

'FETE OF NATIONS' BRILLIANT CARNIVAL STAGED BY TALENT OF UNIVERSITY OF NEBRASKA

Spectacular Event Held on Campus at Lincoln Consists of Events Ranging From Classical Greek to Rollicking Negro Minstrel Show, Directed By Omaha Girl.

The frolicsome spirit of the carnival dominated the spectacular "Fete of the Nations" staged last night by the students of the University of Nebraska in the Temple building at Lincoln.

Ten nations were represented at the big all-university festival and the stunts of the various groups ranged from the æsthetic classicism of ancient Greece to the grotesque antics of the southern negro minstrel.

The girls of the physical education department succeeded well in their novel exhibit in which the predominant note was Russian. A Bolshevik himself could find no fault with their dialect.

Real ukeleles and real Hawaiian songs and dances featured the graceful Hawaiian act which was staged under the direction of Lucie Wilcox, Winifred Williams and Carolyn Reed.

A distinctive hit was the minstrel show given under the direction of Maurea Hendee of Omaha. Ten fair co-eds converted by make-up and full dress suits into rollicking darkies, strummed banjos, sang songs and cracked jokes that convulsed the audience.

The "Chocolate Drops," as they were styled, consisted of members of the Alpha Xi Delta sorority, and they hail from various parts of the state. They are: Ada Kibler, Kearney; Frances Larsen and Hele Larsen, St. Paul; Jane Beechler and Marguerite Ehlers, Scribner; Lucille Keith, Hastings; Jean Rankin and Gertrude Brown, Cambridge; Hele Hendee, Fort Pierre, S. D.; and Maurea Hendee, Omaha. Miss Hendee acted as interlocutor.

From their opening chorus, "Over There," through a varied program of popular songs and clever quips, to the final bow, the minstrel show breathed originality and excellence in the difficult art of burlesque.

The crowning feature of the evening was the patriotic spectacle "America," written by Prof. H. B. Alexander, professor of philosophy, and coached by Prof. Robert D. Scott, professor of dramatic literature. Prof. Alexander is known to Nebraskans as the author of several pageants given in Lincoln which attracted large crowds and elicited favorable comment.

Following the pageant which delineated conditions of today, the members of the Philosophy club appeared in a Greek tableau setting forth the delights of a Utopian republic, representing the dreams of philosophers on an ideal existence.

The setting was Greek and the flowing draperies and classical attitudes of the actors combined to form a beautiful finale to an exceptionally meritorious program.

Following is the list of nations represented and the organizations participating:

Orient, Art club; Russia, Physical Educational department; Scandinavia, Tegner society; Italy, Latin club; Minstrel Show, Alpha Xi Delta; Hawaii, General; Bohemia, Komensky club; Greece, Pan-Hellenic; Holland, Dramatic club; France, La Soire Francaise; England, English club.

Refreshments were dispensed at a Young Men's Christian association hut and a Young Women's Christian association hostess house. The entire proceeds of the fete will go to forward University of Nebraska war activities.

ROOSEVELT IS REPORTED TO BE SOME IMPROVED

New York, Feb. 9.—The condition of Colonel Theodore Roosevelt, who underwent two operations last Wednesday, was reported at Roosevelt hospital early today as "somewhat improved."

Dr. Harold Keith attended the colonel throughout the night. He reported the patient had rested comfortably.

The colonel did not awaken during the night, a nurse informed Mrs. Roosevelt when the former president's wife entered the sick room at 5 o'clock this morning.

Letters and telegrams addressed to the former president or to members of his family here continued to reach the hospital today from all parts of the country.

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Maurea P. Hendee

Miss Hendee Directed Minstrel Show of Ten Co-Eds.



Robt. D. Scott

Prof. Scott Coached the Pageant, "America."

YANKEE TROOPS EXPLORE GERMAN TRENCH IN DARK

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flat on the ground just as a machine gun began to spit bullets in their direction.

A few feet away a heavy object struck the ground. This was found later to be a bomb which had been hurled from the German trench.

The corporals stayed where they were for some time and listened to the German soldiers talk among themselves. One of the corporals knows German so that what the Germans said was understood.

After the Germans retired again to their dugout, the smaller patrol rejoined the large one, which soon after was the target for 15 or 20 German shells, but no one was hit.

Mumps again have appeared in the trenches. A number of soldiers are afflicted, as is one member of the corps of newspaper correspondents.

Yank Is German Prisoner As a Result of Delay

Washington, Feb. 9.—Delay in delivering orders to forces in France was responsible for Daniel D. Gallagher, an American trooper, being taken prisoner in the first German raid on American trenches. Representative Huddleston of Alabama today told the house committee on expenditures in the Postoffice department.

Relatives of Gallagher, who is not yet 19, had prevailed upon the War department to grant his discharge. Orders to release him were sent on September 26, but did not arrive until October 6.

ALLEGED BANDIT GANG NABBED BY POLICE DRAGNET

Six Men and Two Women Charged With Robbery of Many Mercantile Stores; One Escapes.

With the arrest of six men and two women, Omaha police believe they have uncovered a gang of the most active thieves who have operated in Omaha in many years.

Those arrested are: Mr. and Mrs. Bennie Thomas, 2001 Vinton street; Mr. and Mrs. Frank Guthrie, 2014 Vinton street; Frank Kellerman and Sam Novak, 2121 Clark street; Donald Diamond, 1108 North Eighteenth street, and Monk Trummer, 4108 South Tenth street. Joe Novak, alleged to be "fence" for the crowd, escaped.

The arrests followed the alleged discovery of Diamond, Guthrie, and Thomas stealing an automobile Friday night at Eleventh and Farnam streets. Diamond was captured, but Guthrie and Thomas escaped. Thomas was later captured at 2121 Clark street, the home of the Novaks, where he was said to be found hiding in a clothes closet.

Jobs Laid at Door

Police assert that during the last two months this gang have robbed a number of Omaha merchants of thousands of dollars worth of merchandise. They are said to have been identified with the following "jobs": Steinberg's junk yard, January 4, \$1,000 worth of brass stolen; H. C. Ellinghusen's Toggery, January 20, \$1,000 worth of clothing; W. Thompson, Tailor, 282 Leavenworth street, \$3,000 worth of imported cloth; C. H. Marquard's meat market, 2003 Cumming street, 31 hams, and a large quantity of pork loins; Kulakofsky's grocery, 1944 South Tenth street, six sacks of sugar, and numerous other food stuffs; Frank Simeral's clothing store, Sixteenth and Williams street, 150 pairs of shoes. The last "job" credited to them was Thursday night, when they are said to have ransacked Sam Goldstrom's store at 2621 Sherman avenue.

Well Known Characters

Trummer, Thomas and Guthrie are well known police characters. All have served sentences, according to Acting Chief of Detectives Dunn. Trummer will be turned over to the federal authorities Monday. He is said to be in Pacific Junction, Ia., for two box car robberies.

U. S. Prisoners Are Taken by Germans

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could work their way commercially into the grain growing territory and thus obtain supplies of food for their hungry populations.

Their own people seem to have built great hopes on the effectiveness of this peace with the Ukraine, but apparently their leaders are none too certain of the relief it will give—for one thing because of the uncertainty as to the security of the rada's power in the territory.

They are reported trying to incite Roumanian to join forces with the Ukrainians in an attempt to defeat the bolsheviks and to be holding out to the Roumanians the possibility of their taking portions of Russian territory in Bessarabia as a reward, labelling the transaction as compensation for the loss of Dobruja to the Bulgarians. The Ukrainians, it has been reported, were to get part of Russian Poland for signing a peace.

The Spanish steamer Sebastian and the Italian steamer Duca Di Genova have been sunk by German submarines off the Spanish coast. Spain is contemplating a protest to Germany over the torpedoing of the latter within a mile of the Spanish shore, following up its recent protest over the sinking of the Giralda, a Spanish coastwise steamer.

Omaha Catholic Clergy Opposed To Prohibition

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stand against prohibition?" he was asked.

"The church as a church does not declare itself on such questions," he said. "It is left to individual opinion."

"Hasn't prohibition been a success in the states that have tried it?" "On the surface it has, but not underneath. It has encouraged abusers and the bringing in illegally of large quantities of very bad whiskey."

Father Judge, pastor of the Church of the Sacred Heart, Twenty-second and Binney streets, is outspoken against prohibition.

"You can't legislate a man into being virtuous," he declared. "Prohibition is a fantastic law and it will be a

flat failure if it is ever tried in this country. "It abridges personal liberty. Here in my parish are about 2,000 souls. Not more than 20 of those have ever abused their personal liberty. Is it fair to abridge the personal liberty of all the rest just because those 20 have transgressed?"

Father Flanagan Talks.

"Do you know any Omaha priests who are in favor of prohibition?" Father Judge was asked.

"Well, there may be some, but I can't think of any at present," he said. "I believe after a trial of prohibition in this country the people will abandon it."

Father P. A. Flanagan of the Church of the Holy Angels, whose reference to prohibition in his sermon at the funeral of Detective Frank Rooney has been criticized, declared his staunch stand against prohibition.

"We were given to understand by those people who were fighting for prohibition that such tragedies could

not happen when liquor was taken away," he said. "We find that their Utopia has not materialized. I am informed that there is more liquor in Omaha now than there was before prohibition, and it is worse liquor and it costs four or five times as much as before."

"I would rather see a man drink a few glasses of beer and a glass or two of whiskey legally than to have him get them anyway and make a criminal and a sneak of him besides. I am talking plain common horse sense and not indulging in the visions that the prohibitionists have."

Father Flanagan did not know of any Omaha priests who favor prohibition.

British Meat Ration Is One Pound Weekly

London, Feb. 9.—Baron Rhondda, the food controller, has issued a meat rationing order which gives each civilian approximately one pound of meat weekly.

WILD RIOTS BY RAIL STRIKES OF ARGENTINE

Buenos Aires, Feb. 9.—A general railroad strike was called today throughout Argentina. Immediately upon quitting work the strikers began a wild anarchistic demonstration throughout the country. Trains were wrecked, tracks destroyed, cars laden with wheat were burned and wires were cut, preventing news from the interior from reaching this city.

Troops are being rushed to points of greatest disorder. The large yards in the outskirts of Buenos Aires which cover 22 city blocks were set on fire by strikers who fought off the firemen. Exploding tank cars added to the conflagration. The strike is a fresh outbreak of the labor troubles which have been dormant since last October.

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