

SAMSON IN DEEP PLOT TO ENLARGE AK-SAR-BEN FOLD

Preceding "Rum Bay" Play Monday Night, Special Drive Will Be Made for 300 Members.

In a special effort to get 300 more members for Ak-Sar-Ben before the opening of the new show of "The Land of Rum Bay" next Monday evening, Samson has launched a special drive for Monday afternoon.

After an organization luncheon at the Hotel Fontenelle Monday noon, 15 hustling teams will cover 15 districts in an offensive to land the 300 members before the opening in the evening of the first show of the season.

"We already have a membership of over 1,200," says "Dad" Weaver, "but we are out to make a mark of 1,500. To get these means an average of 20 new members for each of the hustling teams, but I know we can do it."

Early Start Monday. The plan of the new concentrated campaign will be announced at the Monday noon luncheon in the Palm room of the Hotel Fontenelle. The plan is to have the luncheon over with as soon as possible, so as to get an early start for the drive of the afternoon.

Immediately after the conclusion of the luncheon the members of the committees will go to the Ak-Sar-Ben office to get final instructions in regard to the plan of campaign.

The city has been divided into 15 districts and each team will be responsible for its particular territory. Every possible prospective member in each district will be interviewed personally. Some of the districts cover only one city block, but each office in each building will be reached.

"Land of Rum Bay." Samson promises a rich store of entertainment in the new Den show. "The Land of Rum Bay" is the suggestive title. "It ought to appeal to Omaha people," says "Dad" Weaver. "Enough said."

Tomorrow night will be "Omaha night" at the Den. A week later will be "Stock Yards night." "Seward night" comes next. An extra show will be given on "Newspaper night," June 20, for the entertainment of the visitors to the annual convention of the State Editors' association. "Nebraska City and Plattsmouth night" will follow on June 24, and on July 1 will be given a show for the Mink Shooters' association, which holds its annual meeting in Omaha, beginning with that day.

Through the co-operation of Carrol H. Wright of Hamburg, Ia., a large delegation has been assured from Hamburg and southwestern Iowa for "Hamburg night" July 8. A special train will be run to Omaha for the delegation.

WOMEN MAKING GAS MASKS FOR AMERICAN ARMY

Washington, May 31. — Women who, as wives, mothers and sisters of soldiers have a deep realization of the necessity for painstaking care in their work, make the gas masks for the American army.

"Somewhere in the United States," at a plant whose location, for obvious reasons is not made public, thousands of them are made in the delicate and intricate operations, and in conducting tests on the finished products. They have been organized in military fashion, and specially selected for the work.

"It soon became apparent that the type of women needed could not be secured through the ordinary channels of employment," says a statement of the surgeon general's office which controls the manufacture, "and men were sent to localities displaying service flags to secure the services of women vitally interested, who would be most loyal in their work, and extremely anxious to send out perfect gas masks."

Sewing face pieces, assembling sections and making sure that the finished mask will be impervious to gas are a whole series of complicated operations. Schools were established and the women selected were trained in special courses until they became proficient in all the divisions of the task, the statement adds.

LUENDORFF HAS ABLE ASSISTANTS AMONG HIS STAFF

London, April 23.—Some of the personnel of the German army's general staff are interestingly described by Eugene Zimmerman in an article published by the Berlin Lokalanzeiger. Seven of Ludendorff's associates are named, the first being Colonel von Merz, "a quiet and far-sighted assistant of his chief, with an important and interesting post."

Lieutenant Colonel Wetzell is called "a very clever and serious worker full of knowledge, and often to be found in his chief's room."

Lieutenant Colonel Bauer is said to have been described by Ludendorff as "the cleverest officer in the army." Zimmerman says he has an extraordinary gift for organization.

The other officers mentioned are Major Freiherr, Major von Bockelberg, Major von Harbou, "whose unusual gifts are combined with a convincing eloquence," and finally, "the calm and solid Captain Geyer."

"As the work never gets into arrears," the article asserts, "a small staff is preferable to a large one. Opinions are not always the same, but there is never any personal friction and the submission to decisions is absolute."

Ak-Sar-Ben Rehearsal to Be Held Sunday Afternoon

The last full-dress rehearsal before the opening show at the Ak-Sar-Ben Monday evening will be held Sunday afternoon at the den at 3 o'clock. All members of the initiation crew and of the cast of the show are expected to be present, is the word that has come out from Samson's office.

Omaha Negroes, Both Men and Women, are Playing an Important Part in War Activities; They Boast "Never Was a Negro Traitor"



Lieut. E. W. Killingsworth



Lieut. Craig Morris



Sgt. Elmer Morris



"Bill" Peebles

By MABEL GUDMUNDSEN. The spirit of democracy knows neither race nor color. No people in the world are fighting more bravely for the principles of liberty than the negro soldiers of America and the race in Omaha is setting a fast pace in war work. The negro soldiers are holding their sector of the line "over there" with a courage that bodes trouble for the German cause. The race that won the day for the Americans at El Caney and San Juan are living up to their reputation for bravery in battle. As a fighting man the negro soldier stands high. The boast, "There never was a negro traitor," goes unchallenged, for the military annals of the race are unsmirched by a story of treason.

While their men folks are fighting the women are busy with the many works of mercy which war makes for women. Omaha negro women have a Red Cross auxiliary which has made hundreds of garments for use in hospitals. They meet every Tuesday afternoon at the Negro Woman's Christian Home, Thirtieth and Pinkney streets. The officers include Mrs. I. Bailey, president; Mrs. J. Brown, secretary; Mrs. George Johnson, treasurer.

CRACK AVIATOR CATCHES DUCKS BY SHARP DIVE

American Seaplane Training Camp, Italy, May 30.—The day of an aviator under instruction is a long one in this camp where, thanks to the abounding courtesies of the Italian Navy department, there are plenty of machines. The hours of a student are not at all taken up with the soaring through the heavens, personally conducted by a crack pilot instructor who varies the monotony by sharp dives after lake ducks which, when caught on the wires, are handed over to the Italian mechanics as a bribe to increase their efficiency.

While most of the students have already passed ground work training and examinations whether in France or the United States, this camp is considered an excellent place not only for learning the practical handling of foreign machines, but also for brushing up the element of the official list of studies.

The use of special instruments such as the inclinometers, those registering altitude and the like, and the time when such instruments will fail to register, when a fellow must go by "feel," all open up wide fields for discussion.

It is in these discussions, with the more experienced men about such as a warrant officer, who has grown up in the steam navy and knows sea conditions, that the students get much valuable information on how to act under given circumstances.

"What would you do if a bird struck you in the face and broke your goggles?" is one of the puzzling questions sometimes put. While this accident has never occurred so far as any of the men know, some maintain it comes within the range of possibility.

French Safeguard Historic Monuments in War Zone

Paris, May 30.—Steps have been taken by France to conserve and repair historic monuments in the war zone.

"The historic monuments committee has had a double task to perform," says a report of the budget committee to the Chamber of Deputies. "Its first task has been the removal of pictures, statues, stained glass and wood carvings; its second has been the protection, so far as possible, of what could not be removed.

"Whatever could not be removed, whether within churches or standing in the open, has been protected by means of framework filled with bags

her tiny fingers as he wraps a warm muffler about his swarthy neck. Two of the women shown in the picture have husbands serving as officers in the United States army. Mrs. W. W. Peebles is the wife of Captain Peebles, stationed at Camp Dix, New Jersey, and awaiting overseas orders. The seven-year-old

Fighting Ancestry of Negro Shows Him an Ace When It Comes to War

As a fighting man the negro soldier is ace high. Trace his ancestry:

"Hannibal, greatest of tacticians, in the war between Carthage and Rome; L'Ouverture in the Haitian rebellion against the mighty Napoleon; Attucks, as the first casualty in America's first battle on Boston Common; black sailors with Perry on Lake Erie; Black Sampson at Brandywine; Peter Salem at Bunker Hill; the Ninth and Tenth Cavalry at El Caney and San Juan in Cuba."—The Outlook.

boy is William, jr. He saluted proudly and explained, "My daddy is a captain."

Mrs. Edward Turner's husband, Lieutenant Turner, is stationed at Camp Dodge. He was born in Omaha and is a graduate of the Omaha High school.

Other negro officers from Omaha include Lieutenants Will N. Johnson, Amos Madison and Andrew Reed, stationed at Camp Funston, Kan., and Lieutenants John Burandt and H. J. Pinkett, at Camp Dodge, Ia.

Dr. Craig Morris, dentist, has been commissioned a first lieutenant in the medical corps of the army. His brother, Sergeant Elmer Morris, has been transferred from Camp Funston, Kan., to the fourth officers' training camp at Camp Dodge, Ia. Both are graduates of the Omaha High school and of the Creighton university.

Sergeant E. W. Killingsworth, part owner of a barber shop at 2416 North Twenty-fourth street, has been appointed to the fourth officers' training camp at Camp Dodge.

Sergeant Leo T. Crockett of Omaha and Private Robert Smith of Nebraska City are "over there" in the first-line trenches with Colonel William Hayward's regiment, the old 15th New York Ethiopians, now the 369th United States infantry. Word from Colonel Hayward recently praised the bravery of the men and said: "They are in the highest spirits, even the lame and the sick men beg to be allowed to go into the first-line trenches."

Press dispatches tell the story of two negro Sammys, both wounded, who withstood a raiding party of 20 Germans and saved their comrades from surprise and capture.

Omaha negroes have purchased thousands of dollars worth of Liberty bonds and thrift stamps, more than 2,000 negro homes are 100 per cent in Red Cross membership and all have given generously to the second Red Cross fund.

Practically all the negro porters and waiters in Omaha donated a day's pay to the fund. The negro band, under the leadership of Dan Desdunes, has played without pay at scores of patriotic programs.

Big Tour, Berlin via America, Not Devoid of Pleasure Say Nebraska Men 'On Their Way'

Corporal Joseph Kuyelka, Company D, 314th ambulance train, Camp Funston, Kan., after receiving a grade of 96 in motor work at the Harley-Davidson Motor Cycle school, Milwaukee, had a personal letter of congratulation from Major General Woods awaiting him when he returned to Camp Funston. "Believe me, I am proud of that letter," he writes to friends in Beatmer, Neb., his former home.

Mr. and Mrs. Nelson Shafer, Shubert, Neb., received a letter last week from their son, Melvino, from "somewhere in France," in which he says: "Maybe some day we can all get back to good U. S. A., and me for Nebraska just as quick as I can get there. But I don't want to leave here until the Huns are licked to a finish, and that's just what Uncle Sam is going to do."

Thomas Harris, Company B, 24th engineers, informs his parents in St. Edwards, Neb., in a letter dated about a month ago, that he is but 200 miles from the front. "There were some very interesting sights on our way to camp," he narrates, "among them the buildings, which are all made of stone. The people all wear wooden shoes. The farms are cut up into one-acre fields, with a hedge fence around them. It seems that about one-third of the land is taken up by fences."

"Tell those old sports in Gibbon

of earth. In this way the famous Place Stanislas at Nancy, the facade of the Musée Lorrain and the tombs of the Cordeliers (Grey Friars) have been rendered practically proof against shell and bomb fire.

"In regard to the ruins which the authorities have left in their wake the decision has already been made to give over to total destruction certain relics, but to leave them for future generations as eloquent witnesses of the war.

"There are places which have been the scenes of so much heroism that they have become places of pilgrimage. It is the duty of the state to assure their preservation and protect them from commercial profanation."

Scannell on Real Estate Board

At the meeting of the Omaha Real Estate board Wednesday, B. J. Scannell was elected an associate member of that body

who want to ship anything over here to send Bull Durham or cigarets," was one addition in a letter from "Hook" and "Dump," sons of Mr. and Mrs. C. A. Danner, Gibbon, Neb., who are together "somewhere in France" taking gunners' examinations, according to the missive dated early in April and which was recently received. A more recent letter from "Hook" contained the following information: "Believe me, Dad, this army life is sure a great experience for every young fellow. I made first class gunner and now I will draw \$3 more a month. 'Dump' has left me to go in a big supply train and I suppose when I see him again he will have a real time of stories for the bunch to listen to. Well, tomorrow will be Sunday and I have to meet a nice little French mademoiselle at 2 o'clock tomorrow afternoon—and she sure is a great girl."

Lieutenant Warren MacGregor, dental corps, former resident of Tekamah and a graduate of the Tekamah schools, informed his wife in Wayne, Neb., that he was to leave shortly for France, in a letter dated May 7, and mailed at Camp Upton, Long Island, N. Y.

"There has been a good deal of fighting here, but up to the present no casualties of any kind have fallen my companions from Plattsmouth," was the gist of a letter received last week by Mr. and Mrs. J. D. Lair, Plattsmouth, from their son, Ralph, who is on the battle front "somewhere in France." At the time of writing he had just returned to resting camp, after having been in the front line trenches for two weeks. He says that all the Plattsmouth boys who are seeing service with the Rain-bow division are well and in excellent spirits.

Harold R. Berg, a well known Webster county man, has written to his mother, Mrs. John Hardwick, Inavale, Neb., that he has been transferred to the "tank" company and expects soon to be "up after 'em" in the front line trenches. He has also been promoted to a first class private.

"If you want an idea of a barrage fire, take notice of your next thunder and lightning storm, then after dark put in about two miles of barb wire fence. Be sure there are plenty of

rabbit holes to stumble into, or any rough country will do, the rabbit holes acting as supposed shell holes. We had a regular Nebraska "thunder storm" last night and I sort of enjoyed it. It's part of our duty, and it can truly say great sport, that is when you have a good bunch of fellows to work with, like Company D rates."

The above is how an American soldier, Private Ralph Fisher, Company D, 117th engineers, "somewhere in France" compares a barrage to a Nebraska thunderstorm in a letter to his brother, Simon Fisher, both well known and prominent in Sutton, Neb. He ends his letter with the following paragraph:

"I can't figure the Huns very far, only that I would like to pick one each morning before breakfast. That would be real sport. I am well and trying to make it hot for the boghe."

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