

AGRICULTURAL BOOM IN MIDDLE WESTERN REGION

Holdrege Back from Inspection Tour Says Outlook for Live Stock and Winter Wheat Bright.

Conditions in Nebraska and the entire country east of the Rocky mountains never looked more prosperous than now, according to General Manager Holdrege of the Burlington, back from a tour of inspection during which he accompanied Regional Director Burnham.

"We went over practically all the Burlington lines west of the Missouri river and everywhere found business in all lines in a most satisfactory condition," said Mr. Holdrege. "The high prices that have maintained on grain and live stock have put the men in excellent shape financially. Merchants have profited by reason of the high prices obtained by the farmers and ranchers, who have bought liberally. As a result the entire area is prosperous."

The winter has been ideal and consequently stock losses have been at the lowest minimum. Cattle and sheep have ranged during most of the winter and are coming through in good flesh.

Winter Wheat Perfect.
"Winter wheat is in perfect condition and if the crop is not damaged prior to harvest time, the yield is going to be enormous. Due to the high price guaranteed for wheat by the government, the acreage of the winter wheat is going to be far in excess of any former year. In the western portion of Nebraska there was a late acreage of prairie broken out last fall and this will all be put into spring wheat."

"I think the acreage into corn will be about the same as last year, yet possibly with corn prices holding up to better than \$1 a bushel, perhaps it will be larger."
"We were out on an inspection tour, looking over the lines and getting an idea of what is going to be needed in the way of improvements and betterments. While no extensive new work is contemplated, we will undoubtedly build new sidings during the year and extend terminal facilities where they are needed. The purpose is to keep maintenance up to the highest degree possible and consequently the expenditures for this purpose will be about the same during the coming year as during past years. The properties are in good shape, not having been permitted to run down, or depreciate, and as a result maintenance charges will be comparatively low."

College Women to 'Man' the Information Bureau for 'Gobs' and 'Yanks'

College women will "man" the new "United Information Headquarters" for soldiers, sailors and marines, opened in the old Milwaukee ticket office at Fifteenth and Harney, for the convenience of men in uniform, by a joint committee of war recreational societies. The new bureau will be a clearing house for all soldier needs.
Mrs. J. C. Dahman and Mrs. A. B. Currie of the Red Cross canteen corps are in charge. Smith college alumnae, headed by Mrs. Harold Evans, are on duty, Monday; Sacred Heart alumnae, Mrs. A. V. Kinsler, chairman, Tuesday; South Side women, Mrs. W. B. Tagg, Wednesday; Vassar alumnae, Mrs. Miles Standish, Thursday; University of Nebraska, Mrs. H. E. Newbranch, Friday; and Association of Collegiate Alumnae, Mrs. A. F. Leermakers, Saturday.

The women will work from 9 a. m. to 5 p. m. each day. Men of the War Camp Community Service will be on duty from 5 p. m. to 41 p. m. The committee, headed by W. B. Tagg, will meet in two weeks at the Chamber of Commerce to report on progress of the bureau.

Skirts Long and Narrow; Navy, Tan and Grey Colors

Mrs. Mary Krebs, the cloak and suit buyer for the Union Outfitting company, returned from New York City after an extensive stay a few days ago. Mrs. Krebs visited all the places of fashion. She said in suits the styles will be box effects, Russian blouse and strictly tailored suits. The materials used will be very largely poret twills, serges, triclotines and gaberdines, and that the leading colors will be navy, tan and greys. Skirts will be long and narrow. Dolmans and capes will be the leading garments worn in military it looks as if the large hat will predominate, and that black will be the leading color.

Detectives Arrest Negro as Suspect in Iowa Murder Case

William Ginter, a negro, 2520 North Twenty-sixth street, was arrested Saturday morning by detectives and is being held in connection with the killing of George Gibson, another negro, at Clarinda, Ia., last November. Ginter denies the crime. He is held in the city jail pending the arrival of a Clarinda officer to identify him. His arrest was effected by means of a description furnished by Iowa authorities.

Ahquist Will Address Poultry Raisers Monday

The next lecture of the poultry short course at the Y. M. C. A. will be given Monday at 8 p. m. by W. H. Ahquist. He will talk on "Feeding and Developing Young Stock." Ahquist has had years of experience in the poultry business. Anyone interested in poultry raising may attend.

Omahans Is at Meeting of Rail Regional Directors

General Passenger Agent Craig of the Union Pacific has been called to Miami, Fla., there to attend a meeting of the regional directors of the railroads. He will be away a couple of weeks.

A Bit of Nebraska on the Banks of the River Rhine

Secretary of Nebraska Historical Society Tells of His Visit With the Nebraska Infantry Christmas Eve in Germany—Men Expected Home in June.

By ADDISON E. SHELDON
Secretary Nebraska State Historical Society.

December 24 I left Coblenz, with one long parting look at the fortress of Ehrenbreitstein and the Rhine. I was bound for the Nebraska Three Hundred Fifty-fifth regiment in its camp at Saarburg, about 100 miles distant. I knew that the Three Hundred Fifty-fifth infantry had been in the thickest fighting, and that the men from Nebraska had sustained the reputation of their home state for courage, for coolness, for endurance and for achievement. I had planned the last days of my stay in Germany for a visit with the men of my own state, the joy of celebrating Christmas with them and of carrying a Christmas message from them to the men at home.

It was after dark when the railroad train halted at the little village of Beunig, which is the railway station for Saarburg, half a mile distant on the other side of the Saar river. A stalwart fellow in khaki with the letters M. P. on his arm greeted me. "You're the man from Nebraska?" he asked, for the general headquarters of the Rhine had telegraphed that I was coming. "Come in and see the fellows of Company E before you go over to the regimental headquarters," he said.

"Turn out, you fellows," said my companion, "and meet a real live man from Nebraska."

The Nebraska boys. There was a storm of responses, and I was at once surrounded by a bunch of big, stalwart fellows, some from Norfolk, some from Fremont, some from Omaha, some from Lincoln, some from a half dozen other places, with hand-grips like a vise and a volley of questions. "When did you come over?" "Do you know when we are going to be sent home?" "Do you know So-and-so in my town?" If ever a bunch of fellows were hungry for news from Nebraska, I had found them.

After twenty minutes of hand-shaking with the men, who swarmed in, and vain attempt to satisfy the appetite for home news, I was conducted to Colonel Cavanaugh's headquarters, and after an hour's visit upon the regimental history and events of the war, I was guided by another M. P. to the residence of a German master builder, where I was billeted during my stay at Saarburg.

The Star Spangled Rhine.
Far in the night the church bells pealed out the coming of the new Christmas to a war-worn world. The measured military tread of a Nebraska guard, pacing the stone-paved street, pierced the darkness of the new Christmas day. What dream was this? To lie in bed, far beyond the fortified lines, whose capture had cost so many good American lives, in a German house, in a city whose streets were patrolled by Nebraska soldiers, who only a few months before had been chasing plows across Nebraska prairies. And only a few days before I had crossed the Rhine for the first time in my life and had seen the Stars and Stripes floating above the great fortresses upon that river! How was it possible for all this to be true?

German and Nebraskians.
Daylight brought the fairy tale verification. The little city swarmed with gay groups of German children who greeted the Nebraska soldiers as they marched through the streets with a curious mixture of confidence, shyness, friendliness and fear.

Christmas day with Nebraska soldiers in Germany! How the memory of it will thrill us all to the latest breath! There were doings in the big Y. M. C. A. hall, which was the social and literary center of the Nebraska regiment. The Y. M. C. A. hall in this case was the old Turnerverein hall. There were pictures upon the wall of the kaiser, the crown prince and other German military celebrities. Truth compels me to state that these pictures had been ornamented with legends more or less witty and profane. Nobody seemed to complain, however, not even the grownup Germans who strolled by and looked in at the proceedings.

The regimental band had been installed in the gallery at one end of the hall. It handed out a repertoire of Christmas music, running all the way from "America" to "There'll Be a Hot Time in the Old Town Tonight." The band did not lack appreciative applause. There were presents for every soldier, one at least from the Y. M. C. A. in America, and one for each of many soldiers from the American Red Cross. Not all the Red Cross packages got through. An overloaded dock at Brest had collapsed and some thousand tons of Christmas presents were in the sea. It was a glad Christmas time, even with the near memory of some comrades who would never again make Christmas cheer for us upon this earth.

Christmas in Germany and peace and home ahead!
At 3 o'clock in the afternoon the hall was crowded. A Nebraska meeting had been announced. Several hundred stalwart fellows in khaki were there. Chaplain Cogle was chairman of the meeting and introduced the visitor. What a rousing cheer for Nebraska was given! And one of the first letters which followed from Paris was to Governor McKelvie on the subject.

I am personally under obligations to so many of the officers and men of this Nebraska regiment in Germany that I cannot name them. Yet I must name Colonel Cavanaugh, Lieutenant Adjutant Reid and Serg. Maj. Frank Bartle, for these men made it possible for me to secure not only the map of the marches and battles of the regiment, but a condensed narrative of its history, a personal war diary by one of its members and the roster of its officers at the time it was in Saarburg, all of which find proper place in this article at the beginning of the true history of this fighting regiment of Nebraska men.

Home in June.
The cable tells us that the 89th division is coming home in June. What a glad response that stirs in thousands of Nebraska homes! What a grand time we shall have when these boys get back! What volumes of stories shall be told around so many Nebraska hearths. What a glorious reunion of the men of this regiment in future years. And what a splendid pledge for the world peace is it to know that raw material from which an army is made may be taken from the farms, the shops, the stores and the streets of Nebraska and in a few months be molded into a fighting unit which would cross the ocean and meet upon equal terms the veteran soldiers of Germany's standing army, driving them from their chosen positions and never faltering or failing in any requirement.

335TH INFANTRY OF NEBRASKA ACTIVE IN WAR

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1918, from which place we were moved by motor truck to Reiciourt, north of Verdun, on October 9-10, 1918.

In Bantheville Fighting.
We left Reiciourt at 7 a. m., October 13, 1918, and arrived in woods near Chepy about 3 p. m., October 13, 1918. On October 19, 1918, the regiment relieved a division on the front line north of Clerges and Romagne. The regiment took active part in this vicinity and in the capture of the Bois de Bantheville, the capture of which must be credited to the Second battalion of this regiment. This was accomplished on October 20-21, 1918. The regiment was relieved from active duty on the front line in this vicinity and again assumed active duty in the front line on November 3, 1918, on which date it relieved the 33d infantry (890th division) on heights south of Tally. The regiment continued in the advance of Argonne-Meuse continuously from November 3 to November 11, 1918, inclusive, during which time the capture of the following villages must be credited to this regiment: Woods north of Tally, Beauchair, Beaufort, Bois de Duilet and the villages of Laneousville, Luzuy, and Cesse, on the Meuse river.

On November 14, 1918, the Second and Third battalions were withdrawn from the front line and moved to Barriecourt and Tally, respectively. The First battalion moved to Barriecourt on November 16, 1918, where they remained until November 23, 1918, on which date they were moved by motor truck to Virton, relieving the First battalion of the 561st infantry. The remainder of the regiment left Barriecourt at 8:30 a. m., November 24, 1918, arriving at Stenay at 1 p. m. of the same day; left Stenay at 8:30 a. m., November 25; arrived at Naponus 3 p. m. Lt. Col. Thomas P. Bernard commanded the regiment during the Argonne-Meuse drive, November 1 to 11. Col. W. A. Cavanaugh joined the regiment on November 19, 1918, and has been in command since. Left Naponus November 30, 1918, at 7 a. m.; arrived at Virton, Belgium, at 3:45 p. m. on same date.

To Germany.
Route of march of entire regiment from December 1, 1918, to present date is as follows: Virton to Aubange, Messency and Clemency; Strasse and Bertrange; Conderange, Junglinster; Cornsdorf, Scheidgen, Osweller; Ideshelm;

Spanghalem, Neiderkail, Binsfield; Grosslitten, Minderlitten, from which place we were withdrawn and stationed in the villages of Speicher, Herfort and Arols, and later withdrawn to Saarburg, spending one night enroute in Sweich. The entire regiment is now billeted in the villages of Saarburg and Beunig, on the Saar river, about 23 kilometers south of Trier, Germany. The regiment first entered German territory at Rosport on the Sauer river.

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Omaha Rail Official Is on First Vacation in 30 Years

General Manager Jeffers of the Union Pacific is expected to return Monday from his eastern vacation of two weeks. This is the first vacation that Mr. Jeffers has taken in 30 years and reports that he has sent back to his office indicate that he has enjoyed himself every minute since he has been away.

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