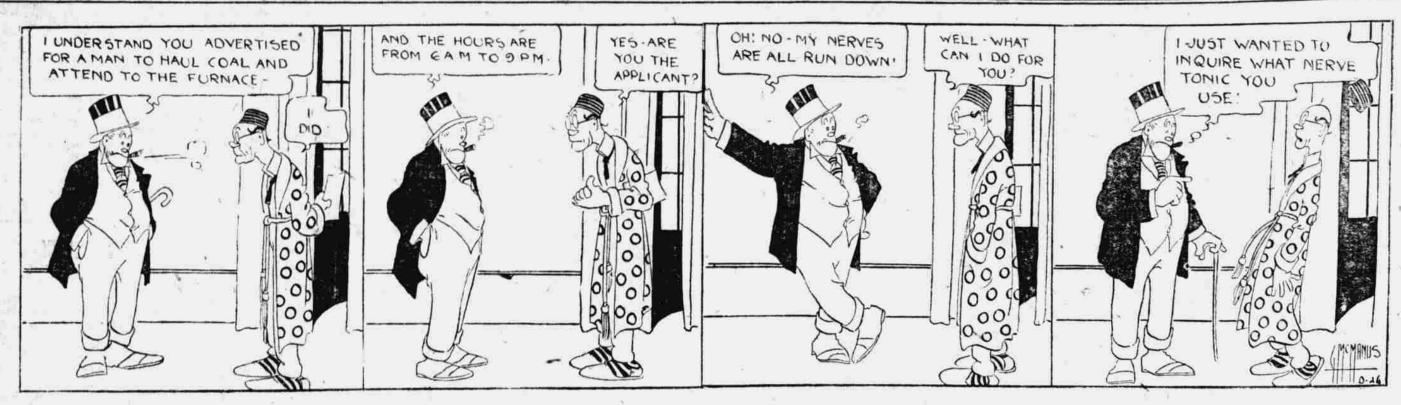
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FULTON ONLY MAN TO MEET WILLARD

Minnesota Giant's Record Proves He Is Only Logical Contender to Heavyweight Throne.

Fred Fulton has shown himself to be the best heavyweight in the country, barring the champion, and if Willard has any intention of again de-fending his title, the Minnesotan is the logical opponent.

While the heavyweights that Fulton has removed from his path are a mediocre lot, still the plasterer has done all that has been asked of him. He has decisively beaten a large majority of his opponents. His knock-out of Gunboat Smith in seven rounds was the most impressive performance by Fulton, for the gunner was not only able to hold his own against his rivals, but is the only heavyweight with a referee's decision over Willard in a 20-round bout. As indicating Fulton's class, it is interesting to note that Langford stopped Smith in three rounds and Fulton sent the "Tar Baby" to sleep in the third session.

Langford by no means is the fighter he was a dozen years and, but he still is an awkward customer, and the boxer who stops him in three rounds is doing something out of the ordin-

It is said that Miske will be the next opponent of Fulton and if such is the case, the St. Paul light heavyweight is most probably due for a severe trouncing.

Therefore, it appears that the field is clear for a little bout between Fulton and Willard, and unless the champion blocks a match by exorbitant demands as to purse, there is no reason why they should not meet before rulton Has Weight.

Fulton is the only man who carries sufficient weight to warrant a meeting with the champion. Fulton scales about 220 pounds in ring form, and while Willard will doubtless weigh 35 pounds more, yet the Minnesotan is as tall as the titleholder and has

Both are clean boxers and the result of a 20-round bout would depend largely on skill. Willard might win ONG TOWN QUINTET within the limit of a right uppercut, which is the deadliest blow, but if he failed to land, Fulton would be apt to outpoint him or even stop him Willard won the title from Jack Johnson, April 5, 1915, nearly three years ago, and only once has he en-

tered the ring against a challenger

That was when he faced Frank Mo-

RED CROSSER'S CANDLES CHASE GLOOM OF WAR

While the war-time pall, caused by dimming the electric signs, hung over the first half was 14 to 15 and was a Omaha and enshrouded the city in the until the last three minutes, when Omaha and enshrouded the City of Semi-darkness on the nation's first war-time Christmas eve, thousands of Christmas candles shed their twinkling lights through the bright red crosses which bedecked the windows of Christmas candles shed their twinkling lights through the bright red crosses which bedecked the windows of Christmas candles shed their twinkling lights through the bright red crosses which bedecked the windows of Christmas candles shed their twinkling lights through the bright red crosses which bedecked the windows of Christmas candles shed their twinkling lights through the bright red crosses which bedecked the windows of Christmas candles shed their twinkling lights through the bright red crosses which bedecked the windows of Christmas candles shed their twinkling lights through the bright red crosses which bedecked the windows of Christmas candles shed their twinkling lights through the bright red crosses which bedecked the windows of Christmas candles shed their twinkling lights through the bright red crosses which bedecked the windows of Christmas candles shed their twinkling lights through the bright red crosses which bedecked the windows of Christmas candles shed their twinkling lights through the bright red crosses which bedecked the windows of the crosses which is the control of the crosses which is the crosses of the crosses which is the crosses of the crosse

Every red cross signified that the householder dwelling within had done his bit in the great mercy work for the nation's heroes.

The lighted candles seemed to send

out a message of joy to a darkened world, as they shed their tiny beams through the frosty air even as the Star of Bethlehem pierced the ignor-ance and squalid misery that enveloped the world 2,000 years ago.

Former Nebraskan Gets Captaincy in U. S. Navy

Washington, Dec. 25.—One hundred and eighty-six officers of the navy are promoted to the next high-est grade by President Wilson's ap-proval today of the report of the se-ection board headed by Admiral Mayo, charged with the task of choosing meritorious officers for advancement to keep pace with the expanding navy.

Twelve captains become rear admirals, 51 commanders become captains, and 123 lieutenant commanders

Luther M. Overstreet, former Nebraska man, was awarded the commission of captain.

Overstreet is a graduate of the University of Nebraska and formerly lived at Arborville, Neb. In his university days he was famous as a foot ball player.

Canadians Much Decorated. Ottawa, Dec. 25 .- 'London dispatches to the Reuter Agency here today said 7,000 decorations have been conferred during the war on members of the Canadian expeditionary force for valor in the field and for outstanding war service. Seven officers and 12 men have gained the coveted Victoria Cross.

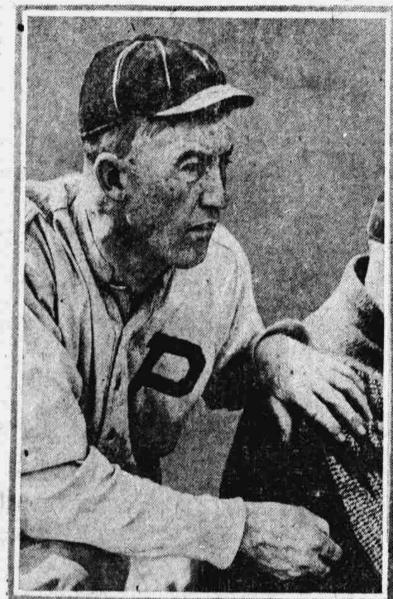
Army Orders.

Washington, Dec. 25.—(Special Telegram.)

—First Lieutenant Alfred Grimm, aviation section, signal reserve corps, is assigned to duty and will proceed to Fort Omaha.

First Lieutenant Lewis S. Jackson, infantry officers' reserve corps, is relieved from duty at Camp Booker, and will proceed. Caron Grant, Bockford, 10,

Alexander Wants \$10,000 Share of Purchase Price ROUND MUNY TREE



GROVER AVEXANDER.

Grover Alexander, the star pitcher purchased by the Chicago Nationals Alexander, "but I think the public rom Philadelphia, stated that he Fulton is a better boxer than Willard and hifs well with either hand, his left hook being especially effective. They sold me for \$50,000. Hard work brought about the boom in my stock, and the man who did the work ought to get some of it." thought \$10,000 would be his fair share me. They sold me for \$50,000. Hard should pay it.

"I'm not making any threats," said should know the situation. years ago Philadelphia paid \$750 for ought to get some of it,"

TRIMS CLAY CENTER

Rough Game Goes to Former Flippers by Score of Thirty-Eight to Twenty-Seven; Close Until Last.

Ong, Neb., Dec. 25.—(Special.)— The Ong town team defeated the Clay Center Athletic association basket ball team on the Clay Center floor by a score of 38 to 27. The game was one of the fastest that has been

Killion R.G.R.G. Sluyter Fleid goals: Wilson (6), Killion (5), Ed Rosenquist (4), Mosely (4), McDonald (4), Cassel (3), Haylet (3), Carl Rosenquist, Ray, Free throws: Mosely (3), Ed Rosen-ouist, Haylet

Omaha Boys at Camp Dodge Receive No Christmas Kits

Twenty-eight Omaha boys Truck company 346 at Camp Dodge, have received no sweaters or Christ-mas packages. Miss Mary Riley in week. the Paxton hotel Red Cross Booth, who has a brother in this company, told the story to Mrs, W. A. C. John-

Mrs. Johnson will enlist the Omaha Red Cross chapter's aid in obtaining the needed sweaters, Miss Riley will help her in getting the names of the boys who were overlooked.

Cardinal Gibbons Says Xmas Lesson is One of Obedience

(By Associated Press.) Baltimore, Dec. 25 .- Cardinal Gibbons ir a Christmas message to all soldiers and sailors in the service of the United States, issued yesterday says.

The message of Christmas is that of obedience. The child, whom all Christendom loves and adores, came into the world of His own making to fulfill the will of His Heavenly Father God Almighty, though He was, He could say: In the head of the book it is written that I should do Thy will. Behold, I come.'

"Before the infant babe opened his mouth He taught in His human form the wonderful lesson of

"While sending to all of you my very best wishes for a Merry Christmas and a Happy New Year, I entreat you to learn this lesson of the divine infant and be obedient to the will of your su-

TOTAL IN XMAS **RED CROSS DRIVE** NOW 13,000,000

Nation Leaps Far Ahead of Goal in Great Membership Campaign; Full Returns Not Available.

membership drive well past the goal spired by the merry Yuletide season. witnessed for several years. It was of 10,000,000, with incomplete revery rough. The score at the end of ports indicating that about 13,000,000 the first half was 14 to 15 and was a new members have been enrolled week.

The Atlantic division with a quota fering. of 2,010,000, reported 2,390,000 Christmas campaign members with many chapters not reporting and continuing

their work this week. The New England division, which would balance any deficiencies.

The Pennsylvania division with a quota of 1,192,000, reported 1,400,000 gram. already enrolled and that all the chap-

The lake division on a quota of

1,063,000 finished its campaign with over 2,500,000 enrolled. The central division reported 1,646,-000 enrollments. This division also will continue at work of its own accord and the managers expect to pass

division has a quota of 1,189,000. quota of 361,000, reported 475,000 the idea of saving as well as helping members. In this division the weather the government win the war. With was so extremely bad last week that stamp in the book to start with, Mr enrollment will be continued this Brandeis believes, each child wil

The gulf division is working to a 500,000 quota, which is much larger than was allotted from Washington headquarters and is well on its way to that figure.

The southwestern division has a quota of 1,162,000. Today's report was that approximately 2,250,000 members You had to star would be enrolled before the day was Returns from the northern division and southern division were scant, the

best conservative estimate possible being 250,000 for the northern and 240, 000 for the southern division. The count had not been completed even in the larger cities of the Potomac division, but apparently the total will be close to 356,000. The campaign in this division also will be

continued throughout the week. Fliers Get Commissions.

Fort Worth, Tex., Dec. 25 .- Commission as first lieutenant in the aviation section in the United States army it was announced tonight.

AS SANTA COMES

Fifteen Hundred Youngsters Gloat Over Huge Pile of Sweets Until They Are All Distributed.

Santa Claus, in his gayest holiday attire and with his entire crew of elves, fairies, magicians and pipers

Santy Lever even showed up, or if he did, his cold heart thawed completely in the warm, genial presence object of wide-eyed awe and wonder ences while on a convoy ship off the of the jolly saint. opening number when everybody sang "The Star Spangled Banner,"

until the great pyramid of white pa-Piled High on the Platform.

that seemed a material embodiment of the phantasmal Christmas spirit.

niment, and made a real hit. Georgia Best Pemberton, 5 years of Solicitor Fleharty. age, sang "Daddy," and showed that Mr. Fleharty had as much fun tak she can step quite lively.

the Woods," and was well received. Seven dancing.

Those Who Danced.

Other children who appeared in the ensemble dance numbers were: Florence Gannon, Gwendolyn Lepinski. Mildred Jack, Roberta Druesedow, Vlanche Kneeland, Evelyn Fink, Poretta Baroff, Ruth Bernstein, Adele Foster, Bettie Dawson, Ruth Betts, Virginia Brillhart, Nellie Grant, Ed-Cirschner, Katherine Campbell, Ruth ligdon, Helen Myers, Norma Mack and Mary Myers.

Santa's chief magician was there in he person of Fred Laplane who entertained the youngsters with a seight-of-hand act calculated to mystify the most shrewd.

The Christmas pipers, too, were not missing and the Omaha Musicians' association band, directed by George Washington, Dec. 25.—Christmas Green, blew and puffed into their eve found the American Red Cross brass pipes with all the energy in-Mayor Dahlman Talks.

Fred Phelps offered a cornet solo H. Diedrickson sang a baritone solo throughout the country during the last a soprano solo. Patrick O'Neil in a enor solo was another musical of

Mayor Dahlman gave a brief address in which he wished the children a Merry Christmas and hoped that on the oceasion of the next municipal Christmas tree gathering the war will has a quota of 984,000, reported that have been over. The event was held all sections out of Boston and per- under the auspices of the city ofhaps western Massa-huselts would ex- ficials. Claude F. Bossie had charge ceed their quota and that the excess of the financial end of the project and Manager Charles Franke of the Auditorium arranged the excellent pro-

An extra and much appreciated event of the program was the presentation by J. L. Brandeis & Sons of a thrift stamp book with one stamp as starter to every child as he or she passed by to get a sack of good

Thrift Stamps Also.

Thomas Quinlan and W. H. Thomas of the Brandeis Stores had charge of the present enrollment materially. this feature, George Brandeis thoug't it would be patriotic and educational The northwestern division with a to start these young Americans in have an incentive to fill the book and get a war savings certificate and then obtain more certificates. The boys and girls were clated over this unexpected Christmas remembrance. Great was the suspense attendant

on the distribution of the bursting You had to stand in line and watch

the feller ahead reach the coveted spot on the stage and march off with his prize, while your own toes were trampled on by the push of the eager

Finally after much waiting and crowding and moving up inch by inch. and worrying for fear the supply might not hold out, you obtained your bag and strutted off, proud of the personal nod Santa gave you and alread gloating over the epicurean deligh ahead wher, you would munch nuts and sticky confections and drop slippery banana peels along the municial sidewalks.

Al sidewalks.

The party was a great success in the eves of the childish critics. Even the skeptical grown-up could not restrain a sympathetical tug at the heart-strings as the happy youngsters chaplain, spoke forecfully on "Sacribice."

During Chaplain Jones' prayer, a motion picture of the entire brigade was taken to be sent back for exhibition in Iowa and Newill be given 56 cadet aviators at the skeptical grown-up could not re-

dispersed and went home to sleep the sound sleep of childhood and dream of these good things the morrow would bring forth.

TOYS FOR BOYS, DOLLS TO GIRLS, "EATS" FOR ALL

Volunteers of America Distribute Great Quantities of Christmas Goodies and Fill Need of Many in Wait.

"Thank you," and "Merry Christmas," and exclamations of delight thinking that the object was a subdescended upon Omaha Monday night and gratitude in every foreign tongue and held the center of the stage in in Omaha accompanied the distribution of Christmas baskets to the poor the biggest, best and most rousing tion of Christmas baskets to the poor families and toys to the children by on a visit here with relatives. muny Christmas eve celebration this the Volunteers of America at their headquarters, 114 North Sixteenth The Bee staff, is now assistant editor of "World's Work."

A big Christmas tree glittering with tinsel and loaded with toys was the on the part of the hundreds of urchins The event was a success, from the that crowded the room until the gifts were distributed.

After an address by Mayor Dahl-man wishing them all a Merry Christper sacks disappeared like snow be- mas, 450 baskets of provisions were distributed. Each basket contained, besides staple articles, a chicken-a Santa's little elves and singers real family-size chicken-which will a sub. I got the range and gave it breezed right into the children's undoubtedly be the center piece of as 3,000 yards. It was a pretty shot hearts with dainty songs and dances many a wonderful Christmas dinner.

Major and Mrs. F. A. McCormick of the Volunteers presided at the would have been blown into whale The pupils of Chamber's School of festivities. They were assisted by a Dancing were the little actors in a big corps of friends and workers in related. riot of fun and graceful levity which the distribution of the big pyramid fascinated children and grown-ups of baskets. John A. Monroe, vice to the surface a few seconds after the alike.

president of the Union Pacific, was shot struck and exploded. Martha Doty, 4 years of age, sang there working with the best of them, "Pretty Baby," with dance accom- as were Mr. and Mrs. W. E. Reed, paniment, and made a real hit.

Dr. and Mrs. Charles Nee and City and Mrs. Charles Nye and City

ing down the presents for distribu-Winnifred Harrison sang "Babes in tion as the kiddies did in getting them. For more than an hour Tom Bonnie and Charlene Barnes steady stream of happy poor folk offered a clever duet and Agnes Brit. filed out of the headquarters door ton was seen in classic and novelty with smiles on their faces homeward bound for a rea! Christmas day. Little girls hugged their dolls and admired them with an open affection and little boys to ted bravely on red, white and blue horns going down the stree, while mother followed with the heaping basket.

Occasionally a couple of little children presented cheir ticket with the explanation, "Mama's sick. She said ward Grant, Leola Jensen, Stella to get a basket," and when it was given, trudged away with the basket heaped with toys between them.

Krupp Explosion Took No Toll of Human Life

Amsterdam, Dec. 25.—A frontier correspondent of the Handelsbag says that the explosion which occurred recently at the Krupp works had its origin in a building where 1,000 persons were employed. The engine room and turning shop suffered most, and only the wooden portion of the building was destroyed. According to this correspondent there was no loss

A dispatch of December 21 from Maestricht, Holland, gave workmen from Essen as authority for the statement that the Krupp plant had been ablaze for 24 hours.

Auto and Christmas Gifts

Stolen By Bold Robber "meanest thief in the world" invaded Omaha last night. He stole an automoble belonging to Mrs. Frank Selby, 1300 North Twentyfourth street, from in front of her residence. But that was not all the thief took.

In the automobile was a ladies' plush coat valued at \$85, a new victrola, a box of cigars and a large cut-glass bowl, the result of a Christ mas shopping trip.

Omaha Chaplain Addresses State's Troops at Deming

Camp Cody, N. M., Dec. 25 .-(Special Telegram.)—The Sixty-ninth brigade, Brigadier General Hubert A. Allen, commanding, composed of the 133d Infantry (First lowa) and 134th infantry (Fifth Nebraska), was addressed at its Christmas religious services by two bridegrooms, First Lieutenant George E. Jones of the former regiment, and First Lieutenant Jean Cobby, of the latter, both of whom had been married during the week past, and both of whom are chap-

Services were held in the open air near brigade headquarters. The band of each regiment played. Wives of officers were present.

A choir of four soldier voices from the machine gun company of the 133d, sang, "The Lord Will provide," and "Only Ask Him." The scene was impressive with nearly 6,0° young soldiers soon to

battle across the water, attentively listening to Chaplain Jones' reading of a few rerses from Mathew, portraying the birth of the Christ and then offering a prayer.

Lieutenant Cobby, the lawyer-chaplain, spoke foreefully on "Sacri-

FROM FRANCE **RELATES STORY**

Hawthorne Daniel, Former Member of Bee Staff, Tells of Life Aboard Sub Chaser.

"On one occasion we fired a shot at a whale at a range of 3,000 yards, marine," said Hawthorne Daniel, recently returned from France and now

His reference to the whale was in connection with some of his experi-

French coast. Submarine chasing, according this Omahan's ideas, is one of the most uncertain of outdoor sports, because sometimes he thought he was chasing a submarine and it was only

a whale or wreckage. "We sighted what we thought was I got the range and gave it and if the big fish had not submerged before the shot struck the water, i chowder or something like that," he

The whale was stunned and came "When we got over last June we

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OMAHA'S FUN CENTER Our Christmas Tree Has for You DAVE "SNUFFY" MARION AND SHOW saw all sorts of flotsam and jetsam floating in the Bay of Biscay. There were thousands of barrels and life boats and wreckage, mute evidence of the work of the submarines," Mr. Daniel said, This Omaha, navigator stated that

the impact of a submarine torpedo is felt as far as a mile away. He was on a ship as close as 600 yards when a British freighter was struck by a torpedo. The craft sank in two minutes, losing 13 of its crew of 26.

He assisted in saving a crew of 56

men from a British boat which had rescued the men from another boat which had been sunk. The men were in a sorry plight.



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