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THE WEATHER:

Generally fair and continued warm Friday; Saturday partly cloudy and cooler, probably local thunder showers. Hourly temperatures: 5 a. m. 64, 1 p. m. 81, 6 a. m. 64, 2 p. m. 82, 7 a. m. 63, 3 p. m. 83, 8 a. m. 62, 4 p. m. 84, 9 a. m. 60, 5 p. m. 84, 10 a. m. 59, 6 p. m. 83, 11 a. m. 58, 7 p. m. 82, 12 m. 58, 8 p. m. 81.



BRIEF BRIGHT BREEZY BITS OF NEWS

ASKS \$150,000 AS PRICE OF CHANGING HER HABITS. New York, May 29.—Iona Morris, 23-year-old actress, received a setback from Supreme Court Justice Tierney, before whom she has brought suit for \$150,000 against Clinton MacKenzie, a wealthy architect of Oyster Bay, who, she alleges, refused to maintain her for life as he agreed to do when she pledged herself to give up drinking, rousing and her Broadway friends. The young woman tried to compel MacKenzie to face examination before trial to obtain evidence for her case, but Justice Tierney refused the order.

MISS MORRIS ALLEGES THAT MacKenzie spent \$15,000 on her and promised to maintain her at the rate for the rest of her life. She charges that in September of last year he ceased to provide for her.

MILWAUKEE PAPER MAKES DELIVERY BY AIRPLANE. Oshkosh, Wis., May 29.—The first delivery of newspapers by airplane in the history of Wisconsin was made today when copies of a special edition of the Milwaukee Journal brought by the air route arrived here.

BROADWAY WILL BE MADE WHITER WAY. New York, May 29.—Broadway is to be reformed. Better lights and better morale are needed for this great white way. At a luncheon of the Broadway association at the Hotel Astor, Col. S. Dumont Thompson, president of the association, declared that the lighting of the street, which was inadequate, was to be the first thing that the organization would take up, and that the white way is to be a whiter way.

POLICE COMMISSIONER ENRIGHT declared an improvement was needed in the morals of Broadway, which he characterized as a sort of "no man's land." He promised that laxity would no longer be permitted.

BLINDED SOLDIERS RECEIVE DISCHARGES. Washington, May 29.—Discharge from service of 67 soldiers, blinded while serving in France, was announced tonight by the bureau of war risk insurance. The men have been under treatment at Roland Park, Baltimore.

SOME OF THE cases still retain sufficient vision to enable them to see objects dimly, but all are totally blind in an industrial sense and on that basis will be paid compensation of \$100 a month, in addition to \$57.50 which they will receive from their government insurance.

THE NUMBER OF men in the American forces who were left blinded totals 125.

WILL NAME COMMITTEES TO HANDLE GRAIN CROP. Washington, May 29.—Plans for the inauguration of a permit system to control the movement of this year's mammoth grain crop, announced today by the railroad administration, contemplate the appointment of grain control committees at each primary market, comprised of a representative of both the operating and traffic departments of the railroad administration and a third party representing the transportation division of the United States grain corporation.

SHIPPERS WILL apply through the railroad agent at the point of origin, to the grain control committee at the market to which they wish to send their product.

IF CONDITIONS permit, permission for the shipment will be given promptly. Otherwise the shipment will be delayed until storage facilities are such that the grain can be moved without causing freight congestion.

'NEBRASKAS OWN' HERE TODAY: FOUR DROWNED AT RIVERVIEW

PUPILS OF ST. AGNES LOSE LIVES WHILE BOATING ON LAKE

Boat Springs Leak and is Capsized by Young Men and Women in Efforts to Reach Shore, Entire Party Being Thrown Into Deep Water—Twelve Rescued by Two Brave Boys.

Four were drowned and 12 narrowly missed a like fate when two rowboats, loaded with St. Agnes convent music class pupils were overturned in the small lake in Riverview park yesterday afternoon. The accident occurred in the deepest spot in the lake, right in the center, where the water is about 10 feet. St. Agnes convent is at 2301 P street.

Those drowned were all in one boat. Nine had climbed into the skiff, which sprung a leak. The pupils became alarmed and in their haste to get the boat ashore capsized it. Another boat was nearby and those in the water grasped it in their fear of drowning. It capsized. Florence Frawley, aged 14, who narrowly escaped drowning in an attempt to rescue her little playmate, Josephine Fritz, said the accident was caused by a boatload of rowdyish boys who rammed the rowboat in which she and her companions were riding.

Out for Picnic. The students were attending a picnic. All was merriment up to the time of the tragedy. The youngsters, accompanied by sisters set out to make a real May day. They had had their lunch. Afterward the boys, for the most part, went swimming while the girls enjoyed themselves on the water in rented skiffs. A few grownups had accompanied the children to keep an eye on them. The accident occurred so suddenly and so unexpectedly that those lining the banks were paralyzed with fright and unable to render adequate assistance.

The boys swimming showed real American pluck and they saved as many as it was humanly possible to. But those drowned did not come up after once sinking. As there is two feet of sticky mud at the bottom of the lake it was hard even to locate the bodies until quite a time after they had first gone down. Josephine Fritz, one of the girls who drowned, was unable to swim. Florence Frawley, according to witnesses, saw her plight and being something of a swimmer seized the little Fritz girl and tried to bring her to shore. The Frawley girl's strength seemed to be ebbing away when a male rescuer came to their assistance. He parted the two chums and swam with the Frawley girl to the shore.

Mary Bailey and John Allen were the two saved who came nearest suffering the fate of the four drowned students. Have Narrow Escape. John Pitzel rescued Mary, but only after a hard battle. The girl, 15 years old, struggled fiercely with her rescuer. Pitzel, a boy of 16, stayed bravely by and finally got her ashore. He was exhausted and she unconscious.

The police was laid on the bank in wet clothing and almost dead and no one attempted resuscitation. It was half an hour after the accident before a doctor appeared. Mary had revived and was on her way home in an auto before a medical man arrived.

The police were compelled to go to Riverview park without lung motors, as those at the station were out of commission. "It's a — of a city commission," one officer remarked on the way to the park, "that will not keep its lung motors in shape for emergencies like this."

L. Fritz, father of one of the drowned children, was irate when he heard the details of the tragedy. "I feel that any man who charges little children rent for boats and allows them to row alone, unprotected, should be liable to criminal (Continued on Page Two, Column Four.)

Last Unit of American Army Leaves Rome for France. Rome, May 29.—The last unit of the American army, consisting of a detachment of the quartermaster corps, left Rome today to join the other units of the quartermaster's department in France.

The detachment disposed of all excess equipment, thus liquidating the entire surplus supplies of the American expeditionary force in Italy. With the departure of the unit, the last American soldier, with the exception of the military attaches of the American embassy, left Italian soil.

Wilson to Visit Belgium. Paris, May 29.—President Wilson today, through Brand Whitlock, minister to Belgium, informed King Albert that he had not forgotten his promise to visit Belgium. Mr. Whitlock said the president did not fix any time for the trip.

Welcome Home!



D. L. Thomas, Pioneer Omaha Attorney, Dies After Long Illness

Dexter L. Thomas, 78 years old, died at 1 o'clock this morning at his home, 4624 Farnam street, following an illness of several months. Mr. Thomas came to Omaha in 1870. During the 50 years of his residence here he has been engaged in the real estate business and the practice of law. Born in Indiana in 1841, Mr. Thomas served three years in the Civil war and was one of the sturdy patriots who marched with Sherman to the sea. He was a member of the Loyal Legion of Honor. He is survived by four sons, Charles L., Hugh S., Guy D., and Warren C., of Syracuse, N. Y.; and one daughter, Miss Clara Thomas.

Greek Government Sends Commissioner to Smyrna

Paris, May 29.—The Greek government has sent a high commissioner to take charge of affairs in Smyrna, according to news received in French circles, and the Turks have called a meeting of the great council for today. The populace of Constantinople is reported to be very nervous, but no disturbance has occurred.

No Warrants in Lynching.

Lamar, Mo., May 29.—A day of conferences by the authorities in connection with the investigation being conducted of the lynching here yesterday of Jay Lynch, confessed slayer of Sheriff John Harlow and his son, was followed by the announcement by Prosecutor Timmons that no warrants would be issued tonight.

FIUME WILL BE INDEPENDENT UNDER TREATY

Agreement Reached on Adriatic Question; Zara to Be Placed Under Sovereignty of Italy.

Paris, May 29.—The Temps says today that an agreement has virtually been reached on the Adriatic question and that President Wilson, who saw the Jugo-Slav delegates today, has given his consent to the arrangement, which Premier Orlando of Italy has accepted.

According to the Temps, the essential points in the agreement are: Fiume, not including the suburb of Luchak, forms with the region to the west, an independent state under the league of nations. This state will be bounded by Italian territory and contain the railroad from Fiume to Laibach.

Second, Zara (capital of Dalmatia), and Sebenico (70 miles southeast of Fiume, belonging to Estria; Lussin, southwest of Cherso and also Istrian), and Lissa (33 miles southwest of Spalato, in the Adriatic, belonging to Dalmatia), with the outlying islands.

New Irish Rebellion Said to Be Imminent; Government May Act

London, May 29.—An impending new rebellion in Ireland, with hints of some imminent drastic action by the government, has been the subject of prominent articles in certain of the London newspapers during the last few days.

The Daily Mail, which Wednesday predicted the rebellion would be more serious than the last, owing to the encouragement given to the Sinn Fein's republican movement by Messrs. Walsh, Dunne and Ryan, the American delegates, carries today a report that Walter Hume Long is to replace James Ian MacPherson as chief secretary.

NC-4 Is Expected to Start on Last Leg of Overseas Trip Today

Washington, May 29.—Although the Navy department had received no dispatches up to a late hour tonight from Lisbon, where the NC-4 is awaiting the start to Plymouth, England, officials were of the opinion that the seaplane would "hop off" tomorrow.

Robbers Get Jewelry.

A. G. Dreibus, Thirty-first and Harney streets, reported to the police last night that his home was robbed Thursday afternoon of \$150 worth of jewelry.

OMAHA PREPARED TO GIVE WELCOME TO HEROES OF WAR

Seasoned Warriors of 89th Division, Fresh from Battle-scarred Fields of France, Wearing Decorations for Bravery, Reach Home, Soon to Be Welcomed by the Throngs That Will Cheer Them.

Four companies of the 341st machine gun battalion, Omaha's own organization, arrived at the Union station at 10:45 last night from Chicago. There were 229 men, nearly all of Omaha, besides 10 officers. A small but enthusiastic crowd greeted the men. Throngs of Omahans were at Council Bluffs to greet the boys, but instead of stopping there as had previously been announced, the train came to Omaha.

SOLDIER BOYS SPEED ALONG TOWARD OMAHA

Eighty-Ninth Units Entrain at Chicago and on Three Trains, Loudly Cheered, Start for Home.

(From a Staff Correspondent.) Chicago, May 29.—(Special Telegram.)—Three trains loaded with soldiers of the 89th division are speeding toward Omaha, and the boys are looking forward to a real feed, for they have been living on emergency rations and canteen service at irregular stops until Tuesday afternoon.

The 341st machine gun battalion, 241 men, left Chicago at 3 o'clock Thursday morning, due in Council Bluffs at 10 o'clock tonight. The second train with companies D, E, F, G, H, I, 571 men, left Chicago in 16 cars at 5:30 last night.

All trains are due in Omaha at 8 o'clock Friday morning. The commanding officer is Col. L. G. Brown, Tupelo, Miss., traveling on the third train. The second train is in charge of Maj. T. R. Campbell, Hutchinson, Kan.

McKevie Dishes Out Cigars. Governor McKevie may be on the second train. The governor had packages distributed with his compliments, each containing a cake of chocolate, package of cigarettes and a cigar.

When the Omaha Chamber of Commerce representative, wearing a big Omaha badge met the train at the South Chicago yards he was welcomed with cheers of "What's the matter with Omaha, she's all right."

Leaving Chicago the trains were cheered continuously, block after block by residents, school children and factory workers. The third section railed beside a suburban train for several miles and the boys exchanged mementos with the girls in the train alongside. One elderly woman wearing a gold star, spoiled a perfectly good handkerchief in wiping tears from her eyes, but stopped long enough to pass a box of candy across. She tried to speak a message of greeting, but failed.

The chalk artists had the sides of (Continued on Page Two, Column Two.)

Mrs. Kimes Shoots Self While Husband Is Cranking Auto

Anselmo, Neb., May 29.—(Special Telegram.)—Mrs. T. M. Kimes, living seven miles east of Anselmo, Thursday attempted suicide by shooting herself while on the way to Broken Bow. Her husband was driving and in going up hill, lost power. While cranking the car his wife shot herself, the bullet missing her heart by half an inch, but penetrating the left lung.

No hope of recovery is entertained, as hemorrhage continues. Mr. Kimes is one of Custer county's old citizens, and Mrs. Kimes is his second wife. Col. Robert Bacon, Former Ambassador to France, Dead. New York, May 29.—Col. Robert Bacon, former ambassador to France, died at 11:30 o'clock tonight at the hospital, where he underwent an operation Saturday for mastoiditis.



Two distinguished service crosses and one Croix de Guerre were worn by members of the organization. Sergt. David Kline and Privt. John Kelley of Omaha, are proud possessors of the D. S. C. medal, while Maj. Ernest E. Watson, St. Paul, officer in charge of the train, wore the French Croix de Guerre. Obedient Army Orders. It was with great difficulty that the boys were kept in the train for the night. With home and dear ones so near, it was a test for their many months of army discipline to obey orders. They obeyed as real soldiers should. "They are the best organization of the Eighty-ninth division, and the Eighty-ninth division was the best in the army," smiled Major Watson, "so you can see the kind of men they are." "The 341st fought in four of the greatest engagements of the war," the major continued, "they made a record such as no other like organization can equal. I am proud of my men—proud to have fought with them."

Colors Decorated in France. The battalion's colors were decorated in France. The men were proud of this and several of them especially asked that it be mentioned in the paper. Although participating in three battles, they suffered only small casualties. There were 285 men wounded and 46 killed, according to one of the officers.

Many Men Transferred. Companies A, B, C and D arrived in Omaha last night. They were only "skeleton companies, many of the members having been transferred. They were commanded by the same officers who were in charge when the organization left Camp Funston last May for France. The men told many novel incidents which occurred while they were with the Army of Occupation in Germany. The battalion en-

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