

# ON RECRUITING DUTY

NEBRASKA BOYS TO SEARCH STATE FOR SOLDIERS.

## PROTEST THEIR ASSESSMENT

Items of General Interest Gathered From Reliable Sources Around the State House.

Western Newspaper Union News Service. Sixteen Nebraska soldier boys now on the border, have been detailed for recruit duty in their home state. These sixteen will leave for the north within a few days. They will be stationed over all parts of Nebraska in the hope of filling the ranks of the two Nebraska regiments to war strength. Following is a list of the men:

Fourth regiment: Lieutenant Oscar L. Keating of Omaha and William Norris of Stanton; Sergeant Guy F. Ball, Osceola; Sergeant Fred C. Sloss, York; Corporals Alvan Tremaine, Wayne, and Joseph Byerly, Omaha; Privates Robert Madison, Omaha, and Roland S. Hill, Madison. Fifth regiment: Captain Robert McAllister, Grand Island; Lieutenant William Hall, Omaha; Sergeants Edwin P. Clements, Ord and Emery B. Wolfe, Auburn; Corporals Joseph McMinn, Hastings, and Butler Miltonberger, North Platte; Privates Frederick Stoffrosen, Blue Hill, and Robert Clow, Lincoln.

It is reported that General Parker, at present in command of the entire Brownville forces, will be transferred to Llano Grande to take charge. Officials of the medical corps of the Nebraska regiments deny rumors of a threatened typhoid epidemic. It is declared that no evidence of the disease has shown up in either of the Nebraska camps.

### Protest Their Assessment.

The state board of assessment spent several hours listening to an explanation from five counties whose land valuations for assessment purposes the board proposes to increase. J. H. Dean, county clerk, and Chairman George Conroy of the county board of Buffalo county, object to an increase of 5 per cent. Sherman county, which objects to an increase of 10 per cent, was represented by Dan McDonald of Loup City and J. H. Welty, both members of the county board, and by John Long, Dawson county had little complaint when it corrected its returns. It returned land at an average of \$5.53 an acre, but this was corrected to read \$6.18. The state board proposed to increase the first returns to \$5.68 an acre. It probably will make no change in the corrected figures. Gosper county objects to an increase of 5 per cent.

### Brigaded with North Dakota

The two Nebraska regiments have been brigaded with the North Dakota regiments, as predicted, and Colonel Blockson, of the Third U. S. Cavalry, is acting brigadier general. Lieutenant Joe Lewis of the regular army, assigned to the Fourth regiment as military instructor, is acting as adjutant to Colonel Blockson. The selection of Colonel Blockson as acting commander over the two Nebraska regiments was gratifying to the officers and men of those organizations. On more than one occasion Colonel Blockson has shown his friendship and admiration for the Nebraska boys.

### Officers Ordered to Fort Crook.

Lieut. R. P. Palmer of the United States infantry, who has been assisting at Nebraska national guard headquarters since the mobilization of the state troops began, is in receipt of orders from central army headquarters at Chicago to establish an army recruiting depot at Fort Crook, near Omaha. Capt. T. W. Jaycox of the national guard quartermaster corps will accompany him. Recruits secured in Nebraska and South Dakota will be sent there for training before they go south to join the troops on the border.

### Complete Field Hospital.

Complete equipment for the field hospital at Camp Llano has been received. This consists of medicines, bandages and tentage. Requisitions have been made for twenty-eight mules and fifteen riding horses and as soon as these come the detachment will be ready to go into the field.

"It is a distinct regret to me that after my eighteen years in the Nebraska National guards that now, when there is a chance for doing something again, I am left behind," wrote E. H. Phelps, former adjutant general of Nebraska, in a communication received by Major John F. Spearman of the field hospital, Fifth Nebraska regiment. Mr. Phelps is now in Los Angeles, Cal. Mr. Phelps warns the boys to be careful of what they eat and drink and gives them some "pointers" on warding off chiggers.

Nebraska fruit jobbers have protested to the Nebraska railway commission against the rates authorized by the commission for refrigerating carload lots of berries and vegetables, which until the order went into effect was done by the shippers themselves. The commission has refused to suspend the rates but has set the hearing for August 14. The rates are the same as those on interstate traffic, \$25 a car for icing fruit or vegetables for 250 miles or less, and \$5 more for the distance over 250 miles with a \$40 rate for melons.

## CLOSE GUARD ARMORIES

Result of Calling State Troops into the Federal Service.

Ten national guard armories in Nebraska have been surrendered to the owners and payment of rentals for the use of them has been stopped, as a result of the calling of the state troops into the federal service. The remaining armories are to be given up at once as soon as the property remaining in them can be moved out. This work is being looked after by Capt. C. C. Teten of the national guard quartermaster corps and Sergeant R. S. Uhl of the Lincoln arsenal.

During the past two weeks, these two officers have visited Omaha, Nebraska City, Auburn, Beatrice, Wyoming, Blue Hill, Friend, Hastings, Kearney and Gothenburg. The armories at all these places have been vacated and expense of rental stopped, in some cases on July 1 and in other cases August 1.

All equipment belonging to the war department has been shipped back to Lincoln to be stored in the arsenal, while the lockers and company furniture have been placed in storage at the home stations, in quarters rented for that purpose.

### Plan to Equalize Farm Valuations.

The state board of equalization has determined the basis for farm land valuations, and has a list of counties, the officials of which will be summoned to appear to show cause why certain increases should not be made. The original plan of increasing the assessor's valuations—a total of \$7,000,000 in farm lands—\$35,000 actual value, has been given up by the board. This last action comes as a result of the showing of a general increase in farm lands of about \$11,000,000, or an actual increased valuation of five times that.

It is the plan now to equalize with a small general increase with many counties to be reduced and many increased a small percentage, in most instances about 5 per cent. In this manner the board feels that it can strike a general average of increase over the state which is equitable to all.

### Had Long Distance Telephone Talk.

Colonel Herbert J. Paul of the Fifth Nebraska infantry at Camp Llano, has reported by telephone to Governor John H. Morehead, commander-in-chief of the Nebraska troops, that the health of the guardsmen in camp at Llano Grande, Tex., was excellent and that everything was in good shape. Although the report is not a daily matter, Governor Morehead was desirous of knowing the exact condition of affairs and Colonel Paul was anxious to reassure him that the food, equipment and sanitary conditions of the Nebraska contingent of border patrols need occasion Nebraska fathers and mothers no worry.

### Many Autos in Nebraska.

There are now in Nebraska 86,690 automobiles and 3,509 motorcycles. During the month of July Nebraskaans bought 5,841 new autos and 250 new motorcycles. This is according to the automobile plates issued from the office of Secretary of State Pool. The expense of taking care of the automobile department during July was \$974.63, Mr. Pool says. The office of Secretary of State Pool made a net profit to the state during July of \$49,490.69, says the monthly statement just issued. The total collections were \$50,117.52, which was \$3,121.12 more than was collected during the same month in 1914. The total expense of operating the general department was \$616.83.

### Letters Are More Optimistic.

Recent letters received from Nebraska guardsmen at the border now bear an optimistic tone. While at first there were numerous complaints regarding the heat and the accommodations furnished by the government, many of the soldiers are now writing home to the effect that the stories have been exaggerated and that they are enjoying nearly "all the comforts of home." Either they are growing more accustomed or more resigned to their surroundings.

A turnover of \$2,100 has been made to the state treasury by Hotel Commissioner Phil Ackerman, being the proceeds of collections made by his department during the month of July. Hotels, restaurants, rooming and lodging houses are now paying their annual fee of \$1 each, as required by the state law.

### Expects Price to Fall.

The price of gasoline is due to drop at least 2 cents per gallon within the next ten days, according to the way Food Commissioner Harman has it figured out. The standard retail price in Lincoln for several months has been 20 cents per gallon. The food commissioner believes that his present crusade will result in a better grade of oil being sold in this state, while market conditions will force the price down, and thus consumers will benefit at both ends.

### Colonel B. D. Hayward Dead.

Colonel B. D. Hayward, founder of the Nebraska military academy, at Lincoln, succumbed to a week's illness at a local hospital Monday. He was taken ill while returning from an eastern trip and last Wednesday night was taken to the hospital. An operation was performed in the hope of having his life. Colonel Hayward was superintendent of the state industrial school at Kearney. Eight years ago he founded the military academy in Lincoln.

# VIENNA ADMITS LOSS

RUSSIANS CAPTURE STANISLAU—TOWN IS IMPORTANT RAILWAY CENTER.

## SLAVS TAKE 14,268 TEUTONS

Austro-Hungarian Base in Galicia Taken After Defenses Are Swept Away—Petrograd Reports Other Gains—Russ Defeated by Turks.

Petrograd, Aug. 14.—Stanislaw, the Austro-Hungarian base in Galicia, was captured by the Russians Thursday. It was officially announced by the war office.

The main defenses of the city had been under heavy bombardment by the Russians, but despite strong Teutonic resistance the Russians swept on and took the town.

Two hundred and sixty-eight Austro-German officers and 13,000 wounded men were captured by the Russians in battle on the Sereth river (Galicia) between August 4 and August 10, the war office announced. In addition 1,000 wounded Austro-German prisoners were taken.

The official statement says: "As a result of our success on the Sereth the enemy evacuated the fortified positions of Gladka and Voroblevsk."

"We repulsed the offensive north of Monasterzyska. After assaulting and capturing the position we reached the middle Koroplec and driving out the enemy from his fortified works, definitely occupied Monasterzyska."

"Our mounted machine gun detachment repulsed the brigade at Monasterzyska and pursued the retreating third German reserve regiment; which, resisting, was annihilated."

"At the confluence of the Zlota Lipa and the Dulester our cavalry occupied the villages of Uscielezino and Mindigorie."

"General Letchisky's troops, continuing their stubborn fight in the region of Stanislaw, captured the town and pursued the enemy in the direction of Halez. Explosions were heard prior to the town's evacuation."

"The enemy evacuated the left bank of the Zlota Bystriza. We crossed the river and poured rifle and machine gun fire into the retreating enemy."

"In the Caucasus, owing to Turkish pressure, we withdrew from Hamadan."

Vienna, via London, Aug. 14.—"We have evacuated Stanislaw without fighting," says the official statement issued on Friday from general headquarters. The statement also admits the withdrawal of Austrian troops to new positions in Stanislaw and Monasterzyska regions.

## APPOINTS MEXICAN ARBITERS

Secretary Lane and Justice Brandeis Named by the President—Procedure Is Agreed Upon.

Washington, Aug. 11.—Formal announcement was made on Wednesday by Acting Secretary Polk of the acceptance of General Carranza's proposal for a joint international commission to seek a solution of border disputes and to discuss other matters which may help clarify relations between the United States and Mexico. Only the time and place for the conference remain to be decided.

Secretary Lane of the interior department will head the American commission, supported by Justice Louis D. Brandeis of the Supreme court and a third commissioner whose name will be announced later.

The Mexican commissioners were named several days ago. The first subject will be withdrawal of American troops from Mexico, to be followed by negotiation on a protocol covering future military operations along the border.

It is regarded as probable that the meetings will be held at some resort on the New Jersey coast.

## DEMAND EMBARGO ON WHEAT

Master Bakers of U. S. Issue Appeal as Grain and Flour Advance.

Salt Lake City, Utah, Aug. 12.—The National Association of Master Bakers at its session on Thursday adopted a resolution asking that an embargo be placed on the present wheat crop to prevent any further advance in the market price of wheat. The resolution was sent to President Wilson and to congress.

The association elected F. S. McDonald of Memphis, president; Paul J. Stern of Milwaukee, vice-president; Fred S. Freund, St. Louis, treasurer, and E. J. Arnold of Providence, R. I., and E. B. Strain, Battle Creek, Mich., members of the executive committee. The next convention will be in Chicago.

### Russ Flee From Town.

Petrograd, Aug. 14.—Following the evacuation of Mush and Bittles, Turkish Armenia, Russian troops, under Turkish pressure, have withdrawn from Hamadan, Persia, says an official statement.

### Forty Perish in Greek Ship.

Athens, Aug. 14.—The Greek steamer Eleutheria, with 1,200 passengers and a cargo of oil owned by Americans, caught fire in the Aegean sea. Forty were killed. Most of the passengers were troops.

## PREPARING FOR THE FUTURE



## AVERT RAIL STRIKE GORITZ IS CAPTURED

EMPLOYEES AND MANAGERS MAY ACCEPT MEDIATION.

Conferences Start at Once—Workers' Leaders Declare That Move Does Not Mean Arbitration.

New York, Aug. 11.—Acceptance by the railroad brotherhoods on Wednesday of the proposal for mediation by the federal board of mediation and conciliation averted a strike of 400,000 railway employees.

After first refusing to listen to the offer to accept mediation made by the railroad presidents, the employees' leaders reconsidered, and announced that they, too, would consent to mediation, but not to arbitration.

Announcement of the acceptance of the offer was made by A. B. Garretson, head of the conductors' brotherhood, after it had been delivered by G. W. Hanger, a member of the board, following an appeal to that body to intervene made by the railroad managers. Mr. Garretson said he had informed the board that the offer was accepted on condition that "its good offices are promptly exercised."

The federal board, which is composed of Mr. Hanger, Martin A. Knapp and Judge W. L. Chambers, was prepared to begin conferences with the respective sides to the controversy at once.

The procedure of the federal board is to meet each side separately, learn its attitude and attempt to obtain concessions from each as a basis on which a settlement can be reached when they are again brought together.

The step followed rejection by the managers of the demands made by the men.

## 150 DROWNED IN FLOOD

Two Passenger Trains, One a Sunday School Excursion, Missing in West Virginia.

Huntington, W. Va., Aug. 11.—Governor Hatfield, who arrived here on Wednesday to attend the state Republican convention, ordered special relief trains to the Coal river and Cabin creek districts, where, according to reports, more than 150 have been drowned and 5,000 made homeless. So serious is the situation that Governor Hatfield left the city to go to the scene of the devastation.

The governor was informed that at Cabin creek the loss of life would exceed 100 and that more than 5,000 there are homeless. Later reports estimated the damage at \$1,000,000.

The cloudburst occurred at the headwaters of Paint and Cabin creeks and Coal river, and the torrent which surged down Coal river swept its banks almost clean of villages, while the Kanawha river rose several feet.

Near St. Albans are marooned two passenger trains, one of which is a Sunday school excursion train.

## WILSON TO CROSS CONTINENT

President Decides to Make Speaking Trip Across the Country—Completes Speech of Acceptance.

Washington, Aug. 14.—President Wilson practically has decided to make a speaking trip across the continent. No details of the tour have been arranged, but it is understood that his itinerary will be worked out within the next few weeks. The president will go to the Pacific coast.

Senator Phelan invited the president to speak in California some time during the campaign.

The president has completed his speech of acceptance, which is 4,000 words in length.

The speech of acceptance will be delivered at Shadow Lawn, N. J., immediately after the adjournment of congress, which the president expects to take place about September 1.

### New Giant Warships.

Washington, Aug. 12.—The giant Zeppelin transcontinental air liners promised by Germany to help her merchant submarines defeat the purposes of the British blockade are nearing completion near Lake Constance.

### Gives U. S. Fryatt Protest.

London, Aug. 12.—The foreign office requested Ambassador Gerard to convey to the German government the British government's desire to enter its most formal protest against the execution of Captain Fryatt.

ITALIAN ARMY TAKES AUSTRIA—HUNGARIAN STRONGHOLD.

Road to Trieste Is Opened and Naval Base to Pola Menaced—Latins Advance at San Bartino.

Rome, Aug. 11.—The Italians have captured Goritz. Official announcement of this victory, the greatest won by the Italians since the war against Austria-Hungary was begun, was announced by the war office on Wednesday. The Italians captured 20,000 prisoners.

The fall of Goritz, which was the keystone of the Austro-Hungarian front along the Isonzo river, means the opening of the road to Trieste for Lieutenant General Cardona's victorious Italian army.

Not only will the defense of the great Austrian seaport be practically impossible, hereafter, according to military experts, but the naval stronghold of Pola will be menaced.

The capture of the fortress is the most severe blow the Austrians have sustained from the Italians since the two countries went to war.

## CHILD LABOR BILL PASSED

Measure Approved by Senate Even Prohibits Shipment of Children's Products.

Washington, Aug. 10.—The child labor bill was passed in the senate on Tuesday, 32 to 12. Prior to this every amendment was voted down.

Two Republicans and ten Democrats voted against the administration bill.

The bill prohibits the shipment in interstate and foreign commerce of the product of the proscribed child labor. Children under sixteen are prohibited from working in quarries and mines. Children under fourteen are not permitted to work in tanneries, factories or mills of any kind. Children between fourteen and sixteen may work only eight hours a day, and only six days a week.

## CONFESSES TO SAVE ANOTHER

Stellow Near to Death for Murder Man Admits Committing Two Years Ago.

Buffalo, N. Y., Aug. 12.—Sheriff Nichols of Cattaraugus county announced at Little Valley that a prisoner, Earl King, had confessed to the murder of Charles Phelps, and his housekeeper, Mary Wolcott, at West Shelby on March 22, 1915, for which Charles Stellow is under sentence of death. Stellow recently was reprieved on the day set for his execution after efforts were made in his behalf by advocates of the abolition of the death penalty.

King, who is fifty years old, is under arrest for alleged complicity in a hold-up two years ago.

## TELEGRAPHIC NOTES

Paris, Aug. 12.—The French have captured German trenches near Maurepas and a fortified quarry south of Hen wood, the war office announced. Ten machine guns and 150 prisoners were taken.

Washington, Aug. 12.—The Democratic members of the senate finance committee voted to recommend amendment of the emergency revenue bill to provide a 10 per cent tax on profits of all war munitions.

Washington, Aug. 12.—Turkey has refused to grant the request of the United States that a neutral committee be permitted to undertake relief work in Syria, where thousands of native Christians are reported to be starving.

### Shoot Eight Mexican Bandits.

El Paso, Tex., Aug. 14.—Three bandits have been put to death at Chihuahua City. They are believed to be members of the band which clashed with United States troops near Fort Hancock last week.

### Bavarian Loss Heavy.

Geneva, Aug. 14.—A dispatch from Munich says that the Bavarian losses on the Somme front during July were 35,500 men, of whom 14,500 were killed, 57,000 were wounded, including two generals, and 4,000 are missing.

# TREATY WITH DANES

DENMARK TO CONVEY HER WEST INDIES TO UNITED STATES.

## WILL MAINTAIN CONCESSIONS

America to Relinquish All Objections to Scandinavian Domination of Greenland—Can Extend Political and Economic Interests.

Washington, Aug. 12.—President Wilson has sent to the senate for ratification the treaty with Denmark for the sale of the Danish West Indies to the United States. Although the treaty has been carefully guarded from publicity, the International News Service correspondent is now able to furnish the full list of its exact terms.

The convention is preceded by a declaration by Secretary Lansing that the government of the United States "will not object to the Danish government extending their political and economic interests to the whole of Greenland."

This treaty consists of 12 articles, as compared with seven in that of 1902. In many respects they are similar. The most important changes are found in Article III, in which are enumerated the grants and concessions the United States will maintain in accordance with the terms of the grants when made by the Danish government.

Article I describes the territory ceded as the "islands of Saint Thomas, Saint John and Saint Croix, together with the adjacent islands and rocks," and including "the right of property in all public, government or crown lands, public buildings, wharves, ports, harbors, fortifications, barracks, public funds, rights, franchises and privileges and all other public property of every kind or description now belonging to Denmark, together with all the appurtenances thereto." It includes also all public archives.

In Article II Denmark guarantees that the cession is free and unconditioned "by any reservations, privileges, franchises, grants or possessions held by any governments, corporations, syndicates or individuals except as herein mentioned."

Article III contains many special agreements. The arms and military stores of the Danish government are to remain its property, to be removed as soon as practicable.

The United States agrees to maintain certain grants, concessions and licenses given by the Danish government in accordance with their terms.

Article IV provides for the appointment of proper agents for the purpose of formally delivering and accepting the territory ceded.

Those who remain in the islands may preserve their Danish citizenship by making within one year from the date of exchange of ratifications a declaration of their decision to preserve such citizenship. In default of such declaration they shall be held to have renounced it and accepted citizenship in the United States.

## DR. JOHN B. MURPHY DIES

World-Famous Surgeon Succumbs at Mackinac Island—Heart Disease Caused Death.

Chicago, Aug. 14.—Dr. John B. Murphy of Chicago, world-famous surgeon, died on Friday at Mackinac Island, Mich. Heart disease was the cause. Doctor Murphy had been ailing since early in April.

Doctor Murphy was a native of Appleton, Wis., and was born December 1, 1857. After receiving a primary education at the public schools he was graduated from the high school of Appleton on June 23, 1876.

He began the study of medicine under the direction and tutelage of Dr. J. R. Reilly, a practicing surgeon of Appleton.

In 1882 he went abroad and until 1884 was engaged in study in the hospitals of Vienna, Munich, Berlin, Heidelberg and London.

## ARMY BILL WINS IN SENATE

Conference Report Is Accepted Without Debate by the Upper House of Congress.

Washington, Aug. 10.—Without debate the senate on Tuesday agreed to the conference report on the army appropriation bill carrying \$267,597,000 for maintenance of the reorganized regular army and National Guard.

The bill provides for organization of a council for national defense to coordinate transportation, industrial and agricultural facilities in time of stress and for relief of dependent families of soldiers in service on the Mexican border and appropriates a special sum of more than \$13,000,000 for the development of aviation in the army.

### American Shippers Protest.

London, Aug. 14.—American shippers to Holland are bombarding the British government with protests as a result of detentions of cargoes consigned to the Netherlands overseas trust.

### Plunges to Death.

Detroit, Mich., Aug. 14.—George A. Owen, Detroit's oldest alderman, plunged eight stories to his death from the J. Henry Smith building in the downtown district. It is not known whether he fell or jumped.