

PROMINENT MEN IN SHIP CONCERN PROBED BY U. S.

Vanderlip, Vail, J. Ogden Armour and R. S. Lovett: Interested in Firm Slurred by Congressmen.

(By Associated Press.)
Washington, Feb. 16.—D. H. Bender, general auditor for the emergency fleet corporation, today submitted to the senate committee a statement showing total expenditures at the Hog Island shipyard up to January 31, last, to be \$23,313,362.68. The amount for the construction of the yards, which are only partially completed, was \$19,029,972.42, and for ships, \$4,283,390.26.

This report includes only the amount of money paid out up to January 31, and does not take into consideration a large number of contracts now in force and for which a large expenditure is contemplated. It has been charged in congress that the American International Shipbuilding corporation's contracts with the emergency fleet corporation make it possible for the former to "loot the treasury of millions." President Wilson already has directed Attorney General Gregory to investigate the situation.

Vanderlip Heads Board.

The report also disclosed that the American International corporation is interested in many enterprises and over half of its common stock was set aside to be offered to stockholders of the National City bank of New York. C. A. Stone is its president; F. A. Vanderlip is chairman of the board and among its vice presidents is William Stratton, who was connected with the National City bank. The executive committee named, comprises Stone, O. H. Kahn, Amrose Monell, P. A. Rockefeller, T. N. Vail and William Woodward.

Holds Various Interests.

The corporation, the report stated, is interested with W. R. Grace and Company, in the Pacific Mail Steamship company, owns stock of the Allied Machinery company, manufacturers of machine tools; is interested with Stone and Webster in the Latin-American corporation; has purchased the property of the New York Shipbuilding company, Camden, N. J., and organized the New York Shipbuilding corporation. It also was asserted that the American International corporation was interested in the Rosin and Turpentine Export company, International Mercantile Marine, United Fruit company, American International Terminals corporation, The China corporation, and Carter, Macey & Co.

West Point Boy Leaves for Eastern Training Camp.

West Point, Neb., Feb. 16.—(Special.)—Ivan Emley, son of the late Daniel C. Emley and grandson of Judge Edgar N. Sweet, founder of the West Point Republican and now of Oklahoma, who has been meter superintendent of the Central Power and Electric company of Grand Island, left that city last week for Cambridge, Mass. to enter the officers' training camp at Harvard university, having enlisted in the signal service of the aviation corps.

While coming out of the postoffice on Thursday evening Miss Ell Wilding, employed in the local telephone office, suffered an attack of heart disease and died before she could be revived. She was 21 years old. She was the youngest daughter of Mr. and Mrs. John Wilding, old residents of this city.

At the Spenner auction sale, held a few days ago, ordinary cows with young calves at their sides brought \$350.

Julius Radebach, for many years foreman of the Republican plant at West Point, has accepted a position with the Norfolk News. His place has been filled by H. H. Grunke.

Fred W. Hill, son of Mrs. Ida Herrman, who lost his life in the sinking of the steamship Tuscania, was a native of this city. He volunteered for military service before the holidays. His loss is the first to be reported among the 50 young men who enlisted from this town. He was a nephew of the late Sheriff Bernard Herrman of Cuming county.

The death of Mrs. Martin Larsen occurred on Tuesday evening at the family home near town. She was in her seventy-first year and a native of Denmark. She has been a resident of this country for 48 years. She leaves a husband and one son. Funeral services were held today from Grace Lutheran church, Rev. L. J. Powell, pastor, officiating.

The home guard of West Point now comprises nearly 500 men, with a prospect of many more yet to join. Committees have been appointed to care for the various forms of work of the organization and much interest is being displayed by all classes of citizens in this movement. Sheriff Sexton, himself an old soldier, is doing valiant work to this end.

The marriage of Richard F. Hunker to Miss Nora Zahnow took place at St. Mary's Catholic church on Tuesday. Father Pietz officiating. Carl Parker and Miss Irene Hunker acted as attendants.

Army Orders.

(Washington, Feb. 16.—(Special Telegram.)—The appointment of Private Edward J. Verheyden, Jr., signal enlisted reserve corps, is announced at Fort Omaha. The appointments of the following named privates of the first class signal enlisted reserve as second lieutenants in the aviation section signal reserve corps are announced: Howard B. Andrews, Arthur H. Barry, Ulysses H. Bonney, Donald M. Burleigh, Robert F. Camenson, Savias T. Christian, Roland Wood Cummings, Robert Finley, Mason E. Franklin, Maurice F. Gillbern, John E. Godfrey, Stanley W. Hahn, Richard K. Harp, William H. Holmes, Don Lee Hutchins, Gordon F. Jacques, Ray Lane Hubert, K. Owen, Carl Ernest Pienz, James Nelson Ramsey, Harry Edwards Schellberg, John W. Showpataw, Lawrence Gault Simpson, Raymond T. Vredenberg, Dewitt Talmon Spence, Richard H. Anderson, Ruby P. Acker, Howard H. Miller, Blake Benson, McGehee are all placed on active duty at Fort Omaha.

THEDA BARA, SIREN OF NILE IN MOVIES, DEFENDS ART OF CLEO

Film Star in Telegram to The Bee Tells of Intense Study She Put in to Play the Role.

Theda Bara, in a telegram to The Omaha Bee, makes her first public defense of her interpretation of Cleopatra—the interpretation which called forth condemnation at a meeting of the Omaha Woman's club Monday.

"If the women wish it, Miss Bara will stop in Omaha the next time she passed through, and address the Woman's club on 'Cleopatra,' Winfield R. Sheehan, general manager of the film corporation, told a reporter for The Bee.

Here is the telegram from the "queen of vampires." It is dated at Hollywood, Cal., today:

"I have been advised that a great deal of discussion has been caused in Omaha as to my interpretation of Cleopatra. It is with a great deal of reluctance that I make this statement, having left my portrayal of the character to the public at large. It is not the mission of the artist to explain her interpretation, for if the interpretation is perfect it explains itself.

"Since this attack has been launched at my head I feel that in justice to myself and my manager, William Fox, some idea should be given as to the underlying and educational motive of my portrayal.

"As soon as it had been decided to produce 'Cleopatra' I immediately began to make a study of all available historical data. In addition, I made several visits to the Museum of Arts in New York, where there have the greatest collection of Egyptian relics in America, and with the able assistance of the curator of that department was able to gather data of the customs that prevailed during the reign of Caesar and Cleopatra and for the making of the costumes.

"Mr. Fox, myself and my director, J. Gordon Edwards, agreed that this production must be historically accurate, both as to my portrayal and



THEDA BARA.

the scenes involved. I played Cleopatra according to history as a woman who used the prerogative of her sex to gain political supremacy. In direct contrast did I show her with the same human feeling that dominate any other woman—her wonderful and true love for Antony, for whom she eventually sacrificed her life.

"This was the spiritualization of the character, so that I progressed from the low, sensual love, attributed to Cleopatra, to the spiritual love, which was the regeneration of the woman. I may add in conclusion that in some of the historical incidents recorded by eminent archeologists, Cleopatra appeared on many occasions without any clothing. Most any painting extant will bear out this testimony. In giving my portrayal of Cleopatra I have been faithful, first, to myself as an artist, then to myself as a woman, and heart and soul so with my public."

knitted garments distributed by Omaha chapter since October 1. W. B. T. Belt was named chairman of statistics.

Would Teach Men.

J. B. Anderson, 2416 Emmet street, showed a sample of mittens he had knitted at headquarters and was awarded Red Cross yarn with which to knit more for the soldiers. Anderson has volunteered to instruct a class of men in knitting.

Members of West Omaha Mothers' club took their husbands to the state inspection warehouse Friday night and made them work instead of giving them their annual party. The men, among whom were Dr. Blaine Truesdale, Dr. P. T. Barber, E. O. Hamilton and P. F. Bonorden, preface their endeavors by striking up the tune of "America."

The coat-hangers' drive of the Red Cross salvage committee is to last for the period of the war, the committee announces.

That extra room will pay your coal bill. Rent it through a Bee Want Ad.

REALTORS HONOR MEMORY OF WALLACE

Omaha Board Adopts Resolutions of Sorrow and Respect for Late Secretary of Organization.

Resolutions of sorrow and respect for the late George G. Wallace were adopted at the last meeting of the Omaha Real Estate board. Mr. Wallace was secretary of the board until the time of his sudden death at Lincoln a few weeks ago. W. T. Graham, C. F. Harrison, and E. A. Benson made up the committee which drew the resolutions as follows:

"The Omaha Real Estate board is again obliged to record the loss and mourn the death of one of its members. George G. Wallace died of apoplexy in Lincoln, Neb., February 1, 1918, at the age of almost 63 years.

"Mr. Wallace was a charter member

of the Omaha Real Estate exchange, the parent organization of this board and for 30 years was loyal and helpful in all movements that pertained to the highest and best interests of the organization. He served two terms as president and displayed fine ability as a presiding officer—conducting the duties of the office in a discriminating, gentlemanly manner which won for him the esteem of the entire membership. He was firm in conviction and faithful in execution. His courteous manner and tolerant spirit always secured for him the high regard of those who differed with him. His last distinct service for us was as secretary of the board, in which position he had only gotten well into the work of his second term. In this capacity he showed unusual adaptability, being clear of thought and exposition he had only gotten well into proceedings. In this service he was greatly appreciated. Not only in this board was his influence felt and his worth recognized, but various other organizations of the city and state—civil, religious and educational had the benefit and assistance of his judgment and council, and their success in a goodly measure is due to the interest, effort and, indeed, sacrifice of Mr. Wallace.

"His exemplary life, his ceaseless labors for the right and the love and esteem of his associates speak more potently of his splendid qualities than any eulogy which could be offered.

"This board is better for the part he had and the influence he exerted in its affairs.

"Therefore resolved: That we deeply feel the loss we have sustained; that we will miss his counsel and companionship in the future; that we will long cherish the memory of his honorable, Christian life in its varied activities and esteem his example worthy of emulation in his devotion to duty.

"Resolved further that the foregoing become a part of the records of the Omaha Real Estate board."

U. S. Aviator Killed in France.

New Haven, Conn., Feb. 16.—A cablegram received at Yale last night stated that First Lieutenant Frank Browne Turner, 17, of Wilcomico, Md., was killed by an airplane fall in France February 9.

Turner left college before his senior year ended, joined the New York naval militia and was transferred to the aviation section of the signal corps.

Krupps Reduce Dividends.

Copenhagen, Feb. 16.—The Krupp company has reduced its annual dividend and is paying only 10 per cent. Last year it paid 12 per cent. The annual report of the company says that the increasing demands of the army have necessitated the spending of a large share of the profits on new plants.

RED CROSS TO MOVE TO MASONIC TEMPLE

Will Occupy Ground Floor as Soon as Quarters Are Laid Out to Accommodate Departments.

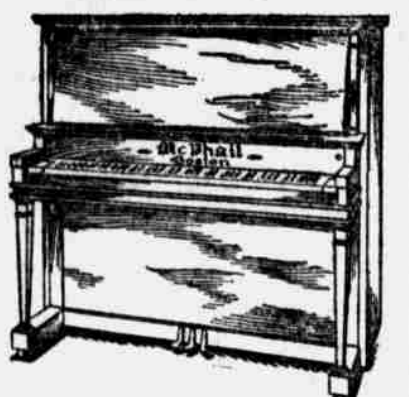
Baird building headquarters of the Red Cross will move to the ground floor of the new Masonic temple, it was decided at an executive meeting of Omaha chapter Friday. The move will be made as soon as the new quarters are laid out to accommodate both surgical dressings and hospital garments departments.

Mrs. C. M. Wilhelm of the civilian relief department reported 800 calls on families of dependent soldiers. Mrs. A. W. Jefferis reported 12,313

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