

# GERMAN THRUSTS FAIL ON TWO FRONTS

## DISTRICT ONE ORDERED TO SEND INCREMENT OF TEN INTO CAMP

### SELECTS WILL LEAVE FOR CAMP DODGE FRIDAY

### GET WORD TODAY

#### NAMES OF HONOR MEN ARE ANNOUNCED TODAY—FAREWELL BEING PLANNED—ONLY ONE OTTAWA YOUTH IN LIST TO LEAVE FOR TRAINING.

Ottawa's next entrainment of honor men for the National Army will leave here on Friday, March 15th, for the cantonment camp at Camp Dodge, Ia. There will probably be some fitting ceremonies arranged by the different patriotic organizations in the city when the men leave. The farewell accord the boys will probably be as good as those given the other increments in the fall when they left for training.

Only ten of the honor men will leave at this time, and this little band will go to fill up the vacancies of boys from this district.

Word was received by the local exemption board this morning to send ten registered men in the deferred quota to Camp Dodge, Iowa, on Friday, March 15th, to fill the vacancies of men sent home by the medical officers at the cantonment camp on account of physical defects.

The ten men to go at this time will be:

- Harry W. Meisel, Mendota.
- Anton E. Mataski, Chicago.
- Theodore G. Mulried, Chicago.
- Clarence H. Gast, Earlville.
- Chester A. Billings, Earlville.
- Frank Fry, Mendota.
- Peter Mack, R. R. 28, Ottawa.
- Joseph Hall, Sheridan.
- William Ulrich, Seneca.
- John F. Struthers, Ottawa.

The men will mobilize at nine o'clock on Friday morning, March 15th, at the offices of the exemption board on the fourth floor of the Court House, and will leave Ottawa on the 11:13 Rock Island train for Des Moines, Ia.

#### Volunteers for Service.

Henry C. Strumann of Mendota was voluntarily inducted into the service today and will be sent this evening to Chanute Field, Hantoul, as a machinist in the Signal Corps, Aviation Section, of the National Army.

The call for a machinist in the aviation was received by the local exemption board several days ago, and Mr. Strumann volunteered to go.

#### No Word for More Men.

No definite date for the entrainment of the deferred quota of men from this district has been received here by the local exemption board. There are still 149 men in the deferred quota to go from here, and indications from the messages given out to the press from Washington are that the remainder of the deferred quotas will go to camp soon after March 29th.

## SHOW BOCHE MASK IN OTTAWA STORE

A gas mask torn from its German owner at the moment of its greatest need is being exhibited today in the windows of the May store on La Salle street. Sent to Ottawa by Lieut. Roswell Pettit, the mask is attracting widespread interest from passersby.

Besides the mask, Dr. Pettit's memento of No Man's Land includes a tin container. The outfit is complete in every detail and bears the name of N. Pachulski and an inscription M. G. K. R. H. R. J. The inscription might have some reference to machine gun corps. On another place is inscribed K 7 H 6K. That the mask forsook its owner in the big crisis is evidenced by the hint from its new possessor that the wearer was a good Boche, like those famous good Indians of pioneer days.

After it has been exhibited in Ottawa the mask will be sent to Congressman Rainey, a personal friend of Dr. Pettit's, who will retain it as a war trophy.

Try the Free Trader Journal Want-Ads for results.

## BLACK WATCH, NOTED SCOTCHMEN, STRIKE TERROR TO GERMANS

#### DR. PETTIT DESCRIBES EFFECT "LADIES FROM HELL" HAVE UPON THEIR FOE—OTTAWA OFFICER AGAIN UP ON FRONT LINE.

The terrorizing preceding a rush of the Black Watch, Scotland's famed "Ladies From Hell" brigade, and the effect it has upon the Germans is told in Dr. Roswell Pettit's latest letter home from "somewhere over there." Dr. Pettit says Sam Blithe's article on what might happen in the Mississippi Valley "struck him in the chest" with its potent possibilities of bringing the war near to home. He also has something to say of Boche butchery. But above all else he says that when the big show starts in the spring he knows the Yanks will give a good accounting of themselves and that nothing will stop them. His letter follows:

Dear Father:  
Your letter of Dec. 31st reached me yesterday and the pictures showing the snow storm were very interesting. It must have been some storm, and together with the coal shortage, conditions must be quite serious.

I have received several packages of Ottawa papers during the past week and was quite interested in reading several of my letters to you. I am sure that I have no objection to your publishing them if they are of general interest. I also received several copies of the Saturday Evening Post. It's all war, war, war, isn't it? When the casualty lists start coming in it will begin to have a personal interest to those at home, but I must say that from what I can gather from the papers and magazines, the American people are showing a wonderful spirit and I can't help feeling proud that I am an American. When the big show starts, probably this Spring, I know the Yanks will give a good account of themselves—not at first, as they haven't been hardened to shell fire, but after a bit of seasoning nothing will stop them. The French and British think we are going to be wonders, and I have to keep putting on the soft pedal all the time as I am afraid they are expecting too much of us.

I was in a fairly large town several days past and sitting in an officers' club reading the Saturday Evening Post of Dec. 29th, I believe. I had just finished reading an article by Samuel G. Blythe, called "Der Tag for Us." In this article he takes authenticated instances of atrocities in Belgium and northern France and puts them in a Middle West (United States) setting. It hit me right in the chest. I never had thought that such a thing might happen to us at home, but the better I become acquainted with the facts, the more convinced I am of the fact that such a thing might have occurred. It recalled a conversation I had in Washington with Mr. Woelfel, head of the Woelfel Leather Company in Morris. He told me that twelve years ago he was in a restaurant in Prussia and an army officer in making a toast to some of his fellows said, "First England and then America."

And then I heard the buzz and hum of Scotch bag pipes, and looking out the window I saw the Black Watch coming down the street. The very name strikes terror into German souls. The Black Watch! The Tommies speak the words with awe and reverence and when the Boche hear it he either runs or throws up his hands—unless he is chained to a machine gun. The Black Watch is the fercest of the Scotch regiments and they have made Fritz pay dearly for some of his atrocities. Early in the war when the Germans were so cocky they crucified a sergeant

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Phil Saunders, President.  
Supervisor Charles spoke in support of the petition. He claimed the \$500 should be returned to the La Salle County Good Roads association and whatever additional amount the board considered advisable. The communication was referred to the committee on finance, judiciary, miscellaneous.

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## ROAD ADVOCATES ASK BOARD TO AID STATE BOND ISSUE

#### SEEK FUND FROM COUNTY TO RUSH PUBLICITY CAMPAIGN IN HOPE OF CARRYING \$60,000,000 HIGHWAY PROPOSITION.

A petition for assistance in conducting a publicity campaign in support of the \$60,000,000 bond issue was presented at this morning's session of the board of supervisors by the La Salle County Good Roads association and the La Salle Branch of the Illinois Good Roads Improvement association. The petition follows:

To the Honorable Board of Supervisors, La Salle County:  
Your petitioners, the La Salle County Good Roads association and the La Salle County Branch of the Illinois Good Roads Improvement association desire at this time to call the attention of your honorable body to the necessity of a thorough organized effort to acquaint the voters of La Salle County with the provisions of the statute passed by the last general assembly providing for the raising of 60 million dollars, by a bond issue to be voted upon at the next general election for the improvement of Illinois roads of the provisions of the Tice act for the improvement of roads by State and County Aid and of the Federal Act providing for government aid for certain defined trunk lines, passing through the state and of this intimate relationship and of their great importance to the tax payers as a whole.

There is a general lack of information relative to these laws. The success of the 60 million bond issue means much to this county. Besides the return of the cost of improved roads already constructed in this county providing they come within the scope of the contemplated improvement, the tax payers will be forever relieved of the burden of building and maintaining trunk lines but will also have state aid in the construction of feeders which aid will come from the automobile license fees imposed according to the provision of the bond act. The only cost to the county then will be its one-half cost of feeders and a portion of this will be supplied by funds returned from the Federal State Aid Road and sections already completed.

It is the purpose of your petitioners with the active cooperation of every member of your board to effect an organization in every township for the purpose of disseminating information relative to the above acts and secure if possible an endorsement of the 60 million bond act at the next general election.

To accomplish this result it is necessary to raise a limited amount of funds for publicity purposes.

The La Salle County Good Roads association appropriated to your honorable body \$500 with which to make a census and a survey of the roads of the county. Whether the money was expended as contemplated, we have not been advised, but the results of such census or survey was nullified by subsequent state legislation and the abandonment of plans for road improvement contemplated at that time.

The La Salle County Good Roads association is now without funds to conduct a publicity campaign and in view of the general interest in good roads, the La Salle County Good Roads association and the La Salle County Branch of the Illinois Good Roads Improvement association respectively petition your honorable body to appropriate the sum of \$— to be used for publicity purposes, under the direction and approval of your committee on State Aid Roads.

Trusting our efforts will meet with your approval and support, we have the honor to be your obedient servant,  
LA SALLE CO. GOOD ROADS ASSN.

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## WOMEN ATTEND PARALYSIS CLINIC

#### CHILD WELFARE LEAGUE REPRESENTED AT RYBURN HOSPITAL TO HEAR DR. EAST—14 CASES BEFORE MEDICS.

A large number of ladies from the Child Welfare League, and from the National Council of Defense, were present yesterday afternoon at the Infantile Paralysis Clinic held at Ryburn hospital by Dr. C. W. East, a member of the State Board of Health. The clinic was a very interesting one in every respect. There were 14 cases brought for medical examination and advice. These cases covered a wide range of muscular defects, brought on by paralysis. In no two cases were the children affected in the same manner by the disease.

In most of the cases the children needed braces which will be purchased at once if the funds can be raised. These braces are quite expensive. The shoe brace costs \$10 a pair, and the corset brace costs \$10. The braces for the arms and legs vary in expense but they are also quite expensive.

A case was brought in where the patient had been wearing a corset brace for several weeks to show the improvement made by that brace.

A Streater case is to be removed to St. Joseph hospital in Springfield this week for treatment, and an Ottawa case will be taken to the Ryburn Memorial hospital for similar treatment.

The next infantile paralysis clinic will be held in this city on Tuesday, March 26th, by Dr. East at Ryburn hospital. All people in the city that are interested are invited to attend this clinic.

## REJECTED SUITOR SLAYS SWEETHEART AND HER COMPANION

Whitehall, Ill., Mar. 13.—Mark Sawyer, 28, was shot and killed, and Miss Geneva Clark, 25, severely wounded, on a Chicago & Alton railroad train near here. The murderers leaped from the train and escaped.

Both Miss Clark and Sawyer were from Roadhouse, Ill. The police believe the murderer was a jilted lover of Miss Clark.

## RECRUITING OFFICER TO VISIT OTTAWA

Sergt. Charles W. Persine, of the La Salle Recruiting station, will be in Ottawa on Thursday, March 14th, to receive enlistments in all branches of the United States army. All branches of the service are open for enlistments at this time, for all men between the ages of 21 and 41 years who are not registered under the selective draft.

## PHILIP ALT, JR. AURORA ELKS CHIEF

Philip Alt Jr. of Aurora, a former Ottawa man, was elected Grand Exalted Ruler of the Aurora Elks at their election recently held.

## W. H. EIRICH DIES AT N. SIDE HOME

W. H. Eirich died today at noon at his home, 219 De Leon street, following an illness lasting some time. The family had moved into Ottawa from Deer Park township only two weeks ago.

The decedent was born in Illinois thirty-three years ago, and for a number of years had resided in Deer Park.

He is survived by his wife, four children, Barbara, Frank, Dorothy and Charles, his mother and two sisters, Veronica of this city and Mrs. Clara Coan of Henry, Ill.

The funeral service will be held on Friday morning at 10 o'clock from St. Francis church, Father Casimir Miller officiating. Burial will take place at St. Francis cemetery.

## CANDIDATE'S LIST GROWS; NAMES WILL APPEAR IN FEW DAYS

#### FREE TRADER-JOURNAL'S GREAT CONTEST IS ATTRACTING COUNTY-WIDE ATTENTION—MANY ARE ANXIOUS TO WIN PRIZES.

Names of prospective candidates in The Free Trader-Journal's big prize circulation campaign are now being received from all sections of the territory covered by the contest. And it will be only a day or two until the first list of nominees are announced and the real business of taking subscriptions commences.

A considerable number of people have entered their own names, coming personally to the office to talk with the campaign manager and learn in detail the entire plan of the contest. This is the better way to go about the matter of entering this "everybody wins" competition, for then one receives the advice of the men employed by the Free Trader-Journal to conduct the contest, and are able to start their campaign work with a thorough and complete knowledge of everything pertaining to the race.

#### Prizes Are Valuable.

It is not surprising that the people of Ottawa and vicinity should manifest this unusual interest in the campaign for the value of the prizes to be distributed within a few weeks represents several thousand dollars and the plan of the campaign is along the same liberal lines as the awards.

Ghost auto and the piano are the first grand prizes.

For the music lovers there are two standard phonographs, valued at \$250 each. Each machine fully guaranteed. It has now received a stage in the affairs of home that the house does not seem complete unless there is a phonograph to entertain the family. These machines are always attractive prizes.

Two \$50 diamond rings should please the young ladies. These stones are carefully selected with more regard for quality than size, and the winners are sure to be pleased. Then there are two handsome gold watches to complete the list. Timekeepers of standard make and in fully guaranteed cases.

#### Only Eight Weeks.

The campaign is now started. It will continue for only eight weeks, a very short time for work, and the winners will make an early start and be taking subscriptions before the legions have definitely decided in their own minds about sending in a nomination.

#### Anyone Can Enter.

Remember that it does not cost one cent to enter this race. One does not have to even be a subscriber to the Free Trader-Journal. The main thing is to reach this office now, today with your nomination properly filled out. The blank will be found in another part of this issue of the Free Trader-Journal. Or if you don't care to personally enter the competition, then send in the name of a deserving friend. But be quick with these nominations, for the first names will appear in this column in a few days, and those who make an early start will have every advantage over the candidates who enter later.

#### Sixty Thousand Votes Free Now.

Don't overlook the fact that the first subscription, whether new or old, will count 60,000 votes. The regular number of votes for subscriptions will be printed on the cover of the candidate's receipt book along with other contest information. For instance, a six months subscription will count 10,000 votes and a year's subscription 20,000 votes, but the first subscription now from each candidate will mean 60,000 votes. This offer will run for only a few days, so don't miss this chance for thousands and thousands of additional votes.

#### Receipt Books Are Ready.

The receipt books were completed this noon and are now being distributed to those who have entered here in Ottawa and from nearby towns and neighborhoods. It is almost impossible to do systematic work and keep proper check of your subscriptions without this receipt book. It has been prepared for the convenience of the candidates in taking subscriptions, and if one has not received a book by this evening, advise the contest department at once. Office will be open each evening until 8 o'clock.

#### Optimistic thought.

Return to be useful and durable must be gradual and cautious.

## FRENCH AND BRITISH BEAT BACK ENEMY

Paris, March 13.—After a violent bombardment the Germans delivered a strong attack against the French lines west of Vaudecourt and managed to gain a foothold in a few advanced trench elements, it was stated by the French war office this afternoon. The French quickly rallied and came back with a powerful counter thrust which flung the Germans back to their old positions.

## DRAFT EVADER IS SENT INTO ARMY IN SPITE OF OBDRUACY

John Struthers, draft evader, wife abandoner and recognized by officialdom as the most persistent "bull head" in La Salle county annals, will enter the national army as District No. 1's first consistently obdurate slacker. Struthers this morning was certified by the Exemption Board to go with the next contingent for Camp Dodge. He will be in the party which leaves Ottawa Friday morning for the Iowa cantonment.

Accusations that he is a slacker are met with stout denials from Struthers. Asked if he was a conscientious objector he stoutly maintained he had no objections to going into the army. But when brought before the draft board to sign his questionnaire he firmly objected to affixing his signature to the document. Then requested to submit himself to physical examination he stubbornly protested against turning himself over to the doctors.

Yesterday afternoon he was taken from the county jail, where he was held as a prisoner since his arrest on charges preferred by Mrs. Struthers. When ushered into the presence of Dr. S. E. Parr for examination he would not disrobe. Deputy Sheriff William Mischke, his escort, was forced to adopt stringent methods in handling the board's chief "bull head." A few well pulled yanks had Struthers in a state of dishebel that made it possible for the doctor to find out whether or not he was physically fit for army service. He passed the test, a one hundred per cent eligible.

This morning the board certified him into the army. Notification was sent him to appear Saturday morning at headquarters to join the next increment to leave for training. He will be given an escort to the depot, where he will be placed under the charge of a squad chief who will guarantee him safe conduct to Des Moines.

When questioned by doctors, Struthers showed elation at prospects of joining the army. Nothing in relation to his conduct would indicate this, however. He is not an I. W. W., he says, nor does he belong to any religious creeds having scruples against war. "Just a bull head" is the way his peculiar disease is accounted for by the officials.

#### Roosevelt's Son Wounded in Action

Oyster Bay, Mar. 13.—Achie Roosevelt, son of Col. Theodore Roosevelt, has been wounded in action in France.

Col. Roosevelt received a cablegram from Major Theodore Roosevelt, another son, to this effect this afternoon. The cablegram said that a piece of shrapnel wounded Captain Archie in the arm. Col. Roosevelt's secretary announced that the cablegram also stated that Capt. Roosevelt had been slightly injured in one leg. His arm injury was regarded as serious.

No details were given as to the engagement in which young Roosevelt took part.

Earlier in the day the colonel had received word that Captain Roosevelt had been decorated by the French for bravery.

## R. R. BILL GOES BACK TO CONFERENCE

Washington, Mar. 13.—Upsetting leaders' calculations, the Senate this afternoon upheld Vice President Marshall's ruling sustaining a point of order against the conference report on the railroad bill. This means that the bill must go back to conference.

## SEEK PERMISSION TO ADOPT LITTLE GIRL

With the father of the baby consenting, Mr. and Mrs. William B. Meis, of Streator, have filed a petition in the Circuit Court to adopt Beulah McAllister, four-year-old daughter of Hector McAllister, of Pontiac. The child's mother is dead.

Attaches Leave Belgium.  
Washington, March 13.—The American Red Cross representatives, the Jean Red Cross representatives, the British and French military missions numbering several hundred men, are safely out of Roumania. In cable from Minister Popiecka at Jassy, reaching the state department today, said the party carrying safe conduct from the King of Roumania as far as Odessa, left March 9 for that city.

#### Sea Battle Impends.

Copenhagen, March 13.—Germans may be planning operations against the Russian fleet in the Baltic sea, according to a report received here today. There is believed to be a bigger squadron in Finnish water while the exact whereabouts of the Russians are unknown.

#### French Fliers Raid Bases.

Paris, March 13.—While aeroplanes were attacking Paris on Monday night, French machines raided German military aerodromes to the rear of the German lines, it was officially announced today. Many tons of bombs were dropped and it is believed that much damage was done.

#### Dirigibles Over England.

London, March 13.—There were three hostile aircraft in the German raiding squadron that attacked the Yorkshire coast last night, it was officially announced today.

#### 100 Die in Paris Raid.

Paris, March 13.—The German air raid over Paris on Monday night took a heavier toll of human life than at first believed. Twenty-five persons were killed by bombs in the city, while sixty-six others died from suffocation during a panic in the underground railway. Five others were killed in the suburbs. More than 75 persons were injured.