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CENTRAL FIVE TO PLAY AGGIES IN FIRST ROUND

Mulligan's Warriors Get Easy Draw in State Tournament; Lincoln to Face Auburn in First Game.

(From a Staff Correspondent.) Lincoln, Neb., March 4.—(Special.)—With entries closed for the annual basketball tournament of Nebraska High schools here this week, 118 teams had qualified for play. The 118 high schools entered makes it the largest tournament ever held in this state, exceeding the record breaking attendance last year when 98 high schools participated.

The tournament will be inaugurated next Wednesday morning and continue four days, winding up with the finals played in all divisions at the city auditorium next Saturday night. The 118 teams have been divided into eight sections, instead of three as heretofore, so no high school five will be compelled to play more than one game a day.

The customary awards will be made in each division to the winner of the championship and to the runner up as well as to the individual members of the winning squads.

Sets New Mark. In addition to being the largest in the history of the Nebraska association, the tournament sets a new mark as being the largest in the history of American basketball.

Dr. E. J. Stewart, director of athletics of the state university, and Edson Shaw, captain of the 1917 football team, who will serve as superintendent of the tournament, finished the drawings for the first round as follows:

CLASS A. Auburn against Lincoln. Stanton against Hebron. Geneva against South Side. Hastings against University Place. Fremont against Harvard. Kearney against Gothenburg. Omaha Central against School of Agriculture. Norfolk against Newman Grove.

All Well at Central. "All's well" with the Central High basketball team on the eve of the state tournament. The players are all in good form and are eager to get at their old rivals from the capitol city and pull down another championship honor for the school on the hill.

But the tourney will be no means a mere contest between the leading schools of Nebraska's largest cities. University Place has a team of crack flippers which gave Central a hard run for its victory a few weeks ago. Central won by a slim margin of one point. Last moment accidents are also liable to happen with disastrous results for the over-confident.

Boston Pool Shark Has Big Lead in Match With Dowd. Arthur Woods of Boston now leads Edward Dowd of New York 500 to 353 in their 1,200-point pocket billiard match for a \$250 purse offered by Ernie Holmes.

In the fourth block of the match Woods scored a 125 to 104 advantage over the New Yorker. Two more blocks will be played today and the final block will be played Wednesday night.

Dowd is beginning to improve in form and Omaha pool enthusiasts expect a close conclusion. Dowd has been playing the old style "lineup" game and this has handicapped him considerably in playing the "rack" style game.

First Woman Auto Racer To Meet Death in Race. Stockton, Cal., March 4.—Nina Vitagliana of Los Angeles was killed here today when a tire flew off her car during a woman's automobile race. Five others were injured. One of these, her mechanic, R. N. Curry, sustained a fractured skull.

Miss Nina Vitagliana was racing against Ruth Wightman before a large crowd. The machine shot through the fence, which had been lined with spectators.

Select Tuscania Site. Port Elean, Scotland, March 4.—An American Red Cross contingent will arrive here in a few days from London to select a site for a monument to the American soldiers who perished in the Tuscania disaster. Authorization has been received from Washington to proceed with the work.

Lenroot Endorsed. Milwaukee, Wis., March 4.—Congressman Irvine L. Lenroot of the 11th Wisconsin district tonight was endorsed as the republican candidate for United States senator at the primary election on March 19, by a republican conference here.

Dakotan "Gassed." Ottawa, Ont., March 4.—The names of the following Americans are in today's casualty list: Gassed: W. A. Elberts, Edmond S. D.

ANNAM SOLDIERS BUILDING ROADS

Little Brown Troops Prove Efficient in Pick and Shovel Work on the French Front.

(By Associated Press.) French Front, March 4.—Smart little brown men from Annam and other parts of Indo-China have relieved the French troops of the pick and shovel work which is, next to actual fighting, one of the most important duties of a modern army not in the first line positions, but in the rear of the battle front.

At many points along the line these soldiers are the thoroughly trained fighting men, many of whom have taken a valorous part in colonial wars—may be met cheerfully and willingly doing their bit in the great task of beating the Germans.

No chore is too difficult or too perilous for them. Unloading and loading from trains daily onto motor lorries and into ammunition wagons millions of shells and rifle cartridges, hand-grenades and aerial torpedoes, needed by their white comrades, laying out roads across fields and marshes where no passage formerly existed, digging reserve trenches, building huts, driving ambulances—these heavy labors are executed by them with wonderful celerity and skill.

On one day, during a recent offensive, a battalion of Annamites transferred from an ammunition train to succeeding convoys of motor lorries 228,000 three-inch shells and 90,000 larger projectiles and thus helped the French artillerymen win a decisive victory.

Since February, 1916, these Annamites have been in France, or at least the first detachment of them, and soon after their arrival they were found to be of such immense utility that their numbers have been greatly increased. When volunteers were called for among the existing battalions in the far east virtually every man in the service asked to be taken to Europe. It is regarded as an honor among the natives of the French colony to serve in the army and in the ranks of the native battalions are to be found men from the best families of the country, even princes of the royal blood taking service as privates.

Many of the noncommissioned officers are white soldiers who have fought in the colonies and who know thoroughly the language and customs of the natives, with whom they live on the best of terms. The natives themselves are in many instances educated and quickly obtain promotion.

Every effort is made to respect the habits and religious practices of the native soldiers, who greatly admire their officers, all of whom have held commands in the colonies. The discipline of the troops is remarkable.

During their leisure hours, the Annamites lead a very active life in playing native games in which great physical strength is called for and in practicing among themselves military movements and exercises with their weapons. Some of them are real artists in wood carving and in hammering designs on metal and they are very proud of showing their work to visitors to their cantonments.

Since they have been in France they have, contrary to expectation, suffered hardly at all from the change of climate and environment. The average number of sick is only 16 per thousand.

Teachers' Association To Convene Last of March. Wayne, Neb., March 4.—(Special.)—The 32d annual session of the North Nebraska Teachers' Association will be held here March 28, 29 and 30. Wayne Commercial club is arranging a program of entertainment to enliven the regular work of the association.

The session will be attended by Mrs. Mary C. Bradford, president of the National Education association; S. Harrison White, associate justice of the supreme court of Colorado; Dr. R. L. Lyman, University of Chicago; Prof. M. M. Fogg, department of rhetoric, University of Nebraska; A. H. Waterhouse, superintendent of Fremont college; Homer Anderson, of Omaha city schools; W. H. Clemons, state superintendent of schools, and C. W. Pugsley, director of extension service, University of Nebraska.

Highlanders and Giants Sign Stars for Next Year. New York, March 4.—(After a conference with President Rupert and Manager Huggins of the New York American league base ball club here today, Roger Peckinpaugh, shortstop and captain of the team, signed a contract for the coming season. Peckinpaugh came here from Cleveland to discuss a salary grievance and, it was announced, obtained a compromise.

Manager McGraw of the New York Nationals sent word from St. Louis to the club officials that he had obtained the signatures of Pitcher William Perritt and Shortstop Arthur Fletcher, both of whom had been holding out.

Outfielders Robertson and Thorpe are the only players who have not reached an agreement with the club.

WESTERN MOGULS DROP BEARS AND DUCKS FROM LOOP

Magnates Are Deadlocked on Spit Ball Question; To Adopt Schedule and Take Final Action Today.

Des Moines, March 4.—Club owners of the Western league, meeting here yesterday, determined upon the cities that are to comprise the circuit this season, but drafting of the schedule and final action on the proposal to abolish the spitball went over until tomorrow.

Transfer of the Lincoln franchise to Sioux City and the Denver franchise to Topeka was ratified and those two cities and Des Moines, Wichita, St. Joseph, Omaha, Hutchinson and Joplin will make up the league. Much of today's session was devoted to discussion of the spitball, with the forces opposed to it, led by W. A. Rourke of Omaha, but a vote on the issue of ousting it resulted in a four to four tie.

Rourke Fights Hard. Rourke said here today he hoped to align a majority against the disputed delivery before final action is taken. He declared he had been informed that the major league, in their search for promising pitching material, had decided to pass up so-called spitball artists this season.

There was every indication tonight that a 140-game schedule would be adopted tomorrow, extending from May 1 to the middle of September. One magnate declared six of the owners favored this schedule while the other two approved one of 126 games.

Bleachers Thirty Cents. War tax and admission charges occupied the attention of the owners at a session tonight, but complete decision was expected to go over until tomorrow. There was virtual agreement on a 30-cent bleacher admission charge, including the war tax. Uniform charges for other seats were expected to be at "even money" with the war tax included, to do away with the handling of pennies in making change.

Jack Holland of the Hutchinson club, announced the purchase of Catcher Ott Jacobs from the Dayton, O. club of the Central league and the sale of Pitcher Rudolph Sommers to the Topeka club. Monetary considerations involved were not announced.

Those in attendance at today's sessions were E. W. Digerson, president; Frank Isbell, Wichita; Jack Holland, Hutchinson; E. J. Hanlon, St. Joseph; William Holmes, Sioux City; Spencer A. Abbott, Topeka; Thomas P. Fairweather, Des Moines; John Savage, Joplin, and W. A. Rourke, Omaha.

Polish Papers Against Selling Lands to Hebrews. The Hague, March 4.—(Associated Press.)—The Jewish correspondence bureau here reports that the anti-Semitic agitation in the Polish papers is assuming forms "which were formerly possible only in reactionary Russia." The agitation, it is stated, is directed especially against the sale of land to Jews. Newspapers are publishing the names of those who have been "guilty of such a crime."

The bureau prints an extract from an article in the Lemberg Tagelblatt describing as pitiable the plight of the Jews living at Belz in Galicia. The Jews, it says, are obliged to live in huts little better than ruins. One of them collapsed during a storm on January 16, killing 10 persons.

The food ticket system, it adds, is another source of hardship to the Jews. In some Galician towns a Jew gets only 40 ounces of rye flour per week while others get four pounds. The same discrimination against them is shown in the distribution of coal and salt.

"If this wrong be not soon stopped," the paper declares, "the Jews will die of hunger."

Buffalo County People Bid Army Boys Farewell. Kearney, Neb., March 4.—(Special Telegram.)—Seventeen hundred Buffalo county people crowded into the opera house this afternoon to bid a community farewell to the 23 men who represented the last 15 per cent of the draft army quota from this district.

Addresses were made by Anna Caldwell, of the Normal faculty, professor Ralph Noyes also of that school, and Rev. O. Keve, pastor of the Methodist church. The Council of Defense was in charge. E. P. McDermott presiding in the absence of Judge W. D. Oldham. The boys left for Camp Funston this evening, cheering crowds bidding them farewell at the depot.

Clemmons Back From East. (From a Staff Correspondent.) Lincoln, March 4.—(Special.)—State Superintendent Clemmons is back from his trip to Atlantic City where he went to attend a meeting of state superintendents in connection with the National Education association.

WAR FINANCE BILL RUNS AGAINST SNAG

Measure is Held Up for Further Discussion Between Leaders; May Pass Senate by Tuesday Night.

Washington, March 4.—Opposition to the administration bill for a war finance corporation resulted today in suspension of debate in the senate until tomorrow to permit conferences between Governor Harbing and Vice Governor Warburg of the federal reserve board, with banking committee members and other senators who have led the fight on certain sections of the bill.

Tomorrow Secretary McAdoo, at the request of Senator Owen, chairman of the banking committee, will meet the opposing faction. There were indications tonight that attempts to make radical amendments in the bill as it now stands would be abandoned.

Provisions authorizing the corporation's directors to issue \$4,000,000,000 in bonds to aid the financing of war industry, as well as those of licensing of security issues by a capital issues committee, were the principal objections urged today in the senate banking committee's conference. Opponents of the measure advanced the argument that many of the functions proposed for the corporation could be performed better by the federal reserve board and securities licensing continued by the existing voluntary committee.

May Pass Tomorrow. Support for the plan proposed in the bill is understood to have been given by both Mr. Warburg and Mr. Harding, and Secretary McAdoo is expected to insist upon it tomorrow. Some of the committee members said tonight it was probable no changes vitally disarranging the present draft of the bill would be urged. Senator Owen, however, is expected to press his amendment limiting the interest rate on the proposed bond issue to 4 per cent and Senator Hollis of New Hampshire, another democrat of the committee, has an amendment to limit the corporation's fund to its \$500,000,000 of capital.

In discussing the measure today the reserve board officers are said to have pointed out that it specifically prescribed that the secretary of the treasury and two members of the reserve board shall constitute a majority of the corporation's directorate, giving them control and insuring harmony in the corporation's operations both with the Treasury department and the board.

Should insistent opposition be made against legal establishment of the proposed capital issues committee, some administration leaders in the senate tonight said they might agree to elimination of the clause and leave the present voluntary committee undisturbed.

War Savings Limit Club Organized in Nebraska. A war savings limit club is to be organized in Nebraska. It will be made up of those who have purchased \$1,000 worth of war savings stamps, which is the limit allowed to any one person. Each member will carry an engraved card of membership. The card will be suitable for framing and will be in the nature of a government certificate, certifying that the owner has subscribed for \$1,000 worth of war savings stamps.

Each week the chairmen of the 93 counties in the state will forward to State Director Ward M. Burgess the lists of those who have subscribed for the limit in stamps. These will be furnished with cards.

England Begins Bond Week To Raise Million Pounds. London, March 4.—A war bond campaign of a week to raise £100,000,000 began today with a rush. The two largest individual subscriptions were for £1,500,000 each. The newspapers give prominence to the campaign with such headlines as "Help to Pound the Germans." Trafalgar square was an interesting sight, with tanks, airplanes, material captured from the enemy and signs bidding all to make investments at the banks opened in the tanks. At noon Queen Mother Alexandra released a pigeon which carried her subscription to a tank in the square.

Affairs of Ten Nations Cared for by One Man (By Associated Press.) The Hague, Netherlands, March 4.—Many of neutral Holland's diplomatic representatives abroad are hard worked in temporarily looking after the interests of warring nations on both sides. The record is so far held by P. H. Hotz, Dutch consul-general at Beyrouth, Syria, who has in his care the affairs of 10 nations besides those of his own, including those of the United States.

Texas House Concur in Ratification of Dry Bill. Austin, Tex., March 4.—The lower house of the Texas legislature this evening concurred in a minor amendment by the senate to the resolution for the ratification of the federal prohibition amendment. The resolution now goes to the governor for approval.

NAMES OF TEN SAMMIES SENT BY PERSHING

Washington, March 4.—General Pershing reported to the War department today the names of one lieutenant and nine privates killed in action March 1, the day of the German attack on an American trench sector near Toul. The names of one lieutenant and four men killed in action the same day had been reported, bringing the total to 15. Those named were: First Lieutenant Stewart W. Hoover, infantry, Blackfoot, Idaho. Privates: Russell A. Murr, Napa, Cal. Chris Bush, Napa, Cal. William Farr, Milan, Pa. Fred Gard, friend Hans T. Larson, Crosby, N. D. Edward H. McNulty, 3917 North Ninth street, St. Louis. Matthews D. Souza, Sato Antas, Azores island. Claude W. Keller, Glenburn, N. D. Lloyd S. Miller, Commerce, Mo. Frank Midak, friend John J. Davis, Minot, N. D. Corporal Homer J. Wheaton, Syracuse, N. Y., and Private Lawrence A. Lacasse, Woburn, Mass., were killed February 27.

Cornell Professor Says U. S. Crop Be Very Short. Washington, March 4.—G. F. Warren, professor of farm management at Cornell university testifying today before the senate agriculture committee investigating general food conditions declared production in the United States this year from present indications would be less than three-fourths of normal.

Senator Wadsworth questioned a statement by Charles Reid of Chicago, editor of a sheep raisers' paper, that retail meat dealers who purchase direct from producers were boycotted by packers. Reid declared that with the present prices of meat to the producers, many engaged in meat production would send their present supplies to market and then quit business. An over-abundance of meat will be on the market in the next few weeks, Reid said, but indications are that soon there would be a shortage.

Secret Wireless Plant Proves to Be Harmless. New York, March 4.—It became known today that agents of United States Marshal McCarthy's office, and of the army intelligence bureau had made an examination of what was reported to be a powerful wireless station in the tower of an office building at No. 111 Broadway, but nothing was forthcoming as to what disclosures, if any, resulted from the search.

It was supposed, the authorities had discovered a plant operated by Germans, but according to agents for the building the rooms searched are being used for experimental purposes by an accredited representative of the United States navy. They said the authorities who investigated were convinced of the legitimacy of this work.

Women Married to Aliens Cannot Vote in Gotham. New York, March 4.—Women born in the United States but married to aliens and who registered for the four special congressional elections in this city will be challenged at the polls tomorrow, according to a statement issued tonight by Frederick T. Marshall, state superintendent of elections.

He explained that many women of this class had registered, ignorant of the fact that "the United States revised statute distinctly states that any American woman marrying a foreigner shall take the citizenship of her husband." This law, he added, applies also to women whose husbands have merely obtained their first papers.

Governor Asks People to Aid Syrian Relief Fund. Governor Neville has issued an appeal to the people of Nebraska to contribute to the Armenian and Syrian relief fund.

"More than 2,000,000, mostly women and children, are homeless and helpless," he says. "I would favor every righteous cause, but especially let us not withhold our gifts from those who are in sore need and who must perish unless they receive aid very soon."

Contributions may be made through the Nebraska commission for Armenian and Syrian relief, of which C. M. Wilhelm is secretary and John C. Wharton treasurer.

Pilots Must Have License To Fly Near War Plants. Washington, March 4.—President Wilson today, by proclamation, made it necessary for any person flying in the vicinity of military works or any part of the country designated as a zone of war-like operation or war-like preparation to secure a license.

Government May Take Control of Telephones. Washington, March 4.—Government operation of telephones in the District of Columbia, as a means of guarding official business and greater efficiency, was recommended to congress today by Postmaster General Bursleson.

Kaiser William Praises Hertling for Russian Peace

Berlin, March 4, via London.—Emperor William, according to an official announcement made today on the conclusion of peace between Germany and Russia, sent a telegram to Count von Hertling, the German imperial chancellor, reading as follows: "The German sword, wielded by great army leaders has brought peace with Russia. With deep gratitude to God, who has been with us, I am filled with joy at the deeds of my army and the tenacious perseverance of my people. It is of especial satisfaction to me that German blood and German kultur have been saved. Accept my warmest thanks for your faithful and strong co-operation in the great work."

Detroit Police Chief Removed From Office. Detroit, Mich., March 4.—Police Commissioner James Couzens, a multi-millionaire, was removed from office today by Alderman Joseph Walsh, who is acting mayor in the absence of Mayor Oscar B. Marx. Walsh offered the position to Frank Croul, former police commissioner.

Mayor Marx is expected to return to Detroit tomorrow or Wednesday, and it is believed that he will reappoint Couzens. Walsh, in a formal letter to Couzens, blamed him for the many crimes that have been committed in Detroit this winter.

Couzens said he would ignore Walsh's action.

Rainfall General Over South Half of Nebraska. Soaking rain were general over most of the south half of Nebraska Sunday and Sunday night, according to reports to the railroads. It extended west beyond McCook and south far into Kansas. In many places the precipitation aggregated an inch or more.

Through central Nebraska the railroad offices report a rainfall of one-half to three-fourths of an inch, with lesser precipitation in the eastern and northern sections of the state.

British Push for Big Gains on East Front

London, March 4.—British troops operating north of Jerusalem in Palestine have made an advance along a front of 12 miles to a maximum depth of 3,000 yards astride and west of the Jerusalem-Nabulus road, the war office announces today.

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