

## ARMY CHAPLAIN HAS HOT RETORT

Asserts Rash Onslaught by Rev. Cleveland Made With Purpose of Hurting His Work With Soldiers.

Lieutenant Frank Major, chaplain of the Fourth Nebraska regiment, who addressed a gathering of interdenominational young people at the First Presbyterian church Tuesday night, takes exception to the statement made by Rev. D. E. Cleveland.

Lieutenant Major asserts that the attack made upon him by Rev. Mr. Cleveland was an attempt to rally churches against him in an effort to cripple his ministerial work among soldiers of the regiment.

Lieutenant Major's written statement follows:

"Since some religious leader, unknown to me, has taken the liberty to put my name in print, I reluctantly present the facts in the case.

"In the best possible spirit, I gave a ten-minute talk at one of our Omaha churches. Not being a book agent I failed to mention the complainant's pamphlet which was under discussion. I was asked to use my own mind as to what I should say and I did.

"Such a rash onslaught from a stranger, through the press, took me by surprise. That he should even attempt to rally churches against me in an effort to cripple my ministerial work among our soldiers seems too hard to believe.

"This is what I said in part: 'When I saw in the paper that I was expected to talk from actual experience as a chaplain, I scarcely could see why so new a recruit should be called upon for that. I have been chaplain but a short time, being commissioned May 14. Aside from a couple of years' military training, my military experience is limited.

"If you had wished to talk to soldiers you should have come to the fort. This is not their soil. Many feel out of place in a gathering like this where they feel themselves on ceremony in distinctive attire. I hereby extend a welcome to you young people to come down and meet with your friends, our boys.

"Were you to join the army, you would be surprised, just as I was. You will find a bunch of army officers that are gentlemen. Officers, at least in our Fourth infantry, are not the brand held out by some critics who have more zeal than information. Officers hold their places by virtue of the fact that they hold the respect of their men. No officer without manhood and courage would be followed by soldiers.

"You didn't expect me to say that—did you? I've turned the tables a bit but hope you don't forget what I say. 'Popular misconceptions arise concerning every big institution and Uncle Sam himself has not escaped. However, Uncle Sam is solving his problems fast. Our army is on the way to being the most efficient force on earth. Efficiency is what counts out there. When your boy is hurt a medical major cares for him with as much tenderness as if he were being cared for at home. When he is broke he buys without interest and on pay day he pays up to the dot like a man. Uncle Sam has solved the credit problem. I am credit man at the exchange and honor a set of boys that pay without being compelled. I'd like to hear your city credit man talk on that subject. How would civilian society measure up with the soldiers? No Place for Prudes.

"It would be well if we reverse the glasses and see whether our boys will not have to return to convert society rather than society teaching them. When you have cured society up here, then come over and preach to us. You are not sending your boys among heathens when you give them to Uncle Sam.

"To be sure, there is no place in the army for prudish puritanism. That's gone, and gone to stay. Heard one twisted-mustache dude trying to enlist in the navy the other day. He wondered if a 'gentleman' would be accorded more consideration in the navy than in the army. My pal, the recruiting officer, gave him no inducements.

"If you people have any more like him, send them to Fort Omaha. We don't want them. We are in a man's job. A man's sized job. Are you civilians fearful? Do your knees shake? Our men are not afraid. I do not know of one in our force that wants to back out. Even when disqualified by failing health, eyes, ears or what-not they come to their chaplain and beg to be retained. I take them to a specialist and recover them for the army if possible. They don't want to be slackers even when they might honorably be. They are men down there.

"Smiles As He Strikes.

"Now I am not here to condemn anybody. Even my Lord didn't talk that way. You notice that I smile when I hit a bit heavy. The Nazarene taught us to 'render not evil for evil but overcome evil with good. If you want to know why our boys like the Young Men's Christian association better than our churches generally it is because they put up the goods we need and do it without reward other than the consciousness of having been useful. They have no wires to pull and no axes to grind.

"They preach about a 'Good God.' They give and serve without tacking on narrow-minded criticism. The pagan practice of preaching to kill is 700 years behind the times. Not the gospel, no. The gospel is all right, but condemnatory preaching is off its base. I wouldn't talk to my pals down at the fort as you civilians are sometimes talked to or I wouldn't have a corporal's guard to hear me. Yet some who can't fill their own churches are there and over when it comes to belittling the reputation of soldiers.

"In our army you would find culture, refinement and wealth. Manhood is paramount there. We have there men who wear the garb of private soldiers to help our country, men who in private life held sway over subordinates. Men who have left sweethearts at home. Men who forego the temptations with which you city folks surround them for the sake of a little brown head back in the hills or in some distant city. You slackers stay at home and wonder why you are not smiled on by girls who have learned to love men like that? Such men give their lives, not for rank, but for usefulness. They are the princes among men. They are the aristocracy of the universe, the

only aristocracy that will not be swept off the earth before the war is over—the aristocracy of worth. Even our officers control by and through respect—I'd like to see the kaiser do that.

"We are entering a more humane day. If I should die in overalls, unidentified, I would be buried; some kindly undertaker would speak a few words at my grave. If I should die in a stove-pipe-coat-tail, unidentified, a man of God would be mourned because I wore the duds of the cult. But it would be the same man. If I should die, unidentified, in khaki, some lieutenant, possibly not a parson, would say a word, comrades would salute and tears would be in the eyes of big husky soldiers as they realized that one, though unknown to them, had departed, wearing the garb of a real man.

"When my service is rendered and it comes time to quit the army and return to public preaching of the gospel, which I love, when I lay aside the greatest job given the sons of men, the chaplaincy among the boys in olive-drab—I'll leave the service with reluctance. But I'll leave the service a more reasonable, more efficient man—I'll be a little more human for having worn the khaki."

Pastor Apologizes.

Rev. D. E. Cleveland last night gave out the following statement:

"To the Editor of The Bee: Will you please insert this as I feel that I owe Chaplain Major an apology for the blurt in which I answered some of his statements to the young people of Omaha, and if what I said in answer was not becoming a minister to an officer of the army, I am sorry and Chaplain Major has my apology. Yours truly,

DENTON E. CLEVELAND.

## King Ak Adds Saxophone Orchestra to Den Features

For next Monday night at the den, when Saunders company will be on hand in immense numbers to take the third degree, King Ak-Sar-Ben has concluded arrangements with the Ak-Sar-Ben Saxophone orchestra to play a concert in connection with "The Queen of Hair Island." The eight members of this orchestra are all Omahans. The new feature will be a part of the show from now until the finish.

Prince Lei Lani, who delighted the audience last Monday night, is planning to sing and play some entirely new stuff. President Buckingham urges the Omaha members to be at the den to help entertain the visitors. Nothing helps a good show along as much as boosting, he says.

Oscar Lieben will again be seen as Quent Goo-Goo, his first appearance last Monday night having made such a hit that his presence is deemed imperative.

Today the board of governors will go by automobile to Plattsmouth and Nebraska City to invite the men of those cities to be the guests of King Ak at the den Monday night, July 16. Military and naval officers and enlisted men have a standing invitation to attend the den every Monday night, in uniform, said uniform being all the ticket necessary to open the doors to them.

## Saturday Morning Movies at Various Omaha Picture Shows

Last until fall of the Saturday morning movies for children, supervised by the educational department of the Omaha Women's club will be given at the Muse this week. Ann Pennington in "The Little Boy Scout," with a comedy, will be the attraction. The decision to discontinue the special pictures during the summer was reached when the Edison conquest series were exhausted.

Friday night at the Boulevard the film will be Douglas Fairbanks in "His Picture in the Papers," and a comedy.

At the Apollo Earl Williams will be seen in Arsene Lubin. A Black Diamond comedy will follow.

The Lothrop offers as its special Friday night program Ethel Barrymore in the "White Raven," in combination with which will be shown the Pathe Weekly and a Metro comedy. Douglas Fairbanks in "In Again, Out Again," with a Daniels comedy, will be the Suburban theater's offering.

## Mickel Goes East to Big Convention of Jobbers

George E. Mickel, president of Mickel's Nebraska Cycle company, left yesterday to attend the annual convention of the National Talking Machine jobbers, to be held this week at Atlantic City, N. J.

Mr. Mickel occupies an important position upon the association board and was requested by wire to meet with a dozen of America's largest jobbers a few days in advance, so that special subjects could be taken up before the regular convention.

Mickel Brothers company of Des Moines, Ia., is affiliated with the Nebraska Cycle company. It is in the interests of both concerns that Mr. Mickel will attend the meeting. He is accompanied by Mrs. Mickel and before returning home they will stop off at Philadelphia, New York, Cleveland and Chicago.

## Fourth of July Crowds on All the Nebraska Railroads

None of the Nebraska railroads ran excursion trains into the hundreds of towns where celebrations were held yesterday, but they all carried large crowds. In many instances, in order to handle the passenger traffic, extra coaches were added, and as a rule they were filled. Reports indicate that there was not an accident in which a passenger was injured. The only mishap in train movements was at Wahoo, where a Union Pacific locomotive ran into a Northwestern passenger train at a crossing, throwing a cream car into the ditch.

## Milwaukee Reports Banner Crops Along All Its Line

Milwaukee railroad officials report there never has been a year when crop prospects along the lines in Illinois, Iowa and Minnesota were better. Small grain is heading and everywhere are enthusiastic over prospects for a bumper crop. Corn has attained the normal growth for this season of the year and much of the acreage has been laid by. Cultivation in all sections of the territory will be finished by July 10.

The corn acreage in Milwaukee territory is estimated at about a third more than last year. The acreage into potatoes is something like 50 per cent greater than ever before.

## LARGER QUARTERS NEEDED AT FT. OMAHA

Aviation School to Be Taxed to Capacity in Short Time by Two Thousand Soldiers.

Larger quarters are needed badly at Fort Omaha to accommodate the 2,000 men who will shortly be in training there in the aviation branch of the service, and equipment for the more rapid manufacture of hydrogen gas is also needed in order to supply the balloons.

The Commercial club of Omaha telegrapher Senator Hitchcock yesterday, urging that he make all proper efforts to get the necessary allowances from the War department as soon as possible to take care of these things.

The morning of July 4 Mayor Dahlman, H. H. Baldrige, chairman of the military affairs committee of the Commercial club; President Randall K. Brown, Executive Chairman C. C. George and Commissioner Robert H. Manley of the club, together with Colonel Baister and D. C. Patterson, visited the fort and spent most of the forenoon visiting the officers in command there.

This delegation of business men went out to pay their respects to the officers and also to find out what if anything is needed at the post. The above-mentioned needs were discovered and the telegram to Senator Hitchcock followed.

There are some 600 men at the fort now and 2,000 are expected before long.

Wireless Busy.

Installation of the wireless station at Fort Omaha has been completed

and messages in and out are being handled. The mast from which the antenna is swung is located on the hill, just east of where the tower, dismantled several months ago, stood.

Fort Omaha has now been made one of the important interior wireless stations, in charge of a battery of operators, who are handling army telegraph business.

## Governor Neville to Set Day for Women to Register

Governor Keith Neville will issue a proclamation in the near future designating a day when Nebraska women may register for any line of wartime service.

This is the assurance which was given to the executive committee of the State Women's Council of Defense which was held in Lincoln Thursday morning.

Mrs. Z. T. Lindsay of this city was appointed permanent chairman of the Red Cross department of the council; Mrs. A. E. Sheldon of Lincoln, chairman of the committee on registration; and Mrs. Keith Neville, honorary chairman of the same committee.

Miss Annie L. Miller of Lincoln was placed in charge of the publicity.

## No Summer Vacation for Commercial Club Workers

Probably no summer adjournment will be taken by the executive committee and the other working committees of the Commercial club this year.

War conditions are largely responsible for this. There are many things that need to be looked after in connection with the war upon which the country is embarking. The loss of the cantonment site, the club thinks, may after all have been not so serious in the light of the many other things of importance that may come up before the war is over.

Bee Wants-Ads Produce Results.

## OFFER BONUS FOR GARBAGE RIGHTS

Carl Sorenson Offers the City \$7,000 for Privilege to Haul Garbage from the Down Town District.

Carl Sorenson, owner of a hog-feeding farm at Sixth and Grace streets, has offered the city \$7,000 a year bonus for the exclusive privilege of gathering garbage in districts one, two and three, being the territory east of Twenty-sixth street and from Leavenworth to Cumming streets.

Mr. Sorenson was high bidder when the city council opened bids. The bids were referred to the committee of the whole for discussion.

Erne & Newman offered to collect garbage in districts seven and ten, being territory south of Woolworth avenue, without expense to the city, but offering no premium because this section is not as profitable.

George Urbach offered \$100 a year for privileges of district No. 5, which extends west of Twenty-sixth street to the Belt line, and between Farnam and Davenport streets.

The bids for the downtown district ranged from Sorenson's bid of \$7,000, to \$2,000 a year.

This money collected by the city as bonuses for the profitable districts will be expended by the city in hauling garbage from the districts on which no bids were received.

The city officials expect to save \$20,000 a year on this plan of district bids. The successful bidders will be required to observe the city ordinances relating to garbage hauling.

## First City Fireman Joins "Dandy" Sixth Regiment

Frank J. Soukup of 2213 South Twelfth street, member of Hose com-

pany No. 7, has enlisted in the Sixth Nebraska. He is the first member of the fire department to enter military service. His place will be held for him during the period of the war.

## Chauffeur Saves City Hall From Destruction by Fire

Howard Horne, City Commissioner Hummel's chauffeur, saved the city hall from destruction by fire Wednesday night. He observed a small balloon sail into a window at the fifth floor of the municipal building. He rushed over and notified Night Watchman Henry Osborn, who hurried to the scene of the balloon landing and extinguished the fire. If Mr. Horne had not been so observing, it is stated the fire might have gained considerable headway before being checked.

## Albert Witaschek, Baker, In Omaha Since 1890, Is Dead

Albert Witaschek, 55 years old, died at his home, 1546 South Twenty-eighth street, Tuesday. He came to the United States from Germany in 1881 and shortly after his arrival obtained a position with the Santa Fe railroad. He was with the Santa Fe till 1890. In 1890 he went into the bakery business in Omaha. He retired last February.

He is survived by three brothers, Paul of Omaha, Vincent of Cripple Creek, Colo., and Charles of Hastings, Neb.

Funeral services will be held from the home Saturday morning at 8:30 o'clock and at St. Mary Magdalene church at 9 o'clock. Interment will be in Holy Sepulchre cemetery.



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