

MANY GERMANS ARE EAGER TO BE U. S. CITIZENS

Are Quizzed Pertaining Their War Record; Oldest Applicant for Citizenship is Eighty Years Old.

The first citizenship hearings since the period of the war are being held in Judge Day's court room in district court, with A. H. Bode serving as government representative.

Questions Pertaining Germans.

Some of the questions asked of these former subjects of Germany were: "Do you speak German in your home?" "Do you read German papers in your home?"

War Record Quiz.

Witnesses appearing in behalf of applicants are quizzed as to general attitude of the applicants during the period of the war.

Karl Ringhofer, 4821 South Sixteenth street, was born in Germany and came to this country in 1903. His hesitancy in stating whether this country is a republic or a monarchy, and other uncertain replies, resulted in a postponement of his hearing until May 5.

Mrs. Anna Kulik, native of Austria, came from her homeland in Wyoming to have her naturalization completed.

Carlston Andrew Nelson of Irvington, 80, was the oldest applicant to be admitted to full citizenship.

Kansas City and Des Moines C. of C. to Attend Congress

Telegrams have been received from both Des Moines and Kansas City Chambers of Commerce asking that reservations be made in each instance for their entire board of directors, who will be in attendance at the Transmississippi Readjustment congress in Omaha February 18-20.

An Omaha delegation visited Council Bluffs Monday noon to explain the importance of the congress to the directors of the Council Bluffs Chamber of Commerce.

Judge Foster Bats 1,000 on All Cases Before Him

Police Judge Foster batted a perfect 1000 Monday in police court. Those haled before him either went to jail or paid a fine.

George Meyers, drunk, \$50 and costs. Dick O'Brien, vagrant, \$50 and costs. Raymond Mann, drunk, \$50 and costs.

Sues Auto Driver Who Tried to Show Too Much Skill

Francisco Falconi has filed a damage suit in the district court against Frank P. Spensiero for injuries said to have been suffered while riding in an automobile with the defendant.

The Workman Behind the Sword!

It takes skill and strength to work all day in a shop or factory. Many a man is fighting just as hard behind the lines as did the boys at the front. But when a man (or woman) has to meet the attack of the influenza bacilli—ten to one he will have a close shave if his kidneys are not right.

Omahan Tells How Clothes Froze on Soldiers' Bodies

Germans in Occupied Territory Made Friends With Yanks, Writes H. C. Lawson to His Father.

The life of the average American soldier in France and with the army of occupation in Germany is interestingly described in a series of letters from Homer C. Lawson, now stationed at Bleilich, Germany, to his parents, Mr. and Mrs. C. S. Lawson, 3221 Harney street.

Private Lawson has spent nearly four months on the active fighting front and was engaged in the St. Mihiel and Argonne forest drives.

He enlisted in September, 1917, and was placed in a medical company attached to the 89th division, 34th machine gun battalion, Company B. He is stretcher bearer and first-aid man.

Student of Nebraska U.

Before his enlistment Mr. Lawson was a student at the Nebraska university. At the time of his enlistment Mr. Lawson had just completed two years of medical work at Lincoln, Neb., and was ready to enter the university medical school in Omaha.

According to Mr. Lawson, The Omaha Bee is received by his whole regiment and the boys are cheered and delighted to be able to get some news from home through The Bee.

A letter to his father written November 19 reads in part: "I have just arrived at La Bourboule, one of the historic summer resorts of France. I got in at dark just in time for supper."

"This is going to be one of the big weeks of my experience. Everything is paid for by the government, and everyone has his room at this hotel. It's a magnificent place, located about 250 miles directly south of Paris and at the foot of the Alps."

"After supper we strolled out to the Y. M. C. A. in the big casino and heard a band concert, saw American vaudeville and had a real good time. It's like being a citizen again."

"There are many mountains around here and we are planning some trips up the excursion trails."

In another letter, dated November 26, reads: "We had a great time at La Bourboule on our vacation and we were all ready for the next one."

"We were sure to come in strong on the finish in the big excitement."

"At front for 3 1/2 months."

"We were at the front for three and a half months only being in the rear on the way from one front to another."

"After the St. Mihiel drive we occupied the lines there till October 7. Then we went over to the Argonne region. We helped take the Bathville-woods and were in on the big final drive."

"On the night of November 10 we went up to a position near a railroad track to put a machine gun barrage into a town occupied by Jerry. The roads were under 10 inches of mud and it was still raining. Later it got cold and our clothes started to freeze. We had to be very quiet and careful as Fritz was only a few hundred yards away."

"About 2 a. m. orders came not to fire. This was a good thing for if we had opened up Jerry would have shelled us to smithereens."

"At daybreak the company commander gave the order to pack up and retreat to a town about a half a mile back."

Armistice Day. "At 11 a. m. November 11 the firing ceased. We were so tired that all we could say was, 'yes, that's nice,' and then we went to sleep."

"Before long, however, we were also celebrating the signing of the armistice. We were moved into the recently captured town of Steny and quartered in a chateau. It was a roomy and muddy shell hole to a room in a chateau is a big jump."

"This bunch will go crazy when they see the Statue of Liberty and 'earnest and insistent invitation' of Spensiero he had an automobile ride, and that at Fifteenth and Canton streets the Spensiero car collided with another car. The collision alleges that Spensiero was demonstrating his skill as an automobile driver when the accident occurred."



the quicker we get that way the better we'll like it.

December 9 he wrote: "Am laying over on a two days' rest on our way to the Rhine. At first we thought the Eighty-ninth would be one of the first to go home but now we are with the troops of occupation."

"You never would know that we are occupying hostile territory by the treatment we receive here. The natives here are like 'cultured' not 'kultured' and they treat us as friends and more like allies than enemies."

"When we get our meals at our kitchen up the street the natives stand in the doorway and ask us in to sit at their tables and eat. They seldom offer us food as we get better food than they have to offer us."

Discuss the War. "The proprietor of the hotel in which we are staying and his brother were both in the German army. We discuss the war and many of the battles with them with no feeling of resentment on either side."

"The brother reminds me a whole lot of Dr. Foose."

"They are all eager to make friends of us and they anticipate our every wish. They are as surprised to find us civilized as we are, to find them not the brutes we thought they were."

In a letter December 11 to his father he wrote: "Got The Bee."

"A Bee came in today's mail, the one of October 13. I've received all up to that date. I am certainly glad to get them and so are the other fellows because they can get news of home through its columns. There is nothing I appreciate more than your sending them to me."

"A month ago today the armistice was signed. It seems much longer for I have covered a good deal of France, some of Belgium, crossed Luxembourg and entered German territory in that time."

"We have little to do at present except sit around and write letters. We have not seen the sea since we came to Germany. No wonder the boches wanted to move to 'Sunny France.'"

Changed His Mind. "I am in the best of health and without a scratch. I don't think I have changed any in appearance but my state of mind has undergone a lot of changing."

Outside of cooties, which Mr. Lawson mentions in other letters, he seems to have greatly enjoyed his experience."

He expects to resume his studies at school as soon as he returns to this country."

Interest on \$1,000,000 School Bonds May Be Paid in Any U. S. Coin

Interest on the \$1,000,000 bonds, recently sold for erection of a new High School of Commerce building, may be paid in any coin of the United States instead of in gold coin exclusively.

This change was authorized by the Board of Education last night at the request of the purchasers of the bonds. The question as submitted to the voters last April provided that interest be paid in any United States coin. The advertisements for bids on the bonds provided that interest be paid in gold coin.

The resignation of Miss Grace Howell, a teacher, was accepted. Leaves of absence were granted to Elizabeth Kiewit, Alice Ratsack, Ruth Randolph, Mary Thomas and Byrd E. Trebilcock. George E. Chandler, Fred Hill and Ralph E. Himstead were appointed to the high school faculty."

The Weather.

Table with 2 columns: Date and Weather conditions. Includes entries for 1919, 1918, 1917, 1916, and 1915.

AT THE THEATERS

BROADWAY was greatly interested to learn that Mr. and Mrs. Coburn, producers of 'The Better Ole,' at the Cort theater, had engaged De Wolf Hopper for the part of Old Bill in the Chicago company, which opens at the Illinois theater toward the end of February.

The engagement of Mr. Hopper adds a fifth to the coterie of Old Bills who are now appearing throughout the country in 'The Better Ole.' Mr. Coburn was the original Old Bill, creating the part at the Greenwich Village theater when the Bainsfather comedy opened in New York on October 19, 1918. The next Old Bill was James K. Hackett, who opened in the play at the Princess theater, Toronto, on December 30. Edmund Gurney was the third. He is playing the part at the Hollis Street theater in Boston now. The fourth Old Bill was Maclyn Arbuckle, who heads the cast at the Broad Street theater, Philadelphia. Therefore, De Wolf Hopper is the fifth Old Bill and he hopes that the part will fit him better than anything in which he has appeared since 'Wang.'

Especially pleasing to the big society night audience at the Orpheum last evening was the singing of the grand opera duo, Agnes and Irene Jonani. These vocalists of distinction came to vaudeville after having achieved a notable place for themselves in such organizations as the Boston and Chicago Grand Opera companies. Another stellar act is the one-act comedy, 'Petticoats,' with Grace Dunbar Nile playing the chief role. An elaborately staged singing and dancing act is contributed by Georgette and Capitola De Wolf.

'The Unmarried Mother,' a melodrama of frankness and merit, is being played at the Boyd twice daily this week. It was presented here last summer, when it made considerable of a stir, both by the nature of the topic and the delicacy with which it is treated. The audiences that are now packing the theater attest its popularity.

Dan Coleman is gradually getting the town to sing or whistle 'After the First of July,' the big song hit in the Hastings show at the Gayety this week. So great is the applause the song is receiving from the big audiences that he took occasion to remark that it is beyond his understanding how Nebraska ever happened to vote itself dry. The entertainment is first-class from curtain to curtain. You should see it. Ladies' matinee daily at 2:15.

The kiddies are receiving a treat at the Empress theater. 'Camilla's Birds,' 24 gorgeously plumed white cockatoos, present a complete eight-act vaudeville performance that is remarkable.

Omahan Made Sanitary Inspector of French Town of 400 People



Sam Blasser, son of Mr. and Mrs. M. Blasser, 623 North Nineteenth street, now with the camp hospital No. 42 in France, has been appointed sanitary inspector at Nully, a French town of about 400 inhabitants.

Mr. Blasser was inducted into the service October 1, 1917. He has been in France with the medical corps for about a year.

In a letter to his parents he states that the people at Nully are eager to please the American troops.

'They would bring us the green cheese from the moon if we expressed a desire for it,' he writes.

League of Nations to Consider Abolition of Subs as Warships

London, Feb. 3.—The abolition of submarines as warships may be decided upon by the league of nations committee during the coming week, according to the Paris correspondent of the Mail. It is said that this was one of the several understandings which were reached during the conference on Friday between President Wilson and Colonel House, General Smuts and Lord Robert Cecil, and will probably be proposed among the first planks of the platform at the session this week, during which it is hoped the league's constitution may be definitely formed.

British and American delegates, representing the biggest naval powers, are said to have sounded all naval opinion on this point. It was suggested by some that the submarine might be used defensively within the three-mile limit of territorial waters, but the overwhelming sentiment was that the U-boat must be abolished outright.

'After scrapping the submarine,' the correspondent says, 'it is understood that recommendations will be made that the economic weapon take the place of all other weapons in future wars. Respecting disarmament, the league will endeavor to work out a scheme by which the armaments of all nations will be gradually curtailed to a point decided upon as being necessary for defense. The league will try to arrange this early enough to insure that the financial savings thus gained will pay the interest on the world's war debt.'

Church League Will End First Round of Play Tonight

The last set of games in the first round of the Church Basket Ball league will be played tonight on the Young Men's Christian association's floor. The Pearl Memorial five will meet the 'V' dormitory men in the first game beginning at 7:30. The Galvary Baptists and the Benson Methodists are due to clash in the second contest and the Hanscom Parks and the First Christians in the last fray.

The Miller Parks and the Dundees will meet in the Dundee community center gymnasium.

FLASHES from FILMLAND PHOTO-PLAY OFFERINGS FOR TODAY

THEODORE ROOSEVELT'S life in motion pictures will be the attraction at the Rialto theater for four days starting next Sunday in a reel finished just before his death. The play is being put out under the title 'Our Teddy,' although it was at first planned to call it 'The Fighting Roosevelts.'

'The Heart of Humanity,' which will be given a predated showing at the Brandeis theater Friday evening to press representatives, exhibitors of the state and to a limited number of the general public interested in films, is built on the unshakable foundation of human interest and heart appeal. Tremendous is a big word, but it is not too big for 'The Heart of Humanity.' Thrills presented on a massive scale make the pulse beat faster and will never be forgotten by anyone who sees the film. A limited number of seats will be placed on sale at the theater.

No movie star can appear romantic in a bath robe.

Silar Moss remarks: 'You kin allus tell a movie extra by th' bow on th' back of his hat, an' his walkin' stick with th' crooked handle.'

When an Indianapolis reporter asked Baby Marie Osborne why she did not bring along with her in her tour of cities little Sambo, her Senegambian comedy support, the diminutive Pathe star soberly replied: 'I can't take him with me. He isn't presentable. He hasn't nice clothes.'

'Jane Goes a Wooing,' another original screen story by Edith Kennedy comes to the Strand, February 14.

Vivian Martin takes the part of a poor young girl who tries to make her living as a stenographer. Her employer kills himself, leaving her everything, including the power to manage the production of his latest play.

Fannie Ward has received an offer of marriage from a man who saw an advanced showing of the Pathe special in which she is starred, 'Common Clay.' And strangely enough, his name was 'Potter.'

Universal pictures will be issued on the star series plan from now on in place of the special feature idea.

Film exchange men and exhibitors of Omaha sent as an expression of their regard for their friend, White, manager of the local Pathe exchange who died last week, a large wreath of flowers. The funeral of Mr. White will be held in Minneapolis, which was his old home.

Lieutenant Craven Honored for Saving American Soldiers

London, Feb. 3.—The American distinguished service medal has been awarded by President Wilson to Lieut. Francis W. Craven, who commanded the British destroyer Mounsey, which saved 600 American soldiers from the British transport Otranto when she was sunk in a collision off the Scottish coast on October 6, 1918, with the loss of 357 American soldiers.

Man Injured When He is Struck by Motor Truck

Earl Cassidy, 114 North, Eighteenth street was injured when he was struck by an automobile truck, driven by R. W. Peterson, 2427 Farman street, at Eighteenth and Dodge streets. He was taken home.

GMC Trucks at Pre-War Prices

The announcement of a reduction of \$280 in the price of the GMC Model 16, 3/4 ton truck, is good news to truck buyers.

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