

RED CROSS TO START DRIVE ON MONDAY

Committee to Start Out Early Early to Canvass the City to Have Membership Renewed.

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versities, Frank Sheehan; fruit and produce commission, Robert Trimble.

County, Robert Smith; cheese, wholesale, Marsh and Marsh; druggists, C. R. Sherman; electric companies, C. H. Shearer; employment agencies, G. H. Charno; express companies, A. C. Keefer; federal courts and building, Jim Burness; film exchanges and movies, W. R. McFarland; colored population, Father Williams; Danes, O. C. Olson; Bohemians, Rev. Mr. Cepnar; Italians, Tony Rizzuto and Sebastian Salerno; Lithuanians, Father A. Tamolunas; Polish people, Rev. Michael F. Gluba; grain exchange, S. S. Carlisle; general organizations, Leo Rosenthal, Joseph Barker, W. A. Case; hotels, Mrs. Conant; ice dealers, W. R. Wood; labor unions, T. P. Reynolds; laundries, H. A. Jacobberger; manufacturers, Ross B. Towle; music teachers, Henry Cox; Nebraska Telephone company, L. Holladay; Nebraska Power company, Wm. H. E. Isard; oil companies, A. H. Richardson; Omaha Daily News, Mr. Morrell; Omaha Gas company, G. W. Clabaugh; Omaha & Council Bluffs Street Railway company, A. P. Guiou; postoffice, Clara Southard; plumbers, E. J. O'Connor; printers, H. L. Tostevin; railroads, E. E. Calvin; U. P. building, E. D. White; C. B. & Q. E. W. Holdrege; Chicago & Great Western, B. J. DeGroat; Northwestern & Omaha road, F. M. Braden; Milwaukee, Jean Daval; Illinois Central, W. L. Beattie; Union Pacific, T. F. Duckworth; Rock Island, E. P. Hennessy; Pullman, R. C. Johnston; Wabash, Harry Shields.
Retailers, George Brandeis, Mr. Thomas; restaurants, Mrs. Harding;

STATE DIRECTOR OF RED CROSS ACTIVITIES.



W. W. HEAD.

Sign writers, J. B. Henderson; snufflers and refiners, Seldon Jones; tailors, N. L. Guertel; T. P. association, N. S. Brown; trust companies, W. W. Head; veterinary surgeons, K. G. R. Young; water board, Niles Chapman; Western Union Telegraph company, J. L. Fergiot; wholesalers, A. B. Warren; World Herald, Henry Doory; Y. M. C. A. G. W. Noble; South Omaha, George Gribble.

No Postponements.

Mr. Judson urges that there be no postponements of the membership drive throughout the state on account of the "flu." "Organize well and complete your work in one day if possible by the Chicago plan. This is the election day method, using polling places for registration booths," he said.
Walter W. Head will direct the campaign in the state. A. B. Currie is his assistant; J. W. Davidson, vice chairman; A. J. Ellick, chairman of speakers' committee, and W. A. Pixley, publicity.
"Every man, woman and child in Nebraska a Red Cross member is the slogan Mr. Head has adopted.

FORMER OMAHA MAN HAS CARE OF 10,000 REFUGEES

A. W. Clark Writes to Friends on Bee; Says He Has Enjoyed the Work.

From Gueret, France, where he has the care of 10,000 French refugees, A. W. Clark, former superintendent of the Child Saving Institute in Omaha, writes to friends on The Bee:

"This has been the greatest opportunity of my life for service. All my previous work served as a preparation for it. I cannot express how happy I am to have part in bringing about the desired result at this important period in the world's history. The constant care of about 10,000 refugees, mostly women and children, since last June, has involved a good deal of responsibility but I have enjoyed it."

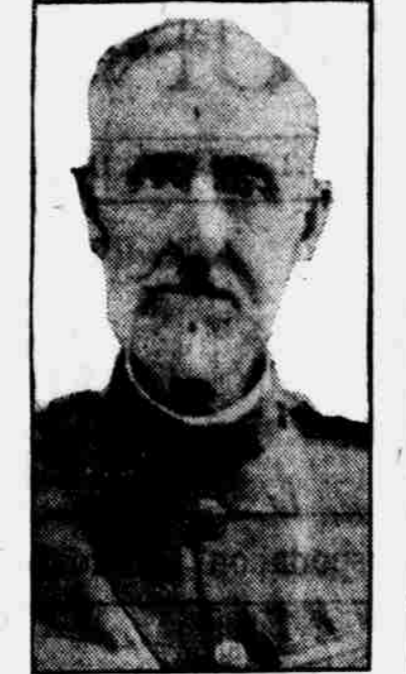
Have Insufficient Clothing.

Some idea of the work Mr. Clark is doing can be gathered from the following excerpts from his letter: "November 18 notice reached us that a convoy of 510 refugees from Bar le Duc in eastern France would reach Gueret the next evening. In company with the controller and another member of the commission I went to St. Sulpice to meet the train, which was five hours late. We assisted in giving them a late supper at St. Sulpice. Many were too sick to eat anything. All but about a dozen were suffering from bad colds and sore throats and congestion of the lungs. Many could speak only in a whisper and had considerable fever. I never saw so many uncomfortable people together at the same time before. Scarcely any had sufficient clothing and many were extremely destitute, and the weather had been cold on all the long journey, with no fires in the train. The Germans had not allowed them sufficient food for many months past, and had compelled them to walk long distances to reach Bar le Duc; some of the civil prisoners had walked 200 kilometers almost in their bare feet, no warm clothing. One young man died before morning. Many were taken to the hospital. One woman died the second night. We fear others will die from the awful exposure to which they have been subjected."

Red Cross Helps.

"From Tuesday night until Sunday noon, the American Red Cross has rendered services night and day which will never be forgotten by these suffering refugees nor by the workers. Mrs. Helen Carter, Miss Odette Goffin and myself have cooperated with the French committees and with the doctors in relieving distress and in meeting the needs as far as possible. The demands for good nourishing food and for clothing we could meet and did meet. American corned-beef was appreciated. At the early morning

OMAHA MAN DESCRIBES SCENES IN FRANCE



A. W. CLARK.

breakfast we served American rice boiled and an abundant supply of American condensed milk, heated, together with hot coffee and bread. I can never forget their expressions of appreciation as I watch them drink the hot milk with the food served hot to them. We were certainly thankful to have on hand a good supply of beans, prunes, sugar and other things sent from America. Even the soap met an actual need. Everything was needed in the way of clothing. Fortunately a large case of sabots sent from A. R. C. at Paris reached me in time for distribution. We were short of woolen socks and stockings and purchased them locally.
"In visiting refugees in the north-

ern part of Creuse at Dun, I entered a room where a woman and her two little girls, aged 5 and 7, stood near together. At the sight of me, both children turned pale and began to cry in great agony. The mother took the younger one in her arms and the older child clung tenaciously to her, both crying as though their hearts were broken. I was so astonished I said nothing and started to leave the room, but eight or ten persons who were present gathered around the crying children in an effort to pacify them. The explanation was then made to me that they had taken me for a German officer and thought I had come to harm them and to take away from their mother the few things they had brought with them. I was not flattered to be taken for a "boche."

The mother related stories of cruelty on the part of German officers in taking away from them the things of value in their possession. This woman with her children are recent arrivals from back of the German lines coming through Switzerland. I had often listened to stories of cruelty towards refugees by German officers but the terrified little girls and their tears gave me the most convincing testimony ever furnished me. I did not leave until they were convinced I was not a German officer and were ready to shake hands with me."

Little Daughter of Former Fremont Couple Is Killed

Fremont, Neb., Dec. 14.—(Special Telegram)—The two-year-old daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Daniel M. Willard, formerly of Fremont, was literally torn to pieces by two big bears in a park in Venice, Cal., while the mother and other small daughter looked on, recently. The child was walking through the park with her mother and sister and went too near the cage where the bears were confined.

HOUSE OF LORDS TO BE REFORMED. SAYS BONAR LAW

Chancellor of the Exchequer Promises Changes in Constitution of Body if Coalitionists Elected.

London, Dec. 14.—(Via Montreal)—The reform of the House of Lords will be one of the tasks undertaken by the coalition ministry if it is returned to power in the election taking place in the United Kingdom today, A. Bonar Law, chancellor of the exchequer, declared in a speech at Glasgow Friday.

Mr. Law said the coalition government believed that a second chamber with adequate strength was necessary in any democratic country, but it was not intended that it should be a hereditary chamber.

The Weather

Comparative Local Record.	
1918: 1917: 1916: 1915:	
Lowest yesterday	46 2 15 27
Mean temperature	52 57 57 57
Mean temperature	59 59 59 59
Precipitation for the day	0 0 0 0
Temperature and precipitation departures from normal:	
Normal temperature	52
Excess for the day	0
Total excess since March 1, 1918	0.03 inch
Normal precipitation	0.03 inch
Deficiency for the day	0.03 inch
Total rainfall since March 1, 1918	19.92 inches
Deficiency since March 1, 1918	8.83 inches
Deficiency for year, period 171	6.93 inches
Deficiency for year, period 16	12.61 inches

Barrier to Bolshevism is Near to Breakdown

San Francisco, Cal., Dec. 14.—The principal barrier to bolshevik anarchy and bloodshed in Siberia today is a rapidly diminishing force of 30,000 Czechoslovaks, according to Capt. F. Pisecky, first assistant secretary of war of Czechoslovakia, who is here en route from the Orient to Prague. The Czechoslovak forces, Captain Pisecky said, have lost more than 50 per cent of their effectives.
"The moment for a decision has come," he continued. "The bolshevik army is now stronger than ever before, because it is organized according to the German system and because of iron discipline which did not exist in the Russian army."

Postponed Wedding Puts Groom in Bad With U. S.

Deputy United States Marshal Wright of Chadron, Neb., came to Omaha Saturday with Howard M. Adams, Cheyenne, Wyo., railroad employe who is under federal arrest for alleged fraud.
Adams was engaged to be married and obtained a railroad pass for himself and "Mrs. Adams" but a hitch in the plans spoiled the wedding and Adams gave the pass to his sweetheart who made a trip on it.

K. of C. is Distributing Toys to Lorraine Children

Meiz, Dec. 14.—(By Associated Press)—Knights of Columbus workers began today the distribution of more than \$50,000 worth of American toys to the children of Lorraine. Christmas trees have been placed along the roads and parcels been hung on them. Each parcel bears a card reading: "From the land of Washington to the children of the land of Lafayette and Foch. Merry Christmas."

CHAPIN FOUND SANE AND FACES TRIAL FOR LIFE

Act of N. Y. Editor, Who Killed Wife, Held to Be Effect of "Defective Moral Reasoning."

New York, Dec. 14.—Charles E. Chapin, former city editor of the New York Evening World, who confessed to having shot and killed his wife at the Hotel Cumberland, September 16, has been found legally sane, according to the report of a lunacy commission, filed today.

Citing the relations between Chapin and his wife as "singularly devoted," according to uncontradicted testimony, the commissioners terminated the editor's act as an effect of "defective moral reasoning."
Voluntaneous evidence, they stated, showed that Chapin had been in a condition of worriment (based on financial troubles) for more than five years, but they were forced to the conclusion that he was not insane when he committed the crime and is not now.

The commissioners were George W. Wickersham, former United States attorney general; Lamar Hardy, former corporation counsel, and Dr. Smith E. Jelliffe.
Chapin gave himself up the day after the shooting, asserting that he had intended to kill himself and could not bear to leave his partner behind. It is expected that an early date will be set for his trial.
The diet during and after influenza. Horlick's Malted Milk, nourishing, digestible.

BUY JEWELRY for Christmas

and buy it from
The Western Jewelers Association

Dependable goods retailed at less than present wholesale prices. Because we are away from the high-rent district, also, supply headquarters for 200 Branch Stores.

See the Ladies' Solid Gold Rings, \$5.00 value, at \$1.50—\$5.00 value Locketts at \$1.00—\$5.00 value Stick Pins, at \$1.00, and many other items in proportion. Look over our offerings and save money on your Christmas list.

GROUND FLOOR, OLD FIRST NATIONAL BANK BUILDING, 13th and Farnam Streets.
OPEN EVENINGS.

A DRESS SALE That Will Startle Omaha DRESSES

Secured at a price only possible because of the drastic necessity of a prominent New York manufacturer to unload his surplus. Our Mr. Fred appeared at the proper moment, made an offer which was reluctantly accepted, but which affords us an opportunity to offer Monday and all this week the most phenomenal dress values of the year.

Serges, Satins, Jerseys, Velvets, Taffetas, Georgette Combinations, Crepe de Chines.

\$29.50, \$35 and \$40 Values

Monday and All This Week

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Every wanted color is here; styles to suit every exacting taste, all sizes. It surely is your one best buying opportunity.

We anticipate the greatest crowds of the season in attendance at this extraordinary sale. Additional salespeople and extra space have been provided to properly serve our patrons.

B. FRED

THE POPULAR PRICE CLOAK AND SUIT STORE
S. E. Corner 16th and Douglas

Thompson-Belden & Co. The Fashion Center for Women

Established 1886

Regarding Staying Open Evenings

For the convenience of those of our patrons who find evening hours for shopping necessary or perhaps preferable, The Thompson-Belden Store will remain open until 9 o'clock on the three evenings preceding Christmas — Saturday, Monday and Tuesday, December 21, 23 and 24.

Greeting Cards

It's a favored custom to send a Christmas greeting by means of a brightly decorated card carrying an appropriate holiday sentiment.

A great assortment of unusual cards await your choosing. No end to the variety of styles.

Art Dept.—Third Floor.

Decorations for Christmas Parcels.

Bright seals, tags, cards and labels add the proper touch of Christmas to one's gift packages. Gold and silver tinsel cord and tissue are also used generously. Everything you may desire is here in abundance.

Notion Section.

Shop Mornings If It's Convenient

Exclusive Novelties In Fine Hosiery

To give something out of ordinary it's only necessary to make a selection of any of the exclusive novelties we have prepared for Christmas.

Cloaked Silk Hose, black with white and white with black combinations. \$2.50 to \$5.00.

Beautiful Lace Hose and hand embroidered designs in great variety.

Our Hosiery stocks include everything one could wish for the Christmas season.

Have You Neglected Choosing Your Neckwear

Someone on your list is to have a gift of dainty neckwear, but that someone will not get the best if you don't select it rather soon. Which is to say, that though assortments are now wonderfully extensive and varied, they can't remain in that condition indefinitely.

Collars and neckwear sets of satin, organdy, broadcloth and pique find favor with many.

To be exclusive Milady will wear a collar of real Irish or Filet lace.

Handsomely tailored vests of satin, broadcloth and pique are in great vogue.

Dainty vestees all fashioned from net, organdy and fine Georgette crepe.

You'll find no end of new ideas in neck fixings of unusual charm

Ivory Articles

Dressing Table Mirrors of ivory, with long plain or ring handles. The glass bevel edged, \$4 to \$8.

Ivory Hair Brushes, with splendid quality bristles. \$2.50 to \$7.50.

Ivory Combs in various styles. Appropriate for gifts.

Notion Section.

Hand Bags Are Worthwhile Gifts

No woman can fail to welcome a hand bag so truly beautiful as any of these now on display.

Finest of velvet bags in navy, brown, taupe and black, lined in bright colored silks and fitted with a mirror and our price, \$5 to \$20.

Silk and velvet Bags with beaded designs that are distinctive. In black and colors, \$8 to \$15.

Back strap purses of fine seal leather, \$2 to \$25.

Men's bill folds of seal and crepe seal, \$1.75 to \$6.

Notion Section.

Holiday Silk Fabrics Favor One With Many Ideas

Practical, but far from interesting, at this particular time silks suggest themselves to the many who choose a gift of a sensible sort.

A pattern sufficient for a blouse or a lovely dress will be received most enthusiastically by any woman.

A blouse pattern of novelty silks. A dress pattern of rich black. Attractive silks for mufflers. Tub silks for men's shirts.

May we assist you by showing the many lovely things now in stock.

Seasonable Footwear Fashions

The smartness of the winter costume is dependent to no small degree upon footwear. Sorosis leads in the fashioning of distinctive styles and new lasts. Such shoes as milady will receive with favor.

Black Kid Shoes \$9 to \$12
Gray Kid Shoes, \$11 to \$15
Brown Kid Shoes, \$10 to \$14

Felt Slippers for Christmas Time

New styles for women, men and children. Kid Slippers, two in desirable fashions. Colors to please every one. Moderate prices.

Cheerful Lamp Shades

Shades that are a real decoration to any room in the home. A size to fit a particular table; a shape that is "just right" for some corner, really a shade can be absolutely right—that's one way in which they differ from the ordinary gift.

Make your own shade, or, if you prefer, we will make it for you. Those who take up this fascinating work find complete selections here, of frames and all materials necessary for coverings.

Able instructors assist you with the frame from the time it's started down to the last finishing touch.

If you intend ordering a shade, do so at once. Be expeditious in starting, if you wish to finish one yourself in time for Christmas.

Artneedlework Section—Third Floor.

Umbrellas

New styles in conservative black with the addition this season of fine colored coverings that are rain and sunproof. All umbrellas don't look alike, as we can quickly show you.

To the Left—As You Enter.

Luncheon Sets And Tea Napkins

Lockstitched scalloped and embroidered in a number of attractive patterns. The embroidery work is lockstitched with a button hole edge and is guaranteed not to ravel or pull when laundered nor will the thread turn yellow. In other words these sets and napkins are very acceptable imitations of hand made Madeira work.

They are made of the very highest quality of pure linen. Today the napkins could not be purchased for less than \$7.50, but owing to foresight on our part we are selling them at the special price (for tomorrow only) of \$4.50 a dozen.

Luncheon sets—\$3.85 and \$5.00
Linen Section—Main Floor.

In the Thompson-Belden Shop for Men CHRISTMAS GIFTS

It is both curious and charming that a man who gives much thought and care in choosing an appropriate gift for his wife is expected to be overcome with emotion upon receiving a polka dot scarf or a nickel plated ash tray. At the same time we realize that it is sometimes difficult to know what a man really wants, so we are itemizing a liberal number of suggestions. The list is by no means complete. But the shop is. Don't forget that.

Fine Neckwear Hosiery Pajamas, Belts
Colorful Shirts Bath Robes Vestograms
Handkerchiefs Jewelry
Good Gloves Full Dress
Mufflers Accessories

A specialty of boys' neckwear, handkerchiefs and suspenders.

The Men's Shop—a step to the left as you enter