

DIAZ LEADS LATIN

ALLIED MILITARY COMMITTEE TO DIRECT OPERATIONS—FAMOUS CHIEFS ON BODY.

GEN. CADORNA GIVEN PLACE

Generals Foch, Wilson and Emanuel's Commander to Co-Operate in Campaign—Allied Troops on Way to Firing Line.

Italian Army Headquarters, Nov. 12.—The conference of British, French and Italian representatives has resulted in the creation of a permanent inter-allied military committee. New leadership for the Italian army has been provided.

General Cadorna, who has been in supreme command of the Italian army since the beginning of the war, has been given a place on the new committee.

New heads of the Italian army have been named. General Diaz has been appointed first in command, with General Badoglio second and General Grandino third.

General Foch, chief of staff of the French war ministry, and General Wilson, subchief of the British general staff, will serve on the inter-allied committee with General Cadorna.

Among military officers the decision of the allies to create a permanent military committee has caused great satisfaction. It is accepted as evidence that the allies have awakened to the necessity for the closest union of the whole length of the western front for the political and military conduct of the war.

General Diaz is rated as one of the ablest Italian military leaders.

General Badoglio is a northerner. In the war he has been in command of a brigade of Bersaglieri, whose heroic deeds have done much to decrease the gravity of the disaster.

General Grandino was minister of war in the cabinet of Premier Boselli. He was one of the leading generals.

The Italians continue their retreat in accordance with the plan of the general staff.

From the Treviso hills they are pouring down a rain of shells on the Germans and Austrians, making them pay a heavy price for the ground they gain.

A dozen bridges have been blown up on the Livenza river to arrest and delay as much as possible the advance of the Austro-Germans toward the Piave river.

Both British and French troops are going toward the front.

The French and British representatives who have come to Italy had a conference of two hours with King Victor Emmanuel.

The military measures called for by the present situation were discussed in active and cordial collaboration. On leaving the king the party visited French and British troops going toward the front.

The Italians are still holding back the Austrians and Germans by rear-guard actions, while the main body of the troops is establishing itself on the positions chosen for the resistance, says the official statement issued on Friday.

Berlin, Nov. 12.—The Austro-German forces in northern Italy, overcoming the resistance of the Italian rear guards, are advancing toward the Piave river, the war office announced on Friday.

U. S. SHIP ROCHESTER SUNK

Steamer Torpedoed by Submarine With Loss of Four Lives—Freighter Sinks U-Boat.

Washington, Nov. 10.—The American steamship Rochester was torpedoed and sunk at dusk on November 2. Four sailors are known to have lost their lives. One boat with the second mate and 13 men is missing.

An Atlantic Port, Nov. 10.—Information that an American shell fired by an American naval gunner sank a Teutonic submarine in the Mediterranean is contained in a report made to the navy department by the officers of an American freight steamship which arrived here recently. It was learned.

IOWA TO HONOR SOLDIER

Citizens to Erect Shaft in Memory of Dewey Kern, Who Was Captured by Germans.

Omaha, Neb., Nov. 8.—Citizens of Collins, Ia., and of Glidden, Ia., are talking of erecting monuments to Dewey Kern, first Iowan taken prisoner by Germans, and Morel D. Hay, first Iowan killed in action in the American army abroad. Kern lived at Collins, Ia., and Hay lived at Glidden. Memorial services for Hay were held in Glidden last night.

Doctor Wagner Dies in Berlin.

Amsterdam, Nov. 12.—Dr. Adolph Wagner, former professor of jurisprudence and political economy at the University of Berlin, is dead in Berlin. He had an honorary degree from the University of Wisconsin.

Queen of Hawaii is Dying.

Honolulu, Nov. 12.—Former Queen Liliuokalani of Hawaii is dying, physicians say. Recently "Queen Lili" lost her hatred for the United States and subscribed liberally to the first United States Liberty loan.

A GOOD STRING



U. S. NOT SURPRISED WINS AID OF JAPAN

WASHINGTON PREPARED FOR UP-RISING IN RUSSIA. SPECIAL INTERESTS DEFINED AS IDENTICAL WITH MEXICO.

Probability of Change for Better Through Counter-Revolution or Some General. Agreement Reached on Military and Economic Co-operation to Crush Foe—Keeps Door Open to China.

Washington, Nov. 9.—The newest Russian upheaval surprised nobody in our government. They had hoped for the permanence of the Kerensky government, but they never lost track of the ever-present probability that the radicals, with their program of immediate peace, division of the land and other Utopian dreams, would seize the government from the uncertain hands of the young dictator.

Our military officials warned the government at the time of the original abolition of the death penalty for military offenses that Russia had ceased to be a dependable factor in the war.

Obviously the other allies, with the same information, reached the same conclusion, and plans were made accordingly.

Our task is harder and longer than it seemed when we entered the war, but there is no other change.

There is always the possibility of the Russian situation changing for the better, either through the rest of Russia refusing to accept the Bolshevik domination of Petrograd or through a counter-revolution in the army.

ORDER HITS ELECTRIC SIGNS

Doctor Garfield Will Permit Their Use Only Between Hours of 7:45 and 11 P. M.—To Save Coal.

Washington, Nov. 12.—Fuel Administrator Garfield on Friday issued his order darkening all advertising "white ways" in the country before 7:45 p. m. and after 11 p. m. Advertising signs burning electricity made from coal or coke may remain lighted only between these hours.

Coal supplies to industries classed as nonessential will be sharply reduced within a few days.

Industries are now being classified and those whose products are not necessary in the conduct of the war will be supplied with fuel in limited quantities.

To relieve the coal shortage in Ohio and Michigan, the fuel administration will suspend for one day, November 19, the priority order under which most of the coal mined in the central field is going to the lakes for transhipment to the Northwest.

WAR WELDS THE NATION

President Issues Thanksgiving Day Proclamation—Names November 29 as Day of Prayer.

Washington, Nov. 9.—President Wilson issued his 1917 Thanksgiving proclamation calling upon the nation, even in the midst of sorrow and great peril of a world shaken by war, to thank God for blessings that are better than mere peace of mind and prosperity of enterprise.

The proclamation fixes Thursday, November 29, as Thanksgiving day.

CORN CROP BREAKS RECORD

Harvest for 1917 Aggregates 3,191,085,000 Bushels—Potatoes Total 440,000,000.

Washington, Nov. 10.—The American corn crop of 1917, aggregating 3,191,083,000 bushels, breaks all previous records, and the 440,000,000 bushels potato crop also exceeds any former production, according to final reports of the department of agriculture on the harvest of the first war year.

Auto Bandits Wreck Bank.

Jackson, Mich., Nov. 12.—The Farmers' State bank in the village of Concord was wrecked by burglars. The bandits escaped with about \$18,000 in cash. Explosions in the bank attracted several citizens.

Major Hanley is Injured.

Rantoul, Ill., Nov. 12.—Major Thomas Hanley, Jr., chief of flying instruction, is in the hospital with minor injuries as the result of striking a Curtiss plane just beginning to ascend while the major was landing.

SPARKS FROM THE WIRE

Wildwood, N. J., Nov. 8.—The Hotel Greylock was destroyed by fire here. The loss is estimated at \$50,000. The origin of the fire is unknown.

Kent, O., Nov. 9.—Two interurbans met in collision near here on the Northern Ohio Traction line. Reports said two persons were killed and fifteen injured.

Amsterdam, Nov. 8.—Commenting on the Austro-German advance in the direction of Venice, the semi-official Berlin news agency prepares the public for an attack on the famous art center.

Bloomington, Ill., Nov. 8.—William Mennen, pioneer farmer and the oldest man in Illinois, is dead at Benson, aged one hundred and four. He was a native of Germany, but came to this vicinity when he was a youth.

Youngstown, O., Nov. 10.—An explosion of mysterious origin caused a fire which wrecked part of the plant of the American Sintering company's plant here. The damage is estimated at \$75,000.

Captain Rogstedt Shot Dead. Camp Logan, Houston, Tex., Nov. 10.—Capt. Oscar Rogstedt of La Grange, Ill., was killed near here. Rogstedt and two soldiers were examining a revolver when it was accidentally discharged.

STATE MONEY GETS HIGHER INTEREST

TREASURER HALL REPORTS BIDS OF 5 PER CENT

NEWS FROM STATE CAPITAL

Items of Varied Interest Gathered from Reliable Sources at the State House

State Treasurer George E. Hall has compiled a report of the results of the new method of giving state funds to banks that offer the highest rate of interest. The last legislature passed a bill authorizing the state funds to be given to the highest bidder. Governor Neville vetoed this act but with the understanding that the state treasurer had authority to auction state funds in that way under an existing statute which says the treasurer may make rules under which state funds can be deposited in depository banks.

Under the law which gives the state treasurer power to fix the rate of interest on state funds, anywhere above 2 per cent depository banks have paid the uniform rate of interest for state funds, namely 3 per cent. State Treasurer Hall has a total of \$453,413 of state funds in depository banks. Most of this, or \$230,000 is drawing 4 per cent, and \$102,000 is drawing 5 per cent. Banks in the western and northern part of the state are paying the state 5 per cent.

Treasurer Hall says in his report to the governor and members of the legislature that the new plan will bring to the state \$25,000 in two years more in interest than was derived under the 3 per cent rate. Not all of this is derived from the increase in interest rate, but some of it being on account of an increase in the amount of state funds constantly on deposit.

Alleges Defrauding of State

In a letter to Attorney General Willis E. Reed, Governor Neville calls attention to the alleged defrauding of the state in the sum of about \$1,000 by padding the record of meals furnished companies of the Nebraska National Guard during the mobilization last spring.

The proprietor of a Lincoln restaurant is named by the governor as the man said to have thus defrauded the state. The man is already under arrest by federal authorities, and awaiting trial in federal court, on the charge of defrauding the government in the same way after the state troops were mustered into United States service.

Three vouchers are said by Governor Neville to have been issued for amounts in excess of the price of meals actually furnished certain companies of the Sixth Nebraska when those units were being held in Lincoln for the muster. The total fraudulent excess is alleged to be \$1,000.

Dairy Judging Team Returns

J. R. Shepherd, L. F. Lundgren, J. D. McKeley and Ed Duncombe, composing the Nebraska dairy judging team, have returned from the annual dairy judging contest held at Columbus, O., in connection with the national dairy show. The Nebraska team this year stood first in the judging of Holsteins and won the Holstein-Friesian silver trophy for the best work in this breed. J. R. Shepherd also has the distinction of having the highest standing of any student participating in the contest in the judging of Holsteins, and received the \$400 scholarship awarded by the Holstein-Friesian association. J. D. McKeley, '18, is the highest ranking man on the Nebraska team.

Quarterly Allowance for Soldiers

Governor Neville has received a government draft for \$5,950, being the quarter allowance from the general government for the support of the state home for soldiers at Grand Island, and a draft for \$2,425 on account of the Milford home for soldiers. The payment is at the rate of \$100 a year for each member of the homes for the quarter ending September 30. At that time the Milford home had ninety-seven members and the Grand Island home 238 members. The money does not go direct to these homes, but is turned into the state treasury for the general fund and is used to pay current expenses of the state government.

To Inspect New Seventh Regiment

Major C. F. Severson of the regular army, now stationed at Fort Crook, has been detailed by the war department to inspect the new Seventh regiment, Nebraska national guard, preliminary to its recognition and acceptance for federal services. Governor Neville, as colonel of the regiment, has been notified of Major Severson's assignment and the latter requests him to prepare an itinerary. This will be made up at once by Adjutant General Clapp under the governor's direction.

Chancellor Avery makes the following announcement:

"All students of the university who can render a service to the country and to the farmers of the state by helping to gather the corn crop are urgently requested to secure a leave of absence for this purpose. On your return to the university special coaches will be assigned to you without cost and every opportunity afforded for making up back work. This is a patriotic duty at a time when there should be no selfishness on the part of any of our people."

BIG OCTOBER BUSINESS

Cash Receipts for the Month Totaled \$9,425,400

The volume of business transacted in the office of the secretary of state was greater in the month just closed than in any preceding October in the history of the state. The cash receipts for the month totaled \$9,425,000, an increase of \$4,316,950 over the month of October in 1916. The fees were derived from the following sources:

	1916	1917
Corporation permits	\$2,890.00	\$4,240.00
Corporation penalties	252.00	616.00
Filing articles of incorporation	1,648.20	3,014.05
Appointment resident agents		350.00
Notary commissions	56.00	66.00
Brands	139.50	858.00
Certificates and transcripts	48.25	232.15
Sale of statutes	67.00	48.00
Other sources	7.50	.70
Total	\$5,108.45	\$9,425.40

Increase over 1916—\$4,316.95.

Must Give Registration Number

Owners of automobiles may on and after November 24 pay license fees to county treasurers if a plan evolved by Secretary of State Pool is carried into effect. Mr. Pool has written county treasurers as follows: "You may be occasionally requested to take license money for 1918 automobile plates before the present year closes. In order to assist you and at the same time accommodate those who desire to pay early, I have thought best to advise all county treasurers that beginning November 24 you may send to this office the 1918 applications but they must be included in a separate envelope which is plainly marked on the outside 'For 1918.' Do not send any to us previously to November 24 as we will not be prepared to handle them. Also, in every instance you must give the registration number that is to be renewed, otherwise the application will be returned to you. If you will take up the question of dealer plates immediately with the dealers and have them renew and you will send their applications to us in a separate envelope as soon as you receive them, it will assist us materially in being ready to send out the dealer plates by the first of the year. Be sure to make your orders for 1918 specific."

War Courses at State University

"War courses" will be introduced by the University of Nebraska as a means of giving the boy and girl back home a chance to work on the farm and keep up their school work at the same time.

Beginning December 3 a special semester of school will open in practically every department. This semester will dismiss early in the spring before planting operations and every student who completes the course will receive credit for one semester, or one-half of an entire year's work.

At the same time comes the announcement that the Christmas vacation at the state university will be shortened one week, and other vacations proportionately, cutting off two weeks at the end of the university year.

The special semester will be independent of the regular school year and will last seventeen weeks, closing early in April. The school of agriculture at the state farm will hold a special session at the same time but it will last thirteen weeks, closing early in March.

Offers to Sell Ash and Bridge

Owners of the toll bridge over the Platte river at Ashland have made a proposition to the state board of irrigation, highways and drainage to sell it to the state and Saunders county for \$15,000, or \$5,000 less than the valuation fixed by engineers for the railway commission, if the state will pay \$10,000 and the county \$5,000 right away and then permit the company to operate the bridge and retain the revenues for another ten months.

Alex Laverty of Ashland, who submitted the offer, estimates that the earnings for ten months will amount to \$7,500, which added to the \$15,000 which the state and county would pay, will make the \$22,500 which the owners ask.

Representative R. C. Regan of Platte county has filed his resignation as a member of the legislature and has been appointed by Governor Neville as inspector of weights and measures under the food commission, to succeed W. F. Harris, who died last week.

No One Bank Represented

No state banks in Nebraska have joined the federal reserve system in response to the recommendation of the governing board of regional banks that all institutions operating under state laws become members. Secretary Tooley of the state banking board has received a few inquiries from Nebraska banks but none of the institutions has taken the necessary steps. The Bank of Lewellen, with \$25,000 capital, doing business in Garden county, is the only state bank which has joined the regional system.

Coach E. J. Stewart of the University football squad announces that he has signed a three-year contract with Syracuse for Thanksgiving games in Lincoln, with an option to extend the agreement an additional two years. When arrangements for the Thanksgiving day battle were completed last year, it was understood the two universities would enter into a five-year contract for games in Lincoln on that date. The Syracuse arrangement insures Nebraska a big Thanksgiving day game. The Husker management gives Syracuse a \$5,000 guarantee.



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