

CUPID'S DRIVE NETS MANY PRISONERS

Bridegrooms Resent the Word "Slacker" — War Bride Tells Her Opinion.

ONE-STEPPER PLAYS SAFE

The war is surely injecting new life into the matrimonial game, while on the other hand business in the divorce courts is practically at a standstill. Engaged couples, for some reason or other, have decided that they can't wait any longer to sign up the life-sometimes-agreements, but those who are married evidently intend to stay married—until the war is over, at least.

Marriage license desk at the court house continues to be the scene of the greatest activity of any department. Several couples were on hand when the doors of the county court were opened Tuesday morning, and in the hours which followed, prospective brides and bridegrooms stood patiently in line, awaiting their turn to pay over the necessary \$2 and procure the fatal certificates.

Though the popular refrain seems to be, "I Didn't Train My Man to Be a Soldier," nevertheless the future heads (?) of the household resent the term, "slacker," and insist that "they made their wedding plans a long time before war was declared." Many of the men, however, were seen to sigh with apparent relief when they pocketed the document entitling them to take the step that will remove them from the ranks of single men.

While one big husky was conferring with "Cupid" Stubbendorf and answering the stereotyped questions put to applicants, his bride-to-be stood in a corner of the county office talking to a girl friend.

"I tell you, Pearl," she was heard to say, "that man of mine is too good to shoot up. But he's the grandest man and the bravest you've ever seen and he'd rather defend me than some millionaire's munition plant. Why, Pearl, he told me last night, when we decided to get married, that he would fight in a minute if he thought they needed him. But, you know, kid, there are plenty of fellows without girls to join the army; and, besides, honey, it would just break my heart to see him come back with a leg off. You know, Pearl, he's the best one-stepper in our crowd and he and I won a cup last year for doing fancy stuff on the roller skates. That man goes to war and leave me behind? Say, kid, he's too brave for that. That's what I call real bravery, to stick for his girl and let those army people roast him."

But here the conversation was interrupted, as the "grandest man" came up and took the roller-skating queen by the arm.

Nebraska to Have Largest Corn Acreage in Its History

Reports coming to the Burlington headquarters are to the effect that in many parts of the south half of Nebraska, where it was thought that the winter wheat had been killed, the recent rains have caused the fields to begin to show green. It is said that in many localities the farmers have discontinued plowing their wheat and are going to wait and see what a few warm days will bring forth.

Railroad officials are not inclined to think that any large acreage will remain idle by reason of a partial failure of the winter wheat crop. They say that where the fields have been plowed up spring wheat, oats or barley has been sown. In addition to this farmers are making preparations to put out the largest corn acreage in the history of the state.

During the last ten days a goodly portion of the southern part of the state has been visited with light to heavy rains, and as a result vegetation is coming on rapidly. Pastures are turning green and cattle are able to get most of their feed from off the range.

Trained Instructors Are Needed for Red Cross Work

A dearth of trained instructors handicaps the work of Red Cross enthusiasts. Miss Carolyn Barklow has a group of young society women ready to prepare surgical dressings, but no one can be found to instruct the group in the requirements. If these dressings are not exactly according to the prescribed standard they are useless for hospital purposes.

The Sub-Sea Sea-Serpent



Prowler Attacks Guardsman; Runs When Others Come

Under the National Guard censorship now prevailing here, officers are withholding information concerning an assault upon a guardsman Tuesday night while he was on duty at a bridge. A Company D sentry was badly beaten up by an unidentified prowler, who disregarded warnings to keep outside of the guard lines.

Rumors assert that the man is thought to have intended to do damage to the bridge, but he escaped without carrying out his intention, after the guard called for help. Captain Harris of the company and Major Todd of the Omaha battalion asserted that the sentry was not seriously injured.

New York Business Man Awded by Omaha's Growth

J. V. Ritchey, formerly of Omaha, now of New York, is here attending the funeral of his wife's father, C. H. Norton, of Benson. Mr. Ritchey's rise since leaving Omaha has been rapid. He is now president of the Greenwich Lithographing company of New York, one of the largest concerns of its kind in the country.

He was one of the founders of the Mutual Film corporation and is today one of the large stockholders. One of his productions, "A Daughter of War," is being released today throughout the United States. It is a patriotic film, a call to the young men to enlist.

He expressed astonishment at the rapid growth of Omaha since he left.

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BENTLEY, RED CROSS WORKER, IN OMAHA

Confers With Gould Dietz and Others About Perfecting Organization Here.

MUST RAISE MUCH MONEY

To perfect the local Red Cross chapter's organization, Arthur Bentley of Chicago, Red Cross field secretary, spent the day in Omaha conferring with Gould Dietz, W. H. Bucholz, W. G. Use and the executive committee who will direct the Omaha chapter.

That membership in the Red Cross does not obligate one to service at the front is emphasized by Mr. Bentley. The exception is only in the case of hospital units. The purpose is to enroll an army of men and women, trained in first aid, home nursing and dietetics to serve in case of emergency and another division who will prepare surgical dressings and bandages. A large sum of money must be raised to carry on the work.

Fifteen thousand should enroll in Omaha, Mr. Bentley estimates, if this city keeps up with the 10 per cent enrollment of the population in other cities. The Red Cross society, which last year had only 25,000 members, now numbers half a million and bids fair to enlist several million members, so great is the interest now. The fee is \$1.

A base hospital, involving the raising of \$25,000, may be undertaken by the local chapter. This chapter will only handle the work in Douglas county. Red Cross work throughout the state will be directed by Denver chapter.

A large army of nurses' aides will be needed in real war, Mr. Bentley pointed out.

Mr. Dietz, Mr. Bentley and others interested in the local chapter had luncheon at the Omaha club. A vice chairman was named and the list of executive members and directors passed on.

Mrs. Charles T. Kountze will direct the instruction classes in first aid,

nursing, etc., and the groups of women who will prepare hospital supplies.

Half of Amount is Raised by Girls to Buy Their Camp

With only three days more before the option expires the fund being raised to buy the old South Omaha Country club grounds for a girls' summer camp has reached \$10,072.34, only about half the sum needed.

The amount collected Wednesday was \$402.55. One person whose name is not given out, gave \$1,000 to be paid in annual installments of \$200 a year during the next five years.

A supreme effort is to be made during the three remaining days to bring the total sum up to \$20,000, which will make the camp and its equipment a reality without any expense to the public in the future, as it will be self-supporting and will accommodate 350 to 400 girls at a time.

Condition of Soldier Hurt on Bridge is Serious

Although hardly conscious, Sergeant Walter K. Knobbs, 22, Company B, who lost his right leg below the knee April 1, when struck by a train on the Union Pacific bridge east of Omaha, requested his superior officer who visited him at the hospital Wednesday evening, to bring him some crutches and a pair of overalls that he might go out and fight against the Germans.

Since gangrene set in several days ago the condition of Knobbs has become serious. Last night at the hospital it was reported that he had but small chance for recovery.

Friends of Art Will Go To Des Moines Exhibit

Several members of the Friends of Art are planning to go to Des Moines to view the Franco-Belgian art exhibit now being shown there, before making any definite selection of the paintings they will purchase from among the pictures which were viewed at their annual dinner at the Fontenelle Wednesday evening.

Million-Dollar Creamery Is Waterloo Company

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