DECLARE WAR ON GOPHERS AS AID TO STATE CROPS

County Agent Estimates Damage Each Year by Prairie Pests Runs Into Millions; Planning Campaign.

"Prairie pocket gophers caused a damage of considerably more than \$2,000,000 to the crops of the state of Nebraska alone during the last year," according to Douglas County

Agricultural Agent Maxwell, "Throughout the state the county agents are organizing the various districts for a crusade against the gophers, and now is the time to do In Douglas county I have organized Union precinct for an intensive campaign against the gophers, and with the aid of the farmers I am sure our efforts will be crowned with success.

Poisoning is Advocated.

"As a general rule the most satisfactory method of destroying pocket gophers is to poison them. At any rate, if a field of considerable size is infested by these pests, the exterminative measures should always begin by poisoning opera-tions. While this poisoning may be carried on with more or less suc cess throughout the year, the bes times to do it are the early spring or late fall. Spring poisoning should begin just after the frost is out of the ground, for the gophers take the poisoned baits at that time readily, and there are fewer of them to kill than there will be later in the season.

"Because of its quick and certain action, strychnine is the best poison to use against the pocket gophers. The department of agriculture nissey, and wance on of the University of Nebraska has force, there they a-are!" mixed a solution of various poison at cost to the various farmers. This solution is to be inserted in dried in Omaha gradually expand from a

Should Harrow Fields. "Owing to the fact that, as a rule, and receive a half-pay pension the poisoning will not kill every gopher in the field, it is a wise plan to smooth down all of the mounds in the field, especially if they are numerous, by the use of a harrow or plank drag a few days after the poisoning will not kill every gopher to be a barrow or plank drag a few days after the poisoning will not kill every gopher to be a ball-pay balance of their years.

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"In distributing poisoned baits it is necessary to place them in the main burrow of the gopher, which can easily be located by the use of a probe of some sort. By probing about on a line between two adjacents mounds from which the soil cent mounds from which the soil is being thrown out the main bur-row is sure to be exposed. The poisoned bait should then be introduced into the main burrow by the hole made by the probe.

"While Douglas county pays a bounty of 10 cents for each gopher killed, the farmers will not collect as they die in the ground. Being unable to get any green, the gophers are very keen for the bait at this time of the year.

"Never before was the outlook for winter wheat any better than this year. I expect at least 98 per cent of the total, crop to develop. In the fall we will have another 'get-the-gopher' campaign, and this campaign I hope to extend to a territory covering about one-half of the county."

Jim Gillan Almost Forced to Believe That

"I never was much for believing in ghosts, but Oh, Boy!" It was J. M. Gillan, industrial commission-

within ten blocks of the house. Many times in the middle of the house where. The real Paris is an industrial, hard-working city. To make its acquaintance one has to travel in the subway or the suburban trains would get up, put on a smile, expectage to meet at the door some between 5 and 7 in the morning. would get up, put on a smile, ex-pecting to meet at the door some bloated bullionaire coming to Oma-

London, Feb. 8.—(via Montreal.)

The soldiers now being released from the British army under the defrom the British army under the demobilization plan are not being functionally told it is the Americans, charge not being completed until after the peace is signed.

It's The Americans

When you make inquiries as to the cause of this congestion you are usually told it is the Americans, and certainly it seems as though the city was never so full of Amutes to filling hotels, boarding house.

Four Irishmen Have Worn Omaha Police Uniforms for Over Thirty Years



Dempsey, Fahey, Haney and Byrnes Still in the Harness After Many Years on Force.

In the phraseology of Mr. Dooley. 'the Irish are a tenashus lot, Hinnissey, and wance on the polis

And Omaha has four of themwhich it sells to the agents of the various counties of the state at cost. These county agents, of course, resell the poison solutions

They have seen the police force parsnips, sweet potatoes, carrots, potatoes, sugar beets or apples, cut

All of them are, of course, long All of them are, of course, long past the voluntary retirement age

Dempsey Reduced.

and are eligible to cease active duty

sistant chief of detectives, detective chief, assistant to the chief and the highest rank in the department, that of chief. He has won a reputation for sagacity, and many of the cap tures of noted criminals in Omaha can at least be partly attributed to his knowledge of their ways and

John F. Byrnes

One of their number, Michael Dempsey, considered the idol of the force, attained the rank of chief, but a political upheaval caused his reduction to the office of assistant chief.

"Cap" Dempsey, as nearly every policeman on the department calls him, was appointed a patrolman 33 years ago, the date of his appointment being October 21, 1885. He methods.

Andrew Fahey, whose service record is eclipsed only by that of record is eclipse

OMAHA AIRMAN THOUGHT DEAD TO RETURN SOON

Lost Track of in Hospitals, He Will Come Back to Claim the Girl He Left

Another case of a dead man returning to life was revealed by Miss Honora Cusick, 1810 Grace street, who has just received a letter from ner fiance in Germany with the First Army of Occupation. He was previ-ously reported dead. J. W. Osborne, the man reported

dead, is a resident of Kansas City, engagement he was badly wounded and his comrades, believing him dead, took a photograph of some letters of Miss Cusick which he carried with him and returned them to her with a letter stating that he had been killed in action.

He Pulls Through. A letter has arrived from the supposedly dead man stating that he had been hadly wounded by a high explosive shell, but had fully recov-The stationing of a regiment of infantry at Fort Omaha is the probable cause of Sergeant "Patsy" Havey's appointment to the Omaha police department. He was appointed shortly after his discharge from the army in 1887. His companied the letter, pany was sent here from New York or he might never have come to Trier Germany and writes that he

Trier, Germany, and writes that he position he had for a number of Cusick. A German helmet, a holyears, exhibited a wit and penchant for practical jokes which are still found in the German trenches, remembered among the veterans, poems written by American dough-Eberstein's office for special duty. taken from dead Germans compose

It was as mounted policeman that part of the collection.

It is expected that the return of John Byrnes, day turnkey at the city jail, first saw service on the force. His appointment dates back 31 years. He is past 69 years of age of three years' duration. Mr. Osporne and Miss Cusick are at presponse and looks not more than 50.

It is expected that the return of down a job 10 minutes in New York! They can't even talk—just make no fixed and Miss Cusick are at presponse and Miss Cusick are at presponse and their marriage is Age doesn't seem to count for much with these four veteran "coppers", for they are on the job, rain or shine, and performing their du-

Honduran Minister Killed in Rioting at Tegucigalpa

San Salvador, Feb. 8.—Serious rioting has occurred in Tegucigalpa, tract entered into between the little capital of Honduras, and the minister of the interior, Francisco J. Mejia, has been killed, according to a dispatch from Tegucigalpa to a dispatch from Tegucigalpa.

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War Cripples Will Find Jobs With Film Companies

Carl Laemmle, President of the Universal Film Manufacturing Co., Says That Legless Men Can Well Be Employed in the Motion Picture Industry.

New York, Feb. 8.—(Special to The Bee.)—In answer to the plea for "jobs for soldiers" Carl Lacmmle, president of the Universal Film with jobs," Mr. Lacmmle said. "The Manufacturing Co., has made the boys who return from France with first step in the film industry to go arm or slight body wounds can get further than providing positions for returning heroes—he has pointed out that the film industry can offer lost one or both legs or feet this thousands of positions to

men, men even who have lost one or both of their legs in the war. Mr. Laemmle says that although there will be plenty of work for returning soldiers, physically fit for any kind of labor, jobs for wounded school at Fort Omaha and went overseas with Company B of the Second balloon squadron in December, 1917. In the Chateau Thierry engagement he was badly wounded and the surgeon general and the adjutant general, also the Red Cross and reconstruction has country that the surgeon general and the adjutant general, also the Red Cross and reconstruction has country that the surgeon general and the adjutant general, also the Red Cross and reconstruction has been excessed and we can afford to pay salaries to these boys that undoubtedly would be in excess of those in many other lines of work, and if other production has been afford to pay salaries to these boys that undoubtedly would bureau he has written the surgeon general and the adjutant general.

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will not be so easy.
"In Universal exchanges and labobs that these crippled boys can fill. Inspecting film does not tax one's physical or mental strength and we can afford to pay salaries to

Latter Represented the Emergency Fleet Corporation at Wilmington, N. C.; Latenser With Him.

LATENSER AND

TOWLE COMING

John W. Towle, representative of the Emergency Fleet corporation of Wilmington, N. C., has resigned and will return to Omaha February 15. oratories we have several hundred He will be followed shortly by John Latenser, jr., who assisted him both in the Carolina yards and at Hog Is-

In accepting Mr. Towle's resigna-on, Charles Piez, director general of the fleet corporations paid him a very high compliment in saying that he Carolina yards had never him a moment's worry and that it was the only plant erected by the government that cost less than the

stimated outlay.

Messrs. Towle and Latenser after nvestigating conditions at Hog Island where expenditures were 100 per cent more than estimated, made their report to the corporation and the senate investigating committee, which was accepted and the yard

Nathaniel McGiffin of Fremont, Neb., formerly of Omaha, has enisted with the Presbyterian new era sixty-day men, as a result of a conference with other leading Presby-terians at 156 Fifth avenue, New York City, where he joined a strong with directions for getting "back to group of ministers and laymen to push the new era victory fund of the church for \$13,000,000.

"Thanks!" said the American boy.
"I sure am much obliged. But, say,
Paris is a funny place, ain't it? A
little cleaner than New York, maybe These men have taken up headparters in various parts of the but, say, I'd rather be a wart on the nited States to direct unremitting field service toward putting every individual Presbyterian church "over the top." Their campaign will ex-tend through February and March and will be devoted to convincing all Presbyterians of the great need that the world has for the church's spending this amount of money on

reconstruction work.

The fund will take care of returnthe Presbyterian new era move-

He was not reported as dead or missing by the casualty lists, Many efforts to ascertain his death were made by Miss Cusick, but all of them ended in failure. Rather Be a Wart in U. S. Than Whole Eiffel Tow Than Whole Eiffel Tower

he Paris, Feb. 8.—(By Associated them about?" inquired the Y. M. C. Press.)—He was splettering with the helpiess indignation of the man who wants to tell folks what he thinks of them and can't pronounce the words, when he came into the Y. M. C. A. headquarters. Two gendarmes with ferocious mustaches and friendly eyes shepherded him into the room.

The paris, Feb. 8.—(By Associated them about?" inquired the Y. M. C. A. man.

"Oh, I just want to ask the way back to the station, that's all. I left my rifle and my pack in the nounce the words, when he came into the Y. M. C. A. headquarters.

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"Where do not like Y. M. C. One of Preshutorion "Where do not like Y. M. C. One of Preshutorion" "Where do not like Y. M. C. One of Preshu "Where do you live back home?" asked the Y. M. C. A. man.
"Brooklyn," said the American him into the room, "L'Americaine," they announced,

"Matter? There ain't anything the boys in the trenches and post cards matter with me," said the American taken from dead Germans compose soldier angrily. "You better ask them policemen what's the matter hey can't even talk—just make nose of the Goddess of Liberty than bises."

"What did you want to talk to He turned abruptly and went out.

Alleged to Have Broken Contract, Suit Follows

H.M. Scott of the Scott Automobile company, has brought an action of \$75,000,000 for Italy and \$40,000, in district court to recover \$11,101.24 from Charles Wagner on account of 000 for Belgium were established toand at an agreed commission.

U. S. Treasury Establishes New Credits for Allies

Washington, Feb. 8.-New credits



Paris Experiences Catch in Her Throat At Memory of France's Dead When Seeking to Resume Pre-War Gayety

Paris is trying hard to drop her ities, each one of which has its widows' weeds and be gay, but after four years of mourning it is not easy. Every little outbreak of light-uniform are the Christian Scientists

Here are a few illustrations: Teaheartedness seems a little forced. There was considerable champagne drunk when the armistice was signed, mostly because of previous vows, but the effervescence soon bubbled off, and two days later Paris was back at work.

This or notels, Here are a few illustrations: Teacups which the first year of the war were sold in Paris department stores for 19 cents now cost 90. Electric globes which before the war were nel, passing through Paris to various fields, there are the permanent American administrations for which

Paris is Brain Center. ha to start a factory, or a poker game or something, but the only greeting the commissioner received center of the nation. I know a grown in population, without doing

was back at work.

This daily grind has been kept up incessantly for the entire war and has contributed not a little toward keeping the enemy at bay. Paris is a big industrial center, as well as an amusement resort. It is Weehawken, Bayonne and Williamsburg, as well as Broadway and Coney Island. And for four years it has had the war in its front yard (at times in its war in its front yard (at times in its ghosts, but Oh, Boyl" It was ghosts.

American administrations, for which several hotels have been requisitioned. The army has taken the several hotels have been requisitioned. The army has taken the several hotels have been requisitioned. The army has taken the several hotels have been requisitioned. The army has taken the several hotels have been requisitioned. The army has taken the several hotels have been requisitioned. The army has taken the several hotels have been requisitioned. The army has taken the several hotels have been requisitioned. The army has taken the surface of oak. Hotel Elysee Palace, one of the largest in Paris, as an office building, and the Red Cross has bired the entire war and has contributed not a little toward keeping the enemy at bay. Paris is a big industrial center, as well as an an amusement resort. It is Weehawken, Bayonne and Williamsburg, as well as Broadway and Coney Island. And for four years it has had the war in its front yard (at times in its war in its front yard (at times in its war in its front yard (at times in its war in its front yard (at times in its war in its front yard (at times in its war in its front yard (at times in its war in its front yard (at times in its war in its front yard (at times in its war in its front yard (at times in its war in its front yard (at times in its war in its front yard (at times in its war in its front yard (at times in its war in its front yard (at times in its war in its front yard (at times in its war in its fron rever was much for believing in ghosts, but Oh, Boy!" It was J. M. Gillan, industrial commissioner of the Chamber of Commerce speaking, his actions still registering a state-of hewilderment and excitement.

Mr. Gillan kept the secret several days, then he just had to tell somebody. Here it is.

Out at his home the door bell got into the habit of putting in false alarms, and announcing the arrival of callers at unholy hours of the night when there wasn't a caller within ten blocks of the house. Many times in the middle of the largest house trial, hard-working city. To make

count of enlarged services. was from the midnight air and a few twinkling stars.

Eventually Mr. Doorbell got bold in the day, which eventually resulted in the downfall of the tricky instrument.

Mr. Gillan made an investigation, but Great Guns! he found the batteries dead and in that condition the left had no business ringing at all.

Right then several new gray hairs

center of the nation. I know a professor at the Sorbonne who has a professor at the Sorbonne who has not set foot on the grande boule-vards for twenty years, and a fencing master, also living on the left bank, who has never been in the Paris subway. Yet among the former pupils of each are the ambassadors and ministers that now trule the nation. Entertaining people is also a laborious profession, and the things of Paris that seem so light and gay and trivial mean

Right then several new gray hairs

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By NABOTH HEDIN
Universal Service Staff Correspondent.

Paris. Feb. 8.—(By Mail.)—
Though peace is yet far from signed, bus, and a fong list of lesser characteristics.

Besides the army es and furnished apartments, and adding to the shortage of accomodations. It is the high cost, not only of food but of household goods bus, and a fong list of lesser characteristics.

Came From the Army.

he might never have come to

Sergeant Havey is known as the "humorist" of the force, and as desk-sergeant at the city jail, which

ust now he is assigned to Chief

Transportation Shortage.

There is also a shortage and confusion in transportation. People who raised their own potatoes in Brittany during the summer are not allowed to have them sent to Paris because the military laws forbid transports of potatoes until the quartermaster's department has formally decided it does not want them. There is a shortage of freight cars, and yet a morning paper reports that a whole train of them has stood unused at Saint Cloud for four years. Another paper reports that at Dunkirk the French army left 19 cars of potatoes standing uncovered to freeze the other night, while the civilian population of Lille lacks potatoes.

While Spain and the South of France, to say nothing of Northern Africa, are gorged with fruit, the smallest tangerine oranges, such as

the bell had no business ringing at all.

Right then several new gray hairs developed around Mr. Gillan's cars.

The commissioner didn't want to move in the middle of the winter so he called an electrician, and Oh joy No more sleepless nights. The clectrical man found that Mr. Gillan has a turnace, the furnace has a thermostadt, and the thermostadt is operated by batteries, and when the room reached a certain temperature the thermostadt raised up and connected its electrical juice with the door bell wiring.

"No, I don't believe in ghosts." It was the commissioner talking.

British Soldiers Are Not to

Be Finally Discharged Yet London, Feb. 8.—(via Montreal.)

The soldiers now being released from the British army under the defining and a lating reservable in the server of the things of Paris that seem that they and the things of Paris that seem the things of Paris that seem the thing and the things of Paris that seem the visitors are received in the hallway, the directors meet in the allway, the directors meet in the lallway, the directors meet in the lallway as tenographer by a transce, the will be

has gone up even faster than hotel rates. It is now impossible to get a meal, let alone a square one, even The influx of outsiders contrib-utes to filing hotels, boarding hous- five francs.