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FOURTH INFANTRY OF NEBRASKA TO BE BROUGHT BACK

Busker Guardsmen Among Latest Troops Ordered to Return Home from Camps on Mexican Border.

COME IN THREE GROUPS

Sixteen Thousand Soldiers Are Designated by Funston to Take Their Leave.

CARS BEING ASSEMBLED

San Antonio, Tex., Dec. 18.—National Guard organizations aggregating 16,000 troops were designated by General Funston to leave the border service and return to their respective states to be mustered out of the federal service. He acted in compliance with War department instructions.

The homeward movement of these organizations will be in three groups to facilitate the use of rolling stock. Cars are now being assembled for regiments included in the first group and the movements from various border points will begin in a few days. General Funston estimated that it would be January 5 or 7 before all units in the last group had started.

The following units will be returned to their home stations as soon as transportation is available:

- Nebraska—Fourth infantry.
- Iowa—Company A, engineers.
- Minnesota—Brigade headquarters and Second infantry.
- Kansas—Company A, signal corps.
- North Dakota—First infantry.
- Utah—Field hospital No. 1.
- Pennsylvania—Sixteenth and Fourth infantry, one infantry brigade headquarters, division headquarters and signal battalion; ambulance company No. 1; field hospital No. 1, First cavalry.
- Michigan—Thirty-first infantry.
- Indiana—Company A, signal corps, ambulance company No. 1; first battery field artillery, less battery D.
- Missouri—Troop B, field hospital No. 1, ambulance company No. 1; Company A, signal corps, brigade headquarters and Second infantry.
- Maryland—Field hospital company No. 1, first ambulance company.
- Illinois—Company A, signal corps, Seventh infantry.
- New York—Ambulance company No. 3; Twenty-third infantry and Second field artillery; field hospital No. 3.
- Wisconsin—Brigade headquarters and First infantry; field hospital No. 1.
- Virginia—First infantry.

Tree Falls Across Track in Front of Train, Two Killed

Hoquiam, Wash., Dec. 18.—Two engineers were killed and a Northern Pacific local passenger train wrecked near here late last night when a tree fell across the track just as the engine approached. The locomotive, tender and baggage car passed over the trunk, but immediately afterward the tender telescoped the engine cab, crushing the engineer and fireman so that their bodies could not be removed until wrecking apparatus arrived.

Stomach Aches Would Be Welcome at Riverview

Juvenile court officials are hoping that Santa Claus will not be too busy to pay a visit to Riverview detention home. The children there, no matter if they're good, bad or indifferent, are children still, and are looking forward to Christmas. But the chances of them getting stomach aches from eating too much Christmas candy and hurting themselves stumbling over toys are pretty slim unless some kind-hearted, generous individual figures out that he won't miss a couple of yellow-backs from his bank roll.

The Weather

For Nebraska—Unsettled, somewhat warmer.

Temperature at Omaha Yesterday:

Hour	Temp.	Deg.
5 a. m.	20	20
6 a. m.	20	20
7 a. m.	20	20
8 a. m.	20	20
9 a. m.	20	20
10 a. m.	20	20
11 a. m.	20	20
12 m.	20	20
1 p. m.	20	20
2 p. m.	20	20
3 p. m.	20	20
4 p. m.	20	20
5 p. m.	20	20
6 p. m.	20	20
7 p. m.	20	20
8 p. m.	20	20
9 p. m.	20	20
10 p. m.	20	20
11 p. m.	20	20
12 m.	20	20

Comparative Local Record:

Year	1916	1915	1914	1913
Highest yesterday	29	29	29	43
Lowest yesterday	9	15	29	27
Mean temperature	20	22	25	26
Precipitation	.00	T	92	.00

Temperature and precipitation departures from the normal at Omaha since March 1, and compared with last two years:

Normal temperature	27
Deficiency for the day	7
Total excess since March 1	25
Normal precipitation	.03 inch
Deficiency for the day	.03 inch
Total rainfall since March 1	116.14 inches
Deficiency since March 1	12.73 inches
Deficiency for cor. period, 1915	1.89 inches
Deficiency for cor. period, 1914	3.67 inches

Reports from Stations at 7 P. M.

Station and State	Temp.	High	Rain
Omaha, Neb.	20	20	0.00
Lincoln, Neb.	20	20	0.00
Des Moines, Ia.	20	20	0.00
St. Paul, Minn.	20	20	0.00
Chicago, Ill.	20	20	0.00
St. Louis, Mo.	20	20	0.00
Indianapolis, Ind.	20	20	0.00
Cincinnati, Ohio	20	20	0.00
Cleveland, Ohio	20	20	0.00
Pittsburgh, Pa.	20	20	0.00
Philadelphia, Pa.	20	20	0.00
New York, N. Y.	20	20	0.00
Boston, Mass.	20	20	0.00
Washington, D. C.	20	20	0.00
San Francisco, Cal.	20	20	0.00
Los Angeles, Cal.	20	20	0.00
San Diego, Cal.	20	20	0.00
Portland, Ore.	20	20	0.00
Seattle, Wash.	20	20	0.00
Portland, Me.	20	20	0.00
Baltimore, Md.	20	20	0.00
Hartford, Conn.	20	20	0.00
Providence, R. I.	20	20	0.00
Newark, N. J.	20	20	0.00
Richmond, Va.	20	20	0.00
Norfolk, Va.	20	20	0.00
Wilmington, Del.	20	20	0.00
Washington, D. C.	20	20	0.00
St. Petersburg, Fla.	20	20	0.00
Miami, Fla.	20	20	0.00
Key West, Fla.	20	20	0.00

† Indicates trace of precipitation.

L. A. WELSH, Meteorologist.

DEFENSE STARTS IN WILD HORSE CASE

First Witness Testifies Thousands of Animals Ran Wild on Arizona Range.

BROTHERS CONTRADICT

There were horses, yes thousands of them, on the Coconino reserve in Arizona, witnesses for the defense testified before the "wild horse" jury yesterday afternoon, in which the government is prosecuting the United States Live Stock company and the Omaha Land and Investment company for the use of the mails to defraud.

That the horses were not phantom and imaginary was the testimony of L. W. Arnold, stockman of O'Neill, Neb., the first witness to take the stand for the defense. He told the jury that he thought he saw between 3,000 and 4,000 animals roaming the reserve.

"Were the horses wild?" he was asked.

"You bet they were wild."

"You might have seen the same horses twelve or more times and thought they were different animals each time?" the United States district attorney, on cross-examination, asked him.

"Possibly."

Borrows Money.

The stockman testified before the jury that he had gone into partnership with C. A. Smith for the capture of the wild horses and that he and Smith had borrowed \$10,000 from C. M. Thompson, president of the Newport, Neb., bank to finance the expedition. With the money he said he and Smith purchased all the brands of the wild horses from individuals in Flagstaff, Ariz., that it was possible to.

"Did you gather any horses?" he was asked.

"Yes, about 250."

"I was the highest bidder on some of them," he said, "and bought a carload at about \$30 a head for my ranch near O'Neill, Neb."

"And even then," the stockman replied, "I know we didn't get the best horses, for the best horses got away."

After buying a carload of the animals, Arnold said he sold out his share of the horse business to Smith, because he had something better in sight.

Brothers in Dispute.

H. L. Middleton, whose brother had previously testified for the government that the horses were almost an unknown factor, completely contradicted his brother's testimony. He said that he saw thousands of horses on the range and that a person could catch them if he devoted his time to the task. He said that he intended going out and catching the horses called for in his bill of sale as soon as the government was through prosecuting the case.

P. F. Maley, 4210 Sprague street, the city, said he saw a large number of horses on the range in Arizona and that he had rounded up four carloads for the United States Live Stock company.

On cross-examination he admitted, however, that he might have been mistaken in the number of animals he saw, for he wasn't just certain if he had seen the same bunches of animals more than once.

Art Miller and W. A. Antrum, connected with the South Side stock yards, testified that they had seen several carloads of horses that were shipped to the yards for auction which had come from Arizona. They were hardly the kind that the United States Live Stock company claimed to have sold in their bills of sales, they admitted, when cross-examined by government attorneys.

Crew is Rescued From Bark Nethtis; Given Up for Lost

New York, Dec. 18.—The twelve men thought to have been lost on the bark Nethtis, separated from the tug Garibaldi during a storm off the New Jersey coast on a voyage from Brazil, were rescued yesterday by the Italian ship Sardegna, which brought them to this port today.

Distress signals were observed by the Sardegna's lookout at 10 a. m. yesterday when the Italian vessel, from Mediterranean ports, was some miles off Barnegat, N. J. A lifeboat was lowered and the twelve men on the vessel in trouble, which proved to be the missing Nethtis, were taken off. The ship was abandoned.

The Garibaldi, towing the Nethtis, left Maranham, Brazil, on October 13. Several times the line parted but the tug succeeded in picking up the bark again until, with less than sixty miles of their 6,000-mile voyage still to be completed, the Nethtis was again lost on Friday. This time the heavy weather made it impossible for the tug to recover its tow and the bark's crew was given up as lost.

Belle Fourche Cow Makes Butter Record

Belle Fourche, S. D., Dec. 18.—A new record for butter production has been established by a cow belonging to M. J. Smiley here, it is claimed. The official test, made by Prof. Larson of the state college, shows a production of 47.77 pounds of butter in seven days.

Ten Per Cent Increase for Four Thousand Coke Makers

Cary, W. Va., Dec. 18.—The United States Coal and Coke company, a subsidiary of the United States Steel company, announced today that it would give its 4,000 employees a Christmas present in the form of a 10 per cent increase in wages. The increase will become effective at once.

PEACE NOTE IS PRESENTED TO THE ENTENTE

German Reply Given to Allied Governments at London, Paris, Rome and Other Capitals of Coalition.

NOTHING SPECIFIC IN IT

Lloyd George's Speech in Commons Today Expected to Indicate Attitude.

ANSWER TO THE CHARGE

London, Dec. 18.—The presentation of the German note to the entente allied governments has now practically been accomplished. While the British foreign office was receiving the document from Ambassador Page shortly after noon, it is believed that a similar delivery was taking place in Paris.

The Swiss minister at Rome has presented the note of the central powers to Italy without comment and through the same channel the message was presented to Belgium and Portugal also without comment. The Netherlands minister tendered the peace proposals to Serbia in behalf of Bulgaria.

Note Informally Presented.

Prior to receipt of the note by the British foreign office, the deliveries to Italy, Belgium and other countries had permitted exchanges concerning the exact official contents, which proved to be substantially the same as given in the speech made in the Reichstag by Chancellor von Bethmann-Hollweg and without containing any specific indication of the terms.

It is also being observed in official circles that the note was informally presented without comment. This is taken to indicate that Germany framed the communication so that the neutral intermediaries would act as forwarding agents, at least, at the outset.

To Show General Attitude.

Premier Lloyd George's speech in the House of Commons Tuesday is expected to show the general attitude of the British government. Thereafter exchanges between the entente allies will determine the nature of the joint reply, but informal conferences already have prepared much of the ground.

It is understood the assertion made in the note that the war was forced upon Germany will not be permitted to go unchallenged and that as a matter of historical record, Germany's part in the events leading to the war will be clearly shown. What is termed by British officials as Germany's methods of conducting war against a civilian population, women and children, particularly, in the recent Belgian deportations, also is likely to be pointed out. According to the latest advices reaching the entente allied governments the number of Belgians deported has reached 120,000.

Seeks Conference.

While the note as presented makes no reference to a conference, there continue to be indications that Germany is seeking a conference. This has led to a careful scrutiny of the last precedent, that of the conference preceding the peace congress at the close of the Crimean war.

A preliminary conference was held at Vienna in 1854 and proved abortive, but when the peace congress which finally settled the terms was held at Paris a year later the discussions at the conference served largely as a basis.

Transmitted at Paris.

Paris, Dec. 18.—The American embassy transmitted the German peace note to the French foreign office today.

Attorney General Reed Files Suit Against W. G. Ure

Lincoln, Neb., Dec. 18.—Attorney General Reed today brought suit in the supreme court against Treasurer W. G. Ure of Douglas County for \$3,800 interest on belated payments to the state. According to a ruling of State Treasurer Hall, unpaid county remittances draw 10 per cent interest. The \$3,800 for which Reed is suing is interest of remittances overdue when the supreme court upheld Hall's ruling that counties should remit to the state every month.

German Bonds Held Contraband of War

London, Dec. 18.—Sir Samuel Evans, president of the British prize court, ruled today that German bonds come under the reprisals order and that German securities to the value of 30,000 marks, which were seized while on their way in a letter to the State Commercial and Savings bank of Chicago, should remain in court as property of enemy origin until the declaration of peace, or until dealt with as the court might direct subsequently. The securities were seized on board the Danish steamship Frederick VIII.

Regular Soldier Accidentally Shot

Brownsville, Tex., Dec. 18.—Private Robert Gail, 22 years old, of Troop H, Third United States cavalry, was accidentally shot and killed here late yesterday when a rifle in the hands of another cavalryman was accidentally discharged while being cleaned. Gail's former home was near Detroit, Mich.

GETTING READY FOR CHRISTMAS—Scene in Maine, where Christmas trees are being cut for shipment to various parts of the country. Many thousands of these trees are cut, trimmed and shipped to the big cities every year.



LOADING CHRISTMAS TREES. (MIL. SERV.)

U. P. BRIDGE TO BE MOVED ON FRIDAY

Between Now and Then Trains Are Routed Over Plattsmouth and Illinois Central Bridges.

TO START AT TEN MORNING

Again the time has been set for moving the Union Pacific old bridge out and the new one into place. If all goes well the moving will occur Friday of this week. The exact hour has not been determined, but, according to the present lineup, the change in location of bridges will be made between 10 in the morning and 3 o'clock in the afternoon.

To be on hand when the Union Pacific bridges are moved two moving picture men are here from the east.

The work of prying up the old bridge and getting it on rollers that it may be slid off the present foundation is well under way. This is delaying traffic and as a result few of the trains using the bridge are able to come into Omaha or get out on time.

During all Sunday the bridge was closed and trains from the east into Omaha and out were routed through the Union Pacific shop yards and over the Illinois Central bridge.

The Burlington during the temporary delay incident to the moving of the Union Pacific has routed another of its Chicago trains by way of Plattsmouth, No. 12, leaving at 6:30 in the evening going that way.

Bank at Brush, Colo., is Robbed by Two Auto Bandits

Brush, Colo., Dec. 19.—Two men held up the Stockmen's National bank here when the doors opened today and escaped in a closed motor car with \$7,500.

South Dakota Bank Deposits Increase

Pierre, S. D., Dec. 18.—An increase of nearly five and a half million dollars in state bank deposits for the two months from September 12 to November 17 is shown in the report of state bank examiners issued today. The state banks show total resources of \$98,200,277.31. The deposits in these banks have increased in two months from \$78,192,736.52 to \$83,596,116.18.

Thirty Members of Crew of Columbia Reach U. S.

New York, Dec. 18.—The Italian ship Carrette from Genoa brought to the United States today thirty members of the crew of the American steamship Columbia, which was sunk by a German submarine November 8 off the Spanish coast. The men, most of them horse tenders, confirmed the cable reports of the destruction by the same submarine of their ship, the Norwegian steamer Balto and the Swedish ship Varig, and of the transfer of the crews of all three, by order of the submarine commander, to the Norwegian ship Fordelin, which landed them on the Spanish coast in life boats.

Wilson Celebrate Wedding Anniversary by Making Their First Visit to the "Movies"

Washington, Dec. 18.—The President and Mrs. Wilson today celebrated their first wedding anniversary with a motor ride, a family dinner party and a visit to the moving pictures. The president and his wife are very consistent theater goers, but it was their first visit to "the movies." They went to see Annette Kellerman in a feature film. Notice of the anniversary was taken in the house, where Republican Leader Mann before adjournment tonight aroused hearty applause by making it the subject of a brief address. "The beauty of American politics," said Mr. Mann, "is that we accept results and remain friends. Mr. Wilson recently was re-elected president. I did not vote for him. Today is the anniversary of a very important day in his life, and I wish to felicitate him and Mrs. Wilson on their happy union of a year ago and wish for them a continuance of that happiness for a long and pleasant life."

French and British Lose 5 Million Men

Berlin, Dec. 18.—(Wireless to Sayville.)—The losses of the French army to date have been 3,800,000 and of the British 1,300,000, according to "competent military authority," says an Overseas News agency statement today.

On the same authority the French losses on the Somme up to the end of November are estimated at not less than 250,000 and those of the British at 550,000.

MOTHER RESCUES BABE FROM FLAMES

Mrs. Herman Naegele Twice Struggles Through Fire-Filled Rooms to Children.

BOY PLAYS WITH MATCHES

Fighting for her babies who were imprisoned in their burning home, Mrs. Herman Naegele, 2018 Martha street, struggled twice through fire-filled rooms and rescued Eugene, aged 2 years, and Albert, her 10-month-old baby.

Mrs. Naegele left her home just for fifteen minutes to make some purchases at a neighboring store. The smell of smoke greeted her when she returned. She hastened to her apartment and through a fog of choking smoke she saw Eugene in the kitchen. He was lying prostrate on the floor. She hurriedly brought him to the open air and dashed again into the burning home. Albert, who had been asleep in the sitting room when she left, was partly asphyxiated. She brought him into the street, where he soon recovered consciousness.

The damage to the property is estimated at slightly more than \$100. It is thought that Eugene started the fire by playing with matches near the kitchen stove.

Lloyd George Will Be Able to Make His Statement Tuesday

London, Dec. 18.—Premier Lloyd George was much better this morning and his secretary said that he would certainly make the promised statement in the House of Commons on Tuesday.

Cuba Will Have Great Sugar Crop

New York, Dec. 18.—Cuba's sugar yield for 1916-1917 will be a record breaking one, according to cable advices received here by the Federal Sugar Refining company. The current crop will amount to 3,466,000 tons as compared with 3,006,000 tons last year and 2,582,245 in the previous season, according to the messages. The large output is attributed largely to favorable weather.

17 Americans Killed On Ship U-Boat Sunk

London, Dec. 19.—Seventeen American muleteers and eleven of the British horse transport ship Russian, which was sunk by a submarine in the Mediterranean on December 14, have been killed, the British admiralty announced.

VON MACKENSEN ADVANCE BEYOND BUZEU RIVER LINE

Entente Reported Preparing for New Stand on the Railway Twenty Miles to the North.

Germans, in Counter Attack, Retake One Point in the Verdun Region.

FRENCH BOOTY IS LARGE

Berlin, Dec. 18.—(By Wireless to Sayville.)—The Teutonic army advancing northward in northern Dordudja has crossed the line between Babadagh and Hecineaga, says the war office announcement tonight.

(Associated Press War Summary.)

Some lessening in the intensity of the fighting in Roumania is indicated by today's German army headquarters statement, which reports the situation on the Roumanian front unchanged.

Field Marshal von Mackensen's advance has pushed considerably beyond the Buzeu line, drawn approximately across the southern boundary of Moldavia, and unofficial advices indicate that the entente front is to be established between Rimnik Sarat, on the Buzeu-Jassy railway, about twenty miles north of Buzeu and the Danube marshes.

Current advices declare that the Roumanian army is no longer in action, having been withdrawn for re-grouping and retreating to Jassy and Bessarabia, under the protection of Russian forces, which now hold the fighting line. The Russians are expected to make the stand on the Rimnik Sarat line, where strong defenses have been prepared. The Berlin statement reporting hostile forces falling back on Ibraili, may indicate that the easterly end of the line will be established at this important Danube river point, twenty-five miles south of Galatz.

On the Franco-Belgian front, Paris announces a strong counter attack by the Germans on the positions won by the French in their recent sweeping advance north and northeast of Verdun. The only success of the attacking forces, however, according to Paris, was at one point on the Chambray farm, about a mile and a quarter north of Fort Douaumont, where they secured a footing.

The French took 11,387 prisoners in the Verdun fighting of the last three days, the Paris war office announced, together with 115 cannon, 107 machine guns and forty-four bomb throwers.

German Official Report.

Berlin, Dec. 18.—(Wireless to Sayville.)—No change in the situation on the Roumanian front is reported in today's communication from army headquarters. The statement follows: "In the Mesteceanesti sector, east of the Golden Bystritsa, there was a

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First Restriction On Food in Force in Great Britain

London, Dec. 18.—The first food restriction went into force in England today. Hotels and restaurants are now forbidden to serve more than two courses for breakfast or luncheon and three courses for dinner.

Little inconvenience was experienced in connection with the first two meals. The Englishman's usual breakfast consists of a cereal and bacon, eggs or fish, and, except in the more expensive places, a luncheon of two courses is the rule. It was in arranging for a dinner of three courses that the caterers experienced the greatest difficulties, but even in this case few are likely to go hungry, as hors d'oeuvres and soup count only half a course, and for the two other courses diners have the choice of fish, entrees or roasts, with vegetables and deserts. Cheese with bread and butter or crackers is not counted as a course.

The messless day, which is expected to follow shortly, will prove a more difficult problem for restaurants which make a specialty of roasts.

Cash Dividend of Hundred Per Cent

Pittsburgh, Dec. 18.—Stockholders of the Standard Oil company of Kentucky, located here today, received official information that they would be asked to vote on a proposition of the directors to increase the capital of the company from \$3,000,000 to \$6,000,000. A cash dividend of 100 per cent is to be paid out of the company's \$4,000,000 surplus.

General Strike Of One Day Begins in Spain Tuesday

Madrid, Dec. 18.—(Via Paris.)—A twenty-four-hour general strike, called by the labor organizations as a protest against the increased price of food will take place tomorrow throughout Spain. Factories, stores and many offices will be closed and no newspapers published. The authorities have posted notices appealing to the good sense of the public to maintain order and announcing that any disturbances will be vigorously dealt with.

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