

## IN RECEIPT OF A LETTER FROM FRENCH FRIEND

WITH GOOD COMMAND OF ENGLISH LANGUAGE, JEANNE VERRIER WRITES.

### MEMORIAL DAY OBSERVANCE

In Her Home Village, Chateau du Loir Described Minutely—A Very Sad Occasion.

From Friday's Daily.  
Miss Dorace Winscott is in receipt of the following very interesting letter from her little French friend Jeanne Verrier:

Chateau du Loir, June 28th.  
Dear Friend Dorace:

I received your interesting but short letter a few days ago. I was very pleased to hear from my American friend. I think now you have the letters I wrote every fortnight. Have you? I think your sister is at home and she did not forget to bring you the pictures. So, I hope to receive your photo soon. Have you received mine, yet? Please excuse me, because it is not good at all. But as soon as I have a better one it will be for you. Here the weather is very, very hot and we wish to have rain for the gardens. We begin to eat strawberries and cherries are ripening, too. Do you like fruit? I am fond of it and especially of those named. I like very much plums too.

Do you see Orr Allen sometimes? I am anxious about this friend because I don't hear from her. She did not write since her first letter. Has she the letter from the French girl Antoinette? I have not had any letter from your other friends yet.

I have been told by American soldiers that in America, girls don't ride bicycles. Is it true? While in France girls ride very often and many, many of them. For instance, Renee Antoinette and I know how to ride a bicycle at school. I know a great many girls who have bicycles at home.

I see you like pet chickens very much. Then, so do I, they are so sweet, so nice.

On the 30th of May we had a manifestation in France this year, just as you had in America. At Chateau du Loir the feast was beautiful. On the square there was a sort of monument covered with American and French flags. All the girls of our high school were there. The little girls were very nice, well-dressed and carrying in their hands big beautiful bunches of flowers, roses, irises, etc. The other girls had a splendid and large crown of flowers trimmed with red, white and blue ribbon. The boys of the high school were there too. They had a French flag and also a crown of flowers. A great many people were on the square waiting for the ceremony. We saw flowers everywhere and it was beautiful. Everybody was silent. At about 10:30 the mayor of the town arrived with some of his *conseillers* (excuse the French please, but I can't find the proper word) and they put bunches of flowers on the monument. The mayor was received by the American pastor and several American officers. A troop of American soldiers arrived on the square.

The mayor explained to the French people who were there what it is that the Americans call "Memorial Day." He said that in France we have almost the same feast on the first of November, la *Coussaint*, that you call in English All Saints day.

Then a beautiful piece of music was played on violin by three girls of our school and a man, our music teacher. This piece of music was the *March Funebre* (Funeral March) by Chopin. This is a very mournful piece of music, that perhaps you know. After the pastor said prayers and made a long speech—I understood only some passages here and there—the girls sang together (all of us) a song about those who died for their country. The artists played again, another march. We sang another song and a young lady of Chateau du Loir sang *La Marseillaise* and the Star Spangled Banner. But the ceremony was not over. Everybody went to the tombs of the American soldiers who died here. Lots of flowers covered the tombs; there were American flags, too, on them. The American soldiers fired volleys (Is it right, this sentence?) and they did the same on the tombs of French soldiers, which were also covered with many flowers and then

everybody came back. I found this morning very, very sad.

I have tried to tell you what I saw, but I believe you shall not be able to understand this bad English. I pity the American families who can't come over here and see the tombs of those they have lost in France. But, poor families, they can be sure that French people will always take care of these tombs and never forget what the Americans did for us. It is a little consolation for them.

Now, dear Dorace, this letter is getting long. So I have to close it and to tell you good-bye. Your affectionate French friend Jeanne, who hopes to have a letter pretty soon.

JEANNE VERRIER.

### TIME OF MAKING MAY REPORTS EXTENDED TO JULY 30

From Friday's Daily.  
E. S. Critchfield, the deputy internal revenue collector for this district, was in the city this morning looking after some business matters in connection with the affairs of his office.

While awaiting for a return train to Omaha he stated to the Journal reporter that there has been a delay in getting report blanks to be used in making returns for the May tax on soft drinks, ice cream and the like, and on this account the time limited for turning in these reports has been extended to July 30th. The law provides they shall be sent in no later than the last day of the following month, which would make the time expire June 30th.

Those having reports of this kind to make out will take notice of the extension of time and are promised they will receive the necessary blanks in time to turn in their reports before the expiration of the extended time limit.

### ARE VISITING FRIENDS HERE

From Friday's Daily.  
This morning Mr. and Mrs. Henry Saal and little daughter, Louise, arrived from Omaha, where they have been visiting for some time with relatives and friends, and will visit at the home of A. F. Meisinger and wife and with Mrs. Henry Meisinger, Sr., mother of A. F. Meisinger, who is making her home with them.

Mr. and Mrs. Saal, whose home is near Pekin, Ill., are visiting for some time in this vicinity, as they have many friends hereabouts.

### SOME SOUTH BEND ITEMS

Mrs. McGinnis, her daughter and mother visited Roy Clifton and family at LaPlatte Friday.

Miss Louise Thimgan returned last week from the hospital in Omaha. She is improving slowly and her friends are hoping for her full recovery in due time.

The dance given by the M. W. A. lodge last Saturday was well attended despite the rain. The Memphis orchestra furnished some excellent music.

Mrs. E. Richardson, west of town, who suffered from serious heart trouble two weeks ago, is improving nicely at this time.

Mrs. O. McDonald and children, of Greta came in Saturday and will be entertained by friends here this week.

Mr. and Mrs. George Vogel and mother, Mrs. D. Vogel, were attending to business matters in Ashland last Monday.

Mr. Auxler came in from Omaha last week to visit with his family, leaving on Sunday again for Omaha.

Mrs. Auxler was motored to Murock on Monday evening by Mrs. Vogel to consult a physician about the baby who was broken out with what seemed to be a serious skin eruption.

The South Bend players met with the Ashland team again last Sunday on the diamond with the score 13 to 0 in favor of South Bend.

Mrs. Hiber and family of Johnson county visited last Sunday with Mr. and Mrs. Blum west of town.

### WIFE OF SHERIFF IS FIRST WOMAN TO FLY OVER BEATRICE

Beatrice, Neb., June 24.—Mrs. J. L. Schiek, wife of Sheriff Schiek, is the first woman to ride over Beatrice in an airplane. Lieutenant Stevens, a pilot of Dr. Frank Brewster's plane, which is giving exhibitions here at the circuit races, made trips with a number of passengers which included Sheriff Schiek and wife, Miss Beluah Brewster, sister of the doctor, and Hugo Ahlquist.

Mrs. O. W. Cotton, who has been visiting in this city for the past ten days at the home of her son, Herbert H. Cotton and wife, departed this afternoon for her home, having enjoyed the visit here greatly.

## LARGE CROWD ENTERTAINED AT SOCIAL

GIVEN BY MEMBERS OF FRAUENVEREIN OF GERMAN LUTHERAN CHURCH

### AT W. H. MEISINGER HOME

Last Wednesday Afternoon—More Than 200 Present—Over \$50 Netted by the Society

The Frauenverein of the German Lutheran church of Eight Mile Grove precinct, met at the home of Mrs. W. H. Meisinger near Cedar Creek on last Wednesday, June 25th and held a most enjoyable meeting.

A parcel post sale was one of the features of the meeting, there being a large wash basket full of packages priced from 25 cents up to \$2.00. The packages sold like hot cakes on a wintry morning and half of the crowd didn't even get a chance to secure a package. The day was delightful from the weather standpoint and the crowd numbered upwards of 200 guests. After coffee and cake were served by Mrs. Meisinger, ice cream and cake were sold to help bulge the proceeds and almost every one invested in some of this cooling refreshment.

The guests were seated on the beautiful shady lawn at the Meisinger home and everyone enjoyed themselves to the utmost. The rooms of the home were decorated with Easter lilies, asparagus, sweet peas and roses.

The members of the Frauenverein wish to extend thanks to the visitors for their kindness in helping to raise such a handsome sum as was netted from the entertainment, the coffers of the society being enriched by something over \$50 as a result of the ladies' efforts.

At a late hour every one departed for their home, declaring in unmistakable language that they had had a most delightful time.

### JESS WILLARD NOW 37, MARRIAGE RECORD SHOWS

Leavenworth, Kan., June 26.—On examining the marriage license record book at the probate judge's office in Leavenworth county court house, it was found that March 13, 1908, a license was issued to Jesse M. Willard, aged 26 and Hattie Evans, aged 22. Willard swore to an affidavit at that time that he was 26 years old and this would make him 37 now, thereby, sport followers here contend, settling the controversy about his age.

### BACCHANTES TO HOLD FORTH MONDAY NIGHT

New York, June 26.—The biggest drinking bout on earth is to be held at Madison Square Garden on the night of June 30, when prohibition goes into effect at midnight, to celebrate the last hours of John Barleycorn. Promoters of this festival of the grape promise that more liquor will be consumed in the last few hours before the dry spell than was consumed at all the notorious Bacchanalian revelries in ancient days.

The passing of "booze" will be invested with all the ritual fitting the occasion. The garden will be draped with black crepe and at 12 o'clock, when the laws of the land declare the gay fluid taboo, the band will play Chopin's funeral march.

Fifteen thousand persons are expected to participate. The equipment for the festival, according to the promoters, will consist of: 200 bartenders, 500 kegs of beer, 24,000 bottles of beer, 2,000 bottles of wine mostly champagne; 5,000 quarts of whisky, 30,000 glasses of soft drinks.

There will be individual and team drinking contests. At 11:30 p. m. a warning will be sounded that the country goes dry in 30 minutes and that the drinkers better fill up.

Two former lieutenants in the aviation corps of the army leased the garden for this festival and let out concessions to certain liquor interests. Only a proclamation by President Wilson setting aside wartime prohibition as unessential will upset the festival.

### DELIVERS SERMON FROM DECK OF DIRIGIBLE

Columbus, O., June 27.—From a height of 300 feet above an immense crowd at the Methodist centenary celebration here, Dr. Edward Soper delivered a sermon through a megaphone from the decks of the big army dirigible A-1, which came here from Akron under command of Maj. Clarence Maranville. Dr. Soper's voice could be distinctly heard. The sermon was about 300 words in length.

Former President William H. Taft was the principal speaker. Mr. Taft spoke on various phases of Sunday school work.

### GIFT GOLD WILL SEAL PEACE PACT FOR WILSON

Paris, June 26.—President Wilson's personal seal, which he will use in signing the peace treaty, was made from a gold nugget presented to him four years ago by the state of California with which to make a ring for the president's wedding.

After the ring was made, enough gold remained for a seal ring on which the president had "Woodrow Wilson" engraved in stenographic characters.

### FIRST VICTORY MEDAL WILL GO TO PRESIDENT

Washington, June 26.—The first official victory medal to be struck will be issued to President Wilson, as commander-in-chief of the army, the war department announced. The second medal will go to Secretary Baker.

### SPECIAL SESSION OF LEGISLATURE LIKELY TO BE CONVENED JULY 24

Lincoln, June 26.—It is probable that the special session of the legislature will be called for Monday July 21, according to information given out by Governor McKelvie Thursday.

Besides ratification of the national constitutional amendment on woman suffrage, the governor was not prepared to say what would be incorporated in the call though here are one or two other matters of importance which may be mentioned. One of these is the appointment of a committee to investigate profiteering in Nebraska. Just how far the legislature could go in this matter and the methods to be used are yet under consideration.

There will be no incorporation in the call of any matter relative to the building of a fireproof state supreme court and library building. The building committee consider that the last legislature went into the matter fully and decided to take no action.

### CHICAGO, FOR FIRST TIME, BECOMES PORT OF EXPORT

Chicago, June 26.—Chicago became a port of export when the Lake Granby, built here by the federal shipping board, carrying a cargo of packing house products for Liverpool steamed from the Chicago river on its maiden voyage by way of the Great Lakes and the Atlantic. The ship is of all-steel construction, of 4,000 tons capacity. The shipping board has arranged to loan 13 new ocean-going ships at Chicago during July and August.

### IOWA LAWMAKERS ARE FOR RATIFICATION

Des Moines, June 25.—The Iowa State Suffrage association has secured the promise of sixty-two members of the Iowa house of representatives and twenty-eight members of the Iowa senate to vote for the Susan B. Anthony amendment to the constitution if a special session of the legislature is called. Five representatives called suffrage headquarters by long distance, and two senators wrote.

A wire will probably be sent to Governor Harding in the east this evening, asking him to call the special one-day session.

### WON'T HOLD WAR EMERGENCY STUDENTS AGAINST DESIRES

Washington, June 25.—Young men who enlisted in the navy for the war emergency and desire to continue their education will be released in time to enter schools and colleges at the beginning of the term next fall. Secretary Daniels announced.

### PRESIDENT BIDS FRANCE GOOD-BYE AT PARIS DINNER

Paris, June 26.—President Poincaré Thursday night gave a dinner to President Wilson and all the delegates to the peace conference. Mrs. Wilson accompanied the president.

In closing an address made in response to one by President Poincaré, President Wilson said: "So, sir, in saying good-bye to France, I am only saying a sort of physical good-bye, not a spiritual good-bye. I shall retain in my heart always the warm feelings which the generous treatment of this great land has

# GEM THEATRE

WEDNESDAY and THURSDAY!

The Picture All the World is Talking About

## AND THE CHILDREN

# 7 REELS! PAY! 25c

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The theme of the great motion picture that is coming to the Gem Theatre Wednesday and Thursday, is the most vital and far-reaching one for women ever presented on the screen. Nothing is closer to the heart of any money than the moral welfare of her child. The delicate subject of sex instruction is handled by Mr. Jacques Tyrol so gracefully and so forcefully that the picture has called forth unstinted praise from every man and woman who has seen it and this number includes some of the greatest minds in the whole country.

A national—not merely a state or civic issue is involved in this powerful photoplay. A world-wide them in actuality, but particularly rational because America has always been accused by prudishness in her conduct toward her youth.

See it at Gem Wednesday and Thursday—matinee 3:00 and evening 7:15.

**Come in to the band concert and stay for the show!**

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### MURDERER ASKS GRACE TILL AFTER BIG FIGHT

New York, June 26.—Gordon Fawcett Hamby, who fired the shot which killed Dewitt C. Peal, a paying teller, during a hold-up of the East Brooklyn Savings bank, last December, was sentenced in the supreme court in Brooklyn today to die in the electric chair at Sing Sing prison during the week of July 28. Hamby maintained his air of indifference which has characterized his every action since being brought back here from Tacoma, Wash., when he faced Justice Lewis to be sentenced to die in the electric chair.

### MAKES RECORD FLIGHT FROM GOTHAM TO ATLANTIC CITY

New York, June 25.—A record flight from Atlantic City, N. J., to New York, was established when Lieut. Kenneth H. Murray, formerly of the American air service, piloted a Sopwith "camel" over the route, 140 miles, in 61 minutes. The time was officially recorded by the Aero club of America.

## SOCIAL DANCE

Thursday Evening,  
JULY 3

GIVEN BY THE EAGLES AT  
COATES HALL

MUSIC BY  
Dan Des Dunes Orchestra  
(Colored Orchestra of Omaha)

This will be your last dance by this orchestra for this summer.

Admission \$1.00; Spectators 25c. Plus the war tax.