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SOCIETY NIGHT ACTS AS MAGNET FOR AUTO SHOW

Big Auditorium is Crowded with Society Folk, Who Turn Out in Large Numbers to See Enormous Display.

EVENING DRESS IN ORDER

Visitors, Factory Men and Many of Local Dealers Don Conventional Black for the Occasion.

MANY WOMEN IN ATTENDANCE

It was society night at the eleventh annual Omaha motor exposition last night. And it was society night not only in name but in fact. If there were any other social functions last night they must have been dull and dismal failures. For the huge municipal Auditorium was crowded until it seemed not another person could force an entrance.

The admission last night was advanced from the usual price of 35 cents to 75 cents. But the increased tax was responsible for no hesitancy in attending the show. In fact it seemed as if the increase accelerated interest in the show and inspired an eagerness to attend on society night.

Evening clothes were strictly in order. They even seemed in the majority. Many of the dealers and salesmen were attired in the conventional black apropos of formal occasions. Others more of a turn of mind to scorn the conventionalities were content to make their appearance in usual business attire. Selling an automobile while "dressed up in a bunch of swells" was regarded as incongruous by some of the local men and they refused to wear their evening clothes. "We're here for business," they protested, "not to make an exhibition of swill scenery."

Factory Men Not Backward.

But the factory men were in an entirely different mood and they made up for all deficiencies of the local men. They came prepared for society night, had their pot claspers with them and had been waiting in expectancy all week for the big night. They were right on the job with the latest models of the fashioner's art and observing Omaha young men picked up a few new ideas in evening clothes' designs.

Flowers were profusely scattered about the Auditorium last night in observance of the occasion. In the cars, around the cars along the little picket-fences, on the sidewalks, around the lights, along the balcony wall and even on the sturdy trucks. Every part of the Auditorium was littered with the blossoms.

Many Women Attend.

The feminine contingent was well represented last night, too. There was almost as many women present as there was men. They took a lively interest in the displays and they asked just as many questions about the variety of colors and the little adornments of the cars as the men did about the motors and chassis.

That the women were welcome was

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Kugel Will Propose Bond Proposition For a New Station

City Commissioner Kugel will introduce at the next council meeting an ordinance authorizing submission to the voters at the April primary election a bond proposition for a new city jail and central police station.

The cost will approximate \$125,000. Similar bonds were defeated two years ago. It is proposed to sell the old jail and station site at Eleventh and Dodge streets and buy a location in the old district. Accommodations will be provided for the chief of police and rooms for the policemen when they report for duty. The police court will be included within the structure.

The need of a modern city jail and police station has been referred to for several years.

The Weather

For Omaha, Council Bluffs and Vicinity—Fair, rising temperature.

Temperatures at Omaha Yesterday.

Hour	Temp.	Dir.
6 A. M.	32	W
7 A. M.	32	W
8 A. M.	32	W
9 A. M.	32	W
10 A. M.	32	W
11 A. M.	32	W
12 M.	32	W
1 P. M.	32	W
2 P. M.	32	W
3 P. M.	32	W
4 P. M.	32	W
5 P. M.	32	W
6 P. M.	32	W
7 P. M.	32	W
8 P. M.	32	W
9 P. M.	32	W
10 P. M.	32	W
11 P. M.	32	W
12 M.	32	W

Comparative Local Record.

Official record of temperature and precipitation compared with the corresponding period of the last three years.

Year	Highest	Lowest	Mean	Precipitation
1915	39	20	29	39.90
1914	40	21	30	38.00
1913	41	22	31	37.00

Reports from Stations at 7 P. M.

Station and State	Temp.	High	Low	Wind	Rain
Cheyanne, clear	38	42	30	W	0.00
Davenport, cloudy	38	42	30	W	0.00
Denver, clear	46	54	36	W	0.00
Des Moines, clear	38	42	30	W	0.00
North Platte, clear	40	48	32	W	0.00
Omaha, cloudy	32	40	24	W	0.00
Rapid City, clear	38	42	30	W	0.00
Sheridan, clear	42	48	34	W	0.00
Sioux Falls, clear	42	48	34	W	0.00
Valentine, clear	38	42	30	W	0.00

—Indicates below zero.
L. A. WELSH, Local Forecaster.

BATTLESHIP COULD WHIP WHOLE YANKEE FLEET IN THE PACIFIC

Admiral Winslow Says Entire American Navy in Western Ocean Might Be Easy Victim for Single Boat.

IS ALTOGETHER INADEQUATE

Crozier Says Heaviest of New Fortifications Placed at Mouth of Chesapeake.

FINE SPOT FOR LANDING TROOPS

WASHINGTON, Feb. 24.—While the huge military committee was taking steps today toward getting its bill for increasing the regular army and federalizing the National Guard before the house within ten days, the naval committee was being informed by Admiral Cameron McR. Winslow that the entire Pacific fleet, which he commands, might be an easy victim for a single good enemy battleship.

Admiral Winslow made the statement smilingly. Pressed by Representative Stephens of California for an exact description of the condition of the ships under his command he said the force was wholly inadequate, even with all its reserves called out, to meet any probable enemy in the Pacific. What plans the Navy department had for meeting an emergency there or in the Atlantic, however, he said were matters of strategy which he did not care to reveal except in confidential session.

More Questions to Ask.

Representative Stephens agreed that this discussion should be postponed, but said he had many questions still to ask regarding the Pacific fleet. He will pursue the subject tomorrow.

The military committee is making rapid progress in considering the bill which Chairman Hay was authorized to frame and which now has been printed confidentially. It is expected this draft will be made public this week and that it will be favorably reported to the house some time next week. It is hoped to have its consideration by the house fixed to follow the inauguration of the new committee sitting all day at its task and perfecting the measure, and it was suggested today that night sessions might be started to hasten the work.

Further light on the War department's plan for additional coast defenses also was explained today when testimony of Brigadier General William Crozier, chief of army ordnance, before the fortifications committee became available. The committee has had no open hearings.

Amplified Position.

While General Crozier told the military committee of both houses the substance of his recommendations, his statements before the fortifications committee amplified his position somewhat.

The heaviest new fortifications, General Crozier said, will be placed at the mouth of Chesapeake bay, which he described as one of several places where "facilities for land operations are so good that it is worth while to especially fortify them to prevent that operation, notwithstanding that they are not places where inadmissible damage can be done by the guns of a fleet." At other points, such as Rockaway Beach, N. Y., and San Francisco, he said 16-inch guns mounted in turrets would be added to the batteries.

Settlement of the Sioux City Strike Seems Probable

SIoux CITY, Ia., Feb. 24.—Early today the prospects seemed favorable for a settlement of the strike in the Sioux City packing houses, involving 1,300 employees. Representatives of the strikers probably will confer with packing house officials this morning. Both sides seem anxious to end the strike.

Lack of Quorum Holds Up Fletcher Action

WASHINGTON, Feb. 24.—Only the lack of a quorum prevented confirmation in the senate late today of the nomination of Henry Prather Fletcher as ambassador to the de facto government of Mexico. On a motion to confirm the roll called showed 34 affirmative votes and 12 in the negative. This was three short of a quorum and the senate adjourned to take up the nomination tomorrow for a final vote.

Text of Gore Resolution Asking Americans to Avoid Armed Ships

WASHINGTON, D. C., Feb. 24.—The text of Senator Gore's resolution requesting American citizens to avoid traveling on armed ships of belligerent nations follows:

"Whereas, A number of leading powers of the world are now engaged in a war of unexampled proportions, and

"Whereas, The United States is happily at peace with all of the belligerent nations, and

"Whereas, It is equally the desire and the interest of the American people to remain at peace with all nations, and

"Whereas, The president has recently offered fresh and signal proofs of the superiority of diplomacy to butchery as a method of settling international disputes, and

"Whereas, The right of American citizens to travel on unarmed belligerent vessels has recently received renewed guarantee of respect and inviolability, and

"Whereas, The right of American citizens to travel on armed belligerent vessels rather than upon unarmed vessels is essential neither to their life, liberty

JEAN CRONES, anarchist and poison chef, hunted by 100,000 police throughout the country for his attempt to kill Archbishop Mundelein and 300 clergy laymen at a Chicago banquet.



JEAN CRONES

ATTACK WAR TRAIN IN TACOMA YARDS

Austrians Cut Air Hose Between Cars of Freight Bearing Supplies for Allies.

CREW FIGHTS THE MEN OFF

TACOMA, Wash., Feb. 24.—Boidly attacking a Great Northern freight train loaded with automobiles and war supplies for shipment to Russia from Seattle, in the Northern Pacific freight yards near the Union station, Tacoma, today, six or eight men cut the air hose between cars in five places, and cut the train in four sections. The train crew, led by Conductor McLoughlin, fought them off in a rough-and-tumble battle and captured two who gave the names of Sam Rusky and John Ross and their nationality as Austrian. They were held.

Conductor McLoughlin said that while the train stood in the yard a little group of men tried to secrete themselves aboard. The crew drove them away two or three times. Just as the train was to pull out, the concerted attack was made. Great Northern freight officers in Tacoma said it was known that the train carried a car or two of automobiles for shipment to Russia for war use and other export goods, probably for war use, sent from the east. The Northern Pacific train dispatcher here said that the train had been routed around by way of Portland from Spokane, and through Vancouver, Wash., probably to avoid going over the mountains under present snow conditions.

Movie Men Appeal Anti-Trust Suit

PHILADELPHIA, Feb. 24.—The Motion Pictures Patent company and the other members of the so-called movie picture trust, today took an appeal to the United States supreme court, thereby staying the decree in an injunction granted against them which was to become operative today. The appeal was allowed by Judge Dickinson, who decided some time ago that the patents company and its allied companies were violating the Sherman anti-trust law.

Four Pies is Limit Of Wales' Capacity

HASTINGS, Neb., Feb. 24.—(Special Telegram.)—Jack Wales lost 43 today on a bet that he could eat seven pies. The man at the other end of the wager persuaded Wales to drink a glass of milk now and then to "wash 'em down," and the fourth pie was his Waterloo. His doctor thinks he will recover.

Waterloo Court Sends Perjurers to Prison

WATERLOO, Ia., Feb. 24.—(Special Telegram.)—Edward King was today sentenced to ten years in state's prison. He is the third man to be sentenced on a perjury charge in the case of Scriber against the Waterloo, Cedar Falls & Northern Railway company.

J. W. Ackerman is now in the reformatory at Ansonia and David A. Scott was sentenced Monday to ten years in state's prison, both on perjury charges. The court took occasion to refer to growing menaces to justice and spoke of perjury as the most infamous offense known to law, making life, liberty and property safe to no one.

WILSON WILL SEE HOUSE CHIEFS-ON FOREIGN AFFAIRS

Committee Makes Concession to Insurgents by Asking State Department for Evidence of British Orders.

GORE OFFERS WARNING MOTION

Senator Brandegee Objects to Consideration of Bill and Accompanying Resolution.

SITUATION BECOMES TENSE

BULLETIN.
WASHINGTON, Feb. 24.—President Wilson was asked late today to discuss the foreign situation with Speaker Clark, Majority Leader Kitchin and Chairman Flood of the house foreign affairs committee.

It was said that a conference would be arranged at once.

WASHINGTON, Feb. 24.—Pressure for action warning Americans off armed ships apparently made little progress today in congress.

In the senate a bill and a resolution for that purpose offered by Senator Gore democrat, were for the day barred from introduction by objections of Senator Brandegee, a republican, under the rules. Senator Gore announced he would bring them up again tomorrow.

Chairman Stone of the foreign relations committee, who was said to have privately told his colleagues he would not stand against action of the majority, issued a statement counselling against any congressional action until diplomatic negotiations by the president were exhausted.

At one time the house democratic cloak room presented a stormy scene as members in favor of action argued that the president should be notified of the sentiment of the house. Representative Hefflin told the crowd that any effort to pass a resolution against the president's wishes would be overwhelmingly voted down, and that the president would be stung by the party.

Make Partial Concession.

The foreign affairs committee made partial concession to the proponents of action by asking the State department to submit evidences of orders to British merchant vessels regarding armament and war on submarines. This withdrew support from Representative McLemore's resolution, which, in addition to a warning to Americans to avoid armed ships, contained a request for such papers. Support then turned to Representative Foster's resolution, which only would authorize the president to warn Americans off armed ships. Mr. Foster said he would not attempt to introduce it today.

President Wilson's opposition to any action by congress at this time was unchanged.

Discuss Proposal.

A movement to have Chairman Flood, Speaker Clark and Majority Leader Kitchin call on the president and explain the congressional situation started and Mr. Flood discussed the proposal with several members.

Representative Hefflin, one of the acknowledged spokesmen for the president in the situation, said his canvass convinced him there was no chance for such a resolution to pass. In the event of its threatened passage, he said, he would suggest inviting the president to address congress in executive session.

Senate leaders agreed to adjourn tonight until tomorrow instead of con-

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Henry Estabrook and Cummins Will Not Come to Omaha

The republican assembly which was to have been held at the Rome hotel next Monday night under the auspices of the McKinley club, has been indefinitely postponed. The principal speakers at this meeting were to have been Henry D. Estabrook and A. B. Cummins, candidates for the presidency on the republican ticket, but Estabrook and Cummins have notified the local committee they will be unable to attend as they plan to remain in Minnesota until the primary election next month. Thus, the meeting, has been postponed until such date as the candidates may find it possible to be in attendance.

KLOPPED NOMINATED FOR LEIGH POSTOFFICE

WASHINGTON, Feb. 24.—(Special Telegram.)—President Wilson sent the nomination to the senate today of Reginald H. Klopp, 4 as postmaster at Leigh, Neb., and T. M. Simmons as postmaster at Huron, S. D.

Teutons Buy Hundred Thousand Cars of Grain from Roumania

MILAN, Feb. 24.—(Via Paris.)—The Bucharest correspondent of the Secolo says that the second contract for 100,000 carloads of corn, oats, barley and other cereals has been settled between the Austro-German syndicate and Roumania and that it only remains to arrange the method of payment. It is said that the Austro-Germans have agreed to deposit half the sum involved in the National Bank of Bucharest. The delivery of 50,000 carloads of the first contract will be made a month earlier than was expected, as the Danube has not frozen this year.

The correspondent adds that the Austro-Germans have also undertaken to purchase any surplus left over from the 1915 crop, above the 100,000 carloads mentioned and after Roumania's own needs are supplied. Other contracts, he says finally have been entered into, including one for a purchase of locomotives in

AMERICAN MANIKIN 2,000 YEARS OLD—Here is the oldest American antique known, a stone manikin dating from 100 B. C., and found by a Mexican peon ploughing his fields in Tuxtla. It is of conical shape, in jade or nephrite, about six and a half inches high and three and three-quarter inches in diameter at the base. On it are carved the glyphs or symbolical figures which were the writing of the ancient Mexicans.



MEXICAN MANIKIN

NOTES FROM CAPTAIN OF LOST ZEPPELIN

Four Letters from Commander of Airship Sunk in North Sea Are Picked Up by Yacht.

ITS MOTORS FAILED TO ACT

LONDON, Feb. 24.—A bottle has been picked up from the sea containing last messages from the commander of the Zeppelin L119, which was wrecked in the North Sea, and addressed to the commander's parents, wife and little son. The last of the message stated that the airship had dropped and the crew was drowning. A Reuter dispatch from Copenhagen.

The yacht Stella picked up the bottle containing the messages from Commander Uhle, near Gothenburg. Four letters were found, two addressed to the parents of the Zeppelin commander, and one each to his wife and child. The third states that the airship was then 300 meters above the waters, that the motors had failed to act and that all were expecting at any moment to drop. The fourth letter states that the airship had dropped and the crew was drowning.

The L-19 was wrecked in the North Sea shortly after the Zeppelin raid over England on January 31. It is believed to have been one of the Zeppelins which took part in the raid, having been damaged either by British anti-aircraft guns or by Dutch coast defense guns, which fired on a dirigible that flew over Dutch territory at a low altitude.

The captain of the British trawler King Stephen reported he had encountered the L-19 in a sinking condition in the North Sea, but did not attempt to rescue the Germans, as they outnumbered his crew.

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FRENCH REPORT THEIR FRONT IS STILL UNBROKEN

Artillery Duel Continues North of Verdun, with Kaiser Wilhelm on Job Determined to Win at Any Cost.

HE MAKES DAILY SPEECHES

Berlin Reports Capture of Large Wooded District Near Beaumont and Three Villages.

LOSS OF BRABANT IS ADMITTED

BULLETIN.
PARIS, Feb. 24.—North of Verdun the artillery duel continued, but there were no infantry attacks, says the official communication issued by the war office tonight. Between the Meuse and Ornes several furious German attacks occurred, but the front was broken nowhere.

LONDON, Feb. 24.—Emperor Wilhelm has established his headquarters at the German positions facing Verdun, according to information received from Berlin by the Evening News by way of Copenhagen.

The dispatch, which is dated February 23, says:

"According to information received from Berlin, Emperor William since his visit to the Balkans has been in Belgium and France. His headquarters now have been removed to Verdun.

"It is reported the emperor is more energetic than ever, making daily speeches to the troops and encouraging the soldiers not to yield. His majesty is mainly inspired at present with a desire to defeat the French army at any cost."

Germanus Win Again.

BERLIN, Feb. 24.—(Via London.)—Further gains for the Germans in the region north of the French fortress of Verdun were reported by the war office today. The statement says the entire wooded district northwest and northeast of Beaumont and the forest of Herbe are in possession of the Germans.

Announcement also was made of the capture by the Germans of the village of Brabant, Haumont and Samogneux, in the Verdun region. The statement follows:

"Western front: The success was obtained east of the Meuse has been exploited further. The village of Brabant, Haumont and Samogneux have been captured. The entire wooded district northwest, north and northeast of Beaumont and the forest of Herbe are in our possession.

"South of Metz an advanced French post was taken by a surprise attack. The entire garrison of fifty men was captured.

"Eastern front: On the northern sectors of the front there were lively artillery duels and at numerous points patrol engagements occurred. There have been no acts of special importance.

"Balkan front: There is nothing to report."

Admit Loss of Brabant.

PARIS, Feb. 24.—(Via London.)—Fighting is continuing with undiminished intensity in the region north of Verdun, the French war office announced today. Loss of the village of Brabant is admitted by the war office.

The war office announces that the French line has not been broken at any point.

War Emergency Act Declared Valid

PHILADELPHIA, Pa., Feb. 24.—Judge Dickinson in the United States court here today upheld the constitutionality of the act of congress of October 22, 1914, known as the war emergency act. The judge refused to remove a lawsuit he entered in the claim of the Real Estate Title Insurance and Trust company of this city for a return of a portion of taxes paid under the act. The decision is regarded as important, as similar suits are pending all over the country.

TENEMENTS OF PASSAIC BURN; LOSS IS \$200,000

PASSAIC, N. J., Feb. 24.—Fire which last night and early today swept through the tenement district here caused damage estimated at \$200,000 and rendered 240 persons homeless and almost destitute. The fire was caused by the overturning of a candle in the basement of a paint store. A public subscription was started to supply the homeless with clothes and food.

The Day's War News

THE GREAT BATTLE on the western front, where more than 250,000 Germans under the German crown prince are assaulting the French lines along a twenty-five-mile front north of Verdun, is the outstanding feature in the current war news. At least accounts the battle was raging with great fury, both sides keeping up a continuous artillery fire and throwing masses of troops into the fray. Losses on each side have been extremely heavy. In the fighting during the second day of the great battle the Germans pushed their way at points two miles inside the former French lines, penetrating as far as the village of Haumont, less than eight miles from the fortress. The French claim to have checked the advance there.

AFTER THE MEN of the German prize crew on board the captured British steamer Westburn had landed their prisoners on the Canary Islands they took the Westburn outside the harbor of Santa Cruz, Tenerife, and sank it, according to a Santa Cruz dispatch.

AN UNEXPECTED war development is reported from Lisbon, where thirty-six German and Austrian vessels in the Tagus river were seized yesterday by the commander of the Portuguese naval division.

A BOTTLE CONTAINING last messages from the captain of the German Zeppelin L-19, which was wrecked in the North Sea after the recent airship raid on England, has been picked up. The first message said that the airship had dropped into the sea and that the crew was drowning.

GERMANY IS REPORTED to have secured a second contract for 100,000 carloads of Roumanian grain and to have entered into other commercial engagements in Roumania.