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ILLINOIS NEWS BRIEFS

A campaign to save wild flowers in the vicinity of Mount Carroll is being fostered by women's clubs.

C. E. O'Donnell, president of the Commercial bank of Rantoul, is dead from an attack of paralysis.

The central division of the Illinois State Teachers association held a two-day convention at Bloomington.

Edgar D. Tilton, vice president of an Alton flour mill company, died at his home in St. Louis. He was 64 years old.

Work on the concrete and brick road out of Tuscola is being rapidly pushed and it will be finished for early summer traffic.

Rev. Mr. Morrow has resigned the pastorate of the Baptist church of Sadorus and will engage in the business at Bennett.

A company of volunteer soldiers, alumni of Freeport high school, is being drilled by Sergeant Cochran, U. S. A. More than 100 have enrolled.

No licensees have arrived at the office of the various liquor clerks in central Illinois for the season opening and the season opened April 15.

The Illinois legislature may delay sine die adjournment as long as the war continues in order to be prepared for any emergency that may arise.

The senate passed \$5 to 0, the Curtis bill appropriating \$50,000 for taking a war census of the state. The house will pass the bill this week.

Senator Latham introduced a resolution declaring against compulsory military service until such time as the volunteer system proves insufficient.

The proprietors of two Rock Island hotels, arrested by game wardens, one for selling wild ducks and the other for selling black bass out of season, will fight the cases.

A one week whirlwind campaign to raise \$75,000 for a new Y. M. C. A. building at Monmouth came to a successful close, the subscriptions amounting to \$82,598.

Will L. Smith, who, with his organization, "Smith's Swiss Bell Ringers," toured the United States for many years, is dead at Decatur, at the age of eighty-one.

While arresting George W. Pulliam, apparently mentally deranged from brooding over the war, Policeman John Swickard was shot and seriously wounded at Galesburg.

A movement to reduce infant blindness in Illinois, half of which, it is declared, is preventable, has been set on foot by the Illinois Public Health and Welfare association.

George Furnal shot and killed Roy Chesters in a bunk car after Chesters kicked the stove over. The men were part of a Burlington route construction crew at Oladstone.

Judge Norman L. Jones of the circuit court at Springfield held that the tax amendment submitted at the latest general election did not receive sufficient votes for passage.

Four members of the faculty of St. Katherine's seminary, an exclusive Episcopal boarding school of Davenport, were arrested in Sterling, Ill., on suspicion of being German spies.

A company of sixty men, equipped with modern guns, is drilling for two and a half hours every evening, in the Baptist church at Athens. On Sunday they take long hikes in the country.

Well drillers on the farm of J. A. Turner near Belding struck water at a depth of forty feet and a stream spouted into the air to a height of two feet. The well continues to flow freely.

W. O. Marlow, a prominent retired resident of Bethany, committed suicide by shooting himself through the heart with a shotgun. His body was found in the woodshed by his daughter.

Orville Fulrath, nineteen, of Savanna, will probably lose his sight as a result of his eyes being scalded by steam when the cover blew off a tin can in which he and other boys were preparing coffee while on an outing.

Captain Theodore Rogers died at his home at Downers Grove. He was first president of the Downers Grove village board, a school teacher, soldier, merchant and one of the best known men in northern Illinois counties.

Seven cases of cerebro-spinal meningitis, with five deaths, has caused the state board of health to order no more public funerals in case of other deaths, and a strict investigation of the cause of this disease in Johnston City.

Establishment of a trained home guard, to serve within the borders of the state when the national guard shall have gone, was provided for in general order No. 8, sent to all regimental commanders by Adjutant General Dickson.

Miss Anna Fluck of Belleville, a teacher near Nashville, is alleged to have proposed three cheers for the kaiser, to the children. The directors instructed her to apologize publicly and lead the pupils in singing "The Star-Spangled Banner."

Rev. Father James P. Heaney, pastor of St. Mary's Catholic church at Mandota, who went into the burning shaft of the Cherry mine during the disaster several years ago to give the last sacrament to dying miners, died suddenly of hemorrhage at his home at Peoria.

Claude Lovell, thirty years old, of Tennessee, near the Kentucky state line, a farm hand, was instantly killed and George Michael, a wealthy farmer, was fatally injured when Michael's automobile turned turtle when a steering wheel broke with the car going thirty miles an hour at Pana.

The saloons in Danville will close May 1.

Leo Cottrill is in jail at Quincy charged with the killing of Lester Coleman.

Hugo Wenzmuth, veteran conductor on the Rock Island lines, was asphyxiated at his home at Rock Island.

St. Paul's Episcopal church of Alton has extended a call to Rev. Frederick D. Butler of Freeport to become its rector.

The Sunday closing law for saloons as it has been applied in Chicago by Mayor Thompson, is upheld by the Illinois supreme court.

Danville is preparing to entertain 1,000 delegates to the state convention of the Knights of Columbus of Illinois to be held here May 3 and 4.

Thirty members of the college band of Augustana college have enlisted and will be mustered into the federal service as the Sixth regimental band.

Five suspected cases of infantile paralysis, two at Smithfield, two at Mound City and one at Peoria, were reported to the state board of health.

Two thousand Illinoisans will be enrolled in the agricultural army, if a bill drafted by Dean Eugene Davenport of the University of Illinois, is passed by congress.

A company of volunteers for the war against Germany has been formed at Johnston City. Seven nationalities are represented in the company. Theo C. Stiritz is captain.

The following places went dry: Adalusia, Auburn, Danville, Effingham, Fairfield, Harris, Henry, Johnston City, Lacon, Lebanon, Litchfield, Morris, White Ash, Wamac.

These voted wet: Havana, Maple Park, Nauvoo, New Douglas, Pana, Tamm, West Chicago, Amboy, Carlinville, Carlyle, Elmhurst, Elmwood Park, Galena, Gardner, Herrin.

Danville, in Vermillion county, was the second large city in the state to surrender to the dry brigade. Danville has a population of 30,000. Springfield, the capital city, went dry April 3.

James Corcoran, aged fifty-six, a wealthy bachelor farmer, was found dead in bed at his home northwest of Pana by his farm hand Jack Doherty, when he went to call him for breakfast.

Ernest Carstensen, a liquor dealer, was killed and four were injured in an automobile, which went over a high embankment into the Mississippi river between Hampton and Rapids City.

William Hanen, a farmer, sixty years old, was killed, and Archie Porter, his assistant, seriously injured by the bursting of a grindstone at which they were sharpening tools at Kanakake.

School teachers in Rock Island were allowed a salary increase of \$5 a month. The board of education decided upon the step, despite the fact that the instructors did not ask for the raise.

The state public utilities commission ordered the Postal Telegraph company to cease doing a telephone business until it receives a certificate of convenience and necessity from the commission.

The house referred to a committee of nine lawyers to be chosen by the speaker from its membership, the bills to validate the community high school act, which the Supreme Court recently held invalid.

The faculty of McKendree college decided to appeal to Governor Lowden for protection against mob violence, such as threatened the college after it became known that the vets had carried the local option election.

After a campaign lasting ten days, students and faculty of the University of Illinois have given \$9,506.20 which will be sent to the commission for relief to help supply a supplementary meal a day for the children of Muesen, Belgium.

With the discovery of two cases of scarlet fever and two cases of measles at Camp Lowden precautions were taken to prevent an epidemic. The troops were removed from the buildings in the fair grounds and a tent camp arranged.

Dissatisfied with the wage increase of the Adamson act, 200 members of the Four Brotherhoods of the Chicago, Peoria & St. Louis railroad made a demand on W. C. Hurst, vice president and general manager, for a five percent wage increase.

Macoupin county is soon to have a new town, to be named Wilson, after the President of the United States. It is to be in Dorchester township at the site of a newly-opened coal mine. Forty acres will be platted into town lots and forty acres into acre lots.

The supporters of the anti-saloon forces are elated over the victory in the local option elections throughout Illinois. The dregs captured fourteen wet cities and towns. The vets retained twelve wet towns and added three more which the dregs lost.

Decatur high school students, enlisted for military duty, have been divided into four companies of fifty men each. The high school girls have organized three Red Cross classes and instruction has been started in bandaging, dietetics and various departments of first aid.

While driving in an automobile at Pearl City with his daughter, Edna, William Koller, seventy-six years old, died suddenly. With Koller's lifeless hands still gripping the steering wheel, the car plunged down an embankment through a barbed wire fence and into a pasture.

Officers sent out from the sheriff's office at Lee Center to arrest a supposed "German spy" found a troop who gave the name of Frank Van Sled right over a fire in the open. The "camera" with which he was said to have taken numerous photographs in the vicinity of Lee Center, proved to be a black box in which he carried a few belongings.

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