

LINKS CONNECTING THE OMAHA PARKS

Preliminary Surveys Are Made by
Commissioners for Long Outer
Boulevard.

SOME LAND TO BE DONATED

Commissioner Hummel, with Commissioner Jardine and Engineer Townsend, made a preliminary survey of the route of a proposed boulevard from Thirty-sixth street and Woolworth avenue to Elmwood park, a distance of five and one-half miles.

This is one of the links of a nine-mile outer boulevard which will extend to Miller park and will be the largest boulevard project yet undertaken by this city.

The route of the link from Woolworth avenue will be: Thirty-sixth street and Woolworth avenue west through the Field club and county hospital grounds to Forty-second street; southwesterly to Fifty-eighth and Center streets; south to Grover street; west to Sixtieth street and thence north to Elmwood park, where connection will be made with the Happy Hollow boulevard.

Engineers already have secured data on the link from Happy Hollow boulevard to Fontenelle park, a distance of one and one-half miles and a survey now is being made on the link of two and one-half miles from Fontenelle park, skirting Fort Omaha on the north and thence over to Miller park. The completion of the three links mentioned, with the extension of a boulevard from Miller park to Carter Lake park, will provide another boulevard system from Riverfront park to Carter Lake park, going through Hanscom, Elmwood, Fontenelle and Miller parks and terminating at the lake shore drive at Carter Lake, a distance of approximately fifteen miles, exclusive of the lake shore drive.

Much will be done this season and the work will be resumed next spring.

It is stated that a considerable tract of land will be donated to the city along the route of the boulevard from Woolworth avenue to Elmwood park.

Quakers in Holland Help Out Refugees Driven from Belgium

(Correspondence of the Associated Press.)
THE HAGUE, June 13.—British Quakers, or members of the Society of Friends, are working together with the representatives of the American Rockefeller Foundation in behalf of the 1,500 Belgian refugees, who have been provided with temporary homes by the Dutch government in the camp at Uden. The wooden barracks are occupied almost entirely by women and children, as most of the men who were first there have gone to fight in what is left of Belgium for the recovery of the rest of their national soil.

In the well lighted and spacious workshops scattered about the camp, the Rockefeller Foundation has supplied a number of sewing machines and all the necessary material—wool, cotton and flannel—and the women and girls work steadily day after day, making garments of all kinds, apparently pleased to have something to do.

The Quakers, who, by their principles, are not permitted to go to war, are doing remarkable work in northwestern France and Belgium in preparing future homes for the stricken civilians. They have provided them with lumber, tools and workshops, and even here are building small portable bungalows, which the refugees can take with them when they find it possible to return to their country. They succeed in completing one bungalow a day at a cost of about \$200, each building including a comfortable living room and kitchen combined and two bedrooms.

An occasional visit is paid to the refugee camp by representatives of the Rockefeller Foundation, while the Dutch ministers and high officials and their wives also take great interest in the welfare of the Belgian guests of the Dutch nation. On the day of the visit of the Associated Press correspondent, Mrs. Cort van der Linden, wife of the premier, also went through the camp, and in her honor a great Dutch flag, made by the refugees themselves, floated from the flagstaff of the camp.

Swiss Outpost is Occupying Pass at St. Bernard

(Correspondence of the Associated Press.)
ZURICH, Switzerland, July 22.—The famous St. Bernard pass, between Italy and Switzerland, which was traversed by armies in Roman and medieval times, and by Napoleon's army in 1805, is an armed camp. The Hospice, or monastery, at the summit of the pass, whence the monks send out their famous dogs to the aid of travelers in winter, is occupied by an outpost of Swiss soldiers, who took up their abode there in mid-winter, arriving on skis. The abbot and his monks, about a dozen in number, had an easy winter. Very few wayfarers traversed the pass this year, and no disaster occurred. The dogs—the famous St. Bernard breed—had been replaced by a Newfoundland stock—had scarcely anything to do.

The morgues where those who died in the pass are laid have recently been walled up. The morgues are small stone huts. No attempt is made at burial; the bodies of the dead, clad in the garments they wore when the disaster occurred, are lined up against the wall, with sticks driven into the ground to keep them erect. Bodies of men who perished in the pass thirty years ago are packed tightly within these two morgues, kept in an excellent state of preservation by the frost and snow.

DANISH DENTISTS WORK IN GERMAN HOSPITALS

(Correspondence of the Associated Press.)
COPENHAGEN, July 22.—The Danish Dentists' association has received the permission of the war ministry of the country for its members to offer their services to the German army. The Danish minister in Berlin has been empowered to secure the permission of the German authorities for Danish dentists to work in the hospitals in Germany.

CYCLONE-PROOF BUILDING

First National Bank Building to Be
Anchored with Steel Rods at
Eighty-Two Feet.

TO START WORK IN SEPTEMBER

Work on the erection of the fourteen-story First National Bank building is to start by the middle of September. The Chicago firm of architects are constantly working to complete the plans, and have given the bank assurance that in about six weeks from now the plans will be completed. Contractors say it will take no more than ten days to figure the bids. Then the contract will be let and the excavation work is to be started.

This is to be a cyclone-proof building. It is to be anchored to bed rock, literally anchored with steel rods and beams to bed rock which is just eighty-two feet below the present surface of the ground at Sixteenth and Farnam street. The sinking for bed rock has been completed some time ago, and this depth established. Thirty-six piers or caissons of concrete and steel five feet in diameter are to be sunk to a depth of eighty-two feet to rest upon bed rock. These will form the basis for the foundation. They are to be anchored to the bed rock instead of merely resting there.

The building as a whole is to be 50 per cent stronger than the specifications of the city ordinance require. In other words, the building is to be built as the ancient Roman buildings were, for eternity. Extra thicknesses of steel are to be employed everywhere.

The construction is to be of steel, granite, terra cotta and brick. Architects and contractors estimate that this building, if begun in the middle of September of this year, can be completed by August or September of 1916.

CRADDOCK TO PLAN NEW AUDITORIUM AT KEARNEY

J. H. Craddock of Omaha is architect for the new auditorium to be built at Kearney. Plans are on file at the Omaha Builders' exchange rooms, and bids are to be in by August 3.

LET CONTRACT FOR NEW NATIONAL PRINT PLANT

The contract has been let to Kline & Maystrick for the construction of the new plant of the National Printing company. This is to be a three-story and basement brick building to cost between \$35,000 and \$40,000. W. E. Stockman is the architect.

Municipal-Owned Houses Planned in The War Zone

(Correspondence of the Associated Press.)
KÖNIGSBERG, July 5.—Every town of importance in East Prussia that has suffered at the devastating hand of the Russians has decided to incorporate a municipal garden section in its plans for rebuilding.

Many of the destroyed towns are so completely ruined that it is going to be necessary to raise what little is left and construct the whole community anew. This makes it eminently feasible to apportion of a section that can be devoted to the desirable city garden feature. Many of the communities are planning for a series of municipally constructed and owned houses for workmen, single home structures with two, three and four rooms, which can ultimately be purchased by their occupants on the familiar easy-payment plan.

Plans of this character are already well advanced in Gerdauen, Tapiau, Ortelburg, Lyck and other communities, and additional municipalities are preparing to follow suit.

Smugglers Active Taking Delicacies To the Firing Lines

(Correspondence of the Associated Press.)
GENEVA, July 12.—The hostilities between Austria and Italy have weakened in the Tyrol mountainous their liking for smuggling. The soldiers on both sides, forced to fight almost 10,000 feet above the sea level, far from any centers where delicacies such as chocolate and cigarettes may be obtained, are the market to which these smugglers bring their wares. As the men of the Tyrol have been mobilized on all three sides—the Austrian, the Italian and the Swiss—most of the smuggling is done by the women. They make a small fortune in the sale of tobacco, cigars, cigarettes, soap, matches and other articles whose export have been proscribed by all three countries concerned.

Germans Urged to Eat More Mushrooms

(Correspondence of the Associated Press.)
HAMBURG, June 30.—As an auxiliary food supply, of which little advantage is taken, mushrooms are being urged upon German epicures, and especially upon Catholics as substituted for meat on fast days. Dr. von Langemann, a Dresden physician, estimates that there are over 30 kinds of mushrooms in Germany. At least one-quarter of these are not only edible, but nourishing and tasty, while only seven can be classed as poisonous toadstools. The annual crop, if it all harvested, would run into the millions of marks in value, he believes, and would supply hundreds of tons of food. Already the inhabitants of villages in the vicinity of forests have learned to supply themselves with a valuable food that costs nothing but the gathering.

Germany Changes Color of Uniforms

(Correspondence of the Associated Press.)
BERLIN, July 15.—The present German "field gray" uniforms having been found to wear badly, the troops are being gradually supplied with a new uniform of which the coat is gray and the trousers blue-gray. The coat is tested to resist a water pressure of three inches of water for twenty-four hours, while the cloth of the trousers will resist a pressure of five inches of water for the same time.

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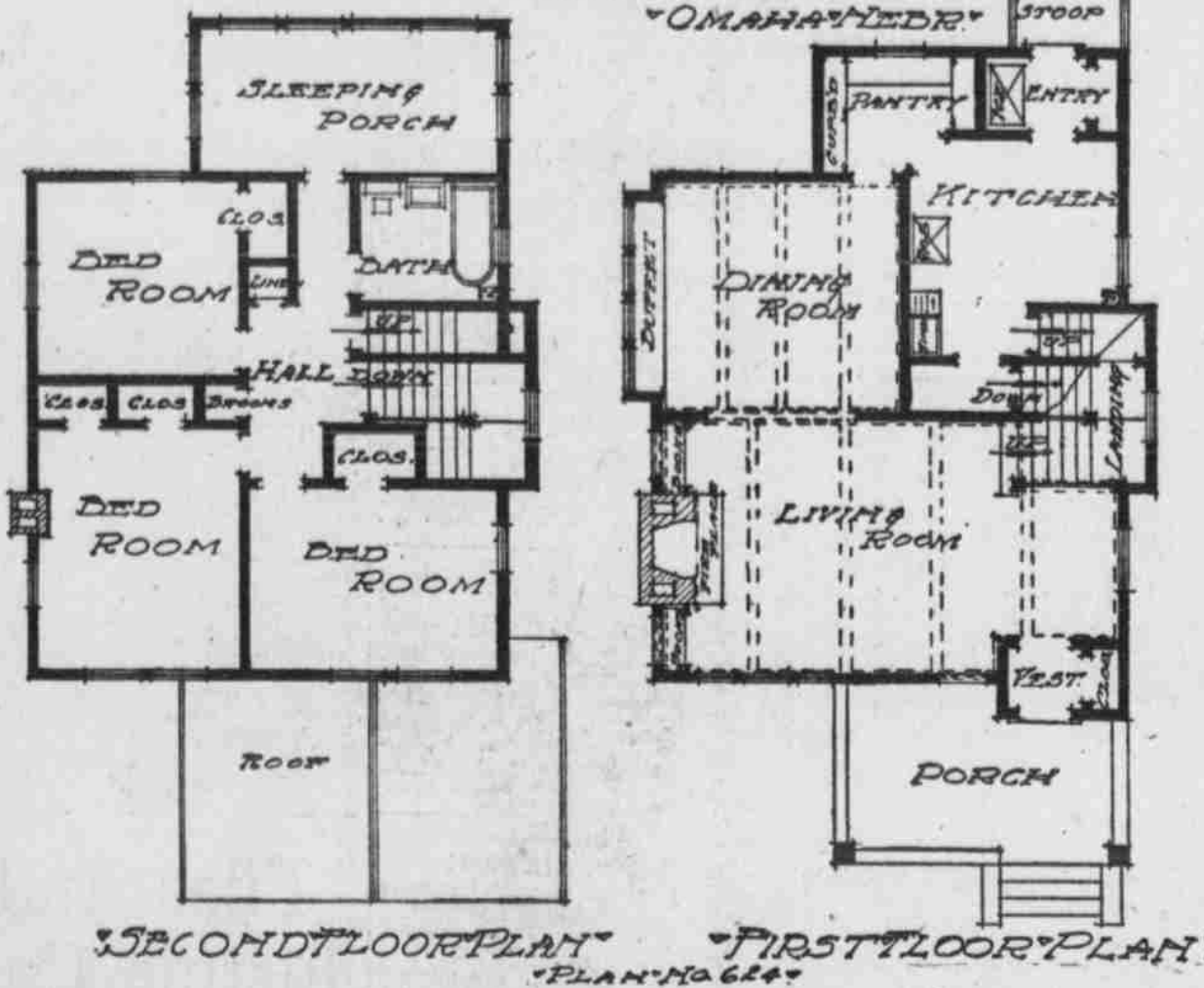
The vestibule with coat closet opens directly into a large living room. A beamed ceiling, built-in bookcase at each side of the fireplace, and a large open stairway leading from the second floor. The dining room is separated from the living room by a large east opening. In one end of the dining room is a built-in buffet and between the dining room and kitchen is a built-in butler's pantry. At the rear of the kitchen is an ice box and entry room with broom closet.

On the second floor are three large bedrooms, well supplied with ample closets, a large sleeping porch and a tile to bath room. Third floor is large enough to finish off two rooms.

The plan is from the office of Everett S. Dodds, and anyone desiring further information relative to the cost of this house or the designing of a new home should get in touch with the architect, who will be glad to render his services. Everett S. Dodds, 612-613-615 Paxton Bldg., Omaha, Neb.



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Federated Improvement Clubs Take
Up Twenty-Fourth Street Move-
ment Started by the Exchange.

ANTICIPATE PROGRESS WEST

The Federated Improvement clubs have taken up the movement for the widening and straightening of Twenty-fourth street in preparation for a future development of the city, which is said to be tending toward Twenty-fourth, so that in a decade or two it will become the leading business street of the city. The Omaha Real Estate exchange started the movement, and appointed a committee of which George T. Morton is chairman, to investigate the feasibility of the scheme and the possible cost. The Federated Improvement clubs have also appointed a committee, and the Southwest Improvement club has done the same. All the committees appointed are to work in conjunction with one another on the matter.

W. H. Green is chairman of the committee of the Southwest Improvement club, and is also a member of the committee of the Real Estate exchange. He has already obtained blue prints of the street with the possible changes that would be necessary, and the committees are going over these.

The idea of all the committees is, not that the city shall have its business section moved at once to Twenty-fourth street, but rather that Twenty-fourth street shall be made ready to handle the business that is one day sure to come there. The idea is to get it wide enough so that when substantial buildings and possible skyscrapers are built there in the future they will be built on the curb line of what will eventually be a wide street, instead of being built so far out that these substantial buildings themselves will have to be cut or moved back when the traffic shall become so heavy on this central artery of the metropolis.

Teachers Afraid To Travel by Sea

(Correspondence of the Associated Press.)
LONDON, July 15.—A number of London school teachers, who were granted leave of absence by the education committee a year ago in order to take up exchange teaching in Canada, have written that they "do not wish to travel by sea at the present time," and therefore wish their leave of absence extended "until the submarine menace is less dangerous." The education committee has decided to extend their leave until January 1.

INVESTIGATING CRACKS IN TOWER OF LONDON

(Correspondence of the Associated Press.)
LONDON, July 15.—Notwithstanding the preoccupations of war, the government has undertaken, through the national physical laboratory, to make an investigation of the cracks in the buildings of the Tower of London, some of which are said to have spread alarmingly during the past year or two.

TAKES FATHER'S PLACE AS A CHIMNEY SWEEP

(Correspondence of the Associated Press.)
VIENNA, July 15.—Many women since the outbreak of the war have taken queer and unusual occupations, mainly masculine work, but no one has chosen a more unexpected "line" than Fraulein Schaefer of Meran, who, since her father was called out as a reservist, has been conducting his business as a chimney sweep.

Originally the father and one son had a monopoly of the chimney sweeping business in Meran. The son went off to war soon after it began, and the father, by herculean efforts, was able to do the work of two. When Italy came in, however, he, too, had to go to the front as a sharp shooter.

The business threatened to go to smash entirely, but the young fraulein accomplished every one by stepping into the breach. In masculine attire she is now a familiar figure in Meran, and has more business than she can attend to.

To Revive Pack Horses.

(Correspondence of the Associated Press.)
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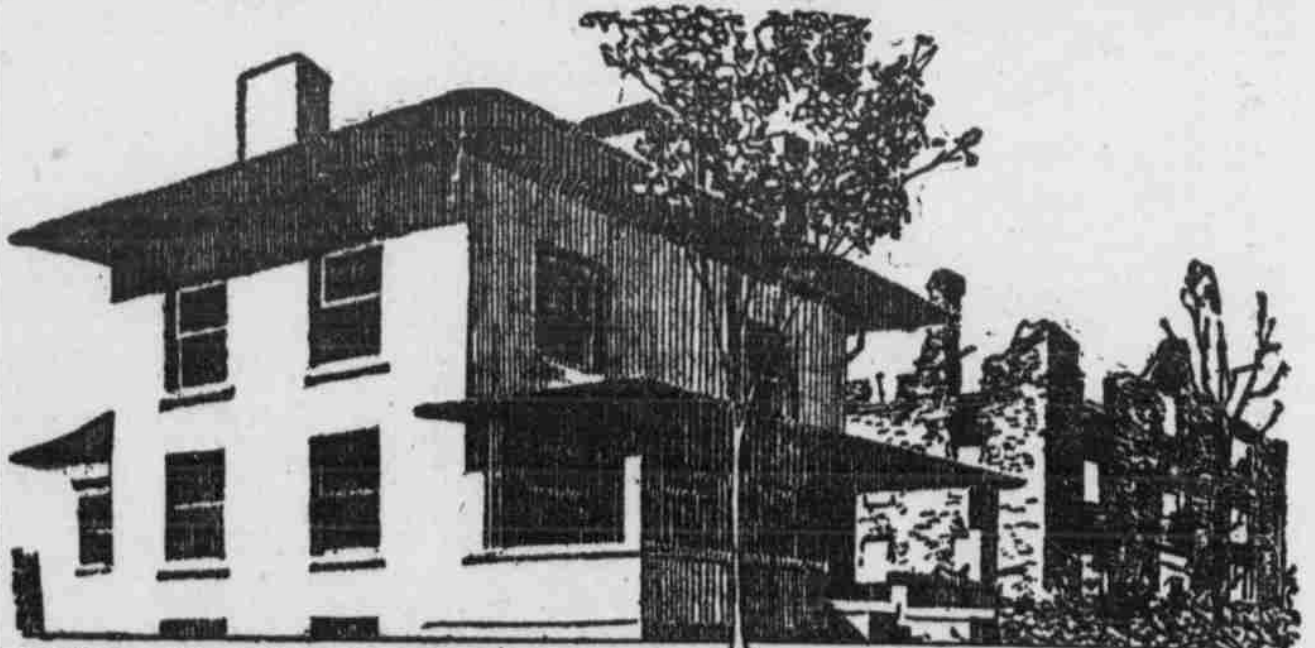
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