

# U. S. WILL SELL WAR SUPPLIES ON SEALED BIDS

### Any Competent Person May Purchase Food, Clothing and Wagons at Various Cantonments.

The impression has gone out over the country that all of the surplus meats, provisions and other supplies in the commissary department of the United States army are to be sold in Europe.

Capt. Adam J. Hofman, zone surplus officer for this department, which includes Utah, Wyoming, Colorado, North and South Dakota, Iowa and Nebraska, and which is officially known as Military Zone No. 11, says that this impression is erroneous and that all of the materials in the custody of the surplus property division are subject to purchase by any competent person, under sealed bids.

Where commodities are held in large bulk these must be bid on in carload lots of 30,000 pounds minimum.

There is now held in storage in this city and subject to sale 70,000 pounds of bacon in crates, 241,992 pounds of bacon in 12-pound cans, 10,500 one-pound cans of corned beef and 2,745 11-12 dozen six-pound cans of corned beef. The latter item was packed by Wilson & Co., in Argentina.

The government is also offering for sale in different parts of the country 3,145,793 pounds of navy beans. Bids for this commodity must be sent to the Surplus Property Officer, Coca-Cola building, Baltimore, Md.

Later on the government will offer for sale a vast quantity of woolen blankets, underwear, clothing and other supplies.

Farmers may be interested in knowing that 100 escort wagons, suitable for their use will be offered for sale at Camp Logan, Houston, Tex., and 110 wagons of the same character at Camp Travis, San Antonio, Tex.

None of the government property offered for sale is going for a song. The market price is being realized on most of it and the government is realizing as high as 93 per cent of war prices paid on most of the stuff sold.

## Strike of Tailors Off and Monday Men Go Back to Their Work

More than 200 tailors, who were out on strike, have returned to work following concessions made by 18 of the principal shops. Work in nearly every tailoring establishment affected by the strike will be resumed Monday. Two or three are still holding out.

The men demanded a \$30 a week wage scale, 8 hour-day and the elimination of piece work as well as improved working conditions.

Read The Bee Want Ads for the best opportunities in bargains.

# Her Country Redeemed, Belgian Girl To Sail Home

### Mlle. Emma Amelia Demedts to Return to Her Childhood Home, Her Mother, Sisters and Brother in Provincial Village of Ingoyghem, in Western Flanders.

The crimson poppies of the fields of Flanders, incarnate symbols of the souls of Belgian hosts who immolated their bodies on the altar of sacrifice that liberty should not perish from the earth, are beckoning a welcome of home coming to a pretty Belgian girl who has spent the last 10 years of her life in Omaha.

The breezes which blow over the sacred soil and nod the heads of the beckoning poppies are wafting invitation to Mlle. Emma Amelia Demedts to return to her childhood home, her mother and her sisters and brother in the provincial village of Ingoyghem, western Flanders.

After more than four years of heartache, each day of which was a perfect nightmare of apprehension, and an age of mental suffering which drew the happy light of youth from her gentle eyes, Mlle. Emma Amelia Demedts is again able to smile and the face which reflected anguish at thoughts of what might have happened to her loved ones is again illuminated with the joy of life and happy anticipation.

**Comes to Land of Free.**  
Ten years ago she left her provincial home, where an Acadian atmosphere of peace and tranquility prevailed, to try to win fortune in America, the land of opportunity and adventure. Omaha was to her the capital of a veritable kingdom of Quivera and for five years the girl was happy in the pride of accomplishment and in the interest of adventure in this bustling western metropolis.

Then the shadow of the Hun, whose invading hosts, as bestial and as cruel as Attila's hordes, spread its sinister cloud over the fair demences of Belgium, martyring her people and laying into dust the proud monuments of her age-long civilization. Stories of unspeakable atrocity and monstrous vandalism shocked the civilized world after the fateful August 6, 1914, when invasion began and it drove the smiles from the face of Mlle. Emma Amelia and brought the tears of agony to her eyes.

**Thinks of Dear Ones.**  
As the foe advanced from Ypres, spreading devastation, step by step, to the ancient cities of Liege, Brussels, Antwerp, Ghent, Bruges and Ostend, her heart almost stood still with the terrors of apprehension for, in the peaceful land of her ancestors, where her mother and those of her blood kin dwelt, a hell upon earth was being fabricated by the invaders. Women and children were being violated and deported to work as slaves on a hated alien soil while men were being slaughtered with every fiendish device a ruthless foe in his obsession of Berserker lust for blood could devise.

In her mind's eye the lonely little girl in Omaha could visualize the suffering of those who were dear to her, the mother she worshipped and the brother she idolized and the sisters she loved with all the tenderness of a loyal heart. Through all these days of dark



Mlle. Emma A. Demedts

despair, when the heart of the world was appalled by the cataclysm of horror that was transpiring in the shambles and charnel houses of beautiful Belgium the heart of the girl bled not only for the sufferings of those of her own kin, but for all the stricken ones of her motherland. She knew from the daily history of the great tragedy that not a stone would be left of the cottage in which she was born. She knew that the sacred hearth where, at her mother's knee, she sat in sanctuary in the twilight of a busy day and listened to the folklore of her province, tales of the golden age, of days of chivalrous knights and ladies fair or hummed the melodies of almost medieval folk song, was as voiceless dust—as a temple that is profaned and desecrated.

**Once Bells, Now Cannons.**  
The carrillon from the ancient bell tower, which rang a sacred song at the vesper hour, she knew was muted of its power to give to God, and hands of devil-inspired Huns had stolen the brass and copper and bronze of the sweet-toned bells and had wrought them into cannon or shrapnel to spread death and chorus a veritable diaphanous of hate to fill with dread all liberty-loving people, even to the remotest corner of the earth.

All this time she received no word, no message from her people in the vortex of war, destruction and suffering. The savor of life had gone for her and she could only live and suffer.

Then came the glorious day of November 11, 1918!  
The Hun was crushed and the principle for which Belgium had fought, had triumphed.  
All the world rejoiced and she joined in with those whose hearts were filled with the gladness of victory, but her voice was faint with sorrow and her eyes filled with tears. She felt none of her family could have survived the awful horror of the war.

**Then came glorious news!**  
A letter arrived stating that her mother, her brother and her sisters were alive. The brother had done a hero's work for their country in the war and was unblemished of shot, shell, bayonet, gas or flame.  
All were in the old town, sadly bereft of fortune, shelter, or comforts, but healthy, and thank God! happy over their own delivery and the delivery of Flanders from the furnace of hell.

**Will Leave for Home.**  
They asked her to return to the family circle and she needed no urging. She procured her passport and is now awaiting June 24, almost as a bride waits for the happiest day of a woman's life. It is then she will leave Omaha, where she arrived in 1909, and which she has grown to love, and go to New York to sail on the steamer Royal George for Liverpool, England, on the first lap of her journey to her homeland and kin.

She would have gone before but for a romantic interruption. At Kansas City is a girl friend who came to America with her and who is to return to Belgium, there to marry a sweetheart who emerged from the war a hero.  
The girl is Mlle. Aline Letam, who has received a letter from her soldier sweetheart, Gustave Vandeputte, that he is well and is waiting for her. Aline lives at Kansas City and has not yet received her passport, but will get it in time to leave for Belgium with her Omaha friend.

Then she will marry Gustave and they will start life anew and live to help Belgium return to her former greatness and happiness.  
Mlle. Emma Amelia Demedts will leave Omaha an Americanized girl. Her costume will be as smart as that of any Yankee lass and the love that she will carry in her heart for the land of the Stars and Stripes will make this country always seem very near.

"Will you return?" she was asked.  
"Perhaps, if I find a sweetheart who has borne the brunt of war, and whom I can make happy, and whom I can convince of Omaha's wonderful kindness, and opportunities, I may persuade him to let me come back with him."  
"But now I am going to Belgium!"  
And the sound of it in her voice was like a paean of joy.

## Three Women Arrested on Shoplifting Charges

Pearl Smith, 2306 Douglas street; Marguerite Lorenzen, 631 Myster avenue, and Kate Jones, 253 Vine street, Council Bluffs, were arrested yesterday by Detectives Finn and Tagal on a charge of petit larceny. According to Finn, the women have been shoplifting in the Brandeis and Burgess-Shops stores. Finn said feminine finery stolen from the stores had been found in Miss Lorenzen's home.  
The officers also arrested Ruth McKee, 353 Lincoln avenue, and Frances Elder, 2410 Fourth street, both of Council Bluffs, and held them for investigation.

# HIGH SCHOOL CADETS BACK FROM CAMPING

### Busy Week, Notwithstanding That Rain Interfered With Military Plans That Had Been Outlined.

Nearly 400 Central high school cadets returned yesterday from Valley, Neb., where, at Camp Beveridge, the annual encampment was held last week.

The chief excitement came during the evenings of the latter part of the week when cadets initiated the younger members of the battalion. Attempting to run the guards was a favorite, although dangerous sport. The strength of the camp defenders was tested Thursday and Friday nights, when invasions by Valley youths was repelled. These caused much inconvenience to the guards and to cadets on leave in town.

The week had an auspicious beginning Monday when the cadets arrived at the sunny meadows which were to be their camp. No drills save guard mount and retreat were held Monday and rain prevented extensive military work on the following two days.

**Crowd on Visitors' Day.**  
Thursday, visitors' day, brought 600 relatives and friends with eats to the camp. A Central-South High ball game, won by Central, 5 to 4, was the attraction of the afternoon.

A Goo! parade, composed of cadets clothed in the climate of the country, started the fireworks Friday night. Cadet Captain Robert Kutala, war veteran, gave further wounds in the artillery battle that followed. Eggs served as live explosives.

**The Daily Mule.** A four-page daily newspaper edited by the cadets, announced in its fifth issue Saturday that it would present the battalion with colors to replace the colors of the former years. The paper was printed in Valley and had the largest local circulation of any in that part of the country. Ralph F. Cohn edited the paper and was assisted by Lieutenants Pollard, White, Funkhouser and a news staff representing the various units. Lt. Robert Sackett and Harlan Haaker managed the business end.

**Tests for Next Year.**  
Drs. Ravitz and Mulligan had charge of the hospital tent. F. S. Flower of the Omaha Young Men's Christian association provided reading matter and stationery for the boys.

Tests for offices for next year were given the juniors Thursday and Friday at the camp by placing in the tests composed part of the examination. Announcement of promotions will be made Wednesday at the annual competitive drill in Elmwood Park.

Company D, commanded by Captain Verne Vance, won first honors at the camp by placing in every inspection and parade.

Commandant Ralph E. Himstead, assistant principal; E. E. McMillan and Lieut.-Col. Harold Moore were in charge of the camp.

## Store Invites Public to Its Birthday Picnic

Two weeks from Wednesday on June 25, the annual outing of the Union Outfitting company for its employees, friends and customers of the store will be held at Lake View park.

This firm is celebrating its thirty-second anniversary, and elaborate preparations are being made to make it a memorable occasion. There will be novel features which the firm cannot divulge at this time, but it is known that there will be a Midsummer Fashion show with living models displaying the latest New York fashions, followed by a dance.

Admission to the outing will be by invitation, but as the celebration is informal, anyone desiring tickets, can readily obtain them by calling in person or phoning the Union Outfitting company.

## Four Municipal Bathing Pools to Open This Week

The four municipal bathing pools will be in operation before the end of the week and will be able to accommodate about 20,000 persons daily. The Springs Lake park pool, Twentieth and F streets, is now open.

The Riverview and Morton pools will be ready for bathers Tuesday or Wednesday.

The Mundy beach will be the last to open. The shore line is being diked and other improvements made which will delay the opening until later in the week.

## Boy Scout Exhibition Looks Like "Real Thing" To Public

People Rush to Aid of Boy Apparently Lying in Pool of Blood, Which Upon Closer Examination Proves to Be "Jes Ketchup."

A happy lad was testing his newly purchased bicycle in the heart of the business district. He lodged between the speeding machine's wheels and was riding as if the thing which he was riding was not a machine but a priceless full blooded Arabian steed.

# Building Trades Ask for Repeal of Ban Against Beer

Atlantic City, June 7.—Immediate action by congress to make effective President Wilson's recommendation to repeal wartime prohibition so far as it relates to light wines and beer was urged in resolutions adopted by the building trades department of the American Federation of Labor.

A resolution demanding the abrogation of the war labor agreement between Samuel Gompers of the federation and Secretary of War Baker was not adopted.

The metal trades department of the federation voted against a resolution recommending to the federation which meets here next week the amalgamation of all international unions, thus eliminating trade divisions. The resolution was supported by Pacific coast delegates.

A resolution appealing for clemency of Eugene V. Debs now in prison for opposing the selective law, also failed of adoption.

## Skipper Admits He Didn't Throw Tow Line to Sailor

New York, June 7.—Captain Adolph G. Pedersen, skipper of the barkentine Paako, on trial in federal court with his son charged with murder on the high seas of Axel Hansen, a seaman, admitted under cross-examination that, although once when he had fallen overboard, he owed his own life to a log line he did not order his crew to pull in the line which Hansen is said to have clung to after leaping into the sea.

After he admitted having had one quarrel with Hansen on the fatal voyage, Captain Pedersen repeated his contention that it was impossible to turn his ship around to pick up Hansen because of the gale that was raging.

## Makes Will Under Fire Two Days Before Death

Pittsfield, Mass.—While under artillery fire in France in April 1918, Pvt. Michael Mierzowski, of Company F, 104 infantry, made his will on two sheets of Y. M. C. A. paper, which he mailed to his mother two days before he was killed.

Beginning the will, Mierzowski wrote: "We are in such a place that my head is nearly split with bombardment."  
He closed an insurance card and cautioned his mother to keep it writing, "If I do not come back then you will get \$5,000."

The court disallowed the will because of technicality. The mother, Mary Mierzowski, will, however, receive the insurance by regular payments.

## With Each Payment of Legacy He Buys Bonds

Chicago.—The other morning Albert Stenberg bought \$5,000 worth of Victory bonds. That afternoon he received a draft for \$5,000, the first payment of a legacy from Sweden. He bought another \$5,000 lot of bonds.

A week later he received another \$5,000 draft from the estate in Sweden. Same bond salesman got the second \$5,000. Stenberg's bond holding jumped to \$15,000.

Recently another draft of \$5,000 arrived, the last of the legacy. Uncle Sam got this \$5,000 also.

"I'd like to have more of both bonds and drafts," commented Stenberg.

## John McCormack Becomes An Honorary Policeman

San Francisco, Cal., June 7.—John McCormack, the Irish tenor, was recently made an honorary member of the San Francisco police department at a special meeting of the police commissioners. Chief of Police D. A. White presented the new member of the department with a golden star, and his certificate of appointment was handed him by President Theodore Roche of the police commission. This honor was conferred on the gifted Irish singer for valuable aid rendered the department during the Victory loan drive.

## Soldiers' Farm Plan Is Attacked as "Bad Scheme"

Washington, June 7.—Representative Boies, republican, of Iowa testifying today before the house public lands committee, attacked Secretary Lane's plan for farms for soldiers and sailors, as a "scheme primarily backed by men who have land—swamp, strip arid—to dispose of." Mr. Boies urged that the government give the men cash "with no strings attached."

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The Newest Spring Patterns  
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