

## NEBRASKA GUARD IN FIGHTING SHAPE

Fifth Regiment on Edge and  
Expects to Get Into Action  
Within a Short  
Time.

Lincoln, Neb., May 12.—The business of war, no longer a dress parade and playful, but fretful and urgent, has lost the glamour of a great adventure for the Nebraska National Guardsmen and has stiffened their ranks with a stubborn notion of grim work needful to be done.

Everywhere there is a hurried preparation, snapped-out orders and quick obedience. But the precise reason for what is being done no one seems to know.

Only this is clear: There will be use for the Nebraska National Guard and they are making ready.

Not even the adjutant general, or the men who sit in the councils of state, can say, or will say, what next will be done.

It is possible they know; it is certain civilians do not know, privates in the guard do not know, subordinate commissioned officers do not know.

### Expect Something Big.

"What a change that telegram from Washington, we're waiting for, would make," said an officer attached to the staff of the adjutant general. He declared he meant orders to "do something big, something direct."

Orders from Washington! For that all of them are waiting. Shortly, perhaps, they will be driven to exhaustion with work; it would be a pleasure. Now they are nervous, frankly fidgety, but going methodically ahead with the doing of the thing at hand.

Little clusters in soldier drab gather on the streets, at the armory, but in their eyes there is no more the vision of big battles, nor in their ears the thrumming of airplanes and the sounds of shells exploding. They are seeing ahead days and nights on end of routine guard duty and their ears are straining for word from Washington.

"We have drilled and drilled and drilled and we're ready to fight," one complained. "But we have done nothing but guard bridges, waterworks, electric lighting plants—for weeks and weeks. It's monotonous."

### In Fighting Shape.

"Our work has been necessary and important," another guardsman, a corporal by the one gray bar on his sleeve, answered him. "Soon enough we will be fighting. All of us will be fighting soon."

That is the general opinion of officers and the hope of the men: "We will all be fighting soon." And in the meantime men receive and obey orders and wonder what they are about and they do not know that even their highest officers also are wondering and are nervously opening each telegram from Washington.

It is known guardsmen have not been idle anywhere in the state, but have been doing their grind of "active duty," a wearisome routine of guarding property and unending drills.

Now if the Nebraska National Guard is called to the front its officers are confident it will go in fighting shape, better prepared for war than it ever has been before.

### Mayor Dahlman Issues

#### Red Cross Proclamation

Mayor Dahlman has issued a proclamation to the effect that the Red Cross flag will be raised on the court house Monday morning at 11 o'clock, as it will be raised at the same instant throughout the United States.

At this time prayer will be offered on behalf of the organization and its splendid purpose by all patriotic citizens in America.

In endorsing the movement the mayor said: "I therefore urge upon the citizens of Omaha that all work and all business of whatsoever nature be suspended for the period of sixty seconds at 11 o'clock sharp, Monday, May 14, in recognition of sympathy with the Red Cross movement."

All whistles in the city will blow from 10:30 to 10:45 Monday morning to remind citizens of the flag raising.

### Omaha Should Patronize

#### Art Exhibit, Says Webster

"The French-Belgian art exhibition at the Auditorium is an epoch in the history of Omaha. No citizen can afford to miss this opportunity," said J. L. Webster.

"Just think," he continued, "France sent this wonderful collection to this country at a time when that country had a million men in the field. If France can take time for art under those conditions, what should Omaha do when this collection is brought to its very door?"

### Central High Girls Pay

#### Visit to Juvenile Court

Girl students of the Central High school civics class saw the theories of their text books being put into practice Saturday morning, when they visited juvenile court. The young women had an opportunity to study Judge Leslie's method of dispensing justice to juvenile delinquents and to see how charity and correction board work is carried out. Miss Autumn Davies, high school civics teacher, was in charge of the students.

### To Start Work on Belt Line Elevation Soon

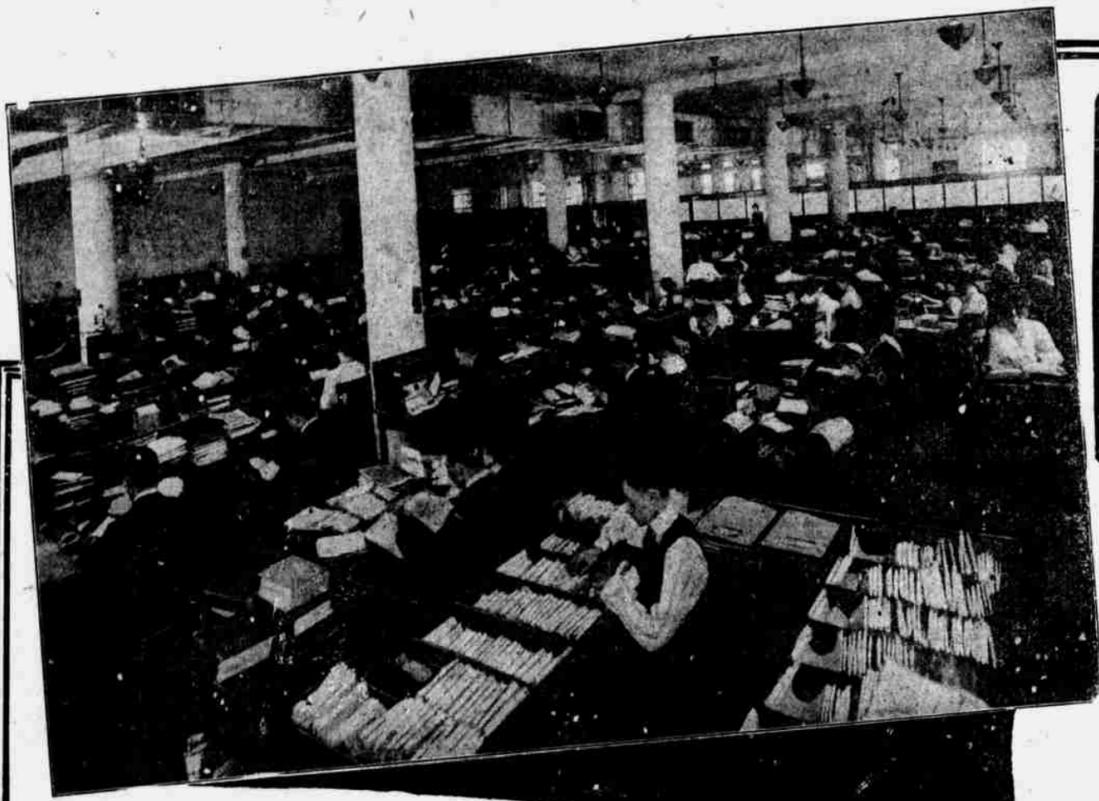
City Engineer Bruce is authority for the statement that work on the elevation of the tracks of the Missouri Pacific left line will start within two weeks. He says that next week the company will receive bids for removing dirt along the line.

The city engineer understands that there is a possibility that a strip of the county poor farm, along the belt line may be purchased that the railroad right-of-way may be widened.

### If You Have a Good Voice King Ak-Sar-Ben Wants You

Rehearsal of singers for Ak-Sar-Ben's den show this year will be held Monday night at the den. Not enough singers have as yet been listed to carry the show through properly, and Gus Renze is still looking over the lists of members for more vocal talent.

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