



BRITISH SMASH GERMAN LINES

TEUTONS LAUNCH HEAVY GAS ATTACK AGAINST AMERICANS

Fifteen Thousand Mustard Shells Followed By Intense Artillery Fire; Enemy Airplanes Appear at Same Time; One Brought Down and Another Damaged By Anti-Aircraft Guns.

(By Associated Press.)

With the American Forces on the French Front, May 6.—The Germans launched a heavy gas attack against the American troops on the Picardy front during the night. Early in the evening they sent over 15,000 shells, composed chiefly of mustard gas, within a brief period. These shells were followed by an intense artillery fire at midnight. Several hundred gas shells were dropped into the American lines.

PLANE BROUGHT DOWN.

Enemy airplanes appeared over the American lines about the same time. Anti-aircraft guns brought down one German machine and damaged another.

The extreme activity of the artillery and aviators, the rifle fire and night flares and the reported movements behind the enemy lines in this sector may present a new infantry attack, but General Pershing's men are ready for any emergency. They are countering the enemy preparations blow for blow, keeping up a harassing artillery, rifle and machine gun fire and are actively patrolling.

IN GOOD SPIRITS.

The spirit of the Americans is excellent. They are eager to fight and a typical expression is: "Let Fritz start something. He'll get all that is coming to him."

A young French captain who trained the men now in the Picardy lines told the Associated Press today he never had seen finer material. "All are of one mind," he said, "to fight fast and hard and to finish the war quickly."

Penetrate German Lines.

Low visibility prevailed over the Luneville and Toul sectors, as well as south of Verdun, today, restricting operations by both sides. There was virtually no activity during the daylight hours, but during the night the enemy heavily bombed the lines in the direction of Seicheprey and those northeast of Toul, while south of Verdun the Germans displayed great nervousness, throwing up many flares.

It has been established that the troops in that section came recently from hand-to-hand fighting near Luneville the American patrols have been active and have penetrated the enemy lines once more. They found that the enemy had not recaptured raided portions of their positions and that the town of Anservillers, with the exception of one stone house, had been completely demolished by the American artillery fire. Many German dugouts under the buildings had been made useless. Prisoners captured from an observation post divulged much useful information and said they had just come to this front from Russia.

County Board Member Accused of Sedition

Lincoln, May 6.—Attorney General Reed announced today that he had mailed to Thurston county, this state, a complaint charging Christopher C. From, a member of the county board of that place, with violating the state sedition law by attempting to discourage farmers from planting wheat.

May Temperature Record Broken in New York City

New York, May 6.—Today was the hottest May 6 in the history of the city's bureau. At midday the official thermometer registered 84, breaking by four degrees the record established May 6, 1896.

The Weather

For Nebraska: Generally fair Tuesday and Wednesday; cooler Tuesday.

Table with weather data for Omaha and comparative local records.

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To Readers of The Bee:

Following out my practice of keeping our readers informed of changes in The Bee organization that may be of outside interest, I wish to announce that the position of managing editor of The Bee will be filled by Thomas F. Sturgess as successor to Monroe Reeves, who has resigned. Mr. Sturgess has been connected with The Bee organization in various capacities for many years, more recently as editor and manager of the Twentieth Century Farmer, which is now being merged with the Nebraska Farmer.

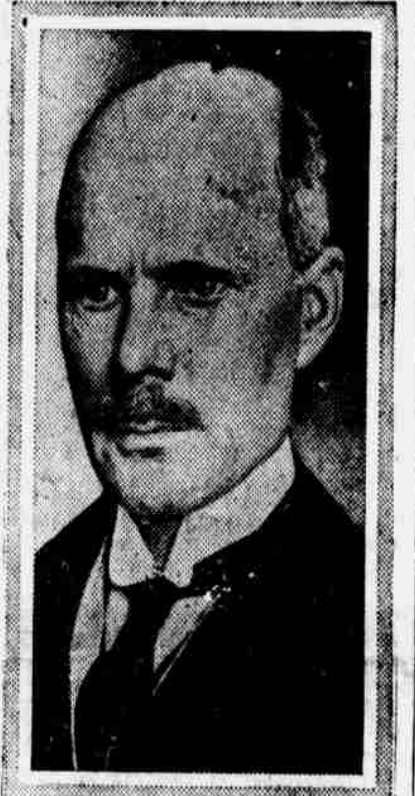
Victor Rosewater

WILSON ORDERS AIRCRAFT GRAFT CHARGES PROBED

Sculptor Borglum Reiterates Assertions That Pro-German Intrigue and Criminal Liability Can Be Established.

(By Associated Press.)

Washington, May 6.—Talk of graft and mismanagement in the national airplane construction program, heard for months in senate debate and



MAJOR GENERAL SQUIER, capitol lobby gossip, culminated today in a presidential order for an investigation by the Department of Justice.



Noted American sculptor, who prefers serious charges with respect to air service.

Omaha Man, Naval Officer, Is on Duty at Vladivostok



D. C. Patterson, jr., lieutenant commander in the navy, and son of Mr. and Mrs. D. C. Patterson, sr., 303 North Thirty-eighth avenue, has sent a small photograph to his parents of himself and United States Consul John K. Caldwell, taken at Vladivostok, Siberia.

The picture was taken on the United States cruiser Brooklyn, near the dock at Vladivostok two months ago, its crew being assigned to guard duty. Lieutenant Commander Patterson, who is flag officer under Admiral Knight, has been in the navy for 13 years. He visited his parents in Omaha about a year ago, prior to leaving on an Asiatic cruise.

ANOTHER BLOW FROM GERMANS EXPECTED SOON

Huns Fear Ever Increasing Strength of American Forces and Are Likely to Seek Quick Action.

On the French Front in France, May 6.—The opinion is virtually unanimous that the further great blow which the German staff must inevitably deliver, if it intends to try to execute the promises made to the German nation when the offensive was started, must come soon.

The great activity of the enemy along the Ypres sector is possibly a prelude to the opening of a new German rush there, or is intended to distract attention from a formidable attack elsewhere. There is, indeed, a widespread view that the next move must come from the German armies concentrated under General von Below, fronting Arras.

ENTIRE BOND ISSUE TO BE DELIVERED WITHIN FORTNIGHT

Washington, May 6.—To supply Liberty bonds to subscribers promptly, extra shifts of printers were set to work today by the bureau of engraving and printing and it is planned to deliver all bonds within two weeks. About 18,000,000 bonds already have been printed and more than 10,000,000 have been distributed throughout the country by the treasury.

Asphyxiating Gas Injected Into Letters by Germans

Paris, May 6.—Germans are credited, in reports received here, with injecting asphyxiating gas into letters sent home by prisoners in their camps. A woman living in the village of La Siciotiere recently was ill for several days, after opening a letter from a French prisoner in Germany. On the same day it is said another woman received a letter also containing gas from her husband, also a prisoner in Bavaria.

GAINS SCORED BY AUSTRALIAN AND CANADIAN TROOPS

Anzacs Advance Between Ancre and Somme Rivers and in Arras Sector; Allied Infantry Keeps Up Heavy Fire in Quarters Where Enemy Is Assembling Guns for Big Battle.

(By Associated Press.)

Australian and Canadian troops are in action on the British lines along the vital sectors of the battle front in France.

The Australians have struck the Germans near Morlan-court between the Ancre and the Somme rivers, east of Amiens, and have advanced their lines three-quarters of a mile as a result of two assaults on the Teutonic positions.

The Canadians have appeared in the Arras sector, further south than they have been since the battles in this region began March 1. This part of the line is most important as it defends Arras to the southwest and includes localities such as Neuville-Vitasse, Mercatel and Boisleux-St. Mare, where there have been bitter struggles since the Germans launched their great offensive.

VOTERS DECIDE ON COMMISSION AT POLLS TODAY

Campaign Lively Until Last With Each Candidate Hustling to Get Under Wire in Good Form.

The candidates brought their campaign to a close last night with a whirlwind finish. Some hired halls and others spoke at street corners beneath the stars.

Mayor Dahlman and his running mates commended themselves and condemned their opponents, and the allied candidates did likewise. The case has gone to the voters, who will today decide the question of who will serve the city for the next three years as commissioners.

The mayor promised that, if re-elected, he will keep Omaha progressing as it has during the 12 years of his administration. The allied candidates declared that Omaha will progress in a better manner if they are elected.

Throw Fed Bombs. Personalities were freely indulged in during the evening. Speakers for the Jim Dahlman ticket defended the mayor in his attack upon Ed P. Smith, while the allies uttered strong words against the mayor on account of his criticism of Smith.

States will be smashed today as they have never been smashed before. A man living in the Hanscom park district last night showed a bunch of straw votes he had taken in his neighborhood and the evidence was that no two were alike.

Organizations for getting the vote out have been recruited with care. The administration forces, allied candidates, Falconer for Commissioner club, Harry B. Zimman club, Church Federation and others will have workers out all day. The probable vote today has been estimated from 25,000 to 30,000, with 28,000 as a conservative estimate, anticipating favorable weather.

Zimman Is Confident. Harry B. Zimman concluded a strenuous speaking campaign with a feeling of quiet confidence that he will be elected.

The polls will be open until 8 p. m. in 154 voting districts. The spirit of the commission form of city government in this state is to vote for seven, notwithstanding importunities from various quarters to vote for less.

Election Commissioner Moorhead has received a few returns from absent soldiers who are registered voters. Some have been received from Newport News, Va. Yesterday Mayor Dahlman received telegraphic information that the ballots had not been received by the Omaha soldiers at Camp Funston and Fort Riley, but the election commissioner stated that (Continued on Page Five, Column One.)

RED CROSS HEADS IN SESSION HERE HEAR YPRES HERO

Nebraska Campaign Directors Meet With Division Officials From Chicago for Conference.

Red Cross directors from 75 Nebraska counties were in Omaha Monday conferring with officials of the state organization and central group in regard to methods to be pursued in the next drive for funds, which begins May 22 and ends May 27.

The quota for Nebraska will be \$1,300,000, of which Omaha's portion will be \$200,000. A luncheon was given the directors at the Chamber of Commerce at noon. Bernard E. Sunny, Bell telephone official, of Chicago, spoke, saying that the national Red Cross headquarters was proud of the enthusiasm and efficiency of the Nebraska organization.

Bruce D. Smith, Chicago, president of the central division, said he was confident Omaha and Nebraska would be among the first over the top in the next drive, as in their other war activities.

Nebraska's War Record. He said Nebraska has the record of first place in the central division in manufacture of hospital garments, surgical dressings and refugee clothing for the Red Cross, and has furnished 22 per cent of the whole.

Sergeant Baldwin, Canadian army, who saw 15 months' service at the front, and lost his left leg at the battle of Ypres, was introduced and given a great ovation.

"No one knows," he said, "the depth and nature of the love that one soldier bears his comrades who have shared (Continued on Page Five, Column Two.)"

"Peace Offensive" Branded As Fiction By German Leader

Amsterdam, May 6.—"The assertion of Lord Robert Cecil that Germany will undertake a 'peace offensive' if she does not succeed in overcoming the allies is the latest means whereby entente statesmen are seeking to stimulate the war ardor of their people, whose belief in the justice of their own cause is vanishing," says Baron von Dem Bussche-Haddenhausen, German under secretary for foreign affairs, in an interview published in Berlin newspapers in reply to the statement of the British minister of blockade last week.

In this statement Lord Robert said the failure of Germany's "knockout offensive" on the western front would result in a great peace offensive in his opinion.

"Let the British people deal with such maneuvers as they will," said the German under secretary. "The sword-first has to speak. Our task is to break with hard steel our enemies' destructive aims against our achievements and integrity. We have attained gigantic successes. We can face the future with firm confidence."

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AMERICANS UNDER FIRE

American troops, on the French front not far from Montdidier, have been under a storm of shells for the last couple of days, projectiles containing high explosives being mingled with those charged with poisonous gas fired into the lines held by General Pershing's men.

Along the rest of the front in France there have been no engagements of unusual character, nor has the Italian front been attacked as yet by the Austrians who have assembled there.

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Heavy Fighting Foreseen. From the official reports and special dispatches filed by correspondents at the front there come intimations that heavy fighting may be resumed at any time. The fact that heavy rains are falling may have a great deal to do with the delay in the German drive, but the allies hold high ground, from which they can observe the German positions, which are generally in the lowlands, and have kept up a heavy artillery fire in sectors where the Germans have been assembling or have been at work in bringing up guns for the battle which is virtually certain to come.

There is a feeling along the French front that the Germans may attack in the Ypres, Arras and Amiens sectors at the same time. These blows would really be phases of a new attempt to cut through the lines in the Somme sector, eliminate the Arras sector and carry the high ground to the southwest of Ypres.

Strong Forces Menace Arras. It has been pointed out by observers that an attack on the Arras sector, either on the apex between Arras and Leus or on the sides of the allied lines as they stretch back from those cities, must come before the Germans can hope to carry their advance in either Flanders or Picardy much further. It is reported that heavy forces are being assembled before Arras for the expected attack.

Little relative to the international situation in Austria has come over the cables, but from Serbia sources it is learned that on at least two occasions there have been clashes between the Slovenian population of that country and the Germans.

The methods by which the German military authorities have dealt with the Ukrainians have been denounced in both Berlin and Vienna by socialist leaders.

Two U. S. Generals Relieved Of Positions in France

With the American Army in France, May 6.—Brigadier General Benjamin Alford, adjutant general of the American expeditionary forces, and Brigadier General A. E. Bradley, chief surgeon, have been relieved of their positions on account of ill health and are returning to America.

Lieutenant Colonel Robert C. Davis will act as adjutant general and Col. Merritt W. Ireland as chief surgeon.

Flier Dies of Injuries From Airplane Crash

Fort Worth, Tex., May 6.—Lieutenant: Fred E. Keas and East Milton, Mass., flying instructor at Tullahoma field, died today from injuries received last week when his machine fell.

He had been located here since November, coming to Texas after having received his commission at a Canadian field. This was his second accident.

Two Women Executed In France as Spies

Nantes, France, May 6.—Two women spies, Josephine Alvarez and Victorine Faucher, condemned to death by court-martial January 25, were executed this morning.