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Matchless June Offerings

Do not overlook a single item in this ad, as offerings below are important.

\$9.98 Your Choice of any LADIES SUIT in our stock. Garments which range in price regular up to \$25.00.

9c per yard 2000 yards fine organdie and voile, stripes and paisley.

18c per yard 25 pieces fine voiles and organdie, sells up to 25c per yard elsewhere.

- 79c One assorted lot fine Crepe Gowns
- \$4.00 Ladies patent, vici and gunmetal Oxfords and Pumps \$5.00 values
- \$3.50 Ladies patent, vici and gunmetal Pumps, regular \$4.50 values
- 65c Assorted lot fine bungalow aprons, made of fast color gingham and percale
- 98c Gents and Ladies Umbrellas, only a limited number at this price.
- \$7.50 Men's fine Palmbeach Suits in pinch-back and regular models.
- \$1.00 Men's Superior Unionsuits.
- 35c Boys Nainsook Athletic Unionsuits.
- 25c Boys Waists, fast colors, any size.
- 50c Boys fast color Sport Shirts.
- 35c Children's chambray and percale Rompers.
- 75c Men's Nainsook Athletic Unionsuits.
- \$4.00 Men's Gunmetal Oxfords, with white rubber sole.
- \$1.50 Men's Felt Hats, assorted lot, values up to \$3.00.
- 35c Boys fine Mesh Unionsuits all sizes.
- \$3.50 Men's Panama Hats, the latest styles.
- 35c Boys fast color Chambray Work Shirts

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Fine Clothes for Men
\$20.00—\$25.00

Styleplus Clothes \$17.00

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Sam'l Levy Merc. Co.

BRITISH SMASH WAY PAST MESSINES RIDGE

Million Pounds of High Explosives Blown Up Under German Positions. Teutons in Panic. More Than 7,000 Prisoners Taken.

The Messines—Wyschaete Ridge, which for over two and one-half years has dominated the British positions in the Ypres salient, was stormed by the British troops Thursday morning.

The British attack begun Thursday, two months after the offensive campaign burst into flame at Arras, was carried out in that slender strip of Belgium saved nearly three years ago from the German invasion. The blow was struck on a front of approximately 10 miles against the high ground known as the Messines Ridge from which the Germans have overlooked the British lines ever since October of 1914. It was not long after the battle began that word came from all sections of the fighting front that the various objectives had been taken on scheduled time.

All the prisoners say the Germans had been expecting the attack, but were taken completely by surprise by the hour at which it was launched, and the fury with which it was carried forward. They had been completely dazed by the most gigantic mining operation yet carried out in the world war.

More than 1,000,000 pounds of high explosives had been placed under the German forward positions during the last 12 months and the upheaval of a score of separate mines spread panic among the troops, already harassed as they were to the point of distraction by seven days and nights of fire from the greatest concentration of guns on a given front since the war began. The battle of Arras apparently had reached the ultimate in this respect, but today's bombardment was carried out by 20 per cent more guns, especially guns of heavy caliber.

The Messines Ridge has long been a thorn in the side of the British. They were driven from it in those perilous days of October, 1914, when, with weak lines and virtually no artillery, they bravely, but forlornly, attempted to hold this point of vantage.

If all of Thursday's gains are held the pressure on poor old Ypres, which has resisted every effort of the Germans, will be effectually relieved. Not much is left of Ypres but its crumbling walls and brick dust, but the British have held it as the last important landmark which survived in the little kingdom overrun by the Germans in their mad dash against France.

The Messines Ridge has been regarded as a sort of key position to all the northern section of the western front, and in that way more important than Vimy Ridge itself, although only about half as high. The remainder of the country about Messines is so flat that this sloping ridge which attains a maximum height of only 70 meters, commands the country for miles around and affords its possessor that great military advantage, direct observation.

The British obscured that observation Thursday morning with one of the most effective smoke barrages ever set up. The attack came at dawn, with the full moon still high in the heavens. Mine explosions were the signals for the turning on of all the guns which were employed in dropping a curtain of fire that swept before the British attacking units. Meanwhile other guns were hurling high explosive shells against all the German communications, while still others were spraying the German batteries with a deluge of gas shells.

As the result of this artillery co-operation, the German guns were effectually silenced during the initial stages of the attack and the British casualties were, consequently, light. It was not long after the battle started that Messines Valley was reported captured. Then came word that the Hospice of Lenfre and Zarectia (Zareeba) had fallen and that Wyschaete, in the very nose of the German salient just south of the Ypres salient, was being surrounded. Important trench positions were taken all the way from Observation Ridge, southeast of Ypres, to Ploegsteert wood, north of Armentieres. One of the most formidable of these was Damstrass, which the British fire had all but obliterated. Other positions taken were known as the "Ungodly Trench," "Schmitzelfarms" and "Battle Wood." More than 7000 prisoners were taken.

The tanks were in the thick of the fighting Thursday morning and from all accounts were doing splendid, if ungraceful, work. The troops fighting Thursday were English, Irish, New Zealanders and Australians. Having expected that there would be an offensive near Ypres, the British had been making guns and

new divisions to this front during the past two weeks. Orders that were captured had urged the men to hold against the British at all costs.

GEN. PERSHING'S PARTY ARRIVES IN LONDON

Commander of American Forces Met With Full Military Honors

London, June 8.—Headed by Maj. Gen. John J. Pershing, its commander, the first representative of the American Army that is to enter the European war, disembarked this morning at a British port after an uneventful voyage of 10 days on the White Star liner Baltic.

The party was received with full military honors and immediately entertained for London, where it arrived this afternoon and was welcomed by the Earl of Derby, the Minister of War; Viscount French, commander of the British home forces, and the American officials.

Gen. Pershing's personal staff and the members of the general staff who will perform the preliminary work for the first fighting force number 57 officers and are accompanied by a squad of 50 privates and a large civilian and clerical force.

The American residents of London and various British organizations have prepared for an extensive program of entertainment for the American party, but it is doubtful if much of it will be carried out, as Gen. Pershing, before being informed of the plan expressed a desire that there be a minimum of anything in the nature of social entertainment.

The entire contingent devoted itself to the hardest kind of work of an organizing nature throughout the journey.

Among those taking an active part on the various committees of entertainment for the American contingent are Mrs. John Jacob Astor, Mrs. Whitelaw Reid, Mrs. W. W. Wilton Phipps, and Mrs. R. Craig McKerron and Washington Wood, Almerio Paget and L. W. Blackwell.

The Americans were surprised to learn of the elaborate arrangements for their entertainment made by their countrymen and women, and also of the plans made to facilitate their work.

Everything from automobiles to a money exchange office was ready for the convenience of the Americans, and soon the officers and men were scattered over the city on business and sightseeing.

Washington, June 8.—Maj. Gen. Pershing is to be promoted to lieutenant general—the first to hold that rank for many years—shortly after the arrival of his expedition in France. Army officers in discussing the situation today said that it has been pointed out already that the force which General Pershing will command will considerably exceed a division, indeed, that it will more nearly approach an army corps. This will be true even before the first expeditionary force is re-enforced by any national guardsmen, who, it is believed by army officers, will be sent next, so as to leave as large a force of regulars as possible for the training of the selective draft army.

Circuit Court.

Edgar L. Hereford vs. Mystic Workers of the World, bill of exceptions: Time for filing bill of exceptions extended to next term of court.

A. J. King vs. John E. Mann et al, bill of exceptions: Bill of exceptions filed.

Clara L. Pitt vs. Orza O. Pitt, divorce: Dismissed.

Walter E. Owen, Trustee vs. John Atherton et al, quiet title: Decree as prayed.

Anna Bailey vs. R. A. Bailey, separate maintenance: Motion to retax costs sustained. Judgment against R. A. Bailey for cost of depositions as retaxed.

Charles Edwards vs. J. L. Fisher et al, motion for new trial and in arrest: Appeal granted to Kansas City court of appeals.

Lonus Gibbs by next friend Lydia A. Gibbs vs. William F. Duvall, bill of exceptions: Bill of exceptions filed.

Dora Rees vs. Davis Rees, Jr., divorce: Decree as prayed, custody of infant child, Allene Reese, granted plaintiff. Judgment for alimony in sum of \$500 and costs.

Charles H. Argenbright vs. Kansas Insurance Company et al, quiet title: Decree as prayed.

Susie Ella Ellifrits vs. Newton Ellifrits, divorce: Decree as prayed. Plaintiff awarded custody of minor child.

Edmonston et al, quiet title: Decree as prayed.

Mary E. Midkiff vs. John Dover et al, quiet title: Decree as prayed.

H. W. Neuschaefer vs. H. O. Hall et al, quiet title: Decree as prayed.

S. L. Coleman vs. John C. Burk, quiet title: Decree as prayed.

Sarah D. Bearce vs. W. R. Blevins, quiet title: Decree as prayed.

Henry E. Béarce vs. James Rains et al, quiet title: Decree as prayed.

E. T. Cornell vs. Mary Barner et al, quiet title: Decree as prayed.

Albert Michie vs. Gladys Michie, divorce: Decree as prayed.

State of Missouri vs. C. B. Lawson, William Lawson, James Evans, obstructing highway: Decree as prayed.

D. Yiokaris et al vs. H. B. Owen, damage: Dismissed.

D. Yiokaris et al vs. Herman Blake, damage: Dismissed.

D. Yiokaris et al vs. Amos H. Hall, damage: Dismissed.

Missouri State Bank vs. T. H. Bottoms et al, note: Judgment for \$508, interest at 8 per cent.

E. B. Wainscott vs. Charles M. Durrrett et al, damage: Trial by jury. Verdict, "We, the jury, find for the plaintiff and assess his damage in the sum of \$15.00."

T. M. Williamson et al vs. C. W. Wiegard, attachment: Trial by jury. Verdict, "We, the jury, find for plaintiffs and assess their damage in the sum of \$6000." Motion for new trial.

Daisy Warner vs. Frank Littlefield, damage: Plaintiff takes non-suit without prejudice.

F. Dye vs. L. W. Gamble, note: Judgment as per stipulation \$634.77 against defendant. Comes plaintiff into open court and acknowledges full satisfaction for the judgment herein.

William Hubbard vs. The Missouri Pacific Ry. Co., damage: Continued.

J. W. Wise vs. William L. Greenwood et al, note: Continued.

W. A. Tucker vs. The K. C. S. Ry. Co., damage: Judgment for plaintiff in sum of \$247.25. Defendant files motion for new trial. Overruled. Appeal granted to Kansas City court of appeals.

Nancy Courtright et al vs. Lewellyn Smith et al, replevin: Continued at cost of defendants.

Sarah M. Dickinson vs. J. W. Trimble et al, note: Tried by court. Finding and judgment for defendant. Plaintiff files motion for new trial.

Clyde B. Spencer vs. Homer C. Spencer et al, contest will: Trial by jury. Verdict, "We, the jury, find the paper writing offered in evidence is not the will of Obil Spencer, deceased." Plaintiff files motion for new trial.

Kansas City Wholesale Grocery Co. vs. C. A. Sleeth, account: Judgment for \$349.54, interest at 6 per cent.

J. V. Beaty and Verne D. Edwards, Tr. vs. Mrs. M. M. Daugherty et al, account: Dismissed without prejudice.

Mrs. Margaret McFarland, Executrix vs. C. H. Clouse, note: Judgment for plaintiff in the sum of \$96.70, interest at 8 per cent and \$25 attorney fee.

James H. Wyse vs. Charles W. Martz, damage: Trial by jury. Verdict, "We, the jury, find for the plaintiff and assess his damages in the sum of \$25.00."

Sarah Elizabeth Davis vs. The Eureka Coal Mining and Mre'l Co., damage: Defendant files demurrer.

T. E. Grider vs. Geo. L. Stoltenburg et al, equity: Judgment in favor of F. M. Campbell for fund on deposit in hands of clerk.

Q. O. Reynolds and W. A. Bryan vs. Geo. L. Stoltenburg, equity: Judgment in favor of F. M. Campbell for fund on deposit in hands of clerk.

William C. Doane vs. Maggie E. Doane, divorce: Decree as prayed.

Omar N. Custer vs. Mitchell E. Sweeney et al, Wesley Denton appointed receiver to collect rents.

State vs. Harley Imel, paroled as to fine.

J. L. Wix vs. The Cont. Life Ins. Co., decree as prayed.

State of Missouri vs. Everett Bishop defendant paroled during good behavior.

State of Missouri vs. E. Wainscott, defendant fined \$5.00 for quarreling and challenging to fight in presence in court.

State of Missouri vs. Robt. Derr and Sam Craig: State dismisses as to defendant Sam Craig. Defendant Derr pleads guilty to larceny charge. Sentenced to reform school for 2 years. Paroled.

State of Missouri vs. Bud Foster, Harry Vodney, Chas. McQuitty: Charge of burglary as to defendants Bud Foster and Harry Vodney dismissed. Plea of guilty as to larceny charge. Sentenced to 2 years in reform school. Paroled on good behavior.

A High Art Suit will wear from two to five years. To be convinced, try one this time. Black & Sons Clothing Co.

MEN REGISTERED MAY ENLIST

Captain Caruthers Authorized to Enlist Registered Men Up to Time of Draft.

Captain George L. Caruthers has announced that, acting under orders of Col. W. A. Raupp, commanding the 2nd Mo. Infantry, he will accept men who have registered for enlistment in "B" company until they are actually drafted.

Captain Caruthers' authorization comes in the form of the following order from regimental headquarters: Headquarters Second Regiment Infantry, National Guard Missouri, Pierce City, Mo., June 6, 1917.

No. 385. From The Commanding Officer, 2nd Mo. Inf., N. G.

To The Organization Commanders, Subject Enlistments.

1. The following telegram is self-explanatory:

"It has been decided that those who registered on June 5th may enlist in the National Guard up until the date they are actually drafted. Advise all unit commanders that they may enlist those who have registered until they are drafted. Give this necessary publicity and make every effort to go to war strength immediately."

"H. C. Clark." 2. You will govern yourself accordingly. The regimental commander hopes to receive your report of full war strength in the next few days.

W. A. Raupp, Col. 2nd Mo. Inf. N. G.

Commercial Club Meeting.

The Butler Commercial Club, at a regular meeting held Tuesday night transacted the following business.

It was decided to have a street fair and home coming some time in October, 1917, and D. K. Walker, H. G. Cook, and Paul B. Levy were appointed to determine on the time and report at the next meeting of the club.

Ten dollars was voted to the Surgeons Dressing Association of Butler which is auxiliary to the national association, the money to be used to purchase material for dressings for wounded soldiers.

Some time ago the Club decided that they would like to make a few trips to the country this summer and fall, and meet with our former friends to have a good time, a kind of get together meeting, and at the same time ask the church or civic society at that place to furnish us something to eat at our expense. The idea took and Dr. Hull, president, was instructed to arrange for the first meeting, which he did. Thursday of this week, 8 p. m. The ladies of the M. E. church at Virginia will serve cream and cake in a large measure at fifteen cents per, and while the Commercial Club made the arrangement the invitation is to any one who cares to go.

Judge Calvird will talk on our Flag and Judge Henry on Patriotism. Mrs. W. D. Stanley of the Surgeons Dressing Association, what it is, what it does.

After the usual bills were paid the meeting adjourned.

Bigger and More of it.

The nearer we get to the Masonic Bi-centennial celebration June 25th, the bigger and more interesting it becomes.

Two candidates have been found for the third degree, which will be conferred after supper, and at the same time the Eastern Star Chapters of Adrian and Rich Hill will put on an entertainment for the visiting ladies.

This entertainment will, in all probability be held in the Odd Fellows hall, which is on the same floor as the Masonic hall, and is well ventilated and lighted and modern in every respect.

Word comes to the committee from all the lodges that there will be a large crowd present. So if you have not thought of this matter before do so now and get ready to come, and don't forget to bring the basket of "grub."

Yours fraternally, The Committee.

Berlin War Expert Says U. S. Is Dangerous Foe.

Amsterdam, June 11.—The Germans who believe that the United States is not to be feared, are deceiving themselves, in the opinion of Capt. Perseus, famous German naval critic of the Berlin Tageblatt. He warns Germany that by autumn the United States probably will have 150,000 men on the battle field, and that the United States fleet may join the British fleet in an attempt to destroy the German navy and attack the German coast defenses.