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THE FONTENELLE SERVES BANQUET TO ITS SPONSORS

New Hotel Scene of Brilliant Event Attended by Those Whose Efforts Made It Possible.

FIRST NAMES PUT ON REGISTER

First Regular Meals to Be Served by Staff of New Institution This Morning.

GUESTS INSPECT ITS SPLENDORS

Shortly before 3 o'clock yesterday afternoon, Arthur D. Brookfield of Kansas City swung threw the entrance of the new Fontenelle hotel, walked up to the desk, and triumphantly affixed his signature to the second line on the register, the first guest of the new \$1,000,000 hotel. The signature of Gordon W. Wattles, president of the Douglas Hotel company, is the first name on the register, but Mr. Brookfield is the first regular guest to be admitted.

Mr. Brookfield, who represents the Goodenow-Brookfield Knitting company of Kansas City, was assigned to sample room No. 121, and Mr. Peck of King-Peck and Mr. Benson of Benson & Thorne, will be the first two Omaha merchants to inspect goods in the new hotel, when they look over Mr. Brookfield's line.

Behind Mr. Brookfield lined up a score of other traveling men, all anxious to be among the first to register at the new hotel. Mr. Brookfield reserved a room for opening night some two weeks ago, but he was informed he would have to be on hand when the hotel was opened if he wanted to be the first person to sign it. Mr. Brookfield was right on hand and he earned the distinction by his promptness.

Mr. Brookfield stopped at the hotel last night, but he had to take his dinner elsewhere as the first regular meal will not be served until breakfast this morning.

Immediately after Mr. Brookfield, the following registered in the order named: Frank H. Jackson of Dallas, S. D.; William Rafferty of Syracuse, Mr. and Mrs. Edward Holstad of Chicago, Alan C. Poles of Syracuse, E. A. Hunt of Syracuse, Thomas J. Tibbs of Chicago and C. L. Roenberger of Syracuse.

Banquet Brilliant Event.
The stockholders' banquet held at the hotel last evening was one of the most brilliant events, which ever marked an important occasion in Omaha.

About 300 guests were present, consisting of the stockholders of the Douglas Hotel company and their wives and friends and the hotel was open for their inspection.

Gordon W. Wattles, president of the Douglas Hotel company, presided and after his opening speech, introduced John L. Kennedy, who responded to the toast, "One of the Men Who Made the Hotel Fontenelle Possible."

Kimball to Talk.
Thomas R. Kimball, the architect, will speak on "Architectural Features." W. R. Burbank, president of the operating company and managing director of the new hotel, was scheduled to speak on "Ambitions of a Hotel Operator."

J. P. Bradley of New York, superintendent of agencies of the Metropolitan Life Insurance company, responded to the toast, "The Metropolitan Life Insurance Company."

The final toast was, "Logan Fontenelle, Chief of the Omaha Tribe," to which John L. Webster, president of the Nebraska Historical society, responded.

Preliminary Arrangements.
A dapper little young man was bustling about among an arm of employees in the Fontenelle hotel kitchen in the morning. The reporter introduced himself.

"Ah, monsieur, I am too busy. But, alas, I will show you."
Monsieur Charles Mayard, director of restaurant, put an arm about the reporter's shoulders and led him to where silver was piled high.

"Are they not beautiful?" said monsieur. (Continued on Page Five, Column Four.)

The Weather

Forecast till 7 p. m. Friday: Fog Omaha, Council Bluffs and vicinity. Probably unsettled.

Temperature at Omaha Yesterday.

Hour	Temp.
6 a. m.	32
7 a. m.	32
8 a. m.	32
9 a. m.	32
10 a. m.	32
11 a. m.	32
12 m.	32
1 p. m.	32
2 p. m.	32
3 p. m.	32
4 p. m.	32
5 p. m.	32
6 p. m.	32
7 p. m.	32

Comparative Local Record.

Date	High	Low
1915	32	24
1914	32	24
1913	32	24
1912	32	24
1911	32	24
1910	32	24
1909	32	24
1908	32	24
1907	32	24
1906	32	24
1905	32	24
1904	32	24
1903	32	24
1902	32	24
1901	32	24
1900	32	24

Reports from Stations at 7 P. M.

Station	Temp.	High	Low
Omaha	32	32	24
Lincoln	32	32	24
Nebraska	32	32	24
Missouri	32	32	24
Illinois	32	32	24
Indiana	32	32	24
Ohio	32	32	24
Michigan	32	32	24
Wisconsin	32	32	24
Minnesota	32	32	24
North Dakota	32	32	24
South Dakota	32	32	24
Montana	32	32	24
Wyoming	32	32	24
Colorado	32	32	24
Arizona	32	32	24
California	32	32	24
Texas	32	32	24
Louisiana	32	32	24
Mississippi	32	32	24
Alabama	32	32	24
Georgia	32	32	24
Florida	32	32	24
Arkansas	32	32	24
Oklahoma	32	32	24
Idaho	32	32	24
Utah	32	32	24
Nevada	32	32	24
Montenegro	32	32	24
Spain	32	32	24
France	32	32	24
Germany	32	32	24
Italy	32	32	24
Austria	32	32	24
Hungary	32	32	24
Poland	32	32	24
Czechoslovakia	32	32	24
Slovakia	32	32	24
Croatia	32	32	24
Slovenia	32	32	24
Serbia	32	32	24
Romania	32	32	24
Bulgaria	32	32	24
Greece	32	32	24
Turkey	32	32	24
Russia	32	32	24
USSR	32	32	24
China	32	32	24
Japan	32	32	24
India	32	32	24
Philippines	32	32	24
Indonesia	32	32	24
Malaya	32	32	24
Siam	32	32	24
Thailand	32	32	24
Sierra Leone	32	32	24
Liberia	32	32	24
Ivory Coast	32	32	24
Ghana	32	32	24
Senegal	32	32	24
Gambia	32	32	24
Sierra Leone	32	32	24
Liberia	32	32	24
Ivory Coast	32	32	24
Ghana	32	32	24
Senegal	32	32	24
Gambia	32	32	24

Donors of Land for New Hotel



ARTHUR D. BROOKFIELD



JOHN L. KENNEDY

PRESIDENT OF THE DOUGLAS HOTEL COMPANY.



G. W. WATTLES

LUEBBEN BREAKS RECORD ON STAND

Gives Testimony in the Matters Case Continuously Since Monday Morning.

PROSECUTION MAY REST CASE

With no other witnesses on the stand since Monday noon in the federal court trial of Attorney Thomas H. Matters, President M. L. Luebben of the defunct First National bank of Sutton is establishing a record for length of testimony.

Proposed Raise in Western Rail Fares Has Been Suspended

WASHINGTON, Feb. 25.—Increased passenger fares with railroads in western territory proposed to put into effect March 1 were suspended by the Interstate Commerce commission until June 25. A hearing will be held in Chicago on May 15, before Commissioner Daniels.

Chiropractors Get Comfort Over Action

(From a Staff Correspondent.) LINCOLN, Feb. 25.—(Special.)—The chiropractors are now breathing more easily. S. F. No. 8, Senator Deal's bill authorizing and regulating their profession having passed the senate on third reading by the comfortable vote of 19 to 11.

MUST COME TO WASHINGTON TO TAKE THE EXAMINATION

(From a Staff Correspondent.) WASHINGTON, Feb. 25.—(Special Telegram.)—By reason of the resignation of Mr. Cascard, national bank examiner, with headquarters at Omaha, a dozen or more gentlemen have made application for the place. Commissioner John Skelton Williams stated this afternoon that the applicants for the place would have to come to Washington at their own expense and take an examination for the job. Congressman Loback said that this did not strike him as being at all reasonable and he would ask the controller to hold an examination in Omaha and that if he desired have the candidate making the best record to come to Washington for a personal interview with the controller.

SKETCH OF LIFE OF LOGAN FONTENELLE

John Lee Webster Gives Chronicle of Events in History of Famous Chieftain.

NEGOTIATED TREATY OF 1854

John Lee Webster's address on Logan Fontenelle, at the dinner at the Hotel Fontenelle last night, in many ways is one of the best short historical sketches Mr. Webster has ever written. It was so received by the large assemblage of guests and the excerpts herewith presented will serve to give an idea of the character of the address.

Mr. Webster said: "Logan Fontenelle—Shon-ga-ska, a Frenchman—an Indian. On his father's side there was ancestral lineage of French nobility, from the days of King Louis XV—Marquis de Fontenelle. On his mother's side there was blood of Indian chieftains, traceable back to the days of the celebrated warrior of the Omahas—Wash-in-ga-sabe. He was elected head chief of this Indian nation in 1853, when but 25 years of age. He negotiated the great treaty of 1854, whereby his nation ceded to the United States our surrounding rich and beautiful prairie. He intended and desired by that document that the dim chapter of decaying ruin of an almost exterminated aboriginal and savage conception of human life might be replaced with a white man's civilization and a modern form of civil government. Soon after he had signed this treaty, which exhibits evidences of the philosophical wisdom and nobleness of character of this Indian chief, he was killed—assassinated, I might say—by a band of hostile Sioux in the year 1855. Such in a few sentences is a brief sketch of the remarkable man after whom this magnificent hotel is named—Fontenelle.

"It was said of a sage of Salamanca that by the waive of his wand he could ring the bells of Notre Dame. Fontenelle was a magic name, which had more power than the wand of the sage of Salamanca, for by its wonder-working influence it so touched the civic pride, and so appealed to the generous impulses of our people, that a million of money spontaneously came forth to build this palatial structure named in memory of this Indian chieftain."

Mr. Webster, with philosophical analysis, compared the characters of the French and the Indian men, and showed (Continued on Page Five, Column Two.)

U. S. Makes Ports in British Isles Special

WASHINGTON, Feb. 25.—All ports in the British Isles were made "special ports," requiring special rates of war risk insurance from the government bureau by an order issued tonight by Secretary of the Treasury McAdoo. The only special ports in the United Kingdom under former orders were those on the North Sea north of London.

APPROPRIATION BILLS ARE CUT BY COMMITTEE

(From a Staff Correspondent.) LINCOLN, Feb. 25.—(Special.)—Appropriations for maintenance and salaries as called for by the bills which were introduced in the house by Chairman Norton of the finance ways and means committee for the entire state have been cut considerably, the total cut on these two items alone being \$70,000.

CASE OF ALBEN MADSEN REOPENED BY LOBECK

(From a Staff Correspondent.) WASHINGTON, Feb. 25.—(Special.)—The case of Alben Madsen of Denmark, who was ordered deported from Ellis island, because of physical condition, has been reopened through the intervention of Mr. Loback and the deportation order suspended until satisfactory of relatives in Omaha may be received, although that Madsen will not become a charge of the community.

LEVEL ALL FORTS AT THE ENTRANCE OF DARDANELLES

Britain Officially Announces Defenses Guarding Straits Reduced by Allies' Guns.

RUSSIA CAN HAVE FREE PORT

England in Entire Accord with Muscovite Desire for Access to the Sea.

CZAR WANTS CONSTANTINOPE

LONDON, Feb. 25.—All the forts at the entrance of the Dardanelles have been reduced by the allied fleet. This announcement was made officially tonight.

Russians Have Port. LONDON, Feb. 25.—Mr. Edward Grey, the foreign secretary, announced in the House of Commons today that Great Britain was in entire accord with Russia's desire for access to the sea.

"With Russia's desire for access to the sea, England is in entire accord," the foreign secretary said in response to a question from Frederick W. Jewett, whether England knew of and approved the statement of the Russian foreign minister, M. Rasboudoff, in the Duma, intended permanently to occupy Constantinople.

The foreign secretary responded that he was unaware that Rasboudoff had made any such statement, but he added, "The statement I have seen was that M. Rasboudoff said that the events on the Russian-Turkish frontier would bring Russia nearer realization of the political and economic problem bound up with Russia's access to the sea."

England in Sympathy. "With these aspirations," he continued, "England is in sympathy. What form their realization will take will no doubt be settled in the terms of peace."

The announcement of Mr. Edward Grey marks one of the important developments in the European political situation since the beginning of the war. Russia's desire for a warm water port and unrestricted outlet from the Black Sea long has been one of its most cherished national aspirations.

Speaking in the Duma on February 5, Premier Gorenzykin said: "Turkey has marched with our enemy, but its resistance already has been shattered by our glorious Cossack troops and the radiant future of the Russians on the Black Sea is beginning to dawn near the walls of Constantinople."

Nebraska Land Makes Boone Man One of Wealth

(From a Staff Correspondent.) LINCOLN, Feb. 25.—(Special.)—More evidence has been given this week that Nebraska land is a good investment and that the man who came early to the state has been able to reap a good harvest if he was frugal and attended strictly to business.

Thomas Stevenson, representative in the legislature, representing Boone county, closed a deal this week for 278 acres lying in what is called the Bonanza in Boone county, paying \$21.50 for the same. Eighty acres of the land lies just across the line in Wheeler county and is devoted to pasture. The land is easily worth \$100 an acre, but was secured by Mr. Stevenson at the low figure because he was practically able to pay cash for the land.

Mr. Stevenson went to Boone county from Canada in 1870 and went out on the outskirts of civilization and bought a piece of railroad land, paying \$1 an acre for the same. It is now worth about \$25 an acre. He already owns 80 acres in the upper Plum creek valley and with his new acquisition gives him nearly 1,500 acres of land. He has four grown boys and two girls and in this way he is providing for the future of his children on the farm.

OMAHA MAN CHOSEN FOR REVENUE INSPECTOR

(From a Staff Correspondent.) WASHINGTON, Feb. 25.—(Special Telegram.)—William Holt of Omaha, son of an old-time druggist of that city, on recommendation of Congressman Loback was appointed by Secretary McAdoo today, to be an inspector of internal revenue under Acting Collector Norton. Mr. Holt's duties will take him throughout the state looking after the inspection of opium and other narcotics under the Harrison act. The salary is \$1,800, with travel expenses.

The National Capital

Thursday, February 25, 1915. The Senate. Debate resumed on agricultural bill. The House. Debate resumed on general deficiency bill. Conference report on women's bill considered. WANTED. STENOGRAPHER AND SECRETARY. MUST BE 25 TO 35 YEARS OF AGE. WITH CONSIDERABLE EXPERIENCE. PREFERABLY BORN IN U. S. WILL BE GIVEN TO APPLICANT WITH LEGAL OR NEWSPAPER EXPERIENCE. MAKE APPOINTMENT BY PHONE BEFORE CALLING PERSONALLY. For further information about this opportunity, see the Want Ad section of today's Bee.

RELIGIOUS SERVICE PRECEDES FIGHT—German soldiers attend church at Nieuchatel before going into Battle.



RUSSIA DENIES KAISER'S CLAIMS

General Staff Says Only Two Corps Were Affected by Alleged Rout in East Prussia.

OTHERS ENGAGING GERMANS

PETROGRAD, Feb. 25.—The general staff of the Russian army has issued a statement concerning the recent occurrences in Russian Poland and the German claims to a sweeping victory, which reads as follows: "Official announcements given out in Berlin to the effect that the tenth Russian army suffered a severe reverse in its retreat to the rivers Nieman and Dnieper are absolutely and utterly untrue. The German declaration that the tenth army has been completely annihilated can be categorically denied."

"As a matter of fact, the component parts of two of our corps, the twentieth and another, finding themselves in an untenable and dangerous situation, as we already have announced, withdrew from the positions at Wierzbien, Russian Poland, with heavy losses."

"As to our other corps, these troops, after having failed an attempt of the enemy to surround them, holding the positions allotted to them, and for several days past they have been engaging the enemy."

Along our entire front our armies are fighting successfully the duties assigned them. During the last few days two regiments of the Twenty-ninth division, belonging to the Twentieth corps, advanced from the Augustowo forest and rallied our men."

Railroad Heads To Visit Committee

(From a Staff Correspondent.) LINCOLN, Feb. 25.—(Special.)—At the request of representatives of the railroads there will be a public hearing before the committee on railroads on Wednesday evening, March 3, for the purpose of a discussion of the 25-cent passenger rate bill.

STEAMSHIP MINNEHAHA HAS ONLY TWO PASSENGERS

NEW YORK, Feb. 25.—The Minnehaha of the Atlantic Transport line, which sailed yesterday for London carried only two passengers, Bruce Platt and Reginald Matthews, who planned to join the British army. The Minnehaha carries more than 1,000 tons of freight mostly food for the British Isles.

House Committee Votes to Kill Fort Crook Saloon Bill

(From a Staff Correspondent.) LINCOLN, Feb. 25.—(Special.)—When S. F. 12, the Crook bill for a saloon near Fort Crook, came up in the house this morning, it was expected that a fight would be made to override the work of the committee on cities and towns, which reported it for indefinite postponement, but it is expected that while the report of the committee was accepted this morning, friends of the bill may try to bring it out tomorrow.

TAKE ROBBER WHO SLEW BANK OFFICER

Bandit Shoots and Kills Assistant Cashier Who Demurs About Going to Vault.

FLEES WITH CASH ON HORSE

STERLING, Colo., Feb. 25.—John Brunke, 34, assistant cashier of the Farmers' State bank of Harton, a village thirty-seven miles east of here, was shot and instantly killed late today by a robber. The robber was captured near the town after a battle with a posse of citizens. He gave the name of Jay Thompson.

The robber entered the bank while the cashier, Emil Larson, was at luncheon. He covered Brunke with a revolver, forcing him back into the vault. Brunke attempted to snatch a revolver from a shelf in the vault and the bandit fired, killing him.

The robber then gathered up the cash in sight and made a dash from the building. Leaving on a horse nearby he rode from the town being from two revolutions at the crowd of citizens which had gathered at the sound of the first shot.

Overtaken in Field. Fumes, hastily organized and armed, started in pursuit. The robber was overtaken in a field eight miles east of Harton, where he turned to face his pursuers. After firing away all his ammunition he dropped his gun and again attempted a dash for liberty, but a member of the posse shot his horse and he was captured.

Cattlemen Want Troops Sent to Chase Renegades

SALT LAKE CITY, Utah, Feb. 25.—A special to the Deseret News from Bluff, Utah, says that Indian Agent Crowl and Assistant District Attorney Cook, who arrived last night, are in conference with Marshal Nohoket, Agent Jenkins and citizens of Bluff regarding the best methods to apprehend the hostile Flathead. Several wealthy cattlemen at the conference are urging that troops be rushed in, at once, as thousands of cattle located beyond the Indian stronghold are in danger. Bluff is under heavy guard, with lookouts stationed at all points of vantage. According to a treaty entered into years ago, the Flatheads agreed to assist in the capture of any outlaw members of their tribe. Assistant District Attorney Cook says that if the Flatheads did not observe the treaty provisions they will be regarded as accessories after the fact. An effort will be made by Agents Jenkins and Crowl to have the friendly Flatheads brought into town immediately. Definite action regarding the plan of campaign to be followed is expected today.

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AMERICAN NOTE NEW CENTER OF WAR DISCUSSION

London Papers Are Inclined to Re-assert Implied Move to Interfere with Proposed Blockade of Germany.

ORDER IS EXPECTED SHORTLY

Great Britain Probably Will Reserve Right to Declare Foodstuffs Contraband at Any Time.

EASTERN REPORTS CONTRADICT

The Day's War News

GERMANY'S SUMMER campaign has entered the second week with the loss of two more British ships. The Daphnia, a small steamer, was sunk off the English coast by a mine or a torpedo. Previously two vessels, one of them British, had been sunk to the bottom.

THREE GERMAN SUBMARINES have been sent to Pola, presumably for use in the Adriatic and Mediterranean.

AMERICAN PROPOSALS for cessation of blockade warfare and the abolition of foodstuffs to Germany are before the German and British governments, but there are no indications whether they will find acceptance.

GERMANY'S CLAIM to an overwhelming victory in East Prussia, according to the official communications of the German press, is denied categorically by the Russian general staff. Additions to make that two army corps suffered heavily during the retreat.

GERMAN EFFORTS to attack their victory by striking a decisive blow in northern Poland are leading to continuous battles all along the eastern section of the front.

PETROGRAD announcements claim necessary for the Russians to make arrangements for the transportation of foodstuffs from the front to Berlin newspapers assert that the Russians are winning consistently and that the Austrians have lost more than 4,000 men at Delice Pass.

LONDON, Feb. 25.—The proposals of Washington to Great Britain and Germany, which are in London assumed to embrace the abandonment of Germany's self-declared war aim and the adoption by the belligerents of some definite policy regarding foodstuffs for the civilian population, have antiseptically quenched the public interest, both in this country and in Germany, in this delicate diplomatic situation.

The British press in general is restrained in tone, but the average Englishman plainly resents what he considers a hint at an attempt to interfere with the absolute blockade of Germany should England care to enforce this with its own power.

Food Contraband Decried. In the meanwhile and in spite of the sinking of four British merchantmen involving the loss of four lives, Great Britain still holds out from declaring foodstuffs contraband to Germany, as it is believed if this step is taken it will be postponed until the American proposals have been discussed at length.

Just what this proposal in the public both here and in Berlin is unaware. Its only information has been learned from the meager and qualified dispatch from Washington. There would seem to be no doubt, however, that Great Britain will reserve the right to declare food contraband at any time it deems it necessary, especially as Germany's so-called blockade has been enforced with all the power Germany has at its command for a week past.

How the British cabinet feels about this matter would appear to have been plainly indicated by the statements made to (Continued on Page Four, Column Four.)

Everyday Necessities

Great bargains in things you need every day may be purchased through the "For Sale" columns of The Bee, such as household goods, clothing, vehicles, etc.