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INSANITY TO BE KELLY DEFENSE; YOUTH OF DOUGLAS OFF TO CAMP

LAUGHING AND CHEERING GROUP IS SECOND QUOTA OMAHA SENDS TO FUNSTON

Two Trains Leave Early for Ft. Riley Cantonment as Italian Liberty Band Plays Patriotic Airs and Mothers and Sweethearts Shed Tears; South Side Boys Leave Tonight After Banquet at Exchange.

Laughing and cheering, 350 of the finest young men in Douglas county, the second delegation of the men in the selective draft, left yesterday for Camp Funston to start training for the world war.

TWO LONG TRAINS.

An immense crowd of Omahans was at the train in spite of the early hour to tell the boys goodby. Fully 8,000 were here, tearful mothers and sad fathers, anxious sweethearts and friends, all hiding their grief as best they could that the last memories of home the boys carried away might be one of smiles and pride in their courage.

At 8:45 a long Union Pacific train left, carrying 259 men from the Fourth, Fifth and Sixth districts. As soon as this had left the train shed, the Missouri Pacific train carrying boys from the Third district followed.

As the boys leaned out of the car windows before they left they were a sight of which any city might be proud. Chosen after severe examinations, these fine, clean set of young Americans, with clear eyes and firm mouths that told of the innate determination that must make for victory on the fields of France.

Every lad was laughing—it might have been a pleasure party bound for some convention instead of the youth of the nation going forth to the stern realities of war.

Not a Step Falter. As they marched down to the station to the music of a military band, not a step faltered. With shoulders squared they strode along, conquerors already in mind.

On the station platform tearful mothers watched their boys and tried to send them off with a smile. Most of them succeeded and it was not till the train had gone that they broke down sobbing. Many had to be assisted from the station as they left.

Fourth district representatives probably will be taken for a valentine party all along the way, for from each man's coat dangled a large red valentine board heart saturated with cupid's fat. At a late hour Tuesday night the board discovered it had no means of tagging its men for the enlistment, so Richard Brady, son of T. E. Brady, one of the members, volunteered to get some "tags" and these were all he could find at that time. No one cared, however, and the red hearts added to the jollity of the occasion.

The fifth district bore no cards, but the members were easily spotted by their wrist watches, the red pasties in their buttonholes and the boxes of candy and sweethearts heaped upon them by friends. One young lad carried five boxes in his arms and friends were still handing them up to him when the train left.

This train picked up 162 more men at Lincoln and sixteen more at Beatrice, and is scheduled to reach Camp Funston at 8:30 tonight.

Railroad officials threw open the gates at the station and mothers and sisters and sweethearts crowded out onto the tracks and filled up the space usually used in handling trains.

The Liberty Italian band of thirty pieces was on hand to cheer the boys with patriotic airs and succeeded right well.

The Omaha contingent made up but one train of the 300,000 men of the national army today on their way to sixteen cantonments to undergo an intensive training period, preparatory for service overseas.

Second Contingent is Arriving at Funston

Camp Funston, Junction City, Kan., Sept. 19.—Twenty-seven hundred men, the first division of the second contingent of the initial quota of the national army, are arriving today at Camp Funston from Missouri, Kansas, Nebraska, Colorado and New Mexico.

The new arrivals, like the first contingent now in camp, will be equipped with overalls pending the arrival of uniforms, officers of the quartermaster's corps say.

All American Vessels to Be Used for Army Abroad

Atlantic City, N. J., Sept. 19.—Within the next six months the demand of the American army abroad will require that the government direct every American merchant vessel, coastwise and others, to overseas service. R. B. Stevens, vice chairman of the United States shipping board, today told the war convention here of American business men.

Sues for Damages to Her Electric Automobile

Louise Metz Funk is suing Fred De Weber for \$1,100 in district court for alleged damages to her electric car. A car driven by De Weber crashed into the Funk electric at Twentieth and Farnam streets last July, according to the petition.

WHEAT PRICES DUE FOR SLUMP, SAYS HOOVER

Food Administrator Sends Word There is No Hope for Higher Prices and Advises Farmers to Sell Now.

"Hoover says present price for wheat will drop at least one-half as soon as war closes and great stocks in countries now inaccessible are released. He also says that present price for other reasons may soon be reduced. He says there is no hope for higher wheat price and advises all farmers to sell now."

The above telegram was received this morning from G. W. Wattles, food administrator for Nebraska, by E. V. Parrish, vice chairman of the Nebraska food conservation committee.

Administrator Wattles was called to Washington to confer with Hoover in regard to conservation in Nebraska.

The tone of the telegram is significant in that it gives no satisfaction to the farmer who is holding his wheat. Reports coming into Omaha since the government fixed the price of wheat have told of the reluctance of farmers to dispose of their grain at the established figure. The reports said the farmers were storing their wheat and absolutely refusing to sell at the fixed price. Hoover's assertion gives no encouragement to the farmers who are following this practice. The food administrator unqualifiedly declares there is no hope for higher prices even though the war should end. He even ventures to predict that wheat will drop to one-half its present value if peace comes, and says that a reduction probably will come within a short period anyhow.

Optional Clause in War Insurance is Assailed

Washington, Sept. 19.—Public hearings on the soldiers' and sailors' insurance bill were concluded today before the senate finance subcommittee, with insurance men and others suggesting various changes. The subcommittee hopes to report the measure this week.

An amendment permitting disabled soldiers to remain under the care of the surgeon general of the United States during rehabilitation was urged by Dr. Charles W. Richardson of Washington.

The section which makes optional the taking of insurance by enlisted men was vigorously assailed by George E. Ide, president of the Home Life Insurance company of New York, who asserted it opened the door for future pension legislation, was too vague, "utterly unsound in principle, and was class legislation."

Government Price for Copper Revealed Soon

Washington, Sept. 19.—Announcement of the price to be paid by the government for copper is expected within two days, possibly tomorrow. Indications today were the war industrial board would determine the price and was about ready to make an announcement, but after a conference with the president and a later meeting it was said a decision had been deferred for a day or two.

The government is now buying large quantities of copper under agreement to pay the price to be fixed by the board.

Telegraph Operator Killed by Bandits

Fargo, N. D., Sept. 19.—George Sheffield, telegraph operator at the Great Northern station at Moorhead, Minn., was shot and killed early today by two robbers when he snapped an unloaded revolver at them instead of obeying their command to hold up his hands. The robbers escaped with \$45.

GRAND JURY TO PROBE CHARGE OF JURY FIXING

Sensation Created in District Court When Special Prosecutor McGuire Tells of Talk of Tampering.

A special grand jury may be called to investigate alleged jury tampering in district court.

Special Prosecutor McGuire, appointed by Governor Neville to head the drive against bootlegging in Omaha, created a sensation in district court yesterday, when he declared he had received well substantiated reports that venemen trying appeal liquor cases had been approached.

"To Go After Guilty Ones." "I have reliable information certain persons are trying to get to district court juries hearing appeal liquor cases," declared the special prosecutor, who is representing the state in all the cases carried to the higher court. "I probably will see that a grand jury be called to make a thorough probe of these reports. Jury tampering is a serious offense and every effort will be made to bring to justice anyone guilty of such a crime."

Complaint that venemen hearing liquor appeal cases were being approached was made to Judge Estelle Tuesday night.

Would Arrest Suspects. Another complaint was made to Judge Sears, presiding judge for district court, Wednesday morning. The judges said any persons suspected of approaching jurors would be arrested.

Judge Sears called in jurors and instructed them to report to him at once if anyone attempted to approach them.

The first liquor appeal case in district court resulted in a hung jury. The second case was a victory for the state.

After being out twenty-two and one-half hours a jury hearing the case of the state against Frank Kahout, charged with illegal transportation of liquor, came in and reported to Judge Estelle a disagreement. The venemen stood eight to four for acquittal. Judge Estelle discharged the jury. Kahout will be tried on the same charge by a jury two weeks hence, according to Prosecutor McGuire.

Did Not Like Witnesses. It is said the Kahout jury failed to arrive at a decision because of the "character of some of the state's witnesses."

In the case of the state against (Continued on Page Three, Column Three.)

Kelly Slept in Ewing Home on the Night of the Villisca Ax Murders

By EDWARD BLACK. (Staff Correspondent for The Bee.)

Red Oak, Ia., Sept. 19.—(Special Telegram.)—It was at the home of Rev. and Mrs. W. J. Ewing at Villisca that Rev. Lyn G. J. Kelly stayed Sunday night, June 9, 1912—the night of the ax murders.

The Ewings testified in court that they had never seen Kelly before that Sunday. Rev. Mr. Kelly had been assigned to rural churches at Pilot Grove and Arlington, near Villisca. Through some mutual acquaintance arrangements were made for Kelly to be a guest that Sunday night at the Ewing home.

Children's day exercises were held at the Presbyterian church of which Mr. Ewing was pastor. The church is across the street from the Ewing home. Kelly attended a young people's meeting before the children's program, returning with the Ewings to their home about 9:30, after the exercises.

The Ewings slept in a tent, while their guest occupied an upstairs room and was alone in the house. He said he would leave about 5 o'clock the next morning for Macedonia where he intended to get his household effects and return to Villisca.

Two weeks after the murders Kelly returned to Villisca and delivered a sermon in the Ewing church. He occupied the same room in the Ewing home he used on the night of the slayings.



REV. W. J. EWING.

Letters We Like to Get

EBERT-DURVEY FARM TRACTOR CO
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Gentlemen,
I noticed the letter in the Sunday Bee from the preacher who orders his paper stopped on account of your advertisement. In this connection I wish to say that as soon as my subscription to the World Herald expires I shall subscribe for the Bee for the same reason the preacher ordered it discontinued. I have been a continuous reader of the World Herald for fourteen years and while not agreeing with them at all times I have never had reason to change before and had the Herald given as much space to R. D. McCall's article in regard to the cost of teaching grammar as it gave to Clowell's every defense of same, I would not have but this at no time for personal politics one would be either an American or a traitor.

Your truly,
D. J. Stevens

THE NEBRASKA DAILY PRESS
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Nebraska City, Nebraska

September 17, 1917.
Dear Mr. Roseator:
Let me compliment you and your newspaper for your unswerving loyalty to the country and your independence of thought and action. Your publication of the fax simile of the letter from the Millard, Neb., pro-Prussian, cancelling his subscription because The Bee has printed the truth, is just one indication of The Bee's ability to be American ALL THE TIME, and not 50-50."

The Press has been through the same course of sprouts and has not hesitated to bow to the line, let the press howl while they may. It will continue to follow the highway it has built, for Americanism is the test which every newspaper worthy of the name should adopt.

Yours fraternally,
J. H. [Signature]

GOODWIN SUES WIFE'S FOLKS FOR \$25,000 DAMAGES

Declares He and Spouse, Formerly Miss Sarah Fogelson, Happy When Parents Interfered.

U. S. OFFERS HALF WAGE INCREASE PAID STRIKERS

Builders Making Only Ten Per Cent Profit to Be Aided in Paying Higher Wages.

Chinese Smugglers Indicted

By Grand Jury at 'Frisco

Boston Observes First of Wheatless Days

Thousands of housewives also have agreed to co-operate in the movement to save wheat.

Odd Fellows in Convention at Louisville

Louisville, Ky., Sept. 19.—Odd Fellows from all parts of the United States and Canada, who are here attending the ninety-third session of the severing grand lodge of their order, sidetracked business today to take part in a patriotic parade with approximately 25,000 persons in the line of march.

Swedish Premier to Retire

Lindman Will Succeed Him

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