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FLEET STARTS MANEUVERS

Aboard U. S. S. Pennsylvania, at Sea in Maneuvers, on California Coast.—Far from the sea lanes in the Pacific off California the United States fleet entered its big training event of the year Monday—the annual fleet problem. The most majestic unit in this array of the largest force ever sent to sea in American naval maneuvers is the battle fleet.

It is a fortified city of tremendous powers of destruction, the twelve dreadnaughts forming the battle line of Admiral Laning's command. This heaviest striking power of the navy, manned by more than 20,000 men, went thru various convolutions in the first days of the maneuvers. They had moved out of San Pedro anchorage in single column, and then swung north.

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Bible School Lesson Study!

Sunday, May 5th

RICH MAN DIES IN CHAIR

Ord. Neb.—Kingsberry Hoff, 72, recluse bachelor farmer known here as one of Valley county's wealthiest men, who was found dead in a rocking chair at his farm home, was buried here Monday after funeral services at the Methodist church.

Friends said Hoff had used the chair as a bed for years because he suffered from asthma. He owned 3,000 acres of the best farm land in the county. His granaries are full of corn and he had hundreds of tons of hay.

Hoff's wealth, which includes money in a bank, was estimated by his neighbors at \$200,000. He never owned an automobile, and did his own cooking and his own house work. No will could be found. The only heirs are a sister, Mrs. Hannah Jones of Ord, and a brother, John S. Hoff of Oklahoma City.

Kingsberry Hoff came to Valley county in a covered wagon in 1885, and lived on the same farm the rest of his life. He lived in a sod house until four years ago, when he built a small frame structure on his farm. His death was ascribed to a heart ailment.

Cornhusker Scouts to Hold Circus May 3

Event Will Be Staged at Lincoln Under Auspices of Cornhusker Council; Many Troops Present.

Boy Scouts of Lincoln and Nebraska will turn their attention to the third Cornhusker Council Boy Scout circus at Memorial stadium next Friday night, May 3, when the festival will be presented for the first time since 1921. Some 2,000 Scouts from 54 Nebraska counties have been drilling since the first of the year for their part in the big three-ring affair. When the first and second circus programs were presented, the University of Nebraska college was the location but increased attendance in prospect this year has forced the change to the open-air pavilion. The starting time has been set for 7:30.

According to R. J. Larson, local Scoutmaster, there will be 14 acts on the bill, starting with the prologue which will find a group of Scouts and their leader coming onto the field and establishing a camp as if to stay overnight. An old Buckskin Pioneer appears on the scene and questions the right of the Scouts to use that name. Whereupon he is told that he will be shown just what the lad can accomplish.

2,000 in Grand Entry.
The second event is the grand entry, when all 2,000 Scouts march from the south field onto the main lot, with the pledge of allegiance given and presentation of greetings from each troop to Governor Roy E. Cochran, who will be present in a special box.

Semi-Climax.
The semi-climax of the evening will be reached in the seventh act, representing safety first. Under the appellation of "Storm Scene," spectators will see a village destroyed and everything in disorder. A Scout troop will come on the scene to clean up the mess, establish communications, set up first aid stations and other details coincident with relief to a destroyed city or village.

Out-state troops will take charge in the eighth act with relay games on the program. The ninth event demonstrates the story of the stars, and the tenth is a parade of wonders in which all troops on hand will participate. Imagination will be at a premium as it is likely that neither the Scouts nor the spectators will be able to decide what the various "wonders" really are unless they possess an able imagination.

The program enters the home stretch as types of fires hold the spotlight, plus their uses, followed by a program put on by the Sea Scouts. B. B. Dawson, Scout executive of the Cornhusker Council, anticipates the best circus in the history of the event, and believes that the increased seating capacity will enable a larger audience to be on hand.

Tents will be pitched on the practice field at the south end of the stadium, and troops from out-state will be assigned to "bunks" for their overnight stay.

AGREES ON OIL REGULATION

Washington.—A senate subcommittee agreed on a bill to regulate interstate oil shipments by establishing quotas from states but decided to give the states every opportunity to regulate their own production before permitting government intervention.

Senators Thomas, democrat, of Utah, Bulow, democrat, South Dakota, and Frazier, republican, North Dakota, indicated they would report to the full committee a bill based on general principles of the measure of Senator Thomas, democrat, Oklahoma, with certain checks on the scope of the government's activities.

The revised legislation bases regulation of interstate commerce in oil on a national defense premise, creates a five member federal petroleum board in the department of interior to fix quotas from the states, and from wells and pools upon occasion, and approved agreements among states which would fix production figures.

LUCKEY TO SPONSOR BILL

Washington.—Arrangements were completed by H. H. Dudley, state adjutant of the American Legion in Nebraska for introduction of a bill to authorize construction of a \$300,000 hospital building at Lincoln, Neb., for mental patients.

Representative Luckey (d., Neb.) said he would introduce the bill Wednesday. It would authorize construction of a 164 bed building which would be an addition to the present Veterans' hospital facilities at Lincoln.

FIRE FOLLOWS TWO BLASTS

Omaha.—A three-alarm fire at the Baum building, 13th and Farnam, shortly before 7 a. m. caused water damage of \$10,000 to \$25,000, according to early estimates.

The fire in the attic of the six story building was preceded by three heavy explosions, according to William Osterling, Papillion, night watchman, and E. R. Ferguson, engineer. Two more explosions occurred after firemen arrived. Fire fighters had little difficulty in confining the blaze to the attic, which contained nothing of value.

Water, however, seeped to all portions of the structure. Heaviest losses were believed sustained by the Keelox Manufacturing company, dealers in typewriter and office supplies, and the Leonard Kohn radio company.

President Plans Censorship Upon Army's Secrets

Roosevelt Disavows Testimony Regarding Canadian Border; Shifting of Blame for "Slip."

Washington.—An unprecedented presidential threat to censor military secrets unfolded before congress accompanied an emphatic government disavowal of army testimony on "emergency" war plans touching the unfortified Canadian border and off-shore British and French isles.

Bluntly, Mr. Roosevelt told the house military committee that if confidential testimony given behind locked doors was to be printed as a public document, "I shall find it necessary as commander in chief of the army and navy to require that in the future such testimony be given only after approval by me."

The president wrote Chairman McSwain that assertions by high army officials "do not represent the policy of the administration or of the commander in chief."

In a matter of hours, Secretary Dern advised the white house that the views given by army officers "were individual and had not been submitted to either the chief of staff or the secretary of war."

Then swiftly, Brigadier General Andrews, chief of the general headquarters force and one of those contributing the statements which reverberated internationally, added: "My testimony was never submitted to or discussed with higher authority and represents merely my own views as an abstract military study with no concrete political thought or reference."

On capitol hill there was a fast shifting of blame for the slip which publicized data given under pladges of secrecy. But there was no immediate disposition to shelve the air-base bill which was the basis of the incident.

"We are going to pass the bill," was the comment of Representative Wilcox (d., Fla.), author of the measure to establish powerful defensive air bases around the nation's borders.

"There is nothing offensive to anyone in this bill," Wilcox added. He conceded "a slip" in publication of the testimony and said "I suppose it was my fault; I arranged for the generals to testify."

The statements disavowed by Mr. Roosevelt and Secretary Dern were made by Andrews and Brigadier General Kilbourne, former head of the army war plans division and now on duty in Manila. Kilbourne said the Wilcox measure as phrased by the war department, contained a "camouflaged" provision for putting an air base on the Canadian frontier. Andrews told the committee the nation "must be prepared to seize" nearby French and British islands in event of an "emergency."

CHILD DEATH LAID TO DUST

Springfield, Colo.—A five year old victim was added to dust death lists and twenty persons were sent to emergency hospitals as a new "black roller" cloud darkened the little dust belt of the vast southwest again.

James Waite, jr., son of a farmer near Elder died of an illness the physicians said was aggravated by breathing the dirt-filled air and twenty new patients were admitted to Red Cross emergency hospitals at Springfield and Walsh, Colo., after the dust cloud rolled across the country about dawn.

Ten deaths had occurred within a week's time in the "dust bowl" area of Kansas, Colorado, Oklahoma and Texas but whether the dust was to blame continued a disputed question.

The Red Cross at Liberal, Kas., emergency headquarters, announced 6,000 cases of measles and 200 "dust cases" had been reported. Twenty-one nurses now are on duty and four emergency hospitals are operating.

Weeping Water

Herbert Nutzman was visiting with his parents in Avoca for the day last Sunday.

Frank Cox of Nehawka was looking after some business matters in Weeping Water last Monday.

Elmer Michelsen and son were in Omaha last Monday where they were making purchases for the store.

Night Watchman A. J. Patterson was looking after some business matters in Plattsmouth last Friday.

The Cole Motor company sold to a party in Elmwood one of the celebrated V-8 Fords, which was delivered last Saturday.

L. H. Dehning and wife of near Louisville, were doing some trading and visiting with friends in Weeping Water last Monday afternoon.

Mr. and Mrs. Albert Dehning of near Avoca, were visiting and looking after some business matters in Weeping Water on last Monday.

Miss Clara Johnson has been making some improvements at the cafe in the way of redecorating her party room and otherwise improving the place.

At the home of Mr. and Mrs. Walter Fitzpatrick, on last Saturday there was joy as a baby girl made its appearance and happiness reigns supreme.

Max Bowman of Avoca was looking after some business matters in Weeping Water last Monday afternoon and was also visiting with his friends here.

Jack Naumann and wife of Omaha, cousins of Mrs. Sterling Amick, were guests at the Amick home for the day last Sunday where they enjoyed a very fine visit.

The home of Mr. and Mrs. Donald Bickford is rejoicing over the arrival of a very fine daughter which came to grace their home on last Sunday. All are doing very nicely.

Fred Baker of Lincoln, representing a life insurance company, was in Weeping Water and was visiting with his friend Chris Rasmussen and looking after business last Monday.

Perry Wright has been putting in his spare time in the construction of a brooder house for his flock of little chicks, as he recognizes that they need the best of care if they are to make the growth he desires.

Julius A. Pitz, commissioner from Plattsmouth, E. B. Chapman from Plattsmouth and Fred H. Gorder were down to Avoca where they were viewing some three old bridges which need new ones in their stead. They drove down that way on last Monday.

G. H. Nelson of Omaha who has quarry interests in the vicinity of Weeping Water, came down last Monday and will open work here for the getting of stone to be used by his company in Omaha. This is adding to the employment of this place and is a welcome item.

C. H. Gibson, Frank E. Woods, Roy Haslam and E. F. Marshall have

been selected as a portion of the team to give the initiatory degree at the meeting of the 7th district convention of the I. O. O. F. which meets at Avoca this evening. The district is composed of Nehawka, Weeping Water, Elmwood and Avoca.

Sheriff Homer Sylvester and Deputy Thomas Walling were called to a point some six miles north of Weeping Water Monday when a gravel truck of the Eager Transfer company of Louisville and a car driven by a traveling man from Council Bluffs collided on a narrow bridge. The traveling man was almost instantly killed.

Making Good Progress.
The workmen constructing the rest room and greasing and service department at the Keckler Service station are making rapid progress. By this time they have the building erected with the roof on and hammering away at the completion of the structure. When completed Mr. Keckler will have an ideal place for his business and which will be a credit to the hustling city of Weeping Water.

Spent Very Nice Day.
Mr. and Mrs. Ross Shields and Mrs. W. D. Baker with the auto of Mr. and Mrs. Shields with the day fiae and the way pleasant last Sunday drove down to Peru where the daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Baker is attending school and at which institution they were celebrating Fathers and Mothers day. The party took their dinner with them and ate it in the grove at the school.

Believes in Wheat.
E. F. Marshall who was successful in growing a very fine wheat crop on 150 acres last summer, and with no restrictions on the growing of wheat this summer has 175 acres in and it is looking fine, and he is looking forward to a very good yield.

Sure They Were Only Boys.
But boys have great ambition there is nothing worth while accomplished, altho this same ambition gets people and nations into trouble.

In this instance the ambitions of two Weeping Water lads, Verne Amick, the fourteen year old son of Mr. and Mrs. Sterling Amick, and Roy Embery conceived the idea of making a racer out of a discarded Ford chassis. After they had stripped it they hooked it up and assayed to see what speed they could get out of it. They were proceeding quite well when they met an obstruction in the way of an uneven piece of ground which caused it to leave the ground for an instant and then revolving, it came to earth the other side up, but the lads were underneath the wild Ford running gears and before it had stopped it had ground a great deal of clothing from Verne, tore his shirt to shreds and impaired the beauty of the other gar-

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ments, for he was about in condition to join a nudist colony, and the skin hung in patches from his face and sides. The lads, who had visions of joining a traveling circus now are resting contented at home and trying to heal the divers cuts and bruises.

Services at Methodist Church
Bible school every Sunday morning at 10 o'clock.

Preaching at 11:00 in the morning.

All not worshipping elsewhere are cordially invited to these services. We welcome any one visiting in the city.
E. S. PANGBORN, Pastor.

STATE'S NEW DEAL FAILS

Oklahoma City.—Governor Marland, who in January hailed Oklahoma as the first state laboratory for the Rooseveltian "new deal," surveyed the wreckage of his program Tuesday and decided to appeal to the people to "rescue it."

Thru four months of bickering with a rampant legislature which adjourned Tuesday, Marland repeatedly warned the members, "you are turning down the principles of Franklin D. Roosevelt." He hinted he would "punish" members with an appeal to the people if they did not enact into law his ideas for rescuing the state from the depression.

That plan crystallized as Marland announced he would bring his program to a vote of a special election this summer. Meanwhile he will stump the state to reiterate his demands that Oklahoma set up machinery to participate fully in the federal recovery program.

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