

V. C. N. PROFESSOR IN U. S. SERVICE

Dr. C. L. Kjerstad, of the State Normal school faculty, who has been teaching psychology at the school here, has asked for a leave of absence, secured it, and has accepted a position with the government. He has received his commission as a first lieutenant and will go into the sanitary corps. He has accepted a position as psychologist at the medical laboratory at Hazelhurst, N. H. Dr. Kjerstad has been re-elected to his present position at the normal school with an advanced salary. He feels his duty at this time is to accept the call from Uncle Sam and will shortly leave to take up his new duties. Friends of Dr. Kjerstad in Valley City will wish him success in his new undertaking.

FARGO EQUITY PACKING PLANT

Fargo, Aug. 17.—The \$450,000 packing plant being erected by the Equity Co-operative Packing Company of Fargo, three and one-half miles west of this city, will be in operation in less than sixty days, according to L. C. Hoopman, manager. The sale of stock for the plant commenced in November, 1916 and the first meeting of the company was held the following January at which time officers were elected and an architect, secretary and manager chosen. The contract was let in July, 1917, and the corner stone laid in August of that year. It is estimated that the building will cost \$200,000 and the equipment \$250,000. Every effort is being made to complete the plant by the last of October.

EDWIN BLOOM GETS A COMMISSION

Edwin Bloom, of the Straus Clothing Company, is a fine window dresser well as chalk and brush artist, and his work has come to the attention of the government, so recently Mr. Bloom received a commission as Sergeant of the National War Service in the window displays. The purpose of the committee is to work in conjunction with the National Committee which is acting in an advisory capacity to the various governmental departments. Hereafter the government will in so far as possible make their request for window displays through the national war service committee on window displays. Mr. Bloom will accept this appointment which is a recognition of his ability and in the future the windows of this store will receive a little more than the ordinary in decoration which will be along the lines of patriotism and war work.

Make yourself necessary to the world, and the world will give you bread. The way to bring that about is by taking a course in the Mankato Commercial College, Mankato, Minn. Send for our free catalogue.

Stern's Candy Shop

We wish to advise our Friends and Patrons that we have secured the agency for the



PHONOGRAPHS AND RECORDS

The same can be seen at our store.

A beautiful line to select from at the most reasonable prices.

When in Valley City

Stop in and let us demonstrate this wonderful instrument.

You are under no obligations to buy.

Yours for Service,

Stern's

Valley City Main Street

FIRE DESTROYS A LARGE BARN

Ben Norgaard was in the city Friday morning to tell us of a big fire the country. Ben has been putting in a few days shocking along with his brother. The big barn related to was on the farm of Herman Gangstad, 14 miles south of town, and was one of these large hip roof barns. At the time the fire started everybody was in the field about a couple of miles away and when they noticed the fire they raced for home but by the time they got there the big building was a mass of flames. The origin of the fire is not known. Mr. Gangstad lost 40 tons of hay—all he had—one horse and a pig which were burned up. There had been nobody home for several hours as Mrs. Gangstad and the children were out in the field with a lunch for the men, so just how the first started is not known. This is a heavy loss to Mr. Gangstad, especially the hay which he needs for feed the coming winter. The fire occurred at 4:30 in the afternoon.

OLD SOLDIERS HIT WESTERN TRAIL

Three sections of N. P. train No. 1 passed through here Friday loaded down with old veterans, their wives and families, all headed for Portland, Oregon, to attend the big national G. A. R. convention which is to be held in that city next week. Quite a delegation went from Valley City among the number being Gen. and Mrs. Henry Beal, Mrs. Herold, Mrs. S. B. Goodwin, Mrs. Marie Spiker, Robt. Kee and daughter, Mrs. Healy, Miss Lillian Healy, Lon Batcheller, Mrs. Walter McDonnell and Barbara Packard. The bunch will undoubtedly have a very fine trip.

VALLEY CITY GROCERY TROOPS

The Valley City Grocery Company bunch headed by Manager L. S. Ward stormed the field of Wm. Stack, seven miles from town last Saturday and put up such a fine attack on the fields of that prosperous farmer that has caused him to smile all over his face and half way down his back ever since they got there. The troop consisted of L. S. Ward, Niel McFadgen, Andrew Gunderson, Ernest Johnson, Tony Christianson, George Jones, Jim McFadgen and last but not least Miss Bigot—and the boys all swear by the great horn spoon that the lady would not be a Bigot if she made claims to doing more work than any man in the bunch. She grabbed those shocks and plunked them down in position like a veteran farm hand, and in giving her this modicum of praise we are not detracting from the rest of the bunch—everyone worked like good fellows and pleased Mr. Stack hugely. The Valley City Grocery Company bunch are there with bells on and don't you forget it.

Love Letters in Hymn Book. A pair of lovers who had been forbidden to speak or write, attended the same church, and their plan was the exchange of hymn books. As the young man was an officer of the church he did this little job before service. Most delightful and satisfactory love letters could be pieced together by following certain lead-pencil marks, and in order to elude even a Sherlock Holmes of the household, the letters were made to read from the end to the beginning of the book.

Many Mothers Ignore Science. The doctors say we must not, but what harm does it do to rock a baby? It brings sleep and it brings music, for no mother ever rocked her child without a lullaby accompaniment. It's all gone, however, because steady science has said that it must go. The only baby that has a chance today is the one who is born at sea on the first day of a long voyage.—Exchange.

Thousands of Ants in Hill. An ant hill two feet in height contains about 93,600 ants, according to the observations and counting, extending over two years, carried out by a well-known naturalist.

Substitute for Gold. It is said that a serviceable substitute for gold is obtained by combining 94 parts of copper with six parts of antimony and adding a little magnesium carbonate to increase the weight. It is said that this alloy can be drawn, wrought and soldered very much like gold, and that it also receives and retains a golden polish. It is worth something like 25 cents a pound.

Great Things in Silence. Silence is the element in which great things fashion themselves together; that at length they may emerge, full-formed and majestic, into the daylight of life, which they are thenceforth to rule.—Carlyle.

Greenland Rich in Metals. Greenland, that huge Danish territory, has copper, lead, silver, tin. Flakes of absolutely pure silver have been picked up in crevices along the cliffs. Masses of almost pure iron are found in Greenland. One which was brought to Europe was six and a half feet long by five and a half thick, and weighed 46,000 pounds.

Good Rule for Success. Success is the art of making your mistakes when no one is looking.—Life.

CAPT. BIDDLE GETS GERMAN AIRMEN

With the American Army in France, Aug. 17.—Capt. Biddle, of Philadelphia, forced down a German plane at Nancy yesterday. The pilot was killed and the observer wounded, but the machine was intact. Biddle received a personal letter from Gen. Pershing two months ago when he was shot down and landed in No Man's Land and remained there for more than a day and escaped under shell fire. American bombing planes also attacked the railroad yards at Drommery south of Baroncourt near Metz. Several traps were observed to be destroyed.

ANOTHER AMERICAN VESSEL TORPEDOED

Washington, Aug. 17.—The captain of the American schooner Madingadah was reported to the navy department today that his vessel had been sunk by a U boat at 7:15. Eleven shots were fired after the crew had abandoned the steamer. When last seen the vessel was on fire and was sinking. The crew of 22 men and radio operator were landed at an American port today. A Norwegian vessel picked them up.

BRITISH STEAMER SUNK

Washington, Aug. 17.—The British steamer Mirlo, 6,700 tons, were sunk off Cape Hatteras probably by a torpedo yesterday afternoon the navy department announced today. Nine of the crew had not been landed today. It is believed the Mirlo had a cargo of gasoline. Whether the ship had been hit by a torpedo has not as yet been decided upon.

AMERICAN PLANES MAKE HITS

With American Army Afield, Aug. 17.—American bombing planes scored four direct hits on the switching track and two on a raundhouse at Consans yesterday. Afterwards the allies returned safely although fired on constantly by anti-craft guns and had several encounters with German airmen. During two air battles north of Toul American airmen brought down three hostile planes.

ESTATE CONFISCATED

Washington, Aug. 17.—The estate of Gottfried Kruger, brewer at Newark, N. J., now in Germany, was taken over by the alien property custodian. Although Kruger is an American citizen he is classed as an enemy alien because of his continued residence in Germany.

MANY OFFICERS EXECUTED

Amsterdam, Aug. 17.—Of the one thousand officers imprisoned at Kronstadt because of counter revolutionary tendencies, 236 were executed, a Moscow dispatch said today.

AT THE GATES OF ROYE

Paris, Aug. 17.—4 p. m.—The French are at the gates of Roze and occupy the defenses of the town southwest of the Avre river. They also occupy the junction of the Montdidier-Estrees St. Denis road. St. Mard was taken after fierce fighting from house to house at Lassigny. The Germans have formed defenses at Losges Wood.

ARTILLERY FIGHTING GOING ON

Rome, Aug. 17.—Artillery fighting in various sectors of the mountain and river fronts is reported by the Italian war office today.

FRANCIS M'GOVERN GETS COMMISSION

Washington, Aug. 17.—Former Governor Francis M'Govern, of Wisconsin, was commissioned a major in the judge advocate general's department.

DAILY MARKET REPORT

South St. Paul, Aug. 17.—Cattle—Receipts, 1200; market steady; top price, \$16; bulk of sales, \$12 to \$14. Hogs—Receipts, 550; market steady; top price, \$18.80; Bulk of Sales, \$18.70 to \$18.80. Minneapolis Grain Market—Wheat, \$2.22 1-2 to \$2.26; yellow corn, \$1.72 to \$1.93; white oats, 68 to 71; Rye \$1.65 to \$1.70 barley, 85c to 96c; flax, \$4.40 to \$4.43.

SOVIET FORCES BOMBING TOWN

Amsterdam, Aug. 17.—Soviet forces have seized Kazan held by the Czecho-Slovaks and are bombing it according to dispatches from Moscow.

FIFTY THOUSAND WOMEN WANTED

Washington, Aug. 17.—A force of 50,000 women are necessary to care for the sick and wounded Americans and must be secured for service by next July, Surgeon General Gorgas announced today. Women whose husbands are fighting in France may enlist under the new rules.

THE CONFERENCE FAILED

Paris, Aug. 17.—According to a report from Geneva to the Echo-de-Paris, the conference between the American and German representatives in Switzerland to discuss the conditions of prisoners of war has been postponed.

ONE SUPREME COMMANDER DESIRABLE

Zurich, Aug. 17.—The advisability of one supreme commander on all the central powers front is now being discussed by the German general headquarters, according to the Neuwe-Frepresse.

MANY COLLEGES ACCEPTED BY GOVERNMENT

Washington, Aug. 17.—With the exception of 38 additional colleges as many centers for the students army training camps the total number actually reached is 257. The University of Minnesota and the College of St. Thomas, St. Paul, are among those accepted.

AMERICAN CONVOY DEPARTS

Paris, Aug. 17.—President Poincaré, after watching the departure of an American convoy, from a French port, was told of two submarines being sunk, one by the French and the other by the Americans.

IRKUTSK HAS BEEN CAPTURED

Washington, Aug. 17.—Irkutsk has been captured by the Czecho-Slovaks assisted by Siberian troops, state dispatches announce.

Latest London Reports Claim 200 Submarines Done For

London, Aug. 19.—The naval correspondent of the Sunday Observer points out in addition to the 150 submarines which Lloyd George declared were sunk a goodly portion of the doubtful cases may be regarded as destroyed and the number safely raised to 200. Another 50 probably destroyed by the French, British and Italians it is not safe to say that 250 submarines have been accounted for and is a doubtful estimate. The crews number 800.

FRENCH OPEN UP A DRIVE

Paris, Aug. 19.—Noon—The French opened a drive between the Oise and the Aisne yesterday, advancing one and one-half miles on a front of more than nine miles, establishing complete contact between Picardy and the Aisne-Vesle battle front, the French war office announced today. The advance was made below Carlepoint, four miles east of Ribecourt and Fontenoy, five miles west of Soissons, which marks the western extremity of the Marne offensive. The French troops occupied the important plateau west of Mantell. They also reached the southern border of Rudignicourt ravine, five miles southeast of Carlepoint and captured the village of Neuron-Vingre, one and one-half miles north of Fontenoy. They took 1700 prisoners. There was violent artillery firing on both sides of the Avre yesterday. Eight hundred additional prisoners were taken in that region.

REVOLT IN JAPAN THREATENED

Washington, Aug. 19.—Food riots in Japan threaten to develop a political revolt unless prompt steps are taken by the Tokio government to give rice to the people, according to unofficial views received here. German agents may be working among the masses trying to stir up disorder and to take advantage of the profiteering situation. The anti-annexation crowd who oppose the Japanese plan of intervention in Siberia is believed to be spurring the people on but the germ of class revolution may be spreading in Japanese possessions.

GERMAN-AMERICANS DO GOOD WORK

Paris, Aug. 19.—According to the report of the French Sixth army in operations north of the Marne, an American division composed almost of entirely German born men, advanced 11 miles in seven days during the recent counter offensive. They captured eight villages, stormed three woods and one hill. This division fought for 72 hours continuously.

GERMANS RESISTING STRONGLY

Paris, Aug. 19.—10 a. m.—The Germans although exhausted, are resisting at Roze where they are making preparations in a supreme effort to extricate themselves from their dangerous position. In the meantime the enemy is constructing unusual defensive lines to protect Nesle, six miles northeast of Roze.

BOYS 19 TO 20 TO BE CALLED FIRST

Washington, Aug. 19.—Boys 19 to 20 will be the first to be called in the new 18 to 45 draft age limit when it becomes a law, it was indicated today. Gen. March has said younger men are the best fighters. Other military men agree with him. Gen. Crowder figures on getting an army of 1,212,283 from this class alone.

CONGRESS BACK TO WORK

Washington, Aug. 19.—Congress is back to work after five weeks vacation to tackle the biggest revenue and army bills in history. The house is ready for business although neither of the big measures will be introduced before the middle of the week. The house ways and means committee is at work on the revenue bill. The military committee began hearing on the man power bill with Secretary Baker, Chief of Staff March and General Crowder before it.

TAYLOR IN CHARGE OF PULLMAN CARS

Washington, Aug. 19.—L. F. Taylor was today appointed manager of the Pullman cars by Director McAdoo. Taylor will have his headquarters in Chicago.

ITALIANS PLEASED AT AMERICANS

Washington, Aug. 19.—Italian newspapers and public men gave a rousing welcome to the American troops landing at Genoa. The Italians dwelt on the fact that the American soldiers had landed on the soil of Columbus.

FURTHER PROGRESS MADE IN FLANDERS

London, Aug. 19.—Further progress in Flanders and the penetration of the enemy lines in the Arras sector was reported by Gen. Haig today. A German attack on a front of more than two miles between Metteren and Cuttsteene in an effort to win back ground lost Sunday in the British advance completely failed.

PRESIDENT WILSON GAINS ON VACATION

Magnolia, Mass., Aug. 19.—The president gained in weight during his war vacation. Dr. Grayson, his private physician is delighted at the good results obtained along these lines.

GENERAL HAIG DECORATED

Paris, Aug. 19.—President Poincaré personally decorated Field Marshal Haig with a military medal, according to dispatches received.

TO FIGHT WITH CZECHO-SLOVAKS

Rome, Aug. 19.—Montenogroes will fight side by side with the Czecho-Slovaks in units on the Italian fronts.