

FOR PROPERTY GREAT CARD IN HANDS OF U. S.

Harry E. O'Neill, Assistant to Custodian Palmer in Omaha for Time, Tells of His Duties.

When the great war is over and the representatives of the nations gather at the conference table to readjust the world's affairs one of the trump cards of the United States will be the vast amount of alien enemy property held by the enemy alien custodian, which already has mounted to many millions of dollars, according to Harry E. O'Neill, special assistant to A. Mitchell Palmer, enemy alien custodian, who is in Omaha for 10 days.

Property Not Confiscated.

The common impression that enemy alien property is confiscated is erroneous, he said. This property is simply taken in hand and administered during the war, and when the war is over it will be held subject to congressional action.

Most of the fortunes taken over are invested in Liberty bonds and other safe investments of benefit to the government, Mr. O'Neill said.

More than 350 people are employed in this department, which he termed the "largest trust company in the world," and this number will be doubled in a short time.

Balance Favors U. S.

For every American dollar invested in the enemy countries, O'Neill declared there is \$1,000 worth of enemy alien property in the United States. It is believed that only about one-half of the enemy alien property in this country has been reported, although the time for filing expired December 20. The penalty for those who have not reported is a fine of \$10,000, imprisonment for ten years, or both.

The duty of reporting and locating enemy-owned property is placed by law upon the individual having custody or control of such property, and not upon the custodian. A searching investigation is being carried on to locate all unreported enemy property, and the full penalty will be inflicted.

The bureau has called many prominent men as assistants, and cooperates with the War Trade board, the army intelligence, Department of Justice and the like, and with the war intelligence bureaus of the French and British governments.

The bureau invites information regarding enemy-owned property and treats all communications confidential. "Many people have the erroneous impression that loyalty to the United States is the test of the enemy alien. This is not the case at all. An American citizen temporarily residing within the boundaries of any country with which the United States is at war, or in any country that is an ally of that country, or in territory occupied by the enemy, is by the act an enemy, and his property is subject to sequestration and administration.

Mr. O'Neill declared that those who have not reported their property are not only jeopardizing such property but their personal freedom as well.

Census of Chickens of State Now Being Taken

Hoyt M. Wells of the United States Department of Agriculture had charge of the poultry meeting held at the court house last evening. Although a previous understanding has decreased the attendance at some of the late meetings a large number were present to reorganize under the direction of the new leader.

Mr. Wells has been busy doing a great deal of work in getting poultry statistics in the state. He says that he has sent about 2,000 letters and cards, by means of which he will find out how many hens and roosters there are in the state of Nebraska. The cards also ask how many chickens the raiser expects to have and how many he will be able to sell. When all the cards are returned the government will have a complete report of the chicken industry.

Mr. Wells, with the assistance of the Douglas county agricultural agent, E. G. Maxwell, and O. C. Ufford and M. C. Peters is arranging a poultry contest for boys and girls in Douglas county. It is expected that much interest will be shown in the contest.

Wells wishes to remind the people of Omaha that on April 27 Edward Brown of London, England, will deliver two lectures at the University of Nebraska on poultry raising. As many as can should attend this meeting, as Mr. Brown is an authority on the subject.

Federal Men Get Eight Barrels of "Hard" Cider

Federal authorities in Omaha seized eight barrels of apple cider Friday night. The cider tested almost 5 per cent alcohol and some of it had fermented so that the barrels were bulged out of shape.

The shipment had been sent from the National Fruit Products company, Memphis, Tenn. Three barrels were addressed to the National Bottling works, Omaha, and five barrels were addressed to A. S. Christensen, South Omaha.

Federal authorities say that an entire carload of the cider has been shipped to Omaha and will be seized.

Harry Steinberg Shot; Attempts to Escape Officer

Harry Steinberg, Edna hotel, was shot in the foot Saturday by Detective John Holden while attempting to escape. Holden had arrested Steinberg and Jessie Fowler, 2420 Patrick avenue, for investigation in connection with a recent robbery. At Tenth and Capitol avenue Steinberg broke away and started to run, but was stopped by a bullet fired by Holden. He was taken to the St. Joseph hospital.

Reports Pocketbook Stolen.

Miss Riggs, living in apartment 3 Park Circle, Council Bluffs, reported to the police that her pocketbook was stolen while watching the Liberty parade. The pocketbook contained \$14.

Brief City News

Towl, engineer, for commissioner. Have Root Print It—New Beacon Press.

Lighting Fixtures, Burgess-Graden. Attorney Gerald M. Drew has removed to 506 Security Bldg. D. 3337. Fred Cosgrove Here—Fred H. Cosgrove of Minneapolis, formerly Omaha city comptroller, is here for a few days.

Lincoln Improvement Club Meets—

There will be a meeting of the Lincoln Improvement club Monday evening, April 8, at Lincoln school, Eleventh and Lincoln avenue.

Prudent saving in war times is a

hostage for opportunities of peace. Play safe by starting an account with Nebraska Savings & Loan Ass'n, 211 S. 18th St. \$1 to \$5,000 received.

Struck by Car—Cyril Lamphier,

chauffeur, 2512 Cass street, was struck by an eastbound street car at Twenty-first and Leavenworth streets Saturday morning. He was slightly injured.

Coal Operator Dead—J. E. Rutledge,

president of the Rutledge-Taylor Coal company of Chicago, which maintained a branch in Omaha, under John A. Johnson, died Saturday at his home in that city.

Lieutenant Tancock Here—Lieutenant

Montague Tancock is home on a 10-day furlough, visiting his parents, Dean Tancock of Trinity cathedral and Mrs. Tancock. Lieutenant Tancock is stationed at Toronto, where he is a member of the Royal British flying corps.

Contribute to Scot Fund—Clan Cordon

No. 63, Order of Scottish Clans, has contributed \$75 toward the Captain John Lauder Memorial fund for maimed and injured soldiers in Great Britain. This was in response to a personal appeal made by Harry Lauder when he was in Omaha last month.

Appointed Plane Inspector—Thomas

H. Ensor of Detroit, son of Dr. Ensor, former mayor of South Omaha, has been appointed inspector or aeroplanes and plane engines in the aviation section of the War department. He has been specializing in motor and engine work with the Continental Motor company of Detroit.

Held for Violating Drug Law—L. McGarry,

white, and Herman Bowman and Joel Evans, negroes, are held by federal authorities, charged with violation of the Harrison drug law. It is alleged they sold cocaine and morphine on the streets. Federal authorities say they will use every possible effort to stop the drug traffic in Omaha.

Three Years for Harris—United States

Deputy Marshal Quinley returned to Omaha Friday night. He had taken Louis Harris, 19-year-old bandit, to St. Louis, where he was sentenced to the reformatory in Washington for three years. He robbed a postoffice in Missouri, fled to Denver, where he was captured and later escaped, but was recaptured in Grand Island.

Fine fireplace goods at Sunderlands.

Hoover Will Accept Wheat, But Will Pay Market Price

Food Administrator Hoover has wired G. W. Wattles, food administrator for Nebraska, accepting the offer of a number of hotel men of the state of their entire stock of wheat to forward to the allies.

Mr. Hoover offers to take all this wheat, but he wants to pay the market price for it, and he has so instructed in the following telegram, which is self-explanatory:

Several administrators advise voluntary tenders of stocks of flour by hotels, dealers and contractors in the army, navy and for the allies. This patriotic action is very commendable and we suggest as the most practical method of handling that all flour be accepted regardless of size of package, at fair price. Same is to be determined by you in consultation with your merchants and representatives of milling division and grain corporation, your zone. Endeavor to have merchants finance the proposition in every case without government funds. Otherwise payment to be made by grain corporation against warehouse receipts or bills of lading.

This flour to be stored at most convenient points, for time being, releasing immediately equivalent amount from mills to go forward in the name of your state or county in export sacks, at once. This accomplishes all that is desired by those making sacrifices, does away with expense and delay in repacking, solves transportation problem and makes for more efficient service on our part in helping the critical situation abroad. The cost of reworking for export and duplication of transport will be very large and by the above means the exact quantities given will be released over and above our present program of giving them one-half of our total supplies.

Negroes Bound Over On Charge of Selling Drugs

L. McGarry, white, and Herman Bowman and Joel Evans, negroes, charged with selling drugs on the street, were bound over to the grand jury by United States Commissioner Neely Saturday morning. McGarry and Bowman are held on \$2,500 bonds. Evans is held on \$500 bonds.

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THOMAS TOUCHES INSIDE POLITICS

Writes Open Letter to Senator Hitchcock, in Which He Says He Was Misinterpreted.

E. E. Thomas makes the following answer to the editorial criticism of himself and Mr. Carson in the World-Herald. Mr. Thomas says that Senator Hitchcock needs the services of an able editor to cover up his tracks in respect to the war. Here is Mr. Thomas' letter:

"Please do not try to hide behind Governor Neville. You have misinterpreted a statement in which I joined in the State Journal into an attack upon the governor. If you had quoted the context, that misrepresentation would have been apparent to all. The whole quotation should read: 'This endorsement of the German-American alliance will explain the anti-American action of Senator Hitchcock of Nebraska in opposing President Wilson in his conduct of the war against Germany. This same endorsement may throw some light on the reason that the Seventh military regiment of Nebraska was disbanded when it became certain that all military units in the United States would be required to fight against Germany.'

"It was commonly reported at the time that Senator Hitchcock was responsible for the disbanding of the Seventh regiment, and that his reason for so doing was that he did not want Governor Neville to resign and did not want Edgar Howard to hold the office of governor of Nebraska.

"The attitude of Governor Neville is in striking contrast to that of Senator Hitchcock. Governor Neville is noted for his loyalty. Senator Hitchcock is known as distinctly pro-German.

"I understand that Governor Neville even made a trip to Washington to prevent the disbanding of the Seventh regiment, but was unable to prevent it.

"The attitude of Senator Hitchcock in respect to this war and to the democratic administration has been such that he needs the able services of the editor of the World-Herald to cover his tracks wherever it can be done.

"I do not wonder that you are peeved at the exposure of the fact that Senator Hitchcock, Governor Neville and the 18 senators who form the Hindenburg line in our legislature, had the support of the German-American alliance, and that they probably would not have been elected without that support is apparent to the voters of Nebraska. That kind of thing hurts, and the way in such cases is to abuse the other fellow."

Prudential Life Gives Big Banquet and Dance

The Omaha branch of the Prudential Life Insurance company gave a banquet and dance at the Omaha Music hall Saturday evening, several speakers making short talks.

E. E. Ritz acted as master of ceremonies. H. O. Palmer talked on "Patriotism." L. E. Letrid, Des Moines, spoke on insurance business. J. E. Ferguson, George Munroe and Owen Nesbit gave addresses.

Mrs. Rocheford's Funeral At St. Patrick's Monday

Funeral services for Mrs. Fred Rocheford, who died Friday of pneumonia, will be held at St. Patrick's church Monday morning at 9 o'clock. Her husband and two daughters, Anna and Lillian, survive. Mrs. Rocheford was organist at St. Patrick's church. She had been ill since Sunday.

Omaha Boy Scouts Parade To Be Shown at Sun Theater

The parade of 100 Boy Scouts through the streets of Omaha a short time ago has been recorded on film and will be shown at the Sun theater today and Monday. The pictures were taken by Mr. Warren, a local camera man, through the efforts of S. R. Valentine, manager of the local branch of the Mutual Film corporation, and Manager Goldberg of the Sun theater. The head of the Omaha Boy Scouts, Mr. English and all of his scoutmasters, will attend this theater Monday as guests of Manager Goldberg.

POLITICAL Seventy-five Candidates All Think Their Chances Good SHRAPNEL

An interesting pastime for the political dopesters is to pick the 14 winners out of 75 candidates whose names will appear on the ballots next Tuesday.

Two or more may play the game. It is simple. Each participant takes pencil and paper and inscribes the names of those he thinks will be the 14 nominees. These slips are carefully preserved until the day after the primary and then the selections are compared with the results. The man who named the most of the nominees wins the game.

A canvass of the situation yesterday indicated that 75 will be nominated, or at least that 75 think they will be the lucky ones. The commission plan of government law provides that the highest 14 shall be the nominees, which makes it necessary that 61 will be disappointed next Wednesday morning.

The busy little slate makers are on the job and working overtime. Some of these combinations are fearfully and wonderfully made. On Saturday morning letters appeared, bearing the names of a group of more or less well known citizens who endorsed five candidates to whomsoever the letters should be sent. It was noised around that 15,000 letters were mailed. Within a few hours after these five candidates were announced, another group of citizens sent broadcast small slips bearing the names of the selfsame five candidates with two more tacked on to the end, making a full ticket of seven. The purpose was to gather strength for the two who were added.

Many of the close observers of politics believe that so many slates will defeat their purpose and cause the voters to ignore all of them by voting for the men they believe to be best fitted for the places.

"Remember the polls will be open from 8 a. m. to 8 p. m. and that not more than seven candidates may be voted for on any one ballot," is a reminder of the election commissioner.

Organizations working in behalf of individual candidates and groups of candidates will make an effort to get the vote out on Tuesday.

Candidates for city commissioner and their friends are invited to attend a political meeting Sunday afternoon in Socialist hall, Twenty-first and Cuming streets. Campaign issues will be discussed.

A mass meeting and entertainment will be given tonight in Wolk's hall, Twenty-fourth and Charles streets. Mayor Dahlman and others will speak.

Two Omaha Homes Sold By Tukey Firm Saturday

The sales, through the A. P. Tukey & Son real estate firm, of the R. C. Howe residence, 114 South Thirty-third street, to George W. Carter, and the home of Mrs. George Palmer, 411 South Fortieth street, to Ben Warren, were made Saturday.

Atlas Company Makes Tanks Fram Giant Redwood Trees

Tanks made from the giant redwood trees of California are sold by the Atlas Tank Manufacturing company, with offices at 1105 Woodmen of the World building.

These trees are said to be "the oldest living things on earth." Scientists who have examined them estimate that some of those now alive began their growth long before the Christian era. It is natural, then, that with such slow growth they should produce an extremely durable wood.

This is the idea that started the manufacture of the iron tanks.

The Atlas company has its headquarters in Omaha and its mill and factory at Fort Bragg, Cal., right in the heart of the redwood district. It makes tanks ranging in size from two by three feet to tanks 30 feet in diameter.

The company recently erected four tanks for Armour & Co. at Kansas City so large that two railroad cars of redwood were required for the four tanks.

"We sell more wooden tanks than all the other companies combined," said Manager Fred Boisen. "We claim that a redwood tank will last longer than a steel tank several times over. The Union Pacific railroad has used wooden tanks which have been in use for 50 years and are still giving good service."

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A feature of the Atlas Tank Manufacturing company's tanks is the galvanized iron clip with which each stave of the tank is held to the adjoining stave. So firm a hold does this make that even if the hoops fall off the tank staves do not fall apart.

This tank is coming into greater and greater favor among the farmers in this section of the country.

Dawson Has Service Flag.

Lexington, April 7.—(Special Telegram.)—A large service flag was on display in the lobby of the court house yesterday. It carries 385 blue stars, representing the 385 boys that have gone into the service from Dawson county. Four gold stars adorn it, representing the four boys that have died in the service. Three Red Crosses represent the women that have gone into the service from here. The flag was made by six young women of Lexington.

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Good Rains Throughout Nebraska Friday Night

"It was one of the best rains since early last summer and I believe that the wealth that will be added to Nebraska thereby will be much more than the state's quota of the third Liberty bond issue," was the way General Manager Walters of the Northwestern spoke of the downpour that continued most of Friday night.

Mr. Walters is in from a tour of the Nebraska and most of the Wyoming lines. He asserts that the agricultural condition of the state was never better.

"I never saw Nebraska look as prosperous as at the present time," he said. "In all the towns business is good and everywhere the people seem to be doing their bit to help win the war."

Morning reports to the Burlington indicate that after a rain that continued a good part of Friday and Friday night, the weather has cleared.

Along the Union Pacific there was a steady, all-night rain all the way from Omaha into Wyoming. Measurements indicated one-half to one and two inches.

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