

Nebraska MAUPIN TELLS OF CAMP FUNSTON AS IT SEEMED TO HIM

Nebraska Publicity Agent Describes Cantonment as Fine Place for Soldiers, Who Are Well Cared For.

(From a Staff Correspondent.)
Lincoln, Neb., Jan. 3.—(Special.)—Fortified with a letter from Governor Neville to the commanding officer at Camp Funston, Will M. Maupin, director of the State Bureau of Publicity, spent three days at Camp Funston last week.

Major Lee, Major General Ballou's chief of staff, gave Mr. Maupin two passes, one the usual pass issued to camp visitors, and another one to use in case of emergency, granting the bearer permission to go anywhere he desired, see everything he wanted to see, talk with the men, mess in barracks and inspect the hospital wards. Today Mr. Maupin made public his report:

"I am not qualified to speak about the conditions existing at Camp Funston early in the fall. The men in camp told me that the conditions have been good all the time, save for the first few weeks, when everything was new and in confusion. But I do know that conditions today are excellent. Taken as a whole the 45,000 men at Camp Funston and Fort Riley are being better fed, better housed and better clothed than the same 45,000 men averaged when at home. All the stories about the men suffering from a lack of clothing and bedding are false. The stories that the men are not well fed are ridiculous. Those who assert that the camp is not sanitary are either ignorant or are wilfully lying.

Finds Some Dust.

"Camp Funston is not located in a swamp. It is true that the camp is located in the valley of the Kansas river, but the camp grounds are in no more danger of being flooded than are the high school grounds of Lincoln—indeed, hardly as much. The soil is light and sandy, and it is only natural that with nearly 50,000 men constantly tramping over it that it should be dusty. But the men in camp suffer less from dust than the average farm boy who spends the day in the fields plowing or cultivating corn. The roads inside the camp are macadamized or concreted, and the camp grounds have been oiled. The dust nuisance, never very great, has been abated. The camp is on the old Fort Riley military reservation, which has been owned and occupied by the government since 1852.

Sleep on Mattresses.

"Every soldier at Camp Funston eats and sleeps in steam heated barracks. The Friday I was there was one of the coldest days we have had this winter, and all day the barracks were warm—warmer than the average private home. These barracks buildings are commodious, well ventilated and well lighted, naturally as well as by electricity. Every man has a separate iron cot, and every cot is equipped with a mattress, two heavy wool blankets and a heavy comforter. In addition each man has his pouch and his military overcoat. The soldier at Camp Funston who does not sleep warm is a sleepwalker who gets out on the roof.

Kitchens Are Clean.

"During the first year of Nebraska's hotel inspection law I was the hotel commissioner of the state, and, acting in such capacity, I inspected scores of Nebraska hotel kitchens. I will back the kitchens wherein the food is prepared for the soldiers at Camp Funston against the best hotel and restaurant kitchens in Nebraska for cleanliness. They are spotlessly clean. The same is true of the dining room section, for the kitchens and dining rooms are in one. Of course tablecloths are not provided, but I defy any tablecloth to be cleaner than the bare boards of the dining tables I inspected, or the one at which I messed with one company of the 355th infantry.

Overcoat for Each Man.

"About the clothing issued to the men: It is true that not all of the men have been issued the 'O. D.' woolen uniforms; it is true that the men are insufficiently clad. Those not yet equipped with 'O. D.'s' are either wearing the cotton khaki pants and blouses or denim overalls and blouses. But every man has two woolen shirts and a heavy woolen overcoat. They are more warmly clad than the average young man not in the military service.

"Each man has been issued three suits of heavy wool underwear and two pairs of woolen socks. In addition each man has been issued a pair of woolen gloves, and these gloves may be replaced whenever they become worn. The gloves, however, are well suited for handling cold rifles and trenching tools in really cold weather. I investigated the clothing issue, tore several coats apart to see that they were comfortable and interviewed the men by the score as to their physical comfort. From first to last I did not hear a man complain about being insufficiently clothed, and they were unanimous in saying that they were well fed.

Better Than Hotels.

"The hotels of Nebraska do not average up with the barracks at Camp Funston in the matter of toilet facilities. Each barracks building has its separate toilet and shower bath. These have concrete floors, with good ventilation and the best of sewer connections. Their only disadvantage, if it is such, is that they afford no individual privacy. They are kept spotlessly clean and have no more odor than the toilets one finds in the best hotels.

What There Is to Eat.

"I ate dinner last Saturday with one of the companies of the 355th infantry. I was given a mess kit, marched in with the men and was served just as they were served. I received a goodly portion of baked beans, a liberal chunk of bacon that had been cooked with the beans, mashed potatoes, a chopped mixed pickle, white bread with butter, a palatable helping of pudding and seven-eighths of a quart of bully good coffee, creamed when it was served, but I helped myself to the sugar. Hungry as I was after tramping for nearly five hours in the bitter cold, I could not get away with all that was

served to me and only a few of the soldier boys asked for a second helping of anything. They declare that the camp 'eats' leave nothing to be desired in the way of substantial, and they get pie and cake and sauce with gratifying frequency. The only things they really want from home are letters, and more letters.

Death Rate 3 Per Cent.

"The hospital buildings for Camp Funston and Fort Riley are all at Fort Riley. They are located in the stone buildings formerly used as barracks for regular cavalry troops. These are fine old buildings, set amidst beautiful surroundings on the hills overlooking the valley. Few private hospitals are better equipped and none more cleanly and airy. The staff of physicians and surgeons is amply large and although the corps of nurses is smaller than it should be, so far it has been adequate to every demand made upon it. I visited every hospital building and ward except the contagious disease wards—which right now means the meningitis wards.

"The silly rumor that 'they haven't been able to make coffins fast enough' has received credence. It never had any basis in fact. Since October 11, up to and including December 27, there have been 147 deaths in camp, or less than three per 1,000. Of these deaths 96 were from pneumonia and 51 from meningitis.

Too Many Deaths.

"The medical authorities at the fort admit that this is too high a death rate, but it is less than the death rate of four national army camps and five National Guard camps. There have been 277 cases of pneumonia, 116 of meningitis and 2,125 cases of measles. On December 27 there were 1,001 measles patients in hospitals and cantonments. Measles patients are treated 14 days in the hospital and then kept 10 days in cantonment to build them up physically.

Use Every Precaution.

"Pneumonia at Fort Riley has been of a peculiarly virulent type, but is now under control. General Gorgas and every reputable physician who has investigated declare that meningitis was carried to the camp, and that meningitis would have been prevalent among the same body of men no matter where they were located. He is suspected of being meningitis 'carriers' are kept in cantonment until the disease appears or they are declared free from it. All hospital wards are steam heated, but the cantonments are not, although kept comfortable by stoves. No man admitted to the hospital at Fort Riley has suffered from lack of medical attention or nursing. The men who have been in the hospital will be the first to substantiate this statement.

Men Anxious to Fight.

"I made special investigation of the story recently told with great detail by an Omaha woman and believe I had better opportunities for securing knowledge at first hand than any woman yet admitted to Camp Funston. Her story is utterly without foundation. She was probably imposed upon by some 'whiners,' of whom there are a few. But the great majority of the 45,000 men in Camp Funston are satisfied with their treatment, their only 'kick' being that they are held there so long instead of being allowed to 'get a crack at the kaiser.' 'If the folks at home knew what a blessing the Young Men's Christian association is to us men they would dig deeper than ever to keep that institution's work at top speed.' That is the universal tribute the soldier boys are paying to the Young Men's Christian association.

"The mothers of the boys at Camp Funston need not worry about the welfare of the boys in camp. They are happily looking forward to the day when they can show how well they have been trained to fight. I wish that every man, woman and child in Nebraska might be as well fed, well housed, well clothed and well cared for when sick as the soldier boys at Camp Funston."

Will Petition Congress to Enact Law to "Swat" Disloyal

Fremont, Neb., Jan. 3.—(Special Telegram.)—Petitions urging congress to pass a law for dealing with persons who are disloyal, are being circulated and freely signed by Fremont voters. A committee of attorneys drafted the petition and every lawyer in the city has attached his name to the paper.

Dorris Secord—"The Little Poet's" Leading Lady

The Brandeis Little Players proved conclusively that Omaha has several film stars in embryo, when they presented "The Little Poet," Thursday afternoon to a large audience. The picture, a fantasy, was written and directed by Mrs. E. John Brandeis, whose careful work was largely responsible for the success of the play.



Dorris Secord

Doris Secord, the Moonlight, has had some coast experience with moving pictures and expressed her fondness for acting before the camera. 'Doris is a talented little girl and dances well.

Thomas Sutphen, the little poet, bashfully declares that he prefers the stage to moving pictures, although his work in "The Little Poet" was splendid with the exception of his love scenes, which were awkward and unnatural. He is a "Penrod" sort of a youngster, who prefers to take life seriously.

Gypsy lovers, Josephine Thomas and George Perlman, are good dancers and wave their daggers in deep-dyed-villain fashion. They work well together.

Ann Amaden, as "Cupid," received great applause.

The young players were the recipients of many congratulations and much candy after the performance. "The Little Poet," Mrs. Brandeis declares, "shall never be shown except for clarity" and the proceeds of

the Thursday performance is for the benefit of the Creche.

SLOAN FAST RUNNER IN POLITICAL RACES

Record Made in Fourth District Reveals Newly Announced Candidate for Senator to Be Popular at Home.

(From a Staff Correspondent.)

Lincoln, Jan. 3.—(Special.)—As a vote getter Congressman Charles H. Sloan, who has announced his candidacy for the republican nomination for the United States senate, appears to be in a class by himself.

In 1910 when Mr. Sloan ran for congress the first time, he had for his opponent Judge B. F. Good, who had been district judge in five of the 11 counties of the Fourth congressional district for 12 years, and was very popular. He had a large personal acquaintance, yet Mr. Sloan defeated him, receiving a majority of 1,267 votes, Mr. Sloan polling six of the 11 counties and received two out of every three votes in his own county of Fillmore.

Also Defeated Skiles.

In 1912, when Mr. Sloan was up for a second term he defeated Judge Skiles, another very popular democrat, the vote standing, Sloan 22,293, Skiles 18,279, the majority being 4,014. He carried every county in the district except one, Mr. Skiles' home county of Butler, and received a larger vote in the 11 counties of the district than any other candidate on the state and national ticket, either republican or democrat. This is the only time where the vote of Mr. Norris with whom he will contest for the republican nomination for the senate, Mr. Sloan receiving 22,293 votes, while Mr. Norris received 20,727, 1,466 less than Mr. Sloan.

Gave Rhodes Defeat.

In 1914 Mr. Sloan tried conclusions with Mr. Rhodes, an able young man from Thayer county. This time Mr. Sloan carried every county in the district except the home county of his opponent and polled 4,790 votes more than his democratic opponent. It is interesting to note that in this election Mr. Sloan carried Butler county by 243 votes, the only republican candidate for state or national office, who ever carried that county and received more votes than any candidate of any party for any office, even running 1,684 votes ahead of Governor Morehead, who was next high man. In the last campaign, that of 1916,

when so many republicans felt the weight of the Wilson popularity and went down to defeat, Mr. Sloan defeated Judge Stark, who had once represented that district in congress. It is interesting to note that notwithstanding the Wilson handicap, Mr. Sloan increased his majority to 5,256, receiving the highest vote he ever received in the district, 24,054, keeping up his record of increasing his majority each time he ran. President Wilson carried the district by 4,341, which indicated that Sloan led his own ticket by 9,597 votes, again duplicating his former performances of receiving more votes than any other candidate on the ticket.

Increases Vote Steadily.

A summary of the four years he has been a candidate for office shows his increase each year in the following:

Year	Sloan	Opponent	Majority
1910	20,507	19,240	1,267
1912	22,293	18,279	4,014
1914	21,711	16,921	4,790
1916	24,054	18,757	5,256

Canteen at Ft. Omaha to Open Again Tuesday

The Red Cross canteen at Fort Omaha, closed two weeks ago on account of measles, will be reopened Tuesday, according to Mrs. Luther L. Kountze. All volunteer workers have been asked to resume duties on the same schedule as before the closing. Mrs. Kountze is preparing a report of the canteen work for the central division.

No more oakum pads will be made in the Baird building for present, Mrs. Walter Silver, director of surgical dressings, assures Omaha women.

Many have been overcome by continued inhalation of the odor of the disinfectant. Omaha's quota of the oakum pads has been filled and the making of other surgical dressings will be resumed.

President Will Address Congress on Railroads

Washington, Jan. 3.—President Wilson today finished the address he will deliver to congress tomorrow on the railroad situation. It is understood to be about 1,000 words long. The president will make specific recommendations for legislation to carry out government operations of railroads.

Coal for the Needy.

Washington, Jan. 3.—Mrs. Woodrow Wilson took a hand today in helping the city's poor, suffering from coal shortage, by putting a White House motor truck at the disposal of the movement for free distribution of coal to the needy.

LINCOLN COUNTY FULL OF REAL PEP

Red Cross Drive Nets 3,203; North Platte Reaches 2,066, and the End Is Not in Sight.

North Platte, Neb., Jan. 3.—(Special Telegram.)—The Red Cross membership drive under the management of C. F. Temple and P. P. McEvoy, which began on December 17, is still in progress and membership to date has reached 2,066, and the county 3,203. At Hershey the total is 215; Sutherland, 233; Maxwell, 150; Brady, 250; Wallace, 126; Dickens, 150, and Somerset, 13.

Governor To Ride Goat.

A special meeting of the Independent Order of Odd Fellows will be held this evening at its hall, at which Governor Keith Neville will receive four degrees in Odd Fellowship. Following the expropriation work, an informal banquet will be served. Master of Ceremonies J. S. Hoagland will welcome the governor.

Howell Will Elucidate.

A mass meeting will be held at the Franklin Auditorium Friday evening. R. B. Howell of Omaha will make an address on American and Syrian relief.

Exemption Board Working.

The local exemption board is literally swamped with work in regard to mailing and receiving questionnaires and classifying registrants. County Clerk Allen, Sheriff Salisbury and their assistants are frequently called upon to work overtime. The majority of appeals are being made on agricultural and industrial grounds. The advisory board is composed of local lawyers, ministers and professional men.

Want High Class Bridge.

Notices will be posted in a number of precincts this week, announcing that bonds for a \$60,000 concrete bridge across the Platte river at Brady will be voted on by residents of Brady and vicinity on January 29. Bids for a \$40,000 bridge to be built south of town will be received by the county clerk and county commissioners on January 22.

Three Divorce Decrees Granted at Madison

Madison, Neb., Jan. 3.—(Special.)—At a short session of the district court presided over by Judge Allen today the following divorces were granted: Verna Raclely from Clarence A. Raclely, Minnie E. Allen from J. Herbert Allen and Nancy A. Custer from Jesse P. Custer.

Madison Red Cross has made a 100 per cent gain in membership for 1918, having enrolled 1,075 in 1918 as against 537 for 1917. Enola enrolled 171 for 1918 as against 73 for 1917, and Warrnerville 137 for 1918 as against 33 for 1917, making the total membership for the Madison chapter 1,383 for 1918 as against 643 for 1917. Madison also has a Junior Red Cross membership of 426, which makes a grand total of 1,809.

The legal board having in charge the questionnaires under Judge McDuff's direction has been unusually busy averaging 30 registrants daily. Upward of 450 have already been disposed of.

Fremont Stores Observe Uniform Closing Rule

Fremont, Neb., Jan. 3.—(Special Telegram.)—Fremont's merchants as a general rule are complying with the request of the National Council of Defense to observe the regulations regarding uniform closing of stores. A committee of home guards made the rounds in the business district Wednesday evening to check up and procure names of offenders. Three merchants who were open were notified to close. Confectionery stores that handle groceries will be required to conform to the rule.

"Digging" for Petroleum Products at Superior

Superior, Neb., Jan. 3.—(Special Telegram.)—A week ago the Prairie Oil company started dig prospect for oil on its lease about seven miles south of Webber. This is what is

known as Switzer gap. The drillers have been working day and night since work was begun.

At a meeting of the home guards last night some new officers were elected. There are now about 150 members.

No Loss of Morale Among German Submarine Crews

Washington, Jan. 3.—Admiral Benson, chief of operations, told the house naval committee today it was folly to believe there was any loss of morale among German submarine

crews and that information gathered from German prisoners indicated, he believed, their morale was the best in the German navy.

Germans Bomb Italian Hospital, Killing 18

Rome, Jan. 3.—The official statement issued today by the Italian war office, says:

"On Tuesday night enemy airmen dropped bombs on Castel Franco Veneto, obtaining two direct hits on two hospitals. Eighteen patients were killed.

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- 36516 LOINTAIN PASSE MAZURKA (Ysaye).
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