

# NEWS OF NEBRASKA TOLD BY BEE WRITERS

## Nebraska STATE 4 MINUTE MEN BEST OF ALL, RECORD REVEALS

### Nebraska Holds Record for Excellence and Conference Breaks Record for Attendance.

Lincoln, Neb., Jan. 20.—(Special.)—That the Nebraska Four-Minute Men conference broke the record and that the state organization is not excelled by any in the United States was the expressed judgment of government speakers at the war conference just closed. Mac Martin of Washington, representing the division of Four-Minute Men, stated that the Nebraska conference had broken the record for size, the registration being about 175. The Kansas conference Wednesday had an attendance of 50 and the Missouri conference Tuesday of 51. Minnesota with 165 is second.

In effectiveness of organization New York, Illinois and Nebraska lead the country, Mr. Martin reported.

The Nebraska Four-Minute Men organization is considered at Washington as a model, said Curney E. Newlin, representing the Council of National Defense, and the United States Shipping board, in addressing the Four-Minute Men luncheon at the Commercial club today.

Thanks to Theater Men. Prof. M. M. Fogg, state director of the Four-Minute Men, also spoke on the importance of the work the government has entrusted to the Four-Minute Men. The conference unanimously adopted a resolution expressing its thanks to theater proprietors for their co-operation.

Concerning the meeting this morning of the state and county councils of defense and of the Four-Minute Men, Mr. Newlin said:

"The meeting was the most intelligent, constructive discussion and showed the most whole-hearted, sincere enthusiasm of any of the day meetings at the three war conferences I have attended this week." Greetings from Chairman E. B. Wilson of Des Moines and the field secretary, Prof. Glenn N. Merry, of the Iowa Four-Minute Men, were received by the Nebraska conference. The telegram announced that Iowa had organized its last county yesterday.

## Laurel Man Knits Sweaters for Soldiers

Laurel, Neb., Jan. 20.—(Special.)—In the person of M. A. Price, Laurel has a man who leads the women a close second knitting for the soldiers. He has finished two sweaters and a scarf and has made one of a pair of socks. A few years ago Mr. Price suffered an accident that confined him to the house for several months and it was then he learned to keep his fingers busy. Mr. Price was formerly postmaster at Laurel but now operates a farm. His only son of war age recently joined the first balloon squadron at Fort Omaha.

## Hamilton Defense Board Commends School Authorities

Aurora, Neb., Jan. 20.—(Special Telegram.)—The Hamilton county council of defense today commended the local board of education for discontinuing German in the grades and requested the board to drop it from the high school course. The resolution was offered by Charles M. Grosvenor. A resolution of a peremptory character offered by Clark Perkins received but one vote besides his own.

## Chobor Pleads Not Guilty To Murder of Blender

York, Neb., Jan. 20.—(Special Telegram.)—Louis Chobor, who is confined in the county jail awaiting trial on the charge of murdering A. A. Blender November 28, came into court yesterday afternoon and pleaded not guilty. Judge Corcoran appointed G. W. France and an assistant who had not been named. Trial was set for February 18 at 1:30 p. m. before Judge Good.

## Cornstalk Disease Appears.

Kearney, Neb., Jan. 20.—(Special.)—The cornstalk disease has made its appearance in Buffalo county, several losses of cattle taking place during the week. The Trott brothers, located seven miles southeast of the city, lost five head of cattle. Several losses of a single head have also been reported. No additional losses of hogs through poisoning have been reported and Dr. A. H. Francis, federal veterinarian, states that few cases of hog cholera exist in this county.

## News Notes of Table Rock.

Table Rock, Neb., Jan. 20.—(Special.)—The shop of G. Strader at Elk Creek, was smeared with yellow paint one night last week. He has offered a reward of ten dollars for the arrest and conviction of the perpetrators.

Rev. C. P. W. Wimberly, recently pastor of the Presbyterian church of Table Rock, who accepted a call from the Presbyterian church at Richmond, Mo., three years since, has accepted the pastorate of the Christian church at Rich Hill, Mo., and a local pastor of the Christian church, is to immerse him and his family. The affair has caused a great sensation in this vicinity.

Mrs. Hays, wife of Silas Hays, died at her home in Table Rock this afternoon, aged 80 years, after an illness of several days. She is survived by her aged husband, Silas Hays, who is 94 years of age, the oldest person in this vicinity, and several children.

Mrs. Avery, wife of William Avery, who resided here for a great many years, moving to Burlington, Kan., a few years ago, died at her Kansas home and the interment was at Burlington. She was near seventy years of age, and had been an invalid for several years.

## RETAILERS OF STATE SIGNING FOOD CARDS

Six thousand, one hundred and seven retailers of the state have signed pledge cards, according to information which came yesterday to Gordon W. Wattles, federal food administrator, from Washington.

The result of the second week's drive for signatures amounted to 1932, which coupled with the signatures obtained during the previous and opening week swelled the grand total to more than 6000.

The Nebraska drive is a part of the great drive throughout the United States, according to Mr. Wattles. When signing these pledges the retailers promise to sell their goods at fair and moderate prices and to cooperate with the government in enforcing the rules and regulations of the federal food administration.

## Charles Witte, Pioneer of Elkhorn, Is Dead

Charles Witte died at his home in Elkhorn Sunday morning after less than a day's illness of heart disease. He has been prominently associated with public and social affairs in Douglas county having served as postmaster of Elkhorn for 16 years and as a member of the Douglas county board of agriculture for ten years. He was president of the association for three years. He was a member of the Modern Woodmen of America, Masons and Knights of Pythias. He is Grand Prelate of the Grand Lodge K. of P. in the domain of Nebraska.

Mr. Witte was born in Davenport, Iowa, in 1857 and came to Douglas county with his parents at the age of 17 years. He was married in June 1881 to Miss Mary Jane Hopper. He resided on a farm near Elkhorn until 1893 when he moved to Elkhorn and engaged in the general mercantile business. He remained active in business until 1911 when he retired.

Funeral services will be held in Elkhorn Tuesday afternoon at 1 o'clock. Besides his wife he is survived by four children, Arthur Witte of Elkhorn, William Witte of Bennington, Mrs. George Cunningham of Elkhorn and Mrs. C. W. Hickley of Bennington.

## Keith County Defense League Backs President

Ogallala, Neb., Jan. 20.—(Special.)—The following telegram was sent to Governor Neville today by the Keith County Defense league:

"In view of the opposition in high places, we deem it of the highest importance that the country at large back up President Wilson and Secretary Garfield in his fuel conservation order."

## Aurora Soldier Mechaic Falls Victim to Pneumonia

Aurora, Neb., Jan. 20.—(Special Telegram.)—Elmer Fox died today at San Antonio from pneumonia. He enlisted as a mechanic in the aviation corps.

## Fined For Having Liquor.

Kearney, Neb., Jan. 20.—(Special.)—Frank McCartney, I. C. Van Housen and Frank Baker, charged with having liquor in their possession, were each fined \$100 and costs yesterday. McCartney and Van Housen are alleged to have brought the booze into the state from Wyoming and will in all probability have a government charge to face. One hundred and seventy pints of whisky were taken from these men.

## HYMENEAL

Glover-Claussen. The marriage of William E. Glover and Antonia M. Claussen of Manning, Ia., took place at the apartment of Mr. and Mrs. O. W. Hendee at the Hamilton Saturday afternoon, Rev. B. R. Vanderlippe, pastor of the Clifton Hill Presbyterian church, officiating.

Smith-Hansen. Beatrice, Neb., Jan. 20.—(Special Telegram.)—Walter E. Smith and Miss Nellie May Hansen, both of Axtell, Kan., were married here today by Dr. C. C. Cissell.

## William Kilgore Dead.

Ogallala, Neb., Jan. 20.—O. P. Kilgore of Brule, this county, received word that his son, William Kilgore, had died of scarlet fever. He belonged to a United States artillery company and his father believed he was some place in France, but the telegram did not state where he died.

## Val Peter Gets Permit.

Washington, Jan. 20.—(Special Telegram.)—The application of Val J. Peter of Omaha for a permit to publish the Omaha Tribune, Freie Presse of Council Bluffs and Volksblatt of St. Joseph, Mo., under section 19 of the trading with the enemy act, has been granted by the postmaster general.

## Organize Home Guards.

Grant, Neb., Jan. 20.—(Special.)—A home guard was organized at Grant on January 17 with 55 signing the muster roll. The following officers were elected: Fletcher L. Keller, captain; E. A. Gooden, first lieutenant; Frank A. Yenne, second lieutenant; E. E. Jackman, chairman; W. H. Edwards, secretary.

## York Man in Capital.

Washington, Jan. 20.—(Special Telegram.)—Joel M. Roberts of York, Neb., is in Washington for a few days.

## Soldiers' Home Notes.

Grand Island, Neb., Jan. 20.—(Special.)—Miss Goodwin, who has had charge of the men's dining room on the second floor of the main building, has been transferred to the large dining room of the convalescent hospital.

## IN-TER-STATE SUIT INVOLVING WATER RIGHTS ARGUED

### Wyoming Trying to Prevent State of Colorado From Drawing Off Laramie River Near Its Source.

By Edgar C. Snyder. Washington Bureau of the Omaha Bee, 1311 G. Street.

Washington, Jan. 20.—(Special.)—A case of considerable interest to Nebraska was argued before the supreme court of the United States in which the state of Wyoming is seeking to prevent the state of Colorado from drawing off the water of the Laramie river which has its source in Colorado, flowing through Wyoming and emptying into the North Platte river, 30 miles west of the point at which the North Platte river enters the state of Nebraska.

The bill in equity alleges that in 1865 the settlement of the valley of the Laramie in Wyoming began and from that time on to the time of the commencement of the wrongs complained of the settlers in the valley of the Laramie had improved and, by the practice of irrigation, had rendered highly productive the lands in that valley and had built up there a community of 20,000, irrigating 325,000 acres of land.

It is further alleged that these lands within the valley have become worth more than ten millions of dollars.

The state of Colorado, through the Greeley-Poudre irrigation district, and the Laramie-Poudre reservoirs and irrigation company, has run a tunnel about eleven thousand feet through a narrow ridge of the Green mountains, which separates the Cache la Poudre river from the Laramie river, these two rivers forming the Platte, a tributary of the Laramie river into the Poudre for use upon the lands lying within the boundary of the Greeley-Poudre irrigation district, a district lying within the valley of the Poudre and the South Platte from fifty to eighty-five miles east of the Green mountains and north of the town of Greeley.

The state of Wyoming in its bill states that if this tunnel through the mountains is permitted to operate that it will carry away the waters of the stream to the amount of more than one hundred thousand acre feet per annum to a point more than one hundred miles away from the Laramie valley and from which no part of the waters can return. Colorado answers the allegations of the plaintiff by stating that the entire diversion cannot exceed seventy thousand acre feet annually.

The contention of the citizens of Wyoming is clear preponderance of the evidence that long before the commencement of any proceedings by the citizens of Colorado to take the waters in controversy, Wyoming had appropriated the entire available waters of the Laramie river and that the threatening diversion of these waters by the citizens of Colorado will prove highly disastrous to the plaintiff in the case.

Able counsel presented every possible phase of the case during the two days allotted for argument by the supreme court and so much of interest has the people of Nebraska in the case that one of its assistant attorneys general came on from Lincoln to hear the argument.

## Applicants as Aviators Must Apply This Week

President of the aviation board announces that in order to secure examinations in February at Omaha applications must be placed during the coming week.

Men of good education within the draft age will be considered as aviators and gas engine experts and a limited number not under thirty-one or over thirty-six of high standing with good business experience for supply officer and adjutant.

## Lobeck Would Offer Inducement to Colonists

(From a Staff Correspondent.) Washington, D. C., Jan. 20.—(Special Telegram.)—Representative Lobeck has introduced a bill creating a bureau of colonization and appropriating \$500,000,000 to carry the same into effect, the scheme being to give farms to those desiring to become farmers and provide them with the necessary farm machinery, stock, etc., the amount advanced being returnable to the government within 20 years at a reasonable rate of interest.

## Gentleman to Sail Soon.

Washington, D. C., Jan. 20.—(Special Telegram.)—Thomas P. Gentleman of Omaha, recently appointed to a secretaryship at the embassy at Paris, France, will sail for his new post on Wednesday from an Atlantic port.

## Y. W. C. A. Notes.

A supper will be given at 4:30 Sunday afternoon by Mrs. James Hodge. There will be music by Mrs. Walter Dale. At the social hour which followed, Miss Grace Siewers will be hostess.

The annual meeting of the Young Women's Christian association will be held January 28 at 6:30 o'clock in the cafe. Lieutenant Harry Boyd of Camp Dodge will be the speaker. The West Sisters' orchestra will furnish music. Prizes will be given and all reservations must be in by January 25.

The Rainbow club will hold their semi-annual meeting in the gymnasium Saturday afternoon January 26. This meeting will be in the form of a patriotic rally and at this time honors won by the girls since September will be awarded.

## TRAIN FOR WAR IN TIME OF PEACE

### Senator Kahn Before Security League Denounces Pacifists and Urges Soldier Life for Youths Under 21.

(By Associated Press.) New York, Jan. 20.—The National Security league paid tribute here yesterday to Senator George E. Chamberlain of Oregon and Representative Julius Kahn of California at a luncheon given in their honor, the speakers referring to their efforts in congress in the interests of national defense.

Senator Chamberlain, responding to toasts, discussed the military policy of the United States, or, as he called it, "the lack of military policy." He advocated the adoption of universal military training.

Representative Kahn denounced the pacifists. "The strong arm of the government," he said, "should reach out and get those people. A few prompt trials and a few quick hangings would prove most salutary at this time."

"We have been in this war 10 months—we are not near ready. The administration has sent to the two committees on the military affairs—the committee of the senate and the committee of the house—a bill to amend the draft law so that every young man who has attained the age of 21 years since the 5th of June shall register for service. If I can shape the legislation, I shall write it so that every boy of 16 and over, up to 21, shall register."

"The psychology of that alone would be great. It would be notice to the imperial government of Germany that the United States intend to mortgage their man power for a six years' war. These young men would become eligible to military service when they attained their majority, when they became 21, but I would train them when they became 20, so that they would be full-fledged soldiers when they became 21. And then I would insert in the legislation this further provision, that when the war is over, that the training of the young American shall not cease in the piping times of peace, but that as boys become 18 years of age in this country they shall be compelled to take military training for at least six months."

## North Presbyterian Church Pastor Installed Tonight

Rev. J. M. Wilson, recently called to the North Presbyterian church, will be installed tonight as its pastor. The ceremonies will occur at the church and will probably be attended by most of the Presbyterian clergymen of the city.

At the installation of Rev. Mr. Wilson, Rev. E. H. Jenks, pastor of the First Presbyterian church, will preside. The sermon will be by Rev. A. F. Ernst, pastor of the Lowe Avenue Presbyterian church, with the installation prayer by Rev. Charles Heron of the Omaha Theological seminary. The charge to the pastor will be by Rev. Robert L. Wheeler, pastor of the Wheeler Memorial church, South Omaha, and the charge to the members of the church by Rev. D. E. Jenkins, president of the University of Omaha.

## Reds Hold Real Power, Says British Envoy

(By Associated Press.) London, Jan. 20.—Sir George Buchanan, British ambassador to Russia, who now is in London on sick leave, today stated that while the Petrograd dispatches indicated that the social revolutionaries had an actual majority in the constituent assembly, that did not alter the fact that the Bolsheviks have the real power. The Bolshevik doctrine are spreading throughout the whole of Russia, Sir George declared. He added that while he was unable to forecast the future, he was convinced that Russia was not finished, because such a vast country could not be destroyed.

The food situation in Petrograd was very serious, he said. "The general opinion there is that the food may fail absolutely this month," Sir George concluded, "and if famine comes one may expect anarchy, and with that everybody would be in peril."

## Father Sinne Makes Plea For Better Church Music

An overflow congregation at the noonday mass at St. Mary Magdalene's church Sunday heard Rev. Bernard Sinne, pastor, preach on the influence of music in the Catholic church. He asserted that music was one of the most important functions of the church, and that Catholics did not, as a rule, appreciate the great influence of good music.

"I have attended a number of services in Omaha and its suburbs, and I am compelled to say that the choral work in a vast number of the churches does not reflect credit on the diocese. I have heard the wedding march played when I did not blame the prospective bride for turning pale, so much like a funeral dirge did it sound. We have the talent. What we need are instructors, capable men who understand church music, and can teach it."

Father Sinne expressed an earnest wish that this condition be improved, and that a move be inaugurated in all the Catholic churches of the diocese for better music. "A campaign of this kind would be endorsed and loyally supported by the archbishop, clergy and laity of the entire city."

## Emperor Alone Can Make War or Peace, Declare Prussian Lords

(By Associated Press.) Washington, Jan. 20.—The right of the German emperor to the exclusive making of war or peace has been reaffirmed in the Prussian chamber of lords in the adoption of a resolution presented by Berlin representatives, said a dispatch today from Berne. As quoted in the dispatch the resolution said:

"The chamber of lords firmly hopes that when peace is concluded the government will see that the rights of the emperor of Germany are safeguarded. These rights are conceded to him by the constitution and peace should be commensurate with the sacrifices which have been made for the politic and economic interests of the country."

Accompanying the resolution was this commentary: "The president of the United States has asked if the German negotiations at Brest-Litovsk are in the name of the majority of the reichstag or in the name of the military party. For our part we affirm that it is the German emperor who in the terms of the constitution has the exclusive right to make war and peace."

## SENATOR TO CLEAR DESERTERS' RECORD

### Hitchcock Introduces Bill That Will Strike Black Marks Off Where No Disloyalty Shown.

Washington, Jan. 20.—(Special Telegram.)—Senator Hitchcock has introduced a bill striking from the army and navy lists of deserters those who left the army and navy in times of peace and against whom there are no charges of disloyalty and whose records in the War and Navy departments show that during their connection with those two branches of the government their conduct was exemplary.

## Discontinue U. S. Guard.

The organization known as the United States guard has been discontinued. Several Nebraskans of draft age and with military experience who have filed application for commissions in this organization have been advised that their applications will be held up until further orders of the secretary of war.

## Urges New System.

F. J. Luscombe of the Paston-Mitchell company was before the Navy department urging consideration of the metallic system of packing for the various departments of the government.

## Kleffner Meets With Success.

George J. Kleffner of Omaha, who is here in the interest of the civil service retirement bill, stated that after a talk with Senator McKellar, chairman of the committee on civil service and retrenchment, he was informed by the senator that the bill which had been prepared by the efficiency committee of the government and now before the McKellar committee would be reported favorably in a few days. Mr. Kleffner further said that the house committee on civil service will take up the bill just as soon as it passes the senate.

## Army Orders.

Washington, Jan. 19.—(Special Telegram.)—First Lieutenant Edward P. McCluskey, quartermaster corps, national army, will proceed to Des Moines for duty as a supply officer of the depot brigade.

First Lieutenant Hugh E. Rogers, medical reserve corps, now on leave of absence, will proceed to Camp Dodge, Des Moines, Ia.

## HOARDERS WILL NOT BE SHOWN ANY LENIENCY

### Porkless Saturday and Meatless Meals Are New Requisites of the Food Administration.

Leniency will not be shown people who violate the rules and regulations of the federal food administrator. Especially is this statement applicable to hoarders of foodstuffs, according to Gordon W. Wattles, federal food administrator.

Mr. Wattles, because of the reports that have been coming to him that some people of the city and state are violating the provisions of the hoarding act, says that all such complaints will be investigated to the letter and that violators must expect to take the penalties.

The most recent regulations regarding hoarding are that the purchase of any food supplies for a period in excess of 30 days, shall be construed as hoarding. And further that in the matter of some commodities, such as sugar and flour, the purchase of other than the usual amounts shall be likewise so construed.

## As Act of Patriotism.

"Our patriotic citizens are responding to the requests of the government in the matter of conservation," said Mr. Wattles. "Housewives of Omaha and of the state are observing meatless and wheatless days religiously, knowing that they are doing a patriotic act."

"It is not fair and will not be permitted for others who, because of ignorance of the requests, thoughtlessness or for other reasons, to nullify the benefit of the patriotic endeavor. Any reports of violations will be dealt with as investigations develop their truth."

"We have a war to win. That is our business now. One of the greatest factors that enter into this war is the supplying of substantial foods to our soldiers and the soldiers of our associates in the war and the people of those countries."

"The federal food administration has outlined its policy—a policy which is fair to all and works no hardships on any one. It is broad policy, serving the best interests of the greatest number."

"This policy must be carried out and it will be carried out in Nebraska without fear or favor."

## Porkless Saturday.

Mr. Wattles emphasizes the new requirements for the saving of meats, which asks a meatless day each week, a meatless meal each day each week and a porkless Saturday. He urges that every householder in Nebraska immediately adapt himself or herself to the new regime and to begin at once to observe the porkless Saturday and the meatless meal.

"What is greater than serving our fellow men?" asks Mr. Wattles. "That is what we are doing and preserving for ourselves all that democracy signifies."

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