

### OMAHA BOY FIGHTS IN BRITISH ARMY

Adopted Son of Mrs. J. G. Willoughby Writes of Thrilling Experiences.

#### GERMANS ARE POOR SHOTS

Mrs. J. Griffin Willoughby, Harley hotel, is one of The Bee's most eager readers of the war news. Naturally enough, too, for her nephew, Emmett J. Crane, 18, formerly of Omaha, who is also her god-son and adopted son, is now in the trenches on the French front, fighting for all he is worth to beat the kaiser.

Every allied advance recorded recently on that front has brought a big thrill of joy and pride to Mrs. Willoughby. It means to her not only another step toward victory for democracy over autocracy, but also more heroism and sacrifice by her nephew and other brave lads who went with him from Canada to fight the kaiser.

#### Wounded in Leg.

"He was severely wounded in one leg last summer," says Mrs. Willoughby, "and for a long time was in the County of London war hospital at Epsom, England. But he recovered, and went right back to the French front. I haven't heard from him since last November, almost six months ago, but I believe he is still fighting, or they would have told me."

Young Crane lived in Omaha during his twelfth, thirteenth and fourteenth years. Mrs. Willoughby sent him to a private school here. One summer they lived at Lake Manawa at Victor White's cottage. He has a number of boy friends here who anxiously are waiting for word from him.

#### Tells Thrilling Tales.

In censored letters to Mrs. Willoughby he has told intensely interesting experiences he had in the trenches before he was wounded. He said the German artillery men were "bum shots" and that he had lots of fun watching "Ed's" lead and shells go singing over his trench.

Bursting shrapnel injured him accidentally. He is an expert rifleman and joined the Second battalion of Canadians that joined the British expeditionary force after reaching London.

Crane originally enlisted at Edmonton while attending St. John's college there. But when he reached England he was so eager to go to the front that he transferred to the British forces instead of remaining with the Canadian reserves.

"The boys in the trenches are optimists," he has written to Mrs. Willoughby. "We take everything with hope and good cheer, because we know our cause is right and will win."

A friend of Mrs. Willoughby, Lieutenant Colonel Harvey Hearn of Saskatoon, frequently told her while in Canada that he hoped the United States would get actively into the war and help the allies beat the kaiser. He recruited a battalion of 1,000 men himself before going to the French front.

### JOFFRE AND HIS PARTY ARRIVE IN CAPITAL AT NOON

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he became a student in the great French military school, the Ecole Polytechnique. The Franco-Prussian war in 1870 found him a sub-lieutenant in the artillery defending a Paris fort. After the war he devoted some time to engineering works and these carried him into Indo China, Tonquin, Formosa and Africa. In the Timbuctoo he led a charge which gained him a lieutenant colonelcy and the Legion of Honor distinction. His thorough mastery of military science brought him rapid promotion and in 1911 he was vice president of the superior war council, chief of the general staff and practically head of the army. In that capacity he pushed the 1913 law for three years' military service, which is now conceded to have been the salvation of France.

#### Dean of French Navy.

Vice Admiral Chocheprat is dean of the French vice admirals and has a rank as high as can be obtained in the French navy, as there is no admiral. He is a practical sailor with a most intimate knowledge of naval construction and ordnance and it is said he knows as much of submarine warfare as any man in the French navy.

Marquis Pierre de Chambrun, a member of the Chamber of Deputies, is a grandson of Lafayette, of revolutionary fame. He was born in Paris June 11, 1865. He is considered a notable authority on foreign affairs.

#### Inspector of Finances.

M. Simon, inspector of finances, has an enviable reputation in France as an authority on finance. For a long time he was stationed in Mexico trying to adjust the extensive financial interests of French citizens there. He is well known in financial circles in the United States. M. Hovelacque, inspector of public instruction, is widely known in educational circles in America. He has paid more than ten visits to the United States, the last only a year ago, making special study of educational problems.

Surgeon Major Dreyfus is not the famous Major Dreyfus whose case nearly disrupted the French army a decade ago. He was a private practicing physician at the beginning of the war when called into military service and attached closely to the person of General Joffre.

#### Italian Mission Coming.

Rome, April 24.—(Via Paris).—The duke of the Abruzzi, cousin of King Victor Emmanuel, will head an Italian mission to the United States, it is expected.

#### Norse Nations Need Food.

London, April 24.—The forthcoming visit to Washington of Herman de Lagercrantz, formerly Swedish minister to the United States, it is said, probably will be followed by the sending to America of a commission composed of representatives of Sweden, Norway and Denmark for the purpose of making the fullest possible arrangements for the importation of foodstuffs and other materials of which these countries are in urgent need.

### PRETTY MISS SAYS SHE'S VICTIM OF PLOT

Cora A. Dunn, Arrested and Held as Fugitive, Makes Claim to Big Estate.

#### RECENTLY IN MOVIES

Miss Cora A. Dunn, "millionless millionaires," whom Detective Pznanowski arrested Tuesday as a fugitive from justice, says her mother is one of the heiresses of the Chauner estate of \$40,000,000, which is tied up by litigation in the courts of London, England.

The pretty prisoner, who is a charming conversationalist, admitted that she has been on the stage. Her most recent work, she said, was as a motion picture actress, when she played in an Ince Triangle play, entitled, "The Chase." He hobbies are china-painting and music.

"I never stole anything," said Miss Dunn, with a defiant toss of her head. "I am just the victim of a conspiracy among my dead father's enemies. I know my ground and I will fight."

#### Wanted in Idaho.

A telegram from Twin Falls, Idaho, informed local police that Miss Dunn was wanted there to answer to a charge of obtaining money by false pretenses.

"I suppose," said the young woman, after she had been brought to the station from the home of her sister, Mrs. Nannie Dunn, Rex hotel, "that they want me for in Idaho, is because I, as administratrix of my father's estate, cashed a \$500 check at Twin Falls recently. The check was drawn on a bank in St. Joseph, Mo., and there was nothing irregular about my act. There was enough money in the bank to cover the check."

Her father, Miss Dunn says, was a doctor in Byron, Neb. He died five years ago. She has a brother in Hebron, Neb.

"It has been awful since dad died," said the prisoner. "I believe now that I was appointed administratrix of the estate just because I was so young. I was only 21 years old, and folks thought perhaps they could pull the wool over my eyes. But I believe they will find they are mistaken. I have sought the advice of six lawyers and I am sure that the course I have pursued is within legal bounds."

#### Says Judge Is Relative.

Miss Dunn says Judge Johnson of Kansas City is her uncle and Mrs. Walter Boyd of Des Moines her second cousin.

"Judge Johnson is one of the heirs with my mother of the Chauner estate of \$40,000,000, which is tied up by litigation in London courts."

"What is your chance of getting a settlement of that estate?" Miss Dunn was asked.

"Well, I don't know," she replied. "I came to Omaha on Friday, the 13th, and things have not gone right with me since. But if I get that money I'll give each of you a million apiece."

Miss Dunn left the Rex hotel Saturday night, just twenty minutes before Sergeant Russell and his morals squad raided it.

"My sister had a dream that the place was going to be raided," said Miss Dunn, "and she insisted that I get out of there. She ordered a taxicab and I spent the night with a friend in California street."

"What are you going to do when you get to Twin Falls?" she was asked.

#### Asserts Others Responsible.

"Fight," she snapped. "My bondsman is responsible for any delinquency, if there is any. Then he can sue me for misappropriating the funds of the estate—if he dares."

"Then you admit that you got \$500 on a check, which you signed as administratrix?"

"Yes," she replied. "The check was good, and I have the money and I am going to keep it despite any threats of penitentiary or asylum or any other torture."

Miss Dunn demurred when asked to pose for newspaper photographers. "I am so thin after my recent operation," she said, "that really I'm afraid my picture would be an imposition on your readers. But if you insist—"

The picture was snapped.

#### Eleven in One Hundred Own Government Bonds

The American people need to be educated to the purchasing of government bonds if the big war loan is to be floated, according to a booklet just sent out by the Guaranty Trust company of New York to the trust companies and banks throughout the country.

"In the United States not one person in 500 owns a government bond," the booklet points out, "while in both France and England eleven persons in every 100 have helped individually to finance those countries in performing their part in the present war."

"America must enlist its wealth as well as its manhood. Money must be mobilized for the war. It is necessary to recruit the nation's resources for the \$7,000,000,000 government war loan."

#### Many Want to Till Soil Along Railroad Tracks

The movement upon the part of the railroads to turn the vacant land along the right-of-way over to parties who have a desire to cultivate it has started to bear fruit.

Though the notices inviting applications for land along the right-of-way went out only a couple of days ago, the Union Pacific has had application from 134 people, the Burlington 98 and the Northwestern 76. The tracts range from the size of a city lot up to five acres.

#### Constipation and Indigestion.

These are twin evils. Persons suffering from indigestion are often troubled with constipation. Mrs. Robert Allison, Mattoon, Ill., writes that when she first moved to Mattoon she was a great sufferer from indigestion and constipation. Food distressed her and there was a feeling like a heavy weight pressing on her stomach and chest. She did not rest well at night, and felt worn out a good part of the time. One bottle of Chamberlain's Tablets corrected this trouble so that she has since felt like a different person.—Advertisement.

### RECRUIT BALKS AT 'TEST FOR AVIATORS'

Applicant for Flying Corps Declines He'd Rather Join the Infantry.

#### QUERIES ARE ANSWERED

The young man, who wanted to join the aviation corps, paused a moment before folding up the application blank handed him and inquired of Sergeant Blackett, who has charge of examinations here:

"Do you give much of an examination?"

"Oh, yes," replied the sergeant. "The physical test is pretty stiff."

"Oh, I mean the mental!" snorted the candidate. "You don't think I'd come here if I couldn't get by a physical exam?"

The sergeant grinned. "What do they give a man who joins the aviation corps—I mean in the physical test?" asked the applicant.

"Oh," said the sergeant, screwing up his face thoughtfully, "let's see. I suppose you can hop around on your right foot for a half hour without falling down?"

"Yes."

But These He Hadn't. "Did you ever have a guy pour cold water in one ear and hot water in the other?"

"No."

"Didn't think so. That's what they do to you here."

"Why?"

"Well, they don't want any dizzy boys up in airplanes, and the water seems to tell the examiners whether a guy gets dizzy or not. After that they take you in a dark room and shoot all kinds of lights in your eyes to see what effect they have on 'em. That generally floors most guys. Then if you get by on these you grope round in the dark and all of a sudden some guy shoots a pistol right by your ear."

"Anything more?" asked the applicant.

"Sure. They lead you into a room with lots of light and they spin you round like a top. And then, when you don't know whether you're on your head or on your feet, a guy says, 'Now, hold your arms on a level and walk straight.' If you get by you're a peach."

"I hawled the fellow who wanted to join the aviation corps, 'take back this paper. Show me where to join the infantry.'"

"Right over there," said the sergeant cheerily. "Next!"

#### Bernhardt's Condition Is Steadily Improving

New York, April 24.—Sarah Bernhardt was better today, her condition showing a steady improvement during the last twenty-four hours, according to a bulletin issued by her physicians.

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### Champ Clark Says Draft Measure Will Not Pass House

Washington, April 24.—Speaker Clark opposed the selective draft and predicted it never would pass congress; today in receiving a delegation from the National Security League.

Several hundred petitions bearing a million names, asking congress to adopt the administration plan, were laid before the speaker.

"Conscription never will pass, in my opinion," he said.

"I am for letting the flower and youth of this country volunteer before we fasten the disgrace of a draft upon them. The War department is jumping around trying to bulldoze people into passing this bill and I don't think they are going to do it."

#### Traction Line Strikers At Lincoln Lose Ground

Lincoln, Neb., April 24.—From the standpoint of street cars in service, the Lincoln street car employes are losing ground in their strike. Normal car service was in operation on many lines in the city today and in no instance was traffic completely halted. The traction company discontinues all service at night in order to prevent violence. There have been only a few cases of violence reported.

#### Howard Elliott, Head of New Haven Road, Resigns

New York, April 24.—The resignation of Howard Elliott as president of the New York, New Haven & Hartford railroad was accepted at a meeting of the board of directors. His retirement becomes effective May 1, but he will continue to act in an advisory capacity.

#### Kansas City All Heated Up Over Garden Plots

While Omaha has enlisted an army in gardening and potato planting the interest taken in the back-to-the-land movement is not so great here as in Kansas City, according to C. S. Collett, general agent of the Southern Pacific.

Mr. Collett has headquarters in Kansas City and telling of the extent of the gardening in the Missouri town he said:

"Not only are the Kansas City people plowing up vacant lots and backyards that they may plant out gardens, but even those who live in flats and apartment houses are gardening. Around many of these buildings the

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occupants have had window boxes constructed and in them they have planted potatoes, instead of flowers, as has been a former custom.

"Parking along the streets, even

out in the best residence portions of the city, has been spaded up and the ground planted to vegetables. Outside of the business portion practically all of the city is a garden. There

are places where the lawns around houses that have cost anywhere from \$10,000 to \$100,000 that have been plowed or spaded up and converted into garden patches."

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