

## U. S. PRISONERS TREATED BADLY IN GERMAN CAMP

Americans Deprived of Their Clothing and Shoes; Are Hungry and Ill, and Live in Damp Huts.

(By Associated Press.)

With the American Army in France, June 1.—A Russian prisoner who recently returned from Germany has made a statement at Moscow which is now available here, to the effect that he saw American prisoners of war in a camp at Tüchel, West Prussia, and that they asked him to let it be known that they were being treated brutally. The prisoners said they were hungry and penniless.

When the Americans arrived at the camp, according to this account, the Germans removed all their clothes. They were particularly anxious to have the Americans' shoes. They told the prisoners they should not wear expensive clothing and shoes while working and that their property would be taken care of until their return to America. The Russian said, however, that everyone knows what that means.

**Americans Go Hungry.**  
The Russian said that eight Americans who were captured several months ago reached the camp at midday and being very hungry, asked for bread. They were told bread was distributed only in the morning. They were placed in a hut with Russians after being forced to stand in the square, where Germans were given an opportunity to insult them.

The huts in which the Americans are living, the Russian said, are damp, cold and unfit for habitation. Some of the Americans became ill. Two of them were in a hospital, had an opportunity there to talk with the Russian and it was through them that he had obtained information on which his statement is based.

## BUTLER TO ASK FOR VOTE UPON HIS REDUCTION

City Commissioner Butler intends to proceed this week with the circulation of referendum petitions to prevent the enforcement of an ordinance to reduce his department to a mere street sweeping proposition.

He announced that he has been promised moral and financial support and will engage legal assistance to bring this matter before the people. Commissioners Towler, Ringer, Zimmerman and Ure voted for the ordinance to relieve Butler of the asphalt repair work and crosswalk and sidewalk repaving. This action was taken Friday morning, after assignments of departments had been agreed on and an ordinance had been prepared accordingly. Commissioner Towler had the support of three commissioners in amending the ordinance. Mayor Smith and Commissioner Falconer were with Butler.

Commissioner Towler, head of the public improvements department, stated that a proper coordination of the street repair department with his department would save \$10,000 a year. The commissioners who voted to relieve Mr. Butler of the street repair work suggested that some other work might be assigned to the superintendent of the street department to offset the reduction.

Mr. Butler says he will obtain 4,000 signatures on referendum petitions, although 2,000 are sufficient to invoke the referendum.

## Nicholas Oil Co. Buys

Corner on South Side

William J. Sellner has sold to L. V. Nicholas Oil company two lots, 120x130 feet, at Twenty-fourth and H streets, South Side. A filling station will be erected on this corner at once. The sale was made through J. H. Dumont & Co.

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## German War Craft Reported Assembling In Helgoland Bight

Copenhagen, June 1.—Fishermen returning from the North Sea, according to the Stifst-Tidende, report an unusual assemblage of German war craft in Helgoland Bight. The fishermen also say there is unusual reconnaissance activity by German vessels well up the Jutland coast.

## OMAHAN IN RACE FOR INSURANCE CHAMPIONSHIP

Ed Wolverton Aspires to Presidency of \$200,000 Club; Victory May Swing Big Convention Here.

Ed Wolverton, 2004 Wirt street, is in the race to write more life insurance than any other man in the world during the year ending June 30, 1918. Up to date he has written more



Ed Wolverton

than \$1,000,000 and he expects to bring this to \$2,000,000 by midnight of June 30, when the annual contest closes. At present one other agent is ahead of him, but Wolverton says he expects to overtake and pass him if he "lands" what he has in sight.

If he wins he becomes president of the \$200,000 club, an organization of New York Life insurance company agents, who write more than \$200,000 insurance in any one year. He has qualified for membership in the club every year since 1905, but this is the first time he has gone after the presidency.

The city where the president of the club lives stands a very good chance of getting the international convention, at which members are present from every state in the union and from every civilized country. Last year 290 members were present and, with their families, they brought the attendance to more than 600. Sometimes attendance runs up to 1,000.

Wolverton is "on the job" day and night. In spite of this he finds time for church and charitable work and he did much in the Red Cross and Liberty loan drive.

## American Can Company Sues For Alleged Unpaid Bill

Suit to recover \$10,333.45 alleged to be due the American Can Co. from the United States Spot Ground corporation and Joseph E. Rosenfeld, as president, was started in district court Saturday. The American Can Co. alleges in its petition that shipments of plain metal discs, numbering approximately 2,500,000, were ordered and delivered to the defendants by a subsidiary firm, the Charles W. Shock Co., which has been taken over by the plaintiffs, and that the bill for the discs is still unpaid.

## France Far From 'Struck to Knees,' Omaha Boy Writes From Abroad

W. P. Darland, member of ambulance corps No. 16, American expeditionary force in France, has written his parents, Mr. and Mrs. John Darland, 1716 North Twenty-eighth street, from the war fields that France, far from being "struck to her knees" by the horrors and hardships of war, is in the main still a beautiful, peaceful country. "While it is very true they are tired of the war," young Darland writes of the French, "they are in it like us—in it to the end—above all determined to win."

He compares some sections of France to "one vast and beautiful park," giving the impression of a time of peace rather than war. But above all he emphasizes the grim determination visible everywhere he has been among the French to obtain an honorable peace after victory.

Darland went to France with the troops from Camp Funston.



W. P. Darland

## RAILWAY SHOPMEN AGREE TO RETURN TO WORK AT ONCE

Rock Island, Ill., June 1.—After a conference with representatives of the railroad administration in Rock Island, union representatives of the Rock Island road agreed that the men would return to work immediately, pending adjustment of the wage differences over which 2,000 men walked out.

## GERMANS ABANDON ATTEMPT TO DRIVE BACK U. S. TROOPS

Washington, June 1.—After several repulses the Germans apparently have abandoned, temporarily, at least, their efforts to retake the ground captured by the Americans at Cantigny. General Pershing's communique for today, issued tonight at the War department, said the day was quiet at all

points occupied by the American troops.

The shooting down of another hostile airplane is reported. Washington, June 1.—American volunteers and technical detachments yesterday blew up 328 enemy dugouts and a bridge, killing and wounding more than 20 of the enemy, says an addition to General Pershing's communique of yesterday, received today.

## Benton Funeral Tuesday.

The funeral of Lieutenant Charles Edwin Benton, who was killed in an auto accident at Gettysburg, Pa., Friday, will be held Tuesday afternoon at 3 o'clock from 809 Fourth avenue. The funeral will be military, with Rev. E. H. Jenks of Omaha officiating. Burial will be in Fairview cemetery.

Phone Tyler 3000

## Navy Recruits to Picnic On Court House Grounds

A navy picnic will be given Monday for young men who have enlisted in the navy. The affair will be under the auspices of the Red Cross and will be held at noon on the court house lawn. Mayor Smith will give a short patriotic speech.

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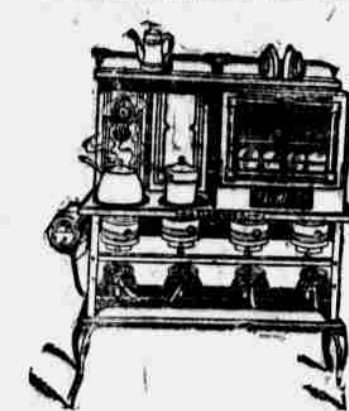
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\$45.00 Mahogany Arm Chair, in blue velvet.....	\$30.00	\$39.50 Old Ivory Bed to match.....	\$30.00
\$65.00 Mahogany Storage Chest.....	\$47.00	\$35.00 Poster Bed, 1/2 size.....	\$22.50
\$65.00 Queen Anne Bed, in American walnut.....	\$48.00	\$13.00 Mahogany Rocker or Chair, with damask spring seat.....	\$10.00
\$150.00 Mahogany Napoleon Bed.....	\$65.00	\$55.00 Enameled Chaise Lounge.....	\$30.00

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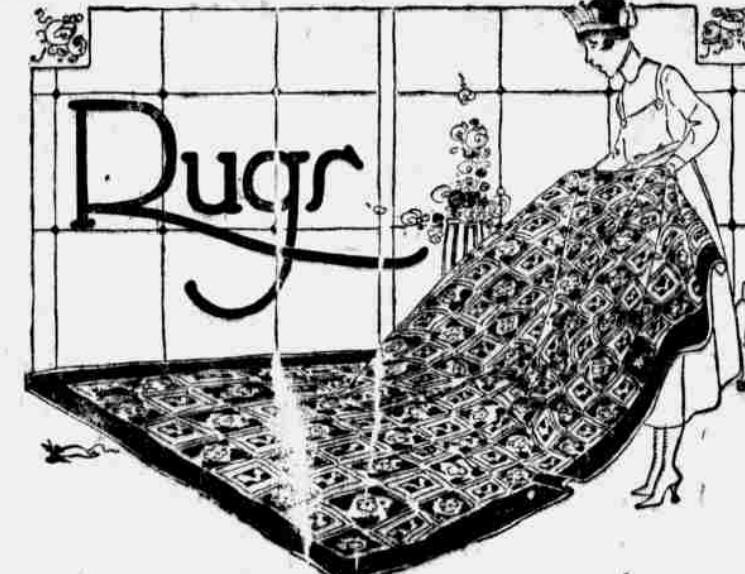
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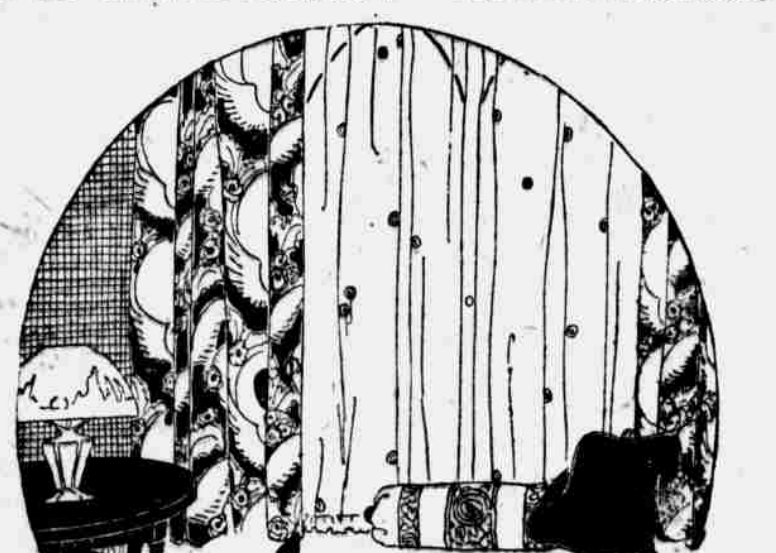


In buying rugs great care must be taken to get those that harmonize with each other, with the curtains and the furniture in the room.

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9 x12 Velvet Rugs.....	\$40.00	9 x12 Hartford-Saxony.....	\$100.00
8-3x10-6 Axminster.....	\$28.50		
9 x12 Axminster.....	\$31.50		



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Fourth Payment 50c	Tenth Payment 75c	Sixteenth Payment \$1.00	22d Payment \$1.50
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