

# HOLD BIG MEETING TO WISH "GOD SPEED" TO HOSPITAL UNIT

### Mothers, Sisters, Wives and Sweethearts Break Through Guard at Depot to Bid Boys Good-Bye.

East on Howard street and south on Tenth street marched a column of young men in civilian clothes last night about 5 o'clock. They brought up at the Union station, where a great crowd of their mothers, sisters and sweethearts were waiting to bid them "an revoir." The young men were the Nebraska base hospital unit No. 49, off for Camp Dodge at Des Moines, there to go into intensive training for a few months before going to France.

No playing of hands marked their going, but their spirits were high for the great mission before them. At the station there were orders that friends and relatives should not go through the gates, but should say goodbye outside. Two cars were sidetracked west of the postoffice building, out of sight of the crowd. The young men were all in the cars half an hour before the train left.

### Girls Get In.

Would mothers, sisters and sweethearts waste this last precious half hour with their men only a few yards away? Not so you could notice it. And so Major Stokes soon noticed that the feminine contingent had gathered in great force around the cars. He found later that the girls had walked down around the baggage room and then back up the tracks. Others had descended through the post office building. After that the gates were thrown open and all were allowed to come in.

One mother gave her son a little flag package. "It is a Bible, John," she said. "I'll keep it with me all the time, mother," he said.

### Kisses.

The Rock Island train arriving, the two cars were hooked on it. Then began the final goodbyes. The boys weren't allowed to leave the cars. But willing hands were found to lift the girls up to the car windows to give the parting kisses. One girl was pulled up by her sweetheart from the ground and held in a bearish hug for what seemed minutes.

Some one started a college yell, "Rah, rah, rah!" "Rah, rah, rah!" "Rah, rah, rah!" "Dum-dee!" And then the bell rang, and the train began to move. Hats and handkerchiefs waved, the crowd and the boys cheered. "Berlin," one yelled. And Nebraska's hospital unit No. 49 was on its way.

## LAWMAKERS MEET AT CALL OF GOVERNOR

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Cradock of Douglas, E. P. Roggen of Omaha.

The vote stood, Howard, 30; Roggen, 5; and Decker, 2.

On assistant clerk, Roggen and Horace M. Davis were the nominees, the latter receiving 28 votes and the former 17.

Representative W. J. Taylor of Custer was chairman of the caucus. The senators held no caucus, as there are no vacancies to be filled.

### Fireworks in Caucus.

The session of the caucus was not without its fireworks. The main display coming when Reishick of Richardson nominated Horace M. Davis of Ord as first assistant clerk and Cradock of Douglas nominated E. P. Roggen of Omaha. Others joined in, some favoring one man and some the other.

The charge was made by Jerry Howard, that Davis was postmaster at Ord and had enough to do there without coming to the legislature. McAllister of Dakota said that Roggen was a good democrat of 50 years standing, was a veteran of the civil war, had been warrant clerk and bookkeeper of the last session and was in every way competent to hold the job. Others thought that as Davis had offered to do the work gratis, he should be given the place. This brought out another speech from Jerry Howard, who declared that no man could serve two masters, that he had a job under the government and should attend to it, and anyway had no legal right to serve.

### Roggen Meets Defeat.

Just then another member jumped up and said that a Lincoln newspaperman sitting beside him had informed him that Davis had told him he had permission to take his vacation at this time, and therefore could serve if he wanted to.

This started Jerry Howard again and he jumped up and wanted to know if the newspaper man were running the legislature or "we fellows." However, this information appeared to settle the matter and Roggen was defeated.

Jerry would not subside and long after the adjournment, continued to talk, declaring that "he didn't care if the man was representing a democratic paper, he had no right to butt in and try and run the legislature."

### Knocks Policy of U. S. Toward Japs in Siberia

Washington, March 26.—During the senate debate today Senator Poinsett, republican, of Washington denounced the government's attitude toward Japanese intervention in Siberia.

German and Austrian prisoners released from Russian prison camps are gathering there, he said, armed with machine guns, and "Japan is willing to do for Russia what we are willing to do for France."

He praised the "generous hand" which Japan has displayed and its "disinterested part."

"From the American government's dissent and refusal to assist in this undertaking, what can be expected from a foreign policy such as that?" he asked.

"I say it is a mistaken policy," he concluded.

### Program Given at Boyd Theater to Nurses, Enlisted Men and Medical Officers Leaving for Camp.

Omaha gave Godspeed to Nebraska Base hospital unit No. 49 at a big meeting in the Boyd theater yesterday afternoon, just a few hours before the 162 enlisted men, 100 nurses, 25 medical officers and six civilians, who compose the unit, took the train at 6:08 p. m. for Camp Dodge, where they will undergo two months of training before leaving for France.

The meeting was arranged by the Daughters of the American Revolution to say goodbye to the unit and also to present to it a splendid flag, the gift of the Omaha chapter, Daughters of the American Revolution. The theater was crowded. The high school cadets occupied seats on the main floor. In the first four rows were the student nurses who are going with the unit. The audience applauded as the men of the unit marched in and took their places on the platform. The boxes were filled with local Red Cross women who have been working for months making hospital supplies.

### Unfurl Flag.

Dean Cutter of the University of Nebraska Medical school presided. Rev. E. H. Jenks offered prayer. Then the big, beautiful flag was let down until it hung just above the men on the stage. Colonel Grant made the speech of presentation on behalf of the Daughters of the American Revolution.

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Major Stokes, in command of the unit, was deeply affected as he responded. "If I could speak the things that are in my heart at this moment," he declared, "I would need the eloquence of a Demosthenes." Dean Hancock, chaplain of the unit, eulogized the Stars and Stripes and pledged himself to do anything in any capacity to help the unit in its work of ministering to our wounded and sick at the front. "God grant," he said, "that the boys, looking back, shall see this beautiful emblem of freedom floating on the gentle breezes of France."

Colonel Bannister, who has done much in helping organization of the unit, spoke of women's great work in war from the days when Grecian mothers bade their sons to "come back with your shields or on them." Major Maher delivered a stirring address to the men of the unit and concluded by reading the letter of advice written by a celebrated Massachusetts jurist to his soldier son.

### "Save Our Sons."

Frank Judson, head of the Nebraska Red Cross, declared that the "S. O. S." sign of the Red Cross means "Save Our Sons."

"In this great and glorious work," he said, "our people are working as one, giving unstintingly of their time and their money."

The program was interspersed with patriotic songs, "America," the "Marseillaise" and "Star Spangled Banner," Mrs. Fred Clark leading.

The men of the unit marched back to the "camping ground" in the Auditorium where the local chapter of the Red Cross provided supper and a box lunch for the trip to Des Moines.

## U. S. MAJOR HURT IN FRANCE; 22 ON CASUALTY LIST

Washington, March 26.—Twenty-three names on today's list of casualties among the American expeditionary forces include those of two men killed in action; three dead of accident; seven died of disease; one severely wounded; and 10 slightly wounded. Majors George J. Lawrence and Timothy J. Moynahan and Lieutenant George F. Patton were among the slightly wounded.

The list follows: Killed in action: PRIVATE DEWEY MINTNER, PRIVATE WILLIAM K. NEAL. Died of accident: CORPORAL ALBERT MIDER. Privates: GEORGE C. GRAY, WILBUR CHRISTIAN. Died of disease: SERGEANT VINCENT CEPHUS HAGOOD, pneumonia. CORPORAL LYNN ODELL, diphtheria. CORPORAL ROSS E. SHELTON, pneumonia. Privates: GEORGE ARNETT, nostalgia. OLE BECK, diphtheria. ELMER MATHEWS BYERLY, pneumonia. PHILIP C. SMITH, diphtheria. Wounded severely: Private Edward Dittman. Wounded slightly: Majors George J. Lawrence, Timothy J. Moynahan, Lieutenant George F. Patton, Sergeant Warren W. Lokker, Cook Lazhmes Cichanowich, Privates Everett G. Gordon, David B. Pollock, Harry F. Weidman, Tony Wisniski and James J. Wyatt.

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## MARCH EXPLAINS 'WHY' OF DELETED CASUALTY LISTS

### Old Plan Gives Information to Enemy and is Cause of Annoyance to Relatives at Home.

Washington, March 26.—Shipment of any articles to troops in France unless they have been requested by the soldier himself, was forbidden today by Major General March, acting chief of staff. They will be refused by the post-office and express companies, unless accompanied by an approved request from the soldier.

Washington, March 26.—An official statement of the War department's reasons for announcing only the names of American troops killed or wounded in France was submitted to the senate today by Major General March, acting chief of staff, with a statement that the department considers it of best advantage from all points of view.

General March said the old system of giving addresses and other details gave information to the enemy and brought swarms of claim agents to harass the relatives of the men.

### Protect Relatives.

The policy of the War department, General March told the senate, is "to put into the hands of the nearest relative or the last friend given by the soldier in his emergency, prompt and accurate information concerning the casualty before anything is given to the press and to prevent any information appearing in the papers which will be of any possible assistance to the German cause."

"The old system," General March added, "which gave the date of the casualty, enabled the Germans to get exactly what effect was produced upon our troops in a raid of that date. You will be interested to know that the publication of the emergency addresses brought down upon the relatives a swarm of claim agents who guaranteed they would get from the government the war risk insurance which is guaranteed by laws to the proper inheritor."

### Poor Persons Defrauded.

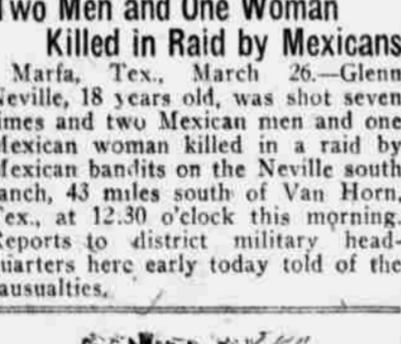
"In spite of the fact that the department has in each case advised the nearest relatives that their claims will be adjusted by the government and that they will be furnished the money that is due them without the interposition of claim agents, numbers of poor people have yielded to the importunities of these agents and are thereby deprived of a portion of what is justly their due."

"The raids which are being conducted along our front are for the purpose of capturing one soldier, if possible, with the object of obtaining from him information about the organization which is opposed to the German lines at this point. With the publication of the address of the nearest relative the German agent in the United States approaches the casualties and obtains from them the information which Germany is attempting to obtain from our front by attacks on our forces. In France they publish no casualty lists at all and the information reaches the relatives from the mayor or prefect of the town where the relatives live, who is required to communicate the facts to them verbally."

"The whole matter of a change in our former method in publishing casualty lists was brought up by a cablegram from General Pershing, in which he stated that representatives of the French government had formally protested against the methods that were then used. The specific case to which they referred was a statement given out in the United States officially which permitted the Germans to know definitely the effect of gas shells on a certain date. The whole subject was then thoroughly studied and the decision reached to adopt the policy which is the subject of your communication."

## Two Men and One Woman Killed in Raid by Mexicans

Marfa, Tex., March 26.—Glenn Neville, 18 years old, was shot seven times and two Mexican men and one Mexican woman General Pershing in a raid by Mexican bandits on the Neville ranch, 43 miles south of Van Horn, Tex., at 12:30 o'clock this morning. Reports to district military headquarters here early today told of the casualties.



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## "EFFICIENCY GARB" REPLACES GOLD LACE OF OLD FIGHTERS

### Scarlet Uniforms, Polished Bayonets Put Away With Drummer Boys of Civil War.

Washington, March 26.—The pomp and pageantry of war are fast disappearing. The days are gone when a "thin red line," advancing with colors flying and bayonets gleaming, presented the enemy with easy cannon fodder. In the first place, the resplendent uniform has been discarded by all belligerents for one of sober, inconspicuous hue. The reason is obvious—the human target is delineated with dangerous distinctness when bright colors are worn. For almost the same reason, bayonets are no longer burnished. A raiding party, lurking in No Man's land cannot afford to have its presence betrayed by the gleam of light from a starshell on a polished piece of steel.

Moreover, the regimental standards colorably are left at headquarters. A color-sergeant probably would find himself in a difficult position if confronted with the necessity of fighting off an enemy and keeping the flag waving at the same time.

### "Youngest Drummer" Extinct.

A sad feature of the present war is that there will be no "youngest drummer boy." For many years the proud individual who held this distinction in the civil war has been dying off by hundreds, so perhaps many post-bellum controversies have been averted by eliminating the picturesque boyish figure.

The blare of bands usually has been associated with memorable advances of troops, but the musicians now can be convinced very easily that trench concerts might prove unhealthy. There still remains, however, the skirl of the bagpipes.

The general of the lace-encumbered uniform and flowing hat plumes has passed out with the horse-hair sofa period, so far as field service is concerned. In the gloomy corridors of the state, war and navy building there are on display in glass cases manikins attired in the uniform worn by American soldiers at various periods of the country's history.

### Napoleon Hat No More.

A continental warrior, clad in a blue coat with buff facings and wear-

## GERMAN TANKS BIG FACTOR IN ALLIED RETREAT

Berlin, Monday, March 25.—(Via London).—German tanks, reinforced by captured British tanks, says a semi-official statement today, on Sunday's fighting in the west, "took a leading part in breaking the brave enemy resistance."

Tanks attached to the German divisions fighting below St. Quentin stood the test brilliantly, the statement says, and their mobility was universal-ly praised. All the tanks which took part in the fighting are said to have returned undamaged.

It was mainly due to their intervention that the tenacious resistance of the British, especially the machine gun nests, was broken quickly. Troops manning a concrete redoubt, near Villers, are reported to have been overpowered immediately by the tanks.

## Composer Is Dead.

Paris, March 26.—Claude De Bussy, the noted composer, is dead at his home here. He was 56 years old.

## U. S. AIR PROGRAM WILL FALL FLAT, SENATOR'S CHARGE

Washington, March 26.—Senator Harry S. New, republican, of Indiana, speaking in the senate today, declared that instead of 12,000 combat airplanes being delivered in France by July 1, as provided in the original airplane program, the number will amount to only 37.

Compulsory military training was advocated by Senator Lodge, who urged adoption of the amendment to the draft law introduced by Senator New providing for the training of boys between the ages of 18 and 21 years.

## Situation "Terrible."

Senator Lodge characterized the situation now confronting this country as "terrible," and urged that the

American people be told the truth. "We haven't a fighting plane in France," he continued. "Our front is undefended in the air. French and British have use for every plane they can bring up and our men are not defended. We've no guns in France except a few old coast guns. That's the hard fact."

"We have turned out only two American ships, although the country has been led to believe there were 36 ships. "It is to the last degree painful to say these things," Senator Lodge continued, "but it is the truth. Let the American people know the truth whether good or bad."

## British Boycott United States Labor Conference

London, March 26.—The Seamen's and Firemen's union has decided that its members shall refuse to sail on any ship conveying delegates appointed to the inter-allied labor conference in the United States.

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