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AMERICAN SOLDIERS IN FRANCE; MISSING PAPILLION GIRL FOUND

MYRTLE ALDEN ARRESTED AT KANSAS CITY

Papillion Girl Found at Kaw Metropolis and White Slave Charges Are Filed Against Frank McCarthy.

Myrtle Alden, the missing 17-year-old Papillion girl, was arrested Tuesday in Kansas City after a search of nearly three weeks. The arrest was made by Russell Eberstein of the Omaha branch of the federal bureau of investigation on information received from the authorities there.

The girl was found in company with Frank McCarthy, a married man, whose deserted wife lives in St. Joseph. McCarthy is held on a charge of white slavery under the Mann act. The girl will be used as a witness against him.

Starts With a Flirtation.

Myrtle told the Kansas City officers that until a few months ago she had never met any young men, aside from employes on her father's farm. Her home was near the railroad track and one day McCarthy, who was a brakeman, waved his hand at her as the train on which he was riding, passed. Another time when the train was stalled near the farm, he called at the house and they went for a walk.

This, according to Miss Alden, was the beginning of their acquaintance. She told the officers that McCarthy made love to her, and, being in ignorance of the ways of the world, she believed all he told her. She detailed running away from home, coming to Omaha with McCarthy, remaining here a short time and then going to Kansas City. She told the officers that he was without money and that she paid their expenses out of $18 that she had been saving.

McCarthy and Girl Disappear.

The Alden girl disappeared from her home in Papillion Saturday afternoon, June 9. McCarthy disappeared at the same time. Federal authorities and the police and county officials immediately took up the hunt. No word was received from them until the arrest Tuesday night.

The girl's father, J. W. Alden, was tireless in his prosecution of the search. He visited the federal and police offices almost daily. He had pictures and descriptions of his daughter published in the papers and sent out many others by mail. He offered a cash reward for the return of his daughter.

Tears of Joy.

Tears streamed down his cheeks when he was told of the arrest.

"Myrtle will be welcomed back to our arms," he said. "All will be forgiven and forgotten. She was so young and she was taken advantage of by this scoundrel. He was always pestering her. He was always trying to engage her in conversation. It will go hard with him if any harm has come to her."

The dispatch from Eberstein concerning the arrest states that McCarthy paid the girl's railroad fare to Kansas City. A charge of white slavery has been filed against him. The warrant has been issued and he will be brought here.

Wanted to Return.

McCarthy had been working at Papillion only a few days with a railroad signal crew when he and the girl disappeared. Miss Alden was employed by the Elkhorn Valley Condensing company. McCarthy told the police that his home is in St. Joseph and that he has a wife and children living there. He is 30 years old.

When arrested the girl said she wanted to return to her home.

PAPILLION GIRL.—Who has been missing nearly three weeks, found by federal officers in Kansas City after unremitting search by her father and officers.

MYRTLE ALDEN.

The Weather

For Nebraska—Generally fair.

Temperatures at Omaha Yesterday.

Hours.	Deg.
5 a. m.	65
6 a. m.	65
7 a. m.	64
8 a. m.	65
9 a. m.	6
10 a. m.	66
11 a. m.	69
12 m.	72
1 p. m.	76
2 p. m.	77
3 p. m.	77
4 p. m.	78
5 p. m.	79
6 p. m.	78
7 p. m.	77
8 p. m.	75

Comparative Local Record.

	1917.	1916.	1915.	1914.
Highest yesterday	79	81	84	78
Lowest yesterday	64	52	67	62
Mean temperature	72	72	76	70
Precipitation	1.08	.00	.00	.00

Temperature and precipitation departures from the normal:

Normal temperature	75
Deficiency for the day	3
Total deficiency since March 1	222
Normal precipitation	.16 inch
Excess for the day	.92 inch
Total rainfall since March 1	15.23 inches
Excess since March 1	1.75 inches
Deficiency for cor. period, 1916	4.26 inches
Deficiency for cor. period, 1915	2.82 inches

Reports From Stations at 7 P. M.

Station and State of Weather.	Temp. 7 p. m.	High. est.	Rain-fall.
Cheyenne, part cloudy	72	78	.08
Davenport, cloudy	74	82	.14
Denver, part cloudy	82	84	.00
Des Moines, cloudy	72	76	.66
Dodge City, part cloudy	82	94	.00
Lander, clear	80	82	.00
North Platte, clear	84	88	.00
Omaha, cloudy	77	79	1.08
Pueblo, part cloudy	76	80	.14
Rapid City, clear	68	78	.40
Salt Lake City, clear	84	86	.00
Santa Fe, part cloudy	82	84	.00
Sheridan, part cloudy	76	76	.08
Sioux City, part cloudy	76	78	.60
Valentine, cloudy	72	86	.02

T Indicates trace of precipitation.

L. A. WELSH, Meteorologist.

RIGHT OF REED IN LABOR CASE IS CHALLENGED

Attorney Bigelow for Laboring Men Argues State Is Without Authority to Enjoin Mediation Board.

Attorney Bigelow yesterday afternoon attacked the right of Attorney General Reed to appear in the legal fight in district court in the hearing on a motion to dissolve the injunction against the State Board of Mediation and investigation in the labor controversy.

Opposing batteries of attorneys, one headed bq the attorney general and the other by Arthur Mullen, waged an all day court fight over the right of the Mediation board to continue its sessions. The hearing was held before Judge Leslie. He took the case under advisement and announced that he would render a decision today or tomorrow.

Attorneys who argued during the afternoon on behalf of the Mediation board charged that factions representing Governor Neville and Attorney General Reed had entered Omaha courts to fight it out, as to which is the best method of settling labor troubles—investigation or by obtaining injunctions.

No Precedent Says Bigelow.

Attorney Bigelow declared there was no precedent where an attorney general had brought quo warranto proceedings except at the request of the governor. He continued that the question of whether the investigation method is the better in settling labor troubles, cannot be determined by a court, as it, he said, has already been determined by the legislative body creating the Mediation board.

Cases were cited, which purported to show that the attorney general had no right to bring quo warranto proceedings against the mediators.

"The attorney general," said Attorney Bigelow, "lacks the prerogative to bring this action in court. He is not the proper person, unless asked by the governor."

He challenged Attorney General Reed, as did Attorney Mullen at the morning session, to point out any specific act of the Mediation Board that would foment trouble or stir up strife or difficulty.

Laments the Controversy.

Attorney Vinsonhaler, arguing at the afternoon session in the interests of the attorney general's side of the case, lamented the fact that the suit had become a controversy between Governor Neville's and Attorney General Reed's factions as to which method of settling the strike trouble was the better.

He contended that the Mediation Board, even if allowed to continue its sessions, could do no more than hear evidence presented by both employes and employers and then report as to which sid was derelict.

"The Mediation Board has not the power really to settle the trouble," said Attorney Vinsonhaler.

Denies Board's Existence.

He said:

"There is no state board of mediation. The act creating the board conflicts with the Junkin act, which I invoked to end labor troubles in Omaha. Members of the board are not even de facto officers. In this time of war we can't afford to be en-

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Cocchi's Attorney Says His Client is Insane

Bologna, June 27.—An effort will probably be made to have Alfredo Cocchi, the slayer of Ruth Cruger in New York, undergo a mental examination. Signor Venturini, Cocchi's attorney believes such an examination is indispensable, as he is of the opinion that the man is not entirely responsible for his actions. According to the defense even Cocchi's behavior in prison is not that of an entirely sane person.

HAIG DRAWING CORDON TIGHT AROUND LENS

Capture of Coal Mining City by British Seems Imminent; French Take Cavern of Dragon.

(Associated Press War Summary.)

While General Haig is closing in so closely upon Lens that the capture by the British of that coal mining city and its adjacent fields seems imminent, it is a question whether the British operation will be accompanied by an offensive move by the French on a like scale.

General Petain's occasional strokes give the impression that alll he is trying to do is to preserve his vantage points as the basis for resuming the French advance at some future time when that effort seems advisable.

The most important of the recent French drives was that of Monday at Hurtebise, west of Craonne. The Germans seem to have suffered a considerable deprivation here, one of the positions taken being a fortress of some magnitude.

The program of the entente in Greece continues to develop more and more tangibly. It is now evident that it is their purpose to cause the convocation of the Parliament of May 31, 1915, which was controlled by the Venizelists, having a majority favorable to the ententes cause.

French Official Report.

Paris, June 27.—Heavy artillery fighting continues in the region of Hurtebise, says today's official announcement.

The statement follows:

"The Germans made no further attacks on the position which we took from them in that region on Monday.

"According to information on hand, among the positions which we captured on that day is the 'cavern of the dragon,' more than 100 meters wide and about thirty meters deep, which had been converted into a veritable fortress. This cavern, with numerous exits and openings from which machine guns were fired, constituted an armed position and post of departure for enemy troops in making counter attacks. A considerable amount of war material was stored there, including nine machine guns in good condition, equipment for more than 300 men, numerous rifles, ammunition depots and electric searchlights and a hospital relief outpost, which fell into our hands. The number of prisoners counted has reached 340, of whom six are officers.

"In the Champagne the enemy made a surprise attack west of Mount Carnillet. It was repulsed. We penetrated the German lines near Maison de Champagne and brought back ten prisoners.

"Last night German aviators threw several bombs on Nancy. No damage was done and there were no casualties."

Britons Repulse Counter Attacks.

London, June 27.—British gunfire checked in its incipiency a German counter attack attempted early today upon the new British positions on the Arras front northwest of Fontaine-le-Croisilles, it was officially announced in today's war office report. Otherwise only raiding operations along the British front are recorded.

Germans Expect British Rush.

Copenhagen, June 27.—German military writers, with enlightenment furnished to them by the war press bureau, express the opinion that the British are preparing a new offensive, but that no serious attacks by the French are to be expected at this time.

Captain von Salzmann writes in the Vossische Zeitung that the feints of the British commander in the last week evidently were to cover a regrouping of troops and a surprise attack which probably will be made like the Wytschaete offensive against a narrow front with the extraordinarily heavy concentration of artillery and infantry. He believes the attack may come north of Ypres.

General von Ardenne in the Tageblatt declares a Russian offensive is entirely impossible at this time. The general dismisses the convention of workmen and soldiers' delegates which decreed an offensive as "a meeting swayed by gold and alcohol," which was guilty of false pretenses in assuming to speak in the name of the Russian people.

He says the army is impregnated with mutiny and disaffection and has been reduced to half its original numbers by desertions and sickness; that officers are murdered and that the inauguration of an offensive is beyond its power even should the soldiers wish it.

MAJ.-GEN. THOMAS H. BARRY.—One of the department commanders who has seen much active service. He served through the Spanish war and in many of the minor campaigns. It was on his recommendation that the secretary of war decided to give the cantonment for the Thirteenth division to Des Moines.

MAJ.-GEN. THOS. H. BARRY.

MILLION TO BE PAID IN OMAHA AS DIVIDENDS

Omaha Building and Loan Associations to Make Distribution of Profits July 1; Over $34,000,000 in Assets.

Approximately $1,000,000 in dividends will be paid to Omaha depositors by building and loan companies here July 1.

This will be by far the largest amount ever paid in dividends by the combined loan companies of Omaha. There are now nine of them operating here with combined assets carefully estimated today at more than $34,000,000.

Generally speaking the assets of these companies during the year have increased 12 per cent.

The Conservative Savings and Loan association, the Omaha Loan and Building association and the Nebraska Savings and Loan association will pay dividends at the rate of 5 per cent per annum, or 2½ per cent for the half year closing June 30.

The other six companies are still talking of keeping their dividend rate up to 6 per cent. The meetings of the directors of the various associations are being held this week and these details are being worked out.

The companies paying 6 per cent dividends are those that are keeping their loan rate at 6.6 or 7 per cent. Those having reduced their dividend rate are the companies loaning money at 6 per cent or less.

The overabundance of money in the country, and especially in this western section, is given as a reason for reducing the rates of the loans and the rate of dividends.

The Conservative Savings and Loan association, the largest in the west, has assets now totaling $14,000,000. This is an increase in assets of $1,500,000 for the fiscal year. The farm loan department of this institution, President Gilmore says, has $2,000,000 out on farm loans and the department is only two years old.

The Omaha, which is the next largest institution of its kind in Omaha, probably will show total assets of more than $11,000,000.

The Occidental, next in size, probably will show assets of $5,000,000.

The combined building and loan companies of Omaha subscribed for Liberty bonds in the sum of $1,000,000. These bonds are rapidly being sold to customers, though the loan companies still hold large numbers of them. The investment in 3½ per cent Liberty bonds, however, officials say, does not affect the rate of dividend or interest in the company in any way, as these bonds were bought out of money in the reserve account and money which therefore was not usually bearing interest.

Fourteen Hundred Attend Canning School

Missouri Valley, Ia., June 27—(Special.)—Fourteen hundred attended the canning demonstrations in Harrison county in the two weeks past. Nineteen canning clubs have been organized in the county.

Submarines Destroy Twenty-Eight British Vessels During Past Week

London, June 27.—Twenty-one British vessels of more than 1,600 tons each and seven under 1,600 tons were sunk by mines or submarines last week, according to the weekly statement of losses issued by the admiralty this evening. No fishing vessels met with disaster.

The aggregate number of vessels flying the British flag destroyed by mines or submarines last week shows a net falling off of four as compared with the losses reported the previous week, which numbered thirty-two—twenty-seven of more than 1,600 tons and five in the smaller division. In the larger category a decrease of six vessels is shown, while among the smaller craft an increase of two vessels lost is indicated.

OMAHA APPEALS CAMP SITE ISSUE TO LAW MAKERS

Hitchcock and Lobeck Will Introduce Resolutions Asking War Department to Go Into Whole Matter.

Washington Bureau of The Omaha Bee, 725 Fourteenth Street, N. W.
(By a Staff Correspondent.)

Washington, June 27.—(Special Telegram.)—The abruptness with which the War department today turned down the claim of Omaha for consideration for selection as one of the cantonment sites was one of the greatest surprises the War department has sprung during the entire period since the selection of the various camps throughout the country have been under consideration.

To the members of the Omaha Commercial club, who have exhausted every effort to lay before the department the merits of Omaha's location and facilities for a cantonment, the brusque telephone announcement today by Secretary Baker to Senator Hitchcock that General Barry's original recommendation of Des Moines received at the department this morning would receive the endorsement of the secretary, was in the nature of a blow beneath the belt, for it was felt that the decision adverse to Omaha had been reached before the dpartmnet had had time fairly to consider the arguments for Fort Crook presented to the department yesterday by Senator Hitchcock, Congressman Lobeck and the individual members of the Commercial club.

Brown Is Surprised.

President Randall K. Brown, of the Commercial club made this statement to the Bee correspondent tonight:

"Naturally, the committee is greatly disappointed, also is grealty surprised, especially at the part the president of the Chicago and Northwestern railroad is said to have played in stating that the site chosen was sufficient and adequate in railroad and drainage facilities.

"However, we are game; we shall try to forget our disappointment of today and we feel that inasmuch as the Omaha sites were palpably not properly reviewed by the military examining board, that instructions are Omaha is to be held in reserve for some other military purpose. While we have been eliminated from cantonment sites, General Barry surely has in mind providing certain other valuable purposes for the sites we have offered.

Troops in Due Time.

"Keen as is this disappointment, we feel that Omaha will receive in due time its full quota of troops for war purposes of all descriptions.

"I can state that the entire committee of the Commercial club can only feel that the action of General Barry and the military committee of investigation and the individual action of President Aishton of the Northwestern can only indicate that Omaha will be favorably taken care of in other directions. The entire exclusion of Omaha from consideration in the present matter, we feel, could only have occurred because of other important views of location for large bodies of troops of which Omaha will receive its quota."

Senator Hitchcock introduced in the senate today and Congressman Lobeck in the house resolutions calling upon the secretary of war to transmit reports of the boards of officers appointed to designate the cantonment site which resulted in the selection of Des Moines.

The resolutions were introduced as a result of reports that certain railroad courtesies had been extended in connection with viewing candidates for cantonment sites.

President Randall Brown, Commissioner Manley and Fred Davis will remain in Washington for a few days, Ward Burgess leaving tonight for New York, Mr. Bukingham for Chicago and Mr. Haverstick for Carlisle, Pa., to visit his mother.

Up to Baker, Says Barry.

Chicago, June 27.—(Special Telegram).—Conference with General

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Lutherans Will Build Tuberculosis Sanitarium

Chicago, June 27.—Appropriation of $20,000 for a Lutheran consumptive sanitarium at Belen, N. M., was among the important actions taken before the adjournment here last night of the forty-seventh convention of the general synod of the Evangelical Lutheran church in the United States. The most important action of the convention was approval of a resolution to merge the general synod, the general council and the united snyod of the south into one Lutheran body with nearly a million members.

Mrs. Joslyn Pays $50,000 Into County's Treasury

Mrs. Sarah H. Joslyn, widow of the late George A. Joslyn, who left nearly a $6,000,000 estate, has paid into the county treasury $54,276 state inheritance tax. The federal inheritance tax on the estate was more than a half million dollars.

SECOND CONTINGENT SAFE ON FRIENDLY SOIL AFTER PASSING SUBMARINE ZONE

Transport Lands United States Troops at French Port Where They Are Received With Cheers by Crowds Waiting for Coming of Ship; General Pershing Arrives Today.

MAJOR GEN. JOHN J. PERSHING.

A French Seaport, June 27.—The second contingent of American troops disembarked here this morning.

The troops landed amid the frantic cheers of the people, who had gathered for hours before in anticipation of duplicating yesterday's surprise.

Enthusiasm rose to fever pitch when it was learned that the transports and convoys had successfully passed the submarine zone. The port was speedily beflagged in honor of the occasion.

All the troops now arrvied were transferred today to a camp not far distant from this point, where Major General William L. Sibert is installed. Thence they probably will go soon to a point near the front.

PERSHING TO COME.

All the troops are in excellent shape, enthusiastic over the successful trip and their reception and eager for action.

Major General Pershing, the American commander, will be here tomorrow.

The harbor is dotted with convoys. The streets are filled with soldiers in khaki and bluejackets. Great numbers of trucks are transporting immense supplies to the camp in which the troops are concentrating.

IS INDEPENDENT.

Washington, June 27.—The epochal landing of American troops in France cannot be fully discussed at this time for obvious reasons concerning the safety of other contingents.

It is entirely permissible to say that they are part of the force which will be under command of Major General Pershing and for whose arrival the general and his staff have been arranging. The American troops will be an entirely independent command, just as are the British troops, working, of course, with the French at the head of operations as they are on French soil.

When the troops have had their period of preparation behind the lines they will take a place on the battle front and probably soon will be carrying the Stars and Stripes in the assaults which steadily are driving the Germans out of France and Belgium.

All Are Regulars.

All the troops under General Pershing's command are regulars, and comprise the division which President Wilson directed to proceed to France "at the earliest possible time." Information of what other troop movements may be made is surrounded by censorship to insure, as far as possible, a safe voyage through the submarine zone.

It is not permissible to say what precautions were taken to get the American troop ships past the waiting German submarines, but there is no doubt that the precautions were carefully worked out, because it is generally believed that some time ago most of the German submarine fleet was withdrawn from its attacks on commercial shipping to make it ready to ambush the American troop ships in force.

History-Making Movement.

The successful landing, while a source of gratification to officials here, viewed from the point of being a military operation, is regarded with added significance for its moral effect on Germany, if it is permitted to become known there.

The reference in the cable dispatches to a duplication of "yesterday's surprise," intimating that there was also a landing yesterday, passes without comment here, but obviously discloses a landing of a contingent not recorded in yesterday's dispatches.

MORE STARTLING SLICES ARE MADE IN TAX BOOSTS

Court House Rumors Have it Equalization Board Will Adjourn Saturday Despite Few Cases Heard.

Court house attaches say that the County Board of Equalization, which has been making wholesale reductions in taxes raised to dizzy figures by County Assessor Fitzgerald, will adjourn Saturday night.

Of the more than 5,000 notices of boosts in assessments sent out by the county assessor the night before the equalization board began its sessions two weeks ago Tuesday, only 1,000 protests have been heard.

Reductions running into the millions have been made, with approximately 4,000 cases undisposed of. It is understood any slight raises were accepted by taxpayers.

Members of the equalization board say the bulk of the big business interests will have been heard by Saturday night.

The board remained in session until 11 o'clock Tuesday night and made many startling reductions over the county assessor's objections.

Attorney Mullen, representing Mrs. Sarah H. Joslyn, "Omaha's richest woman," raised from $562,715 to $4,552,542, the "star" boost of the 5,000, again went before the board to protest the boost, which he termed "arbitrary discrimination and unfair."

Taken Under Advisement.

Mrs. Joslyn's protest was taken under advisement. The Omaha plant of the Western Newspaper Union, of which Mrs. Joslyn is the chief stockholder, was reduced from $200,000 to $140,000.

Two big reductions were made Wednesday morning on the assessments of the Bankers Mortgage Loan company and the Haarman Vinegar and Pickle company, respectively, from $200,000 to $40,550 and from $100,000 to $20,000.

Other reductions made in the last twenty-four hours are as follows:

Cavers Elevator company, from $30,000 to $10,000.

Omaha Wall Paper company, from $26,000 to $20,000.

Alamito Dairy company, from $50,000 to $22,500.

Nebraska-Iowa Grain company, from $75,000 to $55,000.

Omaha Bottling company, from $6,000 to $2,500.

Smith Brick company, from $80,000 to $9,450.

Sherman-McConnell Drug company, from $76,000 to $41,500.

Owl Drug company, from $15,000 to $7,600.

Luther L. Kountze, 429 South Thirty-ninth, personal, from $10,000 to $6,500.

Suffragettes Are Taken To Washington City Jail

Washington, June 27.—The six militant suffragists who were fined $25 for violating city ordinances with alternative of three days in jail decided not to pay the fines and were taken off in a Black Maria to the local jail.

Belle Fourche Kiddies "Doing Bit" for Defense

Belle Fourche, S. D., June 27.—(Special.)—Interest has reached a high pitch among the Belle Fourche school children in their desire to help Uncle Sam. Forty-five plots, eleven and one-half by sixteen and one-half feet, have been planted to garden truck by the grade pupils, and vacant lots amounting to about three acres are being cultivated by members of the agriculture class. A special teacher has been employed for the season, and sixty pupils have enrolled in the manual training, agricultural, and school garden classes for the summer.

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