

Brief City News

Platinum Wedding Rings—Edholm. Have Root Print in New Beacon Press. The cleaned, 10c, at Carey's, 22 1/2...

Keep Your Money—And valuations in the American Safe Deposit Vault, 218 South 15th St., are 10c. The amount for 1918...

To Distribute Dinners—Christmas morning the Bible school classes of the Plymouth Congregational church will carry dinners and clothing to needy families.

County Dads to Meet Here—The convention of the county commissioners of Nebraska will be held in Omaha during 1917. They met here last year. The definite date has not yet been announced.

Road is Safe—The Omaha Automobile club has sprinkled with cinders that part of Turner boulevard near Thirty-fourth street which was so slippery that one auto slid off the road. The action was taken with the consent of Commissioner Hummel.

Firearms Stolen—Five twenty-two caliber rifles of various makes and two thirty-two caliber revolvers were stolen Saturday night by burglars who broke the alley side of the show window at the Lauerwitz-Rosenberg store, 612 North Sixteenth street.

Christmas Goose Stolen—Burglars with their minds on a sumptuous Christmas feast entered a barn at 2524 Blondo street, owned by Julius Freed, and stole a big goose. Two auto inner tubes and some junk also disappeared.

Leaves Grip on Car—K. E. Robinson, 2423 Fourth avenue, Council Bluffs, has reported to the police the loss of a Buick which was equipped with a pearl ring, a lavalliere, a pair of woman's shoes and other apparel. Robinson left the grip in the vestibule of a Council Bluffs car.

No Chance for Mail Tube—Omaha has a very small chance of getting a pneumatic tube mail service system installed, according to word received from the government by the Commercial club, which body asked the postal department for such improvement in Omaha. The reply indicates that there is little chance that any more cities will get this system soon.

Fine Fireplace Goods—Sunderland. Musicians for Christmas Dinner—Senorita Amina, the Spanish violinist, and her husband, Fred Walden, baritone and singer of popular songs, have been secured by the Blackstone management for Christmas day and each evening during Christmas week they will give a concert during the dinner hour. On New Year's eve they will give an hour-long concert in the ball room of the Blackstone.

Bonus for Express Employees—The American Express company, recognizing the unusual conditions prevailing at this time, has decided to make payment of bonus allowance to each employee of one month's salary for employees in the service one year on January 1, 1917, and that all other employees when they have served the company one year the same allowance will be made to employees who are receiving a salary of \$2,000 or less per annum.

Addresses for Christmas—Sunderland's.

Greek Premier Is Having Hard Time In Delicate Task

(Correspondence of The Associated Press.) Athens, Greece, Dec. 6.—Prof. Spyridon P. Lambros, the new premier of Greece, has had a hard time of it since he became head of King Constantine's cabinet. A professor of distinction, one of Europe's best known savants, Dr. Lambros has been used all his life in early hours and regular habits. Since he has plunged into the political whirlpool of the Balkans, five nights a week have seen him in cabinet councils until 3 o'clock in the morning or later.

Men Like Warfare. In spite of the hardships brought about by the cold and wind in the hills, together with the arduous work of making roads and bringing up supplies over the rocky hillides, many of the officers and men have become so accustomed to their surroundings that they decline to be relieved and sent to the rear to enjoy the rare periods of rest accorded to the fighting forces.

The men in the front line, like their comrades at other parts of the front stretching from Switzerland to the North Sea, have to content themselves with the shelter afforded by dugouts. There they keep warm by means of heavy clothing as there is peril in lighting fires even under cover. The conformation of the ground, however, permits the approach of supply details and under most circumstances at least one hot meal daily is provided. The cold is so piercing that it has been found necessary to shorten the period of duty in the open. Even the hardy mountaineers composing the troops employed here cannot resist the sharp frosts while standing rigidly on guard for many hours at a time. The new system of quick relief has been found to work very well. There is astonishingly little suffering and no complaint on the part of the men.

Further down the hill slopes, in the second and third lines the men are well housed in comfortable shacks, which they find a way of heating. Here the men gather when their daily duty of building roads, digging trenches and transporting supplies is finished and they contrive to make themselves quite at home.

The chain of command in the regiment now on duty in the front line has been on the mountain side and summit four months without once descending to the valley. He has started for the benefit of the men a co-operative store which he has established in a hole in the rock. Here the men are able to purchase at cost price almost anything in the way of inner comfort and around it they gather to read their newspapers and letters and to exchange opinions on the news of the day. Close by is a small open-air chapel, where the chaplain holds a daily service. When fighting is proceeding the chaplain always goes into the front line with the men, with whom he is a great favorite.

Had Cough? Feverish? Grippy? These ailments weaken your system, don't wait. Use Dr. Bell's Pine-Tar-Honey. It kills inflammation, kills germs—etc. All druggists.—Advertisement.

Tokio Offers Bonds For Electric Projects

(Correspondence of The Associated Press.) Tokio, Dec. 1.—The city of Tokio has offered for public subscription bonds to the amount of 10,000,000 yen, or \$5,000,000, to be used in the development of electric enterprises.

FOES MEET ON TOP OF HIGH MOUNTAIN

French and German Soldiers Only Few Yards Apart as They Shoot.

FRENCH HOLD THE SUMMIT

(Correspondence of The Associated Press.)

On the summit of Hartmannswillerkopf, Alsace, Nov. 28.—Deep in snow the listening posts of the French and Germans are within a few yards of each other on the slopes of the Hartmannswillerkopf, with the French in possession of the dominating position. For many months this part of the front has been the quietest portion of the line, although the opposing troops are in such close touch. Sometimes days pass without a shot being fired, but just on the day when the Associated Press correspondent visited the most advanced line a daring raid was carried out by a French detachment. The object was to capture a German prisoner in order to discover the composition of the forces in front of the French positions. The exploit was accomplished so well that a party of fifteen prisoners was brought back and not a man of the French detachment was injured.

The lines of the French and Germans on this height are so near together that the troops occasionally engage in a sharp battle with stones intermingled often with hand grenades, and these encounters are interspersed by short artillery duels, which, without exception, conclude by the silencing of the German guns. The summit of the mountain, in the hands of the French since last January, has been mentioned probably as often as any part of the line owing to the fierceness of the fighting for its possession. It is not, however, considered of prime importance from a strategic point of view, although its ownership permits the troops in occupation to see all the surrounding country. The effect of holding it is greater for the moral value than from any other consideration.

The correspondent was permitted to advance even beyond the front German trench and was able to study at close hand the system of defense introduced to meet conditions quite different from those prevailing in the sectors of the line where the fighting men face each other under normal conditions of modern warfare.

Hidden Batteries.

To arrive at the front line on the Hartmannswillerkopf a long climb up sharply winding paths has to be undertaken. Miles after miles along the edge of steep precipices and slopes, sometimes bare and sometimes covered thickly with pines and firs, brings one at last to the zone where the armies watch closely each other's movements. Dotted here and there are huts and shacks and battery positions so well hidden that their presence is not discernible until pointed out.

When the danger zone is reached the character of the scenery changes, which of the summit is clear of trees, which have been either felled or shot away. The ground is broken up by trenches and rocky heaps. Scattered about in sheltered positions are detachments of troops always on the alert. Some portions are exposed to direct fire from German batteries on other and lower summits of the surrounding hills.

When the correspondent visited the mountain in the last of November snow covered the ground to a depth of nearly a foot. He and his companions with guides—the party was made as small as possible owing to the risk involved—made their way cautiously toward the front trench. From this the German line could easily be distinguished and stretching away for miles on either side could be seen the tops of the posts supporting a field of barbed wire entanglements buried partly in snow, which in the bright sunshine took on a reddish color.

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United States Must Have Three Million Men, Army Heads Say

General Hugh L. Scott, chief of the general staff, and General Leonard A. Wood, commander of the Department of the East, impressed upon the senate committee on military affairs the necessity for compulsory military training on the hearing of the Chamberlain bill. General Scott declared that 3,000,000 fully trained troops should be available within ninety days after the outbreak of any war involving this country. Both General Scott and General Wood confessed the National Guard had been a failure in the most recent test. General Wood asserted that the exhibit of the national militia had been nothing short of tragic. General Scott supported General Wood, saying that from all of the reports he had received from officers on the border the National Guard is not a proper reliance in time of peril.



ABOVE—MAJ-GEN HUGH L. SCOTT. BELOW—MAJ-GEN LEONARD WOOD.

UNIQUE CHRISTMAS IN PERSHING'S CAMP

Athletic Events Precede Lighting of Gigantic Christmas Tree. 7,500 Presents.

BIG CHORUS, MANY BANDS

Field Headquarters, American Punitive Expedition, Mexico (By Wireless to Columbus, N. M.), Dec. 25.—Every man in the punitive expedition, from mule driver to major general, received a present today, the 28th day the troops have spent in Mexico. The folks "at home" forgot nobody and Christmas was celebrated in a fashion that carried out General J. J. Pershing's wish that the day might never be forgotten by those held through unimagined hardships in pursuit of the Columbus raiders from El Valle, San Buenaventura on the extreme southern point of the line to Columbus, on the border.

At every low water hole and pass where troops are stationed, gifts were presented and the day observed in true holiday style. More than 10,000 packages were distributed, their value averaging, according to the Christmas committee, between \$2 and \$3 each.

It was at field headquarters, where the greatest number of troops are camped, that the most elaborate celebration was held from early morning, when the bands played carols, interspersed by the singing of revues, until the sun, when the throng about the Christmas tree began to break up. There was not a moment wasted when the men lacked for amusement. The daylight program was given over to athletic events and the troops, freed from ordinary duties since Saturday, gathered to witness the polo and football games, the pony express, slow mule and shoe races, and the scramble for an agile, greased pig. Dinner, which the cooks had been preparing for days, was a feast not to be regarded lightly.

Giant Christmas Tree.

Around the Christmas tree, which towered sixty-five feet in the air from the center of the camp, the climax of the celebration took place shortly before 7 a. m. At night the various organizations marched to the tree to be in readiness for signal that would summon them to their stations around the huge cone of green, there was scarcely a sound save low voiced commands and the sounds of the chill mountain winds as the thousands of khaki clad men awaited the signal.

Except for the stars that seemed fairly to snap in a clear sky, no gleam of light brightened the camp. Suddenly there was a dull boom, a stream of sparks and the camp was illuminated by a huge ball of fire which seemed to fall from the sky, while the trench flare blazes lit up standards around the tree and "gave a lustre like noon-day."

The regiments marched to points around "the star of Bethlehem" that surrounded the tree. When all had reached their posts the flares faded and the tree itself sprang into the light, its branches dotted with hundreds of incandescent lamps and the American flag waving twenty feet above the topmost branch illuminated by rays from the headlights of a score of motor trucks posted on adjacent positions. The tree itself stood in the center of a six-pointed star formed by a hedge of fire branches.

Chorus of Four Hundred.

At each corner of the star there stood a small tree. When the troops had assembled, a chorus of 400 which had been practicing for weeks began the program by singing "Joy to the World," to the accompaniment of the Seventh cavalry band delivered a brief soldierly prayer, the concourse led by the band and chorus, chanted the Lord's prayer, the 7,500 voices rising and falling in a great diapason of sounds, the "Battle Hymn of the Republic" and "America," in which everybody joined with intense spirit, then "Pancho Villa," the expeditionary song describing the chaos of the bandit by the chorus, brought the musical numbers to a close.

Two dozen grotesquely costumed Santa Clauses then escorted the biggest "Saint Nick" of all into the clear space under the tree and took their places at the corners of the star, while Sergeant Ole Larson of the Thirtieth cavalry, noted for the quality of his voice, presented the key of Doberville, a six-foot, image to the "patron saint of the ceremony."

After completion of the sergeant's address distribution of the presents was begun. Openings in the hedge forming the star were made at six points and the soldiers filed through. Those doubting who had expected flimsy gifts, were agreeably disappointed. Each of the 7,500 big paper bags distributed contained what many at home would have been delighted to receive.

The principal present generally was one of the thousands of comfort bags the various chapters of the Red Cross had sent. To this was added a few of the 41,000 cigars and some of the 11,000 pounds of candy and other dainties that had been received. For each officer there was a book which, when read, was supposed to be given to his command. Presentation of the

Japanese Protest British Ban Upon Knitted Imports

(Correspondence of The Associated Press.) Tokio, Dec. 10.—Great Britain's war ban on importation of knitted goods will probably prove to be a great blow to the Japanese knitting industry. During the ten months ending October 31 the total value of this line of goods exported to Great Britain reached \$9,000,000. In addition contracts entered into call for delivery of additional goods up to next June, amounting to \$6,000,000.

Exporters have held conferences urging the Japanese government to strive for the rescinding of the order. It is claimed that the order is not a friendly measure of an allied nation and that it will injure the friendship between the two countries. It is also feared here that similar bans will affect other lines of Japanese manufacture.

The immediate effect of the British order will be the suspension of many factories and the throwing out of employment of thousands of workmen. As a result of the Japanese representations the British government has announced that the enforcement of the prohibition order would be postponed until January 1. The press is expressing hope that the authorities will further be persuaded to take into consideration the situation facing the manufacturers and workers in Japan and see whether there is not some way of permanently modifying absolute prohibition.

German Women Go After Work in Large Numbers

Berlin, Dec. 8.—The number of women applying at employment agencies increased notably during the fiscal year 1915-16. While the number of male work-seekers dropped notably, there were 206,980 men who sought work of the so-called "Central Employment agency," the largest in Berlin, while 157,514 women were registered as looking for jobs. That is a decrease of 121,466 men and an increase of about 26,000 women applicants.

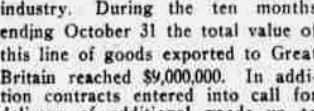
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MUSTEROLE

Educational Notes

Chadron Normal. The class in English IV have been studying our really great Christmas stories.

The young women of the Young Women's Christian association sold practically everything at their bazaar and netted \$100.

The history class of the grammar grades is enjoying some volumes loaned them by Prof. Wilson, "Leslie" and "Harper" and magazines of the civil war period.

Members of the orchestra and Prof. Clemens gave some very pleasing numbers at chapel last Friday. From time to time the orchestra will put on a special program of this nature.

Wednesday morning the pupils of the seventh and eighth grades sang a very delightful group of German songs in chapel, directed by Miss Sevel. They were "Tannenbaum," "Heil'ge Nacht," "Schlaf, Kindlein."

Miss Remender is doing excellent practice work in domestic science with the young girls of the fifth and sixth grades. The course requires one semester of practice teaching to secure a special recommendation.

Thursday the Author's club had a very pleasing Christmas program consisting of a dramatization of Dickens' "Christmas Carol." All of the students took part.

The normal basket ball games continued over Friday and Saturday nights. On Friday night the second prep girls defeated the first prep girls by a score of 22 to 11. The game between the first prep and second prep boys was closer, the final score being 15 to 4 for the older boys. On Saturday evening the senior girls won from a team picked from the other classes by a score of 29 to 22. The Normal boys won their first game by defeating Hemingford 41 to 15.

Finlay Engineering School. At its Finlay Engineering school, Kansas City, Christmas holidays were ushered in on Thursday evening, December 21, when the following program was presented to a large and appreciative audience:

Opening chorus, by class, "America." Address, Prof. Violi. Duet, "The Two Characters." Messrs. Henry and Cole. Address to Young Men, Mr. Neville. Quartet, "The Story of a Tack." Messrs. Cole, Heike, Henry, Baruchman. Oration, "Nagara Falls." Mr. Lester.

INTERMISSION. "Talk On School." John Shatto. Chorus by class, "Finlay." Oration, "Character." Mr. Maguire. Recitation, selected, Mr. Mac Heide. Electrical experiment, Messrs. Lester, Boylan, Weaver. Quartet, "Tea on the Old Camp Ground." Messrs. Cole, Heike, Henry, Baruchman.

Cotner University.

A play, "The Spirit of Christmas," written by Celia Elliott, '18, was staged in the auditorium, Wednesday evening.

The Women's Educational council held an interesting meeting Friday afternoon in the chapel. A cash love gift was given to Cotner at this meeting.

A special Christmas program was given at the Young Women's Christian association, Meeting Wednesday evening. The topic was, "My Vacation."

The students of Education IV have been invited to private recital of "Madame Butterfly," given by Miss Sharples at her studio in the Woman's building, Lincoln.

First place in the local oratorical contest was granted Errett Wilkinson, '17, on his oration, "America's Mission as the Prophet of Peace to the World." Bob Roy Hardin, '18, won second place, and Mista Thorp, '17, third. The Young Women's Christian association gave a very unique Christmas festival in

the gymnasium Monday evening. An excellent program was given, consisting of music, readings and a dramatization, "The Way Side Piper."

Friday evening the Cotner gymnasium was the scene of two class basket ball games. The seniors were defeated by the Academy and the juniors were victorious over the sophomores. Tuesday evening the juniors won over the Academy.

The vocal students gave a private recital at the home of Prof. and Mrs. E. S. Lane, Wednesday evening from 5 to 7 o'clock. A two-course luncheon was served. A "Schumann-Heink" club was organized, and a Christmas telegram was sent to Madam Schumann-Heink.

The students of Cotner university gave a reception Thursday evening in honor of the young people of the Christian church of Lincoln, Harvard and Nebraska. A program was rendered by the School of Music and Expression. Light refreshments were served and a pleasant evening enjoyed.

Grand Island College.

The schedule of study for next semester has been posted. Professor and Mrs. Noel will remain in Missouri until January 2.

Alto Bonner will spend the Christmas vacation in Paris, France. He will spend the next ten days with his parents in Minnesota.

President Jordan has been suffering from a severe attack of grip. He will spend the vacation with friends in South Dakota.

Harry Linton has well recovered from his severe illness. He will spend the next ten days with his parents in Minnesota.

Mrs. Morrow invited the ladies of the faculty last Thursday to meet her mother, Mrs. Murray, of Missouri at her home.

During the holidays several of the students will spend considerable time in the library making desirable changes in the location of books and getting magazines ready for binding.

Miss Ruby Hughes and Messrs. Clarence Lawry and Lester Hahn, have secured enough credits for graduation. They will deliver their graduating addresses and receive their diplomas with the rest of their class next June.

Peru Normal.

Vacation dates are December 22 to January 5, inclusive, and the first semester ends January 28.

An accident to the heating system Wednesday noon gave the students an unexpected vacation of a half day. The close cold returned from a successful trip last week and rendered a splendid concert at home on Wednesday evening.

Frank Hoot, one of the Peruvians on the border in Ill. with a fever, has been transferred to the base hospital at San Antonio.

Miss Ethel King of Endicott was compelled to return to her home last week on account of a fractured arm sustained when she fell on a slippery sidewalk.

The foot ball season at Peru was a financial success, according to the report of the budget committee. The estimate of receipts was fully met and the expense was slightly below the estimate.

Miss Grace Langdon, former Peru graduate, and now a successful teacher in the Cook schools, has been elected kindergarten assistant at Peru. She will begin her work with the second semester.

York College.

College work will be resumed January 13th. Professor and Mrs. G. R. Davis, Professor and Mrs. H. E. Townsend, Professor and Mrs. J. C. Moran and Miss Smith, come will spend their vacation out of town with home folks.

The department of Music rendered selected parts of Handel's "Messiah" at chapel Wednesday morning. These parts were given by Mr. Merl Harner, Mrs. Fred Francis and Mr. Claude Hebbell.

In the inter-state debate the Seniors won over the Sophomores and the Freshmen over the Juniors. Those chosen to represent York in the inter-collegiate debate are George Weber, Merle Snider and Floyd Woolley. Another debating team will be chosen by a local debate after the holidays.

JAPANESE THINK U. S. IS ON GUARD

Believe War With This Country Illusory, but Say Preparedness Important.

MORE IRON FOUNDRIES

(Correspondence of The Associated Press.)

Tokio, Nov. 30.—The American naval expansion program was the subject of a lecture delivered recently before the National Defense association by Commander Sosaburo Takahashi, a member of the naval staff board. The newspapers quote Commander Takahashi as expressing the opinion that the much-talked-of American-Japanese war was illusory and a matter of impossibility, but as holding that it was a greater illusion to take an optimistic view of America's policy of preparedness. The speaker thought it dangerous to take an easy view of American naval expansion and emphatically laid stress on the importance of the expansion of the imperial navy with a view to keep in pace with American preparedness.

Commander Takahashi dwelt upon the speedy construction of American warships and the activity of American shipbuilders. He referred to the positive defense measures being elaborately worked out by the United States in the Pacific, the Philippines, together with an extensive plan to complete communications between the American possessions in the Pacific. Other speakers recommended the establishment of additional iron foundries in Japan, pointing out how the lack of them had been keenly felt by the belligerent nations since the outbreak of the war.

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