

MUST USE PURE SEEDS

WILL INCREASE PRODUCTION

Commission Anxious to Aid Farmers in Getting Good Seed.

Western Newspaper Union News Service. Members of the Nebraska legislature are being invited to send in to the state food commission...

"We wish to find what the germination of winter wheat averages this year, and how much variation there is in the germination of this grain."

"The new seed law, making free seed testing possible, makes it convenient for the farmer to get his seed tested..."

"Of the hundreds of samples of alfalfa tested in the laboratory during the past few months, the germination of at least 75 per cent of the alfalfa seed has been found to be far below standard..."

"Sixty per cent of the same samples germinated here were below standard, which is only 55 per cent."

"We will greatly appreciate any cooperation which you may give us, and ask you to address bundles of seed to the seed laboratory, state house, Lincoln."

Expert Advice on Defective Children.

The state fair managers will again this year have a department where expert advice may be obtained for frail, deformed and defective children.

The federal farm help agency, which operates at Lincoln in conjunction with the state bureau of labor, has more applications for jobs at the present time than there are places to fill.

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TO AID TENANT FARMERS

Defense Council Will Help Them to Secure Seed for Planting.

In connection with its campaign to secure the planting of a large winter wheat acreage in Nebraska, the state council of defense is taking steps to ascertain whether individual farmers in the section recently devastated by hail are in shape financially to pay for high priced seed and, if not, to obtain for them the necessary credit that will permit them to buy it and put in the crop this fall.

Letters have been sent to the chairmen of county defense councils in Merrick, Polk, Fillmore, York, Hamilton, Clay and one or two other counties through which the "hail-out" strip runs, asking them to have local surveys made for the purpose of finding out if there are any farmers whose crops have been destroyed who have not the money to purchase seed wheat and are unable to borrow it.

The purpose in view is chiefly to help tenant farmers who have seen the fruits of their summer's work swept away in a single hour, and who do not own property which they could mortgage in order to buy seed wheat on top of their other necessities.

is First Unit to be Called.

The First Nebraska Field Hospital company is the first unit of the Nebraska National guard to be called into actual active service. It is one of four out of over a hundred field hospital units, that were in service on the Mexican border, to be selected to accompany the first composite militia army to France.

Urges Practice at Fire Drill.

State Fire Commissioner W. S. Ridgell has notified school boards that the 1917 legislature placed the fire escape law under the jurisdiction of the fire commission.

For Military Purposes Only.

Chief of Police H. W. Fann of Omaha has a box car of booze which he may offer to the war department for medical purposes.

Board Authorizes State Aid Bridges.

The state board of irrigation has authorized the construction of five state-aid bridges, as follows: North Platte, over the South Platte river, cost \$29,000.

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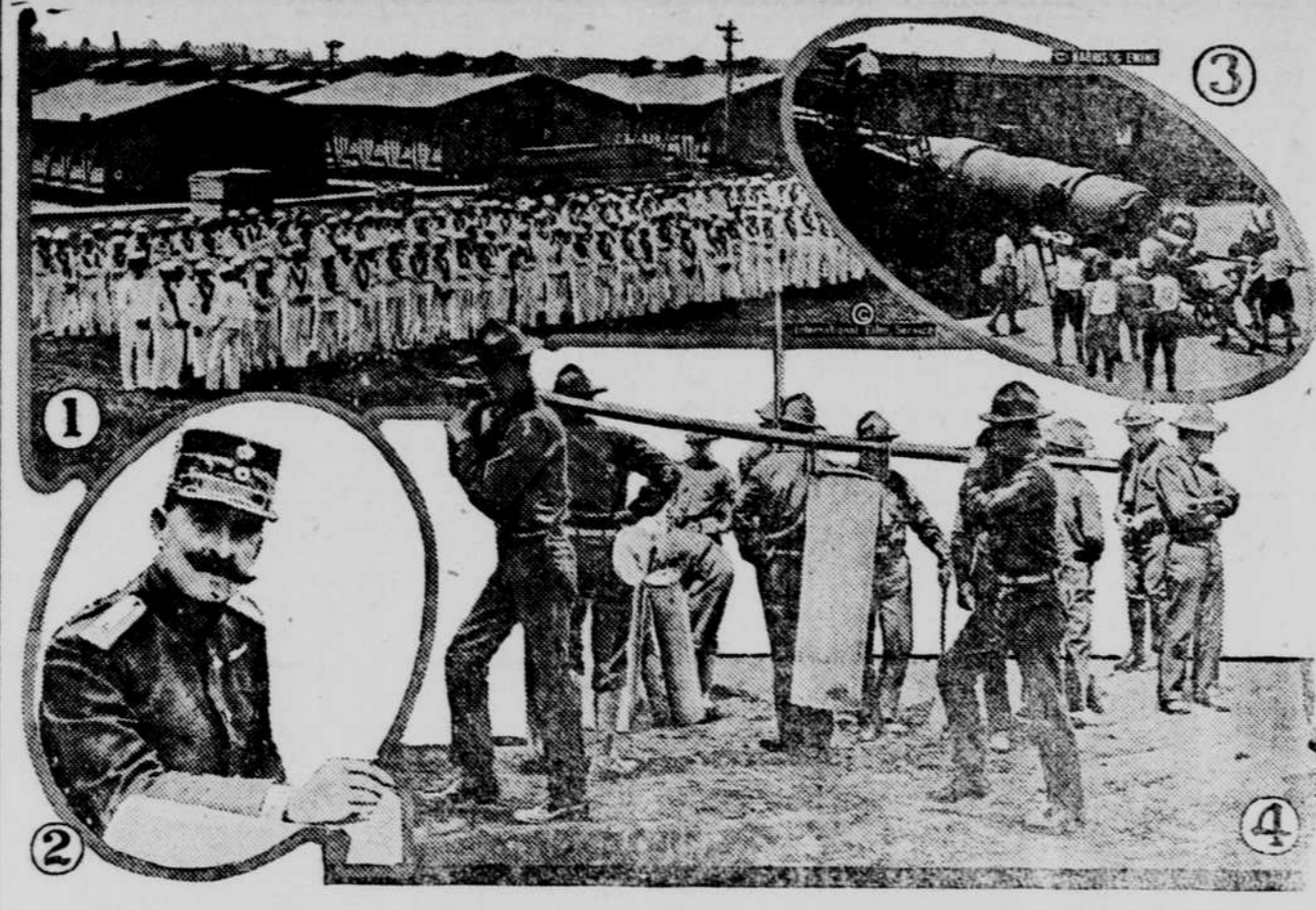
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1—Sailors lined up on the grounds of Camp Hingham, the recently opened naval training camp near Boston. 2—General Christodoulos, commander of the Greek armies that are acting in conjunction with the allies. 3—Loading a 12-inch disappearing gun in one of America's coast forts. 4—American soldiers in camp in France carrying water in huge cans.

NEWS REVIEW OF THE PAST WEEK

British, French and Italians Crush Teuton Legions at the Same Time.

FIERCEST FIGHTING OF WAR

Russia's Military, Economic and Political Troubles Are Disturbing—Pope's Peace Proposals Discussed—President Wilson Regulates the Prices of Coal in America.

By EDWARD W. PICKARD.

Civilians far from the seat of war wondered why the allies did not deliver their smashing blows at the Kaiser at the same time, giving him no opportunity to shift his troops from one front to another, instead of taking turns in hitting him.

German Poison Gas in America.

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Germans Resist Stoutly.

The Germans have massed immense numbers of troops at the points of attack and are resisting desperately and making almost continuous counter-attacks, but up to the time of writing they had been unable to regain any of the lost ground.

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out of Moldavia within three weeks, and last Monday the Germans began an offensive in the Riga region that forced the Slavs back toward that city.

The government troubles of Russia also are approaching a crisis. The "extraordinary national council" being about to meet in Moscow, the constitutional Democrats, discontented business men and dismissed generals, gathered there ready to demand radical changes.

As had been foreseen, the pope's peace proposals were received decently by all the belligerent nations, but with more than an undercurrent of skepticism by the allies.

The senate spent most of the week in consideration of the revenue bill. Among other things it increased the finance committee's income tax provisions by a total return to the treasury of \$73,000,000.

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The threat of the I. W. W. to tie up the industries of the West, including the harvest, if their leaders were not released was met promptly by the arrest of a lot more of the gang, and the great strike fizzled out miserably.

President Cuts Coal Prices.

Having started Mr. Hoover well on the food conservation campaign, President Wilson last week turned to the almost equally pressing coal problem, which for several weeks had been exercising the wits of various state administrations.

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BRIEF NEWS OF NEBRASKA

Lincoln, after many years of strenuous effort, will establish a public market.

Cowles, a village of 200 population in Webster county, raised \$2,500 as a Red Cross fund.

Hogs sold on the South Omaha market last week for \$19.25—the highest price ever paid there.

A total enrollment of 140 is expected at the boys' camp at the state fair during the week of September 2 to 7.

Omaha is making preparations to take care of the biggest crowd ever in attendance at its Merchants Market week.

Mr. and Mrs. J. J. Atwater, residents of Crete for over thirty years, celebrated their golden wedding last week.

Seven thousand people attended the grocers' picnic at Capital Beach at Lincoln Wednesday. They ate a car load of watermelons.

Mayor Endelman of Wymore has placed a ban on card playing at that place, since several young men were convicted there of gambling.

The better babies show at the state fair, September 3 to 7, will eclipse the big shows of former years. More than 200 babies have been entered.

William Hease of Cuming county threshed 1,695 bushels of wheat from a twenty acre field, a yield of over eighty-three bushels to the acre.

Adams and Webster counties are elated over prospects for oil, and preparations are being made to sink a test well at Red Cloud at once.

Elm Creek's first annual round-up, under the auspices of the fire department, drew the largest attendance ever seen in that part of the country.

The Nebraska state band will open the fair program on the afternoon of Sunday, September 2, at 3 o'clock and will give a second concert at 7:30 in the evening.

The Beatrice Cold Storage company is advertising for young women to take the place of young men who have been called by Uncle Sam to serve their country.

Major L. B. Sturdevant, head of the sanitary detachment of the Fifth regiment at Lincoln, has been appointed assistant chief surgeon at Camp Cody, Deming, N. M.

Mayor Miller of Lincoln has received a letter from the war department, requesting that a school of telegraphy be established in the high school at that city.

The store of E. W. Starlin at Filley, was broken into by thieves Sunday night and sixty yards of silk goods, seventeen pairs of shoes and other articles were taken.

The Lincoln Commercial club paid its last formal compliment to the Nebraska national guard with a luncheon in honor of the twenty-four officers who were in Lincoln.

E. J. Hainer of Lincoln, has succeeded T. E. Williams as president of the First National bank at Aurora. Mr. Williams has been connected with the bank for thirty years.

"Nebraska's Greatest County Fair" to be held in Deshler August 28, 29, 30 and 31, promises to be the greatest in its history. Ten new racing stalls have been built and an addition to the grandstand.

As in former years the state fair management will again tender free expert advice for frail, deformed and defective children, and parents or guardians of such are requested to become interested in the work.

The 450 men stationed at the fair grounds have left their quarters and moved to the Lincoln auditorium, where they will in all probability remain until ordered from the state.

The approaching time for the Nebraska state fair was given as the main reason for changing the quarters of the troops.

Columbus coal dealers are advising their patrons to lay in their supply of coal now in view of the threatened coal shortage. Dealers point out that on account of labor trouble and the like, the coal mines are not producing to capacity, and this together with the increased demand all over the country is responsible for the shortage.

One hundred tons a day was the average output of the potash works at Antioch for the week ending July 29.

Large poster directories to be placed prominently in public places have been prepared by the Lincoln Commercial club to aid state fair visitors the first week in September in finding their way about Lincoln and in seeing the most interesting sights of the capital city.

Mrs. John W. Johnson is a patriotic Hastings woman offering to do her bit for Uncle Sam. Expert in telegraphy, she offers to teach at her home free of charge, young men desiring to enter the army as telegraphers.

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MORE NEBRASKANS ARE CALLED

Will Train for Air Men and for Second Officers Camp at Fort Snelling.

Names of eighty students of the first Fort Snelling officers' camp who have enlisted in the officers' reserve corps of the aviation section and of 155 who have been recommended for training at the second Snelling camp, opening August 27, have been announced.

Breeze, Winfield S., Lincoln. Bell, William H., York. Baughn, LeRoy F., Lincoln. Burke, Paul A., Omaha.

Clark, McKinley F., Lincoln. Carveth, Walter W., Lincoln. Campbell, Elmer B., Omaha. Caldwell, Victor B., Omaha. Gray, Ulysses S., Lincoln.

Kirkendall, Freeman B., Omaha. Kelly, Harold C., Lincoln. Hubbel, Harry L., Lincoln. Hecht, Kenneth C., Plainville.

Leshner, Carl B., Grand Island. Miller, Leland W., Omaha. Myers, Carl H., Harlan. Selzer, Milton R., Lincoln. Shillington, Waldo E., Omaha. Williams, Paul K., Lincoln. Williams, Hugh V., Lincoln. Weaver, Edward M., Columbus.

The names of about one hundred and fifty-five students of the first officers' training camp, who have been recommended for further training at the second officers' training camp opening at Fort Snelling, August 27, have also been announced. Nebraska names follow:

Ayers, Walter C., Humboldt. Brown, N., Lincoln. Burke, Paul A., Omaha. Cook, Leroy, Hastings. Champe, John L., Friend. Cull, William C., Oakland. Davis, Archie H., Lincoln. Dinsmore, Eugene E., Lincoln. Gorgas, Charles A., Omaha. Golwick, Arthur R., Ulysses. MacArthur, John, Omaha. McGuigan, Robert F., Omaha. Mickel, Robin S., Crete. Montgomery, Wayne A., Lincoln. Matthews, Robert J., Scottsbluff. O'Brien, John J., Liberty. Oxley, Delbert C., York. Peterson, Carl H., Neligh. Reynolds, Leonard W., Lincoln. Raeck, Walter R., Central City. Stein, Riley, Hastings. Schavland, Thomas R., Lincoln. Steinhilber, George W., Beatrice. Stuart, Hoadley H., Omaha. Thurber, Allevene N., Uni. Place. Winship, Fred C., Lincoln. Webster, Calvin J., Lincoln. Wakely, Morton, Omaha.

WANTS 553 MEN

Regular Army Officers at Omaha Recruiting for Nebraska Regiment.

Omaha—This office in addition to recruiting for the regular and national army, has been directed to recruit for the Nebraska regiments and smaller units. A total of 553 men are needed at once to fill these organizations.

The war department is exceedingly anxious to have these units recruited to full war strength before their departure for their training camp.

Those desiring to join these organizations recruited from young men of Nebraska may present themselves at the nearest recruiting office, located as follows: Omaha, Lincoln, Norfolk, Grand Island, Sidney, Alliance, Hastings.

The enlistment is for the war only. Unmarried men between 18 and 40 are eligible.

Enlisted men in the national guard are eligible to take the examination for a commission.

Men of registered age who have not been called by the local board are eligible for enlistment, but cannot be enlisted after they have been notified by their local board to report for examination.

Guy Rathbun, secretary and physical director of the Beatrice Y. M. C. A. and football coach at Beatrice high school for the past six or seven years has tendered his resignation, and will enter the service of the department of athletics at the University of Indiana at Bloomington, where he will be first assistant to Jumbo Stehm in coaching football and other athletics.

E. F. Fassett, formerly editor of the Review-Herald at Arlington, and an old time Nebraska newspaper man died at Colorado Springs last week, of a general breakdown.

The Seward Independent Democrat, owned by State Auditor W. H. Smith, and edited by F. W. Mickel, has published the names of those subscribers who are said to have discontinued the paper on account of its zealous pro-American attitude.

It is stated that several of the Lutheran church choirs have withdrawn from the cantata to be produced in Omaha this fall, on account of unwillingness to take part with Kountze Memorial, one of the churches interested.

Miss Mary Pascoe, a Fremont girl who formerly taught in the high school, has arrived at Fremont from New York city for a visit with her father before departing for France to become a dietitian in an American hospital. Miss Pascoe has been connected with the Edison company in New York and has been giving lectures on dietetics in various parts of the east.

Mrs. S. P. Howland, for over forty-six years a resident of Juniata, died at that place recently.

Music at the fair will again be furnished by the Nebraska state band of Lincoln and Green's band of Omaha, also by the Peru boy scout band and bands from David City, Orchard and Osceola, and three bands with the circus.

Twenty-five men from Ainsworth went to the farm of William Billeter, a young bachelor living five miles northwest of Ainsworth, who wanted to join the army but could not get help to take care of his wheat, and started his field of grain, which had been cut.