

READ THIS CAREFULLY

It Is Important to Every Person in Keokuk

This great United States Government has asked every merchant within its protection to offer as part of change returned to customers on next Saturday one 25c Thrift Stamp. As always, Keokuk merchants have complied with this patriotic request and wherever you trade on next Saturday and you have change coming to you after your purchase the clerk will ask you to accept one 25c Thrift Stamp as part of such change. This Thrift Stamp is actually worth a quarter today and every day that you keep it up to Jan. 1st, 1923, it becomes more valuable. If the clerk forgets to offer you the stamp on Saturday, ask him for it as it is your patriotic duty as well as the clerk's.

25c Thrift Stamps Free, Saturday Only

Any merchant in Keokuk from whom you make a purchase of \$5 or more will give you absolutely free one Thrift Stamp. Two things to remember for Saturday—take a Thrift Stamp every time you have change coming and get one free when your purchase amounts to \$5.

This space patriotically donated and paid for by I. O. O. F. Keokuk Lodge No. 13.

To Overland Owners

We wish to announce that we have arranged with the Overland Keokuk Co., located at 1317 Main street, to handle the service and sales of Overland cars in Keokuk and vicinity.

By this arrangement you are assured of

Prompt, Efficient, Courteous Service.

Overland Automobile Co.

Your Expert Representatives

If you were going to buy an automobile, and were not personally able to compare the value of several machines you knew to be above the average, wouldn't you be willing to leave it to three or four disinterested master mechanics or automobile experts? Wouldn't you accept their judgment and be satisfied with their recommendations?

Likewise, if you wanted to buy a piano, wouldn't you feel fortunate if several great artists agreed to act as your representatives and help you choose your instrument? Or, if the Musical Directors of several famous colleges offered their assistance, wouldn't you gladly accept their recommendations?

You can accept these recommendations, with the same security as though the artists were with you in person, because they have made their decisions and made public their opinions.

Elvyn, Eames, De Reszke, Leibling, Patti, and hundreds of other famous artists and musicians have not only used and enthusiastically endorsed KIMBALL instruments, but have purchased them for their personal use.

Hundreds of KIMBALL pianos are in daily use in America's leading Colleges and Music Schools, where correctness of tone and great endurance are required. And College pianos are chosen by experts who know piano quality.

When you select a Kimball your judgment is that of your expert representatives, the famous artists and musicians, the heads of great educational institutions, the juries of experts who have awarded the Kimball the highest possible honors, and you have additional assurance in the fact that your personal representatives, the DUNCAN-SCHELL FURN. CO., chose this line of famous pianos and Player Pianos because they have a reputation for making good, and because we know in selling the Kimball at the factory official cash prices we are offering the music lovers of Keokuk a value that is not surpassed in the piano trade today. Very convenient terms.

Duncan-Schell Furniture Co.

QUAD CITY BALL LEAGUE IS PLAN

Frank (Pa) Belt Suggests Keokuk, Quincy, Burlington and Ft. Madison as Saturday-Sunday Circuit.

COULD MAKE IT PAY

Erect Stands at the Park and Use Old Uniforms Here for Home Club, Idea of Veteran Leader.

Frank (Pa) Belt, leader of the Keokuk club in the Central association for several years, believes all war and no baseball makes a town a dead one in summer. Acting on that theory, Belt today gave notice to an idea for a four city baseball league. The towns in the circuit would be Keokuk, Quincy, Burlington and Ft. Madison.

Play would be only on Saturday and Sunday and there would be no attempt to make a financial venture out of it. Could Pay Expenses. "Fifty dollars a game would pay the expenses of a visiting team," said Belt. "This money would be contributed by spectators. There is no closed lot here or in the other towns except Quincy, but there is no one who would play 'short sport' and fail to contribute something." Belt's idea is to have stands erected at nominal cost to receive money for the players. Uniforms formerly used by the Keokuk ball team in the Central association are in good condition and could be used.

GERMAN CODE IS DECIPHERED

Schmidt's Secret Language All Plain Now and Hidden Messages Can Be Readily Translated.

[United Press Leased Wire Service.] ALBANY, N. Y., May 9.—The Von Bernstorff code, the cryptic means of communication employed by the German foreign office to keep in touch with Count Von Bernstorff while the latter was directing sabotage in this country, has been deciphered, reconstructed and turned over to the federal government by Attorney General Lewis. This was the code in which Hugo Schmidt, the paymaster in this country of the German foreign office, attempted to destroy by burning in the furnace of the German club in New York City. Schmidt, who was in constant touch with Bernstorff, extensively used this code in attempts to deliver to Germany by circuitous routes large stores of copper, wool and other war necessities. The fragmentary evidence of the code discovered in Schmidt's office enabled Deputy Attorney General Albert L. Becker to reconstruct what was probably the most enigmatic means of communication devised by the German foreign office. Thousands of wireless messages in Schmidt's possession contained the body and key to this code. When Schmidt became entangled in the attorney general's investigation of the activities of Paul Bolo by the French government for treason, he immediately made his way to the German club, tossed the papers containing the code into the furnace. At this inquiry the attorney general drew from Schmidt this fact and enough other information about the code, to facilitate its reconstruction from wireless and other messages found in Schmidt's files.

U BOAT BROKEN IN TWO. [United Press Leased Wire Service.] AN ATLANTIC PORT, May 9.—A United States cruiser which arrived in this port last night, sank a German submarine recently, it became known today. A clean hit was scored by the cruiser's gunners, the U boat being broken in two and flying into the air when the shell struck.

"MUSIC BOX" CASE GOES ON

Haga and Stack on Trial in District Court Charged With Theft of Phonograph and Records.

William Haga and John Stack have been placed on trial in the district court charged with breaking and entering. A graphophone and twenty-four records were stolen from the home of Mrs. Nellie Baldwin, 118 South First street, the night of March 17, and Haga and Stack were arrested, charged with stealing the machine. Four witnesses, Mrs. Nellie Baldwin, William M. Wilson, William J. Lafaber and Charles Hennemann, testified Wednesday, in the case. William M. Wilson, police officer, testified that he was called to the Baldwin home shortly after the burglary. William J. Lafaber, another policeman, testified that the kitchen window in the Baldwin home was raised and a window pane had been taken out. Chief of Police Charles Hennemann was also on the stand. Jurymen trying the case are: Warren Dresser, J. R. Amidon, L. R. Lockwood, C. E. Wright, R. L. Hume, Tony Moeller, W. C. Hall, Jacob Hopp, L. H. Thomas, John R. Schaefer, George Lindner, John Rankin.

CITY NEWS. Funeral services of Joseph Hornung, son of Mrs. Charles F. Hornung, of Knoxville, Iowa, were held at 10:30 a. m. today in the home of his grandparents, Mr. and Mrs. Jacob Hornung, 1719 Bank street. The Rev. F. C. Edwards of the Trinity Methodist church, conducted the rites. Interment was made in Oakland cemetery.

Funeral services of William Drum were held today at 10 a. m. in Pearson, Vaughan and Holbrook undertaking chapel. The service was in charge of the Union Mission. Rev. F. C. Edwards of the Trinity church, officiated. Damascus Commandery, Knights Templar, observed Ascension day with appropriate exercises in Oakland cemetery this afternoon. Led by the Keokuk Concert band, a line

of knights moved through the streets to the cemetery, where services took place at 3 p. m. A dinner is to be served in Masonic temple tonight, at which members of Inglevore commandery, Carthage, Ill., will be present.

KILLING CIVILIANS.

[By Henry Wood, United Press Staff Correspondent] WITH THE FRENCH ARMIES IN THE FIELD, May 9.—Two hundred and thirty-two civilians have been killed so far in the German bombardment of Amiens, including thirty women and fifty children. In addition, 345 civilians have been wounded, including forty-eight women and nineteen children. None of these include British military casualties.

The West Always Awake. Philadelphia North American: Some of us here in the east have been wondering whether the west had "waked up" to the war! The west didn't have to wake up to the war or anything else. The west never has been asleep when it came to national needs or world help. The west always is ready to get on the firing line and give more than is asked of her. She has the spirit as well as the sense of service.

She centers the best hopes of that democracy whose fate this day hangs in the balance. Her so-called "fads" of yesterday are today's foundation stones. She is the Gibraltar of Americanism, and the man who questions her loyalty only reveals his own ignorance.

PITCHERS OF DETROIT

Squad is Showing up Well Under Donovan, Who is Considered Good Handler of Heavers.

[BY H. C. HAMILTON] [United Press Staff Correspondent.] NEW YORK, May 8.—Having failed at winning an American league pennant in two cracks at it with the Yankees, Bill Donovan, old Wild Bill of the halcyon days when Detroit was winning pennants in the Johnson circuit, is beginning to see the glimmer of the crown that fits his head. Bill is just about to roll into fame as coach of the Detroit pitchers. And if he does he will absolutely be the first pitching coach who ever has attained fame in any more than passing remarks. Long ago it was noised over the land and accepted as truth that

Hughie Jennings, who runs the Detroit club, simply could not judge good pitching material, and could not develop those with whom he came in contact as Tigers. The men who have become stars on the Detroit team have done so because the natural ability was there; they needed no help.

Coach after coach has taken his little fling with the set of flingers supported by the Tigers, and one and all they have failed to accomplish the results necessary. Now Bill Donovan is trying it—the Bill Donovan who pitched the Tigers into their pennants in the old days. Whether Bill will get results that will show at the top of the list remains to be seen. The going will be hard and a lot of ball games must be won to make the Tigers champions of the American league. But Bill certainly has been getting results during the spring trip, as the Cincinnati Reds will testify.

It often has been remarked—quite truthfully, too—that the Detroit Tigers needed only tight pitching to enable them to win pennants. If the Tigers had been blessed with that fortunate thing—a good pitching staff—there is no telling how many pennants they would have corralled in the American league. They probably would had 'em in a sort of exclusive

fashion. With a lineup reading from left to right: Ty Cobb, Bobby Veach, Harry Heilmann and all the famous sluggers who have disported themselves in Frank Navin's uniform, and a pitching staff to hold the opposition down to a minimum of runs, the Tigers certainly would be referred to now as the greatest team that ever played baseball. When Donovan was manager of the Yankees he was credited with being a shrewd handler of pitchers. George Mogridge developed under his management and turned in a no-hit game during his service as Bill's best left-hander. Nick Cullop was a star with Donovan to show him how. Bob Shawkey never amounted to a great deal as a pitcher until Bill took hold of him. Bill found Slim Love, and calmed Ray Caldwell. He's got the goods. If he has the material to work with in Detroit, he is a man to be justly feared—and perhaps famed. Boston Transcript: The candidate for medical honors was having a hard time answering the questions put to him. Finally one of the professors asked: "How would you sweat a patient for the rheumatism?" "I would send him here to be examined," said the student, mopping his forehead.