

### America Menaced by 'Slacker's Oath,' Officers Declare

#### Speakers at Banquet of Seventh Corps Area Reserve Officers Association Oppose Pacifists' Program.

America is menaced by professional pacifists and those who seek to administer the "slacker's oath," declared Capt. L. M. Overstreet of the war plans division of the United States army, at the second annual convention of the Seventh Corps Area Reserve Officers' association at Hotel Fontenelle Tuesday night.

The same sentiment was expressed by a number of other speakers, Brig. Gen. George B. Duncan, commanding the Seventh Corps area, honor guest at the banquet, stated that "the salvation of our country today is the association of such men as constitute the reserve officers."

W. W. Head, president of the Omaha National bank, was of the opinion that unless England and France unite another war is imminent.

Others who spoke were Lieut. Col. Watson, Col. H. W. Eton, Maj. G. G. Cotan, Sioux Falls; Theodore Metcalf, past vice commander, Douglas county post of the American Legion, and Col. LaRoy Upton, chief of staff, Seventh Corps area.

Musical entertainment was furnished by Miss Frances Polk, Omaha opera student, and entertainers from the World theater.

Maj. Oscar E. Engler of the 355th Infantry and president of the Reserve Officers' association of Nebraska, was elected president of the Seventh Army Corps Area Reserve Officers' association at the business session in the Shrine room of the Masonic temple Tuesday.

Maj. Charles W. Dickson of Des Moines was elected secretary and treasurer. Five delegates and 10 alternates were elected from each of the 88th, 9th and 102d divisions, together with a like number of representatives from the Seventh army corps area-at-large to attend the first national convention of the Reserve Officers' association to be held the first week in October at Washington, D. C.

### 1,500 at Eagles' Picnic

Beatrice, Neb., Sept. 20.—(Special) Fifteen hundred people attended the Eagles' picnic held at Chautauqua park. A basket dinner was served at noon and the remainder of the day was devoted to outdoor sports.

Thomas Lynch, lawyer, has removed to 138 City Nat. Bank Bldg., AT 1522.

### Reserve Officer Notables



Capt. L. M. Overstreet, U. S. N., winner of the distinguished Portuguese decoration, Order d'Aviz, and other decorations, is shown at the upper left. He spoke Tuesday before an assembly of reserve officers of the Seventh Army Corps area in the Shrine room of the Masonic temple. Lieut. Col. W. L. Luhn, chief of staff of the 66th cavalry, who was a captain in the famous 10th cavalry on Pershing's punitive expedition into Mexico in 1914, is shown at the upper right. Lieut. Col. Ernest F. Watson, president emeritus of the Reserve Officers' association of the Seventh Army Corps area, is shown at the lower left. Maj. Harry H. Sellers of Minneapolis, who discovered the only effective cure for recovery from shell shock, is shown at the lower right.

### Disrespect of Uniform Scored by Army Men

Characterizing sentiment against the uniform of the United States army as grossly unpatriotic and disgraceful, the Nebraska State Association of Reserve Officers yesterday unanimously adopted resolutions condemning the recent action of a

### SOULS for SALE

By RUPERT HUGHES.

(Continued From Yesterday.)

**SYNOPSIS.** Remember stoddon, daughter of the Rev. Stoddard of the little town of Albany, had fallen in love with Edward Farnaby, an ungodly, self-made young man, son of the town's most eminent drunkard. They had been meeting secretly against the wishes of Remember's father. Tonight as they sat together in the dim parlour delicately whispered to her the fact that she was engaged to be married. The reason for Remember's agitation was that Farnaby was the father of the following day when she visited the family physician, Dr. Brethrick, for treatment for severe cough. His treatment brought a confession there was to be a baby and that Farnaby was the father. Dr. Brethrick advised an immediate marriage and phoned to arrange for Farnaby to come to his office. After a few minutes of waiting there came the startling announcement that Farnaby had just been run down by an automobile and killed.

The following day, still beset by grief and the desperate situation in which she found herself, Remember consented to see the doctor. He then told her to go to Arizona. "You will marry an imaginary man out there and let him give you and then come as a widow," the physician explained. "His parents approved the trip as necessary to cure her cough."

It was particularly hard to act a part all day long, and every day, since she had never been an actress before. If her audience of two had had more familiarity with the art, she might not have succeeded in duping both so completely. But they never dreamed of the truth. Deceiving them, so easy that she despised herself. Especially she loathed the cruel days that lie ahead of superannuated preachers and had somehow managed to put away a little hoard against the inevitable famine, though this meant that even their prosperity was always just this side of pauperdom. But they lavished their tiny wealth upon their scapegrace daughter, and never imagined that the real cause for her spendthrift voyage was to save herself and them from the catastrophe of a public scandal.

Money is always the most emotional of human concerns, though it is the least celebrated in romance. Again and again Mem revolved at the outrage of robbing her own parents of their one shield against old age. She went again to Dr. Brethrick and demanded that he release her from her promises not to tell the truth and not to kill herself. But he compelled her to his will, and she was too glad for a will to replace her own panic to resist him. For a necessary stimulant, he prophesied that somehow in that land of gold she was seeking she would find parents that she could repay her parents their loan with usury, with wealth, perhaps, who knew? "I've seen her overpowered nearly a hundred bandits so far, and she looks fresher than ever. If I was you I'd take a whack at it."

"Do they have movies in Tucson?" "I think likely. I hear they've got 'em on both poles, north and south." Mem imbibed mysterious tonics at the doctor's office, and always came away buoyed up with the feeling that her tragedy was unimportant, commonplace and sure to have a happy finish. But the moment she reached home she entered a demesne where everything was solemn, where jokes were never heard, except rather old anticlimax more important in intention than in amusement. They began to irritate her, to wear her raw and exacerbate her tenderest feelings. She was beginning to be ruined by the very influences that should have sweetened her soul.

And at last, one day, quite unexpectedly, when she was under no apparent tension at all, when her father had gone to visit a sick parishioner and her mother was quietly at work upon Mem's traveling clothes, the girl reached the end of her resources. Perhaps it was a noble revolt against interminable deceit. Perhaps it was a selfish impulse to fling off a little of her back-breaking burden of silence. Perhaps it was a mad desire to make someone else a partner in her lies. Perhaps it was the unendurable hum of her mother's sewing machine.

Whatever it was that moved her, she rose quietly, put down her needlework, went into Mrs. Stoddard's room, closed the door, took her mother's hands from the cloth they were guiding and said, in a quiet tone: "Mamma, I want to tell you something. I'd rather break your heart than deceive you any longer." "Why, honey! What's the matter? Why, Mem dear, what on earth is it? Sit down and tell your mother, of course. You can't break this tough old heart of mine. What is it, baby?" She whispered it so softly that her breath was hardly syllabled. Her mother caught her the words that the hiss and rustle of her awe and

the wild language of her trapped eyes: "Mamma, I'm going to have—to have a baby."

The shock was its own ether. Mrs. Stoddard whispered back, covering: "You? You? My baby! You? A baby?"

Mem nodded and nodded till her knees were on the floor and her brow in her mother's lap. Old hands came gropingly about her cheeks. She felt the drip, drip of tears falling into her hair, each tear a separate pearl from a crown of pride.

Then the shivering hands at her cheeks lifted her face and she stared up, as much amazed as her mother, in whose downward stare there was no horror or reproach, only compassion and infinite fear. And her mother tumbled at the dreadful question: "But who—who—"

"Edward." "Edward?" The hands upholding her head dropped limp. The eyes above her were dry, blank and ghastly; the mind behind them battled beyond effort. Then they grew human again with a sudden throb of tears upon tears. And her mother groaned with double pity.

"Poor baby! Poor Mem! Poor little thing!" (To Be Continued Tomorrow.)

### Seward Editor Dies

Seward, Neb., Sept. 20.—Fred W. Mickel, 55, editor and part owner of the Seward Independent Democrat, died at his home here Monday night. Death resulted from heart-trouble.

### Daily Prayer

I commend thee, O God, to love the Lord thy God—Thy Son.

Our Heavenly Father, we come to Thee this morning with praise and thanksgiving for Thy care and love. We are grateful for the temporal blessings Thou hast given us, and for the loved ones we have to enjoy. We thank Thee for the gift of Thy Son, and for the Holy Spirit.

We ask Thee to forgive our sins, and to cleanse us from all unrighteousness. Be with us this day, and help us to be kind and courteous. Help us to be more like Thee. May our eyes be opened to the opportunities for serving Thee and helping others to know Thee. Whom to know is life eternal.

May Thy Spirit be with those, at home or abroad, who preach or teach salvation, and grant that the word preached may not return unto Thee void. Be with those in authority, and may they rule with justice and equity. Comfort "as one whom his mother comforteth" those in trouble and sorrow, and strengthen those in sickness.

Our Father, hear our petition, and keep us this day without sin, for the sake and in the name of Jesus, our Saviour. Amen.

Given at St. Michael's, Haverhill, Mass.

### Fremont Pastor New Moderator of Baptist Body

#### Resolutions Passed Protesting Race Track Gambling and Expressing Alarm at Sunday Desecration.

Rev. Fred Young of Fremont was elected moderator and Rev. Charles F. Holler of Omaha, clerk, for the Omaha Baptist association at a session of their 56th annual meeting Tuesday.

Resolutions protesting against race track gambling in connection with increasing Sabbath desecration; urging Baptists to vote only for "dry" candidates in the coming election; reaffirming their loyalty to the Scriptures and Old and New Testaments as the Word of God; and recommending that differences between capital and labor be adjusted according to the principles of Jesus and the Golden Rule were passed.

Reports indicated 382 new members in the last year, bringing the total to 4,192. Money raised in Baptist churches in the district, including Omaha, Fremont, Blair, Tekamah, Herman and Silver Creek, totaled \$27,717.85. Next year's meeting will be in Herman.

Mrs. A. L. Bain of Valley, Neb., who spent 20 years as a pioneer missionary in Muamivika, in the French Congo, Africa, was the chief speaker at yesterday's session, given over to Baptist women. Mrs. Bain returned from Africa two years ago, with her husband, Rev. Mr. Bain, broken in health from their long service. He died in June.

### Wymore Women to Hold Benefit for Willard Hall

Wymore, Neb., Sept. 20.—At a meeting of the W. C. T. U., at the home of Mrs. Arthur Gillespie, the following officers were elected: Mrs. Spaulman, president; Mrs. Gillespie, vice president; Mrs. Kennison, secretary; Mrs. Behout, treasurer. Following the business session delicious refreshments were served. It was decided to have a program and refreshments at the home of Mrs. Charles Fulton Thursday afternoon, September 21, for the benefit of the Omaha Willard Hall fund.

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### Masonic Commander Urges World Peace

Cleveland, O., Sept. 20.—A crusade for world peace in co-operation with Masonic jurisdiction of the United States and 20 other supreme councils of Europe, South America and Africa was outlined here by Sovereign Grand Commander Leon M. Abbott in his allocution delivered at the opening of the supreme council of the Northern Masonic Jurisdiction, United States of America, Ancient Accepted Scottish Rite.

Mr. Abbott reported 19,572 Masons took the 32d degree in the northern Masonic jurisdiction during the past year, increasing the total to 218,291. Fourteenth degree Masons in this jurisdiction totaled 230,704. Mr. Abbott declared.

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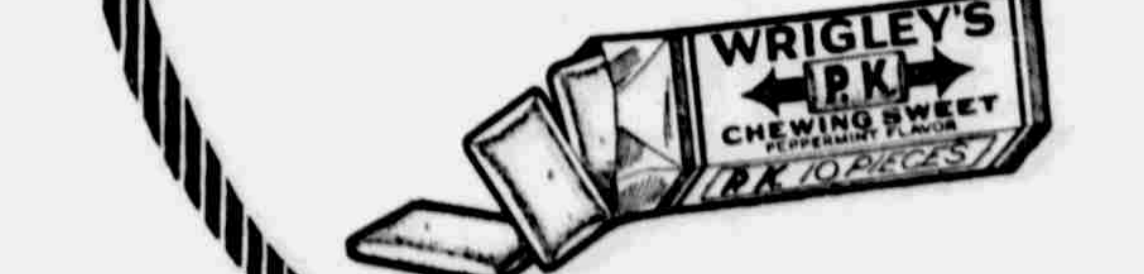
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