

THE RETURN OF AMERICA'S DEAD

Good Taste, Efficiency and Sentiment
Enter Into Work of Graves
Registration Service.

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The white crosses under which the A. E. F. left its dead in lands beyond the sea are far from as many as they were eighteen months ago. Many thousands of them have disappeared from the gentle slopes of Britain, France and the Rhine, as the bodies over which those crosses stood have been taken up, casketed and conveyed home across the Atlantic to America.

By the express wish of the next of kin in all cases, 50,000 bodies are to be brought back to their native soil before the task is complete, and some 25,000 more are to rest forever within the bounds of the A. E. F. country, being removed to the four permanent cemeteries in France—Bellevue Wood, Romagne, Suresnes and Doull.

The program for the return of the 50,000 is now nearly two-thirds complete and it is difficult to find fault with the way the Government and its 4,000 agents engaged in the work is functioning. There has been little, if any criticism of their methods, either in examining the bodies, preparing them for shipment, conveying them to the desired destination or burying them. True, in some few isolated cases, as is inevitable where such large numbers are to be handled, there have been some slight hitches in the program.

The correspondent of the Stamford and Rutland (England) News, after the first field operations of the Graves Registration Service in the south of France, and gave his impressions as follows:

"The work was carried out in a most reverent manner by a special party of American men, under the direction of the United States military authorities, who were represented by officers.

"That portion of God's Acre where internments took place (during 1918) was screened off from the public view, and the public were not admitted to the cemetery while the operations were in progress. Each coffin was raised from its resting place by means of ropes. Then the lid was taken off, and the body, after being disinfected, was carefully wrapped in a khaki sheet and filled with a zinc and copper lined shell. A disc bearing the name of the departed soldier was pinned to the sheet, and the whole was draped with white material. A domed metal lid was then placed on the shell and hermetically sealed down.

"Each shell was afterwards incased in a beautifully polished coffin which was placed in a stout wooden packing case ready for transshipment.

"A large motor lorry stood on the drive close at hand, and into this each case was lifted and the vehicle then left direct for Southampton, from which port the coffins are being shipped. On arrival the coffins will be ready for immediate reburial."

This correspondent is not alone in his favorable impression of the way in which the work on the other side is done. Numerous reports from representatives of the American Red Cross, the American Legion, the War Department and many private individuals fully bear out his testimony.

There are many, too, to bear witness to the fitting and orderly manner in which the boxed coffins containing the dead have been cared for on the other side, whether Southampton, Liverpool, Antwerp, Brest, St. Nazaire or any other. The men on board the transports conveying shipments of the dead across the ocean, tell us that the most scrupulous care is taken in the handling of the boxes; that they are never left without a proper guard and that there is a certain feeling of pride and affection

among the living aboard ship, both crew and passengers, toward the mute wooden symbols of sacrifice that prevent anything like unseemly levity or indifference.

Finally the A. E. F. dead come to Hoboken, the gateway to America and land through which the multitude of their companions in arms preceded them. From here they are shipped to distribution points, of which Omaha is but one. From the time of arrival in Hoboken, and even before, the War Department is in touch with the relatives, quite a few of whom travel across the continent to meet the incoming bodies and accompany them on the last stretch of the homeward journey.

Another instance of the fitting manner of their return is reflected in the fact that a uniformed guard accompanies each and every flag-draped casket to its final destination.

Coming to the matter of the reception given the dead by the general public, it is a source of gratification that the honor paid to the dead is reflected in the fact that a uniformed guard accompanies each and every flag-draped casket to its final destination.

One by one the weathered white crosses of French hillside are giving way as the bodies are being removed for return to the United States or reburial in the permanent French cemeteries, and through it all one cannot help but marvel at the efficient manner in which the work is proceeding and the pride and affection exhibited by the general public toward these mute testimonials of a service well performed.

SMALL CONSIDERS ONLY BUSINESS OF STATE

Chicago, July 29.—Governor Len Small announced today he would devote his attention to state business, to the exclusion of all other matters, including the indictments recently returned against him charging embezzlement during his term as state treasurer.

There was no indication when he would return to the capital at Springfield, where the sheriff holds warrants for his arrest.

"I want the people of Illinois to rest assured," said the governor, "that I will not yield in my determination to exercise my constitutional authority to permit to set of men or interests to interfere in the performance of my duty. I will invoke every power of the state to keep at bay the corrupt and scheming agents of those in whose way I stand."

TWO DROWN IN CLOUDBURST

Omaha, Neb., July 28.—Two persons were drowned in a cloudburst and practically wiped out Benham, Wyo., a village of fifteen miles west of Spearfish, S. D., early today according to advices reaching Omaha this afternoon.

The known dead are Mrs. Win Bower, Missouri Valley, Ia., and John Bower, her grandson, Chadron, Neb. The two were members of a tourist party bound for Yellowstone park which had camped for the night in a canyon near the village. Confirmation of the death of his mother and son was received today by Dr. Leroy Bower of Chadron. The body of the son has not been recovered. A relief train left Chadron this afternoon for the Chicago and Northwestern, laden with supplies for the victims. It will be several days before wire communications can be established. Spearfish told of destruction by flood waters which wiped out practically the entire village consisting of about 100 inhabitants. Loss in livestock on the Spearfish canyon will be great, reports stated.

LOCAL NEWS ILLINOIS GOVERNOR DROPS OUT OF SIGHT

Frank Hansen and wife of near Newauk, were in the city for a short time today looking after some business matters.

W. H. Puls and George Nickels of Murray were in the city for a short time today attending to some matters of business.

Mrs. Rose Kennedy of Central City, Nebraska, came in last evening to attend the funeral services of her sister, Mrs. Rebecca Kennedy.

Henry A. Guthmann and family of Murdock were in the city today enjoying a visit at the home of Mrs. F. R. Guthmann and daughter, Miss Minnie.

Miss Margaret Albert departed this afternoon for Sheridan, Wyoming, where she goes to join a party of friends who are planning a trip to the west and which will include a tour of the Pacific coast cities. Miss Albert expects to be absent until September.

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KANSAS 76.6 PER CENT OLD AMERICAN STOCK

Washington, July 29.—Kansas' population is 76.6 per cent American born of American parents and 23.4 per cent foreign born or native born of foreign parents, the census bureau announced today. During the last decade the negro population increased 7.2 per cent, against 4.6 per cent increase for the whites. The state contains 2,276 Indians.

Has Never Seen Their Equal

"I have used Chamberlain's Tablets for stomach trouble, biliousness and constipation off and on for the past ten years. I have never seen their equal yet. They strengthened my digestion, relieved me of headaches and had a mild pleasant action on my bowels. I take pleasure in recommending them," writes H. D. F. Farmer, Cridersville, Ohio.

TROOPS ON RHINE COST IS NEARLY \$300,000,000

Washington, July 28.—Germany owed the United States up to April 30 last, \$249,744,511 for maintenance of American troops on the Rhine. Secretary Weeks sent the figures to the senate today in answer to a resolution by Senator Borah, republican, Idaho.

The total cost of the American occupation forces from December 18, 1918, to April 30, the last date for which accounts were available, was placed at \$275,324,192.

There are now 500 officers, 13,241 enlisted men and fifty-four nurses in German territory, Secretary Weeks stated.

The resolution was understood to go to the preliminary to agitation for return of the troops.

CAMP HAS NEW SIGN

Andy Schmaeder's training camp over the Tourist garage has a new sign 12x12 feet, the work of W. A. Wood, a local artist. Tourists passing through town are reminded that this is the home of the navy boxer and many of them stop to have a look at the young man who has met some of the best men in the game. Andy is doing light training to keep in shape for his coming match with Tony Melchior at the Omaha ball park.

R. A. Anthony, of Craig, arrived here Monday for a week's training and instruction under Schmaeder. Anthony weighs 170 pounds and promises to become a fast one with a little more training. He is to meet Harry Carter, of Blair, on August 1st, at Bertha, Nebraska, a small town north of Craig.—Louisville Courier.

VISITS AT AVOCA

Mrs. Joseph Sindelar, Misses Adelaide and Mildred Stecker, Mrs. Will Hazleton and son, Billy, Mrs. Warwick Saunders and son, Billy, of Omaha, Mrs. R. L. Propst, Mrs. Ed Wilcox, Mrs. Will Richardson, Sr. Mrs. Cameron Cathey and children, Miss Roberta Propst and Miss Emma Richardson motored to Avoca to spend the day with Mrs. J. E. Hallstrom.

Child Cured of Bowel Trouble

A child of Floyd Osborn, Notary Public of Dunzannon, Va., was taken with bowel trouble. Mr. Osborn gave it Chamberlain's Colic and Diarrhoea Remedy and it quickly recovered. In speaking of this remedy he says: "It is the best I ever used."

WIFE, APPARENTLY, DOES NOT KNOW HIS WHEREABOUTS IT IS CLAIMED.

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Sheriff Mester at Springfield, reported today that he will await the governor's return to Springfield, whether it be in two days or two weeks, before he will attempt to serve the warrants.

WOMEN DISAPPROVE PILL BILL.

Washington, July 27.—Twenty-five women, old young and middle-aged, jammed into a house committee room, today told to hear Representative Johnson, Missouri, opposing passage of a bill prohibiting cigarette smoking by women in the nation's capital.

After Johnson had spoken for two hours in support of his bill, a referendum was taken. Twenty-four out of the twenty-five women voted against the bill.

The congressmen admitted that he hoped to make the principle of the bill nationwide.

HOME DEMONSTRATION

The Home Demonstration Agent Miss Ida Williams will hold the meeting at Lewiston church east of Murray on Thursday, August 11th and at which time she will be glad to answer any questions covering the farm work and such matters as canning, poultry raising, sewing, interior decorating. Mr. L. R. Snipes, county farm agent will also be present to assist in the meeting.

REDUCTION IN COTS

We still have a few cots left that go at \$2.45 which we have just. Phone 645 Christ & Christ Plattsmouth, Nebraska.

Peaches for canning about August 15th. Leave your orders with us at once.—Hatt & Son.



Poultry Wanted!

THURSDAY, AUGUST 4

A car load of live poultry wanted to be delivered at poultry car near the Burlington freight house, Plattsmouth, on Thursday, August 4, one hen only, for which we will pay the following—

CASH PRICES

Hens, per lb.	22c
Springs, per lb.	22c
Old Cox, per lb.	8c
Ducks, per lb.	18c

Remember the date. We will be on hand poultry or shine and take care of all poultry offered for sale.

W. E. KEENEY.

TAIL LIGHTS ON CARS MUST BE LIT NOW

First Complaint is Filed and All will be Compelled to Observe This Part of Law in Future.

The strict enforcement of the portion of the law regarding the lights on the rear of automobiles was started last evening by the police force of the city and everyone will be compelled in the future to comply with the law in this matter.

A representative of the state law enforcement department was here yesterday and stated that a drive to see that this part of the law was enforced would be made and that everyone who drives a car would have to see that they comply with the law or suffer the consequence.

Mayor C. A. Johnson has instructed the police to see that this is strictly enforced and the police officers will find in anyone in the future who violates the rules as to the lights. Ample warning has been given of the matter and those who fail to comply and get pinched can have only themselves to blame as the law will be enforced and will do it regardless of whom the persons violating the law may be.

UNI STUDENTS TO VISIT LOUISVILLE

Between Forty and Fifty from Lincoln Will Come Down Tomorrow on a Study Trip.

Between forty and fifty students from the University of Nebraska at Lincoln are expecting to visit Louisville tomorrow if the weather is favorable, for a study of geographic features and of the different industries of which our neighboring town boasts. The trip will be made by auto, and will be under the supervision of Miss Esther Anderson of the department of geography of the university.

A study of the Salt Creek valley from Lincoln to Ashland, and of the Platte valley from there to Louisville will be made. The sand dunes, stone quarries and sandstone caves will be inspected. Places of interest to be visited include the pottery plant at Louisville and the state fish hatcheries. Studies will be made of the flood plains and terraces of Salt Creek and the Platte river, the bluff land, the loess bluffs, the loess slope, the crop conditions and the industries.

STATE TAX LEVY IS NOW 16.5 MILLS

Computed on the One-Fifth Valuation of the Past—Was 10.3 Mills in 1920—New Law.

Lincoln, July 29.—The state levy for this year will be 16.5 mills, it was decided today by the state board of equalization.

The levy last year was 10.3 mills. This is based on a one-fifth tax valuation. Under the new law the taxes are to be collected this year, however, on the actual valuation, making the levy actually placed 3.3 mills.

The total amount to be raised by direct taxation for the two-year period is \$16,989,708.90. For the year 1921, \$9,516,389.17 must be raised. The estimated value of the state is \$3,516,575,929, according to figures compiled today by Tax Commissioner W. H. Osborne.

ARRIVES FROM DAYTON, OHIO

From Saturday's Daily

Mr. and Mrs. C. A. Marshall, Jr., of Dayton, Ohio arrived home yesterday morning for a few days visit at the home of Dr. and Mrs. C. A. Marshall and Mr. and Mrs. Will Seybert, parents of Mrs. Marshall, also with their many friends in the old home. Mr. and Mrs. Marshall have been living in Dayton for some time, where "Jimmie" as he is better known by everybody at home, has an excellent position with National Cash Register Co., one that he is well pleased with, and is enjoying life in the fullest sense of the term.

FRED FULTON WILL TRAIN HIS BROTHER

Wymore, Neb., July 29.—Additional interest has been awakened in the ten-round boxing match in Wymore, August 19, between Whitey Fulton and Johnny Sudenburg of Omaha, by the arrival of Whitey's big brother, Fred Fulton of Minneapolis, who will train Whitey for the match.

LIKES WEST FINE

From Saturday's Daily.

L. H. Puls and family, who are now located on a farm near Grant, Nebraska, are enjoying a visit in old Cass county with the relatives and friends at Murray and came up last evening to spend a short time here in Plattsmouth. Mr. Puls states that he is preparing to put out 400 acres in wheat this season and that the crop conditions in Perkins county are for one of the best crops of years. Mr. Puls and family are expecting shortly to leave for a auto trip thru Colorado and which will include Denver and the resorts of the Rocky mountains.

Mr. and Mrs. Matt Thimman, Mrs. Charles Long and Henry Hinemann, of near Murdock, were here today for a few hours, attending to some matters in the county court in which they were interested.

WEEPING WATER Republican

Mr. and Mrs. Arthur Hoffman drove over to Plattsmouth Sunday to take home Mr. Hoffman's mother, Mrs. Andrew Hoffman, who had been spending a week here.

Mr. and Mrs. R. D. McNurlin were called to Omaha this Thursday morning on account of the serious illness of the wife of their son, Charley. The message stated that she was not expected to live.

George Staats, at one time a Weeping Water boy, but a resident of Plattsmouth for 40 years, called on his cousin, Mrs. Ed Jewell, Saturday, and was shaking hands with old time acquaintances in town while passing through enroute to Eagle in company with M. S. Briggs.

John McKay returned Tuesday evening from Kimball county, where he had been looking after harvesting and threshing of R. C. Fry's 130 acres of wheat which he got harvested, threshed and delivered to the elevator in a week's time. The grain was taken from the header to the threshing machine. The yield was about 20 bushels. John said he met a number of eastern Nebraska people while out there.

The stone walls that inclose the walled cities of China have nothing on the stone barricades that now surround Weeping Water on the south and east. The stone barricades in question are the stony roads on the

For Sale! USED CARS

1913 Ford Touring	\$100
1916 Ford Touring	135
1916 Ford Coupe	315
1917 Ford Touring	175
1920 Ford Touring (starter)	375
5 passenger Buick	350
Cadillac, 7 passenger, fine condition, good tires, extra tires	475

T. H. Pollock Auto Co.

Peter Land and Boyle hills south of town and on the Lefter hill east of town. The Miller hill southeast was also bad, but has been repaired some by farmers of the vicinity. It is certainly fierce that such roads have to be put up with in these civilized times. If we had enemies we had to keep out they might be a good thing, for they sure would be effective. Here's hoping the county commissioners will see to fixing these places mighty soon.

Miss Marion Mauzy was among those going to Omaha this afternoon to visit for a few hours there with friends.

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Plattsmouth, Nebraska.

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