

# BLAIR IN DARKNESS AFTER LIGHT ROW

Blair City Council and Electric Light Company Lock Horns and the Town is in Darkness.

## CANDLES IN GOOD DEMAND

BLAIR, Neb., Aug. 28.—(Special Telegram.)—Except where candles and kerosene lamps are in use, Blair is in total darkness tonight. Not an electric light is glimmering at any point within the corporate limits. The town has gone back to the primitive method of lighting and the wisest men here will not make a prediction as to how long the present conditions are to continue.

The present light, or rather lack of light, conditions have been brought on by the city council and the Blair Light and Power company locking horns.

Some weeks ago at a special election bonds in the sum of \$35,000 were voted, part of the proceeds to be used in the purchase of the plant that has been in operation for years, or for the installation of a municipal plant.

Have the Cash Ready. The bonds were marketed and the \$35,000 put in the bank. Negotiations between the city council and the officers of the old plant were begun. The city offered \$12,000 for the plant and the company demanded \$20,000. None of the parties would make concessions and the matter came to a showdown today, when after a meeting of the city council, the lighting people were told that they would have to accept \$12,000 or move their plant out of town. They asserted that they would move before they would accept a dollar less than \$20,000. They were told to go.

This afternoon the moving process commenced. Bells of incandescent lights and globes of street lamps were taken off and wires disconnected. Tonight when darkness came there were no lights, either on the streets, in business houses or homes. A hurried trip was made by city officials to the plant of the electric light company. There they were told that the company was preparing to move out and that the current would not be turned on again.

Old Lamps in Demand. Kerosene lamps were dug up out of attics and out of basements, the wicks trimmed and lighted. The stores were raided for candles and in a short time the supply was exhausted. Still, it is pretty dark around town, for there is not a ray of light except what is shed by the lamps and the candles.

What is going to be the outcome of the controversy nobody will venture to guess. The members of the council assert that they will stand on the \$12,000 proposition and on the other hand, the electric light people are just as firm in asserting that the city will pay the sum asked for the plant, or go without light until a new plant can be installed, which will be at the shortest time, ninety days to six months.

There is talk of legal proceedings, but up to this time it has not been determined what proceedings to secure light must be instituted.

The light company has fought the issuing of the bonds even to obtaining an injunction to prevent it, but the suit was decided in favor of the city.

Recently the city had an electrical engineer from Lincoln appraise the old plant and he fixed the value at about \$15,000.

Buying Temporary Plants. Messrs. Robinson and Hopewell of the Home theater are in Omaha tonight to buy a light plant for their moving picture show. Tom Osterman of the Blair Democrat will run his auto up to the side of his building and attach it to his press for job-work tonight.

The service given by the present company is the best the city has had for a number of years and public sentiment is in favor of buying the plant at a fair price.

Cleveland, O., capitalists own the local plant.

## Loyal Club Picnic at Bennington Sunday

The Loyal club of Omaha will hold its first annual picnic at Bennington Sunday. Two thousand tickets already have been sold. The program begins at 10:30 o'clock. John L. Kennedy, candidate for the republican nomination for United States senator, Congressman Lobeck and Mayor Dahlman will be the speakers.

Fifty prizes are offered to winners of athletic contests. The Union Street Merchants will play a game of base ball with Bennington at 3 o'clock. Congressman Lobeck will be umpire. L. O. Holmberg, president of the club, estimates the attendance will be near 6,000.

Congressman Lobeck will speak at 1:30 o'clock and John L. Kennedy will speak at 3.

Special trains will leave the Union station at 8:20 and 2 o'clock and will go directly to the scene of the picnic. They will return at 4:45 and 9:30.

## Dr. R. W. Taylor Back From Vacation Trip

Dr. R. W. Taylor, pastor of Parkvale Presbyterian church, returned yesterday from a six weeks' vacation trip during which he traveled on a motorcycle from Omaha to Fredonia, Ariz., and back to Salt Lake City, where he shipped his wheel, returning by train.

The doctor has made numerous similar trips, but none that has covered so much uncharted territory for the motor. He followed the Colorado river and viewed the grand canyon from the north rim. Originally he planned to cross and return by way of Albuquerque, but found this would entail too expensive a trip for the time available.

Some of the journey was across desert land that made travel a real hardship.

## ARREST MADE IN THE KAYSER CASE AT GARY

GARY, Ind., Aug. 28.—The arrest of Thomas Motech, an inspector in the Gary steel mills, and a statement by Gary attorney Clyde Hunter that the minister was killed by a bullet from his own revolver were the only developments today in the investigation of the murder Tuesday night of A. M. Kayser. Tolleston, Ind. Lutheran minister and German sympathizer. The state's attorney said a quarrel over business matters probably furnished a motive for the crime.

## Omaha Girls to Be Style Show Models



Hazel Cooke



Grace Morris



Marie Morledge



Margaret Peterson

## Flood-Swept Regions Or Arkansas Request Aid for Destitute

LITTLE ROCK, Ark., Aug. 27.—Flood-swept sections of Arkansas appealed for aid today to care for thousands of persons made homeless and destitute by the rising waters. Tens of thousands of families were camping on high ground with only the barest necessities of life and many were reported in actual need of food.

Newport, Seary, Augusta and Georgetown asked for food and money. At Newport 4,000 persons, nearly the entire population, are unable to enter their houses because of flood waters. Approximately 1,000 families from the surrounding country have been driven into the four towns and are sheltered in camps.

Large quantities of supplies contributed by citizens in Arkansas have been in adequate for the need. It is said, by Mayor A. T. Hubly of Newport, who made another urgent request for assistance today.

While the White river was falling at Newport tonight the great volume of water from tributary streams probably will keep it at flood stage for ten days, it was said.

At Des Arc, Ark., where the levee broke last night, the river still was rising rapidly tonight. At De Valls Bluffs, Ark., the river is rising and has reached the highest stage ever known there. Train service on the Seary branch of the Chicago, Rock Island & Pacific railway was discontinued today. Black river was reported falling tonight and it is believed will not send a new flood down the White, as was feared yesterday.

## Martin Clausen Is Some Peach Grower

Martin Clausen, 339 North Twenty-ninth street, takes the blue ribbon as the champion peach grower in this vicinity. While he is not the owner of a large peach orchard, he has one tree in his back yard from which he has picked three bushels of Crawfords.

The Clausen peaches are not the small kind seen on the fruit stands, but they are large enough to some of them weigh a pound each. Yesterday he was displaying some of them around town and exhibited one that measured eleven inches in circumference and it was not the largest by any means.

## Two Viaducts Sought By Hanscom Parkers

A viaduct over Turner boulevard at Pacific street between Thirty-third and Thirty-fourth streets and another over the Belt line on Martha street, extending from Thirty-fifth street to Thirty-seventh street, is sought by the Hanscom Park Improvement club. Action was taken at the club meeting last night to prepare a resolution to be submitted at the next meeting calling upon the city commissioners to order such crossings built.

The boulevard viaduct is desired because a big district is practically cut off

## French Chiefs Wire Grand Duke They See Victories Some Time

PARIS, Aug. 28.—A joint telegram expressing entire confidence in the future has been sent to Grand Duke Nicholas, commander-in-chief of the Russian armies, by President Poincaré, Minister of War Millerand and General Joffre, the French commander. The text of the message follows:

"Our thoughts turn toward your troops, who at the present moment merit the confidence of the whole world by reason of the struggle they are making. With complete confidence in the final victory of your armies, we beg you to accept our respectful homage and fervent good wishes, together with the assurance that more than ever before our armies are happy and proud to co-operate with your highness and your valiant soldiers."

The grand duke replied: "The sentiments you express towards the Russian army are reciprocated. The close relations and common accord existing between the commanders of all the allied armies is a certain omen of the glorious end in which with God's aid we will participate."

## FUNERAL SERVICES HELD FOR MISS NEVA TURNER

The funeral for Miss Neva W. Turner, head of the domestic science department of the Central High school, who died a week ago after a short illness, was held yesterday at 2 o'clock. Interment was in Prospect Hill cemetery.

## Washington Affairs

Treasury officials instructed the collectors of customs at Pensacola to issue clearance papers for the schooner Las Cora, bound for Mexico with a cargo of war supplies said to be for Carranza forces.

The personnel of the various subcommittees of the body in charge of arrangements for the return trip of American bankers and business men to Central and South America will be discussed and steps taken to plan itineraries at a meeting to be held in New York September 5.

Lack of American shipping facilities was emphasized in a statement by the State department based on a consular report from Arabia. The department stated that the merchants at that port were complaining bitterly of the lack of shipping facilities between Aden and American ports, many merchants having had to discontinue business as the warships were full and they had no means of shipping the contents thereof to the United States.

It became known that plans of the United States for putting Haiti in order contemplate calling upon the War department if necessary to furnish officers for the island police from its corps of noncommissioned officers who have developed and commanded the Philippine constabulary. Officials said the proposed protectorate treaty would provide not only for a complete financial protectorate and the administration of custom houses, but for a native police force officered by Americans.

Former President Taft at Berkeley told California that it was conducting a local laboratory for social and political experiments for which it would have to pay. Other states, he declared, would derive a benefit at California's expense. "You of the west are more likely to have ideas than the east," he said. "This state is a laboratory for political experiments, which we of the east are quite willing you should maintain, if you are quite willing to pay the bills, and you may be sure you will have to pay them."

## HAPPENINGS IN THE MAGIC CITY

Members of "Squeal and Grunt" Club Will Be Entertained by Stockmen.

## WILL ARRIVE THIS MORNING

All ready for the Squeals and Grunts. Preparations have been completed and everything is in readiness for the coming of the famous "Squeal and Grunt" club. The committee on arrangements saw fit to reverse the usual name and the badges of the members were embossed with gold letters, "Grunt and Squeal club."

One hundred and fifty hog men of St. Joseph, Kansas City and Sioux City will arrive over the Burlington railroad on a special train and will be met at the station by a delegation of local stockmen. The train with the majority of the boosters will arrive at 5:30 this morning, while the Sioux City delegation will come on an 11 o'clock special. The latter delegation will also be met by a party of stockmen.

Rejoicing Over Father's Return. The homecoming of V. V. Fottik, South Omaha bank teller, who departed seven months ago after confessing to the embezzlement of \$6,000 from a local bank, caused rejoicing at the home of his wife and two children, 1001 North Twenty-third street, South Side. Supper was laid for four last evening and Mrs. Fottik is happy, even though her husband is facing the possibility of going to prison for a number of years. Fottik is out on bonds. His trial will come up soon.

Church Notes. South Omaha United Presbyterian church, corner Twenty-third and H streets, Rev. Albert U. Porter, Pastor.—Sabbath school at 9:45. Preaching at 11 and 7 by pastor. Morning theme, "Co-workers with God." Evening theme, "Turn the World Upside Down." Junior League at 8. Christian union at 7. Prayer meeting on Wednesday evenings.

In the absence of Rev. John Wallis Olin, of the Methodist church, at Twenty-fourth and J streets, Dr. H. Roomer, 1323 North Twenty-fifth street, layman of the church, will read the sermon tomorrow morning. Services will be held as usual. Mr. Collins of Omaha will sing. Rev. Olin is visiting with relatives in Pennsylvania during vacation. He will return in three weeks.

Central interdenominational, Twenty-third and K. Rev. E. P. Corah, Pastor.—Sunday school at 9:45. Morning worship at 11. Subject of morning sermon, "Rejoice in the Lord." Christian Endeavor at 7:30. Gospel service at 8. Evening sermon, second series of apostle's letters, "Confession in Christ." Prayer meeting Wednesday evening at 8.

First Methodist Episcopal, Twenty-fifth and E. Rev. J. W. Kirkpatrick, Pastor.—Public worship at 11 and 8. Pastor will preach. Subject of morning sermon, "Rejoice in the Lord." Christian Endeavor at 7:30. Gospel service at 8. Evening sermon, second series of apostle's letters, "Confession in Christ." Every-body welcome.

First Baptist, Twenty-fifth and H. Rev. William R. Hill, Pastor.—Regular preaching service at 11. Special interdenominational service at 8. Subject, "The Way of the Cross." Sunday school at 9:45. Christian Endeavor at 7:30. Classes for all.

Highland Hill interdenominational, Rev. Mr. Shallock, Pastor.—Morning worship at 11. Sunday school at 10. The public is invited.

Letter Memorial Methodist Episcopal, Fifteenth and Madison, Maple Avenue Drive. Rev. J. W. Henderson, Pastor.—The pastor has returned from a vacation trip through the west and will be in the pulpit during Sunday's services. Sunday school at 10. Preaching at 11 and 8.

First Presbyterian, Twenty-third and J. Rev. R. L. Wheeler, Pastor.—Special Sabbath school exercises at 9:45. Superintendent Mrs. D. C. Sturrock of the eleventh ward will assist in the song service. Mr. Linek, religious director of the Y. M. C. A., will address the Christian worship hour at 11. Intermediate Christian Endeavor.

Magie City Gospel. Charles Split died in the county hospital yesterday. The funeral will be held at 2 o'clock at the parlors of Hulse & Hulse, Omaha, today.

The Omaha market headed the entire world in sheep receipts last week, easily going above Chicago. Practically every day during the week found the local market either a large or a small market.

Police court opened shortly before 9 o'clock yesterday morning, something in the nature of a "court day." Promptness is the best policy, says the judge.

Considerable difficulty is being encountered by stock officials at the local yards in handling the large lot of stock under a new ruling in regard to return checks on consignments shipped in cars that will be loaded during the last leg of the trip. Under the new ruling, shippers will receive a return pass for each car of stock shipped previously, return passes are only issued for every two cars of stock.

## Lots of Police Are Wanted at Friends of Peace Meeting

CHICAGO, Aug. 28.—One hundred "plain clothes" policemen were asked for by J. J. Tobias, chairman of the local committee of the "Friends of Peace," to preserve order at the convention of the society, which will be opened here on Sunday afternoon.

Five thousand elegants are expected to be present. It is planned to present to the convention petitions signed by 500 persons calling for an embargo on the export of ammunition.

Mr. Tobias, who is the head of the Chicago Law school, said he had arranged for the detectives to be scattered throughout the audience with instructions to promptly suppress, or if necessary, eject any disturbers.

## Whole Gully Choked With Turkish Dead

LONDON, Aug. 28.—A dispatch to Reuter's Telegram company from the Dardanelles, describing the charge of the Irish division on a Turkish hill to the left of the Turia bay position, says: "The Turks came out to meet them and most exciting bayonet fighting followed on the saddle between the two crests. Bayonets were flashing and stabbing for several minutes before the Turks began to give way. Then they left the crest and ran down over the ridge, the Irishmen standing up and firing down on them."

"The dead lie thick everywhere and the stench is appalling. Being unable to bury their dead, the Turks throw their bodies down the gully until they are stopped by the nature of the ground, while others thrown after them are stopped by the first. Consequently the whole gully is choked with Turkish dead."

## Chicago Contrato to Sing for Style Show



Eleanora Pruss

## French Report the Capture of Enemy Trenches in Vosges

LONDON, Aug. 28.—The capture of several German trenches in the Vosges was reported by Paris this evening, but what is considered more significant is the continued activity of the air squadron, which has been bombarding German positions in France as well as munitions factories across the German border.

It now is certain that Serbia is prepared to make the necessary sacrifices to satisfy Bulgaria and again its co-operation in behalf of the allies. It may be several days, however, before the Serbian reply to the representations of the entente powers is received. The vote of the Serbian Parliament was only upon the principle involved and negotiations now are proceeding between Serbia, Greece and Rumania regarding the exact nature of the concessions to be made Bulgaria.

Wales is threatened with another coal strike as the result of dissatisfaction among the miners with the way in which the settlement recently arranged by David Lloyd George, minister of munitions, is being interpreted by the mine owners. Some 10,000 men are all out contrary to the advice of their leaders.

## Military Training Camp for Business And Professional Men

A military training camp for business and professional men will be held on the military reservation, Fort Sheridan, Illinois, September 20 to October 13, inclusive. The camp will be held under the direct supervision of officers of the United States army.

The purpose of the camp is to offer an opportunity for business and professional men of military age to qualify themselves for efficient service to the country in case of need.

Attendance at the camp will not increase either the legal or moral obligations of those who attend. The intention is merely to equip those taking the course of training to fulfill with more efficiency and usefulness obligations which are already laid upon them as citizens of the United States.

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## FORMER BALTIMORE MAYOR DIES VERY SUDDENLY

BALTIMORE, Aug. 28.—Thomas Gordon Hayes, former mayor of Baltimore, a noted lawyer and for many years prominent in Maryland politics, was stricken with heart failure on the street in Oakland, Md., in the Alleghenies today and died in half an hour.

Mr. Hayes was 71 years old and a bachelor. In addition to serving one term as mayor of Baltimore he had been twice state senator, city solicitor and United States district attorney.

## WOOD ALCOHOL KILLS PENITENTIARY INMATE

JEFFERSON CITY, Mo., Aug. 28.—One convict in the Missouri penitentiary died tonight and another is believed to be dying from the effects of drinking wood alcohol which they had smuggled into their cells. Alfred Crocker died and Theodore Irwin is in the prison hospital. Crocker's term was to have expired in two months.

## Green Gables THE DR. BENJ. F. BAILEY SANATORIUM Lincoln, Neb.

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## RUSSIA TO RAISE TWO MILLION MORE

War Minister Says New Army Will Be Trained for Next Year.

## CAN SAFEGUARD PETROGRAD

LONDON, Aug. 28.—General Polivanoff, Russian minister of war, announces that Russia is raising another 2,000,000 men and that the fate of the campaign will not be decided before some time next year, according to the Petrograd correspondent of the Times.

The correspondent quotes General Polivanoff as follows: "We are confident of our ability to safeguard Petrograd. Our armies can stand the winter without inconvenience. Everything is ready for that purpose."

"A new force of 2,000,000 men will be trained far behind the fighting line and will be ready to take the field in the spring. General Rozuzky is chief in charge of the Petrograd front with several armies at his immediate disposal.

"It is my settled purpose to do everything in my power to work in harmony with the Duma and public opinion."

General Polivanoff says that an agreement had been reached to the statement that the allies were not helping Russia to the utmost of their power as "senseless gossip."

## "TO THE GERMAN PEOPLE" OVER DOOR OF REICHSTAG

LONDON, Aug. 28.—According to a telegram received from Berlin, says Reuter's Amsterdam correspondent, the Reichstag has adjourned until November 20. It was announced that at the suggestion of Chancellor Bethmann-Hollweg the Reichstag building henceforth would be ornamented with a tablet inscribed "To the German People."

BERLIN (Via London), Aug. 27.—The announcement made in the Reichstag before its adjournment today that an agreement had been reached to place the inscription "To the German People" over the main portal of the Reichstag settles an old controversy and will permit of putting the finishing touches on the Reichstag building. For twenty years the space for the inscription has remained blank because the Reichstag refused to accept one proposed by the architect and Emperor William declined to sanction another proposed by the Reichstag.

Before the Reichstag adjourned Dr. Johannes Kaempf proposed the usual cheers for the emperor, and, for the first time in the history of the Reichstag, two socialists joined in the cheering.

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