

### BUILDERS' WORRIES ARE NOW AT AN END

Strike Troubles Over With Return of Sheet Metal Workers to Their Jobs.

#### BUILDING GOES ON APACE

With the final adjustment of the sheet metal workers' strike last Friday morning, some sixty men went back to work and thus about the last of the troubles in Omaha having a bearing on building construction were settled.

Building is now going ahead rapidly, and the big substantial buildings are shooting skyward at a rate that is each day more and more astonishing. Another ten days will put the steel skeleton of the First National Bank building entirely within brick and terra cotta walls, weather permitting.

Among the big, substantial buildings already completed and occupied during the first half of this year are the Grain Exchange building, the Brandeis power plant, the Rose Realty building and the new plant of the World-Herald.

These, however, are only a beginning, for work is now in progress aggregating some \$3,000,000 in cost.

#### Big Buildings Spring Up

Dismissing all the work on handsome residences costing from \$10,000 to \$25,000 apiece, in various parts of the city, and dismissing also from the mind, consideration of any apartment house construction costing less than \$25,000, and store building construction, garages, and other structures costing less than \$15,000 apiece, the big buildings now being constructed aggregate in cost over \$2,000,000.

There is first of all the Blackstone family hotel, now nearly completed and soon to be occupied. This is a structure that reflects credit upon Omaha, as it is the first of its kind in the west.

Then there is the First National Bank building at Sixteenth and Farnam streets, the steel and brick work of which are soon to be completed, leaving only the inside work to be completed and the finishing to be done. This fourteen-story structure is a remarkable improvement in the heart of Omaha's business district.

#### Auto Branch Completed

The Ford branch factory, costing \$375,000, is practically completed at Sixteenth and Cumings street, and is already occupied by the Ford Motor company.

The duplication of the Castle hotel plant is being pushed. This is a structure to cost \$150,000, or more. This will give the Castle a solid block from east to west, affording entrance facilities on Sixteenth and on Seventeenth streets.

The new Sanford hotel is to cost \$200,000. This is to be a seven-story building erected by Dr. Harold Gifford. Concrete skeleton work is now in progress for this structure between Nineteenth and Twentieth streets on the south side of Farnam street.

Work on the Idalia apartments, being erected by Hastings & Heyden, is progressing nicely. The cost will be \$47,000.

#### Athletic Club Prospects

Ground has recently been purchased for the \$400,000 Omaha Athletic club, between Seventeenth and Eighteenth streets on the north side of Douglas streets, and from the fine success the committee is having in soliciting memberships at \$100 apiece, it is likely that the construction of this building will begin this year.

St. Peter's Catholic church, to cost probably \$125,000, is to be built this year at Pacific and Twenty-ninth streets.

Excavation started Friday morning for a new general school building for the University of Omaha at Twenty-fourth and Pratt streets, to cost \$50,000.

The Deaconess Home for Immanuel hospital at Thirty-fourth and Meredith streets, will cost about \$125,000.

The Home Builders' company will build a \$75,000 apartment house at Eighteenth and Dodge streets.

### World's Help Asked For Belgian Liberty

(Correspondence of The Associated Press.)

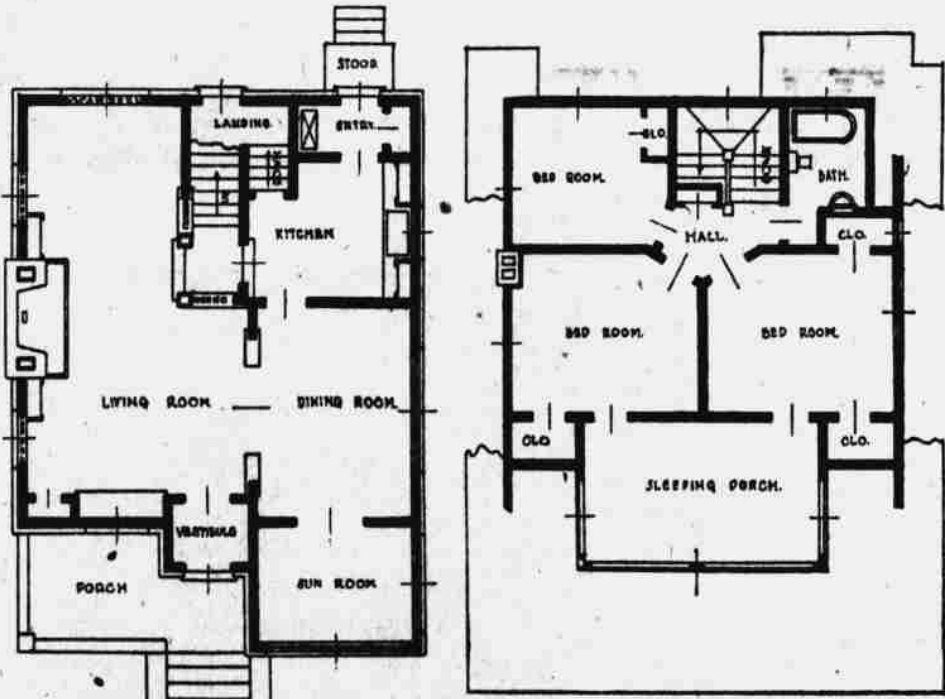
The Hague, Netherlands, July 1.—The complete restoration of the independence of Belgium is the object of a call to the neutrals of the American republics, the three Scandinavian states, Switzerland and Spain, which has been issued over the signatures of 120 university professors, artists, writers and other well known men of Holland.

It is declared that the government and Parliament of the German empire, alone of all the belligerents, have officially declared that they will endeavor at the conclusion of peace to put an end to the independence of a neighbor state. Various utterances of the imperial chancellor are quoted as bearing this out, and are interpreted as meaning that neither in a military nor economic respect, nor even in the arrangement of such questions as the relationship between the two languages of the country, is Belgium to be mistress in its own house.

The call to the neutrals says the whole world, with the exception of Germany and its allies, is convinced that the robbery of any state whatever of its independence must be regarded as a crime and as a source of fraternal wars. "It seems to us necessary," it continues, "that this principle shall now be uttered as the emphatic demand of all neutral peoples—necessary in order that those contemplating an assault on a small neighbor may feel less inclination thereto in the knowledge that such assaults will not go unpunished; necessary, too, for the support of those in Germany itself who detect the annexation policy. The neutrals have the right, duty and power to sit in judgment where the defense of the highest interests of humanity is concerned. They can refuse to maintain relations with a state which beforehand declares its intention to use a small neighbor to pay the score when the reckoning day comes."

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### BANKERS COMPANY PAYS BIG DIVIDEND

Financial Statement to Be Mailed to Stockholders Shows Increase.

#### MANY BUILDINGS ERECTED

The Bankers' Realty Investment company has again paid a dividend at the rate of 8 1/2 per cent for the first six months of 1916.

The financial statement of the company, to be mailed to stockholders between July 10 and July 15, officials say, will show the company's assets to be nearly \$1,500,000.

The company is handling a large volume of building business in Omaha and also has several large buildings under construction out in the state. At the same time the architectural department of the company is at present busily engaged upon plans for several other large buildings to be erected by the company in states adjacent to Nebraska.

The Bankers' Realty Investment company handles all of the buildings which it erects under what is known as the "single contract system." That is to say, it prepares the plans and specifications, purchases all materials and performs the actual work of building, throughout, by its own organization, which means that the services required of eight to ten professions and some forty-five trades concerned in a building operation are centralized under a single management.

Thus in buildings similar to the \$200,000 St. Regis apartment house in Omaha, the \$500,000 Blackstone hotel or any other piece of work, large or small, the Bankers' Realty Investment company provides the element of co-operation so necessary in the efficient and economical construction of a building.

### Auto People Look North for Locations

A new development in the housing of automobiles sales agencies is developing in Omaha. Firms are seeking less expensive space for repair shops, and giving over the downtown space to salesrooms. This is a development that is apparent in other cities and the high rent along Automobile row is forcing this condition.

Another feature that is aiding this segregation of the repair department from the sales room is the fact that a great many automobile concerns are using the coupon books for repairs.

The Chalmers is the first concern in Omaha to house its repair department in a separate building. It has procured a long time lease at 2304 Sherman avenue, and fitted up a complete repair shop which is in charge of Bruner & Co. All repairing and adjusting of Chalmers cars is done at this address. A number of other concerns are figuring on space in that particular district for repair shops and general service stations.

It is predicted by some real estate men that North Sixteenth street from Cumings to Locust street, will become a live automobile row. The location of the Ford plant north of Cumings and the Chalmers' service station a few blocks north, lead to this conclusion. It is rumored that two large agencies are negotiating for property in that vicinity.

### Gayety Prevails In Russian Camps

Camp de Mailly, Quarters of the Russian Forces in France, June 6.—The Russian troops awaiting orders here to join their French comrades at the front are living an idle life in this lower corner of the old province of Champagne; it is a life that is so full of the picturesque that it constitutes perhaps the greatest attraction that has been witnessed in the department of the Aube.

Fraternalizing with the French soldiers in another part of the camp, these men show no need of repose after their seventy-eight days of hard sea voyage. They appear as supple as their French comrades, although alongside of them they look something like giants. The entire camp exhales an atmosphere of gaiety, confidence and discipline, which is quite as striking as their individual appearance.

"Tommy Atkins" can teach them nothing in the way of hygiene and cleanliness. Men, privates and subaltern officers take pride and care in looking after the barracks. "They are excellent soldiers," General Lotchvasky said to The Asso-

This attractive home possesses the three most necessary requisites for the modern builder; economy, simplicity and beauty, so pronounced are these qualities in this particular case, that the home is at once within the financial scope of the average builder, and also is designed to meet the requirements of the average family.

The house is entered from a spacious porch, from which you pass into a vestibule of convenient size, and from there into a living room large and well lighted. A massive fireplace and bookcases occupy the center of one side, while a seat built between the vestibule and a small coat closet occupy the entire front end of the room.

Opening directly from the living room is the dining room separated only by a large pedestal opening. This room is also large and light. It is connected with the adjoining sun room by a pair of French doors. A swinging door connects the dining room with the kitchen. This room has ample cupboard space and is very conveniently arranged. It possesses the advantage of having only one outside door which leads into a small

entry in which is located the refrigerator and a small closet. The cellar stairs to the basement go down from the kitchen.

The main stairs go up from the living room and prove a very beautiful feature of the house. The upstairs has three good sized bedrooms all supplied with ample closets. A large sleeping porch receiving air from three sides opens off from both front bedrooms. A beautiful bath room is located very conveniently for all the rooms and is also near the head of the stairs. A small linen closet occupies one side of the hall off from which open the three bedrooms, the bath and the stair case.

The basement is large and well lighted and has a cement floor. The furnace is centrally located to give the best heating results.

The exterior is a very attractive combination of brick and stucco. Altogether the house presents a most pleasing and dignified appearance and possesses many desirable features found only in larger and more costly residences. Further information in regard to this plan may be obtained from Everett S. Dodds, architect, 612 Paxton block, Omaha.

ciated Press correspondent in reply to compliments upon their bearing and appearance.

"Many of my men might be called veterans, although you see that there are very few who are not still young. They have seen hard service and are penetrated through and through with the military spirit; what makes them particularly happy is the opportunity to come to fight for France against the common adversary on French soil."

These Russians appear impatient to get to the front. They are mostly boys, tall, muscular and with every mark of real sons of the soil, as simple as they are robust, and as frank and outspoken as they are vigorous. "Are we soon to march against the Germans?" asked one of the young subaltern officers, while all the men gathered around him approved the inquiry with a gesture of the head.

A new contingent of these men arrived on May 8, and this same inquiry was the first thing they had to say on reaching the camp. Discretion prevents disclosing how many of them there are here, and since they continue to arrive it is impossible to conclude as yet whether their presence is simply a sort of platonic expression of sympathy from the Russian army, or whether their force is expected to add a real element of strength to the entente allies on this front.

### DARING LEAP TO SAVE A GIRL

Man at Wheel of Racing Car Jumps Into Buggy and Stops Runaway.

Spectators were thrilled the other afternoon when Roy Cattley, 19 years old, son of a wealthy coal operator of Carnegie, gave a twentieth century demonstration of daring by leaping from the running board of a speeding racing car into a runaway buggy, probably saving the life of the girl huddled unconscious in the swaying vehicle.

Thomas Kane, 20 years old, of Walkers Mills, and Miss Ethel Morgan, 18 years old, of Carnegie, had started out driving, when the horse took fright and ran away. Kane was flung

### BRITISH BANTAMS

Organization of Small Men Wins Nation's Praises for Their Nerve.

#### UNIQUE AMONG ARMIES

(Correspondence of The Associated Press.)

British Headquarters, France, June 30.—"Good for the little fellows," expressed the feeling of the whole army when the "Bantams," in one of the neatest of trench raids took a machine gun from the Germans. No commander is prouder of his men than the commander of the Bantams; no battalions so thoroughly have the good wishes of the whole army. The idea of the Bantams, unique among the armies of Europe, was Lord Kitchener's. If little men wanted to fight for their country, why shouldn't they? Put them in an organization by themselves and give them a chance.

No man over five feet three was accepted. Short men who had been turned away by recruiting sergeants in the early days of the new army formed the first battalion. As it was a success others followed. At the front they were brigaded together; and the visitor to a certain portion of the lines sees sturdy short-legged men marching along the roads and keeping guard in the trenches.

Many jokes have been passed about them. It was even suggested that when they went into the trenches somebody would have to hold them up to the parapet to fire. But the Bantams have made good. Other battalions take fatherly interest in them and admire them for their pluck.

Instead of having to hold them up to fire when they first went into the trenches, the difficulty was to keep them from showing their heads too much. They have the advantage of being small targets and they are completely sheltered in a communication trench where another man's head would be exposed. Most of them are miners and city bred and some probably owe their stature to poor food and overcrowding. Good food and fresh air have added to the height of some of the young ones and to the girth and chest of all.

Their only drawback is that they cannot carry the full equipment of sixty pounds and more for long, hard marches. So their equipment has been cut down; they have shorter stocks to their rifles. What they lack in strength they make up in agility. "They are particularly good at scouting," said one of their officers.

A German machine gun is a heavy affair. Two strong men are required to carry it. When the artillery had knocked a German trench about one night and the Bantams rushed it to take what prisoners and do what damage they could and then make a run for their own trench in the usual trench raid fashion, they determined to take a machine gun with them to prove their prowess. Half carrying it, half tugging it along the ground, with other German machine guns feeling around in the night for targets through a trying half hour, they finally landed it safe behind the parapet.

### ROMANS SET JUNE MARRIAGE

Fashion Began Because May Was Considered an Unlucky Month.

It was Coleridge, in "The Ancient Mariner," who called June the "leafy month" but it was the Romans who set the fashion of June marriages. Among them May was considered an unlucky month, and consequently the brides held aloof until May had gone its way and June had come. Obligated to take care of the brides of two months, June then became the month of the greatest number of marriages.

The poets have sung of June and its glories ever since poets learned that there was something in nature to sing about. It was an American poet, Lowell, who asked a question about June to which there can be but one answer: "What is so rare as a day in June? Then heaven tries the earth if it be in tune. And over it softly her warm ear says: 'And another American poet, N. P. Willis, in a poem entitled "The Month of June," wrote: "It is the month of leaves and roses; When pleasant sights salute the eyes, And pleasant scents the nosea. —Indianapolis News.

### ROMANCE IN NEW YORK LAND

Historic Farm Twelve Miles from the City Hall Brings \$129,000 an Acre.

The sale of a block of the Dyckman farm recalls revolutionary history while making new history in the romance of New York real estate.

Twelve miles from the city hall by subway, this land brings a reported price of nearly \$10,000 a lot, or \$129,000 an acre. Great apartments reared on it are to house 4,000 persons, a density rate of 600,000 to the square mile.

Just around the corner is Kingsbridge, where Frederick Philipse took thrice the toll of every man and horse entering or leaving Manhattan. The Dyckmans, heirs in the revolution, kept their lands, though harried by the British. The tory Philipse lost manors and toll-bridge; his vast estates were sold, the Harlem Heights properties bringing \$11,000. The remainder did not affect his descendants' entailed rights, and New York state had to pay John Jacob Astor \$500,000 to quiet their claims, which he bought.

Not a bad region is this for historic pilgrimages. Philipse manor, in Yonkers; the Van Cortlandt manor, in the park so named, and the Jumel mansion, on lands attained from the Philipsees, are all open to the public. By the generosity of the heirs, the Dyckman farm house is also preserved to New York as a memorial of sturdy Dutch farmer folk who in the midst of 400 neighbors and lords of vast estates held fast both to their acres and their democracy.—New York World.

### Paving Around the Willis Realty Company Property

Paving was started last week on Victor and Willis avenues between Sixteenth and Eighteenth streets. This is in the new district which the Willis Realty company has recently acquired and is placing on the market. This company reports an exceedingly active market for these lots. Three sales of vacant lots have been made the last week and the first home which this firm completed is sold. The property is close in.

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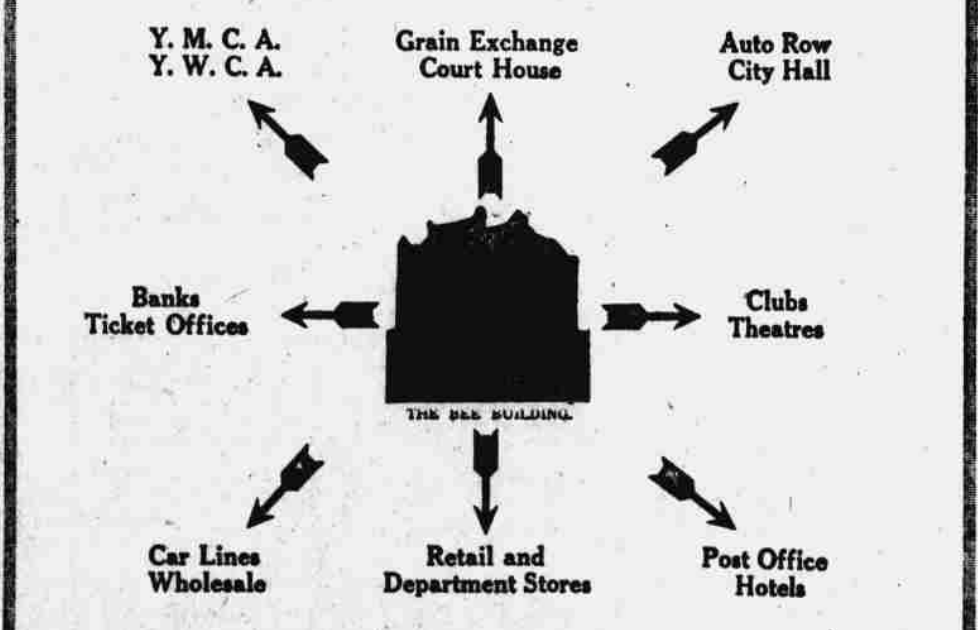
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