

STATE BUREAU PREPARING FOR SOLDIER VOTE

Information Is Obtained From Canada Regarding Method of Conducting Election Among Troops at Front.

(From a Staff Correspondent.)
Lincoln, March 23.—(Special.)—The Nebraska legislative reference bureau has continued to gather information regarding provisions made for soldier voting by the United States and Canada, especially the voting of soldiers overseas. The experience of Canada is especially valuable since Canadian soldiers in Europe were called upon to participate in a general election held during the last year. Besides complete copies of the Canadian law and instructions for the election and returning officers contained in the Canadian documents the following letter to Director Sheldon from the Canadian officers having entire charge of the conduct of elections among Canadian soldiers is pertinent:

"The department of militia and defense have asked me to deal with the last sentence of your letter of January 22, whereby you state that you wish to know how the vote of men scattered in different military units is secured. I really think that the military voters' act, which is now in your hands, will have answered this question.

"The voting covers a period of time. In France it covered actually 17 days. Polls were established and maintained for a sufficient length of time in the vicinity of all places where men were anticipated to be.

Portable Polls.
"For instance, perambulating polls proceeded from hospital to hospital. In Canada the same system was established, only that the polling was held all on one day. The whole operation within Canada and overseas was directed and controlled from my desk.

"The personnel employed in taking the military vote in North America and overseas was approximately 3,000 persons. The number employed in Canada was relatively larger than overseas because in Canada the whole operation had to be carried out on one day. Not a single civilian was employed in the operation of polling the vote. The whole matter was under military control."

The following condensed abstract of the Canadian, New York and North Dakota soldier voting laws has been made by Miss Edna Bullock, librarian of the legislative reference bureau:

Canadian.
The assistant clerk of the crown in chancery serves as chief election officer, with general and special returning officers, military presiding officers, clerks and scrutineers in various places to assist in conducting the election.

Information concerning candidates is telegraphed to the military presiding officers in all places where soldiers are to vote, and then placed on battalion and camp bulletin boards.

Elections are held any day or days after the date of primary elections up to the close of election day, which is the 28th day after the nominations are made.

The ballots are delivered to the military presiding officers. The polls are taken in camps or other places on a sufficient number of days, according to military exigencies, and facilities for taking the poll and for voting are given the soldiers. If an elector cannot remain in camp until the poll is taken, his immediate vote may be given to presiding officer.

Envelopes containing the ballots are placed in sealed boxes, and these boxes are sent to designated officers in London, Paris, or Canada, as the case may be. On the outside of the envelope is the name of the elector and his election district. Special returning officers return envelopes according to electoral districts, write up poll books, open envelopes and make the count, and envelop the result; to chief election officer in Canada, at the same time forwarding the ballot boxes.

New York.
A register of all qualified electors absent in military or naval service is kept, and poll books prepared therefrom by the secretary of state.

The ballots contain the titles of all officers for which voters may vote in their respective districts, and names of candidates where practicable. Poll books, ballots and envelopes are delivered to commanding officer of every command including 10 or more New York electors in time for use at the election in such manner as the secretary of state may direct. In November elections, 1917, representatives appointed by the secretary of state were sent to three of the camps and to France to conduct the elections.

The elections are held at the quarters of the commanding officer on election day, or on any next prior day within 10 days next prior thereto. Voters scattered in detachments containing less than 10 electors may vote where it is most convenient. Qualified electors upon opening of the polls select four of their number to act as inspectors. These inspectors compare poll books and certify the number of votes cast and forward the same to the secretary of state at Albany, who, in turn, compares poll books and envelopes, and transmits the same to county election boards, who provide for the counting of the ballots by a board of inspectors. The count is then certified in the several election districts and finally canvassed by the county board of inspectors on the sixth Tuesday after election day.

North Dakota.
County auditors prepare and maintain register of voters in military or naval service.

Ballots are sent by county auditor, 45 days before any general election, not a primary, to each voter individually, with return postage included. Voter makes affidavit before his immediate commanding officer and forwards ballot to county auditor who distributes the ballots to proper election districts for counting. Delayed ballots are counted at regular or adjourned meetings of county canvassing boards.

Seize Dutch Ships.
San Juan, Porto Rico, March 22.—The American flag was run up today on four Dutch steamers lying in Porto Rican ports, indicating their sailing to Switzerland.

ALLIED RESERVE ARMY READY FOR PART IN BATTLE

(By Associated Press.)
No reports have been received from Paris as to whether the French forces have become involved in the terrific battle, now in progress on the west front.

From the nearness of the point of German penetration to their lines, however, it would seem probable that they soon will be found taking part in the struggle.

There is another factor to be considered also, should the German thrust develop more seriously.

There was created last winter by the supreme war council at Versailles an entente "army of manoeuvre," understood to be made up of troops of all allies, which was designated to be available for action at any point on the wide front from the North sea to the Adriatic, wherever it should be needed.

It has doubtless not been the entire intention to throw this army into action hastily, but it unquestionably stands ready for use in any emergency and might easily prove the vital factor in any general engagement which the western front fighting should develop.

Steamboat "Elk" Makes First River Trip of the Season

The steamboat "Elk" has arrived in Omaha yesterday. The "Elk" has been lying at Decatur all winter, and has just made its initial trip down the river for the spring. Only a small cargo was brought on the first trip, as the captain desired to feel out the spring channel before loading heavily. The boat is being loaded with a cargo of merchandise for Decatur.

Burt County Reaches Stamp Quota Before Count Is Made

Tekama, Neb., March 23.—(Special.)—Chairman J. F. Nesbit, in charge of the war savings campaign in Burt county, and County Superintendent Poucher are jubilant over the outcome in Burt county. With 23 out of the 72 unreported districts in the county still unreported, the quota has been reached. The county quota was \$272,000. Craig is in the unreported 23 and Mr. Nesbit anticipates that Burt county will overplete itself at least \$50,000.

Benkelman "Goes Over" in War Savings Stamp Drive

Benkelman, Neb., March 23.—(Special Telegram.)—Benkelman school district No. 16 subscribed for \$17,000 saving stamp Friday. Benkelman's quota was \$10,600.

Oldest Mason in Nebraska Will Join Eastern Star

Beatrice, Neb., March 23.—(Special.)—Dr. Ferd Brothier, believed to be the oldest Mason in the state, will be initiated into the Order of the Eastern Star next Tuesday evening. A banquet for the Masons and the Eastern Star will be held at the Congregational church, at which patriotic talks will be given. The business session for the initiatory services will follow in Masonic hall, where there will be speaking and music.

A service flag containing the names of 24 members of the Masonic lodge of this city who have gone to war will be unfurled at the conclusion of the exercises.

Fred Marquardt, 28 years old died Wednesday night at his home at Wymore. He was a son of Mr. and Mrs. J. W. Marquardt and had resided at Wymore since boyhood.

Fire of unknown origin destroyed the residence of L. N. Adkins at Wymore Thursday. The loss is placed at \$2,000, partially covered by insurance.

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appointed assistant county agent, arrived from Utica to begin his duties.

An automobile, which has been at the Holt-Kelso garage in this city for the last few months, and which is owned by a Kearney resident, is believed by the officers here to have been stolen, as the number on the engine has been filed off. The chief of police of Kearney has wired that he would send an officer here after the car, which will be taken there for investigation.

There are seven members of the Board of Education to be elected and just seven candidates have filed for the office. They are F. A. Miller, Dr. C. A. Spellman, John Cooney, Mrs.

T. E. Adams, H. M. Garrett, W. P. McClannahan and Dr. E. W. Fellers. Funeral services for the Mrs. D. W. Copeland were held Friday from the family home at Blue Springs. Mrs. Copeland was a sister of Dr. Silas C. Swallow of Harrisburg, Pa., who was a candidate for president on the prohibition ticket in 1904.

Doane Ladies' Glee Club Give Home Concert Friday

Crete, Neb., March 23.—(Special.)—The Doane college Ladies' Glee Club and Octette company gave its 17th concert in Sokol theater Friday night. Miss Edris Smith is president of the organization; Miss Ruby Ven-

num, vice president; Miss Ruth Dun-

can, secretary, and Miss Roine Pierce, librarian.

The clubs go on a trip this year: the latter part of April and May 1. Their itinerary includes Clay Center, Holdreth, Franklin, Edgar, Carleton, Odell and Liberty, Neb.

Three Weeks' Quarantine Ends in Kearney Sunday

Kearney, Neb., March 23.—(Special.)—The quarantine is to be lifted in Kearney Sunday morning, thus making it possible for all churches of the city to carry out their Palm Sunday program. The schools will open Monday morning, after a three-weeks'

forced vacation. Theaters and public meetings will be in full swing again Monday.

The board of health states that there are a few cases of small-pox in the city, and that all families afflicted are quarantined. None of the cases are considered serious.

Rev. W. H. J. Wilby, pastor of the Congregational church of this city, has resigned and enlisted in the United States navy as a seaman. His action was a surprise to the congregation and friends.

On the exemption list by virtue of his being a minister, Rev. Mr. Wilby failed to avail himself of this excuse from service. He has been pastor of the Congregational church for a year.

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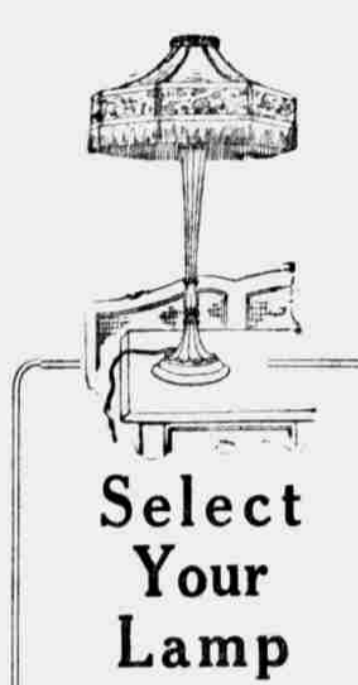
Everyone can remember the time when the most popular Rugs were medallions or large geometric patterns. Today they are passe and the Persian designs that you find in their place are daintier and less busy; Ispahans, Karmanshahs and the like.

Today the public asks for calmer effects, excessive ornateness has passed; the value of quiet spaces and the charm of texture is recognized. The emblems of a design are accorded breathing space and just as a woman prefers a single jewel of merit to a display of much jewelry, so she picks out a rug that sets off her furniture and in point of design and ornament, supplements the draperies and decorations of the room.

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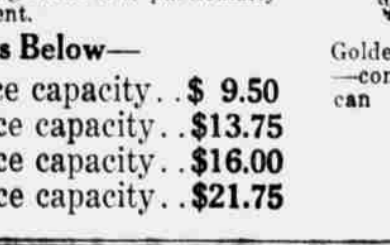
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