

Brief City News

Have Root Print It—New Beacon Press. For Xmas—Everything electrical Burgess-Graden Co.

Goes to Texas—Miss Roseley, principal of Eastern school, will start tonight for a visit in Texas during the holiday season.

Fire in Mission—A fire which broke out in the City mission, Twelfth and Pacific streets, was extinguished before the department arrived.

Miss Ryan Back at Desk—Miss Bell Ryan, assistant superintendent of schools, returned to her desk this morning after an extended vacation.

Mother of Mrs. Gurley Dead—Mr. and Mrs. W. F. Gurley have gone to Washington, D. C., where Mrs. Gurley's mother, Mrs. Buckley died. She was 87 years old.

Gas Company Entertains—The Omaha Gas Company will be the host at a Christmas entertainment at Metropolitan hall at 3 o'clock the afternoon of December 24.

Highwaymen Get \$20—R. S. M. S. Couloos, 604 South Thirteenth street, was held up and robbed of \$20 at Eleventh street and Capitol avenue early Friday morning, according to a report made to police.

State Bank of Omaha, corner Sixteenth and Harney streets, pays 4 per cent on time deposits. Three per cent on savings accounts. All deposits in this bank are protected by the depositors' guarantee fund of the state of Nebraska.

Officer Visits Uncle—Sergeant Major Horace C. Hoyt is visiting his uncle, R. C. Hoyt, Sergeant Hoyt is on his way back to Vancouver barracks, Portland, Ore., from Jacksonville, Fla., to which place he took a carload of soldiers. He will be here until Monday.

Fine Fireplace Goods at Sunderland's.

FRANCE FACES BIG SHORTAGE OF WHEAT

Minister of Provisions Estimates Sixteen Million Hundred Weight Needed to Supply Demand.

Paris, Tuesday, Dec. 21.—The food needs and resources of France for the coming nine months were dealt with before the senate today in a statement by Victor Boret, the minister of provisions, in which he pointed out that there was a deficit of 16,000,000 hundredweight in wheat.

"The United States and England will only give us tonnage to supply this deficit if we ration strictly," said the minister. "For the civilian population I have a stock of only 607,000 hundredweight, or three days' consumption. Our rations are no better, and the rations of animals must be reduced. Saccharine will replace in part the sugar ration, next month, and there will be no more sugar for the candy makers or the cake makers."

"France's new bread ration still remains larger than that of many enemy, neutral and allied countries. The situation in Italy is so critical that I had on one occasion to supply wheat to the Italian government and was glad to do it. I am considering new regulations for potatoes regarding which I shall say nothing as yet lest speculators might profit."

MEN OF DRAFT AGE MAY ENLIST IN AIR SERVICE

Washington, Dec. 20.—Men of draft age qualified for present needs of the aviation section of the signal corps can seek immediate service despite the recent ruling discontinuing voluntary enlistment of draft men.

It was announced today that fliers and balloonists may enlist as heretofore upon passing the examination at the nearest aviation examining board, which will conduct whatever negotiations are necessary with the exemption boards of the districts from which the volunteers are accepted.

No aerial observers are now being accepted, the statement said, nor are non-flying officers, except a limited number of graduates of recognized engineering colleges or others who can qualify as expert engineers.

Men seeking service in the aviation section enlisted personnel may volunteer only through their local boards.

Newlands at White House On Railroad Operation

Washington, Dec. 20.—Senator Newlands, chairman of the senate interstate commerce committee, conferred with President Wilson at the White House again today, but declined to discuss his visit further than to say that he had "full and comprehensive" discussion with the president of the Interstate Commerce Commission's recommendation governing operation of the railroads during the war.

Asked if his discussion with the president would affect plans for an investigation of the railroads under the Cummins' resolution, Senator Newlands said his committee would meet tomorrow to formulate plans for the inquiry.

Omaha Man Receives Diplomatic Appointment

(From a Staff Correspondent.) Washington, Dec. 21.—(Special Telegram.)—Morris E. Schlauer of Omaha has been appointed assistant secretary at the United States embassy at Stockholm, Sweden.

H. H. Fish, president and general manager of the Western Newspaper Union, who has been in Washington for several days in consultation with army officials, left for the west today.

E. W. Julian, formerly in charge of the Western Newspaper Union office at Lincoln, recently in charge of the office in New York, will go to Omaha in January as assistant general manager of the company.

Cuban Sugar Crop Will Be Available in January

Boston, Dec. 21.—The Cuban sugar crop, the mainstay of the American supply, will be available here and in New York during the first week in January, according to reports received at the office of Henry B. Endicott, the state food administrator, today. It was said that Cuban refiners have begun work in order to get their product on the market several weeks ahead of schedule.

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PERSHING TELLS SAMMIES WHAT TO DO IF TAKEN

Commander American Forces in France Issues Letter of Instructions to Troops; "Don't Talk to Women."

(By Associated Press.)

With the American Army in France, Dec. 20.—A card signed by General John J. Pershing, commander-in-chief of the American army in France, explains why the censorship is necessary and gives directions concerning letter writing stating why it is dangerous to talk too much, especially to women.

General Pershing also tells the men what to do if captured and informs them concerning what not to carry on their persons. The instructions regarding capture and the things the men should not carry are considered most important.

"If you are captured," says the text of the instructions, "don't remember any more than you can help. Try particularly to forget organizations and places in which they are stationed. Every bit of military information you give your captors is a danger to you and your comrades left behind to fight your battles."

Keep No Diary.

"Don't carry with you maps, documents, private papers of a military nature, or a diary or notebook containing military hints of value to the enemy, except when it is your official duty to do so. These would be a danger to your comrades in case you are captured."

"On the other hand, if any enemy property comes into your possession under any circumstances, turn it over to the company commander, who will deliver it to the intelligence officer. If the trophy is not valuable to the intelligence section it will be returned to you. Such trophies may be of vast importance to the general staff."

Some valuable hints under the heading, "Don't talk too much," are contained.

Officers and men and militarized civilians with the American expeditionary force are forbidden to discuss or mention in public places or to inform any one except in the official discharge of their duties, anything of a military nature or anything whatever concerning information directly or indirectly obtained through connection with the American expeditionary force.

"Never forget that we are at war and that the enemy is listening. Always look with suspicion upon strangers."

"Never tell anything of a confidential nature to a woman, as women are the most successful enemy spies."

Give No Information.

"Be suspicious of any one asking questions of a military nature or who appears unduly interested in military information, even though they may be or may appear to be American officers."

"Don't offer unsolicited information. You have no right to tell any one where any unit is or what military information is in your possession unless it is your official duty to do so."

information is in your possession unless it is your official duty to do so. "Any stranger—man, woman, or child—even a man in an American or allied uniform, may be a spy. Do not tell him anything you would not be willing for the enemy to hear. For similar reasons never enter into correspondence with strangers. This is one of the many schemes used by enemy agents to gather information."

"On the street and in public places remember that the walls have ears. Do not express an opinion on military matters."

"Be loyal to your government and your superiors. Trust them to conduct the war while you attend to your own particular part in it."

"Avoid in any way giving any impression of pessimism, either in conversation or attitude. Always be confident of the success of your armies and our cause."

Take No Photographs.

"All members of the expeditionary force are forbidden to take photographs unless it is part of their official duty."

Under the heading of "Censorship" the American expeditionary force is urged to remember that the enemy

has his agents always on the alert to gather information, "the details of which, apparently unimportant, may be combined with other details and become of great importance to the enemy."

"Do not forget," this chapter continues, "that news travels so quickly under modern conditions that bits of information written home may be in the enemy's hands soon after."

Special cautions are issued against mentioning towns or localities in connection with any military organization, troop movements and conditions, the effects of hostile fire and losses, or of allowing friends at home to publish letters in newspapers.

The men are also told that they should not put too much faith in the discretion of people they write to, as they may be extremely patriotic, but yet unable to recognize an enemy agent or what information is valuable to the enemy.

"Do not attempt," the instructions proceed, "to formulate or use any system of code, cipher, short hand or other means for concealing the true meaning of letters, as it is the surest road to courtmartial and severe punishment."

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San Francisco Resident Deported as Alien Enemy Tucson, Ariz., Dec. 21.—Adolfo Bley, former president of the Banco de Sonora, now a resident of San Francisco, was deported to Mexico yesterday by United States authorities at Nogales on the ground that he is an alien enemy. Bley had been in Hermosillo on business and crossed the international boundary at Nogales enroute to San Francisco. He is a Mexican citizen by adoption, but of German birth. He has transacted business in Sonora for 30 years.

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