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## NATIONS DEPENDENT ON EACH OTHER

Financial Affairs of the United States are in an Exceptionally Fortunate Condition.

The present European conflict has demonstrated how much the various nations of the world are dependent upon each other.

The number of people in Europe desiring to sell their investment stock and bonds on account of the expected war, demoralized the stock exchanges of Europe to such an extent that they all closed. The stock exchanges of the United States then offered the only market of the world for the sale of stocks and bonds, and for their own protection, they all closed last week. Gold in great quantities has been shipped during the last two weeks from the United States and the closing of the stock exchanges and the refusal of banks here to sell exchange in Europe, has arrested largely the gold shipments. The danger of capture of vessels carrying gold will operate in our favor.

The papers this morning report the capture of a steamship carrying \$11,000,000 in gold. The war will, undoubtedly, seriously affect the financial interests of the countries involved, but the financial affairs of this country are in an exceptionally fortunate condition in having a very large stock of gold and a great crop to market. Should there be any unforeseen demand for currency, it can be quickly met under the Aldrich-Vreeland Act, as the treasury of the United States has \$500,000,000 ready for any emergency that may arise before the Federal Reserve Banks are organized and prepared to supply all of the demands of this country for currency.

## IF YOU GO TO EUROPE YOU MUST TAKE CASH

Banks Will Issue no More Foreign Exchange or Travelers Checks at Present.

Banks have received word by wire not to issue any more foreign exchange or travelers checks until further notice, on account of the European war scare.

Bankers agree that the closing of the New York stock exchange was a wise move as it will operate to keep gold in this country. When the situation first loomed serious in Europe there was a general dumping of securities into this country by London, Paris, Berlin, Vienna and St. Petersburg which meant the taking out of vast quantities of gold. With the New York stock exchange closed securities can not be redeemed in this country unless by private individuals, and it is pointed out that this will be done only in small quantities and will have no effect on the money market.

## NEW PLAN FOR ASSESSING PAVING COST

Sioux City Council Evolves New Scheme for Determining the Benefits.

Senator Chase's new paving law is causing all kinds of trouble to city councils and property owners throughout the state. Few councils, however, were overtaken by heart failure and cold shivers, as was that of Webster City. The new law is equitable, distributing the cost for corner lot paving among property owners of the block as far as the center thereof. The Sioux City council had the courage to proceed with the work and a recent dispatch from that city tells of the following plan the council has evolved for levying assessments:

The city council decided this

morning to radically alter the present paving assessment plan and to adopt a plan under which each quarter block affected by paving will be assessed in zones, according to area and benefits without consideration of ownership.

Action was taken by the council directly after a recommendation had been made by City Attorney Sam Page, and was taken in line with the suggestions made by the attorney.

Assessments in the future will be made on property in zones in such a manner as to charge each piece of ground in one block the same as an identically situated piece of the same area in another block, provided the width of the street and the nature of the improvement is in both cases the same.

Property in the abutting fifty feet will be charged one-half of the total assessment. The two zones behind will be of fifty feet each, and will pay the same assessment, dividing the remaining one-half of the cost. It was held by the council that the benefits received by property in either the first or second zones will be the same.

In cases where the improved street varies in width at different points, assessments shall be based on the width of the street at the abutting point, it being held that benefits will accrue in that degree.

An automobile and an adding machine belonging to the Himmels, the Radcliffe bank wreckers, were sold at referee sale at Eldora a few days ago. The auto was a high class Mitchell and brought \$702.50. The adding machine sold at \$142. At a previous sale \$595 worth of personal property was disposed of.

## LEAVE FOR STATE ENCAMPMENT MONDAY

Company C, I. N. G., of 56th Regiment, go to Camp Dodge, Near Des Moines.

The members of Company C, I. N. G., to the number of at least thirty-eight, will leave here at 10 o'clock next Monday morning for the annual state encampment at Camp Dodge, some twelve miles north of Des Moines. Our company goes to Tara where they meet the special train, which will carry the 56th regiment, numbering more than six hundred, directly to Camp Dodge. Four regiments, or more than three thousand men, will be in camp there for the ten days following.

## BAND CARNIVAL AT ELLSWORTH

Occasion was a Success in Spite of the Rain—Good Crowd was Present.

Ellsworth, July 31.—The rains interfered with the band carnival yesterday, but in spite of the weather there was a good crowd in attendance. The industrial school band from Eldora proved quite an attraction and these young wards of the state seemed to enjoy the outing very much. Prof. Lamos' juvenile band from Eagle Grove was quite a novelty and last but not least, the ladies band from Hubbard were very much in evidence. The local band added to the entertainment and the way Frank Satter, Geo. Bennett and Earl Daibey performed their stunt of circular insanity and churned the wind was worth going miles to see. Among the notabilities and natural curiosities from out of town we observed J. W. Pitzer, the Union editor, J. E. Burnstedt of Jewell, Hon. R. J. Hurd, one of the pillars of the democratic party from Williams, and others. Happy Hubbard was on hand with his merry-go-round and other attractions helped to amuse the crowd.

Miss Lola Staver resigns her position in the Metcalf dry goods store Saturday after being employed there for three years and will leave this week for her home in Laurens.

## LITTLE FOLKS GIVE PROGRAM

Mendelssohn Class Gives a Recital at the Music Studio of Ruth Stevenson.

Miss Ruth Stevenson, the piano teacher, gave a successful recital Friday afternoon when the pupils of the Mendelssohn class entertained their friends at four o'clock. Each pupil taking part in the program had the privilege of inviting two little girl friends and these were the only guests present. The following program was given:

- Solo—Herdman's Song—Tick-Tock—Martha Sours.
- Solo—Flying Doves . . . . . Marguerite White.
- Solo—By lo—Roaming the Woodland . . . . . Erma Carrier.
- Solo—Marching Home—Pussy Wants a Corner . . . . . Frances Teed.
- Solo—Cuckoo and Children—Song of Wild Birds . . . . . Ruth Donaldson.
- Solo—Swinging . . . . . Erma Carrier.
- Solo—Lady Bird—Goodnight Little Girl . . . . . Eugenia Hampton.
- Solo—Indian War Dance—Cradle Hymn . . . . . Margaret White.
- Duet—Jesting . . . . . Marguerite White, Ruth Donaldson.
- Solo—Spinning Song . . . . . Aurilla Peterson.
- Solo—Lullabye . . . . . Gwendolyn Morean.
- Solo—Dolly's Funeral—Flying Witch . . . . . Aurilla Peterson.
- Solo—Night and Morning Song . . . . . Martha Sours.

## GIRLS TAKE THEIR INITIAL HIKE

The Campfire Girls, Accompanied by Their Guardian, Take a Tramp to the Woods.

Campfire Girls to the number of thirteen, accompanied by their guardian, Miss Hazel Sells, went on their first hike yesterday a. m. The girls met at the school grounds at 6 a. m. and from there took to the woods, the H. B. McKee farm being their objective point. Having reached this place a hot breakfast was prepared in true camper's style and the morning jaunt had so sharpened the appetites that roasted weinies tasted good to the girls; other substantial and plenty of fruit supplemented this repast. Several of the girls enjoyed wading in the White Fox creek, and as the route home varied somewhat from the outward path, and the girls lingered to enjoy the sights and sounds in the woods, the party did not reach their homes until 11:30 a. m., tired no doubt, but well pleased with their first hike.

## GEN. LOGAN TALKS ON WAR SITUATION

Commander of the I. N. G.'s Thinks a Conflict Likely to Occur Soon.

Should one gun be fired or one drop of blood shed by any of the larger nations of Europe, the continent will be plunged into a general war is the opinion of Adjutant General Guy Logan. General Logan, by virtue of his military training, is familiar with war conditions in Europe. The impetuous nature of the continental peoples and the intense jealousy that exists there is such that only a spark is needed to inflame the entire country.

"The mobilization of troops by Russia is a dangerous condition," says General Logan. "If the troops

are massed so close to the German border that some slight provocation is apt to draw a fire war cannot be averted. We Americans do not appreciate the intense hatred that exists because we are a large nation that practically dominates a new world."

"If Russia is drawn into a conflict England is certain to take a hand. Great Britain has the greatest secret service of any country on the globe. Furthermore, it is capable of keeping its actions secret better than any nation. You will notice the first thing that England did when the trouble started was to send its fleet out into the high seas, nobody knows where. But the navy department is in constant communication."

"The general public does not know how close England and Germany came to having war two or three years ago when a trifling incident had both nations on the anxious seat. Germany had been in the habit of keeping its fleet in one of its rivers which had been dammed up sufficiently to keep the big vessels in fresh water. It was finally decided that in case of war an enemy could easily shell the dam and leave the vessels stranded. The fleet, therefore, was sent out to sea until changes could be made.

"No sooner did the German fleet leave its harbor than England's fleet disappeared under sealed orders. It developed afterward that the British men-of-war had orders to engage in battle any German vessel that approached English waters. It would have been very easy for a German ship to innocently steam into that zone and one can imagine the result."

## FLOUR TAKES WINGS AND IS SOARING

War Scare has Sent it up Ten Cents Per Sack in Webster City—To go Higher.

The European war scare has created havoc in prices of food products and wheat is going up rapidly. The flouring mills have added \$1.10 per barrel to the price of flour, but the increase here in Webster City thus far has been only ten cents a sack. However, a Webster City merchant informs the Freeman-Tribune that the late ten cent increase in the price of flour on this market will soon give way to a larger advance. Retail merchants cannot long sell at the lower figures. It would be wise for consumers to lay in a small supply before further advances and thus prevent the expense account from advancing too rapidly.

## A BIT OF INTERESTING LOCAL HISTORY

Hon. Charles Aldrich Tells of the Naming of the County of Hamilton.

Hon. Charles Aldrich, than whom no man who ever resided in Hamilton county was better qualified to speak upon the subject discussed, explained in the Freeman of February 1, 1886, the way this county happened to be named Hamilton. The following item was cut out of the paper at the time by a Freeman subscriber and thinking it of enough historical importance to re-publish he brought it to the Freeman-Tribune office:

In a recent number of The Freeman I have read a discussion about the source of the name of our county. If any sort of doubt shall ever arise the matter ought to be placed upon some permanent record. It was certainly so named in honor of Hon. W. W. Hamilton, of Cascade, Dubuque county. The Freeman says W. C. Willson was "in the legislature when the bill passed" setting this county apart from old Webster, which had territory enough for three counties. But this does not go far enough, and I desire to see justice done fully. Not only was

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## WHITE SOX BEST HOPKINS BROS.

Capital City Team Lose Ball Game to Webster City at Riverside

Park Saturday Afternoon.

THE FINAL SCORE IS 3 TO 9

A Fairly Good Game Despite the One Sided Score—Large Crowd Present.

Anything labeled Des Moines seems to be easy picking for the White Sox. The Harris Emery team went down to defeat, two straight, in this city recently, and Saturday the Hopkins Bros. club were served the same way, the score being 9 to 3 in favor of the locals. The visitors started in bad in Saturday's contest and it looked as though the locals were going to have a walk away. However, the capital city boys tightened up following the first round and at the

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close of the fifth inning the score was a tie. In the eighth inning the Des Moines boys lost their grip and the White Sox cinched the game, making six runs in that round. It is evident, however, that the visitors can play much better ball than they put up Saturday. A good sized crowd was present.

The score:

	AB	R	H	PO	A	E
Hopkins Bros.—						
Davis, lf	4	2	1	2	0	0
Howard, ss	4	0	2	0	3	1
Sultgaver, cf	4	0	0	3	0	0
Smith, rf	4	0	1	0	0	1
Jarnegan, p	4	0	1	1	3	1
Don Carlos, 1b	3	0	0	0	0	0
Craven, 3b	4	0	0	2	0	1
McClellan, 2b	4	1	1	6	1	0
Puffer, c	1	0	0	1	2	0
Totals	32	3	6	24	9	4
White Sox—						
Richards, rf	4	2	2	1	0	0
Steffin, c	3	1	2	3	2	0
Sucher, lf	5	1	3	1	0	0
Corbin, 3b	5	2	0	1	2	0
Ludeman, 2b	4	0	0	5	4	1
Moose, 1b	2	1	0	11	0	0
Berggren, cf	4	1	0	3	0	0
Clapper, ss	4	0	0	2	1	1
Vyskocil, p	3	1	1	0	5	0
Totals	34	9	8	27	14	2

Score by innings—

Hopkins B.	0	0	1	0	2	0	0	0	—3
White Sox	3	0	0	0	0	0	0	6	—9

Two base hits, Davis, Steffin 2, Jarnegan. Bases on four balls, off Vyskocil, 2; off Jarnegan, 5. Hit by pitched ball, by Vyskocil 1. Sacrifice hits, Berggren, Steffin. Stolen bases, Corbin, Berggren, Sucher, Smith. Umpire, Blake.

The White Sox will lose Richards, Ludeman and Clapper in the near future, as all three expect to begin teaching school the first of September.

"Leftie" Wilkus, recently of Waterloo, who pitched a game for the White Sox in this city some time ago, will join the local pitching staff the 15th of the present month, or perhaps sooner.

Ringings at Fort Dodge.

Ft. Dodge Chronicle: Harry Earl, advance agent for Ringling's circus, and a corps of bill posters, bedecked the city bill boards yesterday in a new coat of circus posters announcing that the "greatest show on earth" will be in our midst August 22nd. Mr. Earl made advertising contracts with the local papers and received reports from the railroads on transportation for the circus crowds. The Illinois Central will run special trains from Iowa Falls, Webster City, Cherokee and Wall Lake and the Great Western from Clarion, Lanesborough and Lehigh.

Librarian in Ellsworth College.

Miss Helen Weaver, for the past few years teacher of mathematics in the Webster City high school, has accepted a position as librarian of Ellsworth College at Iowa Falls. She has been attending the library school at Iowa City this summer and will begin her new duties with the opening of the college in September.