

### WATER SYSTEM AT FORT CROOK AGAIN HELD UP

Connection with Omaha System Slips After Hitchcock Thought He Had Everything Sewed Up.

Washington Bureau, Omaha Dec. 1311 G street. The complications growing out of providing a suitable water supply for Fort Crook are, to say the least, most embarrassing, especially to Senator Hitchcock, who supposed he had everything sewed up when he received Assistant Secretary Crowell's letter stating that the department had decided to connect Fort Crook with the Omaha water system, but the construction division of the War department, presided over by General Marshall, resurrected an old report favoring the building of wells at Fort Crook and estimating such a cost at \$24,000.

Congressman Lobeck today took a hand in the water supply situation, in view of strong telegrams from the Chamber of Commerce and other business interests, and outlined to General Marshall the utility of attempting to get enough water to supply Fort Crook through a system of wells. He told the general that even if the wells were finally decided upon, they could not be built and a filtration plant provided, for anything like \$24,000, and emphatically protested against the well idea suggesting that Fort Crook would be hitched up with the Omaha water system before the matter was finally decided.

Working for Peace Committee. Senator Hitchcock, who is busy these days laying his wires to be one of the peace commissioners from the United States, has not moved in the matter, but has arranged for a conference with Assistant Secretary Crowell, and if need be, Secretary Baker on Saturday, when the water supply question for Fort Crook may be decided once for all.

To an onlooker it would appear as if army policies had something to do with the backing and filling over Fort Crook's water supply, as it is known some of the junior army officers do not fancy living at Fort Crook when Fort Omaha is a so much more accessible and really delightful billet. The fact remains, however, the army bill carried an appropriation of \$59,000 for Fort Crook's water system, and Senator Hitchcock is next to the chairman on that committee. It would seem, therefore, that a little pressure is all that is needed to get the system best adapted to Fort Crook's use.

Grocer Fined Ten Dollars Charge of Disturbing Peace. I. D. Bercu, grocer, 611 North Twentieth street, was fined \$10 and costs in police court Thursday morning on a charge of fighting and disturbing the peace.

Temperature Drops to 30 in O'Neill and Ericson. While it is clear and calm in the northwestern part of Nebraska and over in Wyoming and Colorado, it is slightly winterish, according to the reports to the railroads. Temperatures yesterday at O'Neill and Ericson were 30 and in Wyoming and Colorado 27 degrees above zero.

### Pershing Awards Medals to Heroes

A distinguished service cross has been awarded by General Pershing to the following Iowa sergeants for acts of extraordinary heroism:

Sergt. Matthew Spautz, deceased, Company A, One Hundred Sixty-eighth infantry—For extraordinary heroism in action near the River Oureq, northeast of Chateau Thierry, France, during the advance of July 4, 1918. While in command of his platoon, Sergeant Spautz showed extraordinary heroism, leading his men on in the advance, having three times been knocked down by enemy shells. After being wounded by machine gun fire, he still continued to advance. He was finally killed while doing his utmost to advance. Next of kin, Michael Spautz, Davis avenue, Dubuque, Ia.

Distinguished service crosses were also awarded to the following officers and men: George Munroe, Easthampton, Mass.; Second Lt. R. E. Decastro, Brooklyn, N. Y.; First Lt. A. E. Esterbrook, Fort Flagler, Wash.; First Lt. William P. Erwin, Chicago; Corp. Alden Bush, Rockford, Mich.; Corp. Harry B. Horgan, Congress Junction, Ariz.; E. Leischman, Black River, Md.; Sergt. Frank Andrea Beresford, S. D.; First Lt. John D. Mathis, Americus, Ga.

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### American Casualty List

The following Nebraskans and Iowans are named in the casualty list given out by the government for Friday morning, October 25: WOUNDED SEVERELY. Sergeant George Matzen Norregaard, next of kin, Hans Norregaard, 1214 East Washington avenue, Council Bluffs, Ia. Fred Bilden, next of kin, Lars T. Bilden, Clearmont, Ia. Roy Miller, next of kin, Pleasant F. Phifar, Arnold, Neb. Edward L. Motz, next of kin, Louis D. Motz, 2418 Franklin street, Omaha, Neb. WOUNDED—DEGREE UNDETERMINED. Virgil P. Timson, next of kin, Mrs. Carrie L. Timson, Quasqueton, Ia.

The following Nebraskans and Iowans are named in the casualty list given out by the government for Thursday afternoon, October 24: DIED OF WOUNDS. Corp. Alvin Schroeder, next of kin, Fred Schroeder, Bellevue, Ia. WOUNDED SEVERELY IN ACTION. Corp. Jay D. Smith, next of kin, Mrs. S. E. Smith, Red Oak, Ia. Edward Skidmore, next of kin, Mrs. Edith Skidmore, Homer, Neb. Rudolph Snizek, next of kin, Frank Svoboda, 15 William street, Omaha, Neb. WOUNDED, DEGREE UNDETERMINED. Lt. Bert R. Anderson, next of kin, Mrs. Josephine V. Anderson, Lincoln, Neb.

The following casualties are reported by the commanding general of the American Expeditionary Forces: Killed in action, 17; died of wounds, 10; died of accident and other causes, 1; died of disease, 4; wounded severely, 82; wounded, degree undetermined, 51; wounded slightly, 92; missing in action, 5; died of airplane accident, 2. Total 264.

Killed in Action. Corp. Alfred H. O'Neil, New York, N. Y. Y. M. C. A. Worker Walter Rue Murray, East Orange, N. J. Raymond H. Beckett, Salt Brook, W. Va. George Neib, Sedro Woolley, Wash. Muel W. Day, Phila., Cal. Frank Devine, New York, N. Y. Harry L. Keck, New Albany, Kan.

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An army song that's fairly sweeping through the country with its irresistible doughboy brand of humor, sung to the tune of a bugle call. Written by Sergeant Irving Berlin, U. S. A., if you please—and sung by Arthur Fields. On the back is "Let's Bury the Hatchet—in the Kaiser's head." A2617—85c.



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### OMAHA SLACKER TRIED BY ARMY COURT AT DODGE

Court Martial Findings Against Rudolph Von Mehren Not Made Public Awaiting Final Report.

Russell Eberstein of the Department of Justice returned from Des Moines Thursday morning, where he attended the court-martial proceedings against Rudolph Ver Mehren, Omaha's yellowest slacker which was held before the judge advocate at Camp Dodge. Henry S. Meyers and E. McDermott of draft board No. 1, also attended as witnesses. Sentence will not be announced until final report of the case is passed on at Washington.

Ver Mehren registered in the first draft and the day before he was called for service left for parts unknown, which led to a chase for his apprehension by Department of Justice officials over several surrounding states. He was finally located at Des Moines and arrested. During the time Ver Mehren was eluding the officials he married a girl by the name of Erma Stone in Denver, whom he deserted soon after. The girl is still supposed to be in Denver.

Police Matron Returns After Two Months' Illness. Mrs. J. H. Gibbons, police matron, returned to her duties at the police station Thursday, after having been away for nearly two months on account of sickness. Matron Gibbons suffered from a severe attack of gangrene appendicitis and has been confined to a hospital for several weeks. During her absence the matron's department was handled by Mrs. Gibbons' daughter, Mrs. Phalen.

### Japanese Naval Party Here on Way to the Battle Fronts

Seattle, Wash., Oct. 24.—On their way to England, France and Italy, where they will visit the battle fronts and the fleets of the allied nations, Rear Admiral K. Yoshida, of the Japanese navy, and a party of Japanese naval officers are here today from Tokio. During the Russo-Japanese war Admiral Yoshida was staff commander of the Japanese fleet.

"We must fight on to a complete victory—then peace," said the admiral tonight. He added that the Japanese nation advocated an honorable peace and unconditional surrender of the German armies.

Huns' Dread of Winter Grows With Deathly Fear Air Raids. London, Oct. 24.—A dispatch to the Daily Mail from The Hague says: "From all information available here, in Germany there is a widespread dread of winter and of daily and nightly air raids from German air dromes in Belgium, which are now in the hands of the allies. It is indicated that such raids would produce internal results in Germany quite different from the present symptoms of unrest."

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\$1.95, \$3.95, \$5.95. for a good lot of Women's and Misses' Raincoats, several styles. Made to sell at \$3.00 and \$4.00. You will do well to share in this sale, as this is almost an impossible price these days. for Women's and Misses' Raincoats; splendid belted and big collar styles; in gray, tan, dark mixtures, etc.; made to sell at \$5.00 to \$7.50. Try to match these for anything like the money right now. At this price, most of these are for stout women; sizes 46 to 52; a good many styles, also in regular sizes; all new, right-up-to-date styles—belts, big collars, etc.; coats that are worth today \$8.95 up to \$12.50.

The Gift Shop Offers. Entire Stock of Salesman's Samples of Earrings, Lockets, Bar Pins, Cuff Links, Tie Pins, Lavalliers, Beauty Pins; every piece of Jewelry warranted to wear; at the small price of less than one-half of regular price. 39c. Dress Goods. Remnants of Wool Dress Goods, Suitings and Coatings in 2 to 5-yard lengths, in almost all the wanted shades and weaves; 36 to 54 inches wide; an accumulation from recent sales and priced at a fraction of their worth—95c to \$4.95. Remnants of All-Wool Challie, in both light and dark grounds, in stripes, dots, buds, scroll designs, and many other pretty patterns; from 2 to 7 yards in each piece; specially priced for Friday—39c a Yard. Curtains. One Big Table of Curtain Remnants, in mill end lengths, some very pretty pieces and patterns; special, yard 10c. Wash Goods. 36 Inches Wide Mercerized Poplin, in pretty dark shades, for house dresses and children's wear; yard... 39c. Wash Goods. 36 Inches Wide Imperial Longcloth, suitable for undermuslins and infants' wear, 12-yard bolt \$2.69. Towels. Full Bleached Turkish Towels, hemmed ends, soft and absorbent kind; our special for Friday, each... 15c. Padding. This is the Fleece Quality, made to protect your table, also suitable for ironing pads; good quality, yard 45c. Toweling. About 2,000 Yards of Toweling, in the glass and kitchen make, all desirable lengths, bleach'd and unbleach'd, yd 15c. Diaper Cloth. This is the Soft and Non-Irritant quality, antiseptic, 22 inches wide, in lengths of 5 to 10 yd., Friday, only yd 10c. Lace Scarfs. Made of Nice Quality Embroidered Cloth, lace trimmed, file motifs, embroidered corners, scallop edges. 39c. Damask. About 50 Pieces of Highly Finished Mercerized Quality, pretty patterns, wears like linen, 64 inches wide... 69c. Curtains. Pile Wool Finished Cotton Blankets, size 72x80 inches, in tan, white and gray, with assorted, washable borders; thread whipped edges, heavy, warm, fleecy... \$3.95. Full Size Comforters, filled with a good grade sanitary cotton and covered with silkoline, in a variety of light and dark colors; some have plain borders to match; these values range up to \$3.50; in 1 lot Friday, each... \$2.59. Wool Finished Cotton Blankets, size 72x80 inches, in tan, white and gray, with assorted, washable borders; thread whipped edges, heavy, warm, fleecy... \$3.95. Pile Wool Finished Cotton Blankets, size 66x80 inches, in assorted colors; thread whipped edges, warm, closely woven nap, usually sell at \$4.00, but for Friday, special... \$2.95. Cotton Blankets, in white, tan and gray, with assorted washable borders, thread whipped edges, for 3/4 size or single bed; a heavy, warm nap; specially priced for Friday, per pair... \$1.35. The Genuine Beason Plaid Blankets, size 86x90 inches, with 2-inch mohair binding, in a big variety of pretty plaids, jacquard and fancy styles to choose from; warranted to give complete satisfaction, per pair... \$8.50. Full Size Mattress, Cotton Top and Bottom, covered with nice quality fancy stripe ticking; well made, full standard weight and size; for Friday's selling only... \$5.75. Combination Mattress, covered with fancy ticking, filled with good grade combination cotton, deeply tufted and roll edge; for full size beds; special, for Friday's selling, at... \$7.50. Feather Pillows, covered with fancy goblin art ticking and filled with sanitary mixed feathers; Friday, at... 69c. Curtain Madras. 50 Pieces Fancy Curtain Madras and Marquisette, 36 inches wide, in pretty designs to select from; per yard... 25c. Draperies. One Table of Colored Marquisettes for Draperies, in a large assortment of designs and patterns; yard... 19c. Window Shades. One Table of Window Shades, 36 inches wide, 6 feet long, complete with fixtures, 39c ready to put up, each. Curtain Rods. 100 Dozen Curtain Rods, 54 inch extension, extra heavy weight, complete with fixtures, special, Friday 7 1/2 c. Gingham. Zephyr Dress Gingham, in pretty plaids, checks and stripes, well known popular brands, on large bargain square, 35c. Outing Flannel. 36-Inch Outing Flannel, in a big variety of pretty patterns, genuine Amoskeag, heavy, warm, fleecy nap; yard 39c. Percalés. 36-Inch Percalés, in light and dark colors, dress wranner and shirting styles, plenty of blue and gray grounds, 35c. Sateen. 36-Inch Fancy Printed Sateen, in a variety of new printings for comforter coverings, fancy work, etc. 39c. Flannel. 36-Inch Fancy Printed Velour Flannel, in a big variety of neat printings and color combinations, for kimonos, 39c.