

# North Platte and Ogallala on the Lincoln Highway

## NORTH PLATTE AWAKE TO ITS OPPORTUNITIES

Thriving City in Western Nebraska Keeps Pace with the Growth in that Section.

North Platte, known all over the state for years and years as an important railroad center of both the Union Pacific and the Burlington railroads and a division point of the Union Pacific, is just coming into its own for what has been its real asset in the state, an important agricultural point. For a long time it has not been recognized that there have been real money making crops of grain, hay and alfalfa raised there and cag-load after carload of cattle and hogs shipped from that point each year.

The town itself, due in a great measure to the fact that there were established there railroad shops and many homes of the men who pilot the trains through the state, grew far ahead of the other towns in the west end of the state in times past and it has arisen to its opportunity and proposes to keep in the lead in business and progressive movements if wide awake methods and co-operation among its leading men will do that.

**Good Schools Here.**  
There are good grade schools, a high school of exceptional standing, fine churches, a strong branch of the Y. M. C. A. and other organizations that bring credit to a town here.

**Constantinople Now In Grip of Plague as Result of Great Fire**  
Correspondence Associated Press. The Hague, July 27.—Lack of dwellings, already great in Constantinople, was increased by the devastating fire of May 31, details of which are given by the Balkan correspondent of the Nieuwe Rotterdamse Courant. Its ravages have added to the general misery of the Turkish capital, where spotted typhus still carries off an average of 30 victims daily.

The fire was caused by a lighted cigarette being thrown into the corner of a room. Over a distance of two and a half miles it spread, across old Stamboul, from northeast to southwest, burning away a strip of from a third to five-eighths of a mile wide. Half way on the course the flames branched out in a southerly direction. Ten districts of the city were swept and more than 5,000 houses, 20 baths, a dozen bazaars and about 10 mosques were destroyed. More than 200,000 persons were left homeless.

The burned district is almost in the center of the city. Government offices and the houses of a number of high officials were hastily evacuated, as well as the principal hospitals and schools in the vicinity.

**British Build Sandbag Breastworks for Italians**  
London, July 27.—British sandbags, as well as British soldiers, have played an important part in the recent fighting in Italy. Since last fall, more than 3,000,000 sandbags have been sent to Italy from this country. Parts of the Italian line, owing to the nature of the soil, had to be above ground and were built up completely of sandbags, the reason being that near the river, trenches and dugouts could not be constructed, as the water lay within a foot of the ground level.

**Blind British Soldiers Are Marrying in London**  
London, July 27.—More than 150 British soldiers blinded in the war have married since losing their sight.

## U. P. ORGANIZES CLUB TO WRITE LETTERS TO BOYS IN FRANCE

News from home welcome as water in a sunbaked land to the brave boys "over there." This is what the Union Pacific Family War Service club was organized to furnish to their employes who have answered the call of their country to fight under the Stars and Stripes.

"Why not organize a club to write regularly to our boys," was the suggestion that emanated from President Calvin, and the foundation on which this big club, with its many branches and varied activities, has been built. There were 2,241 stars in the Union Pacific service flag up to June 30, and at least 250 more were added during July, though the list has not yet been compiled. Of these 1,380 were enlistments.

Patriotism such as this is deserving of recognition and the "folks at home" found in President Calvin's suggestion a way to do their share toward winning the war. At once every division began organizing the clubs. Everyone wanted to join, and as new members joined new objects for the work were suggested.

"Why not ask for voluntary contributions of from 10 cents to \$2 per month and raise a fund for the assistance of the families of our boys who may need help?" asked some one. This was done at once, and the office forces furnished a 100 per cent list of contributors, while the road force furnished a 75 per cent list, including all the steady employes, those not joining being temporary employes in the construction department.

**Weekly Letter to Men in Service.**  
The weekly letter sent to the boys resembles a country newspaper. There are correspondents at each division and in each department those who contribute items of interest to those from their departments. These are all collected and edited and placed in a letter, which is sent to every Union Pacific man in the government service. This work is done in the office of Ballard Dunn, secretary of the club.

"We are having trouble locating some of the boys who went into the service early," said Mr. Roach, secretary to Mr. Dunn. "Many of them have been sent from post to post and transferred from one regiment to another, and we have lost track, but they are being traced as rapidly as possible and catalogued."

Mr. Dunn already has scores of letters of appreciation from the homesick boys who have been cheered by this news from home. Not only are the employes giving their time and money to aid and cheer the boys, but the company is helping. All the activities possible are carried on through the officers of the company. The voluntary contributions are deducted from the pay checks on order of the employes and turned over to W. H. Sanford, treasurer of the club, and also treasurer of the company, and also treasurer of the club. In this way the extra work involved in caring for these funds is reduced to a minimum.

**Medical and Legal Aid Free.**  
The services of the legal and medical departments are free to the families of those enlisted under the colors. "We did not think there would be much call for either of these departments," said Mr. Roach, "but it is surprising how much they have been called upon. The adjustment of taxes, payment of bills, etc., are gladly brought to our lawyers, who settle things quickly and satisfactorily."

"Recently we had a case of a soldier who before the war had contracted for the purchase of a home on the installment plan. After he joined the colors expenses increased, and there came a time when the wife was unable to meet the payments. She called on our legal aid department, who arranged for the payment of the interest and that the principal might be allowed to run until the husband's return. Most of the creditors are very considerate when matters are explained to them."

Mr. Roach told of another case of the wife of an engineer. She lives in one of the smaller towns of Nebraska with her little family of four children, the oldest being 14 years. Her allotment from the government is about \$355, and on this she managed very well until one of the boys broke his leg. The medical department took care of the boy, but there were bills incurred owing to the accident which the wife could not meet. She appealed



E. E. Calvin, founder of the club.



O. J. Mitchell, chairman, Neb. Division.



W. H. Prager, chairman, Omaha shops Division.

to the club for help, and it was promptly given.

**Investigations Made of Each Case.**  
Each case is investigated by those most likely to feel sympathy. For instance, in the case just mentioned, the husband was an engineer. The committee appointed to investigate was composed of two engineers and one man from another department.

"We had rather err on the side of giving undeserved help than to refuse it where it is needed," said Mr. Roach. "Our work may seem to conflict with that of the civilian relief, but it is merely supplementary to it and we co-operate with them in every way."

This club aids in the work of soliciting funds when there is a drive for Liberty bonds, Young Men's Christian association, Knights of Columbus or any other war cause. The big thrift stamp drive just finished showed the results of this organized effort. In the Kansas City office of the Union Pacific company where there are 128 employes, \$1,009 was pledged. Omaha's list is not yet completed, but it will run higher per capita than even this record.

Each month representatives of the

various divisions of the family club meet in Omaha and discuss plans of the club and the work accomplished. There have been two such meetings and another will be held in the near future.

The general committee includes representatives from the Kansas division, Omaha headquarters, Wyoming, Nebraska, Colorado and western divisions, Omaha shops, legal and hospital departments.

### British Aviator, Machine Disabled, "Taxis" to Safety

London, July 27.—A trench newspaper, published by one of the British divisions in Palestine, gives the following account of an unusual feat by a British airplane in the fighting zone:

"One of our aviators was forced by engine trouble to land 10 miles inside the Turkish lines. His engine was misfiring, but produced sufficient power for 'taxi-ing' and short hops, but not for flights. Presumably the valves of two or three cylinders had broken or stuck."

"But the pilot did not give up hope, and succeeded in 'taxi-ing' all the way to the British lines over the level sand. On the way he crossed a Turkish encampment, and his undercarriage brought away a clothes line and a number of Turkish shirts. The pilot was attacked by several detachments armed with rifles and machine guns, but they invariably fled when he charged on them with his gun. Two or three German airplanes dived and fired bursts at him, but luckily hit no vital part."

In the depths of a South American lake over \$5,000,000 worth of gold is said to have been thrown by Peruvian priests when fleeing from the Spaniards.

## DRY FARMING IS A MONEY MAKER NEAR OGALLALA

Western Nebraska Town Prosperous as Shown by Improvements in Town and Surrounding Country.

Ogallala is not handicapped as a growing Nebraska town by its Indian name that at first glance in type is so hard to pronounce, but rather glories in the distinction of its picturesque nomenclature. When Ogallala sets a record there is no doubt but that it is distinctively its own. In the center of the great dry farming district of western Nebraska the wealth of cattle and grain that is shipped out through the course of a year here is almost unbelievable. At the present price of cattle and hogs one would imagine that everyone connected with the business is getting rich rapidly until it is remembered that the grain to fatten an animal for market is also put in mildly "high-priced." However, there is money being made here for it is a prosperous town, with good schools, good streets, thriving businesses, plenty of autos of good makes, good roads all through the county and a fine class of Nebraska agricultural people with whom to deal.

Situated in the valley between the forks of the north and south Platte rivers in Keith county it is a nice half day's drive from North Platte to the east, or from Sidney, or Julesburg, Colo., to the west. The people of the country and in the town are proud of their stretch of the Lincoln Highway and justly so, for considering the condition of the roads through that territory some years ago they have performed wonders in making the main highway and a number of the other roads fine stretches that carry a load well in wet or dry weather.

### Start Work on \$4,000,000 Army Camp in Kentucky

Louisville, Ky., July 27.—The contract for the construction of a cantonment at West Point, Ky., Camp Zachary Taylor's auxiliary artillery range, recently authorized by Washington, has been awarded and work will start immediately on the \$4,000,000 layout which will provide for a probable concentration of 53,000 artillerymen.

Upon completion of the cantonment, West Point range will become the largest artillery firing center in the United States. Army officers declared the two camps, situated near here, would provide accommodation for approximately 90,000 artillerymen.

Patient (with a broken arm): It's awful not to be able to do any war work while I'm laid up!  
"That's all right, my dear Mrs. Willney—your bones are knitting!"—Life.

### Berlin Feels Shortage of Vegetables; Prices High

New York, July 27.—There was a great shortage of vegetables in Berlin at the beginning of June according to the Berlin Vorwaerts. Describing the condition in the Berlin public markets on June 5 the Vorwaerts says: "The stands were almost empty but there were many seeking food. For a head of cauliflower of the size of a potato 1 1/2 marks was charged and

and for a pound of lima beans, six marks. Kohlrabi, young carrots, and turnips were scarce and enormously high in price. Fifteen kohlrabi small and with much foliage, cost three to four marks."

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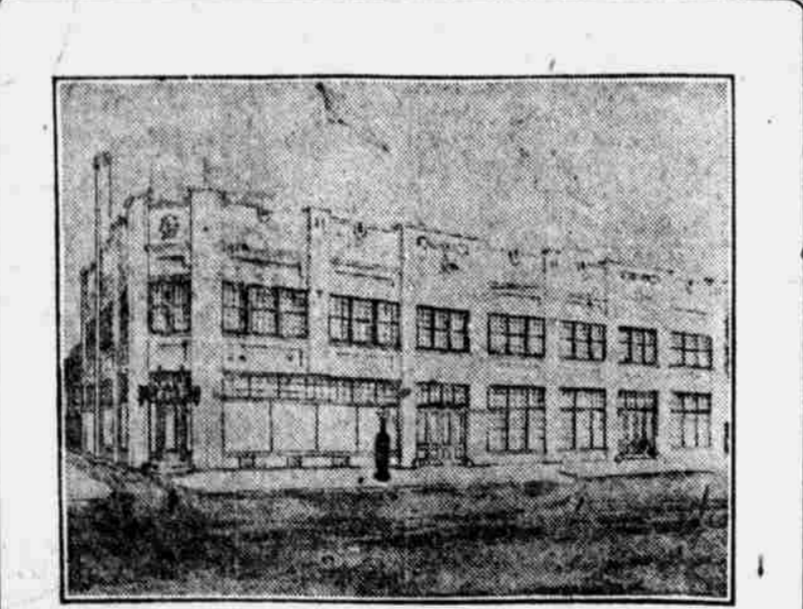
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