

JAPAN PRUSSIA OF ORIENT, SAYS BLUFFS SOLDIER

Capt. Adam Konigsmacher Returns From Year's Service With American Army in Siberia.

"Japan is the Prussia of the Orient. Her entire equipment and military methods are purely Prussian," said Capt. Adam Konigsmacher, son of Charles Konigsmacher, cashier of the Commercial National bank of Council Bluffs, who returned from a year's service with the American expeditionary forces in Siberia. "This is evident in observing her men and maneuvers, and plainly evident when you visit boys' schools in its principal cities," he continued. "No class or race on the globe should have any respect for the Japanese. They are a nation of imitators, defrauders and cheaters. They appear to the outside world as civilized, but when left to themselves the direct opposite is true. Japan is the only nation which violated the interallied agreements. It was the policy of the allies to stop revolutions and protect human life and property. Japan increased these things. Instead of sending 10,000 troops to Siberia, as they agreed, they sent 300,000. When other nations withdrew by mutual agreement, they broke their promise and remained.

Japan Violates Pledge.

"At the last interallied meeting in February, which I had the privilege of attending, Japan agreed to evacuate Siberia and permit the Russians to set up a democratic government, which the allies believed they were capable of maintaining. Before the Great Northern, the steamer bearing the American contingent of troops, had cleared the harbor, Japanese artillery and machine guns opened fire on Vladivostok, destroying one-third of the city and killing 8,000 persons, most of them women and children. "Reports which we received by wireless from time to time indicated that desperate fighting continued as long as we were within range of communication. China has long ceased to have respect for Japan and will declare war as soon as her new republic is in fit condition. Russia is doing all in its power to throw off the oppression of the Japanese. In a trip to Korea I saw hundreds beheaded and many more tortured in a barbarous manner. One cannot believe in Japanese civilization in the face of these atrocities. "A state of civil war exists in Manila and throughout the Philippines between natives and Japanese settlements. This condition is doubly shown in Honolulu, where the Japanese control the commerce and labor of the islands. In California the anti-Japanese movement is gaining momentum each day.

Face "Yellow Peril."

"All the members of the expeditionary force, from the commanding officer down to the privates in the ranks are of the opinion that the time is not far distant when we must not only deal with the 'Yellow Peril' in this country, but also in our insular provinces. Captain Konigsmacher is a graduate of Council Bluffs High school and Creighton medical college. He was a practicing physician at Missouri Valley, Ia., when he received his commission as first lieutenant in the medical department in August, 1917. He served 16 months in this country as urologist at several base hospitals and upon a lecture tour of all the camps for the social hygiene department. He was promoted to a captaincy in September, 1918, and sailed from San Francisco for Vladivostok, Siberia, in January, 1919. He was urologist at the base hospital there for six months and later became assistant departmental surgeon under Colonel Lewis.

Oлга Petrova was a successful journalist before she became an actress.

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Meredith May Be Dark Horse for Democrats At Frisco Convention

Chicago Tribune-Omaha Bee Leased Wire. Chicago, May 19.—Word was quietly passed around democratic headquarters to keep an eye on E. T. Meredith as the most likely candidate at the San Francisco convention. It appears that an inconspicuous, but formidable campaign has been carried on for some time in his behalf, lining up supporters chiefly among the farmers and laying out the groundwork for concerted action when the psychological moment arrives. It is understood that President Wilson, realizing his own chances for nomination are poor and chances of election, if nominated, still more precarious, is strongly in favor of the Iowa man. Meredith has been a household word on the farm for years. His life has been a rugged struggle from a poor boy on the farm, up by steady grades to banker and editor of a farm publication. He worked his way through college and has been a leader in movements calculated to train children of the farms to take the places of their elders as tillers of the soil.

Here's Ike Payne; Has Plenty of Liquor, But Can't Touch Drop of It

Ike Payne, owner of a soft drink parlor, has 509 pints and 2 1/2 half-pints of bottled-in-bond liquor, which really belongs to him, still he cannot touch the choice contraband. The battle over the liquor started nearly two years ago when Payne was arrested on the Douglas street bridge with an automobile load of liquor. In federal court he was convicted but the liquor was returned to him. At the trial Payne was released on charges of transporting liquor, but was held in the district court for illegal possession of it. Just after District Court Judge Lee Estelle ordered the liquor returned, Alfred Munger, assistant attorney general, ordered federal agents to confiscate the liquor on the ground that the revenue taxes hadn't been paid. Munger wants the liquor returned to Payne at the place where it was seized. It would be his plan to arrange with agents to arrest Payne.

4-Year-Old Boy Weeps For Sister Who Is Dead

Charles Patterson, 4-year-old son of Mr. and Mrs. Kenneth Patterson, 127 North Fortieth street, has wept for two days. His playmate, Margaret Jane, his little 16-month-old sister, died Sunday. Charles cannot understand. The boy only knows that his sister won't laugh or play with him any more. The baby died of pneumonia. Private services were held yesterday afternoon. Burial was in Forest Lawn cemetery. Margaret Jane was a grandchild of Charles Pickens, general manager of the Paxton-Gallagher company.

\$100 Worth of Candy and Tobacco Stolen by Boys

Burglars gaining entrance by breaking a window of the back door of the Meyer Meyerson grocery store, 4104 Grand avenue, last night, stole about \$100 worth of candy, cigars and cigarettes. Police believe boys were the thieves. The robbery occurred between 7 and 10 p. m.

FLOOD RECEDES RAPIDLY AFTER REACHING CREST

Damage Around Bluffs Confined Principally to Farm Lands—Other Property Is Unhurt.

After reaching its crest Tuesday, the flood around Council Bluffs receded so rapidly that the water edge was nearly normal last night. Principal damage was done to the thousands of acres of farm lands north and south of the city which were inundated. Most of this damage was to the north. The flood dropped all day yesterday as rapidly as it had risen. Water receded from nearly all of the inundated areas and Lake Manawa was well within the confines of its banks. Business and residence districts of the city proper were not affected by the sudden rise. No material damage resulted from the flood at Lake Manawa. Water is standing in low places on the inundated areas and the two clubs, but is expected to drain off soon. Buildings at the park, Country club and the Fish and Game club were uninjured by the high water. Only cottages in the summer resort, Lakoma, were reached by the flood. Workmen are busy at Manawa park preparing for the opening of the season Sunday. It is believed that similar preparations at the clubs for openings a week or 10 days later have not been delayed seriously. Hundreds of automobiles visited Manawa Tuesday night and yesterday to witness the highest water since 1881.

Land in the vicinity of Big Lake, inundated by water which flowed through a break in the dike, was caused it is lower than the river level and is only protected by the dike. For this reason, damage in this district will be much more serious than south of the city.

Undertaker Nabs Thief In Apartment Bedroom

A burglar, who gained entrance to the R. V. Cole home in the Colbest apartments, Thirty-ninth and Farnam streets, Tuesday night, was greatly surprised when Mr. Cole, awakened by the noise of the intruder, leaped from his bed and seized the burglar by the neck. The police were called. The intruder gave the name of John McCarthy, Pittsburgh. He took 15 cents from the purse of Mrs. Cole.

Omaha Girl Pleads With Brother to Return With Son

Miss Robina Kammerer, who returned yesterday from Winnipeg, Canada, would not say whether she succeeded in inducing her brother, Charles Kammerer, to return with his 6-year-old child whom he is alleged to have kidnaped a month ago from his divorced wife.

Elusive Prisoner Brought From Oregon Held Not Guilty

Nick Loupa, who escaped from the county jail during the riot last September and who was brought back last week from Oregon to face charges of forgery, was found not guilty by a jury in District Judge Prout's court yesterday.

Lincoln High Club Wins Amherst Cup From Omaha Debaters

Lincoln (Neb.) High school won the Amherst cup yesterday afternoon, when the Capital city high school's affirmative debating team defeated the local school on the state question, "Resolved, That Congress Should Prohibit Strikes on Railroads Doing Interstate Business." The judges decided unanimously in favor of the visiting team. The visiting team was composed of George L. Crump, George W. Berge and William Carlson. The local school was represented by Roy W. Smith, Alexander McKie and Otto Nelson, with Corbit S. Hoffman as alternate. Prof. Wells of University Place, Neb., and Principal Kirt of Council Bluffs High school were the judges. Prof. Tead of Wayne normal was the third judge, but was unable to attend the debate.

Prof. E. E. McMillan of Central High school presided throughout the debate. Music was furnished by the Central High school orchestra.

B'nai B'rith Opens Drive For 1,000 New Members

The Omaha B'nai B'rith lodge has started a whirlwind campaign to bring 1,000 new members for the Y. M. and Y. W. H. A. Forty business men have entered the drive and are expected to reach the quota by next Sunday. Membership fees will be used for work for the coming year. More than 300 new members were signed by the different teams during the last two days. J. J. Greenberg is chairman of the drive. The Y. M. and Y. W. H. A. have been maintaining community quarters and club rooms with full recreational facilities for boys and girls in the Lyric building.

Release Man Held for Giving Tots Poison Candy

John D. Shepard, manager of the No. 72 Barket store, who was arrested Monday for investigation in connection with the alleged poisoning of Mrs. Violet Schmidt, 833 Pine street; his wife, Elsie Shepard, and his two small children, was released from the custody of the police yesterday. Shepard is alleged to have given his wife and children poisoned candy. They refused to prosecute Shepard, the police say.

James C. Dahlgren Assumes Duties as U. S. Marshal

James C. Dahlgren, former mayor of Omaha, yesterday assumed his duties as United States marshal for this district, to succeed the late Thomas J. Flynn. He stated that he intends to make no changes in the personnel of his office and deputies.

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Nebraska Drys Go On Record Against Boys of 18 Smoking

Lincoln, Neb., May 19.—(Special.)—The state prohibition convention, which met in Lincoln yesterday, but was rather overshadowed by the doings in republican and democratic circles, adopted a platform which among other things favors a law prohibiting the use of tobacco by all persons "whose nativity postdates 1902." Mercy is still shown those who have acquired the habit and are over 18 years of age.

In the words of Harry Lindsey, supreme court clerk, "it's going to be tough on everybody about about 2002." The prohibitions went on record as opposing the code bill, and rapped the present primary law as a "hopeless invalid," made even more hopeless by the house physicians and senate surgeons, and as a "dredlock" on the political ocean and should be scuttled and sent to the bottom of the deep blue sea." The national prohibition convention is to meet in Lincoln July 21.

Police Uncover \$20,000 Cache of Stolen Goods

Detectives yesterday recovered more than \$20,000 worth of men's, women's and children's clothing when they raided a house at 216 North Twenty-third street. Samuel Givarter, 511 North Twenty-third street, was taken into custody and held for receiving and concealing stolen property. An effort is being made by the police to locate the owners.

Falsely Accused, Woman Files Suit for \$50,000

Philippine Liermann of Snyder, Neb., yesterday filed suit in district court for \$50,000 damages against Martha B. Varn, E. J. Varn and Anna Baier Kelly. She says she was falsely accused of stealing a diamond ring and was assaulted and arrested at the Union station last week. She was visiting at the time of her arrest at 2701 South Twentieth street.

To Check Families.

A special committee to investigate feasibility of keeping a check on families moving in and out of Omaha and vicinity, was appointed by President Bernard of the Omaha Credit Men's association at its regular meeting Tuesday evening.

Killed in Accident.

W. L. Miller, 22 years old, son of C. A. Miller of North Bend, Neb., instructor in the college of engineering, University of Wisconsin, was killed in the college laboratory in an accident. The father has left for Madison.

Four Omaha Persons Are Injured in Auto Crash Near Meadows

Four Omaha persons were badly injured in an automobile accident which occurred near Meadows, Neb., last Sunday. Victor Levin, living at the Wellington hotel, is said to be in a serious condition. A Toepfer, advertising manager of the Coca Cola company, and his 14-year-old son were severely injured. Harry Weinberg, driver of the car, who received only minor injuries, said that the car struck a rut and overturned and then rolled into a ditch. The injured tried to keep the accident a secret. They said they were on a fishing trip.

Two Pilots Maintain Air Mail Service to Chicago

But two aerial mail pilots are maintaining the recently established service over the Chicago-Omaha division, and though they have to do a heap of flying to accomplish the regular trips, they aren't complaining. These two are Pilots William DeWald and Clarence C. Lange. Two other pilots assigned to the Chicago-Omaha division are not yet available.

Pilot Christensen, now with the Cleveland division of the air service, will be transferred to Omaha, it was announced yesterday. Pilot Johnson, who was injured in the crash of his plane near Iowa City, in which Superintendent McCandless was killed, is there recovering from injuries he received.

30 Pretty Omaha Co-Eds To Play in May Day Program

Thirty pretty University of Omaha co-eds, selected for their beauty and grace, will be the principal feature of the May festival ceremonies in connection with the university's gala-day festivities which will take place Saturday evening.

Miss Lucille Kendall, university senior, will be crowned queen. Her maids are Misses Izma Tucker, Dorothy Gray and Vesta Beavers. Miss Margaret Powell will appear as a herald and Miss Charlotte Fisher as flower girl. The abbreviated Grecian gowns to be worn in a classic dance on the greensward, were designed by Miss Dorothy Merriman, special student. The dancing will be staged at Kountze park at 6:45.

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