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CREDIT MEN PICK OFFICERS TODAY FOR COMING YEAR

Fight Is Between R. H. Poindexter and H. V. Wright for Presidency of Organization.

ST. LOUIS MAN GETS VICE

Five Directors Will Also Be Chosen During Session This Morning.

NEW POSTAL RULE SOUGHT

R. H. Poindexter of Nashville, Tenn., and H. Victor Wright of Los Angeles, will have to settle differences today as to who is to be president of the National Retail Credit Men's association for the ensuing year. They are the two nominees placed on the ballot Tuesday afternoon at the convention held in the Hotel Fontenelle.

C. F. Jackson of St. Louis was nominated for vice president, C. E. Corey of Omaha for treasurer and A. J. Kruse of St. Louis for secretary.

Five directors are to be elected today. Twelve candidates for the five places were nominated. They are D. J. Woodcock of St. Louis, E. A. Howell of Denver, B. G. Voight, Los Angeles, W. V. Sims, Colorado Springs; W. H. Taylor, New York; J. W. Metcalfe, Omaha; E. W. Nelson, Lincoln; W. R. Bryan, Louisville, Ky.; M. J. Solon, Minneapolis; W. G. Schmus, Cleveland; Ed S. Malone, Omaha, and F. F. Hagerman, St. Louis.

Want New System.

The credit men in the afternoon declared themselves in favor of a system which would make it possible for the sender of a registered letter to learn the address of the man who signs a receipt for that letter. This, they believe, will help them to locate certain debtors who move or change their residence without notifying their creditors. It was suggested that the matter be taken up with the senators and representatives, but first a copy of the resolution is to be sent to the postmaster general to see if he cannot put such a rule into effect without special legislation.

The convention also declared itself in favor of 1-cent letter postage. By a special resolution introduced by J. W. Metcalfe of Omaha, the proprietors of retail stores in Omaha are invited to attend the sessions today, since the program, it is said, will be of especial interest to them. Following is the program for today:

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10:00 A. M.—Reception.

Report of Resolutions Committee.

10:15 A. M.—Business Session.

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TURF STARS BREAK NEBRASKA RECORDS

Sensational Racing Marks the Opening of Great Western Circuit Races.

OMAHA HORSES WINNERS

By RUSSELL PHELPS.
Three state records went by the board in the sensational harness racing that marked the opening of the famous Great Western Circuit meeting on the Omaha turf yesterday—a meeting in which locally-owned horses of big time renown breezed away with firsts in the classics on the first day's card.

It was a great day for Omaha and Omaha horses.

Classed against a dangerous field of pacers which have been figuring in successful campaigns on the Grand and Great Western circuits, Ben Earl, a bright star of the Edward Peterson stables, behaved like the royal speed merchant that he is and won the 2:12 event, the Lutus purse of \$1,000, puncturing the Nebraska state record in the curtain-raising heat when the hot breath of the great Lillian T. was waited upon his pilot's neck.

Lowers Hal McKinney's Mark.

In negotiating the speedy half-mile oval in 2:06 1/2, the worthy son of The Earl clipped a half second off of the state pacer record, held by another Omaha turf champion—Hal McKinney, owned by Tom Dennison, who came by the title with a performance this season in 2:07.

Turfmen and horsemen in general anticipated a battle royal between Ben Earl and Lillian T.—and it was staged in a degree of thrill-producing racing to satisfy the most exacting tastes of the red-hot-blooded lover of the "sped-up kings."

When they came to the wire in the first heat the Peterson horse, despite Lillian T.'s formidable Grand and Great Western Circuit record and her line of past achievements, ruled the favorite with the holiday crowd that assembled for the Omaha Driving club's premier on the west's foremost racing loop.

Makes Great Start.

Marvin Childs, sitting in the driver's seat of Ben Earl's sulky, gave his charge the word right at the jumpoff, and before the field had wheeled into the quarter it was obvious that Peterson's traveling brown gelding was out for a record on the local Speedway track; it was also plain to see Lillian T. would have to pace a super-animal to dethrone the Omaha favorite.

Offering the best she had, and with her nose in Child's pistol pocket, Lillian T. came down the home in a heart-breaking attempt to get out in front of Ben Earl. Not so far in behind the two leaders was Deputy Sheriff, Henry Thomas up, who showed a spurt that left Lee Dale and Strathell, respectively, in fourth and fifth positions.

Ben Earl and Lillian T. staging a beautiful finish, came under the wire with the former a clean-cut winner, and with the state pacer record annexed to his string of turf victories. Ben Earl dashed off the last quarter in the first heat in thirty-one seconds.

Ben Earl paced consistently in the second heat. Easing out into the

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Hughes Makes Short Talks in California On Hurried Journey

Fresno, Cal., Aug. 22.—At the turn of his transcontinental trip, Charles E. Hughes was speeding north today from Los Angeles to Sacramento with fourteen scheduled stops and brief speeches in the San Joaquin valley. Here at Fresno he made a ten-minute talk. The other addresses were two and three-minute affairs from the rear platform of his train.

On his way through the valley, the nominee talked chiefly of his conviction that the country needs a protective tariff to enable American enterprises to meet the competition of Europe when peace comes. Before reaching Fresno he had spoken to station crowds at Porterville, Lindsay, Exeter, Visalia, Kingsburg and Selma. His program, after leaving here, called for addresses at Madera, Merced, Turlock, Modesto, Lathrop, Stockton and Lodi. Tonight he will speak at Sacramento.

Mr. Hughes stressed his throat during the day, making his speeches as brief as possible. His speech at Porterville was devoted largely to an explanation why he could not speak for a longer time.

"It is a very difficult thing," he said, "for a man so early in the morning to make a speech after such a day as they put me through yesterday. We had a meeting of 25,000 people at San Diego yesterday afternoon and in the evening one of the greatest meetings that Los Angeles has ever known, and the result is that my voice is a bit husky and I have got to take care of it through the day in order that it may come back properly."

House Puts Articles of War Up to Senate

Washington, Aug. 22.—Without the revised articles of war, to portions of which President Wilson and the War department objected, the house today repassed the army appropriation bill. The senate is expected to insert a revision, and the house is expected later to accept it. President Wilson vetoed the bill because of portions of the revision.

Sixty Men Recruited Into Army This Month

Sixty men have been recruited for the army at the local station this month. Eleven went into the infantry, twenty-two to the coast artillery, four to the field artillery, twenty-four into the cavalry and one into the medical division.

ALLIES ADVANCE ON BALKAN AND WESTERN LINES

British Gain Hundred Yards of German Trenches, According to London Official War Report.

VERDUN HEIGHTS TAKEN

Berlin and Athens Announce Capture of Koritsa and Kastoria by Invaders.

GREAT BATTLE STARTED

London, Aug. 22.—The British have made a further advance between Martinich and Bazentin, where they captured 100 yards of German trenches, says a war office statement tonight.

Paris, Aug. 22.—The allies have captured a series of heights west of the Vardar river on the Saloniki front, says a war office statement tonight. On both wings, advance detachments have fallen back before the counter offensive of the Bulgarians.

Berlin, Aug. 22.—(By Wireless to Sayville.)—Official announcement is made by the Sofia war office that on August 18 the Bulgarian left wing began a general offensive, advancing in the Struma valley, occupying Demi Hissar and establishing itself on the left bank of the Struma after repulsing the British and French near Seres. The seizure of the road between Florina and Koritsa, as well as that between Koritsa and Kastoria is also announced in the statement which bears the date of August 20.

All the Serbian positions on the Malka Niereplina, east of Banica on the Macedonian front, have been captured by troops of the central powers, the war office announced today. The French, adds the announcement, have been driven over the Stuma between Butkova and Tahimova.

Bulgarians Take Two Towns.

Athens, Aug. 22.—(Via Paris.)—The occupation of Kastoria and Coryssa by the Bulgarian troops is confirmed. News from an official source says that the German field marshal, August Von Mackensen is with the Bulgarians.

The military movements of the entente allies are hindered by the flight of the civil population before the Bulgarian advance.

Kastoria is twenty-five miles south of Monastir, on the extreme left of the entente front in Macedonia. It lies about thirty miles southwest of Florina, and its occupation indicates that the Bulgarians are pressing southward their movement on the allied left flank.

Field Marshal von Mackensen was reported at Kovel in July to direct operations against the Russians in Volhynia.

Action Becoming General.

Paris, Aug. 22.—The fighting on the Saloniki front is becoming more general, says a Havas dispatch mailed yesterday at Saloniki. In the Doiran section Serbian troops have captured Forts Kaimakadar and Cucurli.

The heaviest fighting is on the front northeast of Saloniki, on the left bank of the Struma river, from Kavala to Barakli. On the western end of the line hostilities are confined for the most part to artillery.

Roumania May Join Entente.

All the morning newspapers comment at length on the possibility of Roumania joining in the war. The meetings that are in progress in Bucharest are taken to mean that all the various developments in the situation are being seriously considered and the general tone of the comment is that the decisive moment for Roumania's action has arrived.

Operations of the Bulgarian armies in Macedonia are interpreted in some quarters as having been undertaken solely with a view to influencing the decision of Roumania. On all sides it is agreed that a new phase in Balkan history is opening and the discussion by the press of the various diplomatic phases of the Roumanian situation is followed by an examination of the strength of the Roumanian army.

The statement is made on good authority that the number of Roumanian troops that can be mobilized exceeds 800,000, and that the army is in the best of condition after long preparation.

Greeks and Bulgars Fight.

London, Aug. 22.—Greek troops have been fighting the Bulgarians in the vicinity of Seres since Sunday morning, says an Athens dispatch to the Exchange Telegraph company. The Greek commander at Seres has called to arms all the reservists in that locality, says the dispatch. That the fighting is of a stubborn character is indicated by the fact that a large number of Greek soldiers have been killed.

It was stated in a Paris dispatch yesterday that the Fourth Greek army corps had fallen back from Seres as well as from Kavala and Drama. Seres is an important city of about 30,000 population, forty-five miles northeast of Saloniki.

Murderer Given Life Sentence and Thirty Years

Marshalltown, Ia., Aug. 22.—Robert Williams was given thirty years imprisonment in Fort Madison after attempting to murder Wendell P. Foote of Dillon, on the night of July 20, and life imprisonment for the murder of Mrs. Matilda C. Steward at the same time today. Williams has confessed to both crimes. He is 28 years old.

Kindling ON THE BATTLE LINE

Son of Former Commissioner Writes Letter Telling of Fierce Fighting.

WITH THE CANADIANS

Hastings, Neb., Aug. 22.—(Special.)—How the Canadians fought in the third battle of Ypres, under what he speaks of as a rain of tens of thousands of tons of metal from German guns, is vividly described in a letter from Paul Ragan, son of former Commissioner John M. Ragan of the state supreme court.

Some years ago Paul Ragan engaged in the ranch business in Canada, and he enlisted soon after the war began.

In the sanguinary action of early June, all but 275 of his battalion of 700 were killed.

"My steel helmet saved me from shrapnel more than once," he writes, "and I was knocked down by the concussion of a high explosive, but not hurt."

The men had been promised relief in twenty-four hours after recapturing a trench, but they had to fight all that day and the next day, too, with nothing to eat or drink except what they had in their kits, and what they could get from their dead comrades.

He said he wouldn't have missed the experience "for a million," but he doesn't want to go through another like it.

The writer speaks of the nomination of Hughes by the republicans, gives his opinion of the political attitude of Roosevelt and makes other references to current events, all indicating that the mail service between the trenches and the outer world is surprisingly prompt. Referring to this, he concludes:

"It is wonderful how they handle the mails out here. We get letters and parcels right in the trenches, and a parcel will be delivered promptly and safely if securely wrapped and properly marked. I am sure I have never had a piece of mail go astray. How they do it is beyond me."

As an insight into the system followed, young Ragan gives this as his full address: 434219 A Comp., 49th Battalion, Third Canadian Division, B. E. F., France.

Italian King Enters Gorizia Under Fire of Austrian Guns

Undine, Italy, Sunday, Aug. 20.—(Via Paris, Aug. 22.)—King Victor Emmanuel entered Gorizia today under the fire of the Austrian forces. Lunino bridge, which he crossed to enter the city, continues to be the object of relentless shelling by the Austrian guns, but, unmindful of danger, the king determined to make a personal visit to the captured city.

The king went to the city hall, where he inquired regarding the measures which have been taken to restore the civil life of the city.

Girls working in the vicinity learned of his presence and improvised a manifestation, which was interspersed with shouts of "Long live our king, long live Italy."

News of the royal visit spread throughout the city and there was a demonstration as the king's automobile passed through the streets.

Russian Troops at Saloniki Cause Sensation at Athens

Athens, Monday, July 31.—(Via London, Aug. 22.—Delayed by Censor.)—An initial brigade of Russian troops has arrived at Saloniki to join the entente allies in the fighting in the Balkans.

The arrival of the Russians has created a profound impression here. Even the royalists, who have consistently opposed participation in the war by Greece on the side of the entente allies, seemed almost stunned by the news that Russian troops had arrived to take part in the campaign which, under other conditions, might have been taken by the Greek army.

The general feeling here is that the bringing in of Russian troops has dispelled definitely the dream of a greater Greece which was conceived a year ago by the then Premier Venizelos, who carried Greece well on the

way toward entrance in the war with the entente allies.

It is regarded as possible that the presence of Russian forces in Macedonia will effect a change in the attitude of Bulgaria.

In some quarters irritation is displayed at the recent foreign policy of the Greek government, which is said to have overlooked the interests of this nation.

After a conference of the British, French, Serbian and Russian commanders at Saloniki today it was decided that the newly arrived Russian forces should take up positions with the Serbian troops on the southern frontier of Serbia. The Serbo-Russian force was placed under a combined staff of which Crown Prince Alexander of Serbia is the nominal commander. The Russian General Friederichs is in actual command.

Candy Barred From Women's Army Camp

Lake Geneva, Wis., Aug. 22.—Candy has been barred from the national service school camp, where 150 women are receiving military instruction, in an official ruling today. More than 100 pounds have been returned to its senders. The women have asked for a camp manicurist and hair dresser.

U. S. Navy Playing Great War Game

Red Fleet Convoying Invading Army Will Try to Make Landing on East Coast.

BLUE FLEET BEGINS HUNT

Washington, Aug. 22.—A "red" enemy fleet of great strength, convoying thirty transports laden with an invading army, arrived within 600 miles of the Atlantic coast at 6 o'clock this morning and the greatest war game ever undertaken by the navy department began.

Within an hour the twelve battleships of the "blue" defending fleet were speeding to sea behind a far-flung line of destroyers and scouts, intent upon locating and destroying the enemy before he approached the shore.

Admiral Mayo commands the "red" fleet of the fifteen battleships, six swift destroyers, representing the scouting line and six other navy craft representing the fleet of transports and other ships. Rear Admiral Helm has seventeen destroyers and seven light cruisers at his scouting screen and close to shore are fifteen submarines as a last line of naval defense.

Rear Admiral Knight, president of the naval war college board, the super-dreadnought Pennsylvania, will umpire the game in which seventy-seven fighting craft are engaged. The reserve battleships forming the "blue" main line are manned by naval militia and civilian volunteers.

Admiral Mayo has until September 1 to evade the "blue" fleet and effect a landing at any point between Cape Hatteras and Eastport Me. The sphere of action extends 600 miles to sea between those points.

War Summary

THE OFFENSIVE IN THE Balkans is in full swing with Russian troops arriving in Saloniki to fight with the entente forces and Roumania reported about ready to enter the war on the side of the allies. Landing of Italian troops is continuing and an unofficial dispatch reports Greek troops engaged Bulgarians in the vicinity of Seres.

ATHENS ADVICES indicate that Russian troops have been in the Balkans more than three weeks, the contingent having apparently arrived at Saloniki some time previous to July 31, the news having been just released by the entente censorship. TODAY'S DISPATCHES regarding developments on the Macedonian front indicate that the engagement is becoming general all along the 100-mile line. Serbian troops are reported to have captured two forts, while on the western end of the line the Bulgarians claim notable advances.

OPERATIONS ON EASTERN and western fronts are overshadowed by those in the Balkans. The entente offensive, however, is proceeding uninteruptedly on both these fronts. The French and British today both claim progress on the Somme front.

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