

### FORMER OMAHA PASTOR THANKS SOUTH SIDE MEN

#### Gene Melady Receives Letter from Chaplain Leo Jonaitis in Response to Money Raised in Stock Yards.

In response to a check sent him by the Stock Exchange, Chaplain Leo Jonaitis, formerly of the South Side Lithuanian church, now with the American expeditionary force in France, writes Gene Melady of the Melady commission firm thanking him for the contribution. In corresponding with Mr. Melady, Chaplain Jonaitis mentioned a lack of funds for procuring small luxuries for the boys in France. Mr. Melady immediately started a fund that grew to \$231, which was forwarded to the chaplain.

Chaplain Jonaitis' letter well repays the generous exchange men for their liberality. "We were right on top of the lions," he writes. "I was not farther than from my church to the packing house. Believe me, Mr. Melady, our boys were happy to be in the front lines and to finish the war to a grand and successful ending."

"Your letters and the check for \$231 received, and I thank you all very much for the grand donation for our boys here in the front lines. You can rest assured that I am going to spend the money as you and your friends donated it—for this great cause."

"Believe me, America was never dearer to the boys than now. I am in the hospital today. Nothing serious, however. Simply taking a rest after being in the front trenches five months, under fire. Here in France the sun never shines. It rains most of the time."

"Please tell all my friends that I am with them day and night. Omaha and Nebraska are always above the best states in the union."

"My best regards to the boys in the stock yards and also to yourself."

#### Fifteen Limited Service Men Released at Ft. Crook

Fifteen limited service men were released from the service at Fort Crook yesterday. These men have served on draft boards in Omaha and out in the state. During the last few days 40 limited service men have been mustered out of the service at Fort Crook.

South Side limited service men are waiting anxiously for their release. They have concluded, as one of them puts it, "There isn't much chance to be a hero on a draft board."

#### Armour Packing Plant Opens Night School Here

The night school of the Armour Packing company for the employees of the company opened last night in charge of Miss Grace Oddie. R. C. Howe, local manager of the company, said Armour's are anxious to help all the employees who desire to attend the school and would arrange to give them time off if necessary.

#### South Side Breweries

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These Vols, the tailor, desire to announce to his many friends and patrons that he has again opened up his shop in partnership with his son, Joe Vols, at rooms 250-252 Baird Bldg. Seventeenth and Douglas streets.

The stockholders of the Security State bank held their annual meeting at 4827 South Twenty-fourth street and elected the following officers for the coming year: W. A. Rathbun, president; E. Z. Svoboda, cashier. The following directors were chosen: W. A. Rathbun, E. Z. Svoboda, Dr. J. W. Koutsky, J. S. Kramarsch, and F. J. Svoboda.

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#### Fractures Skull by Fall

Harry Freeman, 1037 South Twenty-third street fainted Tuesday afternoon at Tenth and Farnam streets and fell, suffering a skull fracture. Police took him to the Lord Lister hospital.

#### WAR PUZZLES



RUSSO-ROUMANIAN TROOPS Turned the tables on the Teutons driving them back with heavy losses at Sereth, two years ago today, January 15, 1917.  
Find a Rumanian.  
EVERETT'S ANSWER  
Right side down eye of chin.

### FLASHES from FILMLAND PHOTO-PLAY OFFERINGS FOR TODAY

**"VIRTUOUS WIVES,"** Owen Johnson's well known novel, continues to draw crowds at the Rialto this week. It is Miss Anita Stewart's first play in some years and is a splendid portrayal of modern life among the idlers of New York. The film was made at the homes of one of the richest men of the city and shows in a series of beautiful scenes the grand scale on which society lives and the extent to which it will go in order to furnish a new thrill for jaded nerves. In the company with Miss Stewart are seen such stars as Conway Tearle, Mrs. De Wolf Hopper, Edwin Arden and William Boyd.

Evelyn Nesbit, appearing in "The Woman Who Gave," will be the offering at the Sun theater today and for the remainder of this week. The story of the play is of an artist's model who is admired by all and with whom there are several men in love. Her beauty, in place of bringing happiness to her, causes her trouble after trouble, and finally she comes to hate the beauty which she has been endowed and considers destroying it. It is a strong and sensational love drama, with a tenseness in its more serious parts that proves that Miss Nesbit is a star screen actress. Appearing with her in the film is her son, Russell Thaw, who has quite a heavy part to play.

Dustin Farnum, appearing in his first play under the banner of the United company, comes to the Muse today for the remainder of the week in "The Light of Western Stars." The story of the play follows closely the well known novel of the same title by Zane Grey and was written with her collaboration from her novel. It is a strong story of a New York society girl who goes to visit her wayward brother in Texas. He has become a rancher and she puts in money, buys a ranch of her own and prepares to live there. There are picturesque cowboys of the older type, Mexican vaqueros and Mexican revolutionists, in the story, all tending to build a tense story of real action, photographed amidst the marvelous scenery of that country.

Omaha folks who have made a trip to California in recent years feel that Fatty Arbuckle is cavorting his comedy stunts right in their own properties, for the scenes of his latest comedy, "Camping Out," at the Strand this week are made on the tourist trip to the Catalina Islands, near Los Angeles. And

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### Bloomfield Physician Tells War Experiences While in Great Britain

Capt. J. H. Mettlen, who served overseas in the medical corps of the United States army for the past six months, has received his honorable discharge from the service and is at Omaha as the guest of his brother, W. J. Mettlen, superintendent of mails at the Omaha postoffice.

There's never a tourist to California that isn't urged to make the trip to the islands. "When I was in California last, I went over to Catalina on the very boat which is pictured in the play," said A. G. Stoldt, manager of the Strand. "There's been a good many Omaha people remarked to me that they've seen every foot of the scenes photographed by Arbuckle."

The special stage settings which are built for each picture presented at the Brandeis theater, add much to the success of "Infatuation," in which stunning Gaby Deslys has the lead. The engagement is for the week with the exception of Thursday night, when the Tuesday Musical club will offer Marie Mikova.

Dorothy Phillips in "The Talk of the Town" is announced for the Brandeis for January 22 to 25. It is a whirlwind play of breezy nature with a love story intertwined with comedy bits.

### Walter I. Clarke in City Arranging "New Era" Plans

Walter I. Clarke of New York, formerly of the editorial staff of The Bee, is in Omaha for a few days in connection with the New Era movement of the Presbyterian church. Mr. Clarke is associate editor of the New Era, a magazine devoted to the latest church organization. He expects while here to complete preliminaries for the Presbyterian conference February 9 and 10, when churchmen of Nebraska, Iowa and Kansas will gather here to learn more fully of the movement.

"It is gratifying," says Mr. Clarke, "to find how readily plans already made have been put into effect throughout the United States. These conferences which are to follow one another over the nation are certain to bring broader vision both in spiritual and material affairs."

"Among the speakers who will be in Omaha in February are Rev. Dr. W. H. Foulkes, general secretary; Rev. Dr. Marquis of Chicago, father of the movement before the general assembly; David McConaughy, assistant general secretary; Rev. Dr. Biederwolf, world famous evangelist."

The Omaha conference is to be for both men and women and will be featured by song services and chorus choirs.

### Mother of Four Will File Cross Petition in Divorce Action

Louis E. Ford has served notice through an answer that she intends to contest her husband's action for a divorce and custody of a minor child. The Fords were married in Wahoo November 3, 1884 and have four children. On February 7, 1914, William Ford, the husband, filed a petition for divorce and the wife came back with a cross-petition. The court issued a decree of separate maintenance, allowing the wife \$30 a month. Last November Ford filed another petition for divorce which the wife will oppose in the same manner as she did nearly five years ago.

### "Coffee House" Raided for Tenth Time in Year

Detectives raided a Greek "coffee house" at 522 South Thirteenth street Tuesday night and arrested G. Kaloris, the proprietor and four inmates, charged with gambling. All were released on bonds. Police say this place has been raided ten times in the past year.

## WILL AMERICA VIOLATE PROMISE TO HER DEFENDERS?

A bill to rescind and abrogate the vote of the Massachusetts legislature of last year ratifying the National Prohibition Amendment has just been introduced by Charles S. Rackeman—one of that state's most prominent citizens. He feels that the vote of last year was unduly influenced by war conditions and the national prohibitionists' argument, since exploded—that "The war could not be won without national prohibition."

Similar bills to rescind former votes will now be introduced into all the legislatures that have temporarily accepted the amendment. The public will be heard on the question unhindered by war conditions. **AMERICA DOES NOT WANT DRASTIC WARTIME LEGISLATION TO GOVERN HER PEACEFUL ACTIVITIES.**

If there were no other reason for **KILLING NATIONAL PROHIBITION** the thought that America—through national prohibition—would be breaking her promise to her gallant defenders should put every patriotic citizen and conscientious legislator on the line **AGAINST RATIFICATION OF THE NATIONAL AMENDMENT.**

We sent our boys across the danger-infested seas to fight for the "freedom of the world." Nearly two million men were in France, and there were five times as many ready to go.

**THEY STOPPED THE HUNS AT CHATEAU-THIERRY, AND WON THE WAR. IS THE FREEDOM FOR WHICH THEY FOUGHT TO BE TAKEN AWAY FROM THEM?**

Ninety per cent of our boys in uniform are opposed to national prohibition. **NINE OUT OF EVERY TEN RETURNING SOLDIERS OPENLY EXPRESS THEMSELVES AS AGAINST IT.** Our army was brave enough, moral enough, and dependable enough to stop the German hordes on the way to Paris, but the national prohibitionists say they cannot be trusted to drink a glass of beer or wine.

Did your boy go to France? Was he good enough to offer his life for his country? Can you trust him? Then why can't America trust him? Why is he not allowed to express himself upon the most drastic attack against personal liberty ever suggested in the history of republics? **IS THIS THE DEMOCRACY FOR WHICH HE FOUGHT?**

This editorial in the New York Herald shows that American soldiers can always be trusted to be heard, be patriotic and be understood:

"Out in Indiana soldiers returned from the battlefields in France got together and, without too much consideration of the ethics of officeholding, forced the resignation of a county attorney and the reinstatement in his stead of a man who has been ousted from it by the county commissioners for the 'crime' of taking a strong pro-war position and of advocating giving a German township a good American name."

"The incident has more than local significance. May there not be in it a distinct warning to politicians in all states who are taking advantage of absence in Europe of more than one million soldiers to force through prohibition legislation and thereby deprive those absent voters of rights which they believe to be theirs."

Every American soldier or sailor, and everybody who believes in the integrity and common sense of our soldiers and sailors, should write, telegraph, telephone or interview his or her state legislator, senator, representative or assemblyman—**AT ONCE**—and tell him that **THEY ARE OPPOSED TO THE RATIFICATION OF THE NATIONAL PROHIBITION AMENDMENT.**

You don't have to be a drinking man to be against national prohibition. **FORMER PRESIDENT TAFT—A TOTAL ABSTAINER—A MAN OF DEEP MORAL CONVICTION AND A STERLING AMERICAN PATRIOT—IS IRREVOCABLY OPPOSED TO NATIONAL PROHIBITION.** We will mail you a copy of his full opinion—recently expressed—if you will send for it.

**INTEREST YOUR LEGISLATOR TODAY; TOMORROW MAY BE TOO LATE; DESTROY ARROGANCE AND INTOLERANCE IN AMERICA.**

THIS STATEMENT ISSUED BY THE

## ASSOCIATION OPPOSED TO NATIONAL PROHIBITION

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# WILL WE EVER STOP THINKING SOME MORE?