

SACRIFICE LIFE FOR SPEED; 7 INJURED IN AUTO ACCIDENT

HARRY BRYANT KILLED INSTANTLY AS AUTO TURNS TURTLE ONE OTHER MAY DIE

FEARFUL ACCIDENT OCCURS
TUESDAY EVENING THIRTEEN
MILES SOUTH OF HERE ON
BLOOMINGTON ROAD.

THE DEAD.
Harry Bryant, age 25, Odell, Ill.

INJURED.
Mrs. Anna Dillon, Pontiac, left arm fractured.
Truman J. Brown, Pontiac, compound fracture left arm.
Miss Edna Hoffner, Streator, bruise and cut.
Miss Edith Scoby, Streator, bruised and cut.
Miss Anna Hamara, Streator, slight injuries.
Miss Gertrude Wagner, Streator, face cut.
R. W. Carlyle, Streator, slight injuries.

King speed took the exacting toll of one dead and seven injured in an auto accident 12 miles south of here Tuesday evening at 11:45 o'clock on the Bloomington road.

To day Miss Edna Hoffner, of Streator, is in St. Mary's hospital with fair chance of recovery. The penalty of leadership, the desire to "be first on the road," resulted in Tuesday evening's mishap.

Harry Bryant, driving a Buick, seven passenger, in company with Mrs. Anna Dillon, of Pontiac, her son Truman J. Brown, Misses Edna Hoffner and Edith Scoby were on their way to Streator when the accident occurred. R. W. Carlyle and other members of his party, Misses Hamara and Miss Wagner, were driving in a Ford, Carlyle, in the rear of the Buick party, turned from the dirt road on the right gravel road and passed the Bryant party, then returning to the dirt road again. Bryant, not to be outdone by the Ford car, tried for the lead. He passed over onto the gravel road, secured the lead and then shot back onto the dirt road again.

Wheel Collapsed.
Apparently the grading and the speed was too dangerous for the Buick to execute. The right front wheel of the car collapsed, the machine turned turtle three times. The driver was dragged from beneath the wreckage of his car. His body crushed, Bryant died before he reached the Streator hospital.

Other members of his party were thrown out of the car. Carlyle, driving the Ford car, made a short turn to the left and sent his auto into a barbed wire fence to avoid the collision. Several rods of wire were torn down.

After getting his car on the road, Carlyle rushed the girls in his party to Streator and brought medical aid to the injured party.

Harry Robertson, driving a Ford, was the first on the scene of the accident and he removed the injured party to Streator in his car before Carlyle returned.

Louis Duder who resided on a farm near the scene of the accident, aided in bringing the injured party to Streator.

FIREMEN CALLED TO OFFICER REILLEY'S HOME TUESDAY NIGHT

The fire department was called on Tuesday evening at 8:30 o'clock to the home of Officer Reilley at 122 W. Superior street, when sparks from the chimney caused a small roof fire. The blaze was extinguished by the use of chemicals. A loss is estimated at \$15 and is covered by insurance.

HAROLD BUSSEY MEETS TRAGIC DEATH IN TEXAS

Harold Bussey, eight year old son of Mr. and Mrs. J. H. Bussey, of San Antonio, Texas, met a tragic death Tuesday, July 3 at San Antonio, Tex. The Busseys are former residents of this city. News of the death of "Bud" Bussey was received in Ottawa today by Clarence B. Levy, of 1220 Main street. No particulars of how the little fellow met his death were given.

STATE PARK MECCA FOR VAST HORDES OF JULY 4 CELEBRANTS

INTERURBAN CARS CROWDED TO
CAPACITY—UTICA HAS MON-
STROUS CELEBRATION—
THROUGHS AT STREATOR, GLEN
PARK AND SULPHUR LICK
SPRINGS.

While Ottawa had no Fourth of July celebration, the nation's independence nation was celebrated elsewhere by people of the city. It was estimated that nearly 20,000 sight seers were at Starved Rock State Park during the day. Four ferry boats, plied the river, from early morning until late at night, carrying thousands upon thousands of pleasure-bent persons who were wont to find some sort of amusement, and forgot for a time, that this nation was engulfed in war.

While a vast majority of the crowd came to the park via the C. O. & P., many motored to the park. A little over 1000 automobiles were counted on the grounds just before twilight.

Food Shortage.
Concessionaires at the park experienced the biggest rush day in their history. In spite of the fact that they had anticipated a "land office" business, there was a shortage of food before the monstrous crowd was cared for.

Family picnics were common yesterday. Every available space on the big lawn was used by the picnickers. Cool weather for July Fourth helped to make the day agreeable. The fact that the dam broke in the swimming pool disappointed many who intended to swim.

Brilliant Fireworks Display.
In the evening a brilliant fireworks was shown on the river front, while six thousand people, gazed on with admiration at the thrilling spectacle.

Cripple Traffic.
Taxed to their utmost capacity, interurban officials experienced the biggest day in their history, as was predicted, Tuesday evening by the Free Trader-Journal. Travelers were used in every direction, but trolley breaks, on points east and west of here caused slight delays. Early yesterday morning, a break in the trolley occurred east of Minooka, tying up traffic for some time. Every car on the line was pressed into service, and it was early this morning before all pleasure seekers reached their destination.

At the Starved Rock station special guards were placed to hold back the crowds that sought to board cars. It was no question of "women and children first," but more a survival of the fittest, and, many times, people were forced to wait, unable to push their way thru the jams that packed the platform.

Other Towns.
Utica had the biggest celebration in its history. The overflow crowd, from Starved Rock swarmed the streets of the town from early morning until late in the evening. Autos lined the streets for blocks and at times the thoroughfares were so congested that it was difficult to move.

In spite of the fact of the tremendous crowds order prevailed throughout the day. The feature of the day's program was the big street parade. The ball game was largely attended and one of the best games ever played, Mendota winning by a score of 3 to 2.

The following is the result of the races:

- Boys' race—Clinton Gardner 1st, \$2; Harry Ellis 2nd, \$1.
- Fat men's race—Allen Russell 1st, \$2; Chas. Watts 2nd, \$1.
- Bun eating contest—Bill Gilchrist 1st, \$1; Joe Lamly 2nd, 50c.
- Bronc jump—Art Johnson 1st, \$3; Wm. Murtha 2nd, \$2; H. Fowler 3rd, \$1.
- Greasy pole—A. Canico 1st, \$2; W. McGunnegol 2nd, \$1.50; Leonard Brightman 3rd, \$1; G. Reynolds 4th, 50c.
- Foot race—J. Hecaster 1st, \$3; W. Murtha 2nd, \$2.
- Sack race—A. Bimben 1st, \$2; L. Mehan 2nd, \$1.
- Pie eating—Frances Brennen 1st, \$1; Charles Diespino 2nd, 50c.
- Wheelbarrow race—J. Eastman, \$2.
- Milk dacking race—Chas. Diespino 1st, \$2; H. Handler 2nd, \$1.
- Potato race—Tom Neiber 1st, \$2.
- Three-legged race—Neiber and Eastman, \$1.
- Girls' race—Mary Jenkins.

Streator Has Crowd.
Streator was the Mecca for thousands of visitors throughout the day. The celebration there was accorded as the



—Pancoat in Philadelphia North American.

SCHOOL TAX LEVY IS REDUCED BY BOARD; CUT .375 ON \$100

SMALLER AMOUNT NEEDED TO
RUN GRADED BUILDINGS—EAST
OTTAWA BUILDING TO BE
EQUIPPED FOR KINDERGARTEN.

Ottawa will raise \$61,610 to run its city schools during the fiscal year, a reduction of \$9,900 under 1916-1917. The amount was determined upon at the regular meeting of the Board of Education Tuesday night. As a result of this cut the levy for 1917-1918 will be \$2.25 on the \$100 instead of \$2.60 as in the previous year. This is a reduction of 37½c and accordingly will shave the sum total of the general taxes to be collected next spring to the pleasure of the taxpayer.

East Side Gets Kindergarten.
Other matters disposed of by the board were laying plans for providing Washington school in East Ottawa, with an additional room for kindergarten purposes. Lincoln school will be equipped with storage room sufficient to handle an entire year's supply of fuel in case the need should be experienced.

To Paint Two Schools.
Two schools will be decked out with newly painted workwork as a result of the board's decision to improve the exterior of Columbus and Jefferson. The work will be done this summer and completed by the opening of the fall term in September. Repairs are to be made in all the other buildings, wherever such minor improvements are needed.

Serena Picnic.
Over 2,000 people were in attendance at the Serena picnic. The feature of the day was the presentation of the pageant "The Pied Piper," by Serena school children, who were drilled under the skillful hands of Mrs. W. J. Kincheole, of this city, assisted by Misses Helen and Otilia Scherer. The pageant was given in costume, in open air and greatly impressed the large throngs. The picnic was given in the Marshall timber.

At Glen Park, the popular Fox river summer resort, 2,000 people enjoyed the day. A great number of the people came to the park in autos. Sulphur Lick Springs experienced one of the biggest days in their history. Boating, bathing and dancing was the popular diversion, while basket picnics were numerous.

Mr. Kinley Park in the evening was thronged. During the day, family outings to the pretty little park were numerous.

Hotels Crowded.
Hotel accommodations here were exhausted here early Tuesday evening, and many were forced to seek lodging in other towns of the Illinois Valley.

Woman suffrage in Japan is gaining very rapidly.

COMPLETE CENSUS; 12,035 IN OTTAWA

SCHOOL BOARD FINISHES COUNT
OF PEOPLE RESIDING IN LOCAL
DISTRICT—MALES AND FE-
MALES RUN CLOSE.

Reduction of Rock Island section gangs, together with the completion of west Ottawa pavement contracts, are given as reasons for Ottawa's falling off of census figures by members of the school board, under whose directions a "count of noses" has just been completed.

The tabulation shows a falling off of 121 from the census of 1916, which is due to those two sources. With the exceptions of the fourth and sixth wards all other sections of the city held their own well. In those two wards the exodus of residents was noticeable over last year.

The 1916 count showed 12,156. The census just completed gives Ottawa and immediately adjacent "suburbs" 12,035. The seventh and first wards carry the bulk of population, with the third running close for a grand total.

Figures showing the population divided in the various classes are as follows:

Males between under between under					
Ward.					
Total.					
Males under 21.					
Females under 21.					
1st ...	1831	304	237	286	208
2nd ...	1459	176	129	190	150
3rd ...	1645	247	186	310	244
4th ...	1353	239	189	228	152
5th ...	1754	373	248	374	265
6th ...	1213	182	122	168	128
7th ...	2296	398	277	425	283
Suburban	484	108	54	162	47
	12035	2027	1442	2083	1477

ATTEMPTS SUICIDE BECAUSE SHE FACES CHARGE OF LARCENY

Worrying because of the fact that she and her husband faced an indictment for larceny at the next session of the grand jury here, Mrs. Jennie Sabo, aged 24 years of age, of Streator, attempted suicide yesterday morning at 11 o'clock, by taking poison. The woman is in St. Mary's hospital. Physicians say she will recover.

Mrs. Sabo and her husband were arrested in Pennsylvania when they stole \$500 from Mrs. Sabos father at Streator. They have been released on a \$500 bond.

FIRE IN HOLLOW TREE THREATENS TOWNSHIP HALL

When south side youths set fire to a hollow tree near the town hall, the fire department was summoned last evening at 5:45 o'clock to extinguish the blaze before it caught fire to the town hall. The fire burned with great rapidity and it was some time before the department succeeded in extinguishing the flames. No damage was done to the township building.

SLACKER SAYS HE NEVER READ ABOUT MILITARY DRAFT

SWEDISH FARMHAND ARRESTED
WHILE DRUNK, PROVES TO BE
SLACKER—OSCAR JULIAN HELD
IN CITY JAIL.

Too much amber fluid was the undoing of Oscar Julian, farmhand, aged 27 years, who today is facing a federal charge as a slacker for admitting that he did not register for military service, June 5.

Julian was arrested in Ottawa yesterday afternoon at 2:30 o'clock by Captain of Police Charles Montgomery and Chief of Police George Eulich. He was drunk and insulting women. As is the custom when prisoners are arraigned for hearing, inquiries are made by the police to ascertain whether or not they have a registration card. When quizzed, Julian stated that he did not register, claiming at the same time that he did not know of the draft.

Reads Papers.
He admitted to the police that he reads the papers, but maintained he saw nothing about the draft regulations. Julian states that he served 5 months in the Swedish army. He claims to be employed by J. J. Kinnegar on a farm north of Utica.

Julia stated that he was not afraid to fight, but when Chief Eulich suggested that he secure enlistment papers for him, into Company C, he "balked" at the movement.

The farmhand is being held in the city jail, awaiting the advice from Federal authorities.

Police Circles Quiet.
Police circles were the quietest they have been in the last four years, only two arrests were made during the day. No reports were made of pick pocketing, in the crowds that swarmed the interurban stations along the Union trail.

SOLDIER TAKES BRIDE SOON TO JOIN TROOPS

On Sturdy evening, June 30, at the Methodist parsonage in this city occurred the marriage of Leo C. Hupp to Miss Edith Hoxey, charming daughter of Lincoln Hoxey, a wealthy farmer of Serena township, and is well known to Ottawa society young people.

The groom is the only son of George C. Hupp, retired farmer and capitalist of Sheridan, Ill. The young man is a graduate of Ottawa high school, the University of Illinois and Chicago College of Law. He has recently enlisted in the Ordnance and Quartermaster Service of the United States Army and will report for duty about July 15th.

The parents of the contracting parties were present at the marriage. Rev. Charles A. Briggs read the service, using the ring ceremony.

The newlyweds departed on the midnight train for a trip to Denver, Colorado Springs and other prominent western points for a brief honeymoon.

GOVERNMENT TRACES TROOP LEAK TO GERMAN SPIES NOW IN U. S.

DRAFT CANARD HAS NUMBERS SELECTED FOR FEDERAL ARMY

FOURTH IS SPOILED FOR MANY
IN LA SALLE COUNTY BY WAGS
WHO THOUGHT THEY WERE
HAVING A JOKE.

The Fourth was anything but a pleasant day for certain classes of youths of La Salle county. To others it was a day of great rejoicing. And all because a wag, or maybe he was not a wag, but one who had some more sinister motive, started a rumor that Washington had done a little drawing on the draft and that Nos. 5, 11, 17, 61, 62, 97, 109, 107, 114, 145 and 146 had been selected for duty in the trenches.

The story scattered thru every precinct of the county—73 in all—and in some cities merchants who took the report as authentic, posted the list in conspicuous places. Naturally there was a hurried scanning of cards and comparisons with the numbers alleged to have been drawn. The result made certain circles joyous, while gloom prevailed among the seven or eight hundred young men holding those numbers who had visions of leaving their homes and going direct to the front.

The report reached Mendota, La Salle, Peru, Streator, Marseilles, Ottawa and all other cities and towns of the county. Had it been true, seven or eight hundred young men would have been getting ready today to offer themselves for duty.

In all cases the numbers were identical, giving every evidence of a well organized plot to throw a good scare into hundreds of homes and to spoil the day for mothers, wives, sweethearts and sisters of those men possessing the "drafted" cards. The "spoiling" feature was worked to a finish that would have done justice to an international news agency in the manner the word was passed around.

This morning gloom was dispelled when dispatches from Washington announced there had been no drawing, nor would there be any until the latter part of the week, at the earliest, or possible as late as next week.

Nos. 5, 11, 17, 61, 62, 97, 109, 107, 114, 145 and 146 need not worry yet. Neither should their relatives.

Local Boards Busy.
Members of the Ottawa board are L. H. Strawn, C. P. Gardner, of Mendota and Dr. J. W. Pettit. After their reports are completed they will start the task of going thru the 9,000 or more names secured on June 5. This work will require considerable time before all the exemptions are decided upon.

CHRISTIAN SCIENCE CHURCH WILL BE DEDICATED SUNDAY

Sunday, July 8, ten years almost to the day from the time their edifice was turned over to them for occupancy, members of the First Church of Christ Scientists will dedicate the chapel on Lafayette street, following a rule that has been in vogue since Christian Science became an organized creed.

Sunday will mark the payment of the last bit of indebtedness against the church. Rules of the First Church, known as the Mother church, forbid against dedications as long as any outstanding obligations remain unpaid, and in keeping with these general orders, the local body will have their dedicatory exercises on Sunday with two devotional services to commemorate the event.

There will be services at 10:45 o'clock and at 3 o'clock in the afternoon. The public is invited to either or both of these meetings.

The Lafayette street chapel was erected in 1907 and first meetings were held there on July 7, of that year. Since that time the membership, the small, has valiently striven to clear the debts in ten years, meeting with such success that next Sunday will be the official "mortgage burning day."

The chapel cost in the neighborhood of \$8,000, while it occupies real estate valued at \$3,000.

SEEK MEN WHO FLASHED WORD THAT SOLDIERS WERE ON WAY COMPILE LONG LIST

NAMES OF INFORMANTS BE-
LIEVED NOW IN POSSESSION OF
SECRET SERVICE OPERATIVES
—ALL GERMANS UNDER CLOUD.

New York, July 5.—The net of secret service was being drawn closer around another "man of mystery," and alleged German spy today by officers of the government in their hunt for the Pershing expedition "leak."

Proof that a guest of a big Fifth avenue hotel had been closely allied to pro-German interests here and that he had access to the water-front, led investigators to the hotel where for some time he had been a familiar figure.

However, as soon as the investigators arrived at the hotel, they found the "man of mystery" had disappeared.

Washington, July 5.—Every German citizen in the United States is under surveillance today. United States troops have been landed in France and German spies have informed the German government of their sailing. More United States troops will go to France and the United States government does not intend that Germany shall know of it until the men in khaki appear on the ring lines opposite the German trenches.

Long lists of suspected Germans are in the hands of the department of justice and every agent available is today shadowing aliens.

In official quarters the situation is regarded as critical. Members of the cabinet have become aroused over the situation and it will be the subject of lengthy discussion at the cabinet meeting tomorrow.

President Wilson hitherto has been loath to take drastic action against alien Germans in the United States to restrain them. However, with evidence before him that German spies informed their nation of the departure of American troops for Europe, he is giving the matter most serious consideration. Some cabinet members are strong in their recommendations for wholesale arrests of all suspects.

Whether or not sweeping arrests of suspects result from the present situation, it is certain that there will be a general tightening upon the censoring of outgoing cables.

American officials have been inclined to allow the censoring of most of the cable matter bound for Europe to rest in the hands of the English and French censors. It seems certain now that information from the United States is seeing thru the strict censorship set up in the allied countries and a more rigid censorship must be set up here. It has been established that information is reaching Germany thru Switzerland. This means that the cablegram is cleverly coded that it is not detected by the English or French censors.

American agents have massed a huge amount of information concerning German spy codes and if the censorship is placed in their hands it is positive that less information will get thru the lines.

Secretary of War Baker and Secretary of the Navy Daniels are pushing their spy clean-up to the utmost and will urge upon President Wilson most drastic action.

It is understood here that women, young and pretty women, have been the most successful of the German agents in this country. It is learned that the department of justice has unsuspecting a number of young women who pose as students, social leaders and even invalids. These women are believed to have been largely responsible for much of the information which has gone out of this country.

WOMAN'S RELIEF CORPS ARE HOLDING IMPORTANT MEETING

The Women's Relief Corp held a meeting this afternoon, at 2:30 o'clock, at which time their plans were perfected for the big Labor Day celebration, which will be held and seven new members initiated into their ranks.

Committees will be appointed to look after the soliciting of funds for the celebration here labor day. A complete list of the committees will be named later.

Golden pheasants, natives of China, are the hardest of the tribe.