the county in the state legislature. He is survived by four sons, Milton, Stephen, Joseph and Philip Easterday, all of whom live in the Pacific northwest. The body, accompanied by Milton Easterday, probably will reach Tecumseh Monday.

HYMENEAL

Christie-Henningsen. SUPERIOR, Neb., April 24.—(Special Telegram.)—Today at 1 o'clock at the home of her parents, Mr. and Mrs. F. A. Henningsen, Miss Marie Theresa Henningsen and Kenneth Christie of Butte, Mont., were married by Rev. J. M. Hamilton of the First Presbyterian church. The bride is the daughter of F. A. Henningsen of the Henningsen Produce company, and the groom is a young business man of Butte, Mont.

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Advertisement for Taft's Dental Rooms. Includes text: "Honesty built our business", "to one of the largest practices in Nebraska. We tell you on first consultation just what you need and exactly what cost of same will be.", "PAINLESS EXTRACTION BY VITALIZED AIR.", "Taft's Dental Rooms", "1517 DOUGLAS STREET."

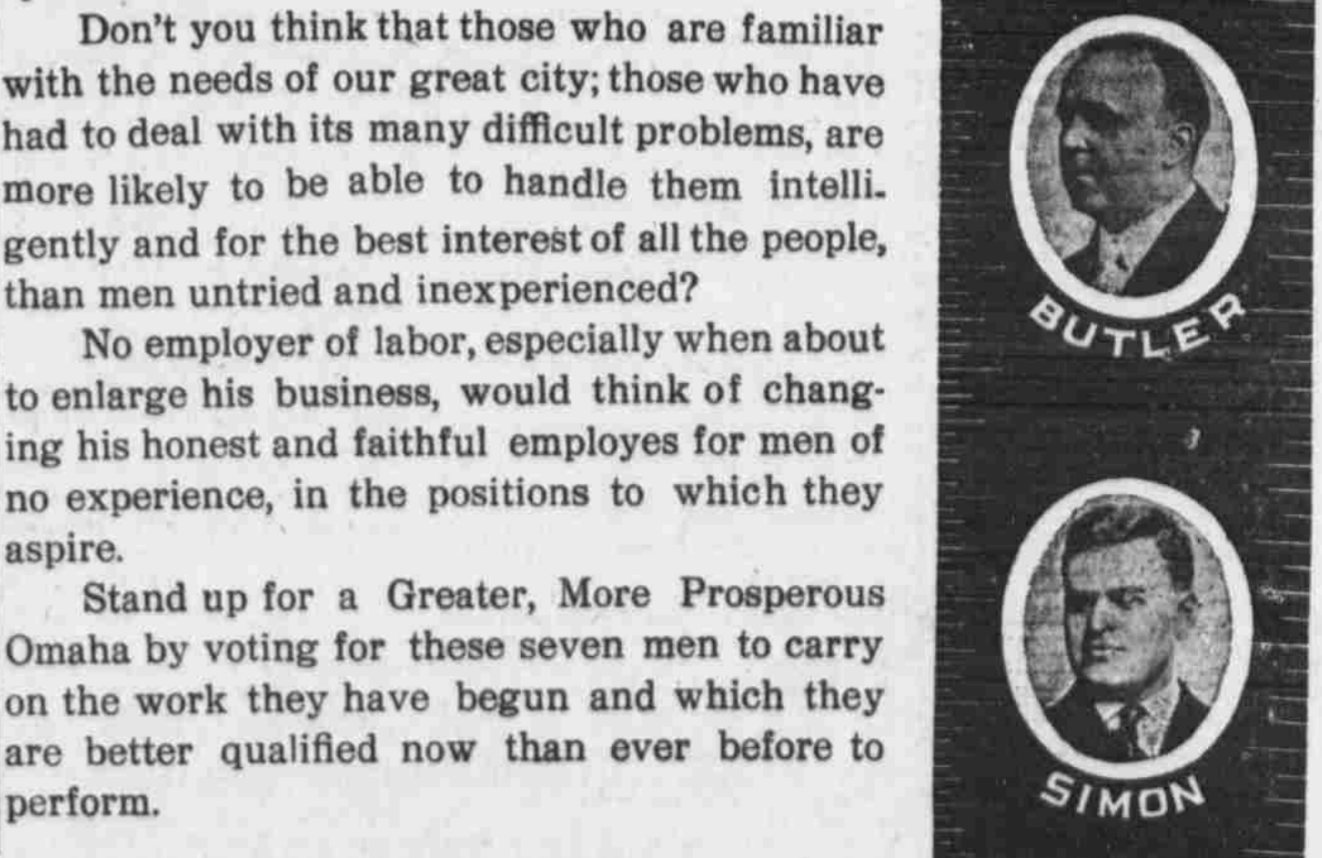
Advertisement for Thompson, Belden & Company. Includes text: "THOMPSON, BELDEN & COMPANY", "This is a Season When America Travels at Home", "The two largest expositions ever known are attracting their multitudes to the shores of the Pacific; the wonderful National Parks with their unsurpassed scenery, the mountains, the seashore, and innumerable delightful lakes—are all assisting to make this the greatest home traveling era America has ever enjoyed.", "For those who journey we have provided all the little niceties of dress that do so much toward making a trip a pleasure, and impart to women the undeniable prestige of being well dressed.", "TAILORED SUITS ARE MOST POPULAR FOR TRAVEL WEAR—And in our complete stocks you'll find we have anticipated your every desire; \$19.50, \$25, \$29.50.", "FOR THE COOL EVENINGS OF THE MOUNTAINS OR LAKES—You'll appreciate a loose fitting flare coat, \$10.50, \$14.50, \$18.75.", "FOR SPORT WEAR—For canoeing, mountain climbing, riding, or any other out-door sport—You'll like this special offering of divided khaki skirts, priced at \$4.95.", "FOR THE TRAIN—You'll need a Pullman Robe, either with or without the hood, \$5.00.", "Our Fashion Service Offers Real Assistance in all matters pertaining to dress.—Consult with us at any time—We are at your command."

Let Well Enough Alone FOR CITY COMMISSIONERS:



A Word With You, Mr. Voter:

The people of Omaha in selecting their public servants at the election to be held on Tuesday, May 4th, should keep this fact uppermost in their minds. Greater Omaha will soon be a reality, bringing with it not only its advantages but its responsibilities. Don't you think that those who are familiar with the needs of our great city; those who have had to deal with its many difficult problems, are more likely to be able to handle them intelligently and for the best interest of all the people, than men untried and inexperienced? No employer of labor, especially when about to enlarge his business, would think of changing his honest and faithful employes for men of no experience, in the positions to which they aspire. Stand up for a Greater, More Prosperous Omaha by voting for these seven men to carry on the work they have begun and which they are better qualified now than ever before to perform.



Let Well Enough Alone POLLS CLOSE AT 6 P. M.

TRENTON WINS DISTRICT DEBATE FROM OXFORD

OXFORD, Neb., April 24.—(Special.)—Trenton High school won the championship debate for the southwestern district from the Oxford High school here last night. Trenton had the negative and Oxford the affirmative of the least objection. "Resolved, That the United States government should adopt government ownership and operation of the railroads." Trenton was represented by Ray Wert, Elbert Taylor and Maurice O'Byrne. Oxford was represented by Meritt Springer, Fred Hellner and Ralph Cole. Superintendent Mannix of Trenton presided. The judges were Attorney Frank Anderson of Holdrege, Prof. Wilkerson of the Kearney Normal and Congressman Barton of Grand Island. Decision was unanimous for Trenton.

Friday was visitors' day for the Oxford public schools, as the normal training students from Orleans, the normal training students from Holdrege, the Cambridge base ball team, the Trenton debating squad and the Mascot teaching force were present as visitors.

DIFFICULTY EXPERIENCED IN FINDING SUPERINTENDENT

KEARNEY, Neb., April 24.—(Special Telegram.)—Three superintendents have been in charge of the office of county superintendent in Buffalo county within the last twenty-four hours. Superintendent Elliott, who was appointed registrar of the state normal school here, was replaced by John Jameson at a meeting of the board, but it was soon found that he was disqualified because of not being in the schools during the last three years. The board then chose Superintendent Nichols of Gibbon to fill the vacancy and he will take up his new duties soon.

In the Movies at the Hipp



"I CAN NEVER MARRY YOU."