

CITY'S WIRE SERVICE CUT BY NEW ORDERS

Western Union Office to Close at 10 P. M. and Drop Errand Business.

IS ON CASH BASIS

Measures Are Adopted to Conserve Labor as War Measure.

As a war measure the Columbia office of the Western Union Telegraph Co. has been ordered to close at 10 in the evening instead of midnight, to suspend all errand service, to abandon all delivery of packages for merchants and to suspend for the duration of the war the privilege of charging messages.

Manager C. A. Raum of the Columbia office says these measures are all for the purposes of conserving man power. The employment of an operator for two hours overtime each night was necessary under the old plan.

With the increased amount of government business it is impossible, says Mr. Raum, to obtain enough messengers to continue the old messenger service. From now on there will be no "pick-up" service of out-going telegrams in Columbia except at designated times and stations—probably every thirty minutes or every hour at these places: Academic Hall, Agricultural Building, training detachment headquarters, and the two hotels.

The Columbia office is especially hard-worked on account of the increased business from the State Food Administration, State Council of Defense headquarters, and the agricultural extension department here.

Night letters will be sent as usual for the present at least, except that they must be filed before 10 o'clock in the evening.

THREE M. U. MEN COMMISSIONED

R. K. Tindall, Harold Ramsey and A. J. McGowan Are Lieutenants.

R. K. Tindall, '14, writes to the Evening Missourian of three University men commissioned second lieutenants from a class of 647—the first to be commissioned from the Central Machine Gun Training School at Camp Hancock, Ga.

These men are: Harold Ramsey of Maryville, a former academic student; A. J. McGowan of Columbia a former student of Journalism, and Mr. Tindall.

After Mr. Tindall's graduation he worked on the Sentinel Post of Shenandoah, Ia. His home is at Fayette. "All the graduates of the Machine Gun School have been assigned to Camp Hancock, which is the machine gun center of the United States Army." "Fred W. Shoop, another former student in Journalism, has been recommended for a commission as second lieutenant in the ordnance department and has been in training here," writes Mr. Tindall.

ELLA V. DOBBS IN WAR WORK

Is Named Chairman of Patriotic Education Under Defense Council.

Dr. Ella V. Dobbs has been appointed chairman of patriotic education to succeed Miss Louise Nardin. This work is under the direction of the woman's committee of the Missouri Council of Defense, and is to promote intelligent discussion of the war.

Community councils in each school district, with the school as the center, have been organized for this purpose. She has also been appointed by the Junior Red Cross to readjust manual arts courses along patriotic lines in the schools in the southwest division of the Red Cross.

Children will be taught to make things needed by the Red Cross out of material sanctioned by the Government. They will also be taught to make toys that can be sold at bazaars.

PERCHE CHURCH TO ENTERTAIN

Four Columbia Delegates Will Be On Program.

Members of the Perche Christian Church will entertain visiting delegates and church workers from the Boone County Christian churches at their meeting Thursday and Friday.

The Columbia delegates to have a part on the program are: A. C. Hulien, who will make the reply to the Devotional and Welcome; A. W. Taylor, who will speak on "How Uncle Sam Keeps Up the Army's Morale"; M. A. Hart, who will deliver the Convention Sermon; and Mrs. L. D. Shobe, whose address will be entitled "Questionnaire."

The meeting will close with a flag service in which each church will present its service flag.

Student Council to Meet Tonight.

The Student Council will meet at the Missouri Union at 7:30 o'clock tonight to consider whether Old Guard buttons shall be purchased and sold this year. They will also consider the publication of a "Pep" book.

Girl Undergoes An Operation.

Gla Cundiff, 16-year-old daughter of G. W. Cundiff of this city, was operated upon for appendicitis at the Parker Memorial Hospital late last evening.

THE WEATHER

For Columbia and vicinity: Increasing cloudiness and slightly warmer tonight. Wednesday showers and cooler by night. For Missouri: Increasing cloudiness followed by showers Wednesday, and west and north portions late tonight. Somewhat warmer tonight; cooler Wednesday.

Weather Conditions. The low pressure wave, attended by unsettled and showery weather is this morning beginning its journey eastward across the Plains and will reach the Mississippi within another 24 hours. Rain has been general in the Rocky Mountain region from Utah and Colorado to Canada; none as yet has fallen east of the Rockies. Fine autumn weather still obtains in the Central Plains, Central Valleys and eastward to the Atlantic.

The weather is a few degrees warmer in all sections east of the Rocky Mountains but temperatures still are considerable below the seasonal average. In the far North-west the weather is growing colder.

In Columbia the present weather will likely change to unsettled and showery by or before Wednesday night.

Local Data. The highest temperature in Columbia yesterday was 74; and the lowest last night was 52. Rainfall 0.00. Relative humidity noon yesterday was 44 per cent. A year ago yesterday the highest temperature was 78 and the lowest was 53. Rainfall 0.00. (Summer Time) Sun rose today, 6:58 a. m. Sun sets, 7:54 p. m. Moon rises 9:40 p. m.

INFLUENZA KILLS 100

Boston Death Toll Mounts—72 Cases Reported Among Sailors.

BOSTON, Sept. 24.—With the death toll from the epidemic of Spanish influenza mounting steadily, the schools of Boston were closed at noon today until the disease is stamped out.

There were approximately 100 deaths in the twenty-four-hour period ending today. Of these seven were among men in the first naval district. Officials also reported seventy-two cases among sailors.

CHICAGO, Sept. 24.—The influenza epidemic in the Great Lakes Naval Station is under control, according to a statement issued today.

During the last twenty-four hours 320 new cases developed as compared with 444 cases the previous twenty-four hours, it is said. No official figures as to the number of men in the hospital were given.

KIRKSVILLE SAILOR DIES

Spanish Influenza Believed Cause of Death.

EAU CLAIRE, Wis., Sept. 24.—D. A. Georghen, 26, of Kirksville, Mo., a member of the band of the Great Lakes Naval Training School, is dead at Chippawa Falls today from a deadly influenza believed to be Spanish influenza.

FOUR-MINUTE MEN TO MEET

Those Who Volunteer May Speak Before Student Body.

All students of the University with any ability as speakers, whether with or without experience, are urged to attend the meeting of the Four-Minute Men at 7:30 o'clock tonight in Room A of the Y. M. C. A. Building.

Each student who volunteers in this work will be given the opportunity of speaking before the student body on the topic furnished all Four-Minute speakers by the Government.

As this course will include the former advanced public speaking course, it is probable that some credit will be given for the work.

The real worth of this undertaking was demonstrated last year when two of the men enrolled in a similar group spoke on the subject of the Liberty Loan. They spoke to an audience of sixteen people and from these sixteen was received the subscription for \$1,600 worth of Liberty Bonds.

COUNCIL OF DEFENSE TO MEET

Saunders' Controversy to Be Considered Next Thursday.

Dean F. B. Mumford, chairman of the State Council of Defense, has called a meeting of the council to be held in Sedalia next Thursday to consider the controversy that has arisen between members of the council and William F. Saunders, secretary of the board. The council is expected to decide definitely on the question of Saunders' resignation.

As told in the Missourian yesterday William H. Lee, treasurer of the council, has refused to honor the warrants drawn by Saunders in an effort to force Saunders' resignation. Following Lee's announcement of this course, Dean Mumford advised Saunders to resign but instead of taking this advice the secretary telegraphed to officers of the National Council of Defense and requested them to intercede.

C. R. SEBASTIAN SERIOUSLY ILL

Columbia Attorney Found Unconscious at His Home Today.

C. B. Sebastian, senior member of the Sebastian and Sebastian law firm, is dangerously ill at Parker Memorial Hospital. The nature of his illness is not yet definitely diagnosed. An operation may be necessary.

Mr. Sebastian was found unconscious in bed this morning and was taken to the hospital. He had not been feeling well for several days.

His son, Captain H. G. Sebastian, who is commandant at the University of Illinois, is expected to arrive in Columbia tomorrow morning.

CAPTAIN F. H. COESTER SECOND IN COMMAND

Commander of Vocational Section of S. A. T. C. Is Appointed Executive Officer.

ASSEMBLY OCTOBER 1

Both Sections of Corps Will Have Program On West Campus at 11 O'clock.

Captain Frederick H. Coester, who has been in command of the vocational section of the S. A. T. C. of the University has been appointed executive officer of both the collegiate and vocational sections of the unit. This means that he is second in command to Major C. M. Gordon, commanding officer of the unit and will act as commanding officer during absence of Major Gordon. Captain James A. Kinsella has been assigned to the command of the vocational section. Lieutenant Robert W. Laffler has been assigned to duty with the collegiate section of the unit but has not yet reported.

On October 1, when the Students' Army Training Corps plan takes effect, the United States Army training detachments in all the leading educational institutions in the country are to be merged with the S. A. T. C. For administrative purposes only, the corps has been divided into collegiate and vocational sections. No distinction will be made between the soldiers of the two sections.

In response to a telegram from Colonel R. I. Rees of the War Department, the University of Missouri S. A. T. C. unit, both the collegiate and vocational sections, will assemble at 11 o'clock next Tuesday on the West Campus for a proper observance of the day. All members of the unit, whether they are uniformed and formally inducted into the S. A. T. C. or not, will pass in review and take part in the program.

Every S. A. T. C. unit in the United States will carry out a program at the same time, 11 o'clock central time, on that day, in response to the following telegram from Colonel Rees: "It is most fitting that this day, which will be remembered in American history, should be observed in a manner appropriate to its significance and to the important aims and purposes of the Students' Army Training Corps. Each commanding officer of a unit of the S. A. T. C. will, therefore, with the co-operation of the president and faculty of the institution where his command is stationed, arrange for a proper observance of this day."

POSTERS TO AID IN CAMPAIGN

Those On Display Here Designed By American Artists.

The ten new posters designed by American artists to urge the buying of Fourth Liberty Loan bonds will be found on every wall and window in Columbia after the campaign opens Saturday September 28. The ten were selected from a great number of designs contributed to the Treasury Department through the division of pictorial publicity, of which Charles Dana Gibson is chairman. They were regarded as giving the most powerful presentations of ideas that are behind America's cause.

The posters will be in Columbia before September 28 and every one in Columbia is urged to procure some of these and make a prominent display of them. All business men are requested to use them in their display windows. These posters may be obtained from H. H. Banks, county chairman for the Fourth Liberty Loan Campaign. The posters will be kept in public places until the Liberty Loan Campaign is over.

DRAFT KEEPS LAWYERS BUSY

Registrants Seek Their Assistance at the Courthouse.

The task of filling out questionnaires for the registrants of September 12 has kept the lawyers of the county busy at the Courthouse this week. The Columbia lawyers agreed to do all of this work at the Courthouse and this necessitates the closing of their offices. No charge is made by the lawyers.

Circuit court will convene on the first Monday in October but after a recess for a month so that the work of filling out the questionnaires with the aid of the lawyers will not be seriously interrupted. According to George S. Starrett the number of questionnaires that a person can help fill out is about twelve a day but this number will vary owing to the fact that it takes much longer to fill out those for persons who claim exemption on agricultural grounds.

E. H. Hughes Gets Commission.

Word has been received from E. H. Hughes that he has received the commission of second lieutenant and will be stationed at Ohio University at Columbus as an instructor in the S. A. T. C. Mr. Hughes was formerly assistant to Dean F. B. Mumford and director of the Short Course of the College of Agriculture.

Missouri Union Board to Meet.

The board of directors of the Missouri Union will meet at the Union Building Friday to elect a manager.

GERMANY EXPECTS NEW U. S. ATTACKS

Artillery Concentration at St. Mihiel Completed, Says Writer.

200 TEUTONS TAKEN

Hindenburg Fails in Attempt to Recapture Ground From British.

COPENHAGEN, Sept. 24.—The Americans have completed their artillery concentration on the St. Mihiel front and new attacks may be expected, declared General Ardeene, writing in the Berlin Tageblatt.

Ardeene also states that the Germans will abandon St. Quentin shortly.

Teutons Lose 200 Prisoners.

BY LOWELL MELLETT (United Press Staff Correspondent) **BRITISH FRONT, Sept. 24.**—The Germans, attempting to retake two positions east of Epehy today, lost 200 prisoners and twenty-one machine guns, beside leaving 100 dead within the British front lines.

Further north five fresh German divisions, including one of Alpine troops, have arrived since Saturday. Two of the divisions are entirely fresh. Captured enemy documents show that the ground taken by the British recently was intended as an essential part of the Hindenburg defense system, which their troops were ordered to hold regardless of all cost.

German Attack Repulsed.

LONDON, Sept. 24.—Repulse of an enemy attack on a new position southeast of Garrelle late last night was reported by Field Marshal Haig today.

British troops improved their position north of Meoerues by a successful operation and regained a portion of the old British lines southeast of Yormeezele in Flanders. Hostile raiding parties have been driven out west of Bellenglise and also near Neuve-Chapelle.

French Artillery Active.

PARIS, Sept. 24.—Artillery fighting in the St. Quentin sector and between the Allette and Aisne was reported by the French war office today.

"In the region of Berthis and near Butte-du-Mesnil our two surprise attacks resulted in forty prisoners," the statement added.

Americans Take Prisoners.

BY FRED S. FERGUSON (United Press Staff Correspondent) **AMERICANS ON THE METZ FRONT, Sept. 24.**—Aside from artillery bombardment of important German centers with counter shelling of American positions the Woevre front is quiet.

An American raid on the left center yesterday netted some prisoners. The enemy laid down a barrage but their infantry failed to come up. Scarcely an airplane or balloon was seen in the sky all day yesterday, the rain stopping aerial activity. The entire front is largely mud-locked.

STATEMENT BY S. W. HAYNE

No Definite Action on Union Services Sunday Nights, He Says.

The following statement in regard to the holding of Union Services Sunday evenings was issued by the Rev. Stanley W. Hayne pastor of the Broadway Methodist Church, this morning:

"Concerning the matter of Union Services Sunday evenings, it was considered by the Ministerial Alliance at a meeting at which four of the churches, Christian, Baptist, Presbyterian and Methodist, were represented by their pastors. At this meeting it was decided to hold in abeyance any definite action until a later date and if at a later date conditions seemed to demand it, and any good end might be furthered thereby, it was agreed by the alliance to hold Union Services on Sunday evenings."

NEW BREAD MAKING RULES

Food Administration Sets Maximum Price of 10 Cents for Pound Loaves.

A telegram has been received from Herbert Hoover by the Missouri Food Administration stating regulations for bakers in the making of bread. The baking division of the Food Administration investigation of the manufacturing cost and wholesale and retail prices of bread warrant establishing maximum retail prices for one-pound loaves of bread at 10 cents and for one and a half pound loaves at 15 cents. These are maximum prices for either cash and carry or credit and delivery stores.

On Highways Transport Committee.

A. C. McKibbin, who resigned recently as secretary of the State Highway Commission but who retains his membership on that board, says that he will devote practically all his time to the development of the Highways Transport Committee of the Missouri Council of Defense, and the Capital Highways Association which is working for the improvement of a system of roads radiating from the state capital. Offices for the organization have been opened in Jefferson City.

BAN ON THE NATION WITHDRAWN

Government Permits Villard's Publication to Be Distributed.

Oswald Garrison Villard, owner and editor of the Nation, announced Wednesday that the ban placed by the Post Office authorities on the September 14 issue of his weekly has been removed and the entire edition declared mailable. He said that the Government's final decision not only did justice to the Nation, but also justified a free press in criticizing the policies of the Government.

"There has not been the slightest change of any kind made," said Mr. Villard. "The issue is being mailed today in the same mail bags in which it was sent to the Post Office last week."

The article objected to criticized the policy of the Government in sending the Gompers Labor Mission to Europe.

A dispatch from Washington on September 19 said: Rescinding the order of Postmaster Patton of New York, barring the Nation from the mails, was officially confirmed today.

ONE PACKAGE TO A SOLDIER

War Department Announces Christmas Delivery Plan.

Christmas packages for the two and a half million or more American soldiers who will be in France during the holidays this year will be delivered under an arrangement with the Red Cross announced Saturday by the War Department. In order to control the flood of gifts that otherwise would make the handling of them impracticable, the department has decided that only one parcel will be accepted for each man. General Pershing is forwarding coupons bearing the name and address of each member of the expeditionary force to be distributed to the next of kin.

These coupons must be attached to standard containers, nine by four by three inches in size, which will be provided by local Red Cross chapters upon application.

All packages must be mailed before November 15.

ODD FELLOWS TO MEET HERE

Association Has Membership of 800 in Boone County.

The annual meeting of the Boone County Odd Fellows Association will be held in the Odd Fellows Hall in Columbia tomorrow afternoon and night. The business meeting will convene at 1:30 o'clock in the afternoon and at 2:30 o'clock a program, open to the public, will be rendered.

The Hinton initiatory degree staff will confer the initiatory degree at 7 o'clock tomorrow night. Following this ceremony the first degree will be conferred by the Columbia first degree staff.

The association has a membership of more than 800 in this county. The officers are: President, J. E. Bedford, Columbia; vice-president, T. F. Dinkle, Woodlandville; and secretary, Dr. J. E. Jordan, Ashland.

WANTS STENOGRAPHERS NAMES.

Civil Service Asks for List of Women Wishing Government Work.

The United States Civil Service Commission has sent a notice to R. H. Gray, acting postmaster, requesting that he collect the names of women who wish to enter Government work as stenographers and typewriters.

The notice says: "For more than a year the Government has been unable to secure enough stenographers and typewriters to do the extra work in connection with the war. At the present time thousands of vacancies exist in Washington, D. C., and many vacancies for such positions exist in fields outside of Washington. All stenographers, except those now employed by the Government, who desire Government work, should send their names and street addresses to the postmaster at once."

CHEESE TASTES LIKE MEAT

"Camouflaged" Dairy Dishes Produced in Research Laboratory.

After quite a few years of experimenting, the University research laboratory has worked the wonder of producing many new "camouflaged" dairy dishes, notable among them being cheese variations. In a display at the Southwest Jersey Cattle Show last week, was cheese, treated to smell, look, and taste like meat. Some resembles sausage, some of it looks like bread. It is to be used according to a number of pleasing recipes in making sauces, salads and puddings.

Research, it was claimed by experts, has proved that cheese is a better food than meat from the standpoint of more energy and food value for less money.

BIG RED CROSS SHIPMENT

1,112 Pairs of Socks in the Box That Left Today.

The local Red Cross chapter made a shipment today of 1,112 pairs of socks, 487 sweaters, 24 scarfs, wristlets, helmets and trench caps and a box of surgical dressings.

There is an urgent need of workers in the surgical dressing department, according to Mrs. Walter Miller, who is in charge of the work.

To Announce Amount of Bonds.

NEW YORK, Sept. 24.—The amount of the Fourth Liberty Loan and the terms will be announced here tonight by Secretary McAdoo.

BRITISH TAKE PORT IN PALESTINE; ALSO DOIRAN IN BALKANS

Acre and Haifa, on Mediterranean Coast, Given Up by Turkish Forces, Which Are Harassed In Retreat.

ITALIAN TROOPS GAIN IN VARDAR

Serbian Alone Take 12,000 Prisoners and Large Stores, Including Several Trains—Enemy Burns Villages.

By United Press.

LONDON, Sept. 24.—British forces have occupied the important seaport of Acre in Palestine. It was announced today.

In addition, British cavalry occupied Haifa, an important seaport and railway town ten miles south of Acre, following a slight operation. The number of prisoners has increased and the total will exceed the 25,000 already mentioned.

Arabian forces have occupied Mann and are harassing bodies of the enemy retreating north toward the Aman along the Hedjaz railway.

(Acre is on the Mediterranean coast, 25 miles northeast of Nazareth. It is a terminal of the railroad running from Dera to the coast. The population is 10,000.)

By United Press.

LONDON, Sept. 24.—British troops have captured the important town of Doiran on the south shore of Lake Doiran in Macedonia, according to dispatches received here today.

The Serbian communique of Sunday, also received here today, characterizes the Allied offensive in Macedonia as continuing successfully.

"We continue to cross the Vardar, where we are in contact with the enemy toward Prilep," the communique said.

"The Serbian troops have reached several points on the road from Gralisko to Prilep."

"The enemy continue to burn villages and stores. In spite of this great quantities of material fell into our hands. On the railroad in the Vardar plains we captured several trains."

By United Press.

LONDON, Sept. 24.—Italian troops operating on the left bank of the British and the Greeks in the Vardar valley have advanced ten miles since yesterday, according to reports from Saloniki.

The Serbians alone have taken 12,000 prisoners and 140 guns already, it is reported.

To Follow Up Victories.

WASHINGTON, Sept. 24.—Having annihilated two of the three Turkish divisions in Palestine, General Allenby is preparing to attack the fourth to make his already sensational career in Palestine complete, according to information received here.

Facing an original enemy force of 100,000 men General Allenby with smaller contingents of British troops, assisted by Arabs and Indian units, has started cutting off communication of the last remaining Turkish army which had been influential in the capturing of Hedjaz railway. The railway has been cut both above and below Dera.

Pushing Toward Strumitza.

LONDON, Sept. 24.—Allied cavalry is heading toward Strumitza, the important Bulgarian city twenty miles north of Doiran and 10 miles within the Bulgarian border, according to dispatches received from the Saloniki front today.

U. S. WILL NOT CONTROL MEAT

Congress Thinks It Unwise to Add to Uncle Sam's Tasks Now.

BY L. C. MARTIN (United Press Staff Correspondent)

WASHINGTON, Sept. 24.—In seeking a way to relieve the American people from the high cost of living, Congress has practically abandoned the idea of putting the meat packing business under Government control while the war lasts.

Many congressional students agree that to add this enterprise to the multitude of huge new tasks Uncle Sam has undertaken since the war began, might be to defeat the very purpose which they have in mind.

While they have somewhat reluctantly accepted this view, they have not and will not relinquish their adherence to the principles of Government control of stockyards and packing houses as a necessary part of the permanent solution of the high cost of living problem.

Pooler Has Reached Helsingfors.

WASHINGTON, Sept. 24.—Counsel General Pooler of Moscow has reached Helsingfors and will be in Stockholm tomorrow, the State Department was advised today.