

# OMAHA BECOMES ONE OF NATION'S FLOUR CENTERS

### Opening of New Mill Places Gate City Upon Plane With St. Louis, Duluth and Toledo.

When the burrs started to grind wheat in the Omaha Flour Mills company plant today, for the first time as a commercial proposition, Omaha passed Chicago, Milwaukee, Detroit, Cleveland, Philadelphia and Indianapolis as a flour milling center, and became a close rival to St. Louis, Duluth and Toledo in daily output of flour and mill feeds.

The daily capacity of the flour mills of Omaha is now 5,000 barrels. This new mill, the model flouring mill of America, representing an investment of \$500,000, and having a daily milling capacity of 2,500 barrels, doubles the milling facilities of the city and places Omaha on the map as one of the big centers of flour production of the United States.

The mill will have an annual payroll of \$60,000 and will mean something substantial to the financial resources of Omaha.

### Officers of Experience.

The Omaha Flour Mills company is headed by W. J. Coad, vice president of the Packers National bank, president; Chauncy Abbott, jr., formerly of the Wells, Abbott & Niemann Co., of Schuyler, vice president and general manager; H. V. Nye, formerly sales manager for the Southwestern Milling company, Kansas City, sales manager, and Leo Ismert, who held the same position with the Southwestern Milling company of Kansas City, milling superintendent.

Each of the executive officers of the company is well fitted for the position which he holds, by past experience. Mr. Abbott built up, in a Nebraska country town a milling plant with an international reputation.

Nye and Ismert were connected with a plant that had a daily output of 3,500 barrels of flour and for the success of which they were largely responsible.

### Model Plant.

The plant of the Gate City Milling company was taken over by the new corporation and remodeled so as to be ideally adapted to the flour milling business.

The plant, as now equipped, has been the dream and ideal of General Manager Abbott for the last 10 years. He made an intensive study of flour milling in order to be able to put his ideas into effect when the time came.

During the last decade he has taken samples of the flours produced by every new mill of importance in the United States and has studied the conditions that obtained to improve in quality and efficiency in operation and submitted those to the Nordyke & Marmont company, builders of flour mill machinery, with instructions to incorporate every dominant feature of excellence in the equipment of the Omaha mill. This has been done.

Thursday the plant was visited by H. C. Malsness, the engineering expert of the Nordyke & Marmont company, and he pronounced the plant and its output the best that he has ever seen in all of his years of experience. The plant of the Omaha Flour Mills company has been made the standard of engineering, and equipment by the Nordyke & Marmont company, and will be the model on which all new plants are constructed.

### 300,000 Bushel Elevator.

The company has an elevator capacity of 300,000 bushels, filled with wheat purchased by the government. It has its allotment of two-thirds, its normal capacity to go on, and started out on full full time today. The mill day for employees, is eight hours.

Instead of devoting their first efforts to building up a trade for the establishment, the company, with altruistic patriotism, turned its entire output over to the federal government and shipments of its flour to the allies has already begun.

The company, on a return to normal business conditions, will place on the market its leading brand, known as Omar, and it is guaranteed to be the most perfect flour in America. To safeguard its product, the company has equipped the plant with a complete experimental mill, chemical laboratory and bake shop. Bread will be baked from samples taken from every car of flour made, and also from the output of the mill each hour in the day.

### Iowa Governor Says Lord Deaf to Prayers in German

(From a Staff Correspondent.)

Des Moines, May 31.—(Special.)—"I'm glad to be able to report that most people in the state are now beginning to see that English is the right language for this country and that neither federal or state, constitutions guarantee to them the right to speak or pray in any other language," said Governor Harding, in addressing members of the Chamber of Commerce at noon today. "I am also telling those who insist upon praying in some other language that they are wasting their time, for the good Lord up above is now listening for voice of English," he added.

### Fails to Get Name on Ballot; Figured in Ax Murder Trials

Red Oak, Ia., May 31.—(Special.)—The printing of the Montgomery county ballots for the primary election next Monday has been completed and the name of J. N. Wilkerson, who figured in the Villisca ax murder trials, and republican candidate for county attorney, has been left off. A blank space is left for those who wish to vote for him to write his name on the ballot.

Wilkerson filed the necessary nomination papers with the county auditor, but the petition which he filed did not conform strictly to the form required by law.

### Danish Churches Aid Iowa English Language Propaganda

Cedar Falls, Ia., May 31.—Trustees of the Danish churches of Cedar Falls, Waterloo and Fredsleville voted today to close their churches Sunday in a loyal movement to observe the proclamation of Governor Harding that

# 500 VISIT CENTRAL HIGH CADET CAMP

### Boys Return Saturday After Successful Week of Intensive Military Training at Encampment.

During a morning of pouring rain and an afternoon of Neapolitan sunshine, the 500 visitors who invaded the Central High school cadet camp at Valley, Neb., Friday, spent a delightful day with their cadet friends, who are training as reserves for the great army of Uncle Sam.

Although intermittent showers promised a gloomy day at Camp Reed, the return of the sun and a heavy wind quickly dried the camp for the afternoon's fun.

After one of the most successful encampments for several years, the cadets return after mess Saturday on army trucks from Fort Crook.

Credit for the "clean camp" which was striven for is given to the commandant, Lieutenant Porter Wiggins, U. S. A., and to the camp sanitary engineer, Louis N. Bexten, Mr. Bexten, assisted by his corps of young engineers from the regiment, set the camp up and installed the various conveniences.

A special train leaving Omaha at 9 o'clock and returning at 6:30 bore the relatives and friends of the embryo soldiers who have been undergoing intensive training week at their annual encampment. The well filled baskets which the visitors took were joyously received.

Papa straightway complimented John on his fine coat of tan acquired while swimming Thursday, while mamma proceeded to set her boy's tent in order and to be sure that John had been using that extra blanket she had sent. Little Willie exhibited great interest in his soldier brother's real gun, while the girl-next-door admired the clean white duck trousers and the shiny belt buckles.

The visitors spent the great part of the morning in the tents talking of the week's events. Only a few uniformed cadets responded to the mess call, for all were engaged in sampling and inspecting the contents of the visitors' bundles.

The cadet band gave a brief concert. The full dress regimental parade was held at 3 o'clock to the admiration of those assembled.

A ball game was staged between two mines of the cadets. Despite the bad roads a long line of autos arrived at the encampment shortly after noon.

# BALLOON BREAKS AWAY AT FORT AND LIGHTS IN IOWA

A large "orderly" balloon broke from its moorings at Fort Omaha Friday afternoon during a strong wind and sailed northeast and northward for 140 miles to Spencer, Clay county Iowa, before it finally came to earth.

The balloon was of the old M-type and was sent up and moored at the end of an 1,800-foot cable as a watch-guard balloon to test the velocity of the wind.

"The wind was too strong for regular balloon work at the fort," said Colonel Hersey of Fort Omaha, but the balloon was kept in the air in order to indicate when the wind had slowed down sufficiently to permit active work again.

Colonel Hersey at once communicated with the Nebraska Telephone company. Company officials immediately called all of the town exchanges in the path of the balloon and these called farmers and villages within their circuit.

Sheriff John Lidman of Clay county, Iowa, sent in word late in the afternoon that the bag had alighted near Spencer, near the Minnesota line.

Officers from Fort Omaha will be sent up to Spencer today to reclaim the balloon and pack it for shipment back to the fort.

The balloon is equipped with an anemometer, connected with a telephone wire leading to the ground, where a buzzer is attached. The buzzer is so regulated that it buzzes once for every mile of velocity of the wind.

# OMAHA'S ANNUAL DEATH RATE NOT OVER 12 PER 1,000

The United States Bureau of the Census is publishing death statistics of the larger cities of the United States weekly. They show that in Omaha, for the week ending May 25, there were 50 deaths. The bureau makes an estimate of the annual death rate per thousand population. However, as the bureau hasn't awakened to the fact that Greater Omaha now has more than 200,000 population and as it uses the 1910 census figures of 167,000 population, the estimate of 15 deaths per thousand in Omaha is quite a long way from correct. Using the 200,000 population figure, Omaha's death rate per thousand would be about 12 annually which is among the lowest in the land.

The highest death rate is that of Baltimore, with 21.8 per thousand. New Orleans has 21.4 per thousand. The lowest is that of Spokane, Wash., 7.6 per thousand. But the inflated population figures of Spokane, Portland, Seattle and Oakland are probably responsible for the low estimate of deaths per thousand there.

### Chicago "Makes Good."

Chicago, May 31.—The city of Chicago, the straggler in the Red Cross campaign, passed over its quota of \$6,000,000 tonight, it was announced.

only the English language be used in Iowa. Many of the older members of the congregations do not understand English.

### Welcome Arch Will Be Removed; "Small Town" Stuff, Says Councilman

The welcome arch at Eighteenth and Farnam streets, will cease to have official life after Saturday. City council adopted Commissioner Zimman's resolution for the removal of this structure, which was referred to by Zimman as "small town stuff."

Mayor Smith agreed that it should be taken down and kept down.

# ENEMY SHELLS U. S. HOSPITALS; BABIES KILLED

### Germans Deliberately Attempt to Wreck Red Cross Building Containing American and French Wounded; Ambulance Blown to Bits; Four Women Slain.

With the American Army in France, May 31.—German airmen late Wednesday night made a deliberate attempt to wreck the largest Red Cross hospital behind the American lines in Picardy.

This attack upon wounded American and French soldiers was carried out upon a wholesale scale, the Hun aviators attacking the Red Cross area in wave formations, hurling high explosive bombs upon all sides of the great hospital in a town many miles to the rear of the front.

An American field hospital was shelled by another squadron of airmen while long range guns poured a shower of deadly missiles into a village a few hundred yards away.

### HEROIC RED CROSS NURSES.

Wounded American and French soldiers, helpless on their cots, were carried to caves and cellars by American nurses and attaches of the American Red Cross.

Three American ambulances were caught in the raid. Sergeant Ethan Wells of San Francisco, who was driving the first ambulance, said:

"Our three ambulances were hurrying to hospitals with patients when a bomb wrecked a building directly in front of us, in a narrow street. Our ambulance was perforated by flying missiles. We were all hurled out, but escaped with a few scratches."

Private Robert A. Bowman of Galveston, Tex., who was in the same car, said:

### AMBULANCE SHOT TO PIECES.

"There was a terrific explosion. The next thing I knew I was lying on the ground. I looked around and heard the patients groaning. I pulled myself together and found the patients uninjured except for the shock. Our ambulance was shot to pieces."

The second car apparently received the full force of the explosion and was wrecked completely.

Private Roscoe Wiley of Madisonville, Tex., was driving the third car. Sergeant J. W. Nolder of Altoona, Pa., and three patients were with him.

"There was wreckage all around us," said Sergeant Nolder. "Injured civilians in the shattered houses near by were begging for help. We all pitched in as soon as we had recovered from the shock and assisted in the work of rescue. We had to dig many persons from the debris by the light of small rocket lamps. Meanwhile enemy aircraft were buzzing overhead."

"The barrage was deafening. Bombs continued to fall. It was worse than anything in the trenches; I would rather have been in No Man's Land."

### FOUR WOMEN ARE KILLED.

A French nurse, her mother and two little sisters were killed in a house a short distance from a hospital. Another nurse was standing on the upper floor of the hospital ministering to patients when a piece of the bomb struck her, piercing her lung.

Five American nurses were in the same hospital. They were Miss Natalie Scott of New Orleans, Miss Helen Spalding of Brooklyn, Miss Mary McCadish of Atlanta, Miss Blanche Gilbert of Cleveland and Miss Constance Cook of San Francisco.

Only a few persons were injured by flying glass, as most of the windows in the hospital had been shattered by bombs dropped the previous night.

### EVEN BABIES ARE SLAIN.

Private houses were wrecked and a number of civilians, including several babies, were killed and injured.

That the raid was planned on a much larger scale than recent ones over this territory is evidenced from reports made by many Americans in villages over which the raiders passed.

The first alarm was sounded at 11 o'clock. The dropping of bombs and the firing of many anti-aircraft guns began almost immediately. Later there was a brief pause, after which the raiders returned to remain almost until dawn.

### UNDERTAKER'S SHOP BOMBED.

In one village a large funeral establishment opposite a hospital was bombed and wrecked. Although the patients in the hospitals were hurriedly covered with blankets and carried to cellars, there was no panic.

The Americans and French joked and laughed. One American who participated in the capture of Cantigny said:

"We've got Fritz's goat. We licked the tar out of him when we took Cantigny. Now that some of us are sick or injured and helpless, he wants revenge. If murdering sick and wounded, defenseless women and old men and children is his idea of 'kultur,' we must destroy 'kultur' if it takes us 100 years."

### McAdoo Asks Retraction Of Press Lobby Charge

Washington, May 31.—Secretary McAdoo has called upon Representative Kitchin of North Carolina, democratic floor leader in the house, to retract his assertion in a recent speech that a publishers' lobby working for repeal of the zone system of increased postage rates influenced the direction of the administration to insist upon revenue legislation at this session of congress.

Mr. Kitchin told the house in the speech he did not believe Secretary McAdoo thought about the newspaper

and magazines one way or the other, but believed a lobby had made itself felt with some in whose judgment the secretary had great faith.

### French Officials Declare Allied Outlook Brightens

Paris, May 31.—"We return with the impression that as the day advanced the situation became more favorable," Rene Renault, president of the army committee of the Chamber of Deputies, who accompanied Premier Clemenceau to the front yesterday, said to Marcel Hutin of the Echo de Paris on his arrival in Paris.

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The measure is framed to provide for an army of 3,000,000 men during the coming year, in accordance with the government's revised program for rushing soldiers to France. Some of its big items are \$6,315,135,000 for the quartermaster corps, \$3,396,000,000 for ordnance, \$1,028,000,000 for the engineers, \$990,250,812 for aviation and \$267,000,000 for the medical corps.

A provision prohibiting the use of stop watches or other speeding up devices in plants where money provided in the bill is spent was adopted by a vote of 63 to 59. The house also adopted an amendment by Representative Anthony, of Kansas forbidding "cost plus" contracts except in emergencies.

### Deprecates Over-Optimism.

During the debate Representative Longworth of Ohio and others condemned what they called over-optimistic statements concerning the number of American soldiers sent overseas and the amount of arms and equipment provided for them. Mr. Longworth referred particularly to a statement by Senator Lewis of Illinois at Chicago that there now are a million American soldiers in Europe.

Representative Caldwell of New York predicted that the million mark will be reached by July 4.

### Defendants Deny Blame For Lynching of Prager

Edwardsville, Ill., May 31.—The 11 men who are charged with the murder of Robert Paul Prager, enemy alien, who was lynched by a mob at Collinsville on April 5, testified in their own behalf today and each in turn disclaimed any responsibility for the act.

Joseph Riegel, young coal miner and cobbler, who was reported to have made a confession at the coroner's inquest that he was the leader of the mob, and who prior to his appearance before that jury was quoted as having made complete confession to a St. Louis newspaper man, flatly repudiated all statements previously attributed to him and described himself as one person in the crowd who counseled calmness.

Judge Bernereteer excluded testimony concerning disloyal remarks alleged to have been made by Prager. He declared that even though it was shown conclusively that Prager was a spy this would not afford provocation for lynching him.

# LUSK ATTORNEYS AGAIN PRESENT INSANITY THEORY

Waukesha, Wis., May 31.—Grace Lusk, convicted slayer of Mrs. Mary Newman Roberts, is still in a serious condition at the county jail here. Her condition is such that her attorneys have decided to make one more effort to prove her insane and have her removed to an asylum instead of prison.

### Huns Seize and Fortify Some of Kronstadt Forts

London, June 1.—The Daily Mail's Copenhagen correspondent says that according to the Petrograd newspaper, Pravo, the Germans have seized and fortified some of the forts at Kronstadt.

# HUGHES BEGINS TAKING EVIDENCE IN AERO INQUIRY

Washington, May 31.—Officers of the signal corps in charge of awarding of contracts for airplanes were called before Charles E. Hughes, in charge of Department of Justice's investigation into aero production, and questioned today, Attorney General Gregory and Assistant Attorney General Frierson participated in the examination.

Mr. Hughes explained that much of his work hereafter will be the questioning of witnesses to supplement information obtained from War department and aircraft board records. The identities of the witnesses will not be made known, but it is understood a number of prominent men connected with the air program are to be called within a few weeks.

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But the party of the first part also has 120 \$25 receipts just as negotiable as the rent receipts and worth just as much per pound for paper rags. He also has another document and it has a notary seal and two witnesses' hands on it and some style around the edges. It is call a warranty deed and is negotiable for \$2,500.

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