

Nebraska RED CROSS DRIVE GREAT SUCCESS THROUGH STATE

Burt County Enrolls 66 Per Cent of Its Inhabitants; Some Towns Even Better.

Burt county chapter of the Red Cross, Mrs. E. C. Houston, chairman, with headquarters at Tekamah, Neb., reports a total membership of 8,198 or 66 per cent of the population of the county. This is an excellent showing and one of the best. Nine school districts out of 18 in Burt county have made 100 per cent showing.

The town of Thurston in Thurston county, reports that they expect to have 100 per cent membership within the next 24 hours, having nearly all of them enrolled so far.

Pender, in that county, has already reported 100 per cent and other points in that county are still to be heard from.

Christmas membership reports are still coming in from the country districts. Many are reporting from 80 to 100 per cent and the general result will show a total membership on January 1 of over 45 per cent.

Iowa expects to get a 42 per cent membership and it is expected that Nebraska will beat this record. Full and complete returns, however, will not be in our hands until between January 5 and 10.

The Brown county chapter at Ainsworth, Neb., reports new memberships up to date of practically 1,000, with more to follow.

Attorney General Smith of England Coming to Nebraska

Lincoln, Dec. 30.—(Special.)—The attorney general of England, Sir Frederick E. Smith, will be a second speaker at the mass meeting Friday night, January 18, the first day of the two-day Nebraska war conference, according to announcement today by the Prof. Fogg of the State Council of Defense. The acceptance of Franklin K. Lane, secretary of the interior, to speak at this meeting was announced yesterday.

Sir Frederick E. Smith has arrived in the United States with the British war message. He is to address the American Bar association.

President Arthur E. Bestor of the Chautauqua institution, New York, director of the speakers division of the committee on public information, and a representative of the National Council of Defense, will be the principal speaker at the Saturday meeting.

At the conference of the Nebraska four-minute men, also held here January 18-19, one or two speakers representing the division of four-minute men of the United States committee on public information will be present.

Table Rock Teacher Resigns Position to Join the Army

Table Rock, Neb., Dec. 30.—(Special.)—Arthur Davis, principal of the school at Armour, recently resigned in answer to his country's call. The vacancy has been filled by the election of Miss Donnie Thompson of Beatrice, who was born and grew to womanhood in Table Rock.

Frank Heer of Table Rock, who registered and was drafted at McDonald, Kan., while working in that vicinity and who was sent to Fort Pike, Ark., arrived in Table Rock in time for the holidays. He was subjected to an examination by army physicians and was discharged owing to defective eyesight.

At the annual election held by Table Rock Lodge No. 33, Independent Order of Odd Fellows, the following officers were elected for the ensuing year: Aubrey C. Duncan, noble grand; John N. Ikenhous, vice grand; M. H. Marble, secretary; R. A. Kovanda, treasurer. These officers will be installed next Thursday night. M. H. Marble, the secretary-elect, has filled this position for the last 24 years.

Churches Join in Big Revivals at Dunbar

Dunbar, Neb., Dec. 30.—(Special.)—The United Presbyterian and First Presbyterian churches of Dunbar have unanimously joined hands in holding a series of union revival meetings here at Dunbar for the next three weeks, beginning today.

Rev. Elmer P. Loose of Waukesha, Wis., is the evangelist who will conduct these meetings, assisted by Prof. and Mrs. A. P. Shaw, evangelistic singers and workers. The meetings will be held in the First Presbyterian church. The pastors of the two churches are Rev. A. L. Godfrey of the United Presbyterian and Rev. Walter A. Creason of the First Presbyterian. Rev. Mr. Loose is classed with the leading evangelists of the day, and great results are expected of his work.

Private Clyde G. Seiver Is Buried Sunday at Broken Bow

Broken Bow, Neb., Dec. 30.—(Special.)—Private Clyde G. Seiver, who died of pneumonia at Fort Worden, Wash., was buried Sunday at Broken Bow. This is the first Broken Bow

Careful Observer Runs Into Some Funny Superstitions in His Rounds

Men may come and men may go, but their superstitions go on forever. The truth of this was demonstrated when the Careful Observer strolled around town for a few minutes and made inquiry. He called on Otto, the barber.

He learned from this tonsorial impregator that a barber is superstitious when the first patron on Saturday morning asks to have his work changed. Invariably the barber who meets such an unlucky situation will pay the amount himself rather than be the victim of the hoodoo.

Then he went over and spoke to Ralph, the veteran theater doorman. He asked Ralph about theater superstitions and learned that to whistle in a theater is about as bad an omen as could be imagined. To whistle in a temple of Thespis means that the box

CORN IMPROVERS' ANNUAL MEETING

Association Will Hold Yearly Meeting at Lincoln January 14 to 19; Good Program Offered.

Lincoln, Dec. 30.—(Special.)—The Nebraska Corn Improvers' association will hold its annual meeting Tuesday and Wednesday of Organized Agriculture week, January 14 to 19. Part of the program will be given over to a discussion of the war as it affects the farmer.

Tuesday morning, "Field Crops in Relation to War Problems," will be discussed. J. Warren Smith of the United States weather bureau will be one of the speakers from outside the state. He will speak Wednesday afternoon on "Relation of Climate to Crops."

The winter corn show will be held during the week. A new premium list has been arranged. The honorary, amateur and junior classes have been consolidated into one general class open to all. The state, however, will be divided into eastern and western sections and exhibits from the two sections will not compete. Charles Graub of Bennington is chairman of the corn show committee. R. Hogue of Crete is president and Prof. T. A. Kieselbach of Lincoln, secretary of the Corn Improvers' association.

The program of the meeting follows:

Tuesday Morning, January 15.—"Field Crops in Relation to War Problems." Live stock as a factor in Food Production During the War. "Steers and Hogs," H. J. Gramlich, Lincoln; "The Dairy Cow," J. H. Frandsen, Lincoln; "Food Problems From the Chemist's Viewpoint," F. W. Upson, Lincoln; "Cost of Production and Food Prices During the War," Dean E. A. Burnett, University Farm, Lincoln. General discussion led by E. P. Brown, Davey.

Tuesday Afternoon—Corn and corn shows. "Factors Influencing the Yield of Corn," C. G. Williams, Agricultural Experiment Station, Wooster, O.; "The Seed Corn Situation," T. A. Kieselbach, University Farm, Lincoln. Discussion of future corn shows. "The Value of Continuing Competitive Corn Exhibits," F. J. Rist, Humboldt; "The Futility of the 'Pretty Ear' Corn Show," Erwin Hopt, Lincoln. Discussion led by Charles Graub, Bennington; J. O. Shroyer, Humboldt. Election of officers.

Wednesday Morning—The Land problem. "Is There a Land Problem?" H. C. Filley, Lincoln; "A Proposed Solution of the Land Problem," L. S. Herron, Omaha. General discussion led by C. Y. Thompson, West Point; C. H. Gustafson, Mead. "Common Ground in the Land Problem," G. O. Virtue, Lincoln.

Wednesday Afternoon—Crops, soil and climate. "Relation of Climate to Crops," J. Warren Smith, United States Weather Bureau, Washington, D. C.; "Size of Farm as Related to Climate and Soil," R. R. Spafford, Lincoln; "Emergency and Special Purpose Crops," L. L. Zook, North Platte; "Corn as a Factor in the Development of Agriculture in Nebraska," S. C. Bassett, Gilboa.

Packers Freeze Out The Small Dealers

Boston, Dec. 30.—Troubles encountered by independent firms in competition with big packing interests formed the burden of stories related by witnesses at the concluding session of the Federal Trade commission's inquiry yesterday.

W. M. McDonald, who started a slaughtering and rendering business at Concord Junction, told of transactions with Boston bankers through which he was finally forced to give up the plant. His recital led Francis J. Heney, special counsel for the commission, to refer to the manner in which the witness had been dealt with "as high finance." The testimony of Mr. McDonald as far as it concerned the Exchange Trust company of this city was denied in a public statement after the hearing by President John J. Martin of the trust company.

In bringing the hearing to a close Mr. Heney extended an invitation to any small market men or storekeepers who believed they had been unfairly dealt with by wholesalers or thought they had been victims of a combination of packers to write to the commission at Washington. If the facts were found to bear out the claims, he said, they would be turned over to the Department of Justice for action in the federal courts.

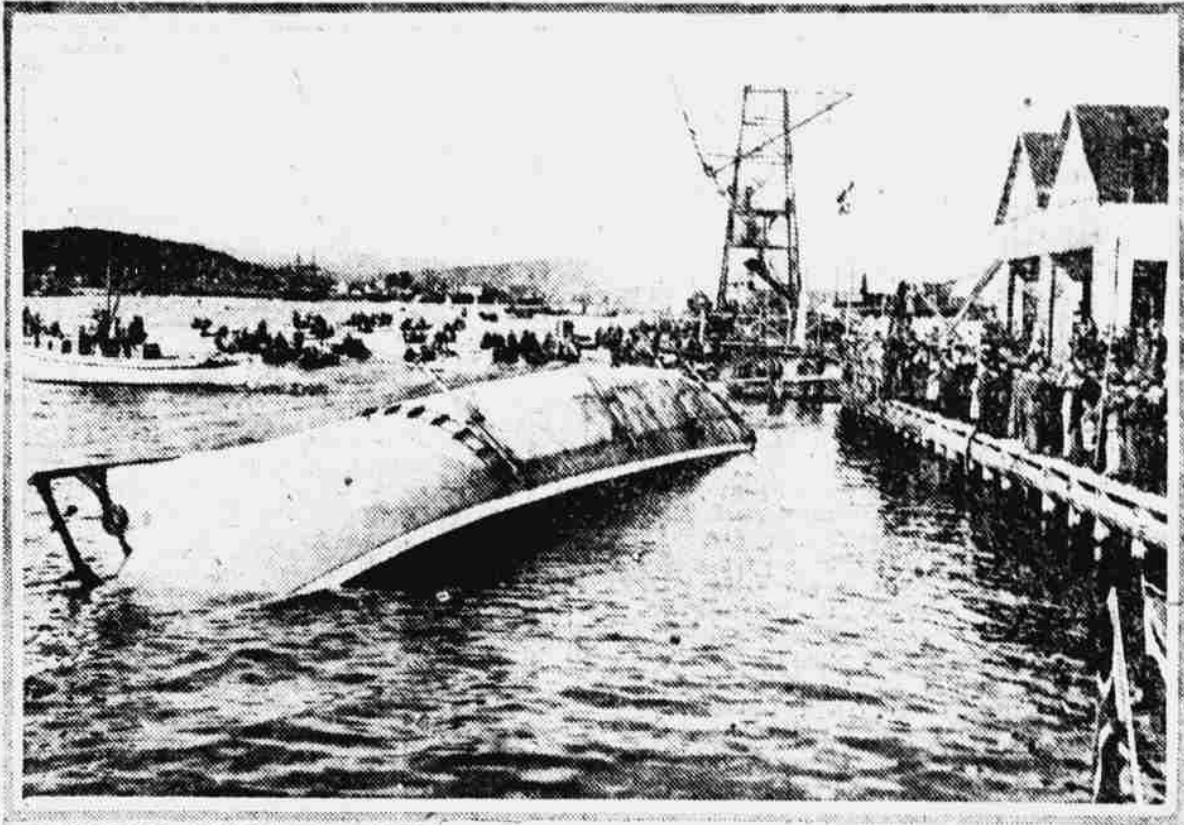
Waterloo Capitalist Dies of Heart Disease

Waterloo, Ia., Dec. 30.—(Special Telegram.)—Calvin L. Kingsley, Waterloo hotel man, capitalist, banker and active in fraternal organizations, died suddenly Friday night at his home of heart disease. He was secretary of the board of trustees of the grand lodge of Elks and had a national reputation in many orders. He was 53 years old and is survived by his widow. The funeral will be held Sunday.

soldier to die in the service of his country. The funeral was held at the Methodist church. The Red Cross, Council of Defense, Khaki Backers and other patriotic organizations attended.

Private Seiver was formerly in the postoffice here, but when the call for volunteers came a month ago he left the service and enlisted.

Concrete Ship Is Launched Bottom Upward; Marks New Era in Navigation



LAUNCH CONCRETE SHIP.

WORKING GIRLS ORGANIZE FOR WAR

Miss Clara Brewster of Y. W. C. A. in Charge of Young Women Known as D. T. A. S.

An interesting feature of the new concrete ships is the method of launching the vessels bottom upward. The photo shows the launching of the Benton I, a motor ship of 200 tons dead weight and the first ferro-concrete lighter to be built in Norway. The vessel was built at the yards of the Forsgrund Cement Casting company and a distinguished gathering, including the premier, attended the launching.

how to make artificial eyes. It is really a fine art, and may be said to represent the highest development of the glassblowers' skill. The beginning of an artificial eye is a small glass tube with a bulb in the middle. One end is cut off, and the opening sealed with the blowpipe, leaving a hollow bulb on the end of a tube.

The woman at home is helping by economizing and knitting. The working girl, while she can help in the same way, has another powerful factor in hand. She is earning money with which Uncle Sam can carry on war. And so that is the working girl's biggest weapon in this great war.

Demand for Glass Eyes Boosted by the War

The war is making an extraordinary demand for glass eyes—so many are the fighting men who lose one or both of their own eyes at the front. When a man is totally blinded he usually lets it go at that; but if one eye be lost he gets an artificial one, to avoid disfigurement.

WALK ERECT AT EIGHTY

Because a man or woman is old does not mean that they must walk along bent over and supported with a cane. A man can be as vigorous and healthy at 80 as at 20 if he aids the organs of the body in performing their functions.

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LABOR'S ATTITUDE TOWARD THE WAR

That and Peace Will Be Chief Subjects of Discussion at Annual Conference of Independent Party in England.

London, Dec. 22.—British labor's attitude toward war and peace will be the chief subjects of discussion at the 17th annual conference of the labor party, beginning January 23.

Among the resolutions to be submitted is one by the British socialist party, which says, in effect, that labor's participation in the government has not resulted in any tangible benefits to the mass of the people. The resolution adds that "neither has the association of the labor party with the government assured that the coming peace will be made by the democracy rather than by capitalist diplomacy."

Regarding peace, the independent labor party will submit a resolution for discussion which in part says:

Breakdown of Diplomacy.
"That it is the opinion of this conference that the war marks the breakdown of the old method of diplomacy, which settled the international relations of the peoples without consulting or even informing them; but with statesmen who have used victories to impose terms of peace which left suspicion, hate and resentment behind which were followed by military alliances and armaments and which violated the principles of self-government in order to satisfy military demands and imperialist appetites; it therefore calls upon the government,

to let the delicate effects of coloration observed in the human eye. The process cannot be more definitely described because it is art work, and not merely a mechanical performance. A special glass is added to imitate the peculiar whitish opacity of the white part of the eye; and even the little red veins in the latter are reproduced.

During these processes the bulb and tube are kept hot and soft. Finally the front half of the bulb is cut off with sharp scissors, and this half is the all-but-finished eye, requiring only to have its edges made smooth.

Most glass eyes are made in Germany, and they cost only about \$5 apiece. This source of supply has been cut off by the war. But the finest artificial eyes are of French manufacture, and are of porcelain. The process of making them is secret.—Philadelphia Ledger.

The Bee Wants Ads Are Business Boosters.

if the sacrifices of the war have not been in vain, to provide for the direct representation of the organized democracy in every conference which discusses the condition of peace, to reject war aims which give the war the character of an imperialistic venture and to use its influence and authority in every possible way to remove the causes of war; to this end the conference declares that no obstacles should be put in the way of responsible representatives of labor conferring together with a view to arriving at such an understanding upon the problems of Europe as will receive the co-operative support of all the democracies, without which there can be no lasting peace.

Perhaps the most revolutionary of all the resolutions is one by the Amalgamated Society of Engineers, which says in part:
"This conference, recognizing that the present system of financing the war has resulted in giving to the rich not only excessive profits during the war, but also a constantly increasing claim upon the national income after the war in the form of interest, calls upon the government to impose at once a levy of 25 per cent on the whole capital wealth of the country, to be levied on all persons in possession of more than \$10,000, to be followed by further levies for the purpose of extinguishing the national debt and controlling the rich classes to repay to the nation the wealth which they have acquired not in return for service rendered, but as the result of an unjust and vicious economic system."

Advocate Nationalization.
A second resolution by the same organization advocates "the complete nationalization of shipping and transport," as well as the following:

"State purchase and control of all essential raw materials and food-stuffs.
"The fixing of maximum, but not of minimum prices for all essential commodities, both for the government and for the civilian consumer.
"The elimination of all unnecessary middlemen's profits.
"The full utilization by the government of the resources of the co-operative movement for the purpose of distribution."

To Break Up a Cold

Mrs. William Ackerman, Collinsville, Ill., writes: "Chamberlain's Cough Remedy will break up a cold on the lungs the quickest of anything I know of."

Fighting Over the Empty Sugar-Bowl

Blaming the Food Administration itself for the sugar shortage, and charging that its sugar committee is "a mere adjunct of the American Sugar Refining Company, the sugar trust," Mr. Claus A. Spreckels, called "the leading independent sugar-refiner of the country," started the U. S. Senate Committee's inquiry into fuel and sugar conditions with somewhat of an explosion. In reply to Mr. Spreckels' charges, Food Administrator Hoover issued a statement in which he said that "it required no proof from me to establish that Mr. Spreckels, the leading sugar-refiner, is sore at the Food Administration, and would like to see it destroyed. I realize that Mr. Spreckels' balance sheet will not look so good next year as last, for refiners' profits have been regulated."

In THE LITERARY DIGEST for December 29th, there is a very enlightening article dealing with the sugar situation from various view-points, showing what has caused the shortage and what the U. S. Food Administration has done to curtail the cost of sugar to the people.

Other articles that will awaken unusual interest in this number are:

Jews Look Askance At Restored Palestine

The Gift of Jerusalem to the Jews Does Not Imply Unconditional Acceptance, and Many of Them Do Not Show a Feverish Haste to Emigrate.

Canada Pledges Her Sons Battle Is On To Make U. S. Dry

Ex-Premier of France Facing Treason Trial

The Church and Sinn Fein "Fabricated" Ships

To Dole Out Niagara Power What Makes Us Tall Or Short

Remedy for Food Transportation Evils (Specially Prepared by U. S. Food Administration.)

Troubling the Baptist Waters An Urgent Duty and a Glorious Privilege

A War of Self-Defense (By U. S. Secretary of State Lansing.)

Canada's Ambassador at Washington Four Bites of Our War-Cherry

Austrian Sheep and German Goats Russia Under the Terror

A Drug-Controller Needed Soap From a Tree

Psychology of the Woman Shopper Our Literary President

Art a Martyr In War Doubling the Army Chaplains

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Annual Motor Number--128 Pages

Motor Car, Truck, Tractor and Motor accessory buyers will save time and money by consulting this week's "Digest." It is "The Digest's" Annual Automobile Issue and contains announcements of the leading manufacturers in these lines. This number of "The Digest" will give its readers throughout the nation information as to the latest models and newest accessories, and they will get a wealth of information as to how manufacturers are meeting the transportation problems brought about by the war.

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