

WHY ARMY WAS SENT

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partment has been knocking at the doors of congress for additional officers gave ground for the conjecture that the real purpose for the invitation was to use them to command troops. The need of the army for more officers for command positions lent color to this view.

Congress at its last session passed a bill authorizing 230 additional officers. The war department is now arranging to examine officers for promotion under this law. Even with this number, it is said, the quota will fall short of the necessary official personnel for the army under its present organization.

The war department gave emphatic denial to the suggestion that the militia officers would be used to fill vacancies in command and reiterated the statement that the assembling of the national guard officers would merely be for the purpose of instruction.

Three aeroplanes of standard type, it was made known, will be purchased and rushed to the front for service with the troops. This carries out the idea of the directors of the present campaign to equip the army which is being mobilized as a modern organization with all departments of military science. These aeroplanes will be fitted with wireless telegraph instruments and will operate with the cavalry in reconnaissance. It is said the situation will present a splendid opportunity for a further trial of aeroplanes for war purposes.

Congress at the last session appropriated \$125,000 for aeroplanes in the army and made \$25,000 of this amount immediately available.

Diaz in Excellent Health.

Mexico City, March 9.—General Diaz received Admiral Lajarte and members of his staff at 5 o'clock in the national palace. At 8 he was in conference in his town residence with the governor of Guanajuato. In reply to a query from Barcelona to a member of the president's staff regarding as to the truth of the rumors which had reached there, Colonel Parforia Diaz, Jr., cabled that his father was in excellent health. The president passed the morning in his offices in the national palace and walked in Chapultepec grounds as usual.

Taft Reassures Diaz.

Mexico City, March 9.—Setting at rest all rumors that the United States is preparing for intervention in Mexico, President Taft sent to President Diaz a telegram in which he says the military maneuvers being conducted along the frontier in Texas have no significance which should cause concern to Mexico. The message was transmitted to the department of foreign relations by Fred M. Deering, the charge d'affaires of the American embassy.

Mexico Seizes Press Wire.

Laredo, Tex., March 9.—It was 11:40 o'clock last night before the regular Associated Press leased wire from Laredo to the City of Mexico was allowed to be put into operation. This circuit ordinarily opens at 6:40 p. m. Last night the Mexican telegraph office here informed the Laredo office of the Associated Press that no orders had been received from Mexico to make up the circuit and that they could not make the connection until authorized to do so. No other explanation was vouchsafed and as the wires were in working condition it is presumed the government was using them for extraordinary federal affairs. At 11:40 p. m. connection was made and the wire turned over to the press service without any explanation of the delay.

Dakota Regulars are Off.

Sturgis, S. D., March 9.—Troops A and D of the Fourth cavalry, a band and a gun platoon left Fort Mead in two sections for El Paso, Tex., to join the other troops of the same regiment. Lieutenant W. H. Cowles and eighteen men were left at the fort.

Nebraska Militia Could Hurry.

Lincoln, March 9.—Two regiments of infantry, a signal corps, and a machine gun company, including 1,300 men and 100 officers, can be mobilized in Nebraska within twenty-four hours after the Nebraska national guard is called into service by the national government. One day after the call is received at the adjutant general's office in Lincoln, the troops will be ready to embark for the Mexican border, should government desire to send militia to the Mexican frontier.

This was the statement made here by Adjutant General E. H. Phelps of the Nebraska militia. Adjutant General Phelps was unable to say what would be the outcome of an optional invitation of officers of the militia to join in the troop movement until he had conferred with the different officers.

NO FORMAL INQUEST HELD

Funeral of John McLeod Postponed. Remains at Home of Fiancee.

Neligh, Neb., March 9.—Special to The News: Because of an older brother and sister being on the way from Stillberry Center, Canada, the funeral services of John McLeod were postponed until Friday afternoon at 3 o'clock at the First Congregational church, this city.

The remains arrived yesterday afternoon from Lincoln and were taken to the home of Mr. and Mrs. Hans Lorenzen, who reside near the city limits in the extreme east part of Neligh. The deceased was an old friend of the family, and only during the early part of next month was he to have been married to Miss Christina, daughter of the parents.

Those returning from Lincoln state

that all indications pointed to the accidental discharge of his automatic shotgun, and that those interested in the case at Lincoln had arrived at the same conclusion before the Neligh people had left this city. However, it is still an unsettled fact in the minds of a great many people here that the cause of death was as given out. No inquest was held.

Royal Items.

Royal, Neb., March 9.—The 6-year-old son of Marvin Dawson is critically ill.

Mr. Reed, the mail carrier on route No. 1, has resigned.

Judge Krake Leaves West Point.

West Point, Neb., March 9.—Special to The News: Judge S. S. Krake and wife have removed from West Point and will locate on their farm near Plainview. This family has resided in Cumming county for the past twenty-two years, one-third of which were spent in West Point. Judge Krake held the office of county judge very acceptably for six years and that of county attorney for the same period. Next fall Judge and Mrs. Krake contemplate a visit to Baltimore, where their son, Prof. L. S. Krake is of the faculty of Johns Hopkins university.

Oakdale News.

Miss Agnes Dworak returned to school at the state university, Lincoln, after a week's visit.

Luther Swanson was a passenger on the noon train Sunday to Council Bluffs, from where he will go in a few days to Chicago to join the surveying corps of the Chicago & Milwaukee railroad.

Mrs. S. I. Nies was down from Neligh visiting her parents, Mr. and Mrs. W. R. Launt.

Rev. Mr. Jones, a missionary from Burmah, India, was here Sunday morning and gave an interesting talk before the Methodist Sunday school on the O'clock gave another very interesting address during the preaching hour. He will probably return and give another talk Friday evening, accompanied by another missionary.

Mr. and Mrs. H. A. Worley of Sioux City are moving back here again after an absence of about a year. Mr. Worley is to be connected with Clare Cooper in the operation of a barber shop to be opened in a few days in the O. J. Evans building.

Miss Jess Malzacher returned to Omaha after a few days' visit with relatives and friends.

C. E. Nelson, brother of Dr. L. L. Nelson, also his son Lloyd, are visiting him from Mandamin, Ia.

SOUTH DAKOTA AT A GLANCE.

Rapid City is to have a public plunge bath.

Bruce business men will organize a commercial club.

Teams are still crossing from Pierre to Ft. Pierre on the ice, but such travel will have to be abandoned this week.

Lead has taken up the agitation for a commission form of government.

The senate refused to confirm the appointment of Charles F. Hackett, editor of the Parker New Era, for postmaster at Parker.

The new high school building at Pierre has been completed and will be occupied at once.

Articles of incorporation have been filed at Pierre for the Farmers' State and Savings bank, to be located at Wessington Springs. The institution will have a capital stock of \$30,000.

Neligh News Notes.

Neligh, Neb., March 9.—Special to The News: The Auditorium management has secured for Saturday evening of this week Laurant, the magician and the man of many mysteries, who is considered the best in his line traveling today. He will present in a new part entitled "Magic of the Orient."

James and Will Reeve of Royal, old-time friends of the late M. B. Huffman, attended the funeral of the latter in this city.

George Forsberg and wife of near Royal were in Neligh last Saturday.

William Gunthorpe of Brunswick was a county seat visitor on Friday of last week.

Wilber Mahood left for Orchard last Sunday, where he will make his future home and assist his brothers in the implement business.

The city council met in regular session Saturday evening of last week and discussed at length the sewerage proposition for Neligh. It was finally decided that a survey be made of the city and plans be immediately formulated to call a bond election to be voted upon by the citizens of this place. It is planned for the election to be held about the first Tuesday in April.

S. B. Lookbaugh was called to Rockford, Ill., Monday in response to a message stating the serious illness of his father.

Attorney J. B. Smith attended to legal business at Clearwater on Monday last.

Lloyd Bailey, who is making his headquarters at Portland, Ore., was home Sunday and Monday visiting his parents, Mr. and Mrs. A. G. Bailey.

Mrs. W. F. Couwell visited a short time with friends and relatives at Oakdale Monday.

County Surveyor W. L. Staple was in Tilden Monday transacting business in connection with his office.

Mrs. E. Wolfe was a Tilden visitor on Monday of this week.

State Regent George Coupland of Elgin was one of the out-of-town friends at the funeral services of Madison B. Huffman.

Miss Lottie Miller visited with relatives at Ewing Sunday and Monday.

Mrs. E. A. Pohlman of Pierce has been visiting with her sister, Miss Hannah Haasch of this city and her many Neligh friends.

Born, to Mr. and Mrs. S. E. Hereford, a daughter.

Born, to Mr. and Mrs. Martin Keller, a son.

William Wolfe went to Chicago Fri-

day morning of last week in the interest of the Neligh and Elgin stores.

John May was down from Ewing Friday transacting business in this city.

W. W. Shoemaker of Plainview purchased the P. E. Kryger restaurant and took possession last Thursday day morning. Mr. and Mrs. Kryger left Friday for Wayne, where they will make their future home.

Mrs. Ruby Parshall and Mrs. Nan Mullick have opened up the third millinery establishment in Neligh in the Nash building. The firm will be known as the Peerless Millinery Co.

M. A. Decamp of Clearwater, one of the early settlers of Antelope county, attended the Huffman funeral services here last week.

Representative F. M. Housh returned to Lincoln Monday after visiting home folks here for several days.

Dr. A. F. Conery received medical attention in Omaha from Saturday until Tuesday of this week.

D. L. Shenefelt was looking after his business interests in Oakdale on Monday.

Mrs. M. T. Kryger and son visited on Monday of this week with her mother at Oakdale.

W. B. McQueen was down from Hay Springs Sunday and Monday of this week visiting his wife.

Frank Woodard of near Royal was called to this city Monday by the report of the death of his brother-in-law, John McLeod.

Mrs. J. W. Tegarden returned home from Lincoln Monday evening.

John Johnson was in the city from Wayne the first of the week visiting his parents, Mr. and Mrs. M. M. Johnson.

Mrs. C. A. Jacquith returned to Neligh Saturday evening from Sioux City, where she underwent a serious operation some time ago.

Mrs. S. B. Lytle is recovering from a recent severe illness.

Elbert Odren of Orchard was a county seat visitor on Monday of this week.

Mrs. Howard Johnson is slowly recovering from a severe attack of the grip.

L. S. Weiler and family have for this week moved into the John Maybury building, south of the Register office. Mr. Weiler has traded his restaurant for eighty acres of land in the western part of the state.

Mrs. H. C. Huxford was a visitor at Atkinson Thursday and Friday of last week.

W. J. Bogardus had an operation performed at the Methodist hospital at Omaha last week and had his right eye taken out. Two days later it was found necessary to perform a second operation, which resulted in the removal of a tumor that was in the eye socket. Mr. Bogardus arrived home yesterday and is feeling as well as could be expected. He is a member of the firm of Bogardus & Sellery of this city.

WEDNESDAY WRINKLES.

James R. Kolar of Bloomfield was in the city.

H. E. Stormont of Oakland was in the city.

W. J. Noble of Scribner was a Norfolk visitor.

Mr. and Mrs. F. A. Bickell of Elyria, Neb., are in the city visiting with Mrs. F. I. Russell and the Millard Green family.

Dr. H. T. Holden returned from a visit at Hoskins.

George Sadowsky of Colome was a visitor in the city.

R. S. Lackey went to Stanton to visit with relatives.

Ernest Ransach returned from a business trip to Hoskins.

August Sonne of Tilden was in the city transacting business.

Miss Frieda Korth returned from a day's visit with friends at Hoskins.

Mrs. Aaron of Hoskins was here visiting with her daughter, Miss Metta Aaron.

J. S. McClary went to Omaha to attend a meeting of the Scottish Rites Masons.

Lyle Nichols, who has been here visiting with relatives, has gone to Marshall, Mich.

Mrs. Otto Grueber and Mrs. John Hoeber of Hoskins were in the city visiting with friends.

Mr. and Mrs. S. W. Lackey of Stanton leave Wednesday for Florida, where they will spend a few months.

Mrs. J. B. Hight and Mrs. C. B. Reed went to Lincoln Wednesday noon for a short visit at the home of their parents, Mr. and Mrs. F. L. Estabrook.

R. M. Waddell has traded his property on Madison avenue and Fourteenth street, known as the William Marple residence property, for the farm of W. H. Parriott, two miles east of the city.

Alfred Bollandier went to Rochester, Minn., where he will undergo an operation for gallstones.

The Warnock lot, southeast corner of the intersection at Fifth street and Madison avenue, was sold yesterday to G. L. Carlson. Mr. Carlson will build an office on the west end of the lot and A. Koyen will build a garage on the east end.

A lumber falling on him in the Junction yards.

Miss Mae Barrett, accompanied by Mrs. Burke, has returned from Chicago. Mrs. Burke has accepted a position as trimmer for the Barrett millinery.

The Ladies' Aid of the Methodist Episcopal church will meet with Mrs. M. A. France, 312 South Fifth street, Thursday afternoon.

A shipment of real southern smilax, from Evergreen, Ala., was received at a local store Tuesday. The smilax will be used by the firm for decorating purposes.

William O'Brien is substituting as night clerk at the Pacific hotel in the absence of Phillip Hill, who is spending a few days' vacation with relatives at Hadar.

A. J. Wilkins has moved with his family to Lincoln. The Wilkins residence on South Eleventh street has been rented by Mr. Harmony, a hardware salesman.

Friends of Julius Boche, who visited his hangar a few days ago, report the biplane which the Norfolk aviator has built, is ready for its trial flight. The motor has already been installed.

Plans looking to the building of a new Elk club house will be discussed at the meeting of the lodge next Saturday night and every member is urged to be present. The annual election of officers also will take place.

At the regular monthly meeting of the St. Johannes Luther league last night Rev. Otto Barfelder, Miss A. Uhle and Miss M. Reiche were chosen delegates to a convention to be held in May at Lincoln for the purpose of organizing a state Luther league.

John Bland of Omaha, son of William Bland, a Northwestern employe, has purchased the skating rink from Street Commissioner William Uecker, who has announced himself as a candidate for the water commissioner's job.

Volites, it is said, will keep the street commissioner too busy to look after his business at the rink.

"If the city is too poor to expend a little money in cleaning the streets," says one Norfolk business man, "I for one am willing to help the city with a half a day's work leading the dirt into a wagon in front of my place of business. I believe if some of the officials really want to do anything for Norfolk they should use a few scrapers and bring the dirt from the gutters into the middle of the street, from which place it could be taken away in wagons. The fire hose should be used to wash away what remaining dirt there is."

Why the Brickbats?

"Those brickbats lying in the middle of Norfolk avenue, on top of the mud that covers the paving, look familiar," a Norfolk business man said Wednesday. "I will remember that the bricks were left lying on top of the pavement last fall and it apparently hasn't occurred to the mayor or his street commissioner that they ought to be hauled away within a year or so."

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Gifts of Half Million.

From Roosevelt, Taft, Emperor William, Children, Grandchildren.

Pasadena, Calif., March 8.—What is said to be the most elaborate golden wedding anniversary ever celebrated anywhere in the world took place here with Mr. and Mrs. Adolphus Busch as the central figures.

The most beautiful and costly of the presents was the diadem presented to Mrs. Busch by her husband. It is a crown of gold, studded with diamonds and pearls and valued at \$200,000. It was made in Frankfurt, Germany.

At the wedding feast at the Busch mansion, Mrs. Busch was crowned and given a seat beside her husband on a miniature throne.

The presents received by the couple are valued at \$500,000. The children presented the parents with a dozen full sized dinner plates made of solid gold and valued at \$25,000. A solid gold flower basket valued at \$15,000 was received from the grandchildren. A solid gold vase from branch managers in the employ of the brewing association cost \$20,000.

President Taft sent a \$20 gold coin of the newest St. Gaudens design in an ivory case.

Theodore Roosevelt sent a solid gold loving cup, and there was also a gold loving cup from Emperor William.

Charles Hulac returned from Fremont yesterday, where he visited with his brother, E. V. Hulac, the North western brakeman who after a marvelous escape from death is recovering slowly from a broken ankle, another one sprained and bad bruises over his face and back. The details of the accident are brought direct to Norfolk from the injured man whose explanation makes his escape from death even more marvelous than it seemed from first reports.

"I was ordered to cut off eight cars from the train Saturday night," said the injured brakeman to his brother. "The conductor called my attention to the fact that I cut off but seven. I then started to count the cars and was running along the top of them when a water spout in the east end of the Fremont yard struck me over the eye. It was dark and I crouched low, but I was too near the end of the car and fell in between two of them. They were moving slowly. I must have broken my ankle in the fall. I did not strike the bumper but just fell under the cars and two or three of them passed over me. I did not lose consciousness, but I instantly realized my danger. I threw my arms around the axle of one car and let it drag me. It kept turning and I called for help. The cars were stopped and I crawled out myself, but as I stood up my ankle gave way and I must have fainted."

Buay Days for Norfolk.

April 24, 25 and 26 will be busy days in Norfolk because of two conventions to be held here. The state threehermen's convention and the district Women's club convention. The former convention will bring about 400 delegates and the latter about 100. Because of these three busy days the directors of the Commercial club put in much of their time at last night's meeting planning entertainment for the visitors.

Miniature Thresh Machine Show.

C. J. Bullock met with the directors and declared that not only will the delegates to the threshermen's asso-

ciation be here, but three or four cars of machinery will be put on display during the convention, making it a miniature thresh machine show. The machinery will probably be taken care of at the Bullock warehouses, where the visitors will be shown the different makes of machines. There are possibilities, said Mr. Bullock, that some of the firms coming here may open up branch houses for their companies.

The Commercial club agreed to cooperate with Mr. Bullock and they will endeavor to make the convention a decided success.

Auto Ride for the Ladies.

The Women's club convention will also be taken care of by the club. An automobile ride around the city is being planned for the ladies.

Much time was also given over to discussing the preliminary work of the entertainment of the teachers who come here to participate in the north Nebraska teachers' convention March 29 to 31.

The implement men's convention for April 4 was also discussed and a smoker for this convention was talked of.

Discuss Paid Secretary.

A committee was appointed to call on business men in connection with the raising of funds for the employment of a permanent secretary for the Commercial club. The committee is expected to be at work within one week.

ROOSEVELT OFF ON JOURNEY.

New York, March 8.—Colonel Theodore Roosevelt started today on his six weeks' trip across the country to the Pacific coast and back again. It is the first tour the colonel has made since the recent political campaign. His first stop will be at Atlanta, Ga., tomorrow.

"I have nothing to say about anything," said Colonel Roosevelt as he boarded the train.

Omaha General on His Way.

Omaha, March 8.—General Frederick A. Smith, head of the department of the Missouri, who is to command one of the brigades near San Antonio, left this afternoon at 4:30 over the Burlington. He was accompanied by Colonel D. E. McCarthy and Lieutenant Watson.

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meeting and declared it would be impossible for the department to do without the hook and ladder wagon.

"We need them the minute a fire is reported," he said. "I look for this company the first of any at fires. It has cost the city but \$6 to keep this company for six months."

The talk of holding the hook company at the barn until called for came about when two very small ladders were placed on the hose wagon. The hook and ladder members are smiling broadly over the gossip and declare the city would only need one trial of this proposition before they would find a grave mistake was made.

Insurance Company Officers Re-elected.