

HUNS CONTINUE TO RETREAT FROM ALLIED TROOPS

Advance of American and French Troops Continues in Spite of Fresh Germans to Front

GERMANY MAKES NEW PEACE PROPOSAL

FORMER GERMAN CONSUL IN BOSTON ARRESTED WEDNESDAY—SUSPECTED IN CONNECTION WITH RECENT SUBMARINE RAIDS ON THE ATLANTIC COAST.

PARIS.—Highly important gains by the American and French armies on the Aisne-Marne front were reported in the official statement of the war office last night.

The tenth day of the fifth German offensive, which has been transformed thru the genius of Foch into an allied offensive, finds the allied army in a stronger position and the Germans in a worse plight than at any moment since the war began.

AMSTERDAM, Holland.—According to the Berlin newspaper, Socialist Vorwaerts, Germany has made suggestions for a peace conference to the Spanish government.

First. Germany wants no annexations or indemnities in the west. Second. The peace treaties with Russia and Rumania may not be questioned.

Third. The principle of self-determination of peoples has not been discussed, but may be settled at the peace conference, where the fate of Belgium also is to be settled.

Fourth. The Balkan question is to be settled around the conference table.

Fifth. The freedom of the east, the dismantling of Gibraltar and the Suez canal, and the right for Germany to use coaling stations.

Sixth. The colonial question is to be settled on basis of status quo.

BOSTON, Mass.—Oswald Kunhardt, formerly the German and Austrian consul in Boston, was arrested Wednesday as an alien enemy at his home in Manchester and brought here.

NEW YORK CITY.—The giant White Star liner, Justicia has been torpedoed and sunk. It is believed no loss of life occurred. The Justicia was formerly the Dutch steamer Statendam, which was taken over by the British government on the stock at Belfast when she was nearing completion.

Four hundred of the crew of the torpedoed liner Justicia have been landed here. They report that the liner was sunk after a 24 hour fight with submarines. No passengers were lost and only ten of the crew were killed.

POLITICAL CANDIDATES SHY COUNTY OFFICES

Interest in county political offices is at the low ebb. Filings for primary nominations closed Saturday night with the result that in Box Butte county there is competition only for one office—that of sheriff.

The candidates in Box Butte county are: County clerk, W. C. Mounts, Republican. County treasurer, F. W. Irish, Republican.

Sheriff, C. M. Cox, Democrat. Assessor, J. A. Keegan, Republican. Commissioners, Cal Hashman and George Duncan.

For state offices there are a number of filings, as follows: State senator, George M. Adams, Democrat.

State senator, William Coleman, Hay Springs, Democrat. State senator, James W. Good, Chadron, Republican. Representative, Lloyd C. Thomas, Alliance, Democrat.

Representative, Paul A. Mendenhall, Hay Springs, Democrat. Representative, T. L. Briggs, Antioch, Republican.

It is rumored in political circles that there may be additional filings made by petitions.

THE FORDSON TRACTOR SPEEDED TOO MUCH

The unprecedented and undreamed of spectacle of a farm tractor going eighteen miles per hour down the main street of Alliance Monday morning was too much for the city marshal, who got busy with his stop watch and at a convenient corner stopped the driver, Leonard Pilkington, and haled him into court.

Pilkington was simply giving a demonstration of the speeding abilities of the doughty little Fordson tractor, sold by Coursey & Miller, of Alliance. On being haled into court, driver Pilkington was charged with speeding on the streets of Alliance.

"Are you guilty or not guilty?" asked Police Magistrate Roberts. "Why not guilty, of course," answered Pilkington, "you cannot speed with a tractor, and besides that, the law says that automobiles cannot run more than twelve miles per hour. It doesn't say anything about tractors."

Magistrate Roberts sent George Stafford, marshal, after a copy of the city ordinances and it was then found that the law decreed that "motor propelled vehicles" may not run more than twelve miles per hour on the streets of the city of Alliance.

"All right" said Pilkington, "that's sure a motor-propelled vehicle as the marshal knows, but you ought to have seen that chap that lit out for the country with one ahead of a string of plows this morning. If I was making eighteen he was making thirty miles an hour with his Fordson."

"Five and costs," said the judge, "total of ten dollars."



WORLD'S RECORD PRICE OF \$106,000 PAID FOR HOLSTEIN BULL CALF

CARNATION KING SYLVIA, the six-months-old son of May Echo Sylvia, world champion milk cow for one to 100 days, was sold at the Holstein-Friesian sale, at Milwaukee, Wisconsin, June 6, 7 and 8, for the astonishing and hitherto unheard of price of \$106,000.

Carnation King Sylvia was rechristened by Mr. Stuart, the former name of the calf being Champton Sylvia Johanna; his registered number is 231405. The sire of this young "record breaker" is Echo Sylvia Johanna 203054, whose dam and sire's dam have a 7-day average of 39.18 lbs. butter and 186.90 lbs. milk, A.R.O. (advanced registry official), white for 30 days the average is 159 lbs. butter and 3,188 lbs. milk.

Mr. Stuart, who questioned in reference to his purchase said: "I merely wanted to do my bit toward helping to improve the dairy industry by the breeding of better Holstein cows. Judging by the records of the ancestors of this bull, I believe I have purchased the best dairy bull in the world."

Carnation stock farms own the largest herd of registered Holsteins in the world. The farms are operated as model dairies and breeding farms for the benefit of dairymen supplying milk to the Carnation Evaporated Milk condensaries. The company, being interested in the distribution of unsweetened canned milk, must have the best quality of fresh milk.

To those who are inclined to be skeptical as to the wisdom of spending so much money on a young dairy bull, it may be said that the dairying industry of the country and the world at large is bound to derive considerable impetus from this transaction. Never in the history of the world has there been such a demand for high class dairy animals. More milk and more butter are necessary for the building up of the future womanhood and manhood of the nation, and it is mainly thru the intelligent foresight of our leading Holstein breeders that the principal food supply of the world is being sustained.

THE RED CROSS DANCE NETTED VERY SNUG SUM

The Red Cross dance, given by the Alliance fire department Saturday evening of last week at the armory, was a success in every way. It netted the Alliance chapter of the Red Cross a gift of \$165.75 in money and it netted those who attended an excellent time.

To the ladies who sold the tickets is due to a great extent the credit for the success of the dance. Among those who worked actively in selling tickets were Mrs. Frank Merritt, Mrs. George Hellman, Misses Emerald Gardner, Bessie Weaver and Margaret Barry.

Fireboys who did good work in helping make a success of the affair were Frank Merritt, Charley Hill, Ray and William Trabert.

The fire department band furnished the music and kept up their usual excellent standard.

On Saturday evening, July 27, another dance will be given at the armory by the fire department for the benefit of the Y. M. C. A. Mrs. Phil Fraker at Thiele's drug store is in charge of the selling of tickets. You can purchase yours there.

Mrs. Tash, Mrs. McCorkle, Mrs. Shreve and Mrs. W. A. Bennett autoed out to the Clifford ranch Wednesday to spend the day where a Red Cross meeting was held. All reported having a very enjoyable time.

THIRTY-FOUR BOYS LEFT MONDAY NOON

Immense Crowd Accompanied New Soldier Boys to Depot as They Left for Camp Dodge.

Thirty-four Box Butte county boys left on Monday noon to join the national army, most of them going to Camp Dodge. They were entertained at the Elks' at 10 o'clock and were accompanied by a parade, led by the Home Guards, from the club to the depot.

At the depot Miss Elizabeth Swanson gave several selections of a patriotic nature and Chairman Robert Graham, of the council of defense, made a short and interesting speech to the boys.

A special coach was provided for the boys and the diner served them with meals. A Lincoln man coming to Alliance reported passing the boys near Broken Bow and said that they were all enjoying themselves hugely and giving Box Butte county some good advertising on their way to the training camp.

Adrian Keane was in charge of the contingent, which consisted of the following:

- James Earl Eaton. George Edward Whaley. Alonzo Rice. Mike Abas. Noble Frank Zerbie. James Ralph Jacobs. Hugh Lawrence Hawkins. Maurits Henning Johnson. Clarence E. Meek. Thomas Ambrose Gilshannon. Hans Peter Christensen. Warren Orville Marcy. Harry E. Chester. Adrian James Keane. Floyd Ratliff. Leo Brandie. William Kenneth Robertson. Dwight Lovier Bennett. Jacob H. Elsea. Fred Anthony Beckenbach. Max Moscrip.

Alternates. Paul John Norton. Lloyd Langford. Frank Ellsworth O'Bannon. Hanson Herby Parks.

The following men went from here with the quota, but at the request of other boards:

- Joseph Harrington, Basin, Wyo. Arthur Roy Skiles, Rushville. Lloyd M. Tully, Valentine. The following were listed to go, but did not appear at the time set: Oposolos Darsoklis. Albert Kibler. Charles Sadler. William Ross, St. Louis. Robert Earl Bunch, Topeka, Kans.

MANY SMALL PLANTS ARE BEING BUILT

More Than a Dozen Small Plants Now Being Erected on Lakes Away From Railroads.

The building of small potash plants on isolated lakes, small in size, continues at a rapid rate in the sand hill district in which Nebraska's potash lakes are located. Within the past week orders have been placed for eight small plants, four of them to be erected by one organization of men interested.

These small potash plants are built on the lake shores and have lakes from two acres in size up to 100 acres. The plants, with their equipment, buildings, auto trucks, etc., are erected in from sixty to ninety days at a cost of from \$5,000 to \$20,000 and are a paying proposition from the start. A pipe line from the lakes to the railroad at the present cost would require in some cases as much as \$100,000 for building it. This cost is eliminated by the use of the auto trucks.

One small plant which has been running for some time, recently shipped a carload of potash salts containing forty tons for which they received in round figures \$5,000, in addition to the freight, which amounted to \$500. At these prices, this plant pays its original cost back every twenty days. Potash producers are receiving from \$4.50 to \$5.00 per potash unit, amounting from \$75 to \$150 per ton for the salts.

Some of the new small plants being erected contain some unique ideas that may mean the saving of thousands of dollars in operation expense. Mr. Burns, who is building a small plant on the lakes on the Joy ranch, is installing there some unique evaporating pans which should effect a considerable saving in the fuel cost.

SELLS-FLOTO BAND WOULD NOT PLAY

County Council of Defense Issued Circular Calling Attention to Action of the Band Monday Morning.

Quite a little excitement was caused in Alliance Monday afternoon by the action of the Sells-Floato circus band in refusing to play for and march with the departing Box Butte county boys who left for the cantonments on the noon train going east, unless the band was paid \$25 in cash for doing the favor.

One of the show "bosses" had assured W. R. Harper, chairman of the entertainment committee, early in the morning, that the band would be glad to march with and play for the boys as they left for the train. The Home Guards were also in the parade. When the time came for the band to go they refused to do so unless they were paid the sum of \$25. After consultation among the members of the committee, they decided to refuse to pay the sum demanded and the parade went ahead without the band.

The county council of defense, believing that the band's action should be made public, issued the following circular:

NOTICE The Sells-Floato circus band asked the patriotic people of Alliance to pay them \$30.00 to escort the National Army boys this morning from the Elks' club to the depot. They Didn't Get It. You are requested to govern yourselves accordingly. BOX BUTTE COUNTY COUNCIL OF DEFENSE.

The general manager of the show appeared before the council and protested against the distribution of the circulars, claiming that the action was due to a misunderstanding, but judging by the number of people on the streets during the show performance, many stayed away who might have gone otherwise.

Engineer McGuire returned from Deming, New Mexico, Friday of last week. While there he visited his brother. Also "Spec" Louis Ambrose, who formerly was a fireman here.

Switchehan Charles Frederick has been laying off from his work for a few days due to an accident on last Friday night when a car was run over his ankle, causing a great deal of swelling and inflammation. He will not return to work for a week or more.

PLEAD GUILTY TO STATUTORY RAPE

Father and Daughter Acknowledged That They Are Parents of Two Children.

Oswald Kittelman, aged 61 years, was arrested on Tuesday by Sheriff Cox on complaint filed by County Attorney Lee Bayse, charging him with statutory rape, the crime being against his oldest daughter, who became 18 years of age in April of this year.

On being arraigned in court Wednesday before Judge Tash, Kittelman admitted that he was the father of the two children of the girl—one of them 15 months of age and the other six weeks old. The daughter also admitted that he was the father of her children.

Kittelman has six other living children besides the girl. The children and Mrs. Kittelman were afraid to talk until after he had been brought to Alliance and placed in jail. They stated that Kittelman had a loaded shotgun and revolver at the house and had told the entire family that he would kill them if they told of the affair. After the sheriff had brought Kittelman to Alliance and had made a trip out for the firearms, they then told of the affair.

Kittelman pleaded guilty to the charge against him and was bound over to the district court under \$2,000 bonds, furnished by himself. He lives ten miles north and four miles east of Alliance and is well fixed financially, owning a half section of land, some stock and has an excellent crop this year.

Mrs. George Davis and father and mother, Mr. and Mrs. A. Adams and daughter visited the potash plants on Wednesday.