

# COUNCIL TAKES STEPS TO CHECK SOCIAL DISEASE

### Agrees to Intern Stricken Women Following Conference With Officers of Omaha Army Posts.

"Many of the young women who frequent Fort Omaha are uniform crazy," stated Colonel H. B. Hersey, commander of Fort Omaha, addressing the city council Monday morning in connection with social conditions.

"This matter of social disease is the greatest menace we have to contend with today; the burning of warehouses in St. Louis was not 1-2-3 in comparison," said Captain E. L. De Lanney of the medical reserve corps, Fort Crook.

The net result of the meeting was an approval of Commissioner Manning's plan that the city rent buildings at Twenty-second street and St. Mary's avenue for internment of girls and women who have been apprehended and who, upon examination, are found to be contaminated with disease, which military officials say seriously affect the efficiency of the fighting men.

**City to Co-operate.**  
"We will co-operate," Mayor Smith announced. "We will intern these women and we hope that you will do your best to prevent soldiers picking up women on the street. There must be intensive co-operation on both sides. Suppose that you would tell that certain of your young men were in a house of prostitution, would you do so?" he asked of the military officers.

"Pardon me, Mr. Mayor," interposed Superintendent Ringer of the police department, "we have just organized our morals squad and there will not be such houses in Omaha."  
The building which the city has rented on St. Mary's avenue was formerly used as a maternity hospital and recently had been leased by the Omaha Association for the Betterment of Girls and Boys. Mrs. C. W. Hayes, Dr. Jennie Calhoun, and Mrs. Joslyn of the association attended the council meeting and commended the action of the officials.

**Improvement Needed.**  
Health Commissioner Manning explained that the system recently adopted for internment of diseased girls and women had not been satisfactory; that it worked injustices and that the time has come for the city to face about and meet the situation without compromise. The new institution will cost \$200 per month rental and \$500 for furnishings. The residents will do their own work and the best of medical attendance will be furnished without cost to those not able to pay. Dr. Manning hopes that by receiving the co-operation of outside organizations, many of the women may be reclaimed.

"We do not propose to interfere with Omaha's moral conditions, but we are going to the limit to protect our boys who are going across the water. We do not intend to prepare companies and then have to keep 10 or 15 to a company home on account of these disabilities," said Colonel Hersey.

**Expense is Great.**  
Captain DeLanney stated that the government will not release the affected men until they are completely cured, and he added that the expense is terrific. "If our regiment would be called to go over today, it is probable that about 150 would be detained on account of diseases. You should intern the infected women. We know that when our boys leave our post for the city they are sound."

**Ringer Submits Report.**  
Superintendent Ringer submitted a statistical report showing that of the first general draft list of 10,000,000 nearly 5 per cent were found to have been affected with one particular disease referred to by Captain DeLanney as generally leading to insanity.

Colonel J. M. Banister, appearing as a private citizen at request of the health commissioner, said: "It is the duty of Omaha to protect these men against invasion of women who are known to be diseased."  
Colonel Hersey added that Fort Omaha was known last summer as the best camp in this country, but during the winter the conditions were changed, and through recent co-operation by Omaha police department, an improvement had been noted.

**Seeks to Test Ordinance; Dumps Garbage in Street**  
As a test to determine the extent of a new city ordinance regulating the hauling of garbage within the city limits, A. Samlarob, proprietor of a restaurant at 305 1/2 South Twelfth street, dumped two cans of garbage into the street last Wednesday afternoon and left three vats of refuse standing in front of his place of business, he told the judge in police court Monday morning.

"During the last six weeks I have had too much trouble with the city board of health, the garbage department and other city officials," Samlarob told the court. "Police men on the beat told me I would be arrested if I permitted the garbage to lay around, and because the city garbage department failed to haul it away, I dumped it into the street."  
"I stopped drivers of city garbage wagons on the street no less than five times during the last month and offered to pay them \$5 to haul the garbage from my place, but they refused, declaring that they were only working occasionally."

Samlarob was discharged and advised to take up the matter with the mayor.

**Maggie Sobbs Sobs Not as She Faces Police Magistrate**  
Maggie Sobbs, 20 years old, 1116 South Thirteenth street, arrested on complaint of neighbor on a charge of illegal possession of liquor, refused to live up to her name in police court Monday morning, but with tearful eyes admitted that she had purchased the liquor from a negro whose name she did not know. It was for her own use, she said. Ten pints of whisky, bottled in bond and bearing the date of 1918, were found in her basement by Officer Hoag. Judge Madden fined her \$100 and costs.

# Harry Lauder in the War Zone

### "A Minstrel in France" Tells His Personal Experiences on the Western Fighting Front

**CHAPTER XIV. Scenes by the Wayside.**  
There was a turn in the road just beyond us that hid its continuation from us. And around the bend now there came a company of soldiers. Not neat and well-appointed soldiers these. Ah, no! They were fresh from the trenches, on their way back to rest. The mud and grime of the trenches were upon them. They were tired and weary, and they carried all their accoutrements and packs with them. Their boots were heavy with mud. And they looked bad, and many of them shabby. Most of these men, Godfrey told me after a glance at them, had been ordered back to hospital for minor ailments. They were able to march, but not much more.

They were the first men I had seen in such a case. They looked bad enough, but Godfrey said they would get leave for Blighty, and be home, in a few days, to see their families and their girls. And they came swinging along in fine style, sick and tired as they were, for the thought of where they were going cheered them and helped to keep them going.

A British soldier, equipped for the trenches, on his way in or out, has quite a load to carry. He has his rifle, and his emergency ration, and his entrenching tools, and extra clothing that he needs in bad weather in the trenches, to say nothing of his present rifle. And the sight of them made me realize for the first time the truth that lay behind the jest in a story that is one of Tommy's favorites.

A child saw a soldier in heavy marching order. She gazed at him in wide-eyed wonder. He was not her idea of what a soldier should look like.

"Mother," she asked, "what is a soldier for?"  
The mother gazed at the man. And then she smiled.  
"A soldier," she answered, "is to hang things on."

They eyed me very curiously as they came along, those sick laddies. They couldn't seem to understand what I was doing there, but their discipline held them. They were in

**Attorney Suggests Client Give \$1,000 to Red Cross**  
Anson Bigelow, attorney, returned to Omaha Sunday, after recommending to the Nemaha County Council of Defense, at Auburn, Neb., that his client, Ben Casper, be compelled to file a declaration of loyalty to the United States and pay \$1,000 to the Red Cross.

Casper is a wealthy Nemaha county farmer, living between Brock and Talmage. His neighbors made frequent complaints of his lack of sympathy with the United States in the war, and noted that he did not contribute to the Red Cross funds, buy Liberty bonds or thrift stamps.  
One day three citizens reported in Brock that Casper had sneered at the prowess of the local home guards and said that one German soldier could whip the whole outfit. This incensed the members of the home guards at Brock and lynching was threatened.

Casper was brought before the defense body at Auburn, Friday, for a hearing and he pleaded that the case be set over until Saturday so he could procure the services of the Omaha attorney.

Bigelow responded and after hearing the testimony adduced, recommended that the defense council make no finding, but, to make a better citizen of Casper, he be compelled to pay the Red Cross \$1,000 and sign a declaration of loyalty to the United States.

**Sheriff Clark Recovers Body of Lad Drowned Sunday**  
After an all night search Sheriff Clark and deputies Monday morning recovered the body of Daniel Mathanic, 11-year-old boy, who was accidentally drowned in a slough in East Omaha Sunday. Several persons have been drowned in this slough, according to Sheriff Clark.

Young Mathanic, together with Robert Bell and James May, were wading in the slough. The lad crawled on a plank and floated into deep water. He attempted to swim back to the bank and was drowned before his companions could bring help.

The boy's father was killed in the Easter tornado five years ago.

**Use of Chain Letters Not Approved by War Savings**  
Ward Burgess, state director of war savings stamp campaign, has answered an inquiry of the Omaha Chamber of Commerce regarding the use of chain letters in war savings stamp activities. Use of these letters is not approved by the national committee, says Mr. Burgess. Whatever chain letters have been started were sent out without the knowledge of the national committee. The Omaha chamber has warned its members in many preceding instances that the use of such letters to secure funds for any purpose is unwise.

**South Side Men and Omahans To Have 'Good Fellowship Day'**  
Friday will be a "good fellowship day" between Omaha Chamber of Commerce members who live in Omaha proper and those who live on the South Side. A large number of the former will meet at 11:30 o'clock on that day and go in a body to the South Side to extend the right hand of fellowship to the South Siders.

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warning that was implied in Captain Godfrey's order, I should soon have understood that we had come into a new region. For a long time now the noise of the guns had been different. Instead of being like distant thunder it was a much nearer and louder sound. It was a steady, throbbing roar now.

And, at intervals, there came a different sound; a sound more individual, that stood out from the steady uproar. It was as if the air were being cracked apart by the blow of some giant hammer. I knew what it was. Aye, I knew. You need no man to tell you what it is—the explosion of a great shell not so far from you!

Now was it our ears alone that told us what was going on. Ever and anon, now, ahead of us, as we looked at the fields, we saw a cloud of dirt rise up. That was where a shell struck. And I saw holes, full of water as a rule, and mounds of dirt that did not look as if shovels and picks had raised them.

It surprised me that the peasants were still at work. I spoke to Godfrey about that.

"The French peasants don't seem to know what it is to be afraid of shell-fire," he said. "They go only when we make them. It is the same on the French front. They will cling to a farmhouse in the zone of fire until they are ordered out, no matter how heavily it may be shelled. They are splendid folk! The Germans can never beat a race that has such folk as that behind its battle line."

I could well believe him. I had seen no sight along the whole front more quietly impressive than the calm, impassive courage of those French peasants. They know they are right! It is no kaiser, no war lord, who gives them courage. It is the knowledge and the consciousness that they are suffering in a holy cause, and that, in the end, the right and truth must prevail. Their own fate, whatever may befall them, does not matter. France must go on and shall, and they do their humble part to see that it does and shall.

Solemn thoughts moved me as we drove on. Here there had been real war and fighting. Now I saw a country blasted by shell fire, wrecked by the contention of great armies. And I knew that I was coming to soil watered by British blood; to rows of British graves; to soil that shall be forever sacred to the memory of the Britons, from Britain and over seas, who died and fought upon it to redeem it from the Hun.

I had no mind to talk, to ask questions. For the time I was content to be with my own thoughts that were evoked by the historic ground through which we passed. My heart was heavy with grief and with the memories of my boy that came flooding it, but it was lightened, too, by other thoughts.

And always, as we sped on, there was the thunder of the guns. Always there were the bursting shells and the old bent peasants paying no heed to them. Always there were circling airplanes, far above us, like hawks against the deep blue of the sky. And always we came nearer and nearer to Vimy ridge—that deathless name in the history of Britain.

I could well believe him. I had seen no sight along the whole front more

**LEMONS BRING OUT THE HIDDEN BEAUTY**  
Make this lotion for very little cost and just see for yourself.  
An attractive skin wins admiration. In social life and in business the girl or woman whose face and hands show evidence of constant care enjoys a tremendous advantage over those who do not realize the value of a healthy skin and a spotless complexion.  
At the cost of a small jar of ordinary cold cream one can prepare a full quart of the most wonderful lemon skin softener and complexion beautifier, by squeezing the juice of two fresh lemons into a bottle containing three ounces of orchard white. Care should be taken to strain the juice through a fine cloth so no lemon pulp gets in, then this lotion will keep fresh for months. Every woman knows that lemon juice is used to bleach and remove such blemishes as freckles, sallowness and tan, and is the ideal skin softener, smoothen and beautifier.  
Just try it! Get three ounces of orchard white at any pharmacy and two lemons from the grocer and make up a quart pint of this sweetly fragrant lemon lotion and massage it daily into the face, neck, arms and hands. It naturally should help to soften, freshen, bleach and bring out the roses and beauty of any skin—Adv.

# BURGESS-NASH COMPANY

Monday, June 3, 1918 STORE NEWS FOR TUESDAY Phone Douglas 137

## Tuesday--June Sales All Over the Store Upstairs and Down--Mightily Important to You

### This Annual June Sale of TABLE AND HOUSEHOLD LINENS Affords Most Unusual Saving Opportunities

NOT only is this true by the fact that prices are based on the cost of months ago, before the great advance, but even more so in that you may choose from linens here now that it will be impossible to duplicate at any price, owing to the European war conditions, which has cut off a great percentage of the manufacture of fine linens.

- Table Cloths, Table Damask and Napkins Made in the U. S. A.**  
A VERY extensive line of makes noted for their splendid wearing qualities. Below we note a few from our large stock.  
**Bleached Table Damask at 69c**  
64-inch bleached table damask, heavy weight that launders beautifully. Several good designs, at 69c a yard.  
**Hemmed Napkins at \$1.50 Dozen**  
Size 18x18 inches. These are of good quality, which launders very satisfactorily. Special at \$1.50 dozen.  
**Hemmed Table Cloths at \$1.98**  
Extra heavy weight and splendid quality, size 72x72 inches. These have slight mill stains. Very special at \$1.98 each.  
**Round Table Cloths at \$1.59**  
Of fine quality, with perfectly scalloped edge in colors of pink, blue or yellow, size 64 inches in diameter, each, \$1.59.



- Pattern Table Cloths and Napkins**  
Irish and Scotch pattern table cloths and napkins to match. Heavy weight and made from splendid quality of pure flax. A beautiful satin finish which is retained after laundering. Ten handsome circular designs to select from.  
2x2-yard cloth, \$6.00 each.  
2x2 1/2 yard cloth, \$7.50 each.  
2x3-yard cloth, \$9.00 each.  
22x22-inch napkins, \$6.50 dozen.  
24x24-inch napkins, \$7.50 dozen.
- Bath Towels at 25c**  
Heavy weight bleached bath towels, made of excellent quality of terry cloth, size 18x40 inches, at \$2.65 a dozen or 25c each.  
**Bath Towels, 40c.**  
Heavy-weight bleached bath towels that are unusually good quality, that will give splendid service; size 19x40 inches, \$4.25 dozen, or 40c each.  
**Huck Towels, \$1.95 Dozen.**  
Of all white huck, in an excellent quality that retains its pure whiteness; size 16x32 inches, special at \$1.95 dozen.

### An Extensive Showing of Beautiful Hand Embroidered Madeira and Decorative Linens at Prices Much Below Usual

- We quote but a few. An opportune time to select hand some gifts.  
**Madeira Center Pieces, \$2.50**  
In several neat designs and perfectly hand-scalloped edge, 24 inches round, at \$2.50 each.  
**Round Madeira Cloth, \$16.95**  
Size 54 inches, fine quality round thread Irish linen with neat scalloped edge and handsome designs of solid and eyelet work embroidered. Unusual value at \$16.95 each.  
**Round Madeira Cloths, \$25.00**  
72-inch, beautiful range of handsome designs. Fine quality of Irish linen with neat scalloped edges, at \$25.00, \$32.50 and \$45.00 each.  
**Luncheon Sets of 13 Pieces.**  
Set consists of half dozen each, two size doilies and one center piece. Neat hand-embroidered designs, at \$7.50 and \$8.50 a set.  
**Dresser and Chiffonier Scarfs, \$3.50**  
36, 45 and 54-inch lengths. Pure linen, with perfectly hand-embroidered designs. Excellent values at \$3.50, \$4.50 and \$6.00 each.  
**Madeira Handkerchief and Glove Case, 79c**  
Good range of handsome designs at 79c, 90c and \$1.00 each.

# BURGESS-NASH DOWN STAIRS STORE

**Illinois Refrigerators**  
IN golden oak finish, lined with white enamel. A 45-lb. ice capacity; top icer; priced \$14.95.  
**A Top-Icer Refrigerator**  
75-pound ice capacity in golden oak finish, with nickel trimmings, white enamel lining, at \$19.50.  
**A Front-Icer**  
In the tall style that takes little room; golden oak finish, lined with white enamel; 100-lb. ice capacity, at \$23.50.  
**Larger Style**  
Side-icer in three-door style; golden oak with nickel trimmings. Three shelves; 75-pound ice capacity, at \$23.50.

**Women's Pumps at Less Than GOOD-fitting, good styles, 1/2 Price Tuesday**  
Patent vamp with dull kid quarter; All patent colt with instep strap; gun metal Colonial with leather Louis heels, light weight soles.  
**Children's White Canvas Pumps**  
White canvas strap pumps for children. Just the kind for school and play. Sizes 5 to 8, at \$1.35; 8 1/2 to 11, at \$1.45; 11 1/2 to 2, at \$1.65.  
**Women's Shoes at 69c**  
Odd pairs of women's shoes and pumps, small sizes only, at 69c.  
**Children's Slippers, at 69c**  
Child's strap slippers, sizes 8 to 8, for 69c.

