## **COMEDIAN MAKES** SOME HIT WITH **FUNSTON COLONEL**

Officer at Army Post Is Played Up as Hero of One of Big Riotous Comedies Presented to Soldiers.

Camp Funston, Kan., March 22 .-(Special.)-A clever young comedian in a theatrical company at Army City scored a hit and convulsed the cantonment when he conceived the idea of making Lieutenant Colonel Crimmins the hero of a riotous musical comedy, presented before a soldier

Colonel Crimmins is commander of the detention camp and a notable fig-ure at Funston. When "The Devil and Tom Walker," opened at the Army City showshop, camouflaged as "The Devil and Colonel Crimmins," set to music and plentifully decorated with pretty girls, dressed as for the

reservation, A beautiful blonde was the stage colonel's orderly. A wonderful brunette drilled an awkward squad of little cutles just outside his tent. The comedian was the soldier whom the colonel sentences to do kitchen-police for writing mash notes to the shapely auburn haired ad-And They All Laugh.

The scene in the nether regions, in which that worthy, evidently promoted from kitchen police, is the prince of darkness, rocked the house. When the actor impersonating in the War department. Colonel Crimmins appeared and was sentenced to peel 1,000,000 asbestos spuds with a knife made of butter, the audience went into spasms. One rookie, with the tell-tale marks of the spud peeling squad on his hands nearly required treatment for hys-

In the close of the burlesque Colonel Crimmins' men followed the man to hell. There they played a dirty trick perhaps, in rescuing him from the clutches of the flock of captivating little red-tighted chorus devils, but the travesty had put across one hit that told, for many say that the colonel's men would follow him farther than that,

Colonel Crimmins' friends left the theater holding their aching sides and suggesting that perhaps the drinks—well, you know. Behind the scenes the young comedian's pals were patting him on the back and congratulating him on scoring the laugh of the season. Accepts the Plaudits.

He accepted the plaudits mechanically, but his thoughts were on a let ter he had just opened. It brought him to his mind the sage old saying, and unfolded the possibilities of the

be called in the draft, sent to Funs-ton and landed as a rookie in the very detention camp over which Colonel Crimmins presides. And then! Oh

Warm spring weather has brought an exceptionally large crowd of visi-tors to the camp, the rush of eager relatives and sweethearts com-mencing early in the morning and taxed the capacity of the pass is-suing places, whose records show arrivals from all of the nearby states, as menting on the work of the boys. well as many farther ones. As no women are allowed in the

camp excepting on the first Saturday of each month, the Young Women's Christian association hostess house was the mecca for them, while little brother or father or a messenger, as the occasion might be, hustled through the camp in search of the boy in the case.

Nothing in the army regulations prevents women from climbing the hill bordering Funston, however, and the elevation provided grandstand seats for hundreds who spent hours picking out "the place where Johnny sleeps" and "the barracks where Jimmy lives," from among the hundreds of buildings spread out below. Depot Busy Place.

The headquarters information bureau, in charge of Orderly Hirshman, took care of the majority of the ban cars. However, the camp receiving station, near the depot to which visitors arriving from a distance via train go first, was also a busy point There a long line formed with the arrival of the first early morning train. Some of the visitors had come from as far away as Arizona, and a few affecting reunions were mingled with the many happy scenes. Everyone carried bundles.

It is estimated that a ton of good

entered business, while Reich remain- meeting and stand in with everybody and ed in Paris. When the war broke out everything.-Tamarora, Idaho, Bugle, both entered the French army in different branches, but never saw each other. It was one of the freaks of war, that the old friends, now lieutenants in the service of the tricolor, should both be assigned to the French military mission to this country, and they met recently at Funston for the first time, both going there for duty as instructors.

Peanut Bread.

A baking conpensuon in Gainsville, Fla., working in co-operation with B. F. Williamson, a chemist of that city, has put peanut bread upon the market and is securing wide distribution for it in that locality. The peanut flour used is made from peanut flour used of fat and is said to have almost twice the nitrogenous food value of dried heef—44 per cent for peanut flour, against 25 per cent for ferent branches, but never saw each duty as instructors.

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The importance of the salute in the making of a well disciplined soldier has again been impressed upon Funston in a bulletin from Major General Ballou, ordering all commanders to make it a fixed part of their drill until the men are proficient. "This phase of the soldiers' training must be considered vital instead of casual," the bulletin reads, "and the individual should not be classed as proficient up. should not be classed as proficient un-till he can perform the act of saluting with the bearing and look of pride that are so wially necessary to the accomplishment of the real salute."

War Finance Passes House.

Washington, March 22.—The add department.

Contract Surgeon Herbert E. Whiteledge, United States army, is relieved from duty at Camp Dodge and will proceed to his home.



CHARLES S. WHITMAN.

Governor Charles S. Whitman of New York has announced his candidacy for a third term. It was while elated with the news that he had climate suggested by the title, even the victim himself shared the laugh, been nominated by the farmers' coun-The first scene showed the deten- cil that Governor Whitman defiantly tion camp, but such a camp as was proclaimed he was ready to meet never dreamed of on this womanless anybody who would dispute his title to a third term. The governor said:
"I am ready to meet all comers at the primaries for the republican gubernatorial nomination.

> **Federal Appointments** And Transfers in West

Washington, March 22 .- (Special

Captain Frank S. Treadway, quartermaster reserve corps, is relieved from duty as assistant to quartermaster at Fort D. A. Russell, and will proceed to St. Louis, Mo.

Frank L. Melvin, appointed post-master at Murdock, Cass county, Neb., vice Emma Davis, resigned, and Paul E. Bellamey, at Hardin Grove, Haakon county, S. D., vice Edwin H. Spurling, resigned.

Rural letter carriers appointed for Nebraska: John Nelson, jr., Nebraska
City; William J. Dougherty, New
Castle; Glenn H. Williams, St. Edward; Harry S. Haynes, Sterling;
Harry J. Bright, Venus; Eugene L.
Zimmerman, Buffalo.
South Dakota: Herbert V. Huntley, Avon; Clarence W. Peterson,
Burke; William W. Wood, Gayville;
Ray E. Bridge, Ward; Grove H.
Flindt, Frederick; John R. Udseth,
Summit.

**Boy Scouts Preparing** For Spring Cleaning Day

ha is close at hand. "Get ready to clean up those ash

you if you don't watch out. These lads did their bit last spring. They were asked to make a survey of the entire town, take notes on sanitary conditions in yards, hand out

circulars urging the necessity for cleaning up for summer, and urge on the people the importance of making Omaha'a city beautiful. "I am for the Boy Scouts all the time," says Mayor Dahlman, in com-

"The training a boy receives as a result of being a scout is, to my the greatest man builder the world has ever known," is the tribute paid to the boys by President W. H. Clarke of the Rotary club. Crack Shot Liberates Elk.

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Taking a shot at an eik to liberate him without slaying him is an unusual thing to do, but it has happened.

Elk are protected in Utah, and the animals are the special care of the state fish and game department.

R. H. Siddoway, state fish and game commissioner, recently received word from Ted Seeholzer, deputy game warden at Logan, that he was obliged to come to the rescue of a big male elk by using his rifte on the animal. As a result the elk is minus a portion of one horn and a burden of chicken wire by which he was hampered.

Mr. Seeholzer says in his letter that as he was making his inspection rounds in Logan canyon one day recently he say a big male elk, apparently entrapped by one horn. Going closer, he found that a web of chicken wire about three feet wide and 20 feet long was caught on the animal's horn and was being laboriously trailed along, meantime the clk fighting bravely to get rid of his entanglement.

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It is thought that the chicken wire became attached to the horn either in browsing or in a fight with another male elk.—Sait Lake Tribune.

It is estimated that a ton of good things to eat were brought in by to-day's visitors for the boys. Many carried a huge armload of the duly appreciated delicacies and there were picnic parties by the score up on the hill, while the Young Women's Christian association cafeteria fed hundreds.

One of Freaks of War.

A recent reunion at Camp Funston illustrated another of the many coincidences of war. Years ago Alfred Bouchet and Fernand Reich were schoolmates in France. Afterward Bouchet went to London where he entered business, while Reich remain.

for peanut flour, against 25 per cent for dried beef.

Department Orders.

Washington, March 22.—(Special Telegram.)—Bertha M. Death, Lincoln, Neb.; Mabel U. Gormley Florence, Neb.; Harry E. Davis, Independence, Ia.; Alva W. Buzza Lincoln, Neb.; Lydia Edwards and Mac C. Babrenfuss, Webster City, Ia.; Ira M. Mc-Cauley, Clinton, Ia., have all been appointed clerks, and Guy W. Sears. Grinnell, Ia.; Frank C. Bowman, Cheyenne, Wyo., have been appointed accountants in the War department.

GOVERNOR WENTMAN SAYS GERMANS TIRE OF BATTLE; WAR'S END **AWAITS VICTORY** 

> Staff Correspondent of London Times Declares Berlin Merry Despite Conflict: Food Conditions Good.

(London Times Special Correspondence.)

Amsterdam, Feb. 21.-A traveler who had just arrived from Berlin told strikes, but saw little of them as he kept away from the quarters principally affected.

He arrived in Berlin at the Pots-dam station, and was struck by the large reinforcements of police visible everywhere. In the royal castle there formed that they had 24 machine guns altogether.

Although the strike caused alarm it did not paralyze the activities of the city, as traffic was interrupted only in some localities.

My informant declared that the population of the towns were suffering severely from underfeeding, but the country folk experience less hardship from privation. His view is that March and April will be the time of greatest difficulty from the food point of view, but if this critical period is passed, Germany will be able to go on again for another year, apart from any possible supplies from the Ukraine. Germany, he affirmed, is suffering terribly from the effects of the war, but will never give way from

Victory Will End War.

"If the Germans get a good lick- fund. ing, he continued, collapse will come

to west. Trains were continually arriving at the terminal of the east-Nebraska: John Nelson, jr., Nebraska ern lines with troops going to the west front.

In Berlin itself I only noticed one passing machine-gun battalion through the streets. It was about 500 strong. The troops were very smart, and the officers well mounted. Their horses' hair was long, indicating that they were from the East

There is an enormous amount of dishonesty in connection with food in Berlin, where bread and meat cards are easily purchasable. I bought a bread card for five marks (shillings.) It is said that millions of forged cards are in circulation. People with money Spring housecleaning day for Oma- can get anything in the food way. Plenty to Eat.

> vegetable soup, and 6m. 50pf. for a Williams, for execution. good portion of goose with a few potatoes. In the boarding house where I stayed, meat was served with lunch every day. The pro-prietress obtained it surreptitously. She charged 10 marks for a simple luncheon. Still there is no question that a food shortage exists, the absence of fat particularly causing great hardship to the population as a whole.

Berlin, although dark, only one street-lamp in about three being lighted, is still gay in some respects. Officers on leave are very numerous, and spend money freely. As a natural consequence, fast life with the female hangers-on forces itself the more strongly on the attention. The theaters also are packed every night. All soldiers returning home on leave, bring food from the front to their relatives and their friends. When they return to the front they carry medicines and other necessities

thus acting as commission agents.

In Berlin I heard that about ten policemen were killed during the strikes, but when a state of seige was They were told that they would be sent to the front if they did not resume work. Upon this they asked if being sent to the front was a punishment, where did the honor come in for the soldiers in such glowing terms. However, they gave way before the threat of the military authority.

At the end of January and beginwhile the Germans were completing their concentration of troops in the I experienced no difficulty in travelling, however, when I left sub-sequent to this date.

British Bombard Helgoland And Cstend: Airmen Return

London, March 22 .- Ostend was bombarded by British monitors today

while spotting for the bombardment with the result that another enemy machine was destroyed.

British seaplanes engaged in recon-naissance in Helgoland Bight, attacked enemy mine sweepers with machine gun fire. There were no casualties on the British side. All our machines returned safely.

Fred Feakins Returns to Omaha in New Position

Effective immediately, Fred L. Feakins becomes assistant general freight agent of the Missouri Pacific, with headquarters in Omaha, succeeding R. M. Dozier, recently transferred to Memphis, Tenn. Mr. Feak-

ins has arrived and has taken up his new duties. He comes from Boston, where for the last three years he has been New England agent of the Missouri Pacific freight and passenger department. Prior to going east he was the company's Omaha commercial agent, coming to the Missouri Pacific from the Denver & Rio Grande,

J. O. Phillippi, who has been acting assistant general freight agent.

ing assistant general freight agent since the transfer of Mr. Dozier, returns to his former duties as commer-

English People Reserve Calm During World's Greatest Clash

The Germans had talked so freely

some looked for a campaign against

Saloniki, instead of a big attack in

that the Germans have built a large

number of tanks and super-tanks, but

weapon, are not likely to be stopped

by these, nor is it conceivable that

Extensive preparations have been

Throughout the United States,

Hawaii, Alaska, Porto Rico, Cuba,

the Philippines and "somewhere in France," 9,000,000 posters are being sent various committees for distribu-

tion in anticipation of the coming

campaign for the third Liberty loan.

The drawings are contributions of

artists ranging from a night school

student to the most widely known

illustrators, and are issued by the di-

vision of pictorial publicity, commit-tee on public information. Work on

ary. All the designs used were fur-nished without charge.

One of the most powerful posters, by Joseph Pennell, shows a bat-tleship in dock. Airplanes circle over-head. Sydney Riesenberg's painting

is entitled "Over the Top for You," and "Halt the Hun," in red lettering

is the title of the poster by Henry Raleigh. The contribution of Howard

Chandler Christy pictures a modern-ized spirit of Victory bearing an

American flag.
An attractively executed design and

tlever caption are combined in "Are

you 100 per cent American?" by Syd-

productions of the famous Liberty

bell and Independence hall in Phila-

delphia are shown in the "Ring It

Loan buttons have been prepared .-

Buildings and Grain Burn.

Keef a few miles north of this city

Wednesday. Fifteen hundred bushels

autos, two wagons and a lot of farm

Curlosity.

A dashing lieutenant colonel, former mem-

ber of the general staff, was approached by a recently drafted man. "What might your name be? Do you be-

long to this bunch?"
'"I'm the colonel in charge."
"Wal, I see the balance of 'em busy around here, and I don't see you doin' any-

go about gittin'

implements were destroyed.

Again" poster.

New York Times.

Third Liberty Loan

(By Associated Press.)

London, March 22.-Although a about their great offensive that many battle is being fought which is likely people thought they were making a to develop into the greatest struggle feint to conceal some other policy of modern history, and perhaps settle the result of the war, the English peohave worn for the last four years. There are no signs of unusual excitement or nervousness in London, no the British, who first launched this crowds outside the newspaper offices or elsewhere

The statement made by Andrew they would be behind in numbers of Bonar Law in the House of Commons tanks or improvements. was circulated in the hotels and other public places. That is the last news made by the English hospitals to re-the majority of the people will have ceive the trains of wounded from the me today that he reached Berlin at of the great struggle before they see channel ports which follow every batthe moment of the outbreak of the words have carried much assurance. Itomorrow. the morning papers, but Bonar Law's tle. The first of them is expected U. S. WILL CURTAIL Publicity Posters for

RAIL EXPENSES were, it was said, two companies of machine gun soldiers; he was in-Prescribes Basis of Compensation to Owners During Federal Operation.

(By Associated Press.)

Washington, March 22.-The first act of Director General McAdoo, the posters was begun early in Januafter President Wilson signed the railroad bill which provides \$500,000,-000 revolving fund, and prescribes a basis of compensation to the owners during federal operation, was to issue an order restricting railroads' capital expenditures to extension and betterments absolutely essential under war conditions. Inasmuch as the government has

now undertaken largely the financing of improvements and purchase of new equipment the order will serve as a safeguard to the big working The signing of the bill opens the

very quickly, and will be terrific, for the German people, including the ofney S. Stern. The artist is a young man who writes that he attended varificers, are heartily sick of fighting, with the negotiation of agreements ous evening schools of art. Exact re-Soldiers and officers will do anything on compensation, and with other to get excused from serving at the forms of financial assistance to the companies.

Lovett at Head.

Without waiting for the railroad bill to pass the final stage of the president's approval, Mr. McAdoo had created in the railroad administration a division of capital expenditures. headed by Robert S. Lovett, former director of priorities for the war industries board, to supervise the regulation of additions and betterments.

This division will scan all requests for the building of new terminals, extensions of lines, purchase of locomotives, cars and other equipment, and all other enterprises requiring expenditure of capital.

Engineers of the railroad ad-ministration will report on the physical necessity of proposed betterments before these are considered by higher officials. After being approved by Mr. Lovett and the director general, pro-I lunched at one of the first wine posals involving capital expenditures piles, tin cans and other litter early,"

I lunched at one of the first wine posals involving capital expenditures says John W Welch, scout commisfor a plate- of very decent purchases, headed by John Skelton wour job."-Everybody's Magazine.

Charles F. Feemster Dies At Brother's Home in York

York, Neb., March 22-(Special.) -Frank Record of Stromsburg and Addie A. McDuffie of Netica were married by Judge Hopkins Monday. Charles F. Feemster died at home of his brother, H. C. Feemster, 936 Florida avenue, after an illness of one week of erysipelas. Prof. Feemster had charge of the manual training department of the Stromsburg High school. Funeral services were held Wednesday afternoon.

The Board of Education opened bids for furniture to be piaced in the new \$135,000 school building. The Omaha School Supply company obtained the contract.

Holdrege Second Auto Show Opens With Fine Prospects

Holdrege, Neb., March 22.—(Special.)—The second annual Holdrege auto show opened with a bang yesproclaimed the strikers' enthusiasm terday. The affair would do credit to any city and in most every way but size, it outclasses any show in the middle west. The displays are first class, the decorations extraordinary in every detail and the entertainments of the highest order. Wednesday afternoon Swanberg's

orchestra gave a splendid concert. The Holdrege Automobile Dealers association, which is behind the show, ning of February there was great is a permanent organization, cominterference with the railway traffic posed of the eight local auto dealers, all of whom are keen business men C. Engstrom, senior member of the Engstrom Motor company, is president of the organization and R. W. Kiplinger of the Kingsbury & Kip-linger firm is secretary and treasurer

Noonday Club Now Sponsors For Foreign-Born Sailor

The members of the Noonday club are sponsers of a navy recruit, Emil and Helgoland was attacked by sea-planes, according to the official an-born enemy of the kaiser, who was Prior to the bombardment four en-emy aircraft were destroyed by the British nava: air squadron. Enemy aircraft attacked the British

The sailer boy was sworn into service and the oath of allegiance was given at the meeting in the presence of the club members. The boy's father and mother are still in Austria and the son, who has heard no word from them for some time, is worried about them.

Has Nine Relatives in France: Visits Dr. Callfas

Thomas Hilliard and Mrs. Hilliard here from Canada, are visiting the home of Dr. William F. Callfas. Mr. Hilliard is prominent in insurance circles in the north.

He has two sons, two grandsons one son-in-law, three nephews and one niece in the service in France. Three of the boys are commissioned officers in the British army. One, Lieutenant Harry Hilliard, was severely wounded but he is still in the service.

Omaha Food Prices Compare **Favorably With Other Cities** 

Comparison of Omaha's retail prices of fundamental foods with prices maintaining in 35 other cities of the United States shows that consumers are getting lowest prices. Omaha is below the average on all but two articles

**GERMAN ATTACK** NOT BIG DRIVE, SAY OFFICIALS

ple preserve the same quiet calm they France. Reports have been circulated Believe Tumult of German Artillery Cloaks Some Other Purpose: Supremely Confident Line Will Hold.

(By Associated Press.)

Washington, March 22 .- Even word from London that the drive launched by the Germans on the west front is on a larger scale than any undertaken to convince American military observers that the long-heralded German offensive is at hand. They are waiting for the usual scope

of the enemy action against both Brit- infantry later. ish and French fronts to be made clear, and still believe that the logic of the situation points away from a German offensive in the west at this

There was a distinct feeling tonight that the tumult of the German guns might cloak some other purpose than to commit the issue of the war to des- As reports indicated a movement of perate onslaughts against the all but mpregnable allied lines in the west. Supreme confidence in the power of those lines to resist the shock characterized the expressions of all offi-

May Hasten End.

Some high army officers, heretofore confident that the German position on all fronts made a defensive attitude in the west almost mandatory, viewed with eagerness the possibility that a great thrust, at Paris or the channel ports had been actually set in motion. They believed only some internal pressure that would not brook wise counsel could force the general staff to risk such a venture. They believed, too, that a German assault in the west now would bring the ultimate triumph of the allied cause close, because the resisting power of the allied armies is unshak-

"If this is in fact a German drive," said one general officer, "I will look upon it as the most hopeful sign in the In addition to the 9,000,000 posters, 5,000,000 window stickers, 50,000,000 poster stamps and 16,000,000 third war thus far. Defeat of the movement is certain.

"But I cannot believe that it is a real drive. Every requirement of reason would direct the Germans to press York, Neb., March 22.-(Special their exploitation of Russia's re-sources and Russia's man power to Telegram.)-Fire destroyed several the limit while they held the west front locked against our efforts." buildings on the farm owned by Dennis Mahan and occupied by Dan Holland Involved. Reports from Holland that a peace of oats, 1,600 bushels of corn, two

offer had been made semi-officially to the entente by Germany caught immediate attention. There was nothing at the State department to confirm this report, but some observers saw the possibility that the menace of the German guns had been turned loose to play a thundering prelude to such an offer for the effect upon the French and British peoples. Others saw possible sign

comes quickly on the heels of the acquisition of Dutch shipping by the United States and the allies.

There was speculation as whether that incident might have created a motive for the drive, in view

of the strategic situation. The purpose might be, it was said, to over-awe European neutrals, or it might be that realization that the submarine campaign had failed to block the movement of American troops to France led to resort to a desperate effort to reach the channel ports.

Poor Military Strategy. From a purely military standpoint the launching of an offensive this early in the year is an innovation, Experience would indicate that the ground is as yet too soft with the winter rains for extensive troop and transport movements necessitated in pressing home a great thrust. The spring appears to be early in Europe, nowever, and the German experts have certainly gauged every factor there since the war began has failed before undertaking extensive operations. It may well be that prolonged bombardment, covering many days of constant gunfire, will follow the initial rush in the Cambrai sector, pav-

> The situation at Cambrai has menaced the security of the German lines ever since the surprise assault by the allies last year gave them certain strategic advantages. It was thought here early today that the Germans were seeking to restore their old lines in preparation for possible more extensive operations later. wide scope today, however, this view was abandoned.

ing the way ton greater efforts by the

J. G. Masters Elected to Schools Executive Board

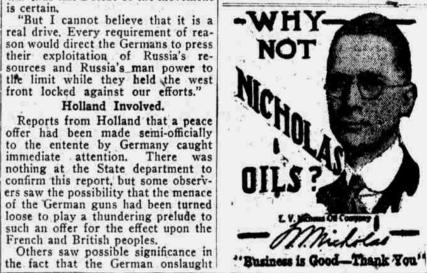
Chicago, March 22.-Standards for accredited schools will be greatly lowered and the lowlier schools and colleges will become more prominent as a result of the war, delegates to the convention of the North Central Association of Colleges and Secondary Schools declared today.

A. A. Reed of the University of

Nebraska was elected president of the commission on accredited schools and

J. G. Masters, Omaha, was elected a Bombs Found on Ship.

Mobile, Ala., March 22.-Five bombs with fuses attached were taken from the Danish schooner Edske Smith here today before the ship sailed for the West Indies. No arrests



## Spring Calls to the Suburbs

and the call is "Own Your Home"

Probably one-half the adult population of Omaha was born in the country. A healthy man of rural birth rarely takes kindly to confinement.

For this reason there is a latent desire widely prevalent to "Own a Home" in the Suburbs of this city. This desire is particularly urgent in the spring.

In choosing a location for a permanent suburban home or summer residence accessibility to business and social privileges should be well considered.

Omaha is rich in choice suburban areas. Advertisements of good property in all of Omaha's suburbs will be found in The Bee's Classified Columns. Look there NOW and

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