

MEXICAN FLEES OMAHA POLICE; GIRL IS SEIZED

Lieut. Ballestrino, Wanted as Alien Enemy, Sprints Away, While Waitress is Held as Accomplice.

The crafty escape of a lieutenant in the Mexican army, Manuel Ballestrino, who is wanted by federal authorities on an unnamed charge, and the detention of Miss Clara Clark, waitress in the Sophia cafe, 1104 North Sixteenth street, occurred late Saturday afternoon in a north sixteenth street rooming house.

The lieutenant, who is a registered enemy alien, has been sought by federal authorities throughout the country for some time, and when it was learned that he was in a rooming house here, local police were detailed to the place.

The detention of the girl followed her alleged assistance in the escape of Ballestrino, who was upstairs in his room when a motorcycle officer questioned her concerning the lieutenant.

Obtaining no definite information from the waitress, the policeman left the place.

Seen in Attempted Flight.

He had gone but a short distance from the rooming house when he caught sight of the bare-headed officer attempting to escape. The last seen of him, he was going across the Nicholas street viaduct in double time.

Motocycle Policeman Trapp took after Ballestrino in vain. The Mexican officer disappeared somewhere in the railroad yards.

Miss Clark was then brought to the police station and given over to federal authorities. Federal agents say a charge of aiding an enemy alien will be made against her. She said she lives at 807 North Eighteenth street.

DIVORCE SUIT ON, LEE HERDMAN CHARGES CRUELTY

Kathryn Herdman yesterday filed application for divorce from Lee Herdman, Omaha lawyer and one time clerk of the Nebraska supreme court, active in democratic politics. She alleges extreme cruelty for the last four years.

This suit is the culmination of family troubles that had previously led to separation and reconciliation. The last separation took place more than a year ago, since which time Mrs. Herdman has been with relatives in California, between visits to Omaha. It is said that the divorce will be contested with countercharges by Mr. Herdman.

In her petition, Mrs. Herdman declares Herdman is worth \$35,000. She asks temporary alimony pending the suit and permanent alimony and the custody of two children, Kathryn, 14 years old, and Virginia, 12 years old.

Mrs. Herdman gives her address as the Blackstone hotel.

PROCLAMATION FOR RED CROSS IS ISSUED BY MAYOR

To the Citizens of Omaha: President Wilson has designated the week commencing May 20 as Red Cross week. During that week all people throughout the United States will be asked to again show their devotion to our institutions and their love for our fighting forces by contributing to the work of the splendid army of Red Cross workers who are relieving the sick and binding up the wounds of our boys in foreign lands, as well as in the camps at home. The people of Omaha have done themselves proud in all war activities, and I urge them to give liberally of their means toward this splendid work. Let every citizen assume a part of the work—the burdens will then be light and the results most gratifying.

"Over the Top" Graphically Reveals Hun Intrigue in Film Thrilling war scenes and graphic revelations of German intrigue, interwoven into a clever plot combine to make "Over the Top" now playing at the Auditorium, a feature movie drama of unusually high merit.

Sergeant Arthur Guy Empey is seen in the role of Garry Owen, an American, who joins the allies before our declaration of war and, after service in the trenches, is wounded and discharged for physical disability. He returns to the United States just at America's entrance into the war.

A pretty love theme runs through the drama, and the supporting cast is well chosen. James Morrison as Hardid Lloyd, gives a convincing characterization of a young man, reared in delicate and refined surroundings, who finds himself in the front rank trenches. His abject fear, and crazed flight are rare bits of acting.

Music is furnished by an orchestra of 12 under the direction of Emil Hofmann.

John D. Ryan Retires As St. Paul Executive

New York, May 18.—John D. Ryan, a member of the executive committee of the Chicago, Milwaukee and St. Paul Railway company, retired from that position at the annual meeting today on account of his duties in connection with the war, and was succeeded by Edward S. Harkness.

Soldiers' Home Notes

Grand Island, Neb., May 18.—(Special.)—Burkett is at present a lonesome place, due to the absence of so many members on furlough. With the approach of Decoration day, however, a good number may return. Four of the members of Burkett were in attendance at the state encampment ateward.

Omaha Doctors, Friends for 20 Years Enter U. S. Service



CAPTAIN JOHN R. NILSSON. CAPTAIN E. A. VAN FLEET.

Captain Edward A. Van Fleet and Captain John R. Nilsson will leave Monday to join base hospital units. Captain Van Fleet will join base hospital No. 1 at Fort Sam Houston, Tex., and Captain Nilsson will go to Fort Des Moines, where he will join the Nebraska base hospital, No. 49. These two surgeons have been friends for 20 years, graduating from the Omaha Medical college in the same class. Captain Van Fleet has been practicing in Omaha for the last 20 years. Captain Nilsson has been in Omaha for about 25 years. He practiced in the Black Hills country following his graduation. These two friends of long standing received their commissions at the same time and are entering their country's service together.

ROMANOFFS IN HUMBLE LIFE SINCE THE FALL

Amsterdam, May 18.—The humble circumstances in which the Romanoff family has been living in seclusion on a small Crimean estate are described in a newspaper published in Kiev, a copy of which has been received here. The party consists of Nicholas Nicolaievitch, dowager empress Maria Feodorovna, her two daughters, Xenie Alexandrovna and Olga Alekandrovna, and their two children with 14 other persons.

During the February revolution they were frequently attacked by mobs, which were especially hostile to Grand Duke Nicholas. The farm house in which the dowager empress lived was shelled three times. The grand duchesses, Xenie, and Olga, did the family washing and Grand Duke Nicholas taught the children, who, owing to perpetual fright, became nervous wrecks.

Only rough soldiers' fare was allowed, meat and sugar being unobtainable luxuries. The only amusement the prisoners enjoyed were gardening and reading, but books are scarce. The Grand Duchess Olga sold part of her wardrobe to buy books, credit being refused to her.

Lutheran Minister Given Term in Jail by Munger

Lincoln, Neb., May 18.—Rev. H. M. Henricksen, a German Lutheran minister of Gresham, Neb., and J. W. Augustine, of Yutan, Neb., both of whom were recently convicted in federal court here on a charge of violating the espionage act by making remarks tending to obstruct recruiting in the enlistment services, were today sentenced by Federal Judge T. C. Munger to serve four months in jail. Both men appealed their cases to the United States circuit court of appeals.

Frank Peterson Files For Congress in First

Lincoln, May 18.—(Special.)—Frank Peterson, county attorney of Lancaster county, has filed for the democratic nomination for congress in the First congressional district. Mr. Peterson was elected county attorney at the last election when Lancaster county joined the Wilson landslide and elected nearly every candidate on the democratic ticket, giving this county its first democratic administration in the court house.

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HUN PRINCES IN SCRAMBLE FOR THRONES

Amsterdam, May 18.—The Berlin newspapers give indications that the prospect of new thrones in the east for German princes has stirred German court circles as seldom if ever before. The socialist newspaper Vorwaerts says that agents from the court are traveling hither and thither in efforts to make propaganda for or against the various families to which the honors might fall. This scramble for thrones, the Vorwaerts fears, may endanger German unity. It therefore urges, probably in a spirit of irony, that a compromise be effected by filling the thrones with Turkish princes.

"If Russia is enlarged," it comments, "something must also be found for Bavaria, while Saxony, Wuerttemberg and other states will also want something, and there are only six thrones to distribute among 22 dynasties."

working on the line of communication. I realized that a wise selection I made in my officers, and what a competent list—especially when they began to take them away from me. We furnished the entire personnel for one general court, which sat for weeks; the entire personnel, except three, of another general court; two special courts, and an efficiency board for officers of other organizations. I furnished aides for generals, assistant chiefs of staffs for headquarters and an inspector general, intelligence officer (secret service), acting quartermasters, lecturers for teaching the French the American insignia and army organizations.

"I made wonderful maps of the whole country for headquarters, incidentally discovering a wonderful new range funder which Colonel Pickering has dubbed Priz-mil-ranging. He worked it out with two prismatic compasses. The Brown Parker fire control rule for converting degrees into miles, and the old mil scale, are formula. It is simple and wonderfully accurate.

G. O. P. LEADERS PLAN FIGHT AT NORFOLK

S. R. McKelvie, Candidate for Governor, One of Speakers at Conference Held in Northeast City. Norfolk, Neb., May 18.—(Special Telegram.)—No surrender was the keynote of a conference of republican leaders of the state and Third congressional district, which adjourned here at 1 o'clock Saturday morning. Representatives from all but three counties in the district were in attendance.

State Chairman Beach of Lincoln outlined a plan of organization and addresses by prominent republican leaders indicated that the republican issue would be fought on the previous records for what was claimed to be good vision and accomplishments. Phrases like "constructive criticism," "constructive legislation" and "financial construction" were prominent in the addresses.

S. R. McKelvie of Lincoln, who stated that he was in the race for the gubernatorial nomination, was among those who made addresses. Burt Mapes of Norfolk was elected chairman of the Third district organization. Plans are under way by the republicans to put a strong candidate in the field against Dan V. Stephens, who will be up for the democratic renomination.

HAYWARD WRITES OF HIS REGIMENT ON FRONT LINE

(Continued From Page One.) where the rest of the regiment is, about 50 French instructors giving us our finishing touches and specialistic training. "It is all so wonderful, especially following the monotonous tour of duty during our first two months in France, I hardly know how to write about it. The last few days of December we landed at a port in France and were taken 16 hours by rail to a great base, where for two months we did everything under the sun—engineering, provost, patrolling, guard duty, labor, horse and motor transport.

heard of before, and when I stepped off the train, the first thing I heard was the "boom-boom" of the big guns a few miles away.

The Name in French.

A French staff officers came up and asked me if I was the "Trois cent soixante neuvieme Regiment d'Infanterie Americaine," and I allowed I was. We had heard unofficially of our change to the new number, but this was the nature of the passing of the old Fifteenth New York. So you see, we carried the name and colors through seven states, across the Atlantic, through the submarine zone, in two great bases in France and clear to the firing line. Of course the French know only the new name, and in our division we are the 369th R. I. U. S. It's a good thing we are not artillery, for I would hate to substitute an "A" for the "I" in this designation.

"The regiment is billeted in a group of three villages a few kilometers apart—one battalion in each. I would not be allowed to tell their names, but nobody ever heard of them anyhow, so we named them after the three majors. Regimental headquarters is at Daytona, and the other two battalions are at Spencerville and Morristow-Sur-Mont. It is all very interesting, being lulled to sleep every night by the distant boom of the guns, and at night it looks like some one was continuously taking flashlight pictures.

Sees Fine Air Fight.

One morning since we have been here, we saw a peach of an air fight or shall I say bird of an air fight, in which large forces were engaged, and in which our crowd had none the worse of it. There are no American troops anywhere near us, that I can find out, and we are "les enfants perdus" and glad of it. Our great American general simply put the black orphan in a basket, set it on the doorstep of the French, pulled the bell and went away. I said this to a French colonel with an "England spoken here" sign on him, and he said

"Welcome little babbie." I think my official interpreter, detailed to me from the French army, expressed the sentiment of the whole outfit when we discovered where we were going, when he said "God gracious—we go to the front lines."

"The French are wonderful, wonderful. I have never been more profoundly impressed with a feeling of

certainty and security, and efficient direction, supply and management than here. Incredible, as it may seem, there is no red tape here. You should see and talk with our division general. What a man—what a soldier! he is. And when he says "attendez, mon colonel," you should see me click my spurs together and "attendez" in my best pidgin French.

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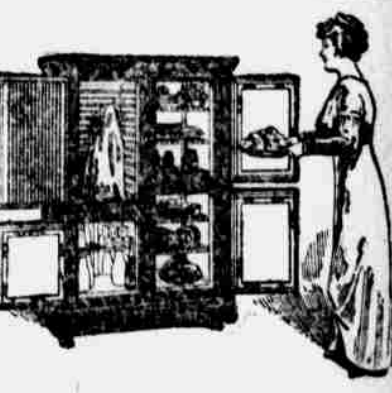
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