

### Omaha Ideal Place for Army Depot

#### Hint at Politics in Move of Corps Area Supply Station to St. Louis From Here.

#### Farm Center, City Asset

The intermediate depot of the United States army, formerly located at Omaha, has been closed more than a year. Exact reasons for stopping sales through this depot have never been made public, but it is rumored that politics was involved in the action. The intermediate depot had charge of what was the central depot for the origin of the corps area system. Another of these depots is at St. Paul, Minn. The general intermediate depot for the Seventh corps area is now located at St. Louis, Mo., on the eastern boundary of the area, which contains Forts Omaha, Crook and Robinson in Nebraska; Fort Leavenworth and Riley in Kansas; Fort Des Moines in Iowa; Fort Mead, S. D., and Fort Snelling, Minn. Supplies State Militia. The Seventh corps area has jurisdiction of the Army and Navy General hospital at Hot Springs, Ark., and furnishes supplies, such as forage, etc., for the National guard in North Dakota, South Dakota, Minnesota, Nebraska, Iowa, Kansas, Missouri and Arkansas.

### Furs Re-Enter Fashions

#### Monkey Fur, Ostrich Plumes and Swansdown Used in Wholesale Fashion of Gowns Worn in Smart Paris Dancing Palaces and at Races.

Paris, Oct. 7.—Furs have made a startling re-entry into the fashions. Not only the most elaborate "fur gowns" were worn by the throng of beautiful women at this afternoon's race at the Arch of Triumph cup at Longchamps, but furs, especially monkey fur, ostrich plumes and swansdown, are used in wholesale fashion in the latest evening models seen at the smart dancing places, most of which opened with larger crowds than ever. The "silhouette" presents the curious anatomy in that from waist up the style remains narrow and form-fitting, practically identical with last year's styles, whereas from the hips downward the skirts assume the most elaborate and in some cases most eccentric shapes. The "silhouette" presents the curious anatomy in that from waist up the style remains narrow and form-fitting, practically identical with last year's styles, whereas from the hips downward the skirts assume the most elaborate and in some cases most eccentric shapes.

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#### Trip to Mexico During Christmas Holidays Is Given Consideration by President.

#### Would Meet Oregon

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Washington, Oct. 7.—President Coolidge, during the coming Christmas holidays, may make his first appearance before the country since he entered the White House. The president has announced a policy of declining all invitations for engagements out of Washington before congress is convened Monday, December 3, but has under consideration a trip about the first of the year. The chief purpose for which a swing through the middle west and southwest is being urged is to meet President Oregon of Mexico at the International border line separating the Mexican and American towns of Nogales, in the states of Arizona and Sonora. En route to and returning from the border conference, the president undoubtedly would accept some of the many invitations which would be extended to him to stop and deliver addresses. The business men and commercial and civic organizations in Arizona, New Mexico and Texas are pressing the suggestion that Mr. Coolidge meet President Oregon, Senator Ralph Cameron, republican, of Arizona, has presented the matter to the executive and suggested the Christmas holidays as the best time to make the trip, it was learned today. The president's trip is so timed that the chief determining factor probably will be the action of the senate on the two conventions with Mexico, which Mr. Coolidge has announced he will submit to the senate for ratification. If the past year's convention in the American ambassador to Mexico named, making complete the resumption of relations with the southern republic, and a reasonable recess for the holidays is taken by congress, Cameron believes it will be possible for the president to make the trip. There is no idea that the president should make of the trip a speaking campaign. The impression is rather that he would make only a few speeches at centrally located points along the route. He could go via Chicago, St. Louis, Denver, Omaha, and return by the southern route.

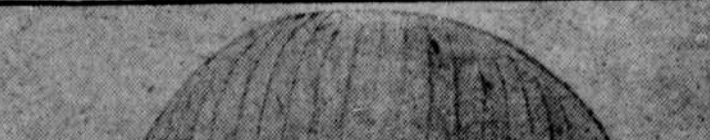
### France Could Pay War Debts With Paintings

#### And Other Obligations, Too, Omaha Speaker Says

"If the French were to sell their paintings, they could pay their war debt and all other debts," declared A. L. Sutton, addressing the American Philosophical society at its quarters in Patterson block yesterday afternoon. "But they would never agree to do so."

"France is a land of monuments. Everywhere one goes, monuments meet the eye. Big monuments and small monuments. Statues of every person who ever did anything unusual in any line. There are monuments to scientists and political leaders. Where the first American soldier stepped out of Belleau wood, in the famous battle of the late war, there stands a \$25,000 monument. "That part of France that is not devoted to monuments is used for farming and manufacturing. Most of the people live in the towns and cities, which are usually only a few miles apart. The people go out to their farms in carts drawn by ox teams. "There are 100 ox teams to every automobile in France, according to Mr. Sutton. He added that the great majority of those who work in the fields are women. Mr. Sutton recently returned from Europe.

### Disaster Which Cost Five Lives



American balloon striking Belgian balloon, which was ripped to pieces in mid-air during international race.

The international balloon race which started in Belgium, was the most disastrous in history. Five of the aeronauts were killed and another seriously injured. Three balloons were struck by lightning and a fourth fell into the sea. The above photo shows a collision in mid-air. The ill-fated American balloon is seen striking the Belgian balloon, which was ripped to pieces in the collision.

### Fantastic Death Tale Is Promised

#### Figure in Webb Case Whose Motives Have Been Veiled Expected to Be Indicted.

#### Big Estate Is Involved

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White Plains, N. Y., Oct. 7.—A story so fantastic that it might seem to spring from the brain of a Poe or Conan Doyle, will be told tomorrow to the grand jury investigating the mysterious death of Mrs. Gertie Gorman Webb at the fashionable Westchester-Biltmore club the evening of September 25. While the consensus is that no one will be indicted for the actual murder of the woman, who left an estate valued at more than \$2,000,000, it is believed possible that a figure in the case whose possible motives have remained veiled may be indicted on one of these charges.

#### Possible Charges.

Commencing perjury to the actual circumstances of death. Embezzling or entering into a criminal conspiracy to make it appear the death of Mrs. Webb was unnatural. Criminal negligence in connection with Mrs. Webb's illness and death. It is held certain that men prominent in the medical profession will testify that in their opinion Mrs. Webb died a natural death. Dr. William Meyer, although he refused to sign the death certificate, has stated that Mrs. Webb was suffering from chronic kidney trouble, also heart disease. Physicians present at the autopsy are expected to swear that Mrs. Webb also was suffering from pneumonia when she died.

### Warehouses Are Here.

The largest, primary grain market and second largest packing house center in the United States are located here. Omaha has large military warehouses on railroad tracks and is a logical railroad center for the distribution and gathering of supplies needed by all posts and stations within the Seventh corps area. Freight rates here are practically all for the in-state than from any other commercial city of consequence. From Omaha to Fort Des Moines the distance is about 146 miles. Of this, 143 miles are government land grant and therefore the freight rate is even lower than the government level on other stretches. The city is the center of the flour milling district with practically unlimited capacity. This would be realized in the event of necessary mobilization in case of war.

### Many Winnings in Red Cloud

Co-Mock, Neb., Oct. 7.—The Red Willow county better babies contest closed here with the following prizes announced: Six to 12 months group: First prize, Catherine Bernice, 7 months, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. J. W. Sullivan, Co-Mock, route 2; score, 100 per cent. Second prize, Marjorie DeGross, 9 months, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. C. W. DeGross, Co-Mock, 99.5 per cent. Twelve to 18 months group: First prize, Viola Dodot, 15 months, 98.5 per cent, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. John Dodot, Co-Mock, route 2. Second prize, Warren Clifton Smith, 13 months, 98 per cent, son of Mr. and Mrs. S. R. Smith, Indianapolis. Eighteen to 24 months group: First prize, Clayton Harmon, 23 months, 98 per cent, son of Mr. and Mrs. John Harmon, Co-Mock. Second prize, Charles Dean Kilburn, 21 months, 87.7 per cent, son of Mr. and Mrs. C. F. Kilburn, Co-Mock. Honorable mention: Too old to compete for prizes: Nina Louise Abernathy, 28 months old, 99.2 per cent, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. William Abernathy, Co-Mock.

### Iowa Girls Are Arrested for Shoplifting in France

Nice, Oct. 7.—Hilda Beline and Virginia Beline, sisters, giving their address as Lenora, Ia., have been arrested here for shoplifting. They are reported to have confessed.

### Wed in Bluffs.

Table Rock, Neb., Oct. 7.—David Jones of Lincoln and Miss Mae Johnson, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. M. B. Johnson of Table Rock, were married recently at Council Bluffs, Ia. They will make their home in Lincoln.

### Flood Victims Sue City for Ditch Damage

#### Writ of Mandamus for Drainage of Pettibone Ditch Is Sought in District Court.

Pettibone, Oct. 7.—The city of Council Bluffs and the Union Pacific railroad to open Pettibone ditch for the drainage of the inundated area north of Broadway, between Thirtieth and Twentieth streets, was filed in district court Saturday afternoon by a hundred property owners in that vicinity. The action names as plaintiffs, Ed Thrush, George S. Steinberg, J. L. Walker, L. R. Kramer, H. Nichols, William Beltz, W. A. Ward and 40 other property owners and taxpayers. They also request a mandatory injunction, obliging the defendants to leave the ditch open. The petition alleges that the open sewer, known as Pettibone ditch, drains the entire area from Avenue C, north, between Twelfth and Twentieth streets, carried off into Spoon Lake, which is situated near the Union Pacific right of way. It charges that track extensions made by the railroad have blocked the ditch from an outlet into the lake, and that improvements along Broadway made by the city have narrowed the passage of the ditch through that thoroughfare to an inefficient stage. An attempt made by residents of the district during the height of the recent flood to cut channels through Twentieth street for drainage purposes was blocked by police and members of the National guard, called by citizens living on the other side of the ridge. No date has been fixed for hearing upon the application for a writ of mandamus.

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Car shortages are a thing of the past and will continue to be, in the opinion of Trenmore Cone, secretary of the publicity committee and member of the committee on building supplies and road materials of the Central Western Shippers' association, provided railroads and shippers cooperate in the future as they have in the past few months. "A car shortage is ancient history," Cone points to the following facts: Railroads moved more tons per mile last month than ever before in their history. Railroads moved 1,692,000 cars of freight during the first week of October, which was 22,000 cars more than was ever moved before in one week and half more than 65,000 empty cars to supply any car shortage that might exist. "This state of affairs was brought about by co-operation among railroads, shippers and public in the last year," Cone said. "In that time seven regional car service shippers' associations have been formed in the United States, all working together. The membership consists of general managers of railways, carriers, shippers and consignees. Each state in turn selects its own committees on various classes of traffic. The district in which Nebraska is located consists of Nebraska, South Dakota, Colorado, Utah, Idaho, Wyoming, part of Montana and Nevada. The next meeting of this district will be held at Pocatello, Ida., the first week in December. H. G. Taylor of the State Railway commission is chairman, and C. E. Childie of Omaha is secretary. "In addition to the committee of each state serving its own commodity with first hand information, there is one man in each district whose word is law in car movements. "Carriers were asked to put in their storage coal in the summer. Nearly all roads did so. "All public service corporations were served with a similar notice, owing to many having waited for cooler weather for seeding to avoid the fear of harm from the Hessian fly and chinch bugs. Much wheat will yet be sown as the yields, owing to the abundance of rain recently received, are in fine shape for plowing, and some fields even yet being too muddy to plow.

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