

LOBECK TO PROBE OIL ADVANCE IN WESTERN CITIES

Chamber of Commerce Representative Busy in National Capital in Interest of Omaha Activities.

Washington Bureau of The Omaha Bee, 1311 G Street. Washington, May 12.—(Special Telegram.)—In view of many complaints of householders in Omaha, against the constantly increasing price on so-called "distillate oils" used in oil burners for heating houses, Congressman Lobeck has decided to introduce a resolution calling upon the federal trade commission to investigate the reasons for the increases which, as in the case of "distillate oils" have been more than 200 per cent.

A letter of Ignatius Dun, probably explains the situation in Omaha and other western cities in the most exhaustive manner. Three or four years his furnace, as did hundreds of other Omahans, for the reason that it was decidedly cheaper than a coal. The cost of oil used, which is a low grade of kerosene, at that time was 4 1/2 cents a gallon. Last winter this oil cost 9 1/2 cents a gallon, and Mr. Dun said it is now worth 1 1/2 cents a gallon, which makes the use of oil almost prohibitive.

"Smoke Screen," Says Dun. The reason assigned by the dealers for this enormous increase is that the government has commandeered many of the oil fields and is using large quantities of the output. Mr. Dun is informed this is a "smoke screen," the government not taking any more of this product than heretofore.

Mr. Lobeck, in an interview with members of the federal trade commission, was informed that the products had increased 200 per cent, while the principal products like gasoline, kerosene and benzine had increased but 25 per cent. This enormous increase is thought unreasonable. It is said that the cost of production and marketing does not warrant present prices "on distillate oils."

Commissioner Manley and John W. Gamble of the Omaha Chamber of Commerce have spent two busy days scouting in the state, two days in Gate City, and everywhere they have been accorded a warm reception. Yesterday they had an interview with Hans Reig of the treasury department, who is in charge of the foreign language press, and obtained from him a number of definite suggestions, as to how the work of Americanizing the foreign language press in Nebraska should be undertaken.

Congressman Starts Home. Congressman and Mrs. Charles H. Sloan, left today for Nebraska but before reaching home will stop at Fairfield, Ohio, where their son, Charles P. Sloan, is stationed as a member of an aviation squadron. Mr. Sloan has many speaking dates in the state which will keep him in Nebraska until after the republican convention.

Representatives Kinkaid and Sloan held a conference with Chairman Hays of the national republican committee yesterday, hoping that they might induce him to be present at the coming republican convention to be held in Lincoln May 28. Mr. Hays stated that he was compelled to attend a meeting of republicans in Indiana on that date but he would send to the convention a letter which he hoped would be a little more than perfunctory and might hearten the republicans for the fall campaign. He expressed a desire to visit Nebraska later in the fall.

Mothers Plan to Shorten War by Their Sacrifices. New York, May 12.—Organization of the National Association of Mothers of Defenders of Democracy, intending to unite the women of America in an effort to shorten the war by their sacrifices in behalf of sons and husbands, was announced here today. Branches will be established in every community where 25 or more women have given their sons or husbands to the defense of the country.

Lawrence Melady Dies. At His Home in Omaha. Lawrence C. Melady, a member of the firm of Melady Brothers, live stock commission brokers, died at his home in the Knickerbocker apartments, Thirty-eighth and Jones streets, at 1 o'clock last night.

War Will Do Away With Aristocracy of Rich, Says Schwab. Philadelphia, May 12.—Insisting that ships are the essential necessity to America's winning the war and that in providing the money with which to buy them war savings stamps will play an important part, Charles M. Schwab, director general of ship construction, launched the "Pledge Week" campaign which is to dispose of \$115,000,000 worth of the stamps in the eastern Pennsylvania district by January 1, at a mass meeting in the Metropolitan opera house here.

Sleuths Follow Trail and Land Booze Trunk. As bells follow their king, a swarm of local sleuths took up the zig-zag trail of an express wagon hauling a delapidated trunk, suspected of containing booze at the Union depot Sunday morning and followed it to 1727 South Eleventh street. Emil Talbot and Miller, to whom the trunk was assigned, were arrested and booked on charges of unlawful possession of liquor, when the sleuths confirmed their suspicions by opening the trunk.

THREE OWANS NAMED IN ARMY CASUALTY LIST

Leslie J. Bruce of Waterloo Dies of Wounds; Men From Dyersville and Hastin Are Wounded Slightly.

Washington, May 12.—The army casualty list today contained 84 names, divided as follows: Killed in action, 5; died of wounds, 9; died of disease, 2; died of other causes, 1. Wounded severely, 8; wounded slightly, 40; missing in action, 19.

Three officers are named in the list. Lieutenant George S. Shepard died of wounds; Lieutenant Walter M. Tinnely is missing in action; Lieutenant Hiram A. Miller, jr., was wounded severely and Major Richard B. Paddock, Captains John W. Cotton, Charles Porterfield, jr., and John Porter Pryor and Lieutenants John C. Boggs, Frank Demalgnon, Thomas P. Judd, Edward K. Merriew and Hilary Herbert Scott were wounded slightly.

The list follows: Killed in action: Sergeant Ralph E. Parnley, Mayville, Ark.; Privates Edward G. Fish, Peabody, Cal.; Alfonso Leon, Middlebury, Vt.; Joseph Sims, New York; William M. Van Fossen, Concord, Mont. Died of wounds: Lieutenant George S. Shepard, Dyersville, Mo.; Corporal William F. McCauley, Bay City, Mich.; Privates Leslie J. Bruce, Waterloo, Iowa; Berthold, N. D.; Albert D. Heyde, Marion, Ill.; Zenost Lee, Chicago; Russell M. Fontous, Norfolk, La.; Joseph V. Rogers, Brooklyn; James Raymond Van Alstine, Syracuse, N. Y.

Wounded severely: Privates Paul E. Blue, Carey, O.; Sam Tugler, Cordele, Ga.; Died of Other Causes—Private John Dubosel, Cleveland, O. Wounded Slightly—Lieutenant Hiram A. Miller, jr., Newton Highlands, Mass.; Corporals William C. Dupell, Boston, N. Y.; Walter E. Wright, Johnson, Pa.; Privates Harvey R. Fryer, Providence, R. I.; George T. Hollihan, Somerville, Mass.; John J. Wagoner, Frank J. Bogan, N. Meyers, Covington, Ky.; Goszorg Sinkovak, Glen Lyon, Pa. Wounded Slightly—Major Richard B. Paddock, New York; Captain John W. Cotton, Railroad Plat, Cal.; Charles Porterfield, jr., St. Paul, Minn.; John Porter Pryor, St. Paul, Minn.; John Porter Pryor, St. Paul, Minn.; Frank Demalgnon, William, Minn.; Thomas H. Judd, Pullman, Wash.; Hilary Herbert Scott, Merriew, Newton, Tex.; Sergeants Paul R. Clause, Easton, Pa.; Walter E. Wright, Johnson, Pa.; Privates Harry E. Malley, Worcester, Mass.; Logan Seasons, Steadman, N. C.; Corporals Jacob Schmidt, Frank J. Bogan, N. Y.; John A. Murphy, Manchester, N. H.; Privates John W. Borthwick, Medford, Mass.; William Burgess, Waltham, Mass.; Moses L. Ciley, Birmingham, Me.; Leo L. Clark, Kildare, N. D.; Charles C. Cunningham, Dyersville, Ia.; Ernest B. Dekle, Metter, Ga.; Young Prater, Collette, Tex.; Joseph J. Wagoner, Frank J. Bogan, N. Y.; Guld, Machias, Me.; James O. Hutchinson, Charleston, Mass.; William A. Kinella, Frank J. Bogan, N. Y.; Harold H. Lanier, Pendleton, S. C.; Carroll B. Larrabee, Bradford, Pa.; Robert J. Larrabee, Bradford, Pa.; Harry H. Marsh, Derby, Vt.; Walter Metz, Adena, O.; Albert Niederer, Carlsbad, N. J.; John J. Nally, Portland, Me.; John G. Otto, Detroit, Mich.; John A. Schwartz, New York; Juno F. Smith, Hastings, Ia.; Howard B. Stanton, Oak Park, Ill.; John Taylor, Orléans, Ind.; William L. Toeber, East Weymouth, Mass. Missing in Action: Lieutenant Walter M. Tinnely, Dyersville, Mo.; Privates Harold Carlson, Dorchester, Mass.; Erving A. Dresser, Bristol, Conn.; George Nelson, Bristol, Conn.; Leo W. Lamore, Lanesport, N. H.; Leo A. Maher, Dorchester, Mass.; Clifford Markle, New Haven, Conn.; Francis Mulholland, Port Chester, N. Y.; John A. Murphy, Amesbury, Mass.; Edward J. Murray, Southington, Conn.; Claude J. Nelson, Bristol, Conn.; Hartford, Conn.; Edward A. Patonand, Westhaven, Conn.; Oliver J. Oullette, Lyndonville, Vt.; John L. Whalen, Rosindale, Mass.

Food Tablets Provided As Navy Emergency Ration. Washington, May 12.—A new emergency ration has been adopted by the Navy department for issuance to members of forces ordered on such duties as involve the possibility that they may be cut off from their supplies for a day or more. The ration is in the form of compressed tablets. Indiana on that date but he would send to the convention a letter which he hoped would be a little more than perfunctory and might hearten the republicans for the fall campaign. He expressed a desire to visit Nebraska later in the fall.

Palace Where McBeth Was Slain Given to Dundee. Dundee, Scotland, May 12.—Belmont castle, the scene of the final struggle between Macbeth and Malcolm, which has been given to the City of Dundee by its owner, Mrs. Maryatt, who inherited a large fortune from her brother, Sir James Caird. The castle, located 17 miles from Dundee, was once the home of the British premier, Sir Henry Campbell-Bannerman. The property includes 900 acres of park land, and is valued at \$2,000,000.

French to Join Americans in Decoration of Graves. With the American Army in France, May 12.—The French are preparing to join the Americans in the observance of Memorial day. American graves scattered here and there behind the fighting front with their simple wooden crosses will be decorated by the comrades in arms of the fallen. It will have a new significance on this side of the ocean, as it will be the first time that American memorial day will be observed in a foreign land.

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Wilson to Pass Entire Summer in Washington. Washington, May 12.—President Wilson has decided to pass the entire summer in Washington this year as he did last, so that he can keep in touch with the war making machinery.

Big American Guns on Western Front Supplied With Shells By Transfer Cars



American soldiers in a screened trench in the Amiens sector passing shells to be loaded on small transfer cars, which carry the ammunition to the various crews along the front lines.

SAVINGS LEAGUE MEN TO BEATRICE FOR ANNUAL MEET

Haymaker, Former Ohio Official, to Deliver Address Before Loan Association Members May 14. The twenty-seventh annual meeting of the Nebraska League of Savings and Loan associations will convene in Beatrice, May 14, for a two-days conference.

Dr. Poling Tells of Soldier Life in the Trenches. Dr. Daniel A. Poling, associate president of the World's Christian Endeavor, addressed an audience of 2,000 people at the Auditorium last night. He has just returned from a trip to France where he visited the American trenches.

HUNS' BIG RUSH AGAINST ALLIES NEARS COLLAPSE

Stockholm May 12.—It is reported from Kirkenes that a small detachment of Finnish government troops has arrived at Boris-Gleb and hoisted the Finnish flag, declaring the district Finnish territory. Boris-Gleb, on the west bank of the Pasvik river, is a square kilometer in extent, almost entirely surrounded by Norwegian territory. It was reserved to Russia under the border regulation treaty of 1926. If the Finnish occupation is maintained and if they can establish communication from the Finnish border to Boris-Gleb, Finland will have access to the Arctic ocean.

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NEW MEN AT HELM AS GUARDIANS OF OMAHA AFFAIRS

For a week before the election, an automobile was driven through the streets, bearing the following slogans: "Ed. P. Smith—I favor municipal ownership of the city hall." "Dean Kings—Smash gang rule." "Harry B. Zimmann—Expert, economical municipal services." "Roy N. Towl—Better public works for less money." "W. G. Ure—Business, not politics. New faces are due to appear in the city hall this week and many faces will disappear. Busy days are in prospect at municipal headquarters.

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RUSSIAN MINISTER ASKS GERMANY TO STOP HOSTILITIES

London, May 12.—In a wireless message to Ambassador Joffe at Berlin, H. Tchitcherin, Russian minister of affairs, instructs the ambassador "to try to obtain from Berlin cessation of every kind of hostility." "The dispatch adds: "Captures of our territory are in violation of the state of peace with Germany, and are causing great unrest among the masses of our population."

GERARD FILMS SHOW KAISER'S ATTITUDE TOWARD AMERICA

"My Four Years in Germany," by former Ambassador James W. Gerard, an eight-reel photo-drama of unusual merit, opened a week's engagement at the Brandeis theater yesterday. This reproduction, based upon actual facts and happenings since the outbreak of the war, depicting many historical events and showing in detail the magnitude with which Germany had prepared and the methods employed by the kaiser and his war lords incident to their peace proposals with the United States, emphasizes German "Kultur" with all its barbarian and atrocious in a most gripping manner.

Robbers Get \$7,000 in Raid on Pool Room in Richmond

Richmond, May 12.—Four men entered a second floor pool room in the heart of the business district last night and robbed the occupants of about \$7,000 in cash and jewelry valued at \$2,000. One of them held the crowd at bay with his revolver as he backed slowly downstairs while the others got into an automobile and waited for him.

Southern Circle Members Greet Mrs. Manchester

Hammond, La., May 12.—(Special Telegram.)—Mrs. Emma B. Manchester of Omaha, supreme guardian, the Woodmen Circle, will be the guest of Hammond Grove of the Woodmen Circle, this week.

Try a dish of POST TOASTIES FOR WHEATLESS MEALS—says Bobby



PEOPLE OF OMAHA PAY REVERENCE TO MOTHERHOOD

Pastors in Sermons Feature Courage of Mothers and Soldier Boys at Home and in Trenches.

Omaha paid reverence to motherhood yesterday. Churches throughout the city held special services. The grim suffering and the sacrifices of mothers who have sons in the war gave a new significance to the day.

"War mothers" who have given boys to take up arms in the defense of liberty were honor guests at many of the churches and most of the sermons featured the courage of the mothers and the soldier boys.

At many of the churches mothers were given white carnations. Tell Boys to Go. Most of the pastors followed the suggestions of army men and urged men to "get the khaki on."

Rev. C. E. Cobbe, pastor of the First Christian church, spoke on "The Mother's Part in the New World."

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SOLDIER HUT AT FT. OMAHA OPENED ON MOTHERS' DAY

Building Erected by Knights of Columbus Dedicated, Archbishop Harty Presiding at Ceremony.

Sentiments of devotion to mother, both living and dead, were expressed during services at the dedication of the Knights of Columbus hut at Fort Omaha Sunday. Activities at the fort would not permit the majority of the soldiers to attend the ceremony, which was preceded by a solemn high mass.

A special mass was said at 7:30 o'clock in the morning for those who were compelled to work. Archbishop Harty presided at the mass, assisted by 10 priests of the diocese and Jesuits from Creighton university.

The archbishop invoked the blessing of God on the edifice and expressed the wish that it be a benefit to the young men stationed at the fort.

Asks God to Bless Men. "We are here today to ask God to bless our men," said the archbishop, "to bless all that will be needed for our men and more especially this building which the people of Omaha and Nebraska have erected. It is but a little bit of what we would like to do to show our appreciation of the flower of the land, gone into the army. May this altar serve to engender into our men self knowledge, self reverence and self control."

"Today is Mothers' day. This word means so much to us in the natural order. Let us today turn to our supernatural mother, the blessed mother of God. I ask her to keep watch over this camp. Young men, have devotion to her. It is so important in these days of stress."

Presentation by Mathews. Presentation of the hut was made by Francis P. Mathews, deputy grand knight of the Knights of Columbus. "May this building," he said, "prove a source of real service to the men at Fort Omaha. May its benefits sustain and support you all in the grave responsibility which confronts you."

Colonel H. B. Hersey responded, thanking the Knights of Columbus, and assured them they were helping to make better soldiers. He apologized for the small number of soldiers present, explaining that "So far we have been unable to have a working agreement with the kaiser to stop on Sundays."

W. F. Gurley, in a patriotic address, said such buildings as the hut, combining in a sensible manner, religion and recreation, were powerful factors in the development of a social spirit in the army, not the socialism of the world, but a spiritual socialism.

Green and Sacrifice. "There is a wide chasm between the socialism of the world and the socialism of Christ," added Mr. Gurley. "It is the difference between greed and sacrifice."

"The present socialism, the German sentiment, says, 'What is mine is mine,' while the socialism of God says, 'What is mine is thine.'"

"Out of this war is coming no Alexander, no Caesar, no Napoleon, no Frederick the Great. Out of this war are coming men. And that is what such buildings will help to develop."

"Today is Mother's day. We have been asked by the government to pay tribute to mothers, especially those who have laid their all on the altar of country. Our tribute to them today is to say that a great victory is to be achieved by the sons of the mothers in America."

Death a Glory. "Some of the mothers are in mourning. Others will be, and their hearts are heavy with worry. Look on that boy's death as a glory, rather than a sorrow."

Mr. Gurley referred to the kaiser as an imperial lunatic, and asserted the day was coming when Germany would be the parish of all nations. He accused the German people of being worshippers at the shrine of god Thor, and stated that the "Battle Hymn of the Republic" would be the victory song of the allies.

The Knights of Columbus quartet, Harry Burkley, Charles P. Moriarty, Thomas Swift and Clinton Miller, sang several musical numbers.

A Wrecked Holiday. An old Virginia negro had just received from the son of his old master in the north his annual gift of a bottle of Bourbon whiskey. Leaving the express office, he slipped and dropped the package. The old man scratched his head and gazed ruefully at the precious liquid trickling across the pavement. "If I had," he cried, "my Christmas is done come and gone."

The Weather

Table with weather data for Omaha, including temperatures for various times of day and precipitation forecasts.

Advertisement for 'Note Ball Point Hammer Marks' featuring a large 'R' logo and text about motor slipping and American Hammered Piston Rings.