

# PICKERING AND HAYWARD ARE TO GET CROSS

## Nebraska Man's Regiment is Decorated by French for Bravery in Late Offensive.

Official notice of the citation of the 369th infantry, formerly the 15th New York infantry, for the Croix de Guerre by the French commanding general, and of officers of the regiment for the same coveted honor, as a result of gallantry in the September and October offensive in Champagne, has been received in Omaha by M. C. Peters from Col. Abner Pickering, formerly of Fort Crook, now in charge of the alien enemies' internment camp at Fort McPherson, Ga.

Colonel Pickering's son, Lt.-Col. John K. Pickering, well known in Omaha, is among the officers cited for the decoration.

The regiment was commanded by Colonel Hayward, another Nebraska officer, who, although wounded, insisted upon leading his men into action.

The official citation by the French commanding general reads as follows:

"Under command of Colonel Hayward, who, though injured, insisted on leading his regiment in the battle; of Lieutenant Colonel Pickering, admirably cool and brave; of Major Cobb (killed); of Major Spencer (grievously wounded); of Major Little, a true leader of men, the 369th, R. I. U. S., engaging in an offensive for the first time in the drive of September, 1918, stormed powerful enemy positions, energetically defended, took after heavy fighting, the town of S—, captured prisoners and brought back six cannons and a great number of machine guns."

As a result of the citation each of the officers mentioned will receive the Croix de Guerre, and the regimental colors also will be decorated.

News of the citation was given in press dispatches recently, but mention was not made of the Nebraska officers who received the decoration.

### Express Company Foreman Fined on Larceny Charge

Tempting articles, suitable for Christmas gifts, and food to solve the high cost of living, just for the taking, proved too much for Max Tiedke, foreman for the American Express company, according to his testimony in police court Wednesday.

He was charged with having stolen a fine traveling bag, worth \$20, and admitted to Special Officer Heizer of the company that he had also taken a woman's skirt, leather vest, butter, eggs and chickens.

Tiedke was fined \$20 and costs.

### More Than Thousand U. S. Wounded Men Are Landed

New York, Dec. 11.—Wounded American soldiers who arrived here yesterday from overseas on the steam Kroonland landed today, when the troop ship reached dock after spending the night down the bay.

### Brief City News

**Lighting Fixtures**—Burgess-Granden Have Root Print It—Beacon Press.

**Frank M. Conlin** has resumed his practice at 301 City Nat'l Bk. Bldg.

**Will Hold Bazaar in Court House**—The Walnut Hill Methodist church will hold a church bazaar in the lobby of the Douglas county court house, December 16 and 17.

**Commissioners at Convention**—Sophus Nebel, A. D. Condon and E. Adams, county commissioners, left Tuesday evening to attend the good roads convention in Chicago.

**Two City Hall Folks Sick**—Harry Silverman, secretary to Police Commissioner Ringer, and Miss Marian Piese, both in the city health commissioner's office, are sick with the "flu."

**Entertain Employees**—The Eggers-O'Flynn company gave a 6 o'clock dinner and business meeting for the heads of the departments of the company at the Rome hotel Wednesday night.

**Talking Ball for January**—The soldiers of Fort Omaha are busy making plans for the big military ball which will be held at the Municipal Auditorium on the evening of January 11, 1919.

**No Heat at City Hall**—Officials and employees in the city hall shivered and put on their heavy coats for several hours Wednesday morning. The heat was turned off while a broken pipe was being repaired.

**Tractor School**—The Avery company will give a demonstration of tractors and school of instruction at its Omaha branch office to representatives in this territory Monday, Tuesday and Wednesday of next week.

**Postpone Convention**—The convention of the Nebraska State Manufacturers' association, which was to have been held at the Rome hotel on Friday and Saturday, has been indefinitely postponed on account of the influenza.

**Want Boys in Navy**—The navy recruiting station has received orders to continue enlisting boys 17 years of age, with their parents' consent, as seamen. Those who enlist now will not be sent to the training station until after the holidays.

**Christian Science Lecture**—There will be a free Christian Science lecture by Mrs. Ella W. Hoag, C. S. D., of Toledo, O., at First Church of Christ (Scientist), Twenty-fourth and St. Marys avenue, Thursday evening, December 12, at 8 o'clock.

**Sickness Delays Court**—The case of Chris Rockholm, saloon keeper at Kansas City, charged with conspiracy to violate the Reed amendment, scheduled for a hearing in federal court Wednesday, has been postponed because of the death of one of the witnesses. Rockholm was formerly a saloon keeper at Lincoln.

**Postpone Church Dinner**—The beefsteak dinner scheduled for the Hanscom Park Methodist church Thursday night has been postponed on account of the influenza situation. Plates were reserved for 300 diners. The caterers has been assured that the dinner will be held as soon as the "flu" situation improves.

**Five fireplace goods at Sutherland's.**

# The Abandoned Room

By Wadsworth Camp

**CHAPTER XXII.**  
"I've been asking myself since he came back," Graham answered, "if there's any queer power behind his quiet manner. Maybe he is psychic. Maybe he can do things we don't understand. I've wondered if he had, without your knowing it, acquired sufficient influence to direct your body when your mind no longer controlled it. It's a nasty thought, but I've heard of such things."

"You mean Carlos may have made me go to the hall last night, perhaps sent me to the old room those other times?"  
"Now that another had expressed the idea Bobby fought it with all his might."

"No, I won't believe it. I've been weak, Hartley, but not that weak. And I tell you I did feel Howell's body move under my hand."

"Don't misunderstand me," Graham said gently. "I must consider every possibility. You were excited and imaginative when you went to the old room to take the evidence. It was a shock to have your candle go out. Your own hand, reaching out to Howells, might have moved spasmodically. I mean, you may have been responsible for the thing without realizing it."

"And the disappearance of the evidence?" Bobby steeled himself. "If it had been stolen earlier the coat pocket might have retained its bulging shape. We know now that Paredes is capable of sneaking around the house."

"No, no," Bobby said hotly. "You're trying to take away my one hope. But I was there, and you weren't. I know with my own senses what happened and you don't. Paredes has no such influence over me. I won't think of it."

"If it's so far-fetched," Graham asked quietly, "why do you revolt from the idea?"

Bobby turned on him. "And why do you fill my mind with such thoughts? If you think I'm guilty say so. Go tell Robinson so."

He glanced away while the angry color left his face. He was a little dazed by the realization that he had spoken to Graham as he might have done to an enemy, as he had spoken to Howells in the old bedroom. He felt the touch of Graham's hand on his shoulder.

"I'm only working in your service," Graham said kindly. "I'm sorry if I've troubled you by seeking physical facts in order to escape the ghosts. For Groom has brought the ghosts back with him. Don't make any mistake about that. You want the truth, don't you?"

"Yes," Bobby said, "even if it does for me. But I want it quickly. Can't go on this way indefinitely."

Yet that flash of temper had given him courage to face the ordeal. A lingering resentment at Graham's suggestion lessened the difficulty of his position. Entering the court, he scarcely glanced at the black wagon.

There were more dark-clothed men in the hall. Rawlins had returned. From the rug in front of the fireplace he surveyed the group with a bland curiosity. Robinson sat nearby glowering at Paredes. The Panamanian had changed his clothing. He, too, was semibreasted dressed, and instead of the vivid necktie he had worn from the courthouse, a jet-black scarf was perfectly arranged beneath his collar. He lounged opposite the district attorney, his eyes studying the fire. His fingers on the chair arm were restless.

Doctor Groom stood at the foot of the stairs, talking with the clergyman, a stout and unctuous figure. Bobby noticed that the great stolid form of the doctor was ill at ease. From his thickly bearded face his reddish eyes gleamed forth with a fresh instability.

The clergyman shook hands with Bobby.  
"We need not delay. Your cousin is upstairs."

He included the company in his circling turn of the head.  
"Any one who cares to go—"

Bobby forced himself to walk up the staircase, facing the first phase of his ordeal. He saw that the district attorney realized that, too for he sprang from his chair, and followed by Rawlins, started upward. The entire company crowded the stairs. At the top Bobby found Paredes at his side.

"Carlos! Why do you come?" "I wouldn't like to be of some comfort," Paredes answered gravely. His fingers on the banister made that restless, groping movement.

Graham summoned Katherine. One of the black-clothed men opened the door of Silas Blackburn's room. He stepped aside, beckoning. He had an air of a showman craving approbation for the surprise he has arranged.

Bobby went in with the others. Automatically through the dim light he catalogued remembered objects, all intimate to his grandfather, each oddly entangled in his mind with his dislike of the old man. The iron bed; the chest of drawers, scratched and with broken handles; the closed colonial desk; the miserly rag carpet—all seemed mutely asking, as Bobby did, why their owner had deserted them the other night and delivered himself to the ghostly mystery of the old bedroom.

Reluctantly Bobby's glance went to the center of the room where the casket rested on trestles. From the chest of drawers two candles, the only light, played wanly over the still figure and the ashen face. So for the second time the living met the dead, and the law watched hopefully.

Robinson stood opposite, but he didn't look at Silas Blackburn who could no longer accuse. He stared instead at Bobby, and Bobby kept repeating to himself:  
"I didn't do this thing. I didn't do this thing."

And he searched the face of the dead man for a confirmation. A chill thought, not without excuse under the circumstances and in this vague light, raced along his nerves. Silas Blackburn had moved once since his death. If the power to move and speak should miraculously return to him now! In this house there appeared to be no impossibilities. The cold control of death had been twice broken.

Katherine's entrance swung his thoughts and released him for a moment from Robinson's watchfulness. He found he could turn from the wrinkled face that had fascinated him, that had seemed to question him with a calm and complete knowledge, to the lovely one that was active with a little smile of encouragement. He was grateful for that. It taught him that in the heavy presence of death and from the harsh trappings of mourning the magnetism of youth is unconquerable. So in affection he found an antidote for fear. Even Graham's quick movement to her side couldn't make her presence less helpful to Bobby. He looked at his grandfather again. He glanced at Robinson. As in a dream he heard the clergyman say:  
"The service will be read at the grave."

Almost indifferently he saw the dark-clothed men slide forward, lift a grotesquely shaped plate of metal

# WAR PUZZLES



BRITISH CHECKED GERMAN DRIVE

West of Cambrai, one year ago today, December 12, 1917.

Find another soldier.

YESTERDAY'S ANSWER  
Upside down between two.

from the floor, and fit it in place, hiding from his eyes the closed eyes of the dead man. He nodded and stepped to the hall when Robinson tapped his arm and whispered:  
"Make way, Mr. Blackburn."

He watched the sombre men carry their heavy burden across the hall, down the stairs, and into the dull autumn air. He followed at the side of Katherine across the clearing and into the overgrown path. He was aware of the others drifting behind. Katherine slipped her hand in his.

"It is dreadful we shouldn't feel more sorrow, more regret," she said repeating to herself:  
"Perhaps we never understood him. That is dreadful, too; for no one understood him. We are the only mourners."

Bobby, as they threaded the path behind the stumbling bearers, found a grim justice in that also. Because of his selfishness Silas Blackburn had lived alone. Because of it he must go to his long rest with no other mourners than these, and their eyes were dry.

Bobby clung to Katherine's hand "If I could only know!" he whispered.

She pressed his hand. She did not reply.

(To Be Continued Tomorrow.)



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# AUTOS COLLIDE, SIX NARROWLY ESCAPE DEATH

## Car Driven by E. J. Thornton Struck Broadside by Motor Driven by J. A. Holquist on California.

Six persons were hurled violently out of an auto driven by E. J. Thornton, 2822 North Forty-fifth street, at Thirtieth and California streets, about 8 o'clock Wednesday morning, all escaping with minor injuries.

Thornton was driving east on California street, when his car, loaded with passengers, was struck broadside by a car driven by J. A. Holquist, 2831 Cass street.

Thornton's car was whirled completely around, the passengers and driver catapulted through the air by the force of the impact, and then the car upset, the wheels being in the air when the police arrived.

Lunice Kelly, 3204 Fontenelle boulevard, was cut over the eye and suffered severe bruises about head; Cleo Best Thornton, daughter of the owner of the car, hurt about the back and chest; Marian Denison, 2516 North Forty-fifth street, hurt in back.

Thornton and Holquist, owners of the colliding cars, swore out complaints against each other at the central police station for reckless driving.

# Siren Whistle Will Notify Kiddies If Schools Are Closed

Superintendent Beveridge announces that he has arranged with the Chamber of Commerce for a signal to be used during the winter, to tell the school children when there will be no school. The siren whistle will blow any morning at 8 o'clock when there is to be no school because of extreme cold or any other reason.

ing and the warrants were served while they were in the building. The complainants mutually agreed to a continuance of the hearing of their respective cases.

# Two Runaway Lads Seen in Elkhorn Last Sunday

Frank Ruckman, 14, and Arnold Brandt, 11, who left their homes at Fifty-sixth and Grover streets Saturday, were seen in Elkhorn, Sunday, according to information gathered by juvenile court authorities.

They had taken a bicycle in Gretna but abandoned it when accosted by a farmer. When last seen they were headed toward Fremont.

# Ford Car is Recovered as Owner Arrives to Report It

A Ford car belonging to P. W. Bryant, 424 North Twenty-third street, stolen some time Wednesday night, was found by Detectives Rich and Anderson on Hamilton street west of Military avenue. When Mr. Bryant arrived at police station Wednesday noon to report the loss the detectives were arriving with the car.

# Fine Chauffeur Ten Dollars for Overcharging Passenger

"I want to break up this business of overcharging on the part of taxicab drivers," said Assistant City Attorney Berger, in police court Wednesday morning, as L. M. Todd was arraigned.

The latter is a chauffeur in the employ of the Omaha Taxi Cab company. Sam Houser, manager of the company, testified the driver had collected \$3.40 from a lady who had been driven in a car belonging to the company from the Castle hotel to the Immanuel hospital.

The regular charge was \$1.90 and the company refunded the \$1.50 out of which the lady had been defrauded by the driver.

Todd was found guilty and was fined \$10 and costs.

# Church Women Bazar Gives Unique Touch to Court House Rotunda

Court house visitors Wednesday morning were struck by the feminine touch given to the rotunda by the Ludden Memorial church women's bazar. Exquisite handwork, rag rugs, embroidered and crocheted linens are included in the display which will be continued until Friday when other churches take over the bazar.

Mrs. Laura B. Snyder, Miss Caroline Sheppard, Mrs. Hattie Hauser, and Miss Sylvia Sarto, are the women in charge. Copies of Miss Sarto's song, "Marching Through Hunland," also are being sold.

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**Women's Fitted Bags, \$15.00 to \$55.00**  
Lined with moire silk, pocket on one side, 7 to 12 pieces of white ivory toilet articles. Genuine leather seal and walrus grain. Some cases have removable toilet kits, \$15.00 to \$55.00.

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Burgess-Nash Co.—Second Floor

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**Fur and Fur Lined Gloves**  
Also fleece-lined gloves in a variety of styles, \$2.50 to \$10.

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18-button length with strap wrist, \$3.00.

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