# BOMBS MISS HOSPITALS; KILL BABIES

## Attack By Enemy Squadron On Red Cross Refuge of Wounded Americans Fails of Its Purpose; French Nurses Slain.

## GIRLS FROM STATES BRAVE UNDER FIRE

[By Associated Press Staff Correspondent]

With the American Army in France, May 30.—(Delayed)—German airmen made a pretentious raid on the area behind the American lines in Picardy last night. Bombs were dropped on all sides of one of the largest hospitals in a town many miles to the rear of the front. American and French wounded soldiers were carried to cellars and caves by American nurses and members of the American Red Cross.

Only a few persons were injured by flying glass as most of the windows in the hospital had been shattered by bombs dropped the previous night.

**BABIES ARE SLAIN**

Several private houses were wrecked and a number of civilians, including several babies, were killed and injured.

That the raid was planned on a much larger scale than recent ones over this territory, is evidenced from reports made by many Americans in villages over which the raiders passed. The Germans came in wave formation and then scattered widely. One squadron dropped bombs a few hundred feet from an American field hospital and at the same time one of the long range guns shelled a village a few hundred yards away.

**FRENCH NURSES KILLED**

The first alarm was sounded at 11 o'clock. The dropping of bombs and the firing of many anti-aircraft guns began almost immediately. Later there was a brief pause after which the raiders returned, to remain almost until dawn.

In some instances the bombs fell within thirty or forty feet of a hospital building but, fortunately, there were no direct hits. A French nurse, her mother and two little sisters were killed in a house a short distance from a hospital. Another nurse was standing on the upper floor of the hospital ministering to patients when a piece of bomb struck her, piercing her lung.

**PATIENTS ARE UNHARMED**

Five American nurses were in the same hospital. They were Miss Natalie Scott of New Orleans, Miss Helen Spalding of Brooklyn, Miss Mary McCadlish of Atlanta, Miss Blanche Gilbert of Cleveland and Miss Constance Cook of San Francisco.

While the raid was in progress they went about cheering the patients. Although many serious cases of sick and wounded were aggravated because they had to be moved the nurses had to carry them to the lower floors and cellar.

"It was an exciting time," said Miss Scott, "but there was no panic.

"Some of our boys actually slept through it all, although their beds were showered with broken glass."

**ONE AMBULANCE DEMOLISHED**

Three American ambulances were caught in the raid. Sergeant Ethan Wells of San Francisco, who was driving the first ambulance said:

"Our three ambulances were hurrying to hospitals with patients when a bomb wrecked a building directly in front of us, in a narrow street. Our ambulance was perforated by flying missles. We were hurled out but escaped with a few scratches."

The second car apparently received the full force of the explosion and was wrecked completely.

**WORSE THAN TRENCHES.**

Private Roscoe Wiley of Madisonville, Texas, was driving the third car. Sergeant J. W. Nodler of Altoona, Pa., and three patients were with him.

"There was wreckage all around us," said Sergeant Nodler. "Injured civilians in the shattered houses nearby were begging for help. We all pitched in as soon as we had recovered from the shock and assisted in the work of rescue. We had to dig many persons from the debris, by the light of small pocket lamps. Meanwhile enemy aircraft were buzzing overhead. The barrage was deafening. Bomb continued to fall. It was worse than anything in the trenches. I would rather have been in No Man's land."

## MEMORIAL DAY PROGRAM AT THEATRE

Eddyville, May 31.—The following program was given at the Decoration day exercises held at the opera house Thursday, May 30:

Song, "Banner of Beauty"—Double quartet, Mesdames Shinn, Powell, Burton, Ott; Messrs. Shinn, Phillips, Lafferty, Oldham.

Invocation—Rev. C. L. Edwards.

Talk—F. M. Epperson.

Song, "Praise Our Heroes"—Double quartet.

Reading Lincoln's Gettysburg address—A. M. Lafferty.

Anthem, "Come With Garlands"—Double quartet.

Address—Rev. L. L. Smith.

Song—"America."

Benediction—Rev. A. S. Kilbourn.

Immediately following the exercises at the opera house services were held at the bridge in honor of the naval heroes, after which the decoration of the graves of the old soldiers in Highland and Calvary cemeteries took place.

## FRUITS OF CONQUEST

HUN "kultur" gives one a queer sense of humor, among other things. This picture shows the German crown prince reading a letter from a French officer, captured in an attack. The officer had written the letter to his wife and was ready to give it to the division postoffice when called on to help stem the German advance. The kaiser's son is getting a big laugh out of it.

# GRAND LODGE TO MEET HERE

### MASONIC COMMUNICATION JUNE 11-13, WILL BRING SEVERAL HUNDRED TO OTTUMWA

The seventy-fifth annual communication of the grand lodge of Iowa, A. F. and A. M., will be held in Ottumwa June 11 to 13, inclusive.

It has been 28 years since the Masons of Ottumwa entertained the grand lodge and at that time the membership of the two lodges totalled 242 while there now are more than 600 Masons in the city.

The meeting has been planned to be something of a patriotic nature and a fine program has been arranged. Further entertainment has been provided by the cooperation of the Commercial club which has extended the full use of its facilities, and the Country club, which has offered its golf course, tennis courts and club house.

Full arrangements have been made by the local committees to take care of the visitors. The headquarters will be in the Hotel Ottumwa and here the information committee under J. L. Graham will be on hand to register the visitors and assist them in getting accommodations. The reception committee under D. J. Brown will meet all incoming trains.

Ottumwa has a large number of garages which will be able to accommodate those who care to come by automoible.

Churches of every denomination will welcome Masonic visitors at Sunday services. The press will contain announcements as to the services.

Ottumwa hotels are operated on the European plan and afford accommodation for over 700. In case hotel accommodations cannot be obtained, the committee has secured a number of rooms in private homes. An effort to provide for 500 in this manner is being made.

The complete program follows:

Friday, June 7, 9 a. m.—School of instruction, Masonic temple. The first degree will be conferred during the evening sesion, 7:30 o'clock.

Saturday, June 8, 9 a. m.—School of instruction, Masonic temple. The second degree wil be conferred at the evening session, 7:30 o'clock.

Sunday, June 9, 11 a.m.—Services in all churches. Special invitation to visiting members. Afternoon — Automobiles will be at Hotel Ottumwa at 3 o'clock for visiting Masons. Rides will be taken to surrounding points of interest.

Monday, June 10, 9 a. m.—School of instruction, Masonic temple. The third degree will be conferred in the evening, 7:30 o'clock, at the Armory, Fourth and Market streets.

Tuesday, June 11, 8:30 a. m.—The grand officers, delegates and visitors will assemble at the armory. A suitable public program wil be given, at the close of which the public will retire and the grand lodge will be formally opened by M. W. Grand Master John W. Barry.

8 p. m.—Armory. Public program, including a speaker of national reputation.

Wednesday, June 12, 9 a. m.—Armory. Session of the grand lodge.

12 noon—Lunchoen in the main dining room of the Hotel Ottumwa for alumni of the State University of Iowa and the Iowa State college, Ames.

2 p. m., Armory—Session of grand lodge. Election of officers and selection of 1919 meeting place.

6:15 p. m., Masonic temple—Banquet for Masonic Veterans' association. A program will follow the banquet.

Thursday, June 13, 9 a. m.—Armory. Final session of grand lodge. Installation of officers.

**THE COMMITTEES.**

The committees for the meeting are as follows:

Executive—H. E. Cook, chairman; George Wall, George Joslin, W. C. McMichael, D. A. Emery, C. E. Fahrney, Peter Findlay.

Reception—D. J. Brown, chairman.

Information—J. L. Graham, chairman.

Finance—Peter Findlay.

Decorating—C. O. Dawson.

Badges—Frank B. Smart.

Veterans—A .A. Wright.

Music—J. E. Hinsey.

Printing—H. P. Colt.

Press—W. C. McMichael.

Entertainment—D. R. Waterman.

# "INTO THE BIN" WEEK, JUNE 3-8

### FUEL ADMINISTRATION URGES NECESSITY OF BUYING COAL THIS SUMMER.

Only summer storage of domestic coal will prevent a serious fuel famine next winter, according to D. F. Cushing of the U. S. Fuel Administration.

The zone system bars much of the eastern coals upon which Iowa has depended for much of its tonnage. The government demands place a heavy drain on Iowa production. Iowa instead of producing slightly over nine million tons, as last year, must produce twelve to fifteen million tons this season.

**MINES HAVE BIG INVESTMENT**

Thirty million dollars is invested in Iowa mines, employing nearly 16,000 miners. As an economic factor alone they must be kept at a high state of efficiency. To supply the needs of the coal consumers of the state mines must be kept going, full tilt, this summer. It is an imperative necessity and a patriotic duty. Otherwise suffering all over the state will result.

The Fuel Administration has designated the week of June 3-8 as a special week for ordering fuel, and has enlisted the operators, miners, and railroads. It will be up to the "ultimate consumer."

Do not pile Iowa screened lump coal over eight feet high. Coal which contains much dust or fine particles should not be piled over four or five feet high. Iowa steam coal should be piled in small piles not over three or four feet in height, which can be readily moved in case of spontaneous heating.

Store a larger size of coal than is to be used, if possible. The loss due to slacking will be minimized if this is done. The larger sizes of coal are also less liable to take fire spontaneously.

Keep out dust as much as possible, by storing only screened coal, and by careful handling in piling.

In piling coal, see that the lumps and fine coal are distributed evenly throughout the pile.

Avoid alternate wetting and drying. Coal stored under cover should be dry when stored.

If coal is stored in sheds, they should be rain and wind tight; otherwise nothing is gained over storage in the open.

Do not ventilate coal piles with pipes and flues which may do more harm than good.

If a coal pile shows signs of heating, spread out the entire pile so that it can cool off. Coal which has been stored six weeks or more, if cooled off and repiled will seldom heat again.

Storage under water will prevent slacking to a large extent and will prevent any losses due to fire. Many engineers believe that storage under water is the only practical way of storing Iowa steam coal.

The losses due to spontaneous combustion are often not confined to the coal pile, as records show many disastrous fires from this cause. Ordinarily it is difficult to put out a fire in a coal pile with water from a hose as a crust forms over the fire so that the water cannot reach it and it is usually necessary to remove the coal from around the burning part before the fire can be put out. If a coal pile catches fire, the entire pile should be spread out to cool off.

An order issued by the fuel administration dealing with anthracite coal bases the delivery on the amount used during the year ending March 31, 1917. It is thought that very little or no coke will be available for delivery to domestic trade this year. Dealers will be permitted to deliver anthracite coal only to former users of this fuel and coke and so far as possible are to confine their sales to former customers. It is not likely that they will receive the full amount of hard coal which they require to fill orders and customers are urged to stock up on soft or bituminous coal.

No person, firm or corporation, acting alone or in conjunction with others, shall directly or indirectly provide any domestic consumer with any more coal or coke before March 31, 1919, than is necessary with the amount already on hand to meet the actual needs of the consumer up to that date.

# DRIVE'S TOLL PROVES HEAVY

## British Casualties Reported For May Total 166,802.

London, May 31.—Casualties in the British ranks reported during the month of May reached a total of 166,802. The losses were divided as follows:

Killed or died of wounds—Officers, 1,536; men, 20,518.

Wounded or missing — Officers, 6,182; men, 138,566.

The total reported during April was only 52,475, as the lists apparently did not begin to reflect fully the effects of the casualties sustained in resisting the German thrusts in Picardy and Flanders until the beginning of May.

**GERMAN LOSS NOT KNOWN.**

New York, May 31.—On April 27, the German general staff was not in position to give detailed information regarding the German losses in the offensive operations begun on March 21. This announcement was made in the reichstag by General von Wrisberg, according to the Berlin Vorwaerts, a copy of which has been received here. The number of men taken prisoner and missing in the German armies up to March 31, General von Wrisberg said, was 664,104. Most of these were prisoners, there being 233,000 prisoners in France, 119,000 in England, and 157,000 in Russia and Rumania, the remainder, 152,000 should be considered as dead.

# TERM CLOSES THIS WEEK

### BACCALAUREATE SERMON SUNDAY EVENING COMMENCES PROGRAM AT KEOSAUQUA

(From Friday's Daily)

Keosauqua, May 31.—The Keosauqua schools close this week.

The closing ceremonies began Sunday evening at the M. E. church when Rev. J. A. Monkmon delivered the baccalaureate address. Tuesday afternoon the pupils of the eighth grade gave a program at the school auditorium. The class consisted of ten members: Beulah E. Walters, Hazel V. Roush, Ivan Sheets, Hazel M. DeHart, Mary E. Agnew, Merle Parish, Mildred Mae Strait, Pearle Olive Peacock, Orrie Watkins, Ruth Louse Sherman.

Wednesday afternoon the grades gave a program at the opera house.

There are nine members in the high school graduation class, four girls and five boys. Maribah Fowler, Florence D. Kreiss, Dorothy Craig, Josephine Barker, Stanley Barker, Cecil Foster Martin Oosthoek, Harold Cox and George Seigle.

**CLASS PLAY WAS FINE.**

The senior class play was given Tuesday evening and was very good and much appreciated by the full house who braved the bad weather.

The senior graduation exercises took place Thursday night.

Song—High school girls.

Invocation—Rev. C. E. Perkins.

"The Angel of the Crimea"—Meribah O. Fowler.

"The Monroe Doctrine and the War"—Stanley Barker.

"Camouflage"—Harold Cox.

Vocal solo—Lucile Beggs.

"The True American Woman"—Florence D. Kreiss.

"The Worth of Play"—Martin Oosthrork.

"The Spirit of America"—Dorothy Helen Craig.

Song—High school girls.

"American for Americans"—George Holbert Seigle.

"Yesterday and Tomorrow"—Cecil H. Foster.

"The Modern Hoyseed"—Josephine R. Barker.

Male quartet—Walter Beer, Homer Bell, Joe Barker, Rev. Monkmon.

Presentation of diplomas—President William Saunderson.

Male quartet.

Benediction—Elder R. E. Manugs.

## KEOSAUQUA OBSERVES DAY

Keosauqua, May 31.—Decoration day was observed here with the following program prepared by the program committee consisting of C. E. Perkins, J. C. Calhoun and Robert R. McBeth:

At 1:30 the procession formed on the street in front of Grand Army hall, headed by the Keosauqua band, and under direction of S. V. Whitaker marshal of the day, marched to the monument ground. G. A. R. ritualistic service at monument.

2 p. m.—Program at grove.

Music by band.

Call to order by Rev. Charles Perkins, chairman.

Music.

Reading of Lincoln's Gettysburg speech by Glen Cox.

Music—Class from public school.

Reading General Logan's order—Edith Duffield.

Exercise—Class from public school.

Address and presentation of service flag by Mayor R. D. Cramer, Memphis, Mo.

Music.

Benediction.

A county service flag was presented.

**LOST ON MOLDAVIA.**

Dubuque, May 31.—A brother of a Dubuque woman, Mrs. Clara Willmers, was among the Americans lost on the Moldavia. He was Private Louis Stiles, of Nelson, Wis., and Mrs. Willmers was notified of his death Monday by the war department.

# U. S. AIRMEN WIN THRILLING FIGHTS; ONE IS CAPTURED

[By Associated Press Staff Correspondent.]

WITH the American Army in France, May 31.—American aviators shot down another German airplane today on the front northwest of Toul. It fell within the American lines. There was much aerial activity on this front yesterday and two, if not three, German machines were shot down.

Lieut. Edward Rickenbacher not only brought down one machine but rescued Lieut. James A. Meissner of Brooklyn, after his machine had been damaged. Single handed, Rickenbacher attacked two albatross biplanes and three monoplanes. After he had fired a hundred rounds into one of the biplanes it fell crashing to the ground. The other two escaped.

As he was returning to the American lines, Lieutenant Rickenbacher saw four German airplanes coming toward him. He turned and saw Lieutenant Meissner, who was flying high, attack one enemy machine just as a second hostile airplane attacked Meissner.

Meissner's machine collided with one of the enemy and a wing of the American's airplane was torn. Meissner immediately turned toward home when a third enemy machine, seeing that he was crippled, took after him.

**SAVES COMRADE'S LIFE**

Rickenbacher made a long dive and drove off the German with his machine gun, undoubtedly saving Meissner. The combat took place east of Thiaucourt.

In other fight two American pilots were forced to withdraw because their guns became jammed just as they attacked the enemy. Another pilot encountered five hostile machines and had fired six bursts without apparent damage when the enemy machines retired.

**YANKEE AIRMAN CAPTURED**

Later five Americans saw two enemy machines over Apremont. They attempted to get away as the Americans came up but two Americans got on the tail of one of the enemy machines. Hundreds of bullets were fired into the fuselage of the German airplane and it crashed into a wood. The other enemy machine was chased down by an American and it was seen to overturn as it reached the ground. The results of several other combats have not yet been reported.

An American aviator was captured by the Germans in No Man's Land after his machine had been damaged in a fight between five American machines and a German squadron. The American aviator was last seen going into the enemy trenches under cover of German rifles.

## INVESTIGATION OF DRAFT MAY SPREAD

Des Moines, May 31.—Polk county young men living outside of Des Moines, who have been granted deferred classifications may be placed in class 1 as a result of investigation now being started by Adjutant General Logan.

Charges have been filed in Adjutant General Logan's office of fraud and perjury and exposures may involve prominent business men.

It is asserted that one member of the draft board permitted himself to be influenced in placing the men in the deferred list and that he even coached men how to evade class 1.

If there is sufficient evidence criminal proceedings may be instituted.

It is also believed that as a result of disclosures made here, the investigation will spread to other counties of the state.

**FAILS IN HOLDUP.**

Estherville, May 31.—A masked man with a revolver Saturday night attempted to hold up and rob J. W. Thompson in his grocery store here. Standing before the cash reigster Thompson was able to grab the revolver and assisted by a clerk he overpowered the man and turned him over to the sheriff. The highwayman said his name was Andy Dixon and that his home is in Florida.

**IOWA RIVER OVERFLOWING**

Wapello, May 31.—The Iowa river at this point has been out of its banks during the past week, and much of the bottom lands are under water. The stage at present is 9.32 feet above the low water mark, but is now receding, having fallen about five inches during the night.

# JUDGE MUST BE A SOLOMON

### MUST DECIDE WHICH MEXICAN IS TRUE HUSBAND OF GIRL.

Council Bluffs, May 31.—Police Judge Capell will be called upon to decide, whether priority constitutes a just claim in a marriage triangle.

Francisco Torris and Erasmo Cortez are both claiming legal relationship with Meregilda Carrisaliz, a pretty Mexican girl about 19 years old.

Torris caused the arrest of Cortez and the girl when he met them on South Main street, in this city, Tuesday morning. Desk Sergeant Ollie Arnold was unable to straighten out the tangle, so he put all three in cells for safekeeping.

**EXHIBITS CERTIFICATE**

Torris exhibits a marriage certificate as proof that he married Meregilda in Omaha on April 27, of this year. Police Judge Madden officiated, and Ida Rosenberg and Charles L. De Sota were witnesses to the ceremony.

He claims that he and his bride lived at a hotel across the river for one week. Then she disappeared and he was unable to locate her. He saw her again, for the first time, in the company of Cortez in this city, on Tuesday.

Cortez told the police that he married the girl nine years ago in Mexico. He said he had lived almost constantly with her with the execption of the week during which she is supposed to have married Torris.

Meregilda neither speaks nor understands English, so officers were unable to obtain from her any definite solution of the pupzzle. The two men speak but slightly, so the services of an interpreter will be necessary before the affair is finally cleared.

# NURSES SLAIN WITH PATIENTS, ALLY HOSPITAL BURNED IN RAID

[By Associated Press Staff Correspondent]

With the British Army in France, May 31.—Another big British hospital was bombed by German airmen early yesterday morning and once more many medical workers and some patients were killed or wounded.

The hospital caught fire after a large section of the building had been demolished by a bomb. A few women nurses were among the slain and their bodies, together with those of a considerable number more of the personnel and patients are buried in the ruins, according to the latest reports.

# GRANGER HAS BIG CATTLE SALE

### SHORTHORNS BRING HIGH PRICE AT AUCTION HELD UNDER ADVERSE CIRCUMSTANCES

Granger, Mo., May 31.—Joseph Miller and Sons, breeders of shorthorn cattle, on Wednesday held one of the most successful sales of the breed under the most adverse circumstances under which any sale of this magnitude was ever conducted. The rivers in this community were overflowing the bottoms. The tent in which the sale was to be held arrived short one-half. And owing to delays of trains and washouts none of the four auctioneers employed arrived at Granger. Walter O. Mitchell of the Drovers Telegram of Kansas City, took the stand as auctioneer, assisted by Walter L. Miller and Mr. Nellis, went into the ring. All these men are press men and are familiar with the breeding of cattle, but have had no experience as auctioneers.

The sale was a decided success. Forty-six head were disposed of at an average of $1,120. The top bull, Cumberlands Choice, sold for $6,500.

This sale speaks volumes for the breeding abilities of the Miller made Cumberlands. As all that was necessary was the superior breeding of the cattle.

## KEOKUK MEN MUST BE CONSERVING

Keokuk, May 31.—Attention, la-dees! The waist bands of Keokuk men's trousers are getting smaller. Tailors in the city say that there has been a perfect rush for tailoring establishments on the part of the men, this spring to have their "pants" taken in a notch or two.

What's the reason?

Well, there are several. Principally the war and the strain under which everyone is working, said the tailor.

Lean men, fat men, middle-sized men, in fact all grades and kinds of men have had their waist bands made smaller. Some have been taken in an inch, some as high as three and four inches.

"Why if this thing keeps up, nearly every man in town will have a 'perfect thirty-six' figure,' said the tailor.

**REACHES FOR FLOWERS, FALLS**

Ft. Madison, May 31.—Reaching too far in an effort to recover some flowers tossed on the river in the Memorial day service at Riverview park here yesterday, Elmer Hayes, 7-year-old son of Mr. and Mrs. C. J. Hayes of west of town, lost his baalnce and fell into the river. With plenty of help at hand, however, he was soon fished out.

**DID HE GET COLD FEET?**

Iowa City, May 31.—Cold feet may have prevented a would-be hero from accomplishing his ruin here Wednesday when a young man announced that he would row a boat over the dam at the Burlington street bridge at 5 in the afternoon. Police learning of the announcement patroled the banks on either side with intent to arrest any one who attempted to perform the rash act, but no one appeared to fulfill the announcement. The water is very high and such a feat is considered extremely dangerous.

**PERSISTENCY GETS HIM IN ARMY**

Keokuk, May 31.—Miles R. Westover, 201 North Sixth street, is persistent. If he wasn't he wouldn't have been admitted to the infantry branch of army service, here.

He is on the way to Jefferson Barracks, Mo., after trying three times and failing twice to get in service. Partial deafness frustrated his efforts at first until H. G. Southerland recruiting officer took his case up with higher military authorities.

# HUN BLACKMAIL PLOT ENSNARES 47,000 BRITONS

## Sensational Story of Scandal Threat Is Told in London Court.

### ASQUITHS REPORTED IN LIST OF VICTIMS

London, May 30.—(Delayed)—Under cross examination after [illegible] ling testimony for the defense [illegible] trial of Noel Pemberton-Billing [illegible] charge of libelling Maude Al[illegible] er, and J. T. Grein, manager of [illegible] dependent theater, Capt. Ha[illegible] win Spencer declared to [illegible] May, 1917, he had made [illegible] the chief of the Britis[illegible] that [illegible] in writing: [illegible] of the [illegible]

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Captain Spencer said [illegible] Wash-in the United States and [illegible] the American navy.

Mr. Pemberton-Billing, the defendant, is publisher of the newspaper Vigilante and a member of parliament.

2nd TAKE SCANDAL—

**WOMAN TELLS ABOUT BOOK.**

Mrs. Villiers Stewart was called to testify to the existence of the boo[illegible] which Pemberton-Billings said ha[illegible] been prepared by German secre[illegible] agents.

Mrs. Stewart, under examination [illegible] Mr. Pemberton-Billings, said the b[illegible] which she had seen but was not [illegible] duced contained the names of e[illegible] mier Asquith and Mrs. Asquit[illegible] count Haldane, former secret[illegible] war, and Justice Darling, wh[illegible] ing the case against the m[illegible] parliament.

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**POLITICAL PRES[illegible]**

"There was great p[illegible] brought to bear," said [illegible] "and I was told that i[illegible] lished it would undermi[illegible] fabric of the government. [illegible] it to the political machine[illegible]

Captain Spencer declare[illegible] had been brought to bear to [illegible] the matter last September, [illegible] political crisis was on and the[illegible] trying to bring Asquith bac[illegible] power."

## CLERK FAILS TO WAKE DRAFT MA[illegible]

Fort Madison, May 31.—Claiming that he was not called by the cler[illegible] of the Iowa hotel at Keokuk, Alvin J. Waldorf, of this city, slept too late and failed to show up at the station in time to accompany the Lee county contingent to Camp Dodge yesterday. He was considerably amused at the thought that he might be hunted as a slacker, but was also rather "peeved" because he did not get to make the trip with the rest of the group. He says the clerk routed out the other sixty men all right but left him to slumber on in peace and ignorance of what was going on. He left for camp yesterday.

# HANNIBAL BOY DIES IN FRANCE

### HARRY D. JAMES ANSWERS TAPS MAY 18; APPENDICITIS THE CAUSE.

Hannibal, Mo., May 31.—Harry [illegible] James of Hannibal, is li[illegible]ed in Pe[illegible] shing's casualty report [illegible] long tho[illegible] who have died of disease. The repo[illegible] is supplemented by a telegram [illegible] ceived from the war department [illegible] his father, Samuel R. James, 14[illegible] Market streeet, stating that he h[illegible] died of appendicitis, May 18. He [illegible] the first Hannibal man to [illegible]ve his li[illegible] with the army in France, [illegible] far as [illegible] known.

James arrived in France some ti[illegible] this month, his parents having [illegible] ceived a card on May 16 appris[illegible] them of his safe arrival. The la[illegible] word they had received from hi[illegible] other than his notice, was a lette[illegible] Mrs. James had April 16, stating tha[illegible] he expected to be sent overseas at [illegible] time. Three days later some of [illegible] effects arrived and nothing more [illegible] heard until the notice of his ha[illegible] reached France came. He prob[illegible] had written, but the mail had [illegible] yet reached his family.