

## REGISTRATIONS CLOSE; SHERIFF TO SCOUR COUNTY FOR SLACKERS

### THREE MEN REPORTED IN OTTAWA WHO DEFIED DRAFT ARRESTS TO FOLLOW

### NO MERCY WILL BE SHOWN VIOLATORS OF LAW AFTER THEIR SEIZURE—EXPECTED COUNTY WILL NOT PRODUCE MORE THAN THIRTY SHIRKERS.

Following upon the heels of advices received from Springfield to arrest all slackers who either refused or failed unintentionally to register on June 5, Sheriff Davis and his staff of aids today will begin a clean sweep of the county in quest of several recalcitrants who are known to have ignored the draft and still persist in their determination not to submit themselves to the government for prospective service in its armed forces.

As soon as the sheriff organizes his campaign it is expected that police of various towns of the county will be instructed to make a thorough canvass of their cities and towns for shirkers. It is not improbable that every man appearing to an officer as an eligible, will be accosted and his registration certificate demanded. In cases where no cards can be produced arrests will follow. As the law provides for no other alternative but arrest for a term of one year, then followed by registration, it is expected that the local county jail will begin to see the influx of slackers within the next few days.

Word that arrests must be made, is proof positive that the registration stay has been closed. Yesterday two men, one from the north end of the county—a Norwegian by birth—and one from Streator—an Assyrian—appeared before County Clerk Bach and signed their cards. They explained they were ignorant of the law and thought because they were aliens registration did not effect them. They were permitted, as there was no indication they had failed to register after careful deliberation, to fill out their cards and proceed upon their way rejoicing.

### Several Known Here.

It is hinted in Ottawa that at least three foreigners are marked for arrest for failure to comply with the registration laws. They will be among the first to be placed under arrest and made to explain their conduct. Others are charged with failure to register and when the sheriff's forces are thoroughly organized for their crusade all rumors will be traced down.

The three men under suspicion are citizens of a neighboring country. They are known to the authorities and are also known to have failed in their participation in registration duties. It is believed that defiance prompted them to desert themselves as they have and no clemency is to be shown them should all the stories told of them prove out.

### Suspects in Streator.

Streator, it is believed, has some who failed to obey the federal mandate and in his investigation for slackers the sheriff will make a careful survey of that city. It is not believed La Salle, Mendota, Peru or other large cities are harboring others of the slacker element. The registrations in those cities, judging by their numbers, indicate the 21-30 years population all took part in the day and followed out federal instructions to the last letter.

### Not More Than Thirty.

It is not expected that the sheriff's fine-toothed combing of the county will produce more than thirty who are unregistered, according to estimates made by men well versed in census statistics. The county produced nearly a thousand more over government estimate and for this reason it is believed the number of slackers to be unearthed will be the lowest possible minimum.

## WOMAN SLAYS SNAKE IN PURSUIT OF BIRD; NO FEAR OF REPTILE

The appearance of a large snake, three and one-half feet long, endeavoring to swallow a robin, did not frighten Mrs. B. L. Clark of North Ottawa.

Yesterday afternoon, at 3 o'clock, at the home of her brother, on Sycamore and Fifth streets, she spied the snake as it was crawling up on an eave trough of the home. Mrs. Clark struck at the snake with a hoe, chopping the head of the reptile off. The snake was just about to swallow the robin that rested in a nest in the eaves. Her attention was attracted by the peculiar sound made by the

## PERU CITIZENS ARE INCENSED AT DELAY OF SLOUGH BRIDGE

### SUPERVISOR DAUBER ATTACKS COMMITTEE FOR FAILURE TO HAVE WORK COMPLETED— MANY REPORTS ARE RECEIVED.

That august body, the Board of Supervisors, got down to business this morning at 10 o'clock in their session in the court house and transacted their work in real business-like manner.

It remained, however, for Supervisor Dauber, of Peru, to toss a hand grenade into the gathering and for a time arguments waxed hot. Dauber, voicing the sentiments of the Peru Business Men's Association, attacked the members of the committee for allowing the contractors to hold up the traffic so long over the slough bridge. He declared that some great "mistake" must have been made and that the Peru business men and the citizens in that community wanted to know why the bridge had not been completed.

Supervisor Richey, who is chairman of the committee, was not present at the meeting, but Supervisor Yocely, a member of the committee, stated that a report on the work and the cause for delay would be given the board at the next meeting. He denied that any members of the committee had refused to listen to suggestions from the township commissioners of Peru.

Chairman Bronson urged that the matter be given immediate attention. The commissioners of Allen township are desirous of knowing when the state aid road, on route No. 6, will be completed and have asked the board to take some action on the matter. Their petition was referred to the road and bridge committee.

Over at Streator they ask for an extension of the Bloomington road, a portion of which has already been paved. A communication was received from the Streator Commercial Association asking for an extension of the road, to be paved with brick and concrete, the Streator association to pay for one-fourth of the cost and the county to pay the remainder. The road and bridge committee will act on the matter.

The State Highway Commission has approved of the request of the Indiana Oil Company to lay pipe lines thru this county and a portion of which will touch on state aid roads. The State Highway Commission must be given some notice prior to the starting of the work. The report was adopted.

### Coroner's Report.

Coroner Timothy Donoghue conducted 43 inquests during the past quarter. Three of the inquests were paid by heirs of the deceased, there being due the coroner \$140. His report was approved.

### NAME SPEAKERS FOR LIBERTY BOND SALES

R. C. Jordan will speak at the Orpheum theater this evening in behalf of the sales of Liberty Bonds. Irvington Hibbs will be the speaker at the Crescent.

## BELLS WILL COUNT DAYS REMAINING IN LIBERTY CAMPAIGN

### OTTAWA CHURCHES TO TOLL OUT WARNING THAT SHORT TIME IS LEFT IN WHICH TO BUY GOVERNMENT BONDS.

At 9 o'clock tonight bells throughout the United States will toll three times as a reminder to red blooded Americans that but three more days remain in which to subscribe for their share of Liberty Bonds. Tomorrow night bells will ring twice and on Thursday at the same hour in the evening the last tap will sound out its final warning there remains but one more day in which patriots can do their share toward helping Uncle Sam thru the present emergency.

Ottawa churches, fire station and schools having bells will join in the nation-wide movement. At 9 o'clock people of the city will be thus reminded they, too, are expected to do their duty by buying some portion of the great liberty loan.

The action here is in compliance with a request made by the national liberty loan committee. In Ottawa there is need of some such concerted action. The city is not holding its own. While it is doing as well as hundreds of other municipalities, Ottawa certainly does not want to be content with "slipping thru" like others have done, but will be content only with a high mark that outshines its neighbors.

### \$700,000,000 Short.

Seven hundred million dollars short. The foregoing is the astounding shortage in subscriptions to the liberty loan bond in the United States, according to press dispatches today from Washington.

According to the figures announced, not a single American city has purchased the amount of bonds allotted to it. New York has come more nearly to its mark than any other.

The Ottawa district is short. At the present time, the subscriptions in this district, including those made by the banking institutions is but about half the amount that should be raised if the residents of this district show Uncle Sam they are behind him.

### Interest Starts June 15.

The bonds that have been sold thus far, are to begin bearing interest at three and one-half per cent. June 15. This means that some hurried action must be taken if this district is to prove that it is behind the government in the present crisis, by subscribing to its allotted sum.

There are many people who do not realize the seriousness of the situation, should the two billion dollar bond issue which the government has asked for, fail. It would be a big blow to America and her allies.

## CAPT. E. Z. STEEVER IS ASSIGNED TO ARMY DUTY AT DES MOINES

Captain Edgar Z. Steever, who thru his activities in working in conjunction with the Ottawa high school board in its efforts to develop military training in the local institution of learning, became well known in Ottawa, has been ordered back into active service and will report, probably before the end of the week, at Des Moines, Ia., where he will assist in the training of colored reserve officers.

Captain James L. Frink, who has been associated with Capt. Steever in promulgating interest in military lines thruout northern Illinois high schools, has also been transferred to Des Moines. He is slated to leave for his new post today.

### SCHOOL CHILDREN DRAWINGS ATTRACT MUCH ATTENTION

Since school children decided to make their own posters in advertising school events, some exceptionally fine work has been exhibited. Today Ottawa people are admiring the work of John Link, sixteen year old youngster, of Washington school, whose cartoons advertising "The Contest of Nations," have real newspaper style. He has patterned an idea using his character "Mr. Empty Dome," and all events, prior to attending the show are properly made in ink drawings.

Other drawings are those of Miss Riva Carter, Strawn Trumbo, Marguerite Flick, Blanche Richards, Mildred Waite, Dorothy Carter and Geraldine Carmichael.

"The Contest of Nations" is a school play to be given Friday evening, June 22, at the Ottawa high school auditorium.

## SHATTERED ROMANCE DAYS FOR NEXT WEEK

### CIRCUIT COURT TO BE SCENE OF BUSY SESSIONS WHEN DIVORCE CASES ARE TRIED MONDAY AND TUESDAY.

Monday and Tuesday of next week will be "shattered romance" days in Judge Eldredge's court. During those two days thirty-five divorce complainants accompanied by their list of marital infidelities will appear in the Circuit Court and give their reasons for applying for release from bondage.

The June term of the county's principal tribunal is invariably set aside for Chancery work. Unhappy marriages come under that classification and yesterday, in anticipation of the duties before him, Judge Eldredge posted a list containing the appended thirty-five cases as being ready for trial. In case the complainants fail to appear bills will be dismissed and any divorce aspirations men and women might have had, will be shattered into a cocked hat with one swipe of the Judge's pen.

The following is the list of cases Judge Eldredge will hear on the two days set aside for this unpleasant task:

June 18.  
Sarwinski vs. Sarwinski.  
Snedaker vs. Snedaker.  
Roes vs. Roes.  
Hanley vs. Hanley.  
Brahender vs. Brahender.  
Hoxie vs. Hoxie.  
Leyes vs. Leyes.  
Pelican vs. Pelican.  
Fahler vs. Fahler.  
Heerman vs. Heerman.  
Taverna vs. Taverna.  
Allison vs. Allison.  
Schmidt vs. Schmidt.  
Jackson vs. Jackson.  
Lindemeyer vs. Lindemeyer.  
Cavanaugh vs. Cavanaugh.  
Miller vs. Miller.  
Knutson vs. Knutson.  
Roberts vs. Roberts.  
Chell vs. Chell.

June 19 at 1:30.  
Mallady vs. Mallady.  
Miller vs. Miller.  
Daggett vs. Daggett.  
Lundy vs. Lundy.  
Wicks vs. Wicks.  
Eagle Eye vs. Eagle Eye.  
DeGroot vs. DeGroot.  
Curl vs. Curl.  
Scholtka vs. Scholtka.  
Eide vs. Eide.  
Kent vs. Kent.  
Malloy vs. Malloy.  
O'Connell vs. O'Connell.  
McAlpine vs. McAlpine.  
Deisbeck vs. Deisbeck.

## OTTAWA ARMORY GETS \$22,000 FROM STATE; BILL PASSES HOUSE

Springfield, Ill., June 12—Ottawa's new armory today was given an appropriation of \$22,000 to complete it. The House passed the omnibus bill containing the \$22,000 award for the Ottawa building and it is not believed that any trouble will be met in getting the legislation safely thru the Senate and passed Governor Lowden.

The money will be used for laying a concrete floor in the basement, completing the fill in front of the armory, laying a suitable concrete sidewalk and the erection of a retaining wall of concrete that will extend from the Fox river bridge of the C. O. & P. Ry to the south end of the building. The money will also cover the cost of making the fill between the armory foundation and the retaining wall.

## LOCAL ROADS BOAST FARES TO CHICAGO; NEW RATE IS \$2.04

Because a St. Louis federal judge ruled that Illinois railways should charge 2c per mile in the face of an injunction in this state that provides against such action, Ottawa people are now paying \$2.04 for a one-way ticket to Chicago, only a slight decrease under what the fare was when the old rate was at 3c per mile. The regular fare was \$1.70.

Both roads are charging that fee for transportation to Chicago and all other railroads thruout the state, notwithstanding that they have been ordered not to do so by Illinois courts.

The action is the result of an agitation started by St. Louis merchants, who claim they were being discriminated against by Illinois' 2c law. To prevent St. Louis being discriminated against, 6,000,000 people residing in Illinois have to be fairly treated by paying a four-tenths of a cent additional tax for every mile they travel under the ruling handed down by the Missouri judge.

## FIND DYNAMITE IN SEARCH OF PRISON; ORDER IS RESTORED

### OTTAWA SOLDIERS, WARDEN NOW ANNOUNCES, WILL BE HELD ON DUTY UNTIL ALL OF MEN HAVE BEEN RETURNED TO THEIR WORK.

Joliet, June 12—Dynamite was discovered late yesterday in a cell at the penitentiary. A search which was made when the convicts were taken from their cells and guarded by soldiers, also revealed quantities of clothing, knives and files and other contraband.

Officials of the prison believe that this proves the theory that communication with persons outside the walls has existed and that inmates received weapons which they had hidden away, from friends outside. Also the clothing may have been stolen from the prison, the presumption is that it was smuggled to convicts from outside the walls.

Practically all convicts in the prison have been searched and knives or any other weapons found in their possession confiscated. A number of the inmates were returned to work clearing wreckage caused during the riot Tuesday morning.

### Convicts Change Attitude.

When the convicts were taken from their cells while the cells were being searched, they are said to have assumed a different attitude than that which prevailed since the outbreak last week. Companies C of Ottawa and L of Kankakee will remain at the institution until the convicts have been returned to work and order restored, according to announcements made today by Warden Murphy.

The discovery of the dynamite came as a surprise to the officials. That the convicts had planned to use the dynamite in the riot, but were prevented from reaching the cellhouse is the theory of officials.

### Keep Men on Prison Farm.

Miss Rosalyn Cooley of Meredith, N. H., whose name was signed to a letter found on Flaherty after he was killed yesterday, admitted authorship of the letter.

Altho Warden Murphy has not as yet completed all plans for his conduct of the prison, the honor farm will remain. That is the message the new warden sent the men on the farm yesterday. Warden Murphy told them that should their conduct warrant, they will remain on the farm.

"My policy is one of fairness and squareness," Warden Murphy told them, "and I expect yours to be the same."

## BOTH HOUSES FAVOR "DRY" NATION DURING WAR TIMES

### 'CHAIN LETTER' IS SENT IN WAR APPEAL TO HELP WOUNDED

### ASK MONEY TO HELP SOLDIERS WOUNDED IN FRANCE—SAY HOSPITAL WILL BE ESTAB- LISHED FOR THOSE WOUNDED IN FACE AND JAW—LOCAL AUTHORITIES TO MAKE IN- VESTIGATION.

Ottawa people have always contributed their "bit" for any worthy cause, but now they are beginning to wonder whether or not they have been "duped" by an appeal to help France in the European war.

'Tis a chain of letters, the manner in which the fund is being raised and the funds, to use the expression of the originator of the letter, are "for the purpose of founding a special American hospital in Paris for the wounded in the face and jaw."

In each case the receiver of the letter is asked to send twenty-five cents to Mr. L. Herritts, French consul, at Seattle, Washington.

The following is the text of the letter addressed:

An honorable appeal to the reason of the American business men.

France helped us tremendously in the Revolution. Help Her Now.

This chain is for the purpose of founding a special American hospital in Paris for the wounded in the face and jaw. Your help is needed immediately in the great work of restoring horribly mutilated faces and thereby permitting the unfortunate to continue the remainder of their lives with as little disfigurement as possible.

For every \$18,000,000 raised by the American National Committee the American Red Cross will give \$2,000,000 in cash, for which 100 beds will be established and maintained.

Please make four copies of this letter and send them to your friends, numbering each of the four letters one higher than the second number used at the top of this page.

### ROLL OF CONGRESS PUTS U. S. CLOSE TO WATER WAGON

### SENATE HAS RADICAL CHANGES PROPOSED, ANYONE OF WHICH WOULD ELIMINATE ALCOHOL FROM OUR NATIONAL LIFE.

Washington, June 12—The United States surely is going on the water wagon.

Whether it will stay there longer than the period of the war depends on how the nation likes the experience. But a careful canvass of the entire membership of the houses today demonstrated positively that the "dry" element was in control. Their slogan of "No food stuffs for intoxicants" is winning converts every day.

Even the anti-draft admit that only some revolutionary plan which, like the cure for the submarine menace is yet to be devised, can prevent the absolute elimination of alcohol as a factor in America's national life by the present congress.

This almost certain action will make national prohibition the chief issue in the next national campaign, statesmen and politicians alike on Capitol Hill agree.

There are now four distinct "dry" plans before congress. Each of them has the support of a committee or some organized group of members. There are numerous other isolated prohibition programs backed by an individual member or two, who probably will merge with one of the main groups when the prohibition fight begins in earnest. The four big plans are:

1. The senate finance committee recommendation, to be embodied in the war revenue bill, to tax distilled liquor at such an exorbitant rate as to make its further manufacture unprofitable.
  2. The senate agriculture committee plan, to be presented in the form of an amendment to the food legislation, to forbid the further use of food stuffs in the manufacture of alcoholic beverages.
  3. The Gore rider to the preferential routing bill, now pending in the senate to prevent the shipment of distilled liquor in interstate commerce.
  4. The Sheppard resolution favorably reported by the senate judiciary committee and now on the senate calendar, proposing a constitutional amendment for nation wide prohibition.
- The first three of these will receive a strong backing from a combination of simon pure prohibitionists with the quasi-dry who believe that the nation ought to quit drinking liquor while the war rages. It is entirely possible that all three of them may be passed, and the concerted operation of the three would have nearly the effect of a bone dry measure.

Berlin Recognizes War Exists.

Washington, June 12—Announcement by Germany that the seventy-four American citizens who constitute a part of the fruits of the raid of the converted raider Moewe are being treated as prisoners of war is the first direct recognition by the Kaiser's government that a state of war actually exists.

Incidentally this announcement relieves a latent feeling of anxiety here that officers or gun crews of American merchant vessels would be shot should they be captured by Germans. The men taken from the merchant vessels by the Moewe have the status of prisoners, according to the understanding here because Germany recognized armed merchantmen as auxiliary cruisers.

Germany's original announcement that she would not recognize the United States as an additional enemy was made at a time when it had been believed that the United States would content itself with supplying funds and munitions, etc., to the entente. Since then, however, conditions materially have changed. At present the following belligerent movements among others are in progress:

"American destroyers are co-operating with the British and French navies in clearing the sea of submarines.

American warships have taken over certain portions of the Atlantic patrol.

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Austrian Chicken Thief Killed at Morris Last Night

Morris, Ill., June 12—(Special)—Believed to have been shot by William Doss, who had been bothered by chicken thieves, the dead body of Andrew Kaska, Austrian, age 40 years, was found this morning at 8 o'clock on Railway street, fifty feet from the Doss home, by Mrs. Doss.

Last evening at 11 o'clock Mr. Doss heard someone prowling about his chicken coop and presumed it was a dog. He fired three shots in the direction of the chicken coop and then went back to bed.

Seeing a man lying in the road near a load of wood, Mrs. Doss made the ghastly discovery. She presumed that the man had dropped dead and the police were notified. Not until examination was made by Coroner Sachse was it found that a bullet had pierced the right shoulder blade of the dead man and traveled in a downward direction, lodging in the region of his heart.

To reporters this morning Doss announced that he fired three shots at some prowler. No outcry was made and the owner of the chicken coop thought that a dog had been frightened away. Wood found in the wagon of the Austrian and several little chickens were identified by Mr. Doss as his property.

The inquest was held this afternoon.

M. Huc, the traveler, said that if he were dropped from the clouds blindfolded and fell into any part of China he would instantly know it by the smell.

Painter Arrested for Leaving Wife

Curtis Thacker, an Ottawa paper-hanger and painter, was arrested in Joliet yesterday and this morning was brought to Ottawa by Deputy Sheriff Arthur Barrett on complaint of his wife, who alleges he abandoned her and left her without means of providing for herself.

Thacker was taken to the county jail where he is now being held a prisoner.

The strictly well proportioned nose should take up a third of the profile from the commencement of the hair to the tip of the chin.