

CZECHO-SLOVAK FIGHTERS SEEK RECRUITS HERE

Four Officers to Be Guests of Chamber of Commerce at Noon; At Sokol Hall at Night.

Four famous Czecho-Slovak fighters, Lt. Anton Holy, Second Lieut. Miloslav Niederle, Oldrich Spaniel and Joseph Horvat, all of whom have participated in many battles in Russia and more recently in France, will visit Omaha Friday, arriving here in the morning at 8:35 o'clock. They are in America to recruit men of Bohemian (Czech) and Slovak birth, who are either outside of the American draft age or were not naturalized, for the Czecho-Slovak army in France.

The officers after their arrival here will make their headquarters at the Hotel Fontenelle. They will be guests of the Omaha Chamber of Commerce at noon Friday, when Lieutenant Niederle, speaking in English, will deliver an address.

They will speak at a mass meeting of Omaha Bohemians at the Sokol hall, Thirteenth and Martha streets, Friday night. Saturday morning they will call upon the governor at Lincoln, later going to Crete in the afternoon and returning to South Omaha. Sunday they will hold a consultation with the officers of the local Bohemian societies.

All Drafted by Austria. All of the officers were drafted into the Austrian army at the beginning of the war, but escaped to Russia soon afterwards and took up arms with the Russian army, fighting against Austria. After the revolution there in March, 1917, the independent Czecho-Slovak army was organized in Russia and these men became members. When the famous Russian retreat took place, they were holding the Germans and Austrians back at Zborov, and all were wounded at that time. Several months ago the Czecho-Slovak army was transferred to France, via England. Shortly after their arrival there, these officers were sent to the United States for recruiting purposes.

Omaha and Cedar Rapids, Ia., are the last two cities that the officers will visit on their tour of America. Lieutenant Spaniel will remain in Omaha, to take charge of recruiting in Nebraska, Kansas, the Dakotas and other western states. The remaining officers will go to other large cities and take charge of recruiting.

First Year of the War Is Observed by Omaha Greeks

The first anniversary of the entrance of Greece into the great war on the side of the allies was celebrated at a luncheon Thursday in the Chamber of Commerce.

Scores of Omahans of Greek birth or ancestry were present besides army officers, city commissioners and others. The Greek flag was displayed together with the flags of the other allied nations.

Joseph Barker, as chairman of the Chamber of Commerce committee, presided and introduced the speakers. Arthur Wakeley, speaking for the Chamber of Commerce, dwelt on the greatness of Greece in history, its warriors, statesmen, poets, philosophers whose work is at the foundation of civilization.

John F. Stout, Greek consul in Omaha, responded. He declared the patriotism of the Greek people is proverbial and showed that they have been pioneers in the cause of freedom, having fought for it before the republics of today were born.

M. A. Hall, British vice-consul here, and Antonio Venuto, Italian consul, were among those at the speakers' table.

Body of William Halbhau Found at Bottom of Lake

The body of William Halbhau, 14-year-old Boy Scout who disappeared from the Boy Scout camp at Lake Quinnebaugh near Decatur, Neb., Wednesday, was found at the bottom of the lake yesterday afternoon by the sheriff of Buft county and his searching party.

After saying something about fishing to some of his troopmates, the youth disappeared from the camp. The search lasted a day and a night. It was thought possible that the boy might be found somewhere in the large tract of wooded ground which surrounds the camp.

The lad, son of W. T. Halbhau, 2566 Douglas street, was a popular member of troop 11, which is led by Scoutmaster G. A. Peters. He was a pupil at the Farnam school and is survived by his parents and a sister.

Funeral services will be held Saturday morning at St. Peter's church at 9. Burial will be in Holy Sepulcher cemetery. His father is in the employ of the Alfred Cornish company.

Driver's Skull Fractured In Striking Windshield

John Trummer, 1723 South Nineteenth street, received a fracture of the skull and a two-inch cut on the scalp when he struck his head through the windshield of the Ford truck he was driving Thursday afternoon. The accident happened while the truck was standing at the corner of Eleventh and Dodge streets, Trummer rising suddenly and striking his head on the "dished" windshield. He was taken to the Lister hospital.

Finn's Band Will Play Big Program at Manawa Sunday

Finn's band will furnish a program of classical, patriotic and popular music at Lake Manawa park next Sunday. Fifteen numbers are included on the program. Such popular pieces as "Over the Top," "Down South," "All America" and "Our Country's In It Now" will precede the final patriotic march "Freedom For All Forever."

Induct Draft Evaders.

Fred Harlowe, Pierce, Neb., and Alfonso Sarvantes, Kansas City, alleged draft evaders, will be inducted into the national army by local exemption boards. Harlowe has evaded registration for more than a year. Sarvantes became 21 recently, but failed to register.

U. S. War Risk Insurance Board Sends Out Over 3,200,000 Checks to Date

More than 3,200,000 government checks have been sent out to date by the bureau of war risk insurance.

Most of these have gone in the form of allotment and allowance payments to the families of the enlisted men in the army and navy.

The grand total disbursements of the bureau up to June 10 aggregate more than \$98,000,000, of which \$97,000,000 is for allotments and allowances.

Checks are going forward at the rate of more than \$50,000 a month. About 380,000 checks for May allotments, which are payable in June, have already been mailed.

Approximately 35,000 are going forward every day.

Payments under the war risk insurance act are being rushed to the limit by a force of more than 6,000 employees, working on night and day shifts.

Under the terms of the war risk insurance act, allotments made from June pay, together with the government allowances added thereto, can not be paid until July.

The first checks for June allotments and allowances will go forward on July 1, just as the first May payments began on July 1. Under the law, those payments cannot be started any sooner. Relatives of soldiers and sailors are urged to remember this fact and thus save unnecessary worry.

Judge Troup to Forego First Vacation in Fourteen Years

District Judge A. C. Troup has been "on the job" continuously for 14 years, not even taking time off for a vacation. During 1917 the judge, with the exception of one day, was on the bench in district court hearing the unending series of legal entanglements.

Judge Troup made a solemn promise to Mrs. Troup several months ago, long before war's seriousness had made its inroads into the vacation plans of individuals, that he would "knock off" for a while this summer and take a little vacation trip with her to New York and other far-distant points.

"Now that the time has come," the judge remarked Thursday morning, "I feel that Uncle Sam's problems are great enough, without my adding to the difficulties. So I have decided that a long trip would be unpatriotic at this time, and my wife agrees with me."

Judge Troup has therefore given up his trip to New York, but to fulfill his promise to Mrs. Troup the couple will take a short vacation trip to the Yellowstone Park. They will leave shortly after the Fourth of July.

Building and Loan Companies To Distribute Dividends

Over three-quarters of a million dollars as earnings will be distributed July 1 among shareholders of the savings and loan associations of Omaha.

	Pct.	Amount.
Conservative Savings and Loan association	5	\$290,000
Omaha Loan and Building association	6	210,000
Occidental Building and Loan association	6	183,000
Nebraska Savings and Loan association	5 1/2	31,643
Commercial Savings and Loan association	5 1/2	30,000
Prudential Savings and Loan association	6	13,071
Bankers' Savings and Loan association	6	15,000
State Savings and Loan association	6	6,500
Home Savings and Loan association	5 1/2	2,400
		\$782,214

Eckford Held for District Court on Vagrancy Charge

Jess Eckford, 1217 South Twenty-fourth street, arrested on a charge of vagrancy, was bound over to the district court under a \$500 bond in police court Thursday, when the attorney for the defense brought out evidence showing that Eckford had been in employment until two weeks ago and that he had attempted to enlist in the army. The attorney pointed out that as the young man had just "taken to himself a wife," he was entitled to a little vacation without violation of the sedition law. Eckford was arrested on a similar charge in January and released under bond.

Exams. for \$1,600 Jobs July 19 in Naturalization Service

Positions paying from \$1,500 to \$1,600 a year in the United States naturalization service will be open to applicants at a civil service examination at the federal building on July 19. The government is in need of additional examiners in the naturalization service of the Department of Labor. One hundred appointments will be made throughout the country.

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Garbage Haulers Threaten To Go on Strike Saturday

The police and sanitation department of the city of Omaha and Superintendent Dean Ringer are facing the possibility of coping with a strike situation.

Garbage haulers, who work in the down town district, and who are on the city pay roll, threaten to walk out when the week is completed, which will be Saturday.

Wednesday was pay day for the men. Some time ago they were promised compensation by the city commission of \$7 per day for their own services and the use of their teams. Formerly they had been paid at the rate of \$5.50 per day.

On Wednesday they received their pay at the old rate when they were anticipating compensation at the new scale.

About eight of them met in front of The Bee building late in the afternoon and held an informal indignation meeting, at which they agreed to work out the balance of the week and then quit if the city did not live up to its agreement with them.

The city owns the wagon boxes used in the collection of the garbage and it was agreed to turn these back.

The aggrieved men say that it is impossible for them to feed their teams, keep up their working stock, buy harness and wagon frames and live at the old rate of pay. Hay and all kinds of feed have gone up in price and they say they have very little margin left for living expenses for themselves and their families.

These men take care of all of the garbage produced by restaurants and hotels in the business district and their refusal to work would create unpleasant unsanitary conditions.

Frank Dewey Files for County Clerk on His Birthday

Frank Dewey observed his birthday anniversary on Thursday morning by getting his shoes shined and filing his name with the election commissioner as a candidate for renomination for county clerk. He was recorded in the filing list as a republican.

John A. Longren, 622 North Forty-first avenue, filed as republican candidate for the state legislature.

George Holmes, judge of the municipal court, is having petitions signed to have his name go on the primary ballots.

Tom Hollister states that he expects to file as a candidate for the republican nomination of county attorney.

Storm Sweeps South Dakota.

Mitchell, S. D., June 27.—A severe storm, accompanied by heavy rains, swept central South Dakota last night. At Fairfax damage to crops and other property resulted.

BERGER TO TAKE HAND IN STRIKE; GIRLS STATE CASE

Assistant City Attorney Says He Will File Complaint for Not Having Licensed Operators.

John M. Berger, assistant city attorney, met with the striking girl elevator operators in the board of welfare rooms yesterday.

"The company has not lived up to its contract with us," declared Merle Swanson, the spokesman for the operators. "When we went to work they gave us our choice of working eight hours at \$45 a month or working nine hours at \$50, which they called boys' pay. We asked for the boys' work and \$50. They agreed to give us two weeks vacation with pay. Later we asked for our vacation and were told that we could have one week without pay. That's no vacation. That's only laying off. We could do that anytime."

The girls claim that \$5 per month was held out for five months as pay for their uniforms, and that now the company refuses to give them their uniforms. "They told me I had nerve to ask for mine," said Pearl McClaren, "and I told them that when I had paid for a thing I didn't think it took much nerve to claim it."

When the girls were first employed there was a starter, who took the responsibility of getting the cars properly spaced and timed. That when he left the girls asked that his pay be divided between them to make up for the extra responsibility thus placed on them, and that it was the refusal of this request that caused them to walk out.

"It would be different if we were fired," said Miss Swanson, "because if we were not giving satisfaction we wouldn't expect them to keep us, but we know that we were doing our work well. Several of the tenants have called me up at my home since we left and told me that conditions down there are unendurable and have tried to get us to come back. They say they don't want new girls, they want us."

Not to Hire Strikers. The girls also assert that the management of the building told them that the "four big office buildings" of the city had been consulted and had promised not to hire any of the strikers.

The operators involved are Merle Swanson, Edna Day, Pearl McClaren and Florence Johnson. One of the five original operators is still working.

Mr. Berger has stated his intention of filing a complaint against the management of the First National bank building for employing unlicensed operators.

Kuhn, Loeb Company Takes Up 20 Million In Union Pacific Bonds

New York, June 27.—A syndicate headed by Kuhn, Loeb & Co., has taken up a \$20,000,000 bond issue of the Union Pacific Railroad company. This is the first large railroad financing operation undertaken privately since the government assumed control of the transportation lines.

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