WAR DELAY DUE TO GENERAL LACK OF FORESIGHT

CONGRESSIONAL PROBERS POINT TO STUPIDITY IN ENTERING THE WAR.

Railroads are Blamed for Coal Shortage—Much Profiteering Discovered Everywhere.

Washington, Dec. 29.—Lack of foresight caused the United States to enter the war backwards, in the opinion of congressional leaders tonight, after two weeks of senate investigations into war work. Summed up, they show:

"The army was called out before ships were ready to take it to Europe or adequate supplies were available for training here.

"Coal and sugar are lacking in many communities and transportation facilities are such that raw materials cannot reach manufacturing plants fast enough to meet demands."

The military committee has developed an astonishing situation in many training camps, the lack of clothing, arms and munitions being frankly admitted and in some cases denounced by Camp commanders, testifying on the stand.

The probers developed that delay in purchasing wood cost heavily and resulted in production of uniforms and overcoats being months behind. Evidence of profiteering under the eyes of the national defense council and usurpation of the quartermaster general's power by the council, was revealed.

And while these conditions were being revealed the senate commerce committee learned that the wooden shipbuilding program is endangered by insufficient lumber supply and the steel ship program threatened by a lack of housing for thousands of workmen. At the same time testimony showed rapid progress in construction of fabricated steel ships, repair of enemy interned vessels and a substantial tonnage netted by the requisitioning of all vessels under construction in American yards, giving promise that America will meet all shipping demands.

In investigating the coal famine, senatorial probers found a general inclination of witnesses to blame the railroads. The sole hope of improvement lies in government control of those systems now in force, it is believed.

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Now For Nineteen-Eighteen!

The old year leaves us pleasant memories and precious heritages; it has seen good things accomplished and greater things begun.

The new year will be a new measure of progress, and its coming finds us prepared with pride and power and purpose for still greater accomplishments.

We have indeed much to be thankful for, much to be joyous over, much to glory in. American material prosperity has long been a matter of world-wide comment, but this year we have been called upon to demonstrate that we also have spiritual prosperity.

And so while we are ushering in Nineteen-Eighteen, let it be with pride in the past, power of the present, and purpose for the future.

We close at 6:00

Philip Thierolf
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Plattsmouth, Nebraska

DIED LAST EVENING AT LINCOLN

From Monday's Daily.

Last evening, death came to the home of Mrs. Agnes Chapman of Lincoln, when it claimed the bright young man Clement Chapman, just turned sixteen, and a son of Mrs. Chapman. Clement had been sick with pneumonia, for some time and but little hope had been entertained for his recovery. All which could be done by careful nursing, and medical science was done, but the disease had secured such a grip, that it could not be shaken and the patient after a masterly fight for life succumbed, and last evening about six o'clock his life went out into that greater world, which awaits us all.

The remains will be brought to this city on the noon train tomorrow (Tuesday) and the funeral will be held from the Presbyterian church and interment made in the Oak Hill cemetery west of the city. Clement Chapman was born in this city, and spent the most of his life here, being known by most of the people here. With his mother he went to Lincoln to live a few years since and had lived in that place, until his death last evening.

ENJOY VISIT IN CALIFORNIA.

From Monday's Daily.

Mr. and Mrs. A. L. Schaefer of Cedar Creek, who went to California several weeks ago, write friends in this vicinity, that they are enjoying their visit in the far west. They are nicely located at Long Beach and say the weather is most ideal, that the vegetables are growing and flowers blooming. Mr. and Mrs. Schaefer were compelled to make this trip to California on account of Mrs. Schaefer's health, which has not been the best for the past few months. They write that since their sojourn in California, that Mrs. Srhafer's health is very much improved, which will be most pleasing news to her large circle of friends in this vicinity.

DEPARTED FOR HIS HOME.

From Monday's Daily.

Mr. F. I. Howard departed this morning for his home at Sac City, Iowa, after having been visiting in the city for several days at the home of his daughter, Mrs. Robert Hayes. Mr. and Mrs. Howard arrived in the city some days since and have been the guests at the home of Mr. Hayes and wife, Mrs. Howard the mother, will remain for a longer visit, while Mr. Howard goes home to look after things there.

Her Trouble Is Gone.

Mrs. Thomas H. Davis, Montgomery, Ind., says she had trouble with her bladder and had doctored for several months without relief, when Foley Kidney Pills were recommended and she commence using thm and got relief. They relieve backach, rheumatic pains, stiff, swollen joints and kidney trouble. Sold everywhere.

HALF MILLION GERMANS IN U. S. MUST REGISTER

WEEK OF FEBRUARY 4 SET ASIDE FOR CHECK ON ALIEN ENEMIES HERE.

Austro-Hungarians Not Included in the Present Registration—May Get Theirs Later On.

Washington, Dec. 30.—The week ending February 4 was set aside by the Department of Justice today for registration of the half-million unnaturalized Germans in the continental United States by police and postmasters in pursuance of President Wilson's alien enemy proclamation directing this action as a means of minimizing of the danger from enemy sympathizers.

Registration will involve the gathering of detailed information concerning the business, relatives and habits of every German, together with his photograph and finger print identification.

After registering he must carry a certificate card and may not change his place of residence without approval of the police or postmaster. Violation of the regulations will be punishable by internment for the war.

The orders do not apply to German women, nor to any persons under 14 years of age, because these are not classed as alien enemies by law. Subjects of Austria-Hungary are not required to register.

WILL VISIT WITH FRIENDS.

From Monday's Daily.

Last Saturday Rudolph Ramsell departed for Seward, where he will visit with his sister-in-law, Mrs. August Ramsell and her son William Ramsell, who formerly lived in Plattsmouth but who have been making their home at Seward for some years. After having visited there Mr. Ramsell will go to Columbus, where he will visit with a niece, a daughter of Mrs. August Ramsell, formerly Miss Pauline Ramsell, now Mrs. L. L. Rewinkel who is a professor in the schools at Columbus.

CLASS OF 1910 REUNION.

From Monday's Daily.

Seven years out of High School, and school days not yet forgotten! Such was the spirit shown by the Class of 1910 of Plattsmouth High School Saturday evening, Dec. 29th, when they met at the "Hotel Wagner" for their annual banquet, served only as Mr. Wagner and his efficient assistants can serve, with "Hooverized Menu" to help "Our Uncle Samuel." The tables were artistically decorated in the class colors brown and gold.

Three former instructors, Mrs. Geo. B. Mann, Mrs. A. G. Cole and Mrs. R. B. Hayes were honor guests.

A portion of the evening was spent in writing a class letter to Otto Lutz, who was formerly a member of the Dandy Sixth, but is now with the 126th Machine Gun Battalion at Camp Cody, and the remainder of the time was spent in talking over "School Days", refreshing memories with happenings of the pleasant years spent under the "Blue and White", where "Sizzle Sazzle", and "Chick-a-gorunk" are still the popular yells. The latter having been started by the class of '10, aided by Mr. Benj. Harrison, at that time the efficient principal.

Gertrude L. Morgan was elected president for the coming year, succeeding Rachel Livingston, who has carried on the work since graduation days. Mattie Larson, Villa Gapen and Mary Peterson are the committee elected to plan the meeting twelve months hence.

Those present were: Rachel Livingston, Mary Peterson, Mr. and Mrs. Geo. O. Dovey, Marie Swoboda, Mattie Larson, Mr. and Mrs. C. E. Haney, Anna Snyder, Gertrude L. Morgan, Mrs. Geo. B. Mann, R. B. Hayes and A. G. Cole; Wayne Dickson and Francis Whelan, Omaha; Villa Gapen, Murray, and Mrs. C. O. Larson, Rock River, Wyo.

Had the Grip Three Weeks.

With January comes lagrippe. Lingering colds seem to settle in the system, causing one to ache all over, feel feverish and chilly, tired, heavy and drooping. Mrs. Lizzie Tyles, Henderson, Ky., writes: "My daughter ha dlagrippe fo rthree weeks. I gave her Foley's Honey and Tar and now she is all right." Sold everywhere.

The day of harsh physics is gone. People want mild, very laxatives. Doan's Regulets have satisfied thousands. 30c at all drug stores.

Subscribe for the Journal.

Start the New Year with a New Overcoat!

If you knew how much you would have to pay for an overcoat before 1918 closes you would hot-foot to this store and buy your full year's requirements. We are not joking. The advance has not struck here yet, but it's right at the door. We still have some dandy coats left at the old price. You better buy them—Listen $15, $17. $21, $22.50 and $25.00. These prices will not be found on such coats again for a long, long time. Same can be said of suits. Buy now!

We close at 6:00 P. M. except Saturdays and Pay Days

C. E. Wescott's Sons
"EVERYBODY'S STORE."

A few of those fast color, blue bib overalls left at $1.50. Better get yours.

SURPRISE HOME FOLKS.

From Monday's Daily.

Clifford Forbes, who is stationed at Camp Funston, Kas., was fortunate enough to hold one of those lucky numbers, which entitled him to a visit with home folks for a few days. Clifford came to Omaha on the special Saturday evening, which had been arranged for the soldier boys at Funston and then came down to this city on the midnight train. When he walked in on the home folks, they were sure some surprised, as he had not had time to write of his coming. Clifford and the home folks are sure enjoying their visit together, this being the first visit home. Clifford has made, since going to Funston early in September. He will return to Camp Funston tomorrow evening, going to Omaha on the flyer over the Missouri Pacific, and going on the special from Omaha to Camp Funston.

JOHN R. BOARDMAN.

John R. Boardman, community counselor, who comes to the Lyceum course this season, has had a big experience with men and affairs. He was graduated from the University of Maine. For four years he was a newspaper reporter, editor and syndicate manager; for three years he was general secretary of Young Men's Christian associations; graduated from Harvard Theological Seminary in 1898 and was for four years a clergyman. Two years were spent in directing Small Town

Work for state Y. M. C. A. committees. He was a director of the Community Work Department of the International Committee Y. M. C. A. for seven years, financial representative Good Will Homes and Schools for three years. For four seasons he was a lecturer on Rural Community Leadership at Cornell university, for one year at Massachusetts Agricultural college. For one year he was a special field worker of the Boy Scouts of America. Some experience, isn't it? And out of it have grown some great lectures, which are helping the small towns and cities of America to find themselves.

He ought to have a capacity audience when he appears here.

4th Number
Lyceum Course
Tuesday, January 8th.

W. A. ROBERTSON.
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ALVO.

A Happy and Prosperous New Year to you all.

Mrs. C. M. Jordan was an Omaha visitor Thursday.

School opened Wednesday morning after the holiday vacation.

Miss Marie Appleman visited friends in Lincoln from Saturday until Tuesday.

Mr. and Mrs. Henry Vickers of Dubuque, Ia., visited relatives here over New Years.

Mr. and Mrs. J. A. Shaffer took supper New Year's eve with Mr. and Mrs. L. H. Nickles.

Mrs. Dale Boyles and her mother Mrs. Hyder spent Wednesday and Thursday in Lincoln.

Miss Grace Bailey is teaching the 7th and 8th grades in the village schools of Greenwood.

The Ladies Aid society met at Mrs. M. C. Keefer's Wednesday afternoon. There was a real good turn out.

Mr. and Mrs. Rouse had as Xmas guests all of their daughters and families except Mr. and Mrs. Geo. Babbit.

The Misses Marie and Gladys Appleman returned Thursday from Atlantic, Iowa, where they spent Xmas with relatives.

Mrs. Geo. Vanscoy and children are visiting her mother, Mrs. Dan McCurdy before leaving for their new home in South Dakota.

Mr. and Mrs. Sam Cashner returned home with their son Sam Cashner of University Place, Saturday evening visiting until Sunday evening.

Mr. and Mrs. Harlen Wolfe came in from Omaha Sunday evening, where they had been visiting relatives since their marriage in Lincoln which took place X mas day.

The marriage of Miss Ruth Bailey and R. Clifford Appleman took place in Lincoln New Year's day, the Rev. Howard B. Chapman officiating.

Mrs. F. M. Grove returned to her home at Havelock, Saturday evening after visiting her sister, Mrs. Geo. Vanscoy and mother Mrs. Dan McCurdy.

John Foreman and sister Aurel autoed to Lincoln Saturday evening returning home Sunday vening, Miss Blanche Clements of Havelock accompanied them home visiting Miss Aurel until Tuesday evening.

The Misses Pearl and Lois Keefer gave a watch party on New Year's eve there being 27 guests present. Games were played and refreshments served after which the party proceded to East Alvo, where the charivari party surprised the bride and groom Mr. and Mrs. Harlen Wolfe.

Mr. and Mrs. Chas. H. Kirkpatrick celebrated their 40th wedding anniversary New Year's day, having as guests Mrs. Barrett of Texas and Mr. and Mrs. J. C. Pouse.

Mrs. Geo. Babbitt and son Millard returned Wednesday from Albion, where she visited her husband since before Xmas. She found him doing fine and well pleased with conditions there.

Mrs. Inez Gleason of Guide Rock and Mrs. Fay Nichols of Republican City, who have been visiting their parents Mr. and Mrs. Fred Clarke left the latter part of the week for their homes.

Christmas guests at the Harry Appleman home were Mr. and Mrs. E. L. Uptegrove, Mr. and Mrs. L. B. Appleman and family and Mrs. S. Waldschlager and son of Hannibal, Mo., the latter leaving for her home last Friday.

Mr. and Mrs. Ed. Uptegrove and children left Tuesday evening for Lincoln to visit relatives after having spent a week here with the former's parents, Mr. and Mrs. E. L. Uptegrove and sister, Mrs. Harry Appleman and family.

Mr. and Mrs. Harry Appleman entertained at dinner New Year's, Mr. and Mrs. A. N. Young and son Farley and Geo. Dayton, of Lincoln. Farley Young is home on a furlough from the Great Lakes Naval Training station for the holidays.

A letter to Mrs. Geo. Foreman from Mrs. Lena Foreman at Los Angeles, Calif., states that her mother, Mrs. Wake was buried the day before Xmas. This next summer the body will be brought to Cozad, Neb., and buried beside her parents. Weather fine out there.

Mr. and Mrs. Isaac Wolfe, pioneer residents of this county, celebrated their golden wedding New Year's day at the home of their daughter Mrs. L. D. Mullen, which is also their homestead, where they settled fort-eight years ago. A sumptuous dinner was served by Mesdames Mullen and Dimmett to about thirty relatives and friends. They were recipients of many beautiful gifts and all joined in wishing them many more years of happily married life. The only out of town guests were Mr. and Mrs. Wm. Wolfe of Ashland, Nebr., a brother of Mr. Wolfe.

A letter from Morgan G. McCurdy who had reached England in safety follows in part:

On active service with American Expeditionary Forces, England, Dec. 9, 1917. Mr. and Mrs. Dan McCurdy, Alvo, Nebr.,

Dear Folks: I arrived here safely after a 15 days trip across the ocean, which was very different from what I had thought it would be. We had two storms while crossing. I did not get seasick, but some of the boys did. It is raining here now and I am at the Y. M. C. A. rooms writing, some one is playing the piano and others are singing. I tell you the Y. M. C. A. is the greatest place in the world for us fellows. I just don't know what we would do without it. I wish I could be home Xmas to see you all again, and I don't think it will be long until I will be back home again. Let us hope so anyway and please do not worry about me for I am doing fine. I wouldn't have missed this trip for anything. Saw some great sights. Write often even if I don't. I am with the 80th Construction Squadron A. E. F., via N. Y. Your loving son,

MORGAN G. McCURDY.

GOOD LANDS NEAR HOME.

There are large and small tracts of land near home that you can buy right through the agency of Curtain & Mockenhaupt, of Sterling, Neb., as you will see by their ad in another column of this paper. They have some very choice farms near Sterling, and will take pleasure in showing you the value of the [illegible] if you will take a day a[illegible] them.

GO HAV[illegible]

Vallery a[illegible] Plattsmouth [illegible] at 7:45 for K[illegible] counties.

They have t[illegible] soil that is ra[illegible] small grain, corn [illegible]

Nobody has any [illegible] better soils. Ask t[illegible] been out.

A Bevey of Beauties with the "Katzenjammer Kinds" Cartoon Musical Comedy, at the Parmele Saturday Night, January 5th.