RECORD RUSH OF DRAFT AGE MEN MARKS BIG DRIVE

Recruits Hasten to Get Under Voluntary Enlistment Banner on Last Day of Grace.

Men of draft age still can enlist

No more men of draft age are being enlisted at army recruiting headquarters in Omaha. The big drive for voluntary enlistments closed in the proverbial "blaze of glory" Wednesday night.

in the navy if they obtain from their exemption boards statements showing their numbers are not likely to be called for service in the near future.

Fort Omaha balloon school will enlist men up till Saturday night. A recruiting station has been instal in post headquarters.

"I am more than pleased." said Major R. E. Frith, "at the huge number of enlistments obtained during the three-day drive. The drive exceeded my anticipations.

"While it is true that hundreds of men of draft age were anxious to take advantage of the opportunity to enlist at this time, it is more than probable that many were prompted to do so in answer to President Wilson's last message—to show him conclusively that the young Americans thoroughly understand why the United States is at war."

Clerks Are Overworked.

Exact numbers as to the total enlistments were not obtainable, as the overworked clerks were taking advantage of the lull to get their second wind and girdle up their loins for the next call. The number is between 1,300 and 1,500, and these, with a number of other enlisted men, were sent to Fort Logan, Colo., late Wednesday night.

A large quota of members of the Seventh regiment, facetiously dubbed the "Unlucky Seventh" by disgusted members, did not receive honorable discharges in time to enlist in the regular army. Many were the wails and kicks against the system that compels a poor registrant to unwinded miles of red tape in an attempt to procure a discharge.

"I don't see why the government couldn't have issued a blanket discharge for the whole kit and caboodle and let us get away from the 'Unlucky Seventh' long enough to join here," said one husky young man.

News for Married Men.

Enlistments in the aviation corps are being accepted and all mechanics who have a fair knowledge of the working of internal combustion engines are being urged to enlist in this branch of the service. Mechanics of any kind are wanted. An order received from Washington the latter part of last week sets out that married men now can enlist without the consent of their wives.

PLOT STEAMER REPORTED TO BE GERMAN RAIDER

San Francisco, Dec. 13.—That the steamer Maverick, which figured prominently in the Hindu revolutionary plot trials now in progress here, is operating as a German raider between this city and Honolulu was the belief expressed here today by officers of a steamer.

A vessel which the officers declared was undoubtedly the Maverick was seen on the night of December 8 approximately 600 miles from this port. They said their attention was attracted to the vessel by flare lights and rockets evidently intended to signify distress. Their ship, which was steered toward the steamer, soon was covered by rays from a huge searchlight.

The officers have made a report to navy officials here. Two other vessels are reported to have sighted the Maverick recently.

The Maverick, formerly owned by Fred Jebsen, is one of the vessels alleged by the government to have been used to smuggle arms to India in aid of the alleged Hindu revolutionary plot. It was interned in Bativa and later sold to a New York firm. It left Manila last August for the Panama canal zone and no definite word of its movements has been received since.

Begin Official Inquiry Into Halifax Disaster

Halifax, N. S., Dec. 13.—Official inquiry was begun by the Canadian government today to determine, if possible, responsibility for the ship collision with its resultant explosion and fire and the loss of nearly 1,300 lives a week ago. Justice Drysdale, judge in admiralty, presided.

The relief ship Northland, the second vessel sent from Boston with supplies for the destitute, arrived today.

Relief work is proceeding satisfactorily, and, with the injured now all properly cared for, the task of restoring normal conditions in that part of the city which escaped the conflagration is going forward rapidly.

The most important need at present is said to be for expert oculists, who might be able to save hundreds of persons from becoming blind for life.

Water Board Lets Contract For New Ice Machinery

The Metropolitan Water board awarded to the Artic Ice Machine company of Canton, O., a contract to install ice machinery in a new plant being constructed at the Poppleton avenue pumping station. The contract will be for $82,575 and calls for apparatus of 100-ton capacity. General Manager Howell of the water plant expects to start delivering artificial ice by May 1.

"We expect to cause a material reduction in the price of ice in Omaha."

Quaint Funchal Made Target of by Submarine

Lisbon, Portugal, Dec. 13.—Funchal, capital of Madeira, has been bombarded by a German submarine. Forty shells were fired, killing or wounding a number of persons and damaging several buildings. The submarine fled on being attacked by patrol boats.

SIBERIA SEEKS UNION WITH U. S.

Strong Agitation Going on to Induce Our Purchase of Country East of Urals.

San Francisco, Dec. 13.—All of Siberia east of the Ural mountains is clamoring to be sold to the United States at prices ranging from 40,000,000 to 60,000,000 of rubles, according to C. A. Hoffart of Marysville, Cal., who has arrived here from Nicholaievsk eastern Siberia.

Hoffart, who is manager of a British gold mining syndicate at Nicholaievsk, said today the movement to have America acquire Siberia was so widespread that it had become the main point of debate at political meetings and that it had the support of the press and thousands of citizens.

GARFIELD WARNS GOV. COX TO KEEP HANDS OFF COAL

Washington, Dec. 13.—Fuel Administrator Garfield today informed Governor Cox that he would not be permitted to interfere with distribution of coal in Ohio under the direction of the state fuel administration.

Dr. Garfield sent to Governor Cox the following telegram:

"I must respectfully but firmly request that you do not interfere with the orderly distribution of coal in Ohio under orders issued by my authority to Homer W. Johnson, federal fuel administrator for Ohio. He has full authority to act, and F. C. Baird is co-operating with him. I must insist that the state authority be not permitted to interfere with the action of the United States administrator."

Suggest Fewer Trains.

Washington, Dec. 13.—Reduction in the number of commutation trains on steam roads running out of the larger cities during nonrush hours was advised by the fuel administration today as a coal conservation measure. Suburban communities were asked to acquiesce wherever no great hardships are involved.

Farmer Says "Blood Remedy" Was "Devoid of Virtue"

After looking at a drop of his blood a representative of the Omaha Medical company and the Interstate Medical and Surgical Institute of Chicago told H. Powell, a Nance county farmer, that it was 25 per cent "defective," and that if he did not take treatment he would become permanently crippled, Powell alleges in his answer to their suit for $140 on his note.

Powell alleges that Bonicon F. Bartell, F. H. Fowler and C. H. Edwards were representing themselves to be legally licensed and practicing physicians and surgeons "associated together under various high sounding names and holding themselves out to cure all the ills known to humanity." Edwards called at his house and persuaded him to give his note for $140 for the purpose of securing their treatment, Powell alleges. He says that their treatment was "devoid of virtue."

Bakers Still May Make Cakes With Icing on Them

Bakers may still make cakes with icing on them, coffee cakes and other sweet yeast dough products, until the food administration decides what shall be included in rolls.

Rule five of the bakers' regulations, however, prohibits bakers from using additional shortening or sugar, during or after making. A popular belief has arisen among bakers that this rule has been suspended. This is not true, but the making of sweet yeast dough products is permitted temporarily, according to the state food administration.

Bakers may sell their bread immediately after it is baked if they care to do so, but bread so sold must have the standard loaf weight 12 hours after it is baked, whether it is still in the baker's possession or not.

You will want to send the best photographs.

Rinehart-Steffens

Of Course.

300 South 18th St. Wead Bldg.

Just Off Farnam

Six Minute Pudding

Here's a new one—a most delicious desert that can be made in a hurry.

To one and one-half cups of milk add one cup of

Grape-Nuts

and one level tablespoonful of sugar, boil six minutes, cool and serve with milk or cream. Add raisins if desired.

Get a package of Grape-Nuts from your grocer and try this pleasing recipe.

SUBMARINES NO LONGER CAUSE SO GREAT TERROR

Armed Merchantmen and Well Organized Campaign Destroy Many and Injure Morale of Crews.

London, Dec. 13.—Despite the fairly large number of sinkings reported this week, there is no decrease in optimism among those who know the submarine war situation, who see no reason for modifying or altering Premier Lloyd George's statement of November 20 that there is no longer any fear of the submarine proving a decisive factor in the war.

Events since November 20, in fact, have tended to increase reather than decrease the confidence with which the premier spoke. The month of November was a red letter month in the anti-U-boat war for three reasons. First, the loss of tonnage during the month was the lowest since the unrestricted submarine campaign began. Second, the sinkings of enemy submarines were the greatest ever recorded in a single month. Third, the launching of new merchantmen from British yards came "within measurable distance" of equalling the loss of tonnage by submarine attack.

As to the number of submarines destroyed during the same period, it is not permitted to give the actual figures, but this much may be said:

"The sinkings of submarines during November were 'within measurable distance' of the largest number the German U-boat yards were capable of turning out in the same period."

This destruction of submarines was by no means due to any spasmodic run of luck, but to the development of a detailed comprehensive campaign involving many devices and embracing many phases.

The first days of December have maintained the good records of November as far as the U-boat sinkings are concerned. Moreover, it is considered inevitable that the British-American success in this direction will find a reflection in the morale of the submarine crews, making them less confident and less efficient at the same time that the British and American naval men are bcoming more confident and more efficient.

The convoy system of protection for shipping which the allies have adopted and perfected has forced the submarine campaigners to alter some of their plans. It is no longer possible for the submarines to lie in wait for unprotected merchantmen and pot them in leisurely fashion. The U-boat shows its periscope nowadays at great peril when within torpedoing distance of a merchantman, for the latter is only one of a considerable number in the neighborhood, and if any one of the scores of skilled lookouts sights that periscope the submarine's chances of escape from the convoying destroyers are slim.

The German reply to the convoy system is to send submarines out in groups, which attack the convoy simultaneously, in the hope that in the resulting confusion considerable damage can be done and an easy escape then effected. This system of group attack, while it spells the doom not merely of one U-boat, but of perhaps three or four.

A Few Happy Suggestions for Gift Seekers!

Their practicability, usefulness and economy will appeal to those who are in search of sensible Christmas gifts.

Traveling Bags and Suit Cases

A great variety for men and women. Everything from the highest grade Seal and Walrus down to the good Cowhide, and Fabrikoids, from—

$35 Down to $2.75

Toilet Traveling Sets

Black, pebble leathers with fancy moire silk and leather linings, and ivory or ebony fittings—Prices range from—

$25 Down to $5

Brief Cases

Used by salesmen, lawyers, clergymen and business men generally. Sealskin or black or brown cowhide. Ranging from

$16.50 Down to $3.75

Ladies' Hand Bags

are always acceptable. This season assortments are greater and leathers and linings more elaborate. Any price from—

$10 to $1.00

Purses and Card Cases

Always appreciated by a man because always useful. We have an assortment ranging from—

$7.00 Down to 25c

Freling & Steinle

Omaha's Best Baggage Builders.

1803 FARNAM ST.

1890 1917

POPULAR PRICED JEWELRY ..OF.. SMART DESIGN

Commencing Saturday will be open evenings until Christmas.

Frenzer JEWELER 15TH & DODGE

Auto Bandits Rob Bank In Small Chicago Suburb

Chicago, Dec. 13.—It was nearly noon today before Chicago's daily bank robbery was reported, and the police were beginning to think that maybe the bandit business was suffering from a labor shortage when a telephone message from the suburb of LaGrange relieved the situation with news that the State Bank of LaGrange had been robbed of $25,000, of which $15,000 was in gold. There were four bandits. They intimidated five bank employes and two patrons with their pistols, swept the money into a sack and sped away in a black touring car.

Persistent Advertising Is the Road to Success.

WARM CLOTHING SENT TO BEE FOR SUFFERING POOR

Extreme Cold Cause of Much Suffering Among the Needy of Omaha This Winter.

Mrs. G. W. Doane, general secretary of the Associated Charities, received a report of seven small children residing in the South Side, bereft of their mother on Wednesday. The father is a laborer and has a hard time keeping his home together. His present sorrow adds to the distress of the case.

This is one of the many cases which will be helped during the next two weeks through the efforts made by The Bee and the Associated Charities to send Christmas cheer into homes where misfortune has stalked with heavy tread.

The seven children referred to need clothing and shoes and food. Mrs. Doane already has supplied some of their wants. They will not be allowed to suffer. Other cases of similar nature will be cared for insofar as the supplies will go around.

Many Offers Receipted.

The Charities office has received offers from charitable people who wish to care for families during the Christmas season.

"Will you give me the name and address of some family to which I may go myself, learn their Christmas needs and act as Santa Claus to them," was the tenor of a call from a man and his wife who have no little ones in their home. Other requests of that kind have been received.

"I wish to impress once more the needs of shoes for children. I can assure you there are many children who need shoes this cold weather. Orders or money for shoes will be carefully administered," said Mrs. Doane.

Mrs. J. D. Capron of 3207 North Sixtieth street, telephoned The Bee that she had a lot of wearable clothing which could be had by sending for them. Mrs. Doane sent a man out and he returned with his arms loaded. The articles were acceptable and will help to keep several persons warm this winter. One of the articles was a man's overcoat and another was a woman's coat.

Many packages of warm clothing have been sent to The Bee.

Money or goods may be sent to the Associated Charities office, 519 Farnam building, Thirteenth and Farnam streets, or to The Bee office.

Soldiers in Miller Park Mother's Club Program

Soldiers from Fort Omaha will take part in the entertainment the Miller Park Mothers' club gives Friday evening at 8 o'clock in the school auditorium. The proceeds will pay for the Liberty bond of the club.

Patriotic songs will be sung by the audience and patriotic music played by the orchestra; Don Amsden will sing; Joseph Woolery and the C. Z. S. boys' trio will play the violin; Frances Harrison and little Ann Amsden, Mrs. E. John Brandeis' pupil, will give solo dances; Vy Harrington, a whistling solo, and Maxine Talbot and Judge C. W. Britt, readings.

Owners Turn Off Heat in Many New York Apartments

New York, Dec. 13.—On account of the present shortage of coal in New York, one of the largest real estate companies in the city, operating 140 apartment houses, today commenced to turn off the heat in all its houses between the hours of 11 o'clock in the morning and 3 in the afternoon.

THOMPSON, BELDEN & CO.

The Fashion Center for Women

There's Satisfaction in Knowing that Your Gifts Come From This Store

She Expects Handkerchiefs

To make the gift individually appropriate, make a careful selection of designs and have them boxed ready for giving.

From Such Assortments as We Offer There Is No Trouble in Choosing

Hand embroidered initials, all styles of letters, many in colors, 15c to 60c.

Embroidered styles in endless variety. Dainty French creations. Squares from Madeira, really wonderful for Christmas Gifts of character.

Plain linen handkerchiefs with all styles of borders are to be had from but a few cents up to several dollars.

Handkerchief Headquarters —is at— Thompson-Belden's

Originality in Holiday Neckwear

Newness of style that appeals to every woman. Something a bit different in a collar, of Georgette, Satin, Organdie or Pique, with cuff to match. Vestees of Organdie and Georgette. Lace and Satin Stocks with Jabots.

Satin and Linen Collars edged with real lace and filet.

New Ideas Galore If You Wander Through the Store

Exceptional Values in Silk Hosiery

Two qualities that are the best we have offered in a long while. Both are pure silk and very specially priced.

Phoenix pure silk hose in black, white and colors; lisle tops and soles, $1.25 a pair.

Gordon silk hose. A splendid quality for gift-purposes. A drop stitch pattern, in black or white, made with lisle tops and soles, $1.35 a pair.

Silk hosiery for Christmas can be best selected here.

Dresses for Holiday Occasions

Correct fashions that express great individuality

Afternoon Dresses
Street Dresses
Dancing Frocks
Dinner Gowns

No Extra Charge for Alterations.
Private Display Rooms.

Second Floor

For Winter

Bath Robe Blankets. Floral designs, bordered effects and Indian patterns; heavy extra good robes, full size (72x80), sufficiently large for any size robe; $3.75, $4.50.

Basement

Eiderdown single and double wool faced, excellent qualities in white and colors; yard wide, $1, $1.50, $1.75 a yard.

Basement

Pillow Cases. Embroidered and initialed, all on a fine grade of muslin. Nearly all letters on hand. While they last, 75c a pair.

Basement

Wool Nap Blankets, beautiful plaids with thread whipped edges; double bed size, in extra winter weight, $5 a pair.

Basement

To Make Gift Packages Look Like Christmas

Decorate them with appropriate cards, seals, tags, labels and other adornments. Cover them with tissue paper and tie them with gold and silver tinsel cord. You'll find everything necessary at the Notion Section.

Toilet Requisites

Peroxide Toilet Soap reduced to 8½c a cake.
Sachet Powder, in fancy Christmas packages, 12½c.
Hand Lotion, 19c a bottle.

Women's Vests

Lisle vests with hand crochet tops, packed in a Christmas box for gift-purposes. They are very dainty and sensible, 75c to $1.50. Silk vests, beautifully embroidered by hand. Very attractively priced, $2.95.

Handkerchiefs

Men's hand hemstitched handkerchiefs with cross-barred and tape borders, or plain, as you prefer. These are out of the ordinary values, at $1.00, $1.25 and $1.50 each.

Plain linen handkerchiefs, from 19c up.

Hand embroidered initials, 35c to $1.00.

Boys' initialed handkerchiefs, at 25c.

Boys' colored borders, 15c, 2 for 25c.

Khaki handkerchiefs, in silk or cotton, 15c to 75c.

Stylish Hosiery

Silk hose make an ideal gift for men. Our qualities are the best; plain colors or fancies, at 60c to $3.00 the pair.

Lisle, cotton or wool hose, full fashioned or seamless, familiar makes, Interwoven, Wayne Knit, McCallum and Onyx.

Christmas Reefers

A reefer this year. He needs one to keep out the wind and incidentally it will keep his collar from being soiled. Our stock is unusually large, including knit or silk ones made with fringed ends. Cheney reversible tubular mufflers, pure silk, accordion styles, all colors. Ranging in price from $1.50 to $7.50.

The Best of Shirts

Men's shirts, new silk ones, broadcloths, heavy crepe de chines, tub silks, silk mixtures, $5 to $10.

Madras shirts, soft or stiff cuffs, $1.25 to $5.

Several shirts won't be amiss. If sizes are not right we will gladly exchange them.

The Men's Shop—To the Left As You Enter

We are thirty years old and still growing.

ASSETS, $12,400,000.00.

Robinson, Kansas, January 20, 1917.

Bankers Life Insurance Co.,

Lincoln, Nebraska.

GENTLEMEN:—I wish to thank you for your generous settlement which was made to me by your general agent, Carl Lutz of Fairbury, Nebraska, on my policy No. 4373, taken in your good Company twenty years ago and which I have carried for twenty years and had good protection, and now you are paying me more money than I have paid to you. I know that it has been a good saving proposition.

Again thanking you and wishing the Bankers Life Insurance Company continued success, I am, Very truly yours,

HENRY W. FOUST.

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Residence.....Robinson, Kansas
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Total premiums paid company, $1,038.00

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And 20 Years' Insurance for Nothing.

It's a band wagon proposition. We will write in Nebraska this year more than six and a half million dollars of new business. Many good life insurance men have joined our forces. Don't you want to before the first of the year? Write Home Office, Lincoln, Neb., Dept. H.

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