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PLAN ARMY OF FIVE MILLION

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.

That Omaha again came to the front as a hospitable city that knows how to entertain visitors was confirmed by each and every one in the big party.

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.

The visitors were entertained at dinner at 6 o'clock Thursday night by the Chamber of Commerce.

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."

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

"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 remade."

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.

Preceding the dinner, E. S. Siebert and Misses Alegra Fuller, Ruth Gordon, Eleanor Lockie, Florence Ellsworth, accompanied on the piano by Mrs. Atha Hill, all pupils of the Miller Ryan studio, sang "America" and the "Marseillaise."

Major Leon Osterrieth, chief of the Belgian military mission in the United States and in charge of the party, in his address expressed the gracious manner in which Omaha's efforts toward the entertainment of the party was received.

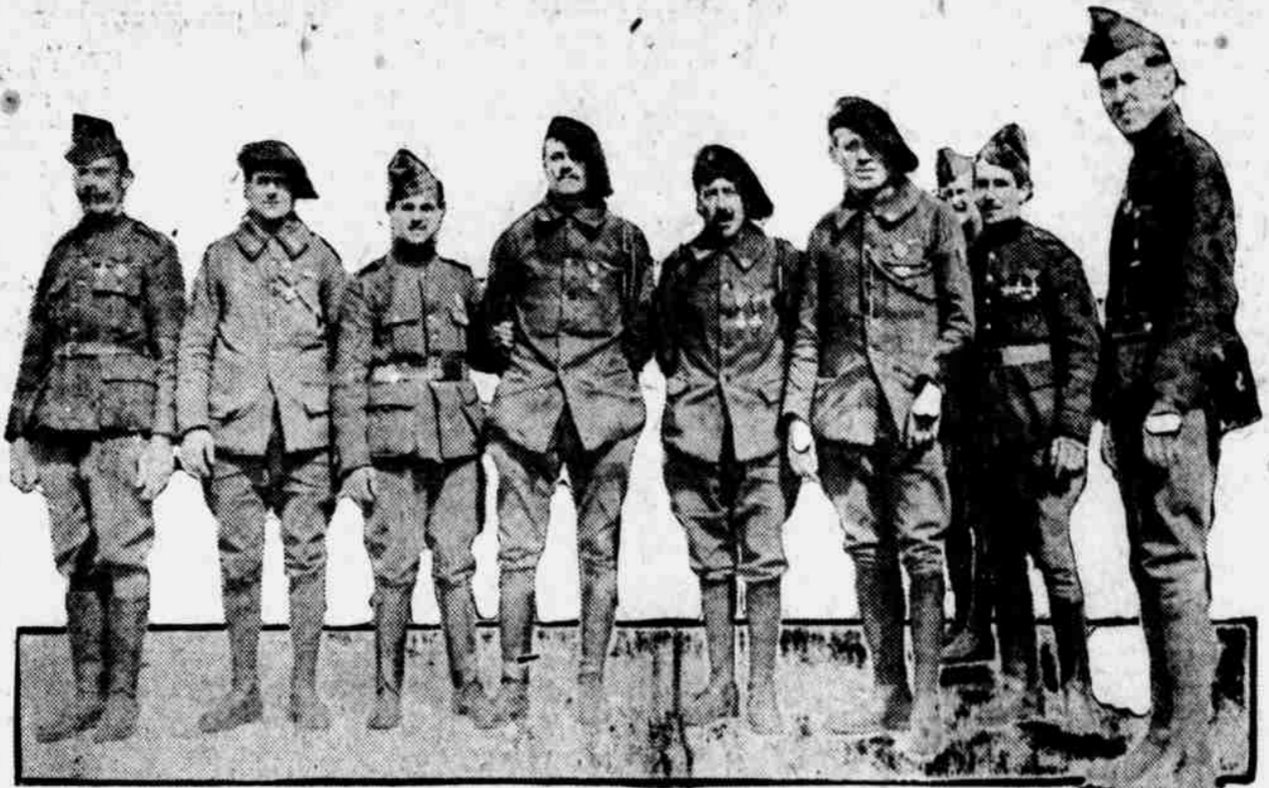
Speaks for Belgian Mission. Major Osterrieth said in part: "I thank you from my heart for your kind invitation to visit your city and for the cordial welcome you have given us."

For Nebraska—Clearing and somewhat cooler in west; showers in east portion Friday; Saturday fair, cooler in east.

Table with 2 columns: Hour, Deg. (Weather forecast data)

Table with 2 columns: Station, High, Low, Rain (Comparative Local Board)

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 chasseurs, or "Blue Devils" as they are more frequently called.

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 jurors and many spectators in tears, Grace Lusk brought to a dramatic conclusion late today her own story of her life almost up to the slaying of Mrs. Mary Newman Roberts for which she is now on trial.

"I had decided that the situation had to be straightened out," she testified, "and that if Dr. Roberts did not care for me I would take my own life. I told him how sincere I had been in my affections, how I would never have allowed it to start if he had not assured me that Mrs. Roberts did not care for him."

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SWears to Confess. "Then he said he cared ten thousand times more for me. I asked him 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 his right hand on a bible and asked him to swear that he would go home and tell the truth. He said that it was impossible at that time. I said I would give him until the 15th of June and he then swore that he would tell Mrs. Roberts that we cared for each other. I told him to ask for his freedom, and he said, 'Do you think that will be necessary if I tell the truth?' Then I put down the gun and told him that he need not believe the government and did not believe the United States should have the unqualified support of every citizen in its war aims."

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.

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 all three counts in the indictment against her.

(By Associated Press.)

After conferring with Francis M. Wilson, U. S. district attorney, and Seymour Stedman of Chicago, Mrs. Stokes' 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.

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

An incident in the reception of the Belgian military mission Thursday that was warmly received was the distribution of 2,500 cigars and 17,500 cigarettes by the Belgian people of Omaha, represented by a committee composed of Albert Van Houtte, Adolph Bogard, Joe Van Rycheghen and Gus Ginst.

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

TEUTON LEGIONS AWAIT COMMAND TO BEGIN ATTACK

Artillery and Aerial Forces Showing Great Activity Preliminary to Battle Which May Prove Decisive.

(By Associated Press.)

German preparations for a resumption 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 at the lines from which they recoiled in the first two major operations of the drive.

Three U. S. Airplanes Brought Down. In the air, however, the fighting has seemed to grow in intensity.

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 recently.

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 May 18.

German planes have been 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 defenses, but the damage was negligible.

An attack on a large allied hospital was made Sunday night by the Germans, who dropped many bombs on the buildings and tents sheltering sufferers.

BELGIAN SOLDIER GUESTS TELL "How Many Boches Did You Kill?" "Count Blades a Scythe Will Cut." OF "MOWING THROUGH" HUNS

Fernand Traupeau and Arthur Warrnaut, Belgian soldiers, were surrounded by a crowd of persons at Seventeenth and Farnam streets Thursday afternoon and were unwilling guests at an informal reception.

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.

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