

A TROOP TRAIN LANDS IN DITCH

LUCKY ACCIDENT ON BURLINGTON RAILWAY NEAR ASHLAND, 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...

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...

FOR "PEOPLES 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...

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 house. 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...

Two Airmen 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 bowl.

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.

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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.

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

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 ardor to the point of audacity, their full consciousness of the high cause they had come to serve...

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"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 America know that they were discovering to the whole world the true spirit and devotion of their motherland..."

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..."

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"Those men gave their lives in order to secure the freedom of a nation. These men have given theirs in order to secure the freedom of mankind, and 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..."

Fight Final Battle for Right.

"You are aware, as I am aware, that the air 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..."

"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..."

"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..."

"And think of the change that has taken place! I was told before I came to France that there would be confusion of counsels about this thing and I found unity of counsel. I was told that there would be opposition and I found union of action..."

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HAWKER JEERS U. S. FLYERS

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

London, May 30.-Speaking at a luncheon given by the Daily Mail in his 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.

Should Hear Mandates of Men.

"Let us go away hearing these unspoken mandates of our dead comrades. If I may speak a personal word, I beg you to realize the compulsion that I myself feel that I am under. By the Constitution of our great country I was the commander in chief of these men..."

"So it is our duty to take and maintain the safeguards which will see to it that the mothers of America and the mothers of France and England and Italy and Belgium and all other suffering nations should never be called upon for this sacrifice again."

"The league of nations is the covenant of government that these men shall not have died in vain. I like to think that the dust of those sons of America who were privileged to be buried in their mother country will mingle with the dust of the men who fought for the preservation of the Union..."

U. S. WARNED OF PERIL FROM SEA

Navy Holds All Men to Meet 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."

"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 prepared 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 commission as a peace-time force.

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.

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The cost to the United States of each man in the navy averages \$1,200 a year, the witness said.

It was disclosed that unanimous decision had been reached by the naval 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 composite ship embodying the essentials of the two types.

The general board's report was presented by Secretary Daniels. It urged that the ten battleships and six battle cruisers, authorized in 1916, be 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 speed of 35 knots.

Decision of the board was reached after hearing the views of Rear Admirals Taylor, Earle and Griffin, chief technical advisers to Secretary Daniels, who accompanied the secretary on the recent trip to Europe.

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 pending his trip, but it is understood it will be resumed with a view to completing the vessels as soon as possible.

The American navy is now without any ship of this class.

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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 Railway 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 Aelous. The Thirty-fifth infantry is part of the Eighty-eighth division.

Three Donnell 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. At a commercial club dinner given at Friend it was unanimously agreed 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 Duback, 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.

Private James M. Walker, son of Mrs. Lydia Walker, of Geneva, has been awarded a distinguished service cross for extraordinary heroism in action, near Norroy, France, Sept. 15, 1919.

More than 3,000 delegates are expected to attend the fifty-second annual state Sunday school convention 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 Omaha, June 11 and 12.

Albert Dion, 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 an acre.

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 appointed a deputy of her own sex.

Box Butte county over-subscribed its Victory Loan quota and completed 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 Lincoln, 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 Leup City commenced business with a public reception to citizens of the city.

The Community club of Ogallala is putting forth every effort to make the fourth annual round-up to be held in the city July 3, 4 and 5 the greatest on record.

NEBRASKA OFFICE CARES FOR TWO FRENCH ORPHANS



Lieutenant Burdette Kirkcaldy of Omaha, now a member of the American Army of Occupation in Germany, is playing the good samaritan to these two French orphans, Jeanne Castelain, age 8, and her brother, under the plans of the Fatherless Children of France association.

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 times 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 gun battalion—at Omaha Memorial day was in keeping with the spirit the state metropolis has shown throughout the entire war.

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.

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 Michelson, a boy scout, saved three lives when thirteen children were thrown into a lake at Riverview park at Omaha. Four of the children drowned. Of the nine saved three were taken from the water by Michelson.

The 300 new laws passed by the late legislature cost the state an average 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 Camp Funston a reception far in excess of anything of like nature ever undertaken by people of the capital city.

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 Tekamah, 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 legislative expense.

Work has started on the new federal highway between Beatrice and Fairbury. The road will be 30 miles long and will cost about \$80,000.

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, forecast 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 counties of the state are not raising the normal number of pigs this year. Cool weather, which caused heavy losses 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 Nebraska G. A. R. veterans to the national 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 Omaha county soldier to have been decorated for extraordinary bravery.