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BELGIAN GUESTS LEAVE AFTER BIG **OMAHA GREETING**

Farewell Banquet Tendered Heroes by Chamber of Commerce Following a Day of Hospitality, Parade and Inspiring Speeches; Major Osterrieth Tells of Valorous Deeds of Tourists.

Omaha last night at 8 o'clock bid a hearty farewell to 336 Belgian officers and troops who had been the guests of the city during 11 hours of the day. It was a fitting climax to a day of entertainment, sight-seeing tours, parade, luncheons and dinner, all of which they shared in.

That Omaha again came to the front as a hospitable city that knows how to entertain visitors was confirmed by each and

OF OMAHA MOVED

ASK MORE FUNDS

State Chairman Judson received

a telegram from Bernard E. Sunny, chairman of the central division of

the Red Cross war fund drive, urg-

ing the biggest possible oversub-scription to the fund. The tele-

France with certain heavy casual-

ties among our boys, and rapid ex-pansion of our forces at home are

making larger demands on Red Cross than the War Council could

foresee last winter when it was de-

fund. Chairman Davidson asks

all divisions to urge states and

chapters to greater exertions to

oversubscribe their quotas as

much as possible in order that the

Red Cross may meet its new ob-ligation. People will readily see, the necessity for more than the amount first asked for. Please get

this before all your chapters by telegraph, and add your strongest

argently necessary."

dorsement. I assure you it is

The telegram was sent Thursday

night from Omaha to all the Red

Chairman Buckingham Fore-

casts \$200,000 Mark Will Be

Passed Friday, and Reports

\$165,000 Thursday.

Today will undoubtedly see the

Omaha quota of the Red Cross drive

oversubscribed, said Chairman Buck-

ingham late last night. "We will not

than two-thirds of this amount is cash.

easily total \$100,000. A telegram from

Washington to the state committee

An Appeal to the Banks.

The message said:

for which it is subscribed."

\$200,000.

Cross chapters in the state.

to ask for \$100,000,000 war

"Great battle is now raging in

gram was as follows:

TO \$300,000

The visitors left with a smile and a "thank you" that fully repaid for the elaborate plans that had been made for their day's visit.

every one in the big party.

The visitors were entertained at linner at 6 o'clock Thursday night by the Chamber of Commerce. Among the speakers were Major Osterrieth, Mayor Smith and Howard Baldrige, who was toastmaster.

Address by Mr. Baldrige. In the opening address Mr. Baldrige

said:
"My only wish is that every man here could understand the English language that he might know our feelings toward you. We have heard of Thermopylol, of Waterloo and of Gettysburg, but none of these are of greater moment than the battle of Liege, Namur and others where you so bravely fought to stem the onrush

The world is prone to pay homage to you and will never cease to be praise the bravery of the men who fought, not for Belgium alone, but for

"We Americans have made a vow that whatever comes we will spend every dollar and shed our last drop of blood, if necessary, in order that Belgium shall be redeemed and re-

Mayor Smith Talks.

"You are welcome on this soil. Whatever we have is yours. We pray you Godspeed in your home-going and in the victory which shall come to your arms."

Mr. Baldrige then called upon Mayor Smith, who responded with an address of welcome and good fellowship that expressed the feelings of the city for which he spoke. Dr. E. Delanney of Fort Crook then spoke in

Preceding the dinner, E. S. Siebert and Misses Alegra Fuller, Ruth Gordon, Eleanor Lockie, Florence Ellsworth, accompanied on the piano by Mrs. Athea Hill, all pupils of the Millie Ryan studio, sang "America" and the "Marseillaise," and also sang during the dinner at frequent inter-

Major Leon Osterrieth, chief of the Belgian military mission in the United ingham late last night. "We will not States and in charge of the party, in slow up the pace we have set until the his address expressed the gracious drive is over. If we double our quota manner in which Omaha's efforts toward the entertainment of the party was received. His address was one of the big features of the day.

Speaks for Belgian Mission. Major Osterrieth said in part:

"I thank you from my heart for Indications now are that \$300,000 will your kind invitation to visit your city be raised instead of the quota of and for the cordial welcome you have given us. I thank you on behalf of the British, French and Italian officers as well as on behalf of the four "Blue Devils," all of whom have crossed the great American continent to greet and welcome our troops returning from Russia. I also thank you gives the informatioin that National in the name of the Belgian officers, (Continued on Page Two, Column Two.)

The Weather

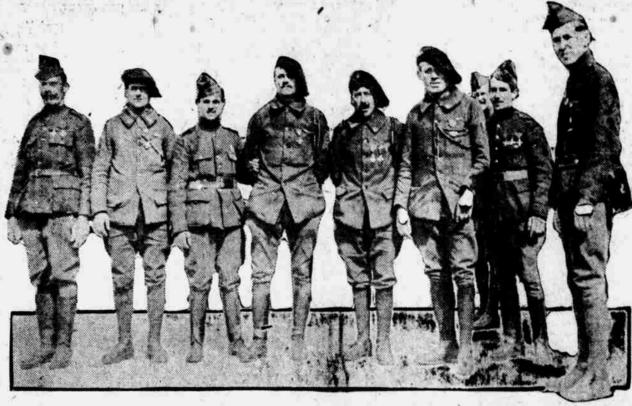
For Nebraska-Clearing and some-



1918, 1917, 1916, 191 Highest yesterday ...63 69
Lowest yesterday ...53 44
Mean temperature ...58 56
Precipitation12 .00 Temperature and precipitation departures

Reports From Stations at 7 P. M. Denver, cloudy Des Moines, cloudy Dodge City, cloudy

All Eyes Centered Upon Four Dashing French "Blue Devils" with Belgians Here



Four of the most famous warriors in the Belgian party which visited Omaha Thursday, and who drew the admiring eyes of all, were the renowned French chausseurs, or "Blue Devils" as they are more frequently called. Their blue uniforms and dashing air made them conspicuous. In the group above the four "Blue Devils," Francois Warembourg, Rene Wadoux, Andre Vanhove and Louis Benoit, are shown with a group of their Belgian comrades, their headgear here distinguishing them. They are the four with the caps which resemble greatly the popular "Tam O'Shanter," and stand in line, from right to left, second, fourth, fifth and sixth.

JURORS WEEP AS GRACE LUSK TELLS STORY OF HER SHAME

Spectators Moved to Tears When Slayer Sobs and Sways in Witness Chair at Her Trial. (By Associated Press.) Waukesha, Wis., May 23.-With two jurges and many meetators in tears, Grace Luck brought to a dramatic conclusion late today her own story of her life almost up to the slaying of Mrs. Mary Newman Rob-erts for which she is now on trial.

Swaying in the witness chair at times, as if on the verge of collapse, often lowering her voice until it was almost inaudible, she denied that she had ever pursued Dr. David Roberts and charged that he first appealed for her help in the preparation of a book and finally won her sympathy by telling of his unhappy life. After describing many meetings in

Chicago and other places during two years, Miss Lusk told of arranging a conference with Dr. Roberts in a Milwaukee hotel in May, 1917, about a month before the tragedy. It was to this meeting which she carried the pistol with which she later shot Mrs. Roberts.

HER LIFE RUINED.

"I had decided that the situation Ohad to be straightened out," she testified, "and that if Dr. Roberts did not it will be none too much for the cause care for me I would take my own life. I told him how sincere I had been in my affections, how I would More than \$165,000 has already been never have allowed it to start if he had not assured me that Mrs. Roberts subscribed in cash and pledges. More did not care for him. Things now were beyond my control. My reputation was gone and my life ruined. Mrs. Roberts also was hopelessly wronged. If this had been a game on Banks and many large business his part, and if I had been so simple houses have not subscribed and it is as not to have understood it, I would all three counts in the indictment believed that their subscriptions will take the consequences.

SWEARS TO CONFESS. "Then he said he cared ten thousand times more for me. I asked him banks may now subscribe to the Red to tell her. He said it was impossible. I again asked him if he cared for me. He assured me that he did. I then took the pistol, made him put "President has signed bill permithis right hand on a bible and asked ting national banks to contribute to him to swear that he would go home the Red Cross and is now a law. Bill and tell the truth. He said that it what cooler in west; showers in east strongly recommended by comptrol- was impossible at that time. I said portion Friday; Saturday fair, cooler ler currency in annual report to con- I would give him until the 15th of gress, when he urged that national June and he then swore that he banks be permitted to make such con- would tell Mrs. Roberts that we tributions. The Corporation committee of New York secured \$5,000,000, ask for his freedom, and he said, 'Do contributions under the law permitting banks to make direct contributions to the Red Cross. Banks gun and told him that he need not (Continued on Page Four, Column Six.) (Continued on Page Two, Column One.)

TEUTON LEGIONS

Showing Great Activity Preliminary to Battle Which May Prove Desisive.

(By Associated Press,) German preparations for a reumption of the great offensive along the western front are reported to have been completed and the Teuton legions are awaiting the command once more to launch themselves a the first two major operations of the drive. Allied leaders believe the German blow will be struck in a few days and are awaiting with supreme confidence the trial of strength which may prove decisive.

The German official report mentacks on the western bank of the Avre, but these probably were local operations for gaining better deensive positions or disturbing the enemy in his preparations for the great battle. Artillery is active every-

Three U. S. Airplanes Brought Down. In the air, however, the fighting has seemed to grow in intensity. From every sector along the front, aerial squadrons have been engaged in combats in which heavy losses have been inflicted.

American airmen have made their appearance on the Lys battlefield, according to the German official report, which says that three American machines were brought down Wednesday. This is the first time that American aviators have been reported on this part of the front and it is probable that they are attached to the large body of men which reached positions on the British front

Thirty-seven German airplanes were destroyed, 60 others forced to land badly damaged within their own line and eight captive balloons destroyed by French aviators in 105 aerial combats between May 15 and

recently

Germans have been on raiding forays behind the allied lines. Wednesday night a determined effort was made by a German aerial squadron to reach Paris, but most of the machines were driven off, and dropped their bombs in the suburbs. One or two machines penetrated the de-fenses, but the damage was negligi-

An attack on a large allied hos-

MAY CALL ALL MEN OF DRAFT AGE IN U. S. TO ARMY SERVICE

House Military Committee Incorporates in New Bill Provision Repealing Limit to Number That May be Taken and Assuring Steady Flow of Troops Until War Is Won.

(By Associated Press.) Washington, May 23 .- Two important steps were taken today toward perfecting the task of putting the nation on a war basis.

Soon after Provost Marshal General Crowder had promulgated a drastic amendment to the selective service regulations requiring every man of draft age to work or fight, Secretary Baker appeared before the house military committee and asked that President Wilson be authorized to call to the colors all men of draft age who can be equipped and trained. The house committee promptly voted the authority into the army appropriation bill about to be reported to the house.

"WORK OR FIGHT," NEW SLOGAN.

Under existing law power is given to draft 1,000,000 fighting, men, in addition to special units. This limit soon will be reached with men constantly going into camp to replace those sailing for France as fast as ships can be provided to take them. With the law changed as the president desires, the man power of the country will be drawn upon for whatever force may be necessary to win the war.

General Crowder's regulation is far-reaching in scope and touches not only habitual idlers but also requires that the draft registrants now in occupations held to be nonuseful seek new jobs or take their places in the army. Clerks in stores, waiters, bartenders, employes at places of amusement, passenger elevator men and other employes around hotels, clubs and businesses buildings, as well as gamblers, fortune tellers and race track and bucket shop attendants all fall among those classes as non-usefully engaged. En-Artillery and Aerial Forces forcement of the rule is expected to add some men to th more important service in improving the labor situation in essential industries. Pay Provided for 3,000,000.

Pay Provided for 3,000,000. The house military committeels action, after hearing Secretary Baker, completed the army bill, with provision for the pay of 3,000,000 men and with ordnance appropriations on the base of an army of 4,000,000. The measure will be laid before the house carrying a total of \$9,569,129,000 of actual appropriations, and authorization for contracts amounting to \$2,464,416,000 more. Mr. Baker told the committee in executive session the president's reasons for asking that no limit be placed upon the number of draft men to be called. Members said later it was es-STRIKERS AGREE TO ARBITRATE IN BEVERAGE CASE

Return to Work Following Conference With Mayor, Who Will Call for Mediator From Washington.

Following conferences last night between Mayor Ed P. Smith and representatives of the employers and beverage workers, the night shifts at the beverage plants involved in a two days' strike all returned to work. Day workers will return this morning.

Representatives of the employers met with the mayor at the city hall last night following his request for a conference. They agreed to abide by the decision of an arbitrator, appointed by the Department of Commerce and Labor, if the employes would enter into a like agreement. The beverage workers' representa-

tives were then called into conference and readily agreed to the terms on consideration the mayor obtain the arbitrator from Washington. "I will wire the department the first

thing this morning to send a man at once," said Mayor Smith. "I am confident a satisfactory agreement will be reached and the strike adjusted peaceably, and honorably."

One hundred employees of four beverage companies in Omaha were affected by the strike according to figures given out by union officers. Police were called out to assist in moving trucks from one part of the city to another at the request of the employer but no violence was offered. The companies affected by the strike were Fred Krug Products company, Willow Springs Beverage company,

Storz Beverage and Ice company and Omaha Beverage company.

Fairbanks Improved.

Indianapolis, Ind., May 23. — The condition of Charles W. Fairbanks, pital was made Sunday night by the condition of Charles W. Fairbanks, Germans, who dropped many bombs who is ill at his home here, was conon the buildings and tents shelter- sidered more satisfactory this morn ing by the attending physicians.

Katherine Stinson Betters Two Records for Flight

called. Members said later it was estimated that an army of 5,000,000 could be raised without changing the

This amendment to the existing law

was adopted by the committee:

"Provided, that the authority conferred upon the president by the act approved May 18, 1917, entitled 'An act to authorize the president to increase temporarily the military establishment of the United States,' is hereby extended so as to authorize him during each fiscal year to raise by

him during each fiscal year to raise by draft as provided in said act and acts

amendatory thereof the maximum number of men which may be organ-ized, equipped, trained and used dur-

ing such year for the prosecution of the present war until the same shall

have been brought to a successful con-

draft ages.

Binghamton, N. Y., May 23.— Katherine Stinson, the aviatrix, who left Chicago this morning to fly to New York, carrying government mail, damaged her airplane while attempting a landing two miles north of this city at 6:40 p. m. The machine overturned just as it reached the ground, smashing the propeller and damaging one of the wings. Miss Stinson was uninjured.
Having covered 783 miles from

Chicago to this city in 10 hours, Miss Stinson bettered by about nine miles the distance made by Ruth Law in her record-breaking flight in the fall of 1916. Lack of gasoline forced the landing and Miss Stinson broke. two American records, one for distance and another, held by herself, for endurance. She will resume her journey to New York at 8 o'clock a. m.

Custodian Seizes Concerns

Buying Cotton for Germany New York, May 23.—A Mitchell Palmer, alien property custodian, an-nounced here tonight that he had seized seven corporations, mostly located in Massachusetts, which he said were among "the principal representatives in America of the industry planned to supply cotton to

the German government.
Five of the corporations, the New you tell how many blades a scythe cuts down?"

"Were you wounded?"

"Oui, oui," they answered, as though being wounded is a matter of course. How many times?" insisted the crowd.

An interpreter repeated the quest

Land Survey Asked.

Washington, May 23.—A deficiency appropriation of \$36,253 for resurveying public lands in Colorado and the classification of lands involved in the gress by the Interior departs

PRESIDENT SENDS GREETING AND GODSPEED TO ITALIANS

Washington, May 23 .- A message from President Wilson extending fraternal greetings to the Italian people and bidding them Godspeed, was read by Secretary Lansing at a mass meeting here tonight celebrating the third anniversary of Italy's entrance into the war. The message, which has been cabled to Ambassador Page at Rome and will be read throughout Italy tomorrow at celebrations commemorating the day when Italy again unfurled her battleflag against the Huns, follows:

"I am sure I am speaking for the people of the United States in sending to the Italian people warm fraternal greetings upon this, the anniversary of the entrance of Italy into this great war, in which there is being fought out once for all the irrepressible conflict between self-government and the dictation of force.

"The people of the United States have looked with profound interest and sympathy upon the efforts and sacrifices of the Italian people; are deeply and sincerely interested in the present and future security of Italy and are glad to find themselves associated with a people to whom they are bound by so many personal and intimate ties in a struggle whose object is liberation, freedom, the rights of men and nations to live their own lives and determine their own fortunes, the rights of the weak as well as the treatment of the second state of th well as the strong and the maintenance of justice by the irresistible force of free nations leagued together in the defense of mankind. With everincreasing resolution and force we shall continue to stand together in this

"America salutes the gallant kingdom of Italy and bids her Godspeed."

GRACE LUSK.

MRS. RUTH STOKES FOUND GUILTY OF DISLOYALTY TO U.S.

Kansas City, May 23.-Mrs. Rose Pastor Stokes, charged with violation of the espionage act, was convicted by a jury in federal court tonight upon

against her. After conferring with Francis M. Wilson, U. S. district attorney, and Seymour Stedman of Chicago, Mrs. Stoke's counsel, Judge Van Valkenburgh announced that he would defer sentence pending a motion for a new trial. He set June 1 as the date for

hearing the motion. The offense for which Mrs. Stokes was convicted carries with it a possible penalty of a fine of \$10,000 or imprisonment for 20 years or both on each count.

The special act for which she was indicted was the writing to the Kansas City Star of a signed communication in which she said she was not for the government and did not believe the United States should have the unqualified support of every citizen in its war aims.

20,000 "Smokes" Set-Up Of Omaha Belgians to Visiting Countrymen

An incident in the reception offered the Belgian military mission Thursday that was warmly received was the distribution of 2,500 cigars and 17,500 cigarets by the Belgian people of Omaha, represented by a committee composed of Albert Van Houtte, Adolph Bogard, Joe Van Rycheghen and Gus Ginst. The "smokes" were distributed immediately upon the arrival of the big party at the court house and were consumed with a relish.

Harry Lauder's Own Story of War Zone Experiences Will Be Found On Page 5.

BELGIAN SOLDIER GUESTS TELL "How Many Boches Did You Kill?"

"Count Blades a Scythe Will Cut." OF "MOWING THROUGH" HUNS

Fernand Traupeau and Arthur you tell how many blades a scythe

Warrnaut, Belgian soldiers, were surrounded by a croud of persons at Seventeenth and Farnam streets Thursday afternoon and were unwilling guests at an informal reception. Persons who can speak French acted as interpreters and they were kept busy asking questions for the scores of persons who crowded about the

The men shrugged their broad the armored cars are wonderful fac- Oregon and California railroad for shoulders, and explained in French: tors in the war, and they are anxious feiture suit has been asked of control of the cars are wonderful fac-'We moved right through them. Can to be in the fight again,

An interpreter repeated the question and Traupeau said, "Twice," while Warrnaut held up four fingers

persons who crowded about the oldiers.

They are husky soldiers with iron muscles and steady nerve, pink cheeks and curly hair. They explained that