

### FOUR ARMY MEN ARE VICTIMS OF GIRL "VAMPIRE"

#### Sensational Depositions Filed in Divorce Suit Involve Sergeant in Signal Corps and Three Privates.

Four soldiers, three privates at Fort Omaha and sergeant in the signal corps, are the victims of an alleged "vampire," a married woman, according to depositions of a sensational nature filed in district court in the divorce suit brought by Lyman G. Wheeler against Ida May Wheeler.

The alleged intrigues are said to have blighted the military careers of the soldiers.

#### Husband Worked Nights.

Mrs. Wheeler is accused of "vamping" the soldiers in her apartments while her husband, a policeman, was on duty nights.

Sergeant Robert Thompson, one of the soldiers, is a divorced man. His former wife and a child live in Chicago.

The depositions relate how the three young men were ensnared by Mrs. Wheeler and pressed with invitations to come to her home, 4812 North Forty-second street, nights, while her husband, a policeman, was on duty.

#### Talked Two Hours.

Percy Heiston, private, telephone operator at Fort Omaha, violated strict regulations of the post to hold an improper telephone conversation with Mrs. Wheeler, which was carried on two and one-half hours, he testified. He says the woman called him at 11:45 o'clock one night. He declares they talked until 1:45 o'clock in the morning.

He alleges she told him that she was unsatisfied with married life with Wheeler. Her heart's desire was Sergeant Robert Thompson, she told him, who was the one man who could take her husband's place.

Thompson says he did not know she was a married woman.

#### Met Her During Carnival.

He met her during the Ak-Sar-Ben carnival, he testified, and later attended a "party" at her home, at which a Rose Anderson and a soldier, Lindstrom, were also present. Thompson says he does not remember anything that happened that night. "It was one of the things a man would rather forget," he said.

An alleged third victim is Private R. L. Rowe, who would not give the name of his home town in California. He said he met Mrs. Wheeler, whom he knew as "Miss" Wheeler, at Rose Anderson's home just before Christmas.

Wheeler filed a petition for divorce December 29, alleging his wife had been guilty of improper relations with a soldier during the early part of the month. After the taking of the depositions an amended petition was filed, alleging extreme cruelty.

### Central City Blacksmith Held Under Espionage Law

#### Grand Island, Neb., Jan. 30.—(Special Telegram.)—Robert Troh, a blacksmith of Central City, was arraigned before United States Commissioner Cleary today on the charge of violating the espionage act. While he denied remarking "He wished to Christ that the Germans would blow up every Red Cross ship that tried to cross the ocean," C. H. Johnson, H. H. Friend, Clarence Rhoades and Frank Barret, all of Central City, testified that he had made this statement in an argument over the war. He was bound over under bonds of \$500. His mother furnished bond.

Robert Gierrecke was arraigned on the charge of having evaded the conscription law. It is stated that in this case the defendant, a resident of Ord, at the time, was a member of the national guard, had inquired of his superior officer if he had to register and was told that it was not necessary. He also was bound over under a bond of \$500.

### Doane College Glee Club Sings Before Lincoln Women

Crete, Neb., Jan. 30.—(Special.)—The Doane college men's glee club made its first appearance this season at the Temple theater yesterday afternoon before the Lincoln Woman's club. The club will be on the program for the conference on reconstruction and World democracy to be held in Omaha February 6, and the conference is under the auspices of the Congregational churches of Nebraska and Iowa, and the Doane club will represent this state on the program in the musical line. The club is under the direction of George H. Aller.

### Bonds Voted for New Bridge Across the Platte at Brady

North Platte, Neb., Jan. 30.—(Special Telegram.)—The election for East Platte precinct bridge bonds for \$30,000 was held yesterday at Brady. Result was 130 votes for and one against. This issue is for purpose of building a state aid bridge across the Platte river south of Brady, the cost of which will be approximately \$60,000. The state will pay \$30,000.

### Another Nebraska Soldier Dies in Camp at San Antonio

Kearney, Neb., Jan. 30.—(Special Telegram.)—Bradley Buck, 25 years old, only son of W. H. Buck, died at the United States army aviation camp at San Antonio, Tex., according to word received here. He enlisted in the army four weeks ago as mechanical expert and was attached to the aviation corps. Spinal meningitis was the cause of death. Arrangements will be made to have the body brought to Gibbon for interment.

### Big Sum Raised at Thrift Stamp Meeting at Chester

Chester, Neb., Jan. 30.—(Special.)—A War Savings stamp meeting was held at the Gem theater Monday afternoon. The sale of the stamps netted \$15,612.50. S. A. Peterson, deputy chairman of Thayer county, gave the address.

### Reorganize Pope's War Exchequer

(By Associated Press.)

Rome, Tuesday, Jan. 29.—An international committee is to be formed to reorganize the finances of the vatican, which Cardinal Gasparri, papal secretary of state, reports in an alarming condition. The committee, one of whose members is to be Thomas F. Ryan of New York, will be called upon to devise means of obtaining funds possibly by the underwritings of a world wide loan.

The vatican's usual sources of revenue, such as rentals from properties and gifts from Mexico, Belgium, France, Austria and the United States, have been reduced or cut off by war conditions. At the same time Pope Benedict daily expends thousands of dollars in war charities, including the sending of food and clothing to prisoners of war in Germany and Austria. Appeals for contributions are received in large numbers at the vatican from many countries.

### Julius Gilbert Elected Principal of Beatrice High

Beatrice, Neb., Jan. 30.—(Special.)—At a meeting of the Board of Education yesterday Julius Gilbert, for the last six years principal of the Pawnee City High school, was elected principal of the Beatrice High school to succeed Paul King, who has resigned to become assistant cashier of a bank at Berlin, Otao county.

Mrs. Fred Sanders, an old resident of Cortland, slipped and fell downstairs at her home Tuesday, breaking her hip and otherwise injuring her.

Henry Zambalem of Olin, Colo., and Miss Anna Borzokofski, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Paul Borzokofski of this city, were married yesterday morning at 9 o'clock at the Catholic church, Father Bickert officiating. They will make their home on a farm near Otao.

The Geneva High school basketball team will play the Beatrice five at the high school gym here next Friday evening.

A. H. Kidd, food commissioner for Gage county, and a number of the township committeemen held a meeting in the Commercial club rooms yesterday afternoon and discussed the food question.

A meeting of the late Company D was held here last evening, when Captain F. D. Owne gave the old members their discharges from service. The company had a fund of \$200, derived from two lectures of Sergeant Hauley. The members voted to send \$50 to Company C at Camp Cody, and to divide the balance between the Red Cross and the Young Men's Christian association.

L. A. Mucke, formerly engaged in the lumber business at Filley, died in a hospital at Lincoln a few days ago. For the last few years Mr. Mucke had been living at York. He is survived by a widow and one daughter.

The Gage county Medical society held its quarterly meeting in the city last evening.

Pearl Awtry, for years employed as a drug clerk in this city, died Wednesday morning at his home in this city of pneumonia. He was first taken ill with an infected tooth, and pneumonia later developed, causing his death. He is survived by his mother and four sisters.

### Kearney Jackie Dies as Result of His Injuries

Kearney, Neb., Jan. 30.—(Special.)—Word was received here yesterday of the death of Quartermaster Frederick Burt Campbell, of the battleship San Francisco. Two months ago he was injured in some manner and transferred to the naval hospital at Brooklyn, N. Y. He informed his relatives here that his injuries were not serious, but yesterday his mother was notified of his sudden death and departed for the east to take charge of the body. Dan, a brother of Campbell, is chief electrician on the U. S. S. torpedo boat destroyer O'Brien, one of the first in the foreign waters when the United States entered the war.

The food administration orders relative to curtailing use of meats, flour and sugar, are being enforced here but not without difficulties. All manners of excuses are offered by merchants and dealers as to why they do not take up with these orders when they become effective but in many cases it usually means a visit of the county administration heads before the orders are heeded. One case of a local grocer, a deliberate violation of the sugar curtailment order, was reported. This dealer, when called for an order of goods including \$1 purchase of sugar, stated that he could deliver but 50 cents worth at one time, but tactfully intimated "that two deliveries were made each day."

This practice was stopped in this particular place. Wheatless and meatless days are being strictly observed in the local restaurants and Liberty loaves made their appearance here Monday.

### Department Orders

Washington, Jan. 30.—(Special Telegram.)—The Postoffice department has sent out proposals for carrying the United States mail in seven ways: between postoffice and railroad stations for terms of four years in the following cities: Beatrice, Grand Island, Lincoln, Norfolk, Neb., and Aberdeen and Sioux Falls, S. D. Bids will be received on March 25. Harold Jareg has been appointed postmaster at Hosking, Logan county, Neb., vice T. H. Reasoner, who failed to qualify.

### GERMAN OFFICER RIDICULES U. S. AS FACTOR IN WAR

#### Declares Greatest Possible American Effort Insufficient to Offset Loss of Russians and Italy's Weakness.

(By Associated Press.)

London, Jan. 30.—"The Truth About the American Army" is the title of a long article written by Colonel Gaedke, in the German socialist newspaper Bremer Zeitung.

"The entente now has pinned its faith entirely to American help," says Colonel Gaedke. "It, therefore, is important that the Germans know just how serious is this American menace."

"The Americans are coming to Europe to meet the most perfect instrument of war that any age ever has seen. Can they do it?" "Secretary of War Baker, recently told us that a million and a half men were under training. With all modesty we call his attention to the fact that the men who still are being trained cannot terrify us. It took the English two years to put a million men in a battle field which was quite near them. The Americans, with the handicap of distance, cannot do better."

#### United States Lacks Officers.

"How are the Americans off for officers? Where are they to get 4,500 generals and staff officers? Mr. Baker said he had 9,000 officers of all ranks in April, but now has 110,000.

"That is truly an American masterpiece of accomplishment—to see 90,000 men and call them officers. Does Mr. Baker imagine that these gentlemen in six, nine or twelve months can become fit to perform the difficult tasks of officers in modern war?"

"What about non-commissioned officers, who are so important for training and holding together an army? Nothing is complete. Everything must be improvised. It is an impossible problem."

"Of the total strength the Americans are able to muster, it has been shown that only a half-million can get to Europe. But when? The entente leaders have got to expect them before next autumn—neutral observers say six months later.

Moreover, these men will arrive still untrained. While perhaps they may be useful for a defensive, they may be considered negligible for any offensive operations.

"The greatest possible American military effort will be too weak and insignificant to make good the loss of the Russians and the weakening of the Italians."

### Coal and Sugar Crisis Now Acute in Chicago

(By Associated Press.)

Chicago, Jan. 30.—Chicago's sugar shortage became so acute today that in several large department stores hundreds of persons stood in line for hours to obtain half a pound for which they were charged 5 cents.

Many of the smaller stores in outlying sections reported their stocks completely exhausted. Restaurants in some cases were reduced to the necessity of serving lump sugar with baked apples and grape fruit, no powdered sugar being obtainable. Relief of present conditions was said to depend on the receipt of supplies from the west which have been held up by congested traffic conditions.

The woes of the smaller householders were added to by an increased shortage of coal in the yards of dealers in all parts of the city. Coal fires were formed outside many yards, hundreds of persons waiting with baskets to obtain a meager supply. Some made desperate by their inability to obtain coal at any price besieged the office of the fuel administration threatening to seize the coal from the cars if relief did not come at once.

ELLIOTT GILFREY, for 12 years foreman of the Kato Construction company, died Tuesday night at his home, 3204 Marcy street. He was 60 years old. Funeral services will be held Saturday, when it is expected his son, Grant Gilfrey, who went to Camp Cody with the Sixth Nebraska, will arrive in Omaha.

### Jerry Howard, With Sweeping Bows, Resigns Job as Watchman

Jerry Howard has resigned his position as watchman at the Walnut Hill water station because the water board did not grant him the increase in pay he demanded some weeks ago. He demanded \$90 a month.

In writing out his resignation to Superintendent A. B. Hunt of the water works he holds that the good book says "a fair day's work for a fair day's pay," and he insists he accordingly did not work by the clock

### Ban on De Luxe Spuds Imposed by Food Heads

Chicago, Jan. 30.—Selected de-luxe western potatoes wrapped in pink tissue paper and retailed at \$4 for a 50 pound box have been placed under the ban by the food administration, it was announced today.

Dealers were notified that to charge \$4 for \$1.50 worth of potatoes simply because they are washed, wrapped in pink paper and placed in a fancy box, will be considered profiteering under the Lever law.

### Chamberlain and Baker Are Now Coming Together

Washington, Jan. 30.—Secretary Baker and Chairman Chamberlain of the senate military committee, chief factors in the controversy over army efficiency, lunched together today at the capitol and the event was regarded as a sign of the efforts to secure a better understanding and friendly composing of differences.

The committee's bill for a war cabinet, Senator Chamberlain said after the luncheon, was the principal subject discussed.

It was urged by the chairman as absolutely essential to successful co-ordination of America's war effort. Although agreeing that co-ordination is necessary, Secretary Baker took the position that co-ordination was being accomplished by reorganization already made and being planned further.

"The chief difference between us," said Senator Chamberlain, "was that I believe affirmative legislative action is necessary and Mr. Baker does not."

"I asked him to think it over and suggest any changes he might desire. The committee is not wedded to any particular plan, but we believe some legislation to establish centralized authority with legal control is necessary."

Senator Chamberlain assured Secretary Baker that the only purpose of the committee was to help and not hinder the administration.

Senator Chamberlain arranged for a cross-examination of Secretary Baker later this week or early next week.

### Farmers Near Table Rock Welcome Recent Snowfall

Table Rock, Neb., Jan. 30.—(Special.) The recent snow fall that fell here to the depth of three or four inches is welcomed by the farmers as being of inestimable value to the winter wheat.

The three churches of Table Rock, holding a series of meetings for trying the experiment of conserving on coal, by alternating the meetings on coal, is a drive recently made in Pawnee City for the sake of the war saving and thrift stamps, which proved to be a great success, as the amount realized from the sale was \$1,950. The town was divided into four sections under the direction of G. A. Sawyer, J. F. Herries, James Waddell and Myron Van Horn.

News has been received here of the death of Charles W. Fulton, who died at his home in Portland, Ore., after an extended illness, aged 64 years. Mr. Fulton resided here in the late sixties, and early seventies, having graduated from the law office of Capt. George M. Humphrey, in 1875. He served as state senator in Oregon from 1887 until 1902, and as U. S. senator from Oregon from 1903 to 1909. He was a son of Mr. and Mrs. Jacob Fulton, who resided a great many years in Pawnee City. He was also a brother of E. L. Fulton, who served as congressman from Oklahoma in recent years, and a brother of Mrs. W. J. Halderman of Pawnee City, the widow of ex-senator Halderman of Pawnee county.

### Funeral Services for Old Resident of Stella, Neb.

Stella, Neb., Jan. 30.—(Special.) The funeral of Mrs. M. Junlan will be held at the Methodist church in Stella tomorrow. Burial will be in Prairie Union cemetery. Mrs. Junlan died at the home of her daughter in Kansas City where she went a few weeks ago to spend the winter. She was one of the early pioneers of this locality, but the last few years she and her son Eb were the only ones left at the old home farm south of Stella.

### Women in Red Cross.

Washington, Jan. 30.—Of the 255 executives in the 14 division offices of the American Red Cross, 150 are women, according to a canvass just completed. These do not include any chapter officials. It also was shown that 56 per cent of the executives are serving without remuneration.

## New Poke Hats, \$3.75

### For Women, Misses and Girls

THESE ARE very interesting, because they represent styles that are peculiarly adaptable to most any girl or woman. The different type crowns give three separate and distinct styles to choose from.


Made of Milan hemp brims, soft roll and shiny straw crowns. Round crown for the young girls from 12 to 16 years of age. High front and low back telescope shaped crown for misses. Sloping crown with creased center are excellent for women. White brims with black shining crown, with white ribbon. Sand color brim with dark brown crown; sand colored ribbon. Light gray brim with royal purple crown; with gray ribbon. Emerald green brim with taupe crown; with green ribbon.

**Priced at \$3.75**

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- Cast Steel Skates, a pair ..... 85c
- Cast Steel Polished Skates, a pair ..... \$1.25
- Hardened Steel Skates, a pair ..... \$1.75
- Welded and Tempered Nickel Plated Skates ..... \$4.00

**For Women**

- Cast Steel Skates, a pair ..... \$1.25
- Cast Steel Polished Skates, a pair ..... \$1.75
- Hardened Steel Skates, a pair ..... \$2.50
- Welded and Tempered Steel Nickel-ed Skates ..... \$5.00
- Screw-on Skates—\$3.50, \$3.75 and \$6.00

Main Floor

## Good Knitted Sweaters at \$1.00 Each

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Two lots of excellent Sweaters for children, in a wide variety of colorings and different weaves.

- At **\$1.98**—A limited assortment of Children's Wool Knitted Sweaters, with belts and pockets.
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**\$1.50 Wool Shawls and Hoods at 98c**

An assortment of Wool Shawls with fancy borders, also a number of Wool Knitted Hoods.

Second Floor

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- 7½-foot Ash Ski, regular price \$8.00, to close, at ..... \$4.95
- 7-foot Ash Ski, regular price \$7.50, to close, at ..... \$4.75
- 7-foot Yellow Pine, regular price \$2.25, sale price ..... \$1.75
- 6-foot Maple, regular price \$3.25, sale price ..... \$2.50

Main Floor, Men's Building

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