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LITTLE BENNY'S NOTE BOOK

Me and Puds Simkins and Leroy Shooster was standing on the corner, just standing there, and a big automobile stopped on account of one of the tires getting punkered, and the show started to put on a new tire, and 2 little girls got out of the back of the automobile and started to watch him do it, being bewy looking little girls with fur coats and hats, and Leroy Shooster sed, G. Benny, G. Puds, I bet those kids is each worth a million dollars.

Well, wat if they are, I sed, that I bet make them any better than we are, does it?

No, it only makes them richer, sed Leroy Shooster.

Lets go rite up close to them and begin to tawk as if we was rich as anything, jest to show them they ain't the only pebbles on the beach, sed Puds Simkins.

And him and me and Leroy Shooster wawked rite up close in back of the girls, me saying, Well, Puds, I heer you got a gold piano in your parlor now.

Yes, we gave the diamond one away because we was afraid of burglars, sed Puds.

We got a lump of radium in our house, sed Leroy Shooster, my father had it for a million dollars, its hanging up in teh kitchen in a electric light.

Bring it over to my party tonite and we can have some fun with it, I sed, its going to be a pritty good party, my fathers going to give all the fellers 2 million dollars apiece and all the girls \$ million.

Which after that none of us cood think of anything else to say, and I sed, Well, wat do you say we go around and see your lump of radium now, Leroy.

Sure, help yourself, sed Leroy Shooster. And me and him and Puds wawked away with our faces up in the air looking rich as anything.

SIoux CITY POLICE FIND PRIVATE STILL

Sioux City, Feb. 18.—In raids staged by police twenty-nine persons were arrested. A "still" was captured and considerable quantities of liquor were confiscated.

The "still" was being operated in a downtown business house which has been under suspicion. The police there found a large quantity of a brown powder, believed to be a concentrated form of alcohol. There were mixers, etc., to convert this powder and water into liquor, a considerable quantity of which was captured and which in every way resembled a low-grade of whisky.

THREAT TO BURN CHURCH

Anita, Feb. 18.—The authorities of the Lutheran church located in Grant township have received an anonymous communication containing a threat to burn the property of the church institution if the parochial school recently opened there is not closed and kept closed and the use of the German language stopped. The opening of the school occasioned considerable surprise, inasmuch as the Grant township council of defense recently issued an order to the effect that no German language should be used on the streets, over the telephone, in churches or in any public manner.

TONY KORS STILL AT LARGE

Cedar Rapids, Feb. 18.—Tony Kors, who shot and killed Constance Getwies in June, 1915, in order to rob the latter of \$100, is still at large. The suspect arrested at Kenosha, Wis., last week was not Kors, but he bore a remarkable likeness to the murderer.

REPORT MADE ON SEAL SALE

DIRECTORS OF RED CROSS WILL DISPOSE OF MONEY LEFT IN FUND.

A report of the sale of Christmas seals has been made by the civilian relief committee and the Wapello county chapter of the Red Cross, showing a balance of \$698.10.

The committee has forwarded the 40 per cent or \$246.84 to the Iowa Anti-Tuberculosis association. The sale of the stamps was in charge of a committee composed of Mrs. J. J. Smith, chairman; Mrs. Hugh Doran, Mrs. J. J. Adams and Miss Vera Tharp.

The work of the committee is very commendable, as the previous drive for funds for Sunnyslope and the Christmas Red Cross maintenance drive had a tendency to distract attention from the importance of the Christmas seal sale. The number of seals sold totaled 138,710, from which \$1,367.10 was derived. The expense for postage, printing and envelopes amounted to \$122.16, which was deducted from the 60 per cent for local work. The balance, \$698.10 remains on hand for use in tuberculosis work in Wapello county and final disposition of the fund will be made by the board of directors of the Red Cross at its March meeting.

IOWANS FOR WEST POINT

Grand Junction, Feb. 18.—The following Iowans were designated to take entrance examination at West Point in March: Harry Turner of this place; Donald J. Forbes of Pocahontas and Roland D. Paine of Algona.

677,361 CHILDREN IN SCHOOLS

Des Moines, Feb. 18.—Iowa has more than half a million children of school age, according to the official report made public which shows 677,361 school children. This is an increase of 7,324 over last year, according to the report.

HIGHWAY BUILDER BROKE

Dubuque, Feb. 18.—Donald Jeffrey, contractor who has had charge of the work on the Hawkeye highway for the last several years, filed a voluntary petition in bankruptcy with Referee in Bankruptcy Longueville. The schedule of liabilities and assets has not yet been filed, but it is estimated that the liabilities will total in the neighborhood of \$125,000, while the assets will not reach more than \$15,000.

USE BLACK ON YELLOW FENCE

Independence, Feb. 18.—Finding the fence around the farm home of H. C. Wilson, former deputy county clerk, was already painted yellow, unknown persons painted it black. It is supposed the painting was done as a protest over the exemption of Wilson from the draft. It is asserted that the former county official took up the vocation of farming after registration. He is unmarried and runs a farm near the city limits.

RED CROSS SALE NETS \$8,000

Sioux Rapids, Feb. 18.—The people of Sioux Rapids and vicinity "went over the top" with the big Red Cross sale when nearly \$8,000 was raised. A prize roster brought \$1,600 and all articles listed for sale brought record breaking prices, many articles being sold and re-sold.

Obituary

Mrs. Rachel George. Mrs. Rachel George, aged 70, the widow of the late Andrew J. George, died Saturday at 10:30 p. m. at the home of her daughters, Mrs. F. M. Hendricks, 126 North Moore street. The funeral was held yesterday at 4:30 p. m. at the residence, conducted by Rev. Orval W. Baylor, pastor of the Davis Street Christian church. This morning at 7:40 the remains were sent to Pulaski, where a service was held in the church at 11 o'clock. Burial was in Pulaski cemetery.

Marguerite Maxine Kingyon

Marguerite Maxine Kingyon, the infant daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Kurtis Kingyon, 1248 West Second street, died at 9 a. m. today. A private funeral will be held at residence tomorrow at 2 p. m. Burial will be in Shaul cemetery.

CHILDREN TO ATTEND WEDNESDAY LUNCHEON

The Wednesday luncheon at the Commercial club this week will have an unusual feature. The eighteen lads and lassies who were sent to the short course at Ames recently will be guests at the club. They will tell some of their impressions of the short course and what they accomplished by attending the big Iowa farm show. The wisdom of the club in encouraging the youngsters in the pig and corn club contests and the local children in gardening will be demonstrated by the reports of the children. The winners in both rural and city contests are expected at the luncheon. Reservations should be made immediately by those who expect to attend the luncheon this week.

GRANDSON FIGHTS OPPRESSION THAT DROVE GRANDAD TO U. S.

Eugene Fecht Quits Baden, Night of Son's Birth

IN REVOLUTION OF 1848

Doubtless when Eugene Fecht made his hasty escape from Baden, Germany on the night his eldest son Julius was born, he thought he had finished his fight against Prussian autocracy, for the revolution in which he and most of his fellow townsman had engaged was lost. He escaped with a whole skin, something more than many of his comrades.

Could he but have lived another score of years he would have seen the Fecht family two generations removed engaged in the same fight only on a larger scale. The little revolution in which most of the inhabitants of Baden participated against Prussianism in 1848-9 was but a spark of the big flame that belched forth three score and six years later.

TWO GENERATIONS IN FIGHT

Two of the three generations of the Fecht family have been and are actively doing their part toward opposing this autocracy. Ottumwa is interested in the fight and historic romance, for it savors of the romantic to a degree. Starting almost seventy years ago with Eugene Fecht, father of Julius and Emil Fecht of Ottumwa in the state of Baden, Germany, the third generation in the person of Alfred Fecht, son of Emil and nephew of Julius, is now engaged even as was his grandfather in fighting German autocracy. The grandfather fought and the cause was lost, he escaping to America, but the grandson is today with General John Pershing's forces in France and does not expect his cause to be lost.

PICTURE SEEN IN MOVIES

Alfred Fecht is a musician in the 18th U. S. infantry band and was one of the first contingent A. E. F. that left with Pershing to enter the war in France. A war film shown at a local theater some months ago showed the young Ottumwan among the American troops at a French seaport playing the piccolo. So natural did he appear, that the father had an enlargement made from the film which he prizes very highly. Alfred spent the first few months of 1917 at home on a furlough, returning to his regiment at Douglas, Ariz., before the United States actually became a party in the war. On his way to the port of embarkation, he passed through Eldon and was visited enroute by his parents last summer.

FOUGHT PRUSSIA IN 1848-9

Now for the romantic story of how the family first entered the lists to buck Prussianism.

The story as related by Julius and Emil Fecht reveals some German history which will be touched upon only insofar as pertinent to the story. The people of Baden, Germany, had tired of the oppressive rule of the fatherland as then administered and decided a republic would best serve their needs and give them the liberties they felt they were entitled to. They organized as best they could under the conditions then obtaining and under the colors of black, red and gold, were about to become one of the family of nations independent of the German government.

SON OF LUTHERAN PREACHER.

One of those active in the cause of liberty and a foe to oppression that obtained then, as now, under Prussian government, was Eugene Fecht. His son, Julius, in referring to the part his father played in the revolution, said:

"Father was a son of a Lutheran preacher, who in common with most of the clergy then, was a man of large family and slender means. The son Eugene when through his schooling, married and became a civilian official with the title of tribune, a representative of the people in court. Under our form of government we have no similar official.

BADEN REVOLUTION FAILS.

"Our family resided in Stein on the Koecher and father was one of the many men of Baden who joined the revolutionary army. The entire army of Baden numbering some 18,000 men with all their equipment and fortresses went over as a man to the revolution. Prussia under William I besieged the revolutionists, who included, besides the army, many from the fields and shops armed with pitchforks, scythes and any implement of warfare they could command, whether firearm or not. The revolting troops were in the fortress at Rastadt where

ALFRED Fecht, musician in the 18th U. S. infantry band, is in France doing just what his grandfather had to flee Germany for nearly seventy years ago—opposing Prussian autocracy. The third generation of the Fecht family does not mean to fly unless toward Berlin.



they were able to hold out against the Prussian forces under William for three weeks and then capitulated.

CHOOSE OWN EXECUTIONERS.

"The army leaders were shot, but they were given the right to choose their own firing squad and permitted to face their executioners with their eyes uncovered. The civilian leaders and others were imprisoned. This proved to be an immense task even for William and soon he found all the jails and fortifications were filled and yet there were prisoners to incarcerate. It was finally decided that many of the men would be permitted to stay at their own homes under guard much the same as a court of fender at liberty under bonds.

FECHT PUT IN PRISON.

"Father was among those who were imprisoned. He was captured near Heidelberg and brought back to Stein on the Koecher. He was placed in jail under a prison sentence. The revolution being quelled, the jailers were more lenient than under regular war conditions and some of the men were permitted to visit their families at home under guard."

Thus it was that on the night Julius Fecht was born, October 10, 1849, his father was permitted to visit his home. Julius in relating the story described his boyhood home as being located at the foot of a mountain which rose from the rear of the house. This proved fortunate for his father.

ENTER JULIUS; EXIT EUGENE.

Having been tribune in Stein and well known, Eugene Fecht had many friends among his fellow townsman. It so happened that the night Julius entered the world at Baden, Eugene made his exit from Baden and Germany. The friends were at the rear of the house and knowing Mr. Fecht was without money and means to make his flight from the country, they came prepared to help. After a reasonable time for the visit with his wife and new born son, the former revolutionist left the house by another way than that by which he entered and after a hasty farewell to wife, two little girls and the newly arrived Julius, he joined his friends at the rear of the house and being provided with funds to see him on his way, was wished God speed and made haste for France.

STARTS FOR AMERICA.

He reached Havre, France, in safety and there shipped on a sailing vessel, Shakespeare, for the Land of Liberty. After seven weeks on sea he reached New York and soon left for Detroit. Finding no employment there he struck out for the copper country along Lake Superior, reaching there in the spring of 1850. Eighteen months after escaping from Germany his wife and two daughters joined him near Copper Harbor on Lake Superior. Julius remained in Germany.

"They left me with one of my preacher uncles," said Julius, "thinking to make a Lutheran preacher out of me, but I saw things differently and when 14 years of age I too came over to America."

In 1856 Eugene Fecht and his family, now including Emil, came to Detroit and there they settled. The father's training fitted him for public work and in 1860 he was elected justice of the peace. Four years in

Alfred Fecht In France With Pershing Forces

FIGHTS KAISER RULE

this office led to his re-election for four years more. After that he practiced law and died at Detroit in 1902.

JULIUS COMES HERE.

Julius coming in 1864 to Detroit, came on to Ottumwa ten years later and founded the cigar manufacturing business that has made him known in many states. He is now one of the big manufacturers of cigars and importers of leaf tobacco in the state.

Emil Fecht, who is associated with his brother at the big cigar and tobacco plant at Main and Marion streets, came to Ottumwa in 1892. Alfred, who is now emulating the love for liberty exemplified by his grandfather, in France, was born in Detroit but has spent most of his life in Ottumwa.

FOURTH GENERATION HELPS.

Nor is there only one of the third generation of Fechts fighting the Kaiser. Another grandson, Edwin, son of Albert Fecht of Detroit, is in the service also, and it does not stop with the third generation, for a great grandson of Eugene Fecht named Koehler, the grandson of one of Eugene's daughters who resides at Pasadena, Cal., is in the army and is doing to fight Prussianism, but they, too, have been at it. The representatives of the family here while unable to bear arms, have been doing their bit in support of Red Cross, Liberty Bonds and War Savings Stamps and the husband of one of Eugene Fecht's daughters, F. A. Bellin of Portland, Ore. Mr. Bellin is a member of the ship building board that is supplying bottoms for the transport of soldiers, food and munition to aid the allied forces crush Prussianism. He is one of the big shipbuilders of the northwest and has numerous vessels in the stocks on both eastern and western coasts making it necessary to travel most of his time between the two oceans. On one of these trips a few weeks ago he visited in company with Mrs. Bellin, her two brothers in Ottumwa.

Thus it will be seen that fate plays queer pranks for the head of this family was forced to flee by night from wife and new born babe because of Prussian autocracy—today his seed is carrying on the fight with a determination to win the fight that their forebears lost through superiority of forces arrayed against him.

WORKMAN HELD UP

LeMars, Feb. 18.—W. A. Kunselman, an employe of the Iowa Power and Heat company, while on his way to work was held up in the railroad yards by bandits, one of whom thrust a gun in his face. He was relieved of his watch and \$8. The thieves overlooked \$125 concealed in his underclothing.

CAN STILL PURCHASE SMILEAGE BOOKS

Those who have not bought any Smileage books, despite the fact that the campaign has closed, may still get them in Ottumwa. The various banks and all of the drug stores have been given a supply of these books which sell for \$1 and \$5 and contain coupons for the free admission to the Liberty theaters in the various army camps. Persons buying these books may send them to soldier friends and thus help keep the boys smiling, the purpose of the movement. The sale of the books will continue for several months in Ottumwa.

ALIEN WOULD NOT OBEY

Sioux City, Feb. 18.—John Glnsig appeared at the police station to register as an alien enemy, but he refused to be photographed, to do other things the registrars wanted him to do, and to answer questions propounded to him in the manner desired. He was turned over to Deputy United States Marshal Smith. Then he became more willing, would be photographed, etc., but then it "dawned on him" that he was not a German, that he was born in Russia. Despite his last claim he is being held for investigation.

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