

TEST FLIGHTS TO DETERMINE AIR CURRENT MADE

Fort Omaha Officers Find Air Current Here Travels Parallel to Missouri River Valley.

A series of flights to determine whether or not winds and air currents at higher altitudes are seasonal have been made by Fort Omaha officers under the direction of Lt. Ralph A. Reynolds. From data and observation taken this year and last year the officers have been led to believe that at certain times in the year winds and air currents travel in definite directions. This is one of the most important discoveries made, according to meteorologists. It has also been found that air currents in this vicinity travel in a course nearly parallel to the Missouri river valley. Fort Omaha officers ascended to an altitude of 3,000 feet on the night of May 19 and traveled from here to Kansas City. A study of the air currents at night was made. Another flight was made five days later for the same purpose.

SOLDIER BOYS SPEED ALONG TOWARD OMAHA

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the cars decorated with such sentences, such as, "From the Rhine to Nebraska, stop Schnopp's to Tet." "Stop the fighting farmers." "Stop Germany." "To Omaha in three weeks' stop." "Filled with German Kultur remorse." Stop the officers and men before leaving Germany. On the train there was organized the "Society of the 355th Infantry." Capt. Earl M. Kline, Nebraska City, is president; Sergt. Charles Hill, Ravenna, vice president and Lt. Carlisle L. Jones, Lincoln, secretary and treasurer. The first convention will probably be held in December, or January and in Kansas City out of compliments to the Missouri, Kansas, Arkansas, Louisiana and Mississippi boys used as replacements. A small detachment of Nebraskans from the third, fifth and fourth infantry are on the third train.

Nebraska Troops Leave Chicago on Way to Omaha

Des Moines, Ia., May 29.—(Special Telegram)—Travel-stained, weary and tired out, but happy, 1,190 Nebraska heroes of St. Mihiel and the Argonne, soldiers of the 355th infantry, 89th "Middlewest" division, left Chicago Thursday afternoon at 3:30 o'clock on the last lap of their trip home.

A healthy feast by the Red Cross Governor McKelvie and the Nebraska delegation who met the troops at the La Salle street station, plus a fleeting glimpse of the Windy City's sky scrapers and Lake Michigan, was enough to send the "Hun Eaters" into the heights of ecstasy. Lieut. Col. Levi T. Brown, of St. Louis and a staff of five captains, mostly from Colorado and Nebraska, had the troops in charge.

The soldiers rode in the two special trains, running a half hour apart. Governor McKelvie and staff officers of the regiment were aboard the first.

Disappointed at not being scheduled through direct to Camp Funston where their discharge awaits them, the soldiers spent their time "figuring over" tomorrow's parade. "Will there be plenty to eat?" one asked. "Sure thing, the whole city is turning out," the questioned one answered. The news spread through the trains. "It's goin' to be worth it," one stalwart athlete summarized after the news had been digested.

The men will parade in heavy marching order, steel helmets and gas masks for the last time in Omaha. Train No. 1 carrying a portion of the 89th division was reported 40 minutes late at Des Moines tonight and is not expected to arrive in Omaha before 8:40 tomorrow morning. Train No. 2, carrying the remainder of the 89th, which is coming to Omaha, is reported 1:40 late, and will probably not arrive in Omaha before 9:25 tomorrow.

FATE OF WOMAN DEPENDS UPON JURY'S VERDICT

Trial of Mrs. Van Ausdell, Charged With Shooting Mrs. Ijams Finished, and Case Is Submitted.

The jury in the Van Ausdell case which went out at noon yesterday was still out at the hour this paper went to press.

The defense built up most of its arguments on the plea of the "unwritten law" and the fact that Dr. G. W. Dishong testified that Mrs. Van Ausdell suffered from hysterical insanity at the time the shooting occurred.

The prosecuting attorneys, County Attorney Shotwell and his assistant, W. W. Slabaugh, based the prosecution on the fact that the women took the law into her own hands. The prosecution was backed in their statements, that the "unwritten law" is of no value in the eyes of law and courts by Judge Redick in his instructions to the jury.

Dr. C. A. Young, called as witness by the prosecution, declared that, in his opinion, Mrs. Van Ausdell was not suffering from hysterical insanity at the time she committed the shooting. During the entire time of the trial Mrs. Van Ausdell's two daughters, Monrievie, 19 years old, and Gay, two years her junior, were sitting at their mother's side. When testifying on Tuesday, Monrievie suffered a breakdown. Her mother too, broke down in hysterics and caused the trial to be delayed for more than a half hour.

Looked for Acquittal. Many persons who sat through the long trial looked for a verdict to be returned quickly. Though County Attorney Shotwell had made a strong case for the state, the fact that the defendant is a woman and a mother and that Mrs. Ijams was not killed, but sat in the court room throughout the trial, apparently in the best of health and for the further fact that a woman has never been convicted in Douglas county in a case of this kind, caused those who heard the trial to believe that the jury would acquit Mrs. Van Ausdell promptly.

Mrs. Van Ausdell and her daughters Monrievie and Gay, 19 and 17 years old, and many of their friends remained in the courtroom without throughout the afternoon waiting for the verdict. Many women at trial. The many women who have been present during the trial were on hand to hear the arguments. Deputy County Attorney Slabaugh made the opening argument to the jury. Then Attorney J. R. Lones for the defense spoke at the state's argument was closed by County Attorney Shotwell. "We cannot decide this question by sympathy," Mr. Shotwell told the jury. "It has been stated here that a woman has never been con-

victed of a crime such as this one in the history of Douglas county. We ought to be ashamed of it if that is true.

Law in Own Hands. "If we are going to acquit any woman who takes the law into her own hands and goes out and shoots another person who, she believes, has wronged her, then society may as well be adjourned."

"I sympathize with Mrs. Van Ausdell and her daughters. But I cannot uphold the law by allowing my sympathies to sway me. The law is explicit. Women have been granted suffrage, and I believe rightly so. They should also be made answerable when they break the law on exactly the same footing as a man."

"The plea of the 'unwritten law' has been lodged into this case as mere camouflage. There is no such thing as an unwritten law."

Judge Redick emphasized the fact that the jury must determine whether Mrs. Van Ausdell was able to distinguish right from wrong at the time she committed the crime. His instructions closed with the statement that the jury's verdict must be in one of three forms, as follows: "Not guilty, because she was insane at the time she committed the act."

"Not guilty."

ST. AGNES PUPILS DROWNED WHILE BOATING ON LAKE

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procedure. If the health department or the police department have allowed those two pulmotors to lie in Central station for nearly a year, in such a condition that neither could be used, I think they too should be held responsible for the accident."

Manages to Reach Shore. John Allen, rescued, was in almost as serious a condition as Mary Bailey when he finally managed to reach shore. He had renounced the water after the accident, endeavoring to rescue those who could not swim and so exhausted himself that he was about unconscious when friends pulled him from the lake and carried him away. He recovered sufficiently to go home yesterday.

Anna Krisman was half an hour in the water before she was brought ashore. Police Surgeon Johnson worked hard to resuscitate her, but failed. Officers from police headquarters assisted Dr. Johnson, but to no avail. She was dead when taken from the water. When the body was brought out Father Harrington administered the last rites. The bodies of Josephine Fritz, Theresa Duffy and Ed Schneider were located in five feet of water, but only after an hour's search in which men and boys dived and grappling hooks were used. The three bodies were close together. They had been in the water about an hour and a half. Joe Schneider, 11-year-old brother of Edward, the drowned boy, was the only one positive that Edward was in the water. Friends tried to pacify him, but he would not be comforted. He ran up and down the bank crying. "Ed is in there and no one is trying to save him. What shall I tell mother. "Joe had been taken home before the body of his brother was brought out.

According to the police report of the drowning, the boats were rented from Joseph Connolly who has charge of the pavilion at the park. There is but one telephone at Riverview park, and it is in a storage station not far from the small lake. Frantic children fought for the instrument to notify parents of the drowning and to tell their own mothers and fathers that they were safe.

There are no guards at Riverview park to safeguard the lives of children in swimming and this fact caused much critical comment from those who witnessed the tragedy. The opinion generally expressed was that had a guard been on duty, had been about there would have been no loss of life. Fathers James Aherne and Patrick Burke of St. Agnes parish arrived at the scene of the tragedy 15 minutes after it had occurred. They bestowed the last blessing on the bodies that were taken from the water.

Neal Case Appealed; Attorneys Allege 64 Errors in the Trial. Lincoln, May 29.—(Special.)—Attorneys for "Red" Neal of Auburn, convicted in the district court of Douglas county of stealing automobiles and sentenced to the state penitentiary from one to 10 years, have appealed the case to the supreme court. The appeal is unusual in that the attorneys set out that there were 64 errors in the trial. The case was tried in Judge Redick's court.

Ben Stevens Arrested to Answer for Desertion. After eluding E. D. Kirk, Department of Justice officer at Loup City, Neb., and nearly making his escape by begging rides from passing automobiles, Ben Stevens, charged with willful desertion, was finally captured by Sheriff George Rounds, of Ord, Neb., when he applied for a ride in the sheriff's car. Kirk arrested Stevens at Loup City. Stevens asked time to change his clothes, went into a barn, left Kirk standing at the front door and departed by the rear door. He was brought to Omaha by Deputy United States Marshal Yates from Ord, where he was taken after his second arrest. He will be sent to Wyoming for trial on charges of desertion.

Soldier Sentenced for Bigamy. Leslie E. Anthony, soldier, arrested at Harlan, Ia., in April at the request of Chief Eberstein, on bigamy charges preferred by Grace Williams, Omaha Red Cross nurse, has entered a plea of guilty in district court at St. Joseph and been sentenced to six months in jail, according to information received by County Attorney Swanson. Anthony had a wife and children when he married.

OMAHA TO GIVE WARM WELCOME TO WAR HEROES

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tered Germany, December 6, and withdrew just six months later.

Opinion of Germans. "What we think of the Germans and Germany in general wouldn't pass the censor," said one youthful private, and his declaration was met with cheers by a score of comrades.

"No place like the old U. S. A., and especially Omaha," shouted another youths and he was rewarded with a shout of approval from his comrades.

The men were carrying full equipment. Among the officers were: Sergt. Maj. B. Demith; Lieut. C. C. Dixon, of Grand Island; Capt. Walter L. Schlegel, Chicago, and Lieut. O. L. McGrann. All expressed highest affection for their men.

Many parents had gone to Council Bluffs to greet their boys, only to see the train come on to Omaha with scarcely a stop. They rushed back to Omaha, only to be disappointed again, for they were not allowed to go out to the train.

Wait to Greet Sons. W. G. Musgrave, superintendent of transportation for the Omaha and Council Bluffs Railway company, waited fully an hour in Council Bluffs to greet his son, Herbert. Another disappointed father was County Commissioner O'Connor, who was an hour at Council Bluffs to greet his son, Frank.

Both men rushed back to Omaha, where they finally succeeded in seeing their sons for a short time. One of the chief regrets on the part of the men seemed to be that they were unable to bring their horses and mules with them from France.

"We had the best animals in France," said Sergt. Maj. B. Demith. "We received first and second prizes in a horse show held there."

Captured by Germans. Sergt. H. J. Birchard, former government meat inspector at packing houses in South Omaha was on board. He carries the distinction of being the only man in the 341st machine gun battalion who was captured by the Germans.

"I was captured on November 2," said Birchard. The afternoon and night of November 1 we advanced eight kilometers (five miles), giving the Germans hell all the way. We were away out ahead of the rest of the line. "The distance between the Germans and the Americans was nearly 75 yards. I was inspecting and visiting the guns in my platoon when I stepped out too far going from one gun to another and walked right into the Germans' arms. They kept me for a few days at Gorcey, France, and then moved me to Mont Medy, France. The treatment I got was O. K. but the grub was awful. I couldn't feel very put out about the grub, though, because they didn't have much better for themselves. November 14 they turned us loose when they found out the armistice had been signed."

Birchard's parents live in St. Joseph, Mo. He will reside here after being mustered out at Camp Funston and after a visit home. At meetings of the "Civic Committee," Wednesday, final arrangements for the monster reception were completed. A final meeting was held at noon yesterday to touch up on details.

Telegram from Governor. A telegram from Governor McKelvie in Chicago received yesterday morning at the Chamber of Commerce assured arrival on time morning at the Chamber of Commerce of the three troop specials which are carrying the veterans into Omaha. The wire, filed late Wednesday evening read: "According to present plans 355th and 341st will arrive in Omaha 8 a. m., Friday. "S. R. McKelvie."

Arrive in Chicago. The 341st machine gun battalion, which is trained at Camp Funston, N. Y., arrived in Chicago late Wednesday evening. Governor McKelvie and the Nebraska welcoming committee met the soldiers at the station and announced news of the big entertainment awaiting them at Omaha and Lincoln.

Arthur Thomas, of the information committee of the Chamber of

Commerce, left for Chicago, Wednesday afternoon.

Crowds Must Stay Back. "People have got to realize that they must not congregate at the railway station," Chairman Jacob Wachob of the parade committee said yesterday. These troops are coming in and going out on schedule time and the parade, if it is to be held at all, must go like clockwork.

The parade route: Tenth street, Mason to Farnam; Farnam street, Tenth to Twentieth; Twentieth street, Farnam to Dodge.

On the return to the station the same course will be held. The police have instructions to keep the entire parade route cleared of traffic. On Tenth street during the hours of the parade, from 9 o'clock to 12 o'clock, no traffic at all will be permitted.

Siren to Announce Start. A siren will blow at the parade's start.

The moment the special trains pull into the station at Council Bluffs, whistles of the entire metropolis will announce their coming, and pretty Red Cross girls will decorate the men with flowers and bouquets.

At Union station welcoming committees will meet the returned heroes and escort them to their positions in line of march along the Tenth street viaduct. Their officers will be in charge.

From here they will come up Farnam street, meeting the main portion of the crowds at Tenth street.

Music Stationed at Intervals. Along the line of march, singing choruses, drum and fire corps will be stationed at intervals. "Firing squads" recruited from riflemen of the Omaha Gun club will fire "shot-gun" salutes. A hydrogen gun from Fort Omaha will be in the line of march to spit forth green gas and loud explosions every five minutes.

At Seventeenth and Farnam streets the column will meet the first of the reviewing stand on which Mayor Smith's civic committee, Governor McKelvie and his staff, Grand Army of the Republic veterans, members of the Woman's Relief corps and wounded soldiers of the present war will greet them.

To Meet Relatives. At Twentieth and Farnam streets the column will turn north marching up the hill direct into the southeast corner of the Central High school campus. Here the grounds will have been roped off and relatives and friends held captives awaiting a first fond clasp and kiss delayed these two years.

The troops will be stationed in various parts of the campus identified by large placards carried by a committee worker of the parade committee. After a first greeting with relatives they will file into the high school cafeteria and be served a hot "home cooked feed" by the Red Cross canteen girls. The parade route on the return to the railway station will be the same as coming to the high school grounds.

The high school cadets and soldiers from Fort Omaha, under direction of Colonel Wiest, will assist Chief of Police Eberstein in policing the parade route and the high school grounds. The boy scouts will assist the Chamber of Commerce in handling the small "balloons" that are to be sent up by the thousands from the tops of buildings downtown and also in firing motors from the tops of buildings.

All railway freight offices, barber shops, city and county offices and the public schools will close. Most of the business men along the line of march and in other parts of the city will also celebrate the day. A few of the organizations helping in the program are: Patriotic league, Young Women's Christian association, Young Men's Christian association, Catholic and Jewish Welfare clubs, Campfire girls, Creighton and Omaha university students, Bellevue college, Central commercial and South High school students, the Ak-Sar-Ben chorus and others.

Omahan Kills Himself. Chicago, May 29.—A man who registered at a local hotel yesterday as C. H. Meiger, of Omaha, was found dead in his room today with a bullet hole in the forehead. The coroner expressed the opinion that the man had committed suicide. A revolver was found on the floor.

Creel Asks \$32,000. Washington, May 29.—George Creel, through the Treasury department, asked congress today for \$32,000 for closing accounts of the committee on public information.

Here's a New Wrinkle; Police Find Liquor Beneath Flower Bed

Beneath a bed of pure white lilies, the symbol of all that is good, South Side police declare that they found nine pints of liquor belonging to Louis Valino, caretaker of a greenhouse at 544 South Thirty-sixth street. The liquor was concealed beneath the flower bed. At some distance from the hiding place of the "buried treasure" police

state that they found between 500 and 1,000 "dead ones."

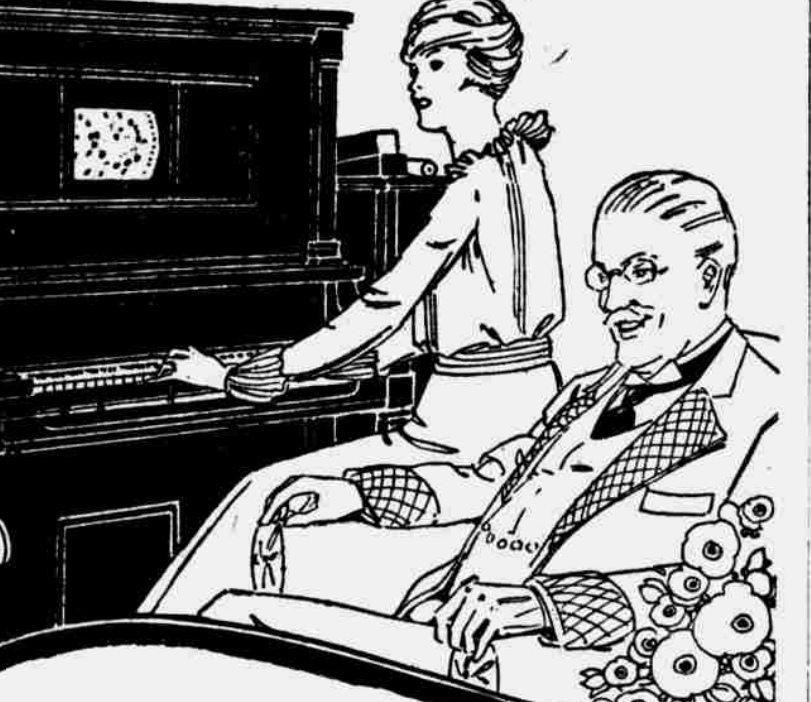
Valino was fined \$100 and costs by Police Judge Foster, sitting in the South Side court.

Isidor Ziegler at Sick Bed

Of Daughter in Chicago. Word comes from Chicago that Isidor Ziegler, who was summoned there last week by the serious illness of his wife and his daughter, is still detained by the critical condition of the little girl. He plans on returning as soon as there is a change for the better.

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