A TROOP TRAIN LANDS IN DITCH

LUCKY ACCIDENT ON BURLING TON RAILWAY NEAR ASH-LAND, NEB.

NONE OF SOLDIERS INJURED

Wreck Due to a Washout from the Heavy Rains - Flood Conditions Prevail in Several Parts of Nebraska-Snow in Colorado.

Lincoln, Neb .- A Burlington troop train carrying more than 200 soldiers from Camp Merritt, N. J., to San Francisco, was derailed in a washout one mile east of Ashland. The fireman sustained a broken ankle, and Brakeman Deahl had one hand cut. None of the troops was injured, although the four tourist sleepers left the track and landed in the ditch beside the track. The accident was regarded as one of the luckiest that could be imagined. The possibilities for a more serious and disastrous accident were great.

The troops were taken back to Ft. Crook, where they were cared for until the journey was resumed.

Flood Conditions Prevail.

Flood conditions prevailed in parts of Nebraska following a downpour of rain which in places exceeded three inches. At Lincoln the fall was slightly over two and a half inches. Near Ashland the bottom lands are flooded and railroad tracks washed over. The Platte river at that place is rising rapidly. There was a washout on the line of the Burlington railroad between Lincoln and Crete, making traffic unsafe on the main line of the road and trains for the west were re-routed at Lincoln by way of Aurora. At Beatrice a high wind accompanied the early stages of the storm and wheat fields were leveled. Small streams to the west of Lincoln are out of their banks.

FOR "PEOLPES BANKS."

Congress to Be Asked to Pass a Law

Authorizing Their Operation. New York.-A campaign to bring about in every state establishment of "peoples banks," designed to meet the needs of laborers, salaried men, small business men and farmers was planned at a meeting here of representative professional and business men. A committee was appointed to a federal law authorizing the banks, which would be operated on principles similar to those governing the Massachusetts Credits unions.

Over Thirty Lose Lives. Valence-sur-Rhone, France.- More than 30 persons were killed and 100 injured in a panic which occurred during a fire in a moving picture Four thousand spectators were in the theater and when the fire broke out in the operators' cabinet there was a mad rush for the exits. Many children were trampled on. Two Agiators Killed.

New Haven.-Lieut. Melvin B. Kelcher, of Franklin, Ind., and Corporal Joseph Katzman, of Brooklyn, army aviators from Mineola, N. Y., were killed when their airplane collided with another machine while flying at a height of 1,000 feet near the Yale

Philippines Memorial.

Washington, D. C .- A memorial asking for immediate and complete independence for the Philippines will be presented by the Philippine mission to the United States at a joint meeting of the senate committee on the Philippines and the house committee on insular affairs.

Textile Workers to Strike. New Hedford, Mass .- A strike of all union textile operators of this city in sympathy with striking mill engineers and firemen will start. Near-

ly 35,000 operatives have been idle as a result of the strike of the enengineers and firemen.

To Invite Kaiser Back. London.-The Pan-German union proposes to introduce in the German National assembly a resolution inviting the former German emperor to return to Germany, according to an Exchange Telegraph dispatch from Ber-

Bavarian Ministry Quits. Copenhagen.-The Hoffman ministry has resigned, according to a message from Bamberg, Bavaria. It is expected that a ministry on a broader basis will be foreaed.

Switzerland Refuses Atlies' Request. Berne.-The federal council has handed to the French ambassador for transmission to the allied government a note stating that the entente's request that Switzerland prohibit all exports to Germany if the Germans refuse to sign the peace treaty would require the complete breaking off of economic relations with Germany, The note says that the action requested by the entente would go beyond all the restrictions imposed during the

WILSON EULOGIZES AMERICAN DEAD

President Speaks in the Suresnes Cemetery Near Paris.

LEAGUE FRUIT OF SACRIFICE

Asserts It is the Duty of the Nations to Prevent Mothers Going Through the Suffering of War Again.

Parls, May 31.-The text of the Memorial address of President Wilson at Suresnes cemetery is as follows: "Mr. Ambassador, Ladies and Gen-

tlemen, Fellow Countrymen: "No one with a heart in his breast, no American, no lover of humanity, can stand in the presence of these graves without the most profound emotion. These men who lie here are men of a unique breed. Their like has not been seen since the days of

"Never before have men crossed the seas to a foreign land to fight for a cause of humanity which they did not pretend was particularly their own, but knew was the cause of humanity and of mankind. And when they came they found comrades for their courage and their devotion. They found armles of liberty already in the fieldmen who, though they had gone through three years of flery trial, seemed only to be just discovering, not for a moment losing, the high temper of the great affair; men seasoned in the bloody service of liberty. Joining hands with these, the men of America gave the greatest of all gifts-the gift of life and the gift of spirit.

Praises Unflinching Courage.

"It will always be a treasured memory on the part of those who knew and loved these men that the testimony of everybody who saw them in the field of action was their unflinching courage, their arder to the point of audacity, their full consciousness of the high cause they had come to serve and their constant vision of the issue.

"It is delightful to learn from those who saw these men fight and saw them waiting in the trenches for the summons to the fight that they had a touch of the high spirit of religion, that they knew they were exhibiting a spirit as well as a physical might, and those of us who know and love Amer-Ica know that they were discovering to the whole world the true spirit and devotion of their motherland. It was America who came in the person of these men and who will forever be

tertain these thoughts because we a foreign land, are not buried in an alien soil. They are at home, sleeping with the spirits of those who thought the same thoughts and enter- ment and then leave it to make itself of the two types. tained the same aspirations. The noble women of Suresnes have given evidence of the loving sense with which they received these dead as their own, for they have cared for their graves, they have made it their interest, their loving interest, to see that there was no hour of neglect and that constantly through all the months that have gone by the mothers at home should know that there were mothers here

"You have just heard in the beautiful letter from M. Clemenceau what I believe to be the real message of France to us on a day like this, a mesof genuine sympathy, and I have no doubt that if our British comrades same spirit and in the same language. For the beauty of this war is that it has brought a new partnership and a new comradeship and a new under- sels of men together, and we remind the nation.

Lesson Taught by Sacrifices.

"But it would be no profit to us to eulogize these illustrious dead if we did not take to heart the lesson which they have taught us. They are dead; they have done their utmost to show their devotion to a great cause, and they have left us to see to it that that cause shall not be betrayed, whether in war or peace. It is our privilege and our high duty to consecrate ourselves afresh on a day like this to the objects for which they fought.

"It is not necessary that I should rehearse to you what these objects were. These men did not come across the sea merely to defeat Germany and her associated powers in the war. They came to defeat forever the things for which the central powers stood, the sort of power they meant to assert in the world.

"So it is our duty to take and maintain the safeguards which will see to it that the mothers of America and suffering nations should never be called upon for this sacrifice again. This can be done. It must be done. And it will be done. The things that these men left us, though they did not in their counsels conceive it, is the great instrument which we have just

erected in the league of nations. "The league of nations is the covenant of government that these men shall not have died in vain. I like difficult to stand against, and to say, to think that the dust of those sons of 'Here stand I, consecrated in spirit of America who were privileged to be the men who were one, my comrades buried in their mother coutnry will and who are now gone and who left

fought for the preservation of the Union, and that America might be united, these men have given their lives in order that the world might be unlted.

"Those men gave their Ives in order to secure the freedom of a nation. These men have given theirs in order to secure the freedom of mankind, and Navy Holds All Men to Meet I look forward to an age when it will be just as impossible to regret the results of their labor as it is now impossible to regret the results of the labor of those men who fought for the union of the states. I look for the time when every man who now puts his counsel against the united service of mankind under the league of nations will be just as ashamed of it as if he now regretted the union of the

Fight Final Battle for Right. "You are aware, as I am aware, that the airs of an older day are beginning to stir again, that the standards of an old order are trying to assert themselves again. There is here and there an attempt to insert into the counsel of statesmen the old reckoning of selfishness and bargaining and national advantage which were the roots of this war, and any man who counsels these things advocates a renewal of the sacrifice which these men have made; for if this is not the final battle for right, there will be another that will be final.

"Let these gentlemen who suppose that it is possible for them to accomplish this return to an order of which we are ashamed and that we are ready to forget, realize they cannot accomplish it. The peoples of the world are awake and the peoples of the world are in the saddle. Private counsels of statesmen cannot now and cannot hereafter determine the destinies of

"If we are not the servants of the opinion of mankind, we are of all men the littlest, the most contemptible, the least gifted with vision. If we do not know courage, we cannot accomplish our purpose, and this age is an age which looks forward, not backward; which rejects the standard of national selfishness that once governed the counsels of nations and demands that mission as a peace-time force. they shall give way to a new order of things in which only the questions will be, 'Is it right?' 'Is it just?' Is it in the interest of mankind?'

"This is a challenge that no previous generation ever dared to give ear to. So many things have happened and they have happened so fast in the last four years that I do not think many of pened. Think how impossible it would statesmen seriously to entertain the idea of the organization of a league of

nations four years ago! "And think of the change that has taken place! I was told before I came to France that there would be confu- a year, the witness said. sion of counsels about this thing and found union of action. I found the know that these men, though buried in statesmen with whom I was about to deal united in the idea that we must have a league of nations; that we

Spirits Not Buried With Bodies.

"Ladies and gentlemen, we all believe, I hope, that the spirits of these men are not buried with their bones. These spirits live. I hope-I believethat their spirits are present with us at this hour. I hope that I feel the compulsion of their presence. I hope that I realize the significance of their who remembered and honored their presence. Think, soldiers, of those they were here, what would they say? They would not remember what you on the recent trip to Europe. are talking about today. They would remember America which they left sage of genuine comradeship, a message with their high hope and purpose. And they would say:

"'Forget all the little circumstances were here they would speak in the of the day. Be ashamed of the lealousies that divide you. We command you in the name of those who, like for. She was born, she said, to show mankind the way to liberty. She was out any ship of this class. born to make this great gift a common gift. She was born to show men the way of experience by which they might realize this gift and maintain it. and we adjure you in the name of all the great traditions of America to make yourselves soldiers now once for all in this common cause where we need wear no uniform except the uniform of the heart, clothing ourselves with the principles of right and saying to men everywhere, "You are our brothers and we invite you into the comradeship of liberty and peace." *

Should Hear Mandates of Men.

"Let us go away hearing these unspoken mandates of our dead com-

rades. "If I may speak a personal word, I beg you to realize the compulsion that I myself feel that I am under. By the at the luncheon, numbering between Constitution of our great country I was the commander in chief of these men. I advised the congress to declare the mothers of France and England that a state of war existed. These and Italy and Belgium and all other lads over here to die (apparent omission). Shall I-can I-ever speak a word of counsel which is inconsistent with the assurances I gave them when they came over?

"Is it inconceivable there is something better, if possible, that a man can give than his life, that is his living spirit to a service that is not easy; to resist counsels that are hard to resist, to stand against purposes that are mingle with the dust of the men who me under eternal bonds of fidelity!"

U. S. WARNED OF PERIL FROM SEA

Crisis, House Committee Is Told.

NAVY CHIEF BEFORE BODY

Tells Members That at Least Sixteen First-Class Battleships Should Be Kept in Commission-Daniels Presents General Report.

Washington, May 30.-Rear Admiral McKean, acting chief of naval operations, told the house naval committee the navy dare not return any more men to civilian life at present. "We are keeping the men because

we have to," the admiral said. "We dare not let the navy drop down to a state of unpreparedness. If we did, anyone could come along and bump us off. "I do not see where we can go any

further than we have. Two-thirds of our fighting ships have been placed in reserve, but the battleships and destroyers we must keep. We should not even be aiding the army in bringing back our soldiers from Europe."

"Is not that of the greatest importance at this time?" Representative Hicks of New York asked.

"Our duty is higher than bringing the men back," Admiral McKean said. "Our duty is to guard the country from danger. It is almost a sacrilege to use our ships for transports."

"What is the danger you fear?" asked Mr. Hicks, "I don't know, but we must be pre-

pared to face it." Admiral McKean told the committee that not less than sixteen first-class battleships with a total complement

of 20,886 men would be kept in com-He said fewer men were used on British ships than on American craft of the same type, due partly to the fact Great Britain has more men trained to the work and partly to the

fact the British term of enlistment is longer. "I want to say, though," the admiral added, "that the British are not a us realize what it is that has hap whit more efficient than our men. As a whole I believe our men stack up have been to get a body of responsible better, taking everything into consideration. This is proven in part by the fact the British navy is pattern-

> ing itself in many ways after ours." The cost to the United States of each man in the navy averages \$1,200

It was disclosed that unanimous dework for the adoption by congress of grateful that she was so represented. I found unity of counsel. I was told cision had been reached by the naval "And it is the more delightful to en- that there would be opposition and I general board and leading officers of the navy who were in command overseas during the war to continue construction of battleships and battle cruisers rather than to adopt a comcould not merely make a peace settle- posite ship embodying the essentials

The general board's report was presented by Secretary Daniels. It urged that the ten battleships and six battle cruisers, authorized in 1916, me completed as expeditiously as possible with changes in the battle cruisers to afford greater protection at the cost of a slight reduction in the designed 1919.

speed of 35 knots. Decision of the board was reached after hearing the views of Rear Admirals Taylor, Earle and Griffin, chief comrades of yours who are gone. If technical advisers to Secretary Danlets, who accompanied the secretary

The officers discussed ship construction with admiralty officials in Great Britain, France and Italy and evidently found little favor there for the composite ship such as Great Britain built during the war.

Work on the six battle cruisers was suspended by Secretary Daniels pendourselves, have died to bring the coun- ing his trip, but it is understood it will be resumed with a view to comstanding into the field of the effort of you what America said she was born pleting the vessels as soon as possible The American pavy is now with-

HAWKER JEERS U. S. FLYERS

300 British at Banquet Greet Airman's Remarks With Silence and Cheer Americans.

London, May 30 .- Speaking at ancheon given by the Dally Mail in his and Lieut. Commander Grieve's honor. Harry G. Hawker deprecated the organization which had won for the United States the honor of the first crossing of the Atlantic by a heavier-than-air machine.

He said: "If you put a ship every fifty miles, it shows you have no fight in your motor."

This was greeted with absolute silence on the part of the men gathered 250 and 300, nearly all of whom were British. A few minutes before they and heartily cheered the American aviators.

Manufacturer Found in River. New York, May 20 .- The body of

Otto Kurn, an official of the Botany Worsted mills of Passaic, N. J., was found fully dressed in the North river, according to a police report made pub-

Stops Supplies of Rebels.

Managua, Nicaragua, May 29.-The chief of the Nicaraguan frontier guard has notified the Costa Rican revelutionists that no arms, munitions or recruits will be permitted to reach

FROM ALL SECTIONS OF THIS MAJESTIC STATE

Reports of Interesting Happenings Throughout Nebraska Condensed to a Few Lines for Quick Perusal.

Hundreds of citizens of Omaha who witnessed the tragedy at Riverview park, when thirteen children fell into deep water as the result of the capsizing of two rowboats, four of whom were drowned, are bitter in their charges of gross neglect on the part of park officials and the police department. The boats in which the children were rowing are said to have been leaky. No life guards were at the lake and more than 45 minutes elapsed after the accident occurred before a city doctor was upon the scene. One of the lives could have been saved, it is said, if a pulmotor had been available. The children, three girls, ranging in age from 12 to 14 and a boy, 10, were attending a picnic at the park.

The State Rallway Commission has ordered that the 300 mutual farmers' telephone lines in Nebraska are common carriers and under the commission's jurisdiction. This ruling will do away with the actions of some companies in the state of refusing service to certain parties when they so desired.

Sixty boys ranging in age from 10 to 17 years, representing the different counties of the state, who won special prizes for the best hogs, corn, etc., grown in contests held by the schools, were entertained at the State Farm and visited the State Capitol and executive offices at Lincoln the past week.

The 4,320 acre Fitzgerald farm, located north of Greenwood and partly in Cass and Lancaster counties, was sold the other day for \$1,000,000. It was one of the largest real estate deals ever consummated in this state. Woods Brothers of Lincoln were the buyers of the tract.

It has been finally decided by German and English synods to remove the Midland college from Atchison. Kan., to Fremont. A 160-acre tract north of Fremont and near the Masonic orphanage has been chosen for the establishment.

More than 300 Nebraskans were among the 3,000 enlisted men of the Thirty-fifth infantry which arrived at Newport News, Va., Memorial Day on the transport Aeluos. The Thirty-fifth infantry is part of the Eighty-eighth division.

Three Donne college students, Francis Walkin, Royal McDonald and Evelyn Masek, were drowned in the Blue river at Crete when a canoe in which they were riding capsized as the occupants were changing seats, the children drowned. Of the nine

At a commercial club dinner given at Friend it was unanimously agreed by Michelsen. that Friend would celebrate July 4th. The event is to a regular home coming celebration for the many boys who have returned from the war.

Mr. and Mrs. Vincent .. ubacek, who reside on their farm one mile south of Spring Ranch, Clay county, were bound to chairs one night recently by three unknown men who robbed the house of \$500.

Mrs. Lydia Walker, of Geneva, has been awarded a distinguished service undertaken by people of the capital cross for extraordinary heroism in action, near Norroy, France, Sept. 15,

More than 3,000 delegates are expected to attend the fifty-second anhual state Sunday school convenion which will convene at York for a three days session June 11,

E. J. "Doc" Stewart has tendered his resignation as director of athletics and head coach of the University of Nebraska football, basketball and track teams to take effect Sept. 1.

A bunch of live wires at DeWitt got together the other day and organized a commercial club. Forty business men of the city joined at the initial meeting.

A splendid program has been prepared for the annual convention of the Nebraska Bankers' association at Omnha, June 11 and 12.

Albert Mion, 26 years old, of Omaha, was drowned in the Blue river, near Beatrice by the capsizing of a canoe in which he was riding.

Recent sales in Jefferson county show that the price of farm land has advanced in price approximately \$50

Contracts have been awarded at Madison for 19 blocks of paving to cost in the neighborhood of \$130,000. Washington county's lady county clerk, Mrs. Mary C. Debel, has ap-

pointed a deputy of her own sex. Box Butte county oversubscribed its Victory Loan quota and comploted a war record of one hundred

per cent perfect. According to estimates Gage county's wheat crop will average about twenty bushels an acre or a total of

around 2,500,000 bushels. Miss Laura Roehrkasse, 20, of Lin coin, was killed and her sister. Gertrude, was seriously injured when an automobile in which the sisters and six others were riding, turned turtle near Lincoln.

The new American State Bank at Loup City commenced business with a public reception to citizens of the

The Community club of Ogallala is the fourth anuual round-up to be held in the city July 3. 4 and 5 the greatest on record.

A movement is on foot at McCook to construct a new, up-to-date hotel. McCook has long needed a modern hostelry and it is now thought the right men are behind the project to multo It a go.

NEBRASKA OFFICE CARES FOR TWO FRENCH ORPHANS



Lieutenant Burdette Kirkendall of Omaha, now a member of the American Army of Occupation in Germany, is playing the good samaritan to these two French orphans, Jeanne Castieiain, age 8, and her brother, under the pians of the Fatheriess Children of France association. The movement has already gained considerable headway in Nebraska and the state headquarters at 140 North 39th street, Omaha, is receiving inquiries regularly from persons of prominence who desire to aid the thousands of parentless tots in war-torn France.

The first complete statement covering Red Cross activities in Nebraska, issued by State Chairman Judson, shows that the Red Cross of Nebraska had 585,156 members in 1918 or approximately 49 per cent of the population of the state; it raised nearly three imes its quota in the second war fund drive; it disbursed \$101.640 in local activities; it furnished 1,373 nurses for war work, and it sent 9.974.631 articles through the state inspection warehouse at Omaha.

The reception accorded Nebraska boys of the 89th division-355th infantry and 341st machine gua battalion -at Omaha Memorial day was in keeping with the spirit the state metropolis has shown throughout the entire war. Hundreds of people from all parts of Nebraska were in the city to greet the "Fighting Farmers."

Wheeler county officials are now comfortably installed in the new court house at Bartlett, built to replace the frame building which was destroyed by fire in September, 1917. The new building is of concrete, built on the Van Guilder system and finished outside with stucco. It was built at a total cost of \$16,000,

Petitions calling for a referendum. vote on the national prohibition amendment, Governor McKelvie's code bill and the new primary law are being circulated in Omaha and throughout eastern Nebraska by Omaha labor unions.

Herbert Michelsen, a boy scout, saved three lives, when thirteen children were thrown into a lake at Riverview park at Omaha. Four of saved three were taken from the water

The 300 new laws passed by the late legislature cost the state erage of \$450 apiece, figures compiled by State Auditor Marsh on legislative expense show. The total expense of the 1919 session was \$140 .-960.20.

Lincoln had on its gayest attire last Friday and gave the boys of the 89th division who stopped off on the way to-Private James M. Walker, son of Camp Funston a reception far in excess of anything of like nature ever

> The Douglas county branch of the American Legion plans to issue a book containing pictures, sketches and stories of the 15,000 soldiers, sailors and marines who went from the county into war service.

> Three thousand citizens attending a Memorial service in the Methodist church at Tekan.ah, arose in protest against the action of President Wilson in urging repeal of the war-time prohibition act.

Speaker Dwight S. Dalbey has presented to Rawlins post, Grand Army of the Republic at Beatrice, the large flag used back of the speaker's chair in the recent legislative session.

Three registered nurses of Columbus, Emma, Mamie and Estelle Natzen have purchased a building and will open a hospital in the city in the immediate future.

The governor's civil code bill. Senate File No. 2, cost the state between \$6,000 and \$7,000, according to figures compiled by the state auditor of leg-Islative expense.

Work has started on the new federal highway between Beatrice and Fairbury. The road will be 30 miles.

long and will cost about \$60,000. Judge T. O. C. Harrison, former member of the state supreme court. died at his home at Grand Island at the age of 70 years.

Nebraska's 1919 wheat crop. forecasted to be worth \$150,000,000 or more, will be allowed to move only by the permit system, according to a bulletin received by the state railway commission.

According to reports reaching the State Agricultural department at Lincoln, farmers in a great many comties of the state are not raising the normal number of pigs this year. Cool weather, which caused heavy lossess from pneumonia, and high prices of grain are said to be responsible.

A good roads association has been organized in Polk county. It started off with a membership of 100,

A special train to take 500 Ne braska G. A. R. veterans to the naputting forth every effort to make tional encampment in Columbus, O., September 8, at a rate of 1 cent a mile has been promised by the federal railroad administration.

Corporal J. A. Johnson of West Point, who just returned from overseas' service, wearing the Croix de Guerre, is believed to be the only Cuming county soldier to have been decorated for extraording - bravery,