

ROTARIANS GIVE JOLLY BANQUET AT FONTENELLE

Burlesque Police Morals Squad, Poke Fun at Kansas City and Boost Coming Convention.

Four burly bluecoats of the morals squad marched into the Fontenelle banquet hall last night in the midst of the Omaha Rotary club banquet in honor of the visiting Kansas City rotarians...

John W. Welch, who was presiding at the banquet, interceded and, after much excitement, Goodrich was released. It was only then that the banqueters realized that this was a pre-arranged part of the show.

The whole evening's entertainment was novel. About 250 Omaha, Kansas City, Council Bluffs and Lincoln Rotarians were present. It was the end of a day spent here by the Kansas City men to boost the international convention of Rotarians which will be held in Kansas City in June.

WELCH CHOSEN CHAIRMAN

Chairman Welch stated modestly that he had been chosen as chairman because, after the Rotary tailor had made a dress suit to fit the ideal masculine form, he was found to be the one whom it fitted best.

RAY HAVENS MAKES SPEECH

Ray Havens, better known as "the boy president" of the Kansas City Rotary club, answered all the arguments of the Omaha men.

BOOSTING THE CONVENTION

Russell F. Greiner, past international president, and chairman of the convention committee in Kansas City, told of the plans and program for the big convention. Men will be there from many foreign countries, he said.

DEMAND HIGHER WAGES FOR RAILROAD LABORERS

Washington, Jan. 31.—Railroad tracks cannot be kept in proper repair unless higher wages are paid laborers, the railroad wage committee was told by representatives of the maintenance of way employees' union.

PAUL HEALD, IOWA MAN, FOUND DEAD IN DITCH IN PERU

Lima, Peru, Jan. 31.—The body of Paul Heald of the American Mercantile bank of Peru was found today in a ditch. The circumstances of his death have not been cleared up.

TWO MEN APPOINTED TO STATE POSITIONS

Lincoln, Jan. 31.—(Special.)—Two appointments were made by Governor Neville today, Charles Currie, a merchant of Havelock, being appointed chief clerk in the executive offices to fill the vacancy caused by the appointment of Chief Clerk Sage as insurance examiner, and Allen T. Nickerson of Beaver City being named bank examiner to fill the vacancy caused by the resignation of E. E. Emmett to become cashier of the Central National bank of Lincoln.

FINNS NAME HEADS OF NEW DEMOCRACY

Stockholm, Jan. 31.—The provisional social democratic government which has been formed in Helsingfors is headed by Senator Manner, with M. Sirola as minister of foreign affairs and O. Tokoi, the former premier, as minister of food supplies.

Brief City News

HAVE FOOT PRINTS—New Beacon Press.

Military Wrist Watches—Edholm, Jeweler Lighting Fixtures, Burgess-Grantland. Income Tax Returns Compiled—D. C. Patterson, Bookery, Douglas 2947. Kenneth S. Finlayson has removed his law office to 929 First National Bank building.

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State Bank of Omaha, corner Sixteenth and Harney streets, pays 4 per cent on time deposits three per cent on savings accounts. All deposits in this bank are protected by the depositors' guarantee fund of the state of Nebraska.—Adv.

Donates Advertising Space—The Firestone Tire and Rubber company, Akron, O., has given the government \$15,000 worth of national advertising space for the use of the committee on public information. This is the first response from the large rubber and other manufacturing interests at Akron, O., to aid in the new drive.

To Study War Foods—In accordance with requests sent out by Commissioner Hoover the University of Omaha has placed a course in war food upon the university curriculum for the last half of the year. The course is open to any student and outsider, but is particularly designed for the seniors and juniors who may be teachers next year.

FINE FIREPLACE GOODS AT SUNDERLANDS

ELKS WILL HOLD PAST EXALTED RULERS' NIGHT

In every Elk lodge the first meeting in February is observed as past exalted rulers' night, when the men, who have presided over the lodge in previous years, are called back one by one to the year to active service, to show how closely they have kept in touch with the lodge routine since they stepped down from the highest office in the lodge. On Friday evening, February 1, Omaha lodge of Elks will put up to its past exalted rulers the task of initiating one of the largest classes that has been taken into the lodge for several months past, a total of 19 candidates.

APARTMENT DISMANTLED, TENANT SUES LANDLADY

A. V. Billings has begun suit in district court against Maria Brown for \$10,000 damages for humiliation and loss of time, alleging that her agent dismantled his apartment in his absence in an effort to compel him to give up his lease. He and his wife and baby were forced to go out in search of a room from 11:30 one night until 3 o'clock the next morning, he declares.

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The official statement says: "The enemy suffered heavy losses and two of his divisions were nearly completely destroyed. The war booty captured has not yet been completely specified, but includes so far more than 100 officers and 2,500 men, six guns of various caliber, about 100 machine guns, very numerous trench mortars, several thousand rifles and a very large quantity of ammunition and war materials of all kinds."

GERMAN EMPEROR PREDICTS SUCCESS DESPITE III OMENS

Amsterdam, Jan. 31.—The German emperor, replying to birthday congratulations from the king of Saxony sent the following message, according to the Lokal Anzeiger: "You know how I sympathize in the sacrifice and distress which these hard times have laid upon our people, but I begin the new year full of confidence. Despite many difficulties, everything goes to show that our superior military command and our splendid peoples' great power of resistance will break our opponents war-will and create the foundation of a good, happy and safe future. God grant it."

WOMEN'S CLUBS BOOST MOVE FOR U. S. "BLIGHTY" IN FRANCE

Washington, Jan. 31.—To provide recreational facilities for American soldiers on leave in France, the General Federation of Women's Clubs has created a "war victory commission" which will co-operate with the commission on training camp activities in establishing an American "blighty" behind the battle lines in France. Members of the federation will be called upon to donate \$250,000 for the work.

STRIKERS ADDRESS ULTIMATUM TO KAISER

Zurich, Jan. 31.—The socialist paper Vorwaerts announces that the Berlin strikers have now become more numerous and threatening. They have addressed to the government an ultimatum of which the following are the principal demands: First—Accelerated conclusions of a general peace without indemnities or annexations. Second—Participation of workmen's delegates of all the countries in the peace negotiations. Third—Amelioration of the food situation by better distribution. Fourth—Immediate abolition of the state of siege and restoration of the right of public meeting, suspended by the military authorities. Fifth—Abolition of militarization of war factories. Sixth—Immediate release of all political prisoners. Seventh—Fundamental democratization of state institutions. Eighth—The institution of equal electoral suffrage by direct secret ballot.

TALIANS HOLD TRENTINO FRONT AGAINST ENEMY

Navy Fails to Locate Feuton Torpedo Boat Brought Overland; Riva Now Under Roman Guns.

(By Associated Press.) Italian Army Headquarters in Italy, Jan. 31.—An officer from headquarters took the correspondent to the Trentino front on a two days' trip extending through the Lake Garda region to the northern most point of the lake, where, looking across at the Austrian town of Riva, could be seen long lines of Italian and enemy works, extending from the lake eastward through the Lagarina and Brenta valley to the junction with the Piave.

This is one of the lines of the enemy's descent from the mountain to the plain. It was the scene of some of the hardest fighting, when the Austrians tried to push straight south from Trent a year ago, but for the present the action is confined to artillery duels.

Heavy cannonading was to be heard yesterday on the right as the Italians made an advance up the Brenta valley. The Italian lines around Lake Garda have been pushed a mile beyond the old Austrian frontier until the Italians now command nearly the entire lake and the surrounding shores, excepting the one Austrian foothold at Riva at the uppermost tip.

SET UP TORPEDO STATION

Besides large land forces there, the Italian navy has set up a torpedo station. It was reported that the enemy had brought a torpedo boat overland from Trent, but a thorough search by the Italian fleet failed to locate the enemy craft.

Riva is under range of the Italian guns and the torpedo fleet also makes frequent night sallies around the town, but the place has not been shelled, as most of the population speak Italian, and the Italians fear that they would be killing their own people.

Similarly the Austrian batteries on the heights back of Riva can reach and drop big shells into the lake, to show what they are able to do. The colonel commanding the front batteries showed a monster 14-inch shell, six feet long, from an Austrian naval gun, which had fallen without exploding. Owing to this mutual forbearance, the living conditions are much the same as usual on both sides of the border.

CAPTURES MORE PRISONERS

The olive groves are filled with women picking olives which industry is uninterrupted, but the lemon industry has been entirely abandoned at Limone and other large lemon districts owing to the lack of transportation facilities.

The troops in this section are in exceptionally good condition, well housed, well fed and well equipped. This was particularly noticeable when the batteries were visited. The men sprang to their pieces and sent a round of big shells with the spirit and regularity of parade.

A wide sweep of the enemy country to the north could be viewed. There was little snow except on the mountain tops. Only occasional shots were to be heard until the distant thunder of the big guns yesterday told that the battle had begun on the Brenta.

The reports this morning show that heavy fighting continues west of the Brenta, with the Italians holding the ground they won in their first advance and gaining more ground and prisoners.

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WOMEN WHOSE SENSITIVE NERVES OFTEN YIELD TO COFFEE'S HARMFUL STIMULATION, APPRECIATE THE CHANGE RESULTING FROM A TEN DAYS' TRIAL OF INSTANT POSTUM INSTEAD OF COFFEE

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OFFICERS COME UNDER BAN FOR HOLDING BOOZE

Acting Chief of Police Dempsey, it is said, will file charges Friday against Leroy Wade, a newly appointed member of the morals squad, and Detective Sergeant A. C. Anderson. It is alleged that whiskey confiscated in a raid recently, when checked, was a short number of bottles. The booze was afterward traced to the possession of Anderson and Wade, it is declared. Police Commissioner A. C. Kugei sanctions filing the charges.

our machines and anti-aircraft fire, which during two days accounted for 17 enemy machines.

RUSSIANS AND TEUTONS RESUME PEACE PARLEY

Amsterdam, Jan. 31.—A dispatch from Brest-Litovsk dated Tuesday says Count Czernin, the Austro-Hungarian foreign minister, Dr. von Kuehlmann, the German foreign secretary, Dr. Count von Podewils-Durnitz, former Bavarian premier and Talaat Pasha, the Turkish grand vizier, accompanied by their respective peace delegations and several members of the Bulgarian delegation and Leon Trotzky, the Bolshevik foreign minister, have arrived in Brest-Litovsk. At the request of the Russians the sitting of the political commission of the peace conference which had been fixed for Tuesday, was postponed until Wednesday.

Petrograd, Jan. 30.—The semi-official news agency issues the following: "The German foreign secretary, Dr. von Kuehlmann, informed the Polish premier, J. Kucharczyk, that it was impossible to grant his request to represent Poland at the Brest-Litovsk negotiations as the Russian delegation had not recognized the independence of Poland."

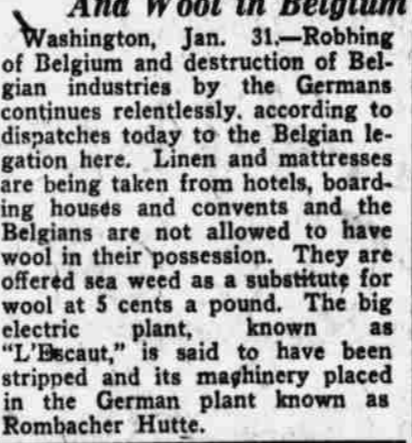
"This is false. The Russian delegation recognizes the right of self-determination of all nations, but not the competence of the Kucharczyk government appointed by Germany, because it does not express the will of the Polish people."

"The Warsaw workmen have declared a general strike as a protest against von Kuehlmann's effort to make Russia recognize a Polish government protected by Germany. Demonstrations have been violently dispersed by the Germans."

GERMANS SEIZE LINEN AND WOOL IN BELGIUM

Washington, Jan. 31.—Robbing of Belgium and destruction of Belgian industries by the Germans continues relentlessly, according to dispatches today to the Belgian legation here. Linen and mattresses are being taken from hotels, boarding houses and convents and the Belgians are not allowed to have wool in their possession. They are offered sea weed as a substitute for wool at 5 cents a pound. The big electric plant, known as "L'Escaut," is said to have been stripped and its machinery placed in the German plant known as Rombacher Hutte.

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ROADS GRANTED HIGHER RATE TO THE FAR WEST

Famous Inter-Mountain Case Affecting Panama Canal Charges Decided by Commission.

(By Associated Press.) Washington, Jan. 31.—Increases of about 15 per cent in railroad commodity rates from the east and interior points, were authorized by the Interstate Commerce Commission today in finally deciding the famous inter-

mountain rate case pending in various forms for many years. This action will make the through rates to the coast equal to higher rates maintained to Spokane, Denver, Salt Lake City, Reno and other intermediate cities, and remove the rate discrimination against which commercial interests of these cities have long protested. The order becomes effective March 15.

The decision disposes of one of the most generally discussed rate cases before the commission in recent years. Formerly lower rates were maintained to the Pacific coast than to intermediate points because of the competition of low freight charges by water carriers from Atlantic ports through the Panama canal to the Pacific seaboard.

This scheme was disarranged several years ago by the temporary blocking of the canal and by the withdrawal of vessels from coastwise trade soon after the war opened in 1914. Since then the question has been under active consideration by

the commission. The new rates are expected to remain in effect at least until the resumption of peace, or until water competition is renewed.

The increases apply to material carried in large quantities under commodity rates, such as iron and steel both in carloads, and in less than carload but not to miscellaneous freight carried under class rates. Practically all manufacturing districts of the country are affected.

Commissioner Aitchison dissented in part from the majority decision, holding that although it was necessary to remove the rate discrimination against inter-mountain cities, the result might have been obtained by reducing the intermediate charges. The commission refused the railroads' application to carry all commodity shipments of less than a carload at class rates, which would effect a considerable increase. This was proposed by the roads as the easiest method of complying with the commission's order of last June 30.



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