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Our Country! In Her intercourse with foreign nations may She always be right. But our country, right or wrong.—Stephen Decatur.



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CITY BIDS FAREWELL TO THE HOME COMPANY

REMARKABLE SCENE AT GREAT
NORTHERN STATION AS WIL-
LISTON SOLDIERS LEAVE

CITY SEEMS DESERTED

BRAVE FRONT IS SHOWN BY
MEN AND RELATIVES WHEN
FINAL PARTING IS REACHED

Probably the most remarkable as-
semblage ever gathered in Williston
bade farewell to Company E, First
North Dakota regiment, when Cap-
tain H. R. Evans with Lieuts. Jeffrey
and Erickson and 150 men entrained
here for the first stage of a journey
that will eventually take them to
France to fight the battles of World
democracy.

The assemblage was remarkable in
many ways. At the early hour when
most people are slumbering thousands
had turned out to say goodbye. Martial
music to which the town has grown
accustomed now announced that the
kaki clad men were leaving and its
shrill life notes and sharp staccato of
the drums brought home the thought:
"Will they all come back, sound and
well." And in this was the assemblage
most remarkable, it brot the war home
to Williston. We realize now, what
we are in for. We miss the boys of
Company E and probably no other
move has done more to bring us all
together to do our share and to aid
rather than deter those who have war
duties to do them to the best of their
ability and with all the help we can
give them.

And so the war came home to us.
Mothers and sisters and sweethearts
knew it Saturday morning. The men
of Company E knew it and it is doubt-
ful if there was anyone in the large
crowd at the depot who did not wonder
"What can I do? Where is my place?"

The members of the company started
their packing Friday evening. A
special train of cars was set out for
them here and when morning broke
Saturday Company E men had begun
their march to the front. Their
equipment was in the train and im-
pedimented only with rifle and pack
they marched from the Williston arm-
ory to the Great Northern Depot. At
a party in the armory the night be-
fore all had taken leave of their re-
latives and it was only a few moments
from the time they reached the depot
until they were on the train.

The line of march had scarcely
halted at the depot before the people
rushed in to clasp a hand or for a
final embrace. Tears there were of
course but bravery and spirit of sac-
rifice and love of country shone thru
the tears as loved ones said goodbye.
And in this scene was remarkable.
All Williston knows how good this
city looked to some of those lads in
kaki. Everybody knows of the sac-
rifice that many of them are making,
the heart pangs that parting must
have given. But it was as if they
had faces set toward Central Europe
where a madman directs carnage and
from where he has threatened the flag
and the nation which every man in
that company holds dear. It was a
privilege to witness the scene of Sat-
urday morning and it could not but
build in the hearts of the people left
behind the right spirit for the Stars
and Stripes, the boys who are fight-
ing for us, and for the men of this
nation who have such important tasks
in directing the struggle for freedom
for the world.

And the men of Company E board-
ed the train at the home hearth. It
was a moment of striving to keep
back the tears, a glance attempting
to fix the faces of every man as they
smiled back. A thot of the dutiful
sons, true-blue sweethearts, the manly
men and the good fellows of the best
Company of North Dakota, and then
—"All Aboard."

The train moved. Softly, as if to
disturb not that the big drivers start-
ed their revolution. Kisses wafted on
the breeze to the departing men.
Flags, hats and handkerchiefs tokened
a farewell and as the Williston band
played softly the inspiring "Star
Spangled Banner" every head was
bared. Company E was on the way
and in the hearts of thousands, with-
out a voice uttering it Company E
knew and Williston felt with all its
heart:

"Goodbye, Good Luck—God Bless
You."

Company E moved to Minot from
here and a special train with both
companies moved to Grand Forks, and
the Twin Cities. Friends and relatives
here received cards from St. Paul in-
dicating the arrival there of the train
Sunday afternoon and everyone in
good spirits.

And Williston is just a little bit

quiet this week as a result of the com-
pany leaving. Social affairs for the
boys had taken up the last few weeks
pretty well and now that they are
gone there seems so little to do. The
streets, without the men of the col-
ors, are not the same and the armory,
save for the times when the Red Cross
workers are busy is quiet as a grave-
yard.

The war fund commission named
some weeks ago by President Craven
of the city commission has been busy
this week and good success is report-
ed in raising a fund for the men from
this territory who are in the service.
There will be no difference between
the National guard men and the Na-
tional army men in the distribution
of this fund, the purpose being to
have a sufficient fund to care for all
the needs of the men from Williams
and McKenzie County. With only a
small monthly contribution from a
good number of the people the boys
can be taken care of in good shape and
indications are that Williston will not
be backward in doing its share for the
boys who are bearing the heaviest
burden.

The Grand Forks Herald makes the
following comment on the arrival
there of the special carrying the Wil-
liston boys:

Western Contingent Arrives
Saturday night at 8:20 o'clock, Com-
pany E of Williston and Company D
of Minot, reached the city for a 15-
minute stop. Several hundred pa-
triotic residents of the city were at
the station to meet them and the
boys from the western cities were
given a royal reception.

Each company comprised 153 men,
including the officers, and they were
a gentlemanly lot. Their cheers were
enthusiastic and their home communi-
ties were not forgotten. At 8:45 the
train departed from the station, en-
route to Fargo and thence south to
the training camp.

Saturday marked the departure of
the entire first regiment from North
Dakota and on Monday the second
started southward.

BLESSING IN DISGUISE

The shortage of farm labor in this
vicinity this year proved a blessing
in disguise to Abner Veitch of Wil-
liston, who this week threshed 100
acres of alfalfa which went to seed
because he could not get it cut and
as a result now has over 360 bushels
of prime alfalfa seed ready for
the market. The product is valued
at from 30 to 70 cents a pound ac-
cording to quality and at this rate
the seed will be many times as val-
uable as the crop itself would have
been.

Mr. Veitch made every effort to
have the field cut because of the feed
shortage and the hay would have been
a great crop but the seed is going
to show a value far in excess of what
was expected.

MISS FOX MARRIED

A wedding at Devils Lake a few
days ago is of local interest, the bride
being Miss Blanch Marion Fox, a
Westlawn teacher here last year. She
was married to J. A. Kramer, county
auditor of Ramsey county. The couple
left immediately after the ceremony
for the Twin Cities where they will
spend their honeymoon. The Devils
Lake Journal says of the couple: Mrs.
Kramer is an accomplished member
of Devils Lake society and much ad-
mired in the city which has been her
home since childhood. She is a gradu-
ate of the Valley City normal and
has made a vast success in the teach-
ing profession as a primary special-
ist. The groom, son of Mr. and Mrs.
A. Kramer, of Midway, Ontario, Can-
ada, likewise needs no introduction
in Ramsey county. He has served as
the efficient and ever-obliging au-
ditor of the county for four years and
previous to that was connected with
the office as deputy.

OUT THEY GO

Aaker's Business College received
18 requests for office help last week
and made the following happy by
placing them in fine positions: Inge-
borg Peterson, Edla Thun, Alma
Haestensgaard, Mable Hovland, Sel-
mer Grant, E. A. Nordquist, Jeanette
Rankin, Zue Ross, C. L. Goldson,
Dagny Gunderson. Business training
offers great opportunities. Send for
free general catalog or Gas Tractor
and Auto Engineering catalog to A.
B. C., Grand Forks or Fargo. 16-1t.

The war situation appears to be
breaking seriously into the attend-
ance of all the high schools of the
state. Although a number of Wil-
liston High School students are now
with Uncle Sam the attendance in the
high school is holding its own most
satisfactorily.

FARM NEAR RAY SELLS FOR \$9,000

CONTZEN QUARTER SECTIONS
GOES TO ARTHUR SUNDQUIST
AT GOOD FIGURE

Williams County real estate is
worth money and the farmers are
willing to pay good prices for the
choice land as was evidenced this
week when on Monday Herbert Con-
tzen sold his quarter section farm a
short distance northeast of Ray to
Arthur Sundquist for \$9000. This
is about the top price received for
land but Mr. Sundquist states that
the farm is worth every cent of it,
says the Ray Pioneer.

This is the Contzen homestead that
he filed on in 1905 when he was one of
the early settlers in this vicinity and
every year has seen new improve-
ments put on the place so that it has
developed from the raw prairie and
a 10x12 shack into a well cultivated
farm with fine buildings. One of the
noticeable items on the place is the
nice grove of several hundred trees
which were planted a few years ago
from seedlings and now a regular
forest. In his farming operations
Mr. Contzen has been very success-
ful and has accumulated enough of
this world's goods so that he is able
to retire from active work.

In the deal he acquired a quarter
of land on the Berthold reservation
which he will rent to other parties.

Make Good Half Section

Mr. Sundquist owns a half section
farm north of his new place and has
been in this country several years so
he knows full well what the land will
produce.

Al Robinson who a year ago pur-
chased the Chas. Johnson farm on
the Nesson Flats south of Ray was
in the city last Friday and in speak-
ing about the crop raised on his farm
this year stated that he had realized
2500 bushels of wheat from 250 acres
and 2000 bushels of flax from 100
acres which at the market prices of
day would sell for over \$9000, and
besides these crops he had raised
considerable feed grain for his 40
head of stock and herd of horses, and
that the alfalfa crop this year was
a fine one which and would be used
for fattening the cattle for the mar-
ket.

Mr. Robinson moved to this part
of the county early last spring from
Waverly, Ill., and is well satisfied
with his first crop raised in Williams
county and in comparing the land
values in Williams county at from

GOVERNMENT AND DEFENDANTS WIN BY COURT'S ORDER

DEMURRERS OVERRULED BY
JUDGE AMIDON IN ANTI-
TRUST CASES

U. S. MUST GIVE DETAILS

DIRECTS THAT BILL OF PARTIC-
ULARS BE FURNISHED WITH-
IN 15 DAYS

Although Judge Charles F. Amidon
of the federal court late Thursday
afternoon overruled the demurrers
interposed by the defendants to the
indictments against the Nash Brothers'
interests, wholesale fruit and
grocery dealers which charges them
with operating in violation of the
Sherman anti-trust act, he demands
that the government shall within fif-
teen days serve upon counsel for the
defendants a bill of particulars.

The companies charged with viola-
tion of the Sherman anti-trust law
under indictments returned at the
last session of the federal grand jury
in Fargo last July are Nash Brothers,
Stacy-Bismarck company, The Gen-
eral Brokerage company of Minne-
apolis and Grand Forks.

It was alleged by the government
that these companies entered into a
conspiracy and obtained from retail
fruit and grocery dealers "excessive
and unwarranted profits. It was fur-
ther charged that this conspiracy
was to prevent the purchase of fruit
by wholesale dealers within the vari-
ous states who were competitors of
the defendant companies.

The charges were the first of the
kind to be brought by the govern-
ment in North Dakota. Several weeks
ago, Atty. Henry J. Linde of Bis-
marck, Pierce Butler of St. Paul, and
Charles J. Murphy of Grand Forks,
appeared for the defendants and en-
tered demurrers.

The direct result of the court's or-
der is that the cases will be brought

WILLISTON MAN HELD HERE FOR FORGERY

MAURICE FITZGERALD HELD TO
DISTRICT COURT ON CHECK
PASSING STUNT

Minot, Oct. 3.—Maurice Fitzgerald
was bound over to the district court
on a charge of forgery. The case is
the aftermath of a rather novel
scheme which came to light some
time ago when Frank Smith, a col-
ored man, was arrested on a charge of
forgery which resulted from the pass-
ing by him of a Great Northern
check which was stolen at New Rock-
ford after it was made out but be-
fore it was delivered to the party for
whom it was intended. Smith passed
the check at one of the stores in
this city, and when arrested after the
discovery of the facts, contended that
the check was given to him by a
white man. Not much credence was
placed in the story at the time, but
the authorities finally found Fitz-
gerald at Williston and he was ar-
rested and brought back here.

The evidence at hand seems to in-
dicate that the story told by Smith
had some grains of truth in it.

THIRD FOOTBALL GAME SATURDAY

Arrangements are now complete
for the third football game of the
season. A team from the high school
at Sidney will contest the local squad
on the athletic field at three o'clock
Saturday of this week, admission be-
ing the same as heretofore, twenty-
five cents and thirty-five cents. In
the first contest of last season the
Sidney boys were victors although our
team readily scored the large success
on the return game. The high school
squad is confident that the season is
to be one of complete victories thru-
out and will appreciate the enthusiasm
of a large attendance. Plans for
latter contests involve a considerable
expenditure and it is desired to build
up a fund in advance.

\$25 to \$40 per acre with those of
Illinois at \$150 to \$250 per acre he
stated that the land here would pro-
duce like a gold mine and that a per-
son with a reasonable yield of grain
would be able to pay for his farm
in some cases the first year while in
his old state it was hard scratching
to make both ends meet every year.

COMPANY E BOYS ARRIVE AT CAMP--ALL CHEERFUL

How To Address
Mail To Soldiers

G. A. Huffman, postmaster of Des
Moines, Iowa, has completed his ten-
tative organization for the handling
of the mail at the Camp Dodge can-
tonment. In order to facilitate the
proper distribution of this mail he
asks that attention be given to the
following instructions:
"All men selected for service in
the national army, and sent to Camp
Dodge, near Des Moines, Iowa, should
observe the following regarding their
mail:
"If you know in advance the com-
pany and regiment you are assigned to,
you should inform all interested to
address your mail as per this sam-
ple:
Private John Jones,
A Company, First Infantry
Camp Dodge, Iowa.
If you do not know in advance to
what company and regiment you will
be assigned have your mail address-
ed as per sample:
Private John Jones
of North Dakota
Camp Dodge, Iowa.
When all troops are organized the
mail will be distributed to the proper
regiments and company. Until
then the mail will be separated into
states the men are from and deliver-
ed through the state section.

BRAKEMAN IS KILLED NEAR SPRINGBROOK

FALLS UNDER HIS OWN TRAIN
AFTER SIGNALLING ENGINE
TO GO AHEAD

FOUND BY THE CREW

LIVED FEW HOURS AFTER BE-
ING BROUGHT TO HOSPITAL
HERE--LEAVES FAMILY

With considerable of mystery as to
the exact manner in which he came
to his death, Paul C. Fenner a young
railroad man from Minot died in the
Wittenburg hospital here Friday af-
ter he had been horribly mangled
under the wheels of his own train
just as he had given the enginemmen
the signal to go ahead.

The accident happened early Fri-
day morning near Springbrook. The
train was headed this way and after
a stop there Fenner had signalled to
go ahead. He was about halfway the
length of the train and it was not un-
til his fellow workmen felt the caboose
running over something that his man-
gled body was discovered. The train
was brot to a stop and the man was
found to have a spark of life left. A
hasty run was made here to get sur-
gical attention and the everything
possible was done for the victim he
passed away a few hours after the
accident. He was unconscious all but
a few minutes from the time of the
accident and surgeons were not able
to restore him sufficiently to tell how
he got under the train.

The matter was reported at once
to the county authorities and Dr. O.
E. Distad held an inquest Friday af-
ternoon. It was found that the kill-
ing was accidental and not one of the
train crew could offer any explana-
tion. Fenner was last seen by the
enginemmen and everything looked all-
right at the time he gave the "high-
ball" to go ahead.

The unfortunate man was nearly
28 years of age and leaves a wife
and two small children, their home
being at Minot. His father and moth-
er came here Saturday from Cedar
Falls, Iowa, and with his wife accom-
panied the remains to Cedar Falls,
Iowa, his former home. The body
was prepared for burial here at the
Arsenault Undertaking rooms and
shipment was made Sunday evening,
the funeral being held there yester-
day.

Additional output from the Black
Diamond mine will be secured within
two weeks when the spur to the
Great Northern will be completed and
much more coal can be handled. Lig-
nite mines of Williston are flooded
with carload orders from the terri-
tory and indications are that men will
be at a premium this winter in this
sort of work.

FIRST WORD FROM SOUTH INDI-
CATES BOYS FROM WILLISTON
FAREWELL IN CAMP

MEET BORDER FRIENDS

LETTER FROM LIEUT. ERICKSON
TELLS INTERESTING FEAT-
URES OF TRIP SOUTH

WHERE THE BOYS ARE AT
CAMP

The North Dakota guardsmen
now at Camp Greene, North Caro-
lina, are in a district noted as one
of the chief playgrounds of the
south, as well as one of the most
thriving manufacturing centers in
the country, and a region that is
rich in historical memories.

The site for this tented city is
considered to be an ideal location.
It has good water and is alongside
well kept roadway that connects
with excellent highways for auto-
mobile and motorcycle riding.

The company will sleep under
its own canvas, but the kitchen and
mess shacks are permanent screen-
ed buildings and provided with all
improved camp sanitation arrange-
ments. These kitchen and mess
shacks are built near the main
highway, with the tent of the re-
giment pitched on the rolling ground
inland.

Charlotte is midway between the
mountains and the seacoast and
equal-distant from Washington on
the north and Atlantic to the
south. It is the largest city be-
tween Richmond and Atlantic, hav-
ing an estimated population of 50,-
000 persons, with 450,000 persons
living within a radius of 50 miles.

En Route, Sept. 30.—Just left Al-
bert Lea, Minn., where we were off
the train for about 20 minutes exer-
cise. The weather is fine though
rather cool. The boys are full of
pep and all in very good health.

After leaving Williston there was
very little of the usual boisterousness
and horse play customary on a troop
train. The boys were saddened by
the leave taking and were still full
of thoughts of home and the folks.
There was a stop of over two hours at
Minot where we arrived at 1 P. M.
We were allowed privileges to visit
around while the Minot boys en-
trained. There were speeches, hand-
music and cheers but the boys were
still very quiet. We met many friends
who wished us the best of good for-
tune on our journey and in battle.
There was a great crowd out to say
good bye as Minot does know how
to do.

Leaving Minot we hurried right
along, people were out at nearly all
towns to wave and cheer; stopped
at Rugby about 4:30 P. M., and ar-
rived at Devils Lake 5:40. We were
not allowed off but the boys were be-
ginning to liven up and began to wave
hands and call goodbye very cheer-
fully. Grand Forks at 8 P. M., and
another crowd greeted us. They had
just hidden goodbye to their own
boys and were surprised to see how
cheerful our men were after the and
departure of the Grand Forks Co. We
had both meals on the train and
thanks to the many kind people at
Williston—we were plentifully sup-
plied with home delicacies. A soldier
is usually thought of as a person
who eats nails for desert but I want
to tell you they do like jam. Every-
body was tired, having had but little
sleep the night before and soon after
leaving Grand Forks we all went to
bed so that by the time we reached
Fargo (11:00 P. M.) all were asleep,
though I was awakened by a commo-
tion outside my window and found
three ex-Williston residents includ-
ing Mrs. Hawley, Murriel and Gladys
Hawley, Mr. and Mrs. M. J. Roberts
and Harriet Moser. The Hawley
girls kindly presented me with a cake
which a few of us immediately pro-
ceeded to sample.

Minneapolis at 5:45 A. M., but no
stop. St. Paul at 7:15 where we met
up with two other sections of the
N. D. regiment and we renewed ac-
quaintances with many of our Border
friends.

The Red Cross had a booth in the
depot and presented us with cigar-
ettes, post cards and fruit, all which
was greatly appreciated. Here we
switched to the C. R. & P. Ry., and
left at 8 A. M. Had no further stops
until we arrived at Albert Lea.

We are very comfortable on the
train as we were furnished with Pull-
man sleepers, which we will keep
throughout the journey. We have
plenty of good food and the men are
exceptionally well behaved and in
very good spirits.

Regards to all from all of us.
Lieut. C. H. Erickson.