

Nebraska WAR CONFERENCE FOR CAPITAL CITY

Speakers of National Prominence Coming to Nebraska to Speak of War Conditions and What Country Needs.

Lincoln, Neb., Dec. 22.—(Special.)—A two-day Nebraska war conference will be held here Friday and Saturday, January 18 and 19, under the auspices of the State Council of Defense, in co-operation with, and at the request of, the National Council of Defense and the speakers' division of the United States Committee on Public Information, which will send four or five speakers from Washington and from the battle front.

Arrangements for this conference—one of a series that week in five middle-west states—which the federal government wishes to make "an event of the first magnitude in its community and in the state," are under the immediate charge of the State Council of Defense Bureau of Speakers and Publicity, recently established at the request of the government, of which Prof. M. M. Fogg of the University of Nebraska is director. The Nebraska four-minute men will also hold a convention then.

Notables Are Coming.

Director George Porter of the section on co-operation with states, National Council of Defense, and Director Arthur E. Bestor of the speakers' division, committee on Public Information, have notified the bureau that they plan to send to the conference a member of the cabinet, an officer in the French army just returned from the front, one or two United States army officers, back from "somewhere in France," and two representatives of the National Council of Defense. These speakers, which will be distributed through the two-day program, will come to Lincoln from similar war conferences that week in Illinois, Kentucky and Kansas.

The first convention of the Nebraska Four-Minute Men, who now number about 1,050 in over 150 cities and towns, has been called by the state chairman, Prof. Fogg, to be held in connection with the war conference on either January 18 or 19.

Attendance at this war conference is planned to have as far as possible a delegate from each school district in the state. Addresses will be made by Nebraskans at sectional meetings on various phases of war work.

Thorough co-ordinated organization of a state-wide educational pa-

triotic campaign of speaking and general publicity is the work which the government requests the Bureau of Speakers and Publicity to do. This work is sketched in a bulletin sent yesterday by Prof. Fogg to the 90 chairmen of the County Councils of Defense.

"The purpose of the bureau as outlined by the government," says Director Fogg's bulletin, "is in brief: 1. To co-ordinate (not to combine or assume responsibility for or supervision over), where they relate to common aims and activities, the efforts of the various bureaus and other organizations conducting speaking campaigns—to seek to secure greater co-operation among these numerous organizations; to offer a clearing house for speaking campaigns—to avoid duplication of effort and overlapping of territory. 2. To supply speakers with usable information from government departments, to concentrate the attention of speakers during special periods upon different national needs, and to foster in all speakers a sense of the unity of the national purpose. 3. To co-operate with the press in giving publicity to matters relating to the war."

To Canvass State.

In effecting the co-ordination of the speaking forces of the state, the bureau, following the recommendation of the federal government, is forming a committee on which is to be represented various interests, including among others, department of state government, state war-administration officials, the Four-Minute Men, and patriotic societies, which carry on effective speaking campaigns or have organized audiences.

"This bureau will canvass the state to collect information concerning all important organized audiences to determine where speaking is most needed and what type of speakers are needed and to collect a group of effective speakers and analyze their capabilities.

"Mass meetings will be arranged before and at the state war conference, for strategic points in the state to be addressed by the most eminent speakers available, and local campaigns will be arranged at these strategic centers to cover the surrounding country."

Thrift Stamps Have Good Sale in Superior Company

Superior, Neb., Dec. 22.—(Special.)—A Red Cross and thrift stamp campaign at the Nebraska Cement company plant was 100 per cent effective. Every employe contributed.

Sam Beck gave a four-minute speech at the Sterling theater last night on the thrift campaign.

Watts & Ameran have moved their asphalt plant here from Hastings.

Looking for work? Turn to the Help Wanted Columns now. You will find hundreds of positions listed there.

COAL DEALERS MUST UNLOAD CARS AT ONCE

Railroads and Council of Defense Receive Orders to Watch Situation in State Closely.

(From a Staff Correspondent.)

Lincoln, Dec. 22.—(Special Telegram.)—All railroads in Nebraska have been notified to order dealers in coal immediately to unload cars as soon as received if possible. This afternoon the State Council of Defense received notice from the national coal administrator to watch unloads in Nebraska. The order applies especially during the holiday season as cars must be had during the next two weeks to enable the producing companies to obtain cars to move the products of their mines.

De Witt Home Guards Take Flag From Niemeier Store

Beatrice, Neb., Dec. 22.—(Special.)—The De Witt Home Guards marched in a body to the store of Carl Niemeier at that place last night and hauled down an American flag in front of his place of business, because, it is alleged, he had been unpatriotic in contributing funds to help win the war. During the removal of the flag he had nothing to say. After the guards marched back to the armory he placed a flag inside of his store window, and says that he proposes to keep it there.

Edgar Foreman and Miss Helen Atwater, both of this city, were married at Lincoln yesterday, and after a brief wedding trip they will make their home on a farm northeast of the city.

The Gage county chapter of the Red Cross society yesterday finished its holiday rush and closed headquarters until after Christmas. The society has shipped 585 packets to Omaha for the soldier boys in America and France, and has also made and sent 1,040 oakum pads to division headquarters at Chicago. The Red Cross drive for members continues, \$2,500 having signed membership cards in Beatrice up to last evening.

Mrs. Sarah Turner, an old resident of the Liberty vicinity, died at the home of her daughter, Mrs. C. Hall. The body was taken to Humboldt, the old home, for interment.

R. R. Cravens, who has been postmaster and agent for the Missouri Pacific at Armour for the last 16 years, has resigned and gone to Omaha to work for the Union Pacific.

The local lodge of Elks held a meeting last night and voted on five members. It was decided not to have any New Year's ball this year on account of the war. A smoker

was held at the close of the business session.

Guy Burkhalter, Wymore farmer, who was arrested at that place for stealing nine sacks of flour from a Burlington car, waived preliminary hearing before United States Commissioner Whitmore at Lincoln yesterday on the charge of entering an interstate car and stealing the flour. He was bound over to the federal grand jury under \$1,000 bond, which he furnished. He returned to his home at Wymore.

Daykin Strong for Red Cross War Work Fund

Fairbury, Neb., Dec. 22.—(Special.)—The little town of Daykin, located in a strong German settlement in the northwest part of this county, claims to have one of the liveliest Red Cross chapters in Nebraska. One night this week the women gave a game banquet and cleared \$115 for the Red Cross and enrolled 100 new members.

Prior to the banquet the men of the vicinity of Daykin participated in a rabbit hunt and got 248. These furnished the game for the banquet: Mesdames L. Jarclow, William Jacobs, A. F. Nelson, D. D. Wedell, T. J. Moody, H. Harmon, Charles Sanders and Hall Struck.

The Elks' lodge of Fairbury is arranging for a Red Cross benefit to be given at its hall December 27. The festivities will begin with a box supper.

Suit Over Land Deal

Fremont, Neb., Dec. 22.—(Special Telegram.)—Harry Geissler has brought suit in district court against Patrick E. McKillip, August J. Miller and the Burlington Investment company for \$11,840, alleging that he was defrauded out of that amount in a deal whereby he transferred 6,000 shares of stock in the Rosin Coal company for 11,300 acres of land in Carson county, Colorado. Geissler claims the value of the land was misrepresented.

Use Home-Grown Trees.

Fremont, Neb., Dec. 22.—(Special Telegram.)—Fremont has been hit by a Christmas tree "famine." Owing to a shortage of labor in the north woods, shipments of the evergreens have not been made this year as formerly. Fremonters have turned to the cedar groves on the island in the Platte river, where hundreds of the bushes have been cut to decorate Fremont homes.

Hammond Delivers Speech.

Fremont, Neb., Dec. 22.—(Special Telegram.)—Ross L. Hammond was the speaker at a flag-raising at Uehling Saturday afternoon, when a large crowd turned out. Mr. Hammond related his experiences on the recent trip he took to the European battle front.

You can secure a maid, stenographer or bookkeeper by using a Bee Want Ad.

Several Changes in Army Officers Are Announced

Washington, Dec. 22.—(Special Telegram.)—Captain Oliver F. Snyder, United States army, retired, is relieved from duty in the office of chief of ordnance in this city and will proceed to Camp Dodge, Des Moines, for duty. Captain Francis Lapiana, medical reserve corps, is relieved from duty at Camp Dodge and will proceed to Fort Oglethorpe, Ga. Major Ronald E. Fisher, Three Hundred and Fifty-second infantry, national army, is relieved from duty at Camp Dodge and will proceed to Camp Jackson, Columbia, S. C.

Postmaster appointed: Nebraska—Deweese, Clay county, Harvey D. Jackson, vice M. B. Phillips, resigned.

Wyoming—Boulder, Fremont county, Mack T. Hardee, vice George L. Baldwin, resigned, Buford, Albany county, Walter Shannon, vice J. M. Griffith, resigned; Cassa, Platte county, Eva L. Freeman, vice Ethel A. Roberts, resigned.

Rural letter carriers appointed: Lorimer, Ia., Justus B. Fudge; Benkelman, Neb., Harry P. Hamilton, Plainview, Neb., Charles O. Pond; Wayne, Neb., Albert P. C. Bastian.

Tecumseh Business Man Is Seriously Burned

Tecumseh, Neb., Dec. 22.—(Special Telegram.)—Clarence E. Smith, Tecumseh business man, was severely burned this morning when he poured kerosene on a furnace fire. He had his night clothes only on and the explosion blew the fire all over him. He was burned on the chest, stomach and legs.

Western Union Installs Innovation for Christmas

The recent innovation in the money transfer system of the Western Union Telegraph company makes out of town shopping easy. The money is not only delivered to the payee at address given by a special money

transfer messenger, which nullifies the necessity of payee calling at telegraph office to get money, but it is permitted to the sender of the money to include in his money transfer message words of greetings or instructions. This latter feature is attractive at this time as Christmas greetings on Christmas telegraph blanks will be delivered to payees on Christmas day.

Ida Grove Man Convicted Of Statutory Crime

Ida Grove, Ia., Dec. 22.—(Special Telegram.)—Ernest Rathbun, this morning was convicted of a statutory crime, after a jury had been out seven hours. Trial of the case lasted four days and was in charge of Assistant Attorney General James Kindig of Des Moines. Prosecuting witnesses were Elsie Hargens and Ida Knudson, who testified Rathbun and Ray O'Meara enticed them into an auto and took them to a lonely spot in the woods and attacked them. O'Meara will be tried in February.

Domestic Overcome by Smoke From Wash Boiler

Mrs. Augusta Stephens, 2707 Corby street, was overcome by smoke from a burning wash boiler at the home of W. F. Bavinger, 2314 South Thirty-second, where she was employed as domestic. She was taken to her home. The police surgeon revived her with the aid of a pulmonator. Her condition is serious.

School Children's Garment Cleaning

Holiday Week, Dec. 24 to 31, Inclusive, Set in National Movement as Time for Removing Germs and Dirt.

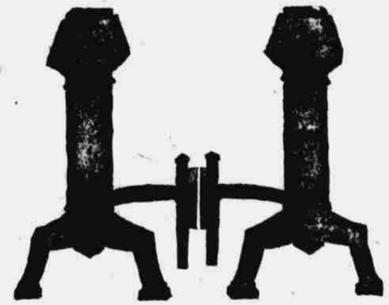
In the belief that the prevalence of contagious diseases can be greatly reduced by the dry cleaning of children's outer garments, the National Association of Cleaners and Dyers has designated holiday week as National School Children's Garment Cleaning Week.

Statistics show that contagious diseases among school children are much more prevalent during the second half of the school year than at any other time.

It is well known that the process of Dry Cleaning not only removes all dirt, grease and soil, but effectually destroys all disease germs and bacteria.

The day will come when the authorities will require that every child's garments be regularly fumigated or dry cleaned. Many Omaha people now send their children's garments to the cleaner as regularly as their own, and thousands more will do so when they learn the sanitary benefit of Dry Cleaning and find out from experience that the cost of cleaning is more than returned in added wear. It is an actual fact that careful cleaning and pressing adds much to the life of any garment.

Every father and mother in Omaha should see to it that their children's garments are properly cleaned during vacation. Those desiring the highest class of work should call The Pantorium, Doug. 963, and they will send for it, or work can be left at their main office, 1515 Jones street, or at the branch at 2016 Farnam street, or 4708 So. 24th street, South Side.—Advertisement.



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- One lot of Snuggle Scarfs, in excellent colors, at 25% reduction.

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- 33 1/3% Off Regular Prices on**
- All Toilet and Manicure Sets in Leather Cases.
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 - All Ivory Sets in Cases.

- White Doll Furniture, Doll Beds, Doll Houses, Fine Stuffed Animals, Doll Trunks, Tool Chests, at 25% to 50% reduction.
- One Group of Women's Fancy Christmas Slippers, at 25% reduction.
- One Group of Men's Fine Holiday Slippers, at 25% reduction.
- Two Groups of very excellent Handkerchiefs, at 25% reduction.
- Fancy Art Embroidery Novelties, 25%, 33 1/3% to 50% reduction.

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