

EDITOR OF BEE GETS SOUVENIR FROM OMAHA BOY

Letter Creased by Machine Gun Bullet Sent to Mr. Rosewater; Tells of Life Behind Lines.

A letter written by Karl Lee, former member of the Bee staff, has been received by Victor Rosewater, editor of the Bee, which is of more than usual interest in that the stationery on which it is written was pierced by a machine gun bullet while in the pocket of Lee. The letter, which was penned from Le Foy-er Du Soldat, Union Franco-Americaine and dated at Selmeuz, France, December 25, is as follows:

"Today, as a trainload of French war prisoners, fresh from Germany, and loaded down with war souvenirs, passed here, it occurred to me that perhaps you were without such a 'souvenir.' I decided to send one, perhaps a little more antique than the rest.

"It is the stationery on which I write. The very evident rent in the paper and envelope was made by the German machine gun bullets which passed through my left side. The night before 'jumping off' I stuffed a hastily written letter to mother with a bunch of French Red Cross paper in my pocket and by a strange coincidence, it was shot through. It may or may not prove good scrap-book material.

"Late censorship rules make it possible to tell of our little jaunts behind the lines. In the single month I was with a line company, I had traversed under fire the streets of Verdun and had seen action on the Champagne and Argonne fronts. At the latter named place on November 1, I was wounded. After three days of successful advance, Marshal Foch was proclaimed virtually responsible for the decisive defeat of the crown prince's armies and the great German defeat that followed.

"My experience on the field, wounded, though common to most soldiers of the lines, was thrilling. Two kilometers out, and crippled, I managed by one move and another to drag myself through the Germans' barrage and intermittent gun fire to our first aid station. The trip took three hours. From there on it has been easy going, the Red Cross having full charge most of the time.

"Later, Paris was a city of sweet dreams. As a field man working out of central records office, I had full liberty of the length and breadth of the city, and daily strode the Opéra, Concorde, Louvre and other Parisian highways with all the freedom of the kings and royalty who did likewise centuries before. Indeed there are few places in Paris and suburbs that I have not pushed my reportorial nose into.

"Through a Red Cross friend, I formed an acquaintance with a young French girl of good family, who had received a liberal education in journalism in England, and who plans coming to America soon. On one occasion she and her sister accompanied a room 'buddie' of mine and myself to Sunday Te Deum at Notre Dame cathedral. The visit, you may be assured, was intensely interesting."

Lee is a member of the Seventy-fifth company, Sixth Marine corps.

Plans of New City Market Submitted to Members of Real Estate Board by Mayor

Proposed Site to Cover Two Lots at Fifteenth and Davenport Streets; Location Criticised as Not Being Centrally Situated for Poor People of City.

Plans, blue prints and specifications for a city market planned to occupy the two lots at Fifteenth and Davenport streets, owned by the city, have been drawn by Architect Kvenild of the city planning board, and submitted yesterday by Mayor Smith to the Real Estate board for their inspection. The plans show the ground floor arrangement, also an architect sketch of the finished market drawn in perspective. The building is an L shape with 22 stalls inside the aisle for produce display and sales. At the inside bend of the L is located a chicken market. Outside the aisle are located 23 tables for the display of merchandise. Another row of stalls are provided fronting on the sidewalk space. The lot for which the plans are drawn is 132 feet, the L shaped building occupying two sides, leaving a square in the rear about 66 by 66 feet for gardeners' wagons, which are accessible to customers. There is also a set of specifications respecting the management, regarding hours, the nominal charge for stalls, etc. One rule particularly is that no produce can be sold at wholesale until 9:00 a. m. in order to eliminate speculators until that hour. The plans will be inspected by the Real Estate board at their next meeting. The project for a public market was attacked in city council last week and is now hanging in the balance. There is criticism against locating a public market, if one is built, at the place where the mayor wants to locate it. This property, the northwest corner, was bought at a cost of about \$100,000 for a city jail site. Later it was decided to build the new city jail where the present one is. Objection has been made that this is not a central place for the masses. It is styled "rooming house district." The present fruit and vegetable market at Eleventh and Jackson street is much more convenient to the poor people than the mayor's proposed site would be, it is claimed. These are some of the reasons why opposition is being voiced in council against the mayor's scheme.

SOCIETY OF FINE ARTS TO EXHIBIT AT FONTENELLE

Splendid Collection to Be Brought from Minneapolis to Be Shown January 9.

An exhibit of beautiful paintings, such as has never been seen in Omaha before, is the promise of Omaha Society of Fine Arts. A splendid collection of pictures is now being shown at Minneapolis and will be brought to Omaha January 9, when they will be placed in the ball room of the Fontenelle hotel. One among the pictures is the Fontainebleau Oaks, valued at \$75,000, and considered one of the finest in the collection. Thursday night the pictures will be shown only to members of the society. Friday morning at 10 o'clock the ball room, which will be turned into an art gallery, opens to the public and there will be no charge made during the entire two weeks. High school students and school children are given a special invitation to take advantage of the educational exhibit, which will be a gathering place for art lovers until 10 o'clock each night. The Omaha Society of Fine Arts is striving to make the city an art center and, despite the various bars and quarantines, has arranged a splendid program for the remainder of the winter and early spring. Another attraction, is B. R. B. Baumgardt, who comes to Omaha under the auspices of the Fine Arts society January 15, and will lecture at the Fontenelle on civic problems and art at 3:30 in the afternoon.

Rhine Flood Sweeps Around Castle Where Ex-Kaiser Is Living

Amerongen, Jan. 4.—The former German emperor apparently has shaken off the effects of his recent illness and was able to join the family circle of the Von Bentincks yesterday. He did not venture into the open air today, however. The Rhine is rising rapidly, and in its lower reaches has overflowed its banks, covering scores of square miles. The low-lying meadow land around Amerongen castle now looks like an immense sea. The water runs direct to the foot of the castle walls. Many farm houses are cut off from communication with the adjacent villages, except by means of boats.

SERBIA READY TO FIGHT AGAIN FOR ADRIATIC COAST

Relies Upon United States, Says Minister to France, to Thwart Secret Pact of Allies.

Paris, Jan. 4.—"Should the treaty secretly signed by England, France, Russia and Italy in 1915, whereby Italy was to come into possession of the eastern coast of the Adriatic after the war, be confirmed by the coming peace conference then Serbia would fight again and fight to the finish. Serbia did not enter this war to become the vassal of any nation. She cannot agree to have Italy control the territory in question." Such was the straightforward statement given to the Associated Press by Dr. M. R. Vesnich, Serbian minister to France, during the course of an interview today. Dr. Vesnich added, however, that he believed the presence of the United States, which has already declared against secret treaties and in favor of the rights of small nations, assured "fair play." So far as the Jugo Slavs were concerned he said, they did not recognize the existence of compacts made among certain of the powers after the beginning of the war.

'SCRAP OF PAPER' WILL COME UP AT PEACE CONGRESS

Belgium Will Seek to Be Released from Treaty and to Pass to Ranks of Great Powers.

Paris, Jan. 4.—The famous treaty which Germany designated as a "scrap of paper" will come up for early consideration before the peace congress. This is the treaty made in 1830, when the great powers of Europe recognized Belgium as being separate from Holland and guaranteed the neutrality of Belgium. It was the disregard of this neutrality and the invasion of Belgium by the German troops which brought Great Britain into the war. The Belgian parliament recently adopted unanimously a resolution asking for the establishment of the independent sovereignty of Belgium and the abandonment of the guarantee of neutrality. The resolution adopted by the parliament was in response to the speech from the throne made by King Albert when he re-entered Brussels.

Hungry Man Steals Truck to Get Groceries

Fifteen minutes after an automobile truck had been stolen from the Bernstein-Cohn grocery store, Saturday night, Detectives Rich and A. L. Anderson recovered the auto at Fourteenth and Corby by tracking it in the snow. The detectives place the blame of the theft upon a hungry person, as a sack of flour and a peck of potatoes were missing from the lot of groceries in the truck. More than \$50 worth of staple groceries were left in the truck when found.

Bruce Campbell to Attend Meeting of Elks Lodge Here

Bruce A. Campbell, grand exalted ruler of the Elks lodge, will visit Omaha Friday, accompanied by Frank L. Rair of Fairbury, Neb., who will probably be the next man to hold this position. Campbell will be met at the train by a reception committee of 50 local Elks, and taken for a ride over the city. A dinner will be given in the Fontenelle hotel at 6 o'clock, after which installation of officers will be held in the Shrine room of the Masonic Temple.

See Want Ads are the Best Business Boosters.

Mrs. Carrie Pechac Dies After Two Years' Illness

Mrs. Carrie Pechac, 35 years old, 4507 Meredith avenue, died Saturday afternoon in a hospital. She had been ill two years. She is survived by her husband, James, and daughter, Ellen, 10 years old, and a sister, Mrs. Frank Curda, Weston, Neb. Funeral services will be held at 2 o'clock Monday afternoon, at the home of Mr. Pechac's parents, 417 North Thirty-third street.

Taylor Held on Charge of Cashing Bad Checks

Cashing void checks became a habit with Leon Taylor, colored, 1109 South Fourteenth street. Police abruptly broke the habit last night when Taylor was arrested after he had accumulated the sum of \$62. Detectives say the man used blank checks that were stolen from the American Furniture company, 605 North Sixteenth street.

Former Omaha Teacher Dies in Home of Sister

Miss Victoria Overall, former Omaha teacher and elocutionist died yesterday in the home of her sister, Mrs. Nash, in Kansas City. Miss Overall was one of the first colored girls born in Omaha, her father, E. R. Overall being a letter carrier here for years. She taught in the Omaha public schools and in Kansas City sang in the Episcopal choir.

Asks Dismissal of Case.

Charles L. Hoffman petitioned the court for dismissal of his divorce suit against Verda Hoffman, instituted recently. Ralph Brenner seeks a divorce from Esther Brenner on the charge of desertion in proceedings begun yesterday.

Thief Would While Away Tedium of Winter Nights

The "World's Greatest Book" was stolen from the home of A. Estelle Story, 2640 Binney street, some time during the last week. The thief, probably in search of knowledge only, climbed through a window and took his choice of literature from the family library.

Thief Steals Black Horse, Harness and Express Wagon

Some thief overlooked several sets of harness in a barn when he stole a black stallion, one set of harness and an express wagon belonging to W. P. Werner, Twenty-first and Cumings streets, Saturday afternoon. The thief gained entrance by breaking open the barn door.

ESTES LAUNDRY TABLETS

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