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NEBRASKA DRY UNDER NEW LAW; GERMAN DIVER SINKS U. S. SHIP

CLOSE AS WET REGIME PASSES BALFOUR-JOFFRE

Prohibition Law Is in Effec Through Husker Commonwealth at Eight o'Clock May Day Eve.

BARS SHUT DOWN

Large Number of Places Dispose of Their Stocks Before the Final Hour.

THRONG OMAHA STREETS

At 8 o'clock last night, 829 saloons fifteen breweries and ten rectifying plants in Nebraska closed under the new prohibitory law.

Purchase, manufacture, sale or gift of liquor is prohibited, but possession is not forbidden. A large number of saloons throughout the state, reports said, sold their stock before noon

As a consequence prices soared until bottled whisky and beer, retailed in many towns at prices prohibitive to the meager purse. Stocks of a few dealers were auctioned and the bidders were eager and the "knock down"

Throng the Streets.

several associates.

Curiosity seemed to attract most of the people down town for there was very little revelry. Most of the dispensaries had so depleted their stocks that the variety was limited, bottled beer and plain "booze" being about all that was left after noon yester-

day.

There was little roughness. The great crowds, which did little more than wander up and down the streets, alone marked the passing of the "juice

Bryan Pardons Offenders. Bryan Pardons Offenders.
Mayor Bryan of Lincoln announced he would pardon all offenders "confined in the city jail on account of over indulgence in liquor." Half an hour after the last saloon in the city had sold out and closed, they were released.

New Book of Views of

A unique and worthy presentation of some unusual pictures of Omaha is made in "Omaha by Night." a novelty publication, which is just off the press. Mr. T. Newcomb of New Tork has compiled the collection, which consists of views of the principal buildings and streets taken at night, showcompiled the collection, which consists of views of the principal buildings and streets taken at night, showing the illuminations and presenting we effect that is as pleasing as if will be surprising to those who do not fully realize the great beauty of some scenes will which they are entirely familiar. Fifteen fine views are nirely familiar. Fifteen fine views ar

Chicago, Ill., April 30.—Today fire destroyed two grain elevators of the Hales & Edwards company, containing approximately 75,000 bushels of onts and wheat and causing a total oss of \$500,000. Federal officials are appropriately. nvestigating.

The Weather

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Ottawa, On. April 30.—F. D. Dewar, Coronal Beach, Cal., and V. Ray, Kansas Crty, Kan. are listed as wounded in a casualty list of the Canadian overseas forces made public here tonight.

Struck by Avalancia Davos, Switzeriand, April 30.—Via Whelmed a train running from Landguard to Davos, many lives being lost.

SALOON DOORS Allied Commission to Start West; Invite Them to Pay Visit to Omaha

PARTY MAY VISIT **OMAHA. WIRESAYS**

Telegram from Victor Rosewater in Washington Advises Mayor Commissioners May Come Here.

INVITATION SENT BY WIRE

City Prepares to Entertain Distinguished Diplomats Now Visiting United States.

LEADERS ON COMMITTEES

The British and French commissions to the United States, headed by Hon, Arthur J. Balfour, British minister of foreign affairs; Rene Viviani

the French armies, may visit Omaha. Mayor James C. Dahlman yester-Great crowds thronged the streets of Omaha last night when a parting boot was applied to J. B. Corn and his that the party would start west imthat the party would start west immediately. He requested the mayor to telegraph Secretary of State Lansing, inviting the distinguished visitors to become Omaha's guests.

Mayor Dahlman immediately wired the invitation and then began to make arrangements for the entertainment of the big party of war experts. Distinguished Men Coming.

The foreign commissioners are in this country for the purpose of as-

this country for the purpose of as-sisting in the mobilization of all American resources for war.

Marshal Joffre, hero of the Marne, will look after the details of army mobilization. Besides Joffre, Viviani and Balfour, the party consists of Vice, Admiral P. L. A. Cocheprat, dean of French admirals and an ex-pert on submarine problems. Marguis w Book of Views of
"Omaha by Night" Just Out
international affairs; M. Simon, inspector of finance; M. Hovelacque, M. Hovelacque, M. Hovelacque, M. Hovelacque, M. Hovelacque, M. Hovelacque, M. Hov spector of general instruction, and Surgeon Major Dreyfus,

retary Lansing."

The mayor's invitation, addressed to Secretary Lansing, reads:
"Please permit me through you to

extend an invitation to the distin-guished war commission to visit Omaha on their western trip. "We are the center of a great producing country and we will assure them a royal welcome."

To Appoint Committees.

Mayor Dahlman immediately after Mayor Dalilman immediately after forwarding the telegram got into communication with executives of the Commercial club, the Women's club and other civic bodies, as well as prominent city and state officials. From these he will appoint a committee to arrange the details of the entertainment of the party.

Attaches of the United States Wardenartment here began the immediate.

department here began the immediate compilation of such military informaas might be of use to the pros-

want to hear a technical lecture on Nebraska soils and their crop-raising possibilities. They have invited Dr. George E. Condra of the University of Nebraska to speak to them Wed-nesday evening of this week at the Commercial club rooms at 8 c'clock. Since Dr. Condra has accepte the live now, and the apprehension of invitation, it has been decided to make this a general meeting for Comties of the railway special agents and

Two More Americans

Listed on Casualty Roll Train in Switzerland

POSED PICTURE OF BALFOUR, DEAN OF BRITISH STATESMEN—The Rt. Honorable Arthur James Balfour, British foreign minister, dean of English statesmen and head of the British war mission to the United States, posed on the steps of the State, War and Navy building, Washington, while on a visit to Secretary of State Lansing.



Oldest Bartender Swallows Hard As Looks Back to Good Old Days

for the first time in years at the shining sun and the workers-by-daylight.
Laborers already had taken down
the big mirror and were removing the
long mahogany bar. The comfortable
sittees in the corner where more than
one hot discussion had been ended by
bungstarter already had been taken
away.
A drayman had loaded the big
framed picture of "September Morn"
and other works of art, and the Old
Joint, once a place of revelry, and
mirth, and joy refined and unconfined,

Keep obligingly turned his back, would
furtively "double-shor" the bottle.
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the dent is was where the Oldest
Barkeep had hurled with marvedous
who insulted a Salvation Army lass.
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Hear Lecture on Soils

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> police for some time to come. We cooperate with the federal authorities in this work."

The Irish Problem, Says Northcliffe

London, April 30 .- Lord Northeliffe

program for the convention of the international to be held in Omaha June 25 to 27 W. C. Pannell of Baltimore is secretary.

"The happiness of Ireland is entirely in the hands of Mr. Balfour and the British mission in the United States. The differences between the two parties here have been so slight that Mr. Balfour's influence can settle the difficulty."

Senate Votes Give U. S. German Ships

Washington, April 30. — The senate unanimously passed a reso-lution tonight providing for transfer to the American government of title and possession of enemy ships in American ports and their ise in commerce under direction of the shipping board.

Herbert Hoover, Food Dictator of the Country, On Way From England

New York, April 30 .- Herbert New York, April 30.—Herbert C. Hoover, recently chosen chair-man of the American food board, is on his way from England on an American ship and will arrive here in a few days, it is an-nounced by the American com-mission for relief in Belgium.

mission for relief in Belgium.

After conferring with members of the commission here, Mr. Hoover will go to Washington to assume his new position. So far as is known, Mr. Hoover has no intention of abandoning the chairmanship of the Belgium commission.

MUTTERINGS OF MAY DAY STORM **GROW STRONGER**

German Leaders and Press Display Feverish Anxiety Over What Today May Bring Forth.

CONCESSION BY HUNGARY

Government Declaration in Fa vor of Democratic Reforms Feature of Gossip.

UNREST IN BOHEMIA, TOO

BULLETIN. Copenhagen, April 30. — No Berlin newspapers have arrived here for two days. Such stoppages are often preliminary to import-ant military developments.

On the eve of the general strike

planned for May day the German press and leaders are displaying a feverish apprehension as to what the morrow will bring forth.

Austria and Sweden are two other storm centers where May day may evoke popular uprisings of far-reaching effect. In the face of the brewing storm word comes that the Hungarian government has declared itself in favor important democratic re-

On the other hand, the Austrian on the other hand, the Australia emperor is reported to have refused the resignation of Premier Tisza, "iron man" of the dual monarchy and

bulwark of pan-Germanism.

Another curious and unexplained im Bohemia, long a hot-bed of disaffection, all German papers have been suppressed.

put them on.

The last drink had been sold.

The last drop of liquor and the last beaker of brew had been disposed of. The last loiterer had bidden the taven farewell and had stumbled out into the fresh air, to look, perhaps, for the first time in years at the shining sun and the workers-by-daylight.

Laborers already had taken down the big mirror and were removing the from the Kronstadt garrison, com-prising supporters of Nikolai Lenine, the radical socialist agitator, who re-cently came from Switzerland to Rus-

Wheat on Umana Market
Three-dollar wheat is here it
came today when on the floor of the
Omaha Grain exchange a carload of
No. 2 spring, raised in western lowa,
consigned to the Taylor-Swanick
Grain company, was sold to the
Holmquist Elevator company for
milling purposes. It was the highest
price ever paid for grain on the
Omaha market, and while spring
wheat is not the regular trading commodity, the price is a top that had
been talked, but hardly expected.

AMERICAN OIL TANK STEAMSHIP **VACUUM SUNK WHILE ON WAY HOME: GUNNERS AND PART OF CREW MISSING**

California Company's Vessel is Torpedoed by German Submarine Saturday in War Zone During Its Return Voyage from British Port of Birkenhead.

THREE GUNNERS AND SEVENTEEN OF CREW ARE SAFE

Another Boat Containing Naval Lieutenant, Nine Gunners, Captain S. S. Harris and Other Members of the Crew is Reported Missing.

CONVERTED LAKE BOAT CARRIES OIL IN BULK

London, April 30.—The American oil tank steamer Vacuum has been sunk. The captain and part of the crew and the naval lieutenant and nine American naval gunners are missing.

The Vacuum was sunk by a German submarine on Saturday while it was on the way to the United States. The chief mate and seventeen men, including three

of the American navy gunners, have been landed. A boat containing the master of the ship and the remainder of the crew, together with the lieutenant and nine naval gunners, is missing.

BILLS TO CONTROL FOOD SUPPLIES **ARE INTRODUCED**

Administration Measures Provide for Standardization of Products and

Packages. LICENSES FOR FACTORIES

Power Given to Board to Force of Unreasonably

Hoarded Stocks. PRICE FIXING GOES OVER

Washington, April 30.-The admin

New York, April 30 .- The American steamship Vacuum, commanded by Captain S. S. Harris of this city, left New York on March 30 for Birkenhead, England, and carried a crew of thirty-four men, of whom fifteen were American citizens, including nine native born.

nine native born.

The Vacuum, formerly the steamship Bayamon, was owned by the Vacuum Oil company of California. It was built in 1912 at Ecorse, Mich., and was brought to the Atlantic by way of the Great Lakes and the St. Lawrence river and converted into a tank ship. Since the war began it has made free-uent trips to Europe. It was a ves of of 2,551 tons gross, carried oil in bulk and was 247 feet long and with a forty-three-foot beam.

The Vacuum Oil company today received this message from its agents abroad:

"Vacuum torpedoed, 28th, 140 miles west of Barra. No. 1 lifeboat with captain and others missing."

Traffic Bureau

ture to administer it.

The measure is designed to prevent a shortage of food during war-time by protecting the public against injurious specifiation, and would provide for a survey of the food situation of the country.

It also provides for the establishment of standards of grades for agricultural products and fertilizers and for their receptacles and requires proper labeling of such receptacles to prevent fraud and abuse.

It authorizes the license and control, when necessary, of any business (Continued on Page Two, Column One.)

German Army in France Short of Shells and Guns to Shoot Them

Teuton Documents Captured by counter attacks, more particularly in the neighborhood of Oppy, and from their trench system down to Gav-

Allies Indicate Scarcity
of Munitions.

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State Council of Defense
Named for South Dakota
Pierre, S. D., April 30.—Governor
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Torbeck has appointed a State Council of Defense' to have charge of all activities of food conservation and other matters in relation to war in South Dakota. Charles Anderson of Pierre, S. D., is chairman.

Recommend Law to Fine
Those Who Rob Gardens
The Atty council committee of the whole recommended for passage Mayor Dahlman's ordinance which imposes a fine of St to Sl00 for conviction of trespassing upon gardenion for the conviction of trespassing upon gardenions of the Munitions.

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The Cornans are continuing to bring up fresh troops and to deliver waxes and wanes."

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of Munitions.

BCONOMIZING IS ORDERED

London, April 30.—"Various German documents that have been captured in the French system down to Gavenle their trench system down to Gavenle The Beritish hold the windmill nortleast of the latter village and have improved their posts along the southwestern slope of Greenland hill.

Continuous fighting is in progress around the Roewx Chemical works.

"In a general way." continues the expenditure of shells of all types, as the dearth of material is seriously minimizing the output of supplies. It is also urged that the artillery officers be trained to employ gains is limited."

Heavy fighting continues along the southwestern slope of Greenland hill.

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