

# FORT OMAHA SOLDIER TELLS HOW HE TUTORED SUB BUILDER

### Sergeant J. T. Williams Taught English Language to Gotthold Prusse, Designer of Giant Deutschland; German Later Took His Own Life.

Sergeant J. T. Williams of Fort Omaha, who substituted the words "Marching Through Germany" to the tune of "Marching Through Georgia," following a story printed in The Bee, tells a rather unique story of how at one time he was English tutor of the designer of the German submarine Deutschland, who later committed suicide while imprisoned on a charge of being a spy.

#### MICHIGAN U. GRAD.

A graduate of the University of Michigan, Sergeant Williams speaks four languages, fluently, German, French, Spanish and English, and prior to his enlistment in October 1917, he was a private tutor of languages.

"In August, 1916, just after the Deutschland arrived at New London on its first trip to this country, I noticed an advertisement in a local paper asking for an English tutor. It was placed in the paper just opposite my own ad and I answered it. The man who wanted to learn our language was Gotthold Prusse, German shipbuilding engineer, who had come to this country on the giant sub.

"He could speak but a few words of English and I taught him for four months, by which time he was quite proficient in the use of the English language.

"I have not the slightest doubt that Herr Prusse was engaged on secret service work for his government, but he was close-mouthed and only occasionally made any reference to the war.

"He showed me a German illness stated paper which he brought to this country with him. In it was a picture of himself and a brief resume of his work in designing the large submarines. He never made any reference to the fighting type of undersea boats, but I have not a doubt that at least some of his ideas were carried out in the construction of the large fighting type of subs now in use in Germany's campaign of ruthlessness upon the sea.

"Less than a year after Herr Prusse graduated from my class he was arrested by federal agents on a charge of violating the espionage act and while imprisoned he was awaiting trial he committed suicide.

"He was a man of modest appearance and except for his accent would have been taken for a native of this country. I do not know the nature of the charges against him, but have no doubt of his guilt. His suicide was a practical admission of that.

"Very proud of his achievements in designing the monster underwater freight boat, Herr Prusse could be induced to talk about the war only as far as it concerned his own work. He was always ready to listen to compliments on his achievement.

"During the time that he was under the influence of his private life, not even to the extent of his home address. Each day that it was his lesson he appeared at my room and he was never late. Punctuality was necessary to him, he said, when I once remarked upon it.

"It was partially my assisting the enemy in an unknowing and unintentional manner that caused me to enlist when I did. I thought that I owed the country something after having helped an enemy spy in the manner I did.

"Herr Prusse was always ready to discuss affairs in this country and the majority of our instructional conversations were carried on regarding conditions in this country, both political and industrial.

"I know that when the Deutschland was in this country, both on her first and second trips, Herr Prusse was in touch with Captain Koenig, commander of the submarine, and I suppose much information was conveyed to the imperial government from Prusse and other agents by the big submarine."

## PORTS OF HOLLAND WANTED BY GERMAN MILITARY RULERS

(Continued From Page One.)  
Allgemeine Zeitung has published and in which it criticizes the Swiss press," said the dispatch, "the Journal De Geneve, of April 26, writes: 'It is sufficient for us to recall that a democratic country such as ours maintains the right to criticize, under all circumstances, all acts and doctrines contrary to those which are at the basis of the Swiss nation and no advice, no matter where it comes from will make it keep silent.'

"The Germania, whose connection with Chancellor Hertling is known, published on April 25 an article in which speaking of the negotiations of Germany with Holland and Switzerland and in a more general way of her relations with all the neutral states, she summons them to take part in the war and to pronounce themselves in favor of Germany. The National Zeitung of Basle calls attention to the threatening tone of this article and says:

"It will cause a great stir. It will produce a very painful effect in neutral countries upon whom for four years a growing pressure has been exerted. The organ of Chancellor Hertling announces that the pressure upon Holland may reach such a point that the low countries must choose within a short time one side or the other, and the observation is made apropos of Switzerland that the same fate sooner or later will be reserved for Switzerland. It is probable that the Swiss press will reply with great calmness that Switzerland is strong enough to resist such pressure and threats of this kind."

"The Temps today publishes an article in which it considers the conduct of Germany as regards Holland the result of the disappointment which the German government must already feel concerning its great objective. The paper says: 'The more the Germans drive a hard stick on the road to Calais, the

# Omaha Men Commissioned At Third Officers' Camp



Gilbert V. Kennedy.



Everett H. Burke.

Four Omaha men, Gilbert V. Kennedy, Everett H. Burke, Charles W. Blacklock and Ralph C. Sweetley, received commissions at the third officers' training camp at Camp Dodge, Iowa.

The following Nebraska men also were given commissions: John Ashford, Winnesago; Cloyd Ellis, Wyoming; William Haley, Valentine; Walter McCannaughey, Pawnee City; Mervin F. Meyers, Fairbury.

## NAVAL OFFICER HERE; SUBS HIT BOAT MANY TIMES

Will H. Lansing, son of Mr. and Mrs. W. G. Lansing, 314 South Twenty-seventh street, naval officer, who has seen five years of service, and is twice on boats hit by Germans, is in Omaha for a short visit with his parents.

Lansing is gunner and petty officer on the "Armenia," a German ship which was interned in an American port when the European war broke out and which later was seized for service by the United States government.

The young sailor tells of three submarine attacks made upon his ship, two of which were serious and resulted in damage to the ship. Lansing has never seen a submarine and says that two of the attacks came without the slightest warning. The ship is now in an eastern Atlantic port awaiting repairs.

Lansing was in South Hampton, England, when the American boys, the survivors of the Tuscania arrived, and he says that it was a wonderful sight to see the men marching down the streets while the English welcomed them with cheers.

The sailor will return to service overseas in 10 days.

## FORT OMAHA BOYS ENTERTAINED BY COMRADE CLUB

The Comrade Club, sponsored by the National League for Woman's Service entertained 75 men from Fort Omaha at a dancing party at the Kalki Club Saturday evening. The club which is composed of business and society girls will give one of these dances each week, next Saturday night being Fort Crook night.

Mrs. William Archibald Smith, had charge of the arrangements, and was assisted by members of the league and also the committee, who work at the canteen at Fort Omaha under Mrs. J. T. Stewart 2d's leadership. Some of the hostesses included Mrs. Tom Travis, Mrs. L. J. Healy, Mrs. Ed. P. Boyer, Mrs. Will Wood, Miss Marjorie Howland, Mrs. George F. Woolley.

These dances which are being given all over the country by the Service league have two cast iron rules. The girls must come alone and must go home in groups. Any girl who allows a soldier to escort her home, loses her membership in the club. Membership cards are given to each girl which not only admit her to the club but also makes her a member of the Service league.

## WILSON'S BACKERS WIN SENATE FIGHT

### Passage of Bill Vesting President With Blanket Authority Foreshadowed by Defeat of Amendments.

(By Associated Press.)  
Washington, April 27.—Victory for the administration in the long senate fight over the bill to confer blanket authority on the president to reorganize government departments and war agencies was forecast today in the defeat, by narrow margins, of amendments exempting the Federal Reserve board and the Interstate Commerce commission from the operation of the law.

Both amendments were offered by Senator Smith of Georgia, and opponents of the bill concentrated their strength on them. The first to exempt the Federal Reserve board was rejected, 41 to 37, and the second, relating to the Interstate Commerce commission, was voted down, 42 to 35.

To Come Up Monday.  
With these tests of strength, which administration leaders said and senators among the opposition admitted, presaged passage of the bill without limitations on the blanket authority insisted upon by President Wilson, the senate adjourned until Monday, when it was expected the bill would be passed without important changes.

In the votes on the amendments today, ten democratic senators voted to limit the president's authority. Seven republicans, however, voted with the democratic majority against exempting the Federal Reserve board. Another republican, Senator Borah of Idaho, joined them in voting down the amendment affecting the Interstate Commerce commission.

Senators Hitchcock and Norris of Nebraska and Cummins and Kenyon of Iowa voted for the amendment to exempt the Federal Reserve board.

more will German appetites be directed toward Holland. The general staff of William II and the entire German nation want to possess at all costs a drawn pistol aimed at the heart of England."

## Omaha Ranks Tenth In Bank Clearings

The bureau of publicity of the Chamber of Commerce has received a telegram from Bradstreet's of New York announcing that Omaha is in 10th place this week in bank clearings. Last year at this time it was in 14th place; the year before in 16th place.

The bureau of publicity will hereafter receive weekly telegrams from Bradstreet's in New York so that the people of Omaha may know promptly where their city stands.

"Heretofore bank clearing reports have come from New York City by mail," explained C. O. Talmage, chairman of the governing board of the bureau of publicity. "These would not reach Omaha until Monday and sometimes Tuesday. The list would often be too long to use in these days when the pressure on news columns is so great. There would be no time to edit or boil down the story. We arranged with New York City for a telegraphic report on Omaha, so that we could transmit the information to the Omaha press in a form which would be usable and have the news for them while it was fresh."

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## POLITICAL SHRAPNEL

Big Noise of City Campaign Will Be Started by Candidates Tonight

Omaha has collected \$2,500,000 from corporations because of the operation of the occupation tax ordinance and the terminal tax ordinance.

Stage Employees' union No. 42 has endorsed Tom P. Reynolds for city commissioner. J. Whiting, secretary of the organization, is a Reynolds' booster.

Frank Kennedy, secretary of Exemption board No. 1, declares that he favors publicity of all action taken by the boards. He declares he is more interested in the success of the draft law than in any candidate in the city or out.

A meeting of the "Wulf-Ure" Booster club of North Omaha" was held Saturday night at Druid hall, Twenty-fourth and Ames avenue. Several of the candidate and campaign issues were discussed and great interest shown. The club will meet again Monday night, April 24. Speaking will be limited to friends and supporters of the candidates. The candidates themselves will not speak.

Weather conditions caused a postponement of a meeting which was to have been held Saturday night by the allied candidates in Benson. The meeting will be held on Tuesday night.

The following candidates have failed to report their primary expense accounts to Election Commissioner Moorhead: John M. Cahill, George Hill, R. C. Becker, W. F. Stoeker, J. S. Griffin, Frank Goodall, C. E. Weimer and John Riha.

The Voters' league has endorsed the allied candidates.

German Steamer Burns.  
Bogota, Columbia, April 27.—The German steamer Prinz Eitel Friedrich, which has been interned at Puerto, Columbia, was burned and sunk at its anchorage there today. The steamer was owned by the Hamburg American line.

## Creighton "Greek" to Go to Conference



D. M. Nigro

D. M. Nigro, representative of the Alpha Alpha chapter of the Phi Beta Pi medical fraternity of Creighton university, will leave for Kansas City May 1 to attend the annual national conference of the Phi Beta Pi fraternity. The convention will last three days. Fraternal members of 40 prominent medical universities of the United States will attend the conference. Nigro will represent Creighton college. Following his graduation he will enter the naval service of the United States.

## Eastman Jury Unable To Reach Agreement

New York, April 27.—The jury in the case of Max Eastman and others associated with him in the publication of alleged seditious articles in the socialist publication, The Masses, reported today it had been unable to agree.

## Five Die in Crash

Lafayette, Ind., April 27.—Five persons, all members of one family, were killed this afternoon when a Big Four passenger train struck an automobile in which they were riding.

## BITTER BATTLE FOLLOWS QUIET ON WEST FRONT

### French Forestall German Assaults Aimed at Amiens; Poilus Brave Terrific Barrage and Regain Ground.

With the French Army in France, Friday, April 26.—Some of the heaviest, fiercest fighting which has yet occurred in the battle of Picardy followed the comparative quiet through Thursday and until the small hours of this morning.

The Germans had taken advantage of the respite to relieve exhausted divisions and bring up strong reinforcements, with which they made a further effort today to reach Amiens. In the late hours of the night the German artillery became much more active, just as the enemy was about to launch a fresh infantry assault with new divisions shortly after dawn the French made a sudden attack, forestalling them. The attack swept along the line extending from southward of Villers-Bretonneux to Hangard.

TERRIFIC BARRAGE.  
In the densest mist, the French units engaged made their way through a terrific barrage which relentlessly battered roads, pathways, woods and fields. Notwithstanding the most determined resistance by the large forces of German troops which had been gathered for the attack, the French, within two hours, established themselves on a great part of the lines from which they retired early yesterday.

## Burgess-Nash Arrange For War Garden Talks

Realizing the vital importance of the food question the Burgess-Nash Co. has arranged for a series of talks on the needs and essentials of the war garden.

These talks which will be given in the store, beginning next Thursday by Professor George W. Hood, of the University of Nebraska, war garden director, for the State Council of Defense.

## Notice---

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