

POWER GIVEN HUN DELEGATES TO SIGN PACT

Can "Settle Peace Treaty on the Spot," Says One Envoy on Reaching France.

(Continued From Page One.) park were the only indications of the character of the state guests who had displaced civilian lodgers and forced them to seek other shelter in crowded Versailles. The detective did not interfere with traffic in the street or in the park.

HAPPY THEODORA BENNER FOUND DYING IN ROOM

(Continued From Page One.) before she sank into unconsciousness were mentioned to her maid or property manager in regard to a settlement of her estate or the seriousness of her illness.

Mrs. Benner gained notoriety in the east by wearing bright colored and fanciful bathing suits at seaside resorts. She filed a petition against her husband, Fernando W. Benner, in the district court here May 26, 1917, alleging that her husband "treated her in a rude, contemptuous manner" and stayed all night at times and was guilty of extreme cruelty.

Lizard Which Came to Omaha With Storm, Likes Alcohol

Huge Member of the Lacertilia Group Lands in Yard of E. A. Singer, Far From Any Watering Place—Is Attracting Much Attention.

"It rained dogs and cats," is an expression which has been heard since Heck was a juvenile canine. Evidently it rained lizards in Omaha during Tuesday night when the wind blew furiously and the rain god opened the flood gates.

A 10-inch specimen of the lizard family known as "lacertilia" was found in the yard at 5022 Underwood avenue, the home of E. A. Singer, superintendent of the Brandeis stores.

Mrs. Singer discovered the strange creature crawling on the ground. She placed it in a bottle half filled with alcohol.

Mr. Lacertilia appears to be enjoying the alcohol bath and now and then opens his mouth as if to imbibe.

Cases of lizards and toads being carried long distances by wind and rain have been recorded, but they are rare.

There is no watering place near the Singer home and Omaha lizard authorities have agreed that this specimen "rode the storm" and dropped into the Singer yard.

The lizard is attracting considerable attention.



IOWA SOLDIERS RETURN AS LEFT UNDER TINLEY

(Continued From Page One.) decorations in the regiment are Lt. Col. M. Stanley, Lt. Col. Guy L. Brewer, Maj. Lloyd S. Ross, Maj. Charles J. Casey, Maj. Glenn C. Haynes, Maj. George R. Howett and Maj. Henry E. Butts.

Because of the fact that the records of the regiment were locked up in the hold of the big transport, no authentic figures on the regiment could be given out.

Practically all of the troops on the Levathian were members of the Forty-second (Rainbow) division, composed of National Guardsmen from 28 states.

Summarizing from a carefully prepared statement of the achievements of the organization, Lt. Col. Ruby D. Garrett, division adjutant, pointed out that from November 1, 1917, the date of its arrival at St. Nazaire from the United States, until December 15, 1918, when, as a part of the American army of occupation it took a position in Ahrweiler, Germany, the division had been identified at 45 stations throughout France and Belgium up to the farthest point of the allied advance.

The division was cited 10 times by the French army and six times by the American commanders under whom it served.

Members of the division have received two medals of honor, 250 distinguished service crosses, two distinguished service medals, 175 croix de guerre, 19 legions of honor, five medailles militaires and 16 Belgian decorations.

In killed, wounded and missing, the division lost 439 officers and 13,485 men, its greatest list following the Aisne-Marne offensive, July 24 to August 6, last year, which cost 184 officers and 5,469 men.

In this offensive the Forty-second division relieved the Twenty-sixth American division, one brigade of the Twenty-eighth division and four French divisions. It distinguished itself by cutting its way through one Prussian guard division and three other first class German and Bavarian divisions, going forward 18 kilometers.

Iowa Committee on Hand. Governor Cox of Ohio, Mayor Charles Jewett of Indianapolis, members of the legislature of both states and city officials and welcoming committees from Chicago, Detroit, Des Moines and several other cities were among the hundreds of persons who went down the bay on excursion boats or assembled at the army piers to greet the returning men.

Recognizing the anxiety of the troops to get home, officers in charge of the coaling of the ship at Brest declared that its departure could be hastened 24 hours with some volunteer help on the part of the returning troops. More than one-half of the men on board volunteered.

The health of the troops on board was excellent, only 13 men, with the exception of returning wounded and convalescents, being confined to the ship's hospital. A Victory loan campaign on board resulted in subscriptions of more than \$55,000.

Three officers in the 128th regiment returned with three decorations each, the American distinguished service cross, the French legion of honor and the French war cross. They were Lieut. Col. Guy S. Brewer of Des Moines; Capt. John C. Christopher of Red Oak, Ia., and Lieut. Joseph E. Breslin, of Boston. Majors Lloyd D. Ross and Charles J. Casey, of Red Oak, each returned with the distinguished service cross and French war cross.

Lieut. Col. Wilbur S. Conkling, of Des Moines, returned in command of the 117th sanitary train of the division. This was composed of ambulance companies from New Jersey, Tennessee, Oklahoma and Michigan commanded by Maj. Peter P. Rafferty, of Trenton, N. J., and field hospital companies from Washington, D. C., Nebraska, Oregon and Colorado, commanded by Maj. John D. Beach of Detroit.

LIGHTEN DRINK RESTRICTIONS, BUT LID STILL ON

Britain's Premier, Lloyd George, Is Planning a Few Solar Plexus Jabs at "Demon Rum."

London.—Inspired not a little by America's knock-out wallop to the liquor traffic, the Lloyd-George coalition government is planning a few solar plexus jabs at the "demon" though sans the "knock-out" element.

It is understood that the government proposes to set up a cabinet committee on the future control of the liquor trade.

Unlike America, England will not go "bone dry" nor even "dry," but the government intends to curb the powers of the drink trade, and it's a certainty England's liquor will not return to its pre-war "authority," "kick" and potency.

Faced by the necessity for every source of national effort during the war, the government cut down appreciably the amount of alcohol in beer and all liquors, and the great results from this move in the last four years render it certain that, although liquor will not be stamped out altogether, there will be no reversion to the old pre-war conditions.

The prime minister himself has declared: "The lessons of the last four years cannot with impunity be neglected. We cannot afford to re-vert to the conditions prevailing before the war."

"We cannot," as Lord d'Abernon has put it, "afford to recreate drunkenness at the rate of nearly 200,000 convictions a year, with its terrible accompaniments of crime, disease and death."

In the past four years, according to the records of the registrar-general and Central Liquor Control board, industrial efficiency has risen, the death rate among infants has been markedly reduced; convictions for drunkenness, not less notable among women than men, have been reduced. The attitude of the millions of women voters to whom the Lloyd George coalition government largely owes its commanding position will help not a little in determining the government's action in liquor control.

In the vast scheme of national reconstruction this system of control is recognized as fundamental, and calls for a clear and considered policy, broad and comprehensive.

As to this policy, details have not as yet been announced, but the proposed cabinet committee, it is believed, will work along the lines of the Central Control board in continuing the national rationing of liquor to wholesale houses and saloons.

It will also superintend to some extent the operations of breweries and distillers, regulating the percentage of alcohol in all liquor throughout the kingdom.

London Divides Support On Italian Situation. London, April 25.—The peace conference crisis continues to be the paramount topic of comment in London's morning newspapers. The support they give to President Wilson's and Italy's views are, respectively, about evenly divided, but with two or three exceptions, opinions are expressed cautiously and with a manifest desire to show friendliness for both Mr. Wilson and Italy, and to avoid saying anything likely to hinder the speedy restoration of harmony.

The Post refers to Mr. Wilson's "wild west diplomacy," and says: "Mr. Wilson's name among the allies is like that of the rich uncle, and they have accepted his manners out of respect for his means."

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Fashion has made elaborate use of fine embroideries and laces for Summer use. We, in turn, have made extensive plans to conform with the dictates of Fashion. The advisability of making early selections is apparent when one considers that stock replacements are almost out of the question.

The Finest of New Laces. In design, in quality, in exclusiveness—laces from this house are far above the average.

French and B. B. Vals. Normandy and Filet Vals. Cluny and Torchon Laces.

Hand-made Filet and Irish Crochet Laces, beautiful Venise, Chantilly and Net Top Lace, besides Chantilly Flouncings in white and black.

As different as can be from the usual selections one finds.

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Besides Camisole Embroideries and Banding and Cambric edges and insertions for fine underwear.

Flouncings (27-inch), narrow edges and insertions in matched sets are being quickly acquired by well-informed women.

We suggest the present as the best time to choose while assortments are complete.

The Store for Blouses. Blouses—Sweaters—Petticoats. Silk and Fibre Sweaters in the favored shades of Pekin blue, navy, rose, coral, Russian green, gendarme, buff, henna, peacock, apricot, lavender and beaver.

The Silk Shop for Exclusiveness

Fashions of the hour in distinctive Silks for every daytime and evening occasion.

Silks for evening wear—Imported novelty Voiles in combinations of gold and Cope, silver and Alice, rose and white, admirable for over dresses.

For afternoon dresses—Auratone Cheney Foulards, Imported French Foulards, Satin De Chine, Two-toned Satin, Chiffon Taffetas, Moon Glo Crepes and Satins.

Fabrics for Sport Wear—Fantasi, Regalia, Satin Barre, Baronette Satin, Fairway, Mikado Plaids. Interesting beyond mere word description.

Georgettes deserve special mention because they are no longer only plain, they are printed in unusual designs, embroidered, and last of all, come in novelty effects that are washable.

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Spring Shirts. Woven and printed Madras and Silk Mixtures in the newest of fast colored patterns (32-inch), 50c to \$1 a yard.

Knit Underwear. Fine ribbed Lisle Vests, with or without shoulder straps, 50c. Ribbed Lisle Union Suits with fitted or wide knee \$1. We mention these two numbers from a large and very complete selection.

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DELPAK'S WASH NECKWEAR is particularly attractive this season. A full assortment of all styles.

LINEN HANDKERCHIEFS. Plain hemstitched or initialed, white or in colors. We are prepared to talk values.

JEWELRY IN GOOD TASTE. Pins for soft collars, in silver, gold and enamel. Soft cuff links in beautifully designed enamel to harmonize with the colors in your shirts.

MEN'S HOSIERY has put in its appearance. New interwovens in plain shades and colorings, also several distinctive fancies.

The Men's Shop—To the Left As You Enter.

The House of Menagh



Rich Choice

Is an uncommon pleasure at a sale, isn't it, now, really? Generally, a sale is the disposal of broken lots of things, and no matter what the quality, you are limited by the narrowness of variety.

Our 33 1/2% Off Sale

Has pleased our many customers this past week, for the reason that it includes every garment in our stock rooms, excepting only the advance summer shipments now beginning to come in.

The House of Menagh quality would attract you anyhow. Add to that a full choice, be it dolman, cape, suit, coat, or dress, and you have a happy atmosphere for the woman who "likes a bargain."

The Dolmans, graceful wraps that we borrowed from the woman of the Orient, and like so well we will probably never pay it back, are here in the most interesting of materials, and the most graceful lines. All 33 1/2% off.

The Capes, ever pretty and youth-giving wraps for the women who don them, we have for you in the full length, three-quarter, and hip-length. Each at 33 1/2% off.

Suits are especially sought after, for every woman in Omaha, busy business women or leisurely society person, let her once know The House of Menagh quality, and she is always our friend. Every style and its variations, at 33 1/2% off.

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The House of Menagh. 11:30 minutes to 1, and I've been waiting here since a quarter to 12. "What time did he say he would meet you?" Ten minutes to 11 sharp.—Sydney Bulletin.

Returned Colored Soldier Found Dead in Room

Rodnet Halston, a returned colored soldier, was found dead from asphyxiation in a room in the Patterson hotel, Eleventh and Pierce streets, yesterday afternoon. A hose leading to an open gas jet was tied to the man's mouth. He had been dead several hours. His home was in Yazoo City, Miss. Guests at the hotel told detectives Halston had much money. None was found in his room.

Express Car Catches Fire Near Missouri Valley

Logan, Ia., April 25.—(Special)—An express car on the fast mail, westbound, caught on fire between Logan and Missouri Valley, about 9 o'clock Thursday morning. The train was stopped, backed into Logan, and after a fierce fight the local fire company extinguished the fire, but not without great damage to the car. The origin of the fire is not known here.

Something More Wanted.

The applicant for the job of office boy presented his credentials in a manner that bespoke his entire confidence that the position would be his. The sour-looking old gentleman at the head of the establishment read the paper carefully and then surveyed the boy scornfully.

"It is certainly a very nice thing for you to have these recommendations from the minister of your church and your Sunday school teacher," said he, "and I must admit that you look honest. All the same, I'd like to have a few words from someone that knows you on weekdays."—Harper's Magazine.

Victory Loan Subscribers

- Friday Morning. \$1,000—D. A. Rosenstock, J. B. Root, Charles D. Root, Mrs. J. H. Root, Ida Root, Guy E. Ellis, W. A. Lehmer, John Rafton, Evers Bros. & Co., John C. French, E. E. Hovey, T. H. Fonda, J. Daley W. Lehmer, S. B. Boyle, McCaffery Motor Co., Adams-Byrte Grain Co., United Grain Co., Frank J. Taximley, J. F. Jamieson, S. Co., Butler-Wash Grain Co., U. S. Portland Cement Co., Omaha, Ed. Edvard Updike, W. R. Smith & Son, John E. Rant, R. F. Kioke, C. F. McGrew, Grace B. Root. \$1,350—The Refinco Co. employees. \$1,500—Lavery Bros., Journal Stock-Club, E. Stockham, Union Co. \$2,000—A. G. Lehmer, Lee Live Stock Commission, Vincent Grain Co., Omaha Crockery Co., Omaha Live Stock Commission Co., Mutual Live Stock Co. \$2,400—Eberhart Bros., J. W. Nebraska-Iowa Grain Company, Wood Bros. \$2,850—Brin-Jensen company. \$3,000—G. K. Reilly, Baker Manufacturing company, R. B. Busch. \$3,000—National Roadway Fire Insurance company, B. F. Avery and Sons Fire company, C. Bostwick, Omaha Alfalfa Manufacturing company, W. A. and Leland Logan and Bryan, Albers Commission company. \$4,100—Employees U. S. National bank. \$4,500—D. A. Rosenstock, J. B. Root, Charles D. Root, Mrs. J. H. Root, Ida Root, Elizabeth Roberts, Mrs. George A. Roberts. \$4,500—Travelers Insurance company of Hartford. \$5,000—Omaha Elevator company, N. E. Updike. \$5,000—J. L. Brandels and Son. \$5,000—Georg Schuster and Son. \$5,000—Union Stock Yards Co. Ltd. Friday Afternoon. \$1,000—Mrs. C. B. Liver, Ralph Pass, Frank J. M. C. B. Liver, W. F. Denzell, National Roofing company, Ella Covey, W. W. Schleich, Omaha Hardware & Co. company, Mrs. C. H. Dietz, Howard B. Baldrige, Mrs. J. B. Porter, N. B. Swanson, W. H. Schaefer & company, Charles F. Gifford, Mrs. Angie E. Franzen, Mrs. J. E. Dietz, Nora Loan company, F. J. Adams, Universal Motor company, Jeannette McClain. \$1,000—Nashville, Tennessee, company, Dr. George F. Bimaneck, Phoenix Land and Cattle company. \$2,000—Charles F. Walker, Browning, King & Co., Kirschbraun & Sons, Katie and James Schuster, Emp. J. J. Walker, James E. Ludlow. \$2,500—Mrs. A. L. M. Kimball, Mrs. C. T. Kountze, M. T. Son, Bert Murphy, Andrew Murphy, Andrew Murphy. \$3,000—Benson & Thorne company, Hastings Bros. & Co. \$4,000—Mrs. Schneider-Fowler Grain company. \$5,000—E. E. Brack, Physicians Casualty Association, Mrs. John P. Coad, Mrs. Eliza B. Yates, C. L. Modest, Omaha Alfalfa Manufacturing company, Hartman Furniture company, N. P. Dodge, F. W. Clark, T. G. Kougwall, Mrs. T. L. Kimball, Arabell Kimball, J. F. Dietz, Nora Sprague Flynn, W. Earl Flynn. \$5,000—Metropolitan Police Relief and Pension fund. \$10,000—U. S. Supply company. \$25,000—Standard Corporation of America. \$50,000—C. N. Dietz.