SLAVS MUST BE FREE!

LANSING MAKES U. S. GOVERN-MENT'S POSITION PLAIN

STRIKE OFF GERMAN YOKE

America Officially Announces That All Branches of Race Shall Escape

Teuton Control

Washington,-That all branches of the Slav race should be completely freed of the German and Austrian rule is the declaration of the United States government, made through Secretary Lansing. Lansing's statement says:

"Since the issue by this government May 29 of the statement regarding the nationalistic aspirations for freedom of the Czecho-Slovacs and Jugo-Slavs, German and Austrian officials and sympathizers have sought to misinterpret and distort its manifest interpretation. In order that there may be no misunderstanding concerning the meaning of the statement, the secretary of state further announces the position of the United States to be that all branches of the Slav race should be completely freed of German and Austrian rule."

Von Kuelhmann Angers Kaiser

Washington.-According to an Amsterdam dispatch to the Central News the German emperor has sent the Imperial Chancellor Count von Hertling "a furious telegram" concerning von Kuehlmann's speech, At Washington the Serbian minister has declared that the address betrays for the first time the fact that Germany no longer believes in victory by force of arms and consequently tries to obtain it by other means. For this reason the nations fighting the central powers should have greater faith than ever in their final victory by force.

Austria Further Subjugated

Washington. - Complete control of the Austrian armies is demanded by Germany as a result of the Austrian defeat along the Piave. The attitude of the German press and the German people toward Austria as a result of her failure to overwhelm the Italians is declared to be bitter. The Germans intimated that the Austrians were materially aided by their allies in advance of the proposed Austrian offensive with reserves, guns and sup-

Preserving Peace in Panama Washington.-Secretary Baker has

instructed Major General Blatchford, commanding the department of Panama, to take over the policing of the cities of Panama and Colon for the purpose of maintaining public order. The action resulted from information received at the state department from the government of Panama that grave disorders were expected because of the postponement of the national elections set for June 30.

Two Thousand Condemned

London.—The British government has received reports from unofficial sources that Hungarian soldiers had mutinied in Pecs and Gyor, interior cities, and that 2,000 of the mutineers had been condemned to death. The government attaches great importance to these reports, as coming from reliable sources. It was further reported that citizens have staged violent demonstrations in various Hungarian

Mechanical Arson Device Pittsburgh.-A high power airgun

and mechanical arson device designed to destroy buildings without leaving a trace, were found in the effects of Fernando Roberto Edurado Ludleicke, German alien enemy, arrested on charges of failing to register. Ludleicke, who speaks five languages, told officials he was born in Germany and formerly was a German army officer.

Non-Partisan League Wins

Bismarck.-Primary election returns indicate that the national non-partisan league again has captured the state administration. Returns from fity out of fifty-three counties showed Governor Lynn Frazier, leaguer, leading by 12,000 votes. League officials claim the nomination of three Republican candidates for congress, including Representative John Baer.

Money Left To Charity

Chicago.-The late George B. Harris, formerly president of the C. B. & Q. railroad, left his estate of nearly two millions mostly to Chicago charities. Relatives are left trust funds which revert to charity on their death. A sister, Mrs. Celia Harwood, and a brother, Charles L. Harris, both of Lincoln, Nebr., were left \$70,000 in trust.

New York .-- Elwood Banfield of this city and Mrs. Helen L. Smith of White Plains were arrested here on the charge of buying postage and war-saving stamps from office boys which they knew were stolen.

Amundsen Away to North

Christiana.-Roald Amundsen's ship Maude, in which the famous explorer will attempt to reach the north pole, has left for the north. Captain Amundsen himself will board the vessel when she reaches Tromsoe.

Indiana Dry Law Is Upheld Indianapolis.—The Indiana's state wide prohibition law is upheld by the state supreme court. The decision was four to one, Judge John W. Spencer of Evansville, casting the only dissenting THE WEAKEST LINK

America's Aircraft Program Fails to Come Up to Expectations

Washington.-Continued failure in aircraft production, despite former exposures, reorganizations and promises of greater efficiency, is revealed by the report of the subcommittee on aircraft production of the senate military affairs committee which has visited all the important aircraft plants of the country and is now concluding its inquiry yield close to 45 bushels to the acre. with the examination of witnesses. Aircraft production remains the weak-

est point in the nation's war activities. No production adequate to the needs of the rapidly growing army or commensurate with the plans of air control which the allies have formed is being contributed by this nation. Only at Dayton, Ohio, where the De Haviland type of machine equipped with the liberty motor is being made, is production proceeding with either cer-

tainty or rapidity. There is still confusion among the authorities respecting the type of machine to be manufactured, still endless experimentation and constant changes of plans, with the result, it is declared that no heavy bombing planes, the planes needed to aid in any advance by the allies, will be produced in this country for several months and pos-

sibly not for a year. The committee has learned also that much of the same difficulties have been met with in connection with the production in this country of the Caproni bombing plane, the design for which was furnished by the Italians and to aid in the production of which D'Annunzio, the inventor, came to this

July Call Totals 243,436

Washington.-As a further step in carrying out the war department's plan to have three million men under arms August first, Provost Marshal General Crowder has called on the governors of all the states except Arizona and Illinois for the mobilization between July 22 and 25 of 220,000 white draft registrants for general military service. This call is expected to exhaust the number of men in class 1, and when added to school requisitions of 23,436 men, brings the total calls so far announced for July to 243,436. To complete its program the department will have to depend on the 400,000 class 1 registrants expected from the June 5 enrollment and the 250,000 or 300,000 to be obtained thru the reclassification now in progress.

For Conquest of Palestine

Pittsburg.-That the present Jewish legion of 8,000 men now fighting with the British for the complete conquest of Palestine, is but the nucleus of a force ten times as great which will form the national standing army of the coming Jewish republic, was one of the most important points developed during a session of the Zionist convention here. Every Jew, who has enlisted in the legion from the United States, has pledged to remain in Palestine for the remainder of his life, according to Dr. A. A. Newman of Philadelphia, who discussed plans for the formation of an army.

Texas on the Water Wagon

Austin.-Texas is a "bone dry" state. Approximately 750 saloons closed under a state-wide prohibition act. Eighteen hundred saloons had previously been closed by legislative act re-establishing a ten-mile "dry" zone around military camps and ship-building plants. Under the ten-mile law, which became effective Apri 15, the sale of intoxicants ceased in the principal cities. Saloons just closed were located in the less populous districts.

Poole Heads Rotary Club

Kansas City.-John Poole of Washington, "dark horse" candidate, was elected president of the international association of Rotary clubs on the second ballot. He received 273 votes, but his election later was made unanimous. Other officers elected are: Albert F. Adams, Atlanta, first vice president; Edward R. Kelsey, Toledo, second vice president; Willard I. Lansing, Providence, third vice president; Rufus F. Chapin, Chicago, treasurer.

\$1,500,000,000 From Income Tax

Washington .- More than \$1,500.000,-000 tax certificates of indebtedness, issued during the last six months, became due for payment June 25, but nearly two-thirds of the amount already has been turned in to revenue guage in the churches. He said that collectors in payment of taxes. Taxes by continuing the use of German in not paid on that date will be subject to imposition of the penalty of 5 per cent and 1 per cent a month additional.

Copenhagen.-Russian Red guards have broken into the residence of Nicholas Romanoff, the former emperor, at Ekaterinburg and murdered him, according to the Russian newspaper Vija, says a Stockholm dispatch ens and more than 1,500 boys and to the Nationla Tidende.

Paris-The much bombarded city of Nancy will celebrate the Fourth of July. The city hall and public buildings will be decorated with the American colors and appropriate exercises will be held.

Was Asleep at the Throttle

Hammond.-Alonzo Sargent, engineer of the Michigan Central train which collided with the rear end of a Hagenbeck-Wallace circus train near Gary, was ordered held incommunicado tonight by Acting Coroner H. C. Green. Gustave Klauss, fireman on the equipment train, also was ordered held. No reason was given for the order. Lewis Johnson, conductor of the equipment train, told the story that Sargent admitted to him after the wreck that he had been "dozing" just before the crash occurred.

SHORT STATE NOTES

News of Nebraska Told In Condensed Form

Some farmers in the vicinity of Lisco estimate their wheat fields will

Three sorghum mills are to be established in Seward county. It is expected that sorghum will be extensively used as a substitute for sugar.

Nearly 500,000 pounds of wool have been shipped from Nebraska during the past three weeks, as the result of the government's call for the product.

Farmers of Sheridan county have planned a corporation for the purpose of building a potato starch factory at Gordon. Its capital stock is to be \$30,000.

Nemaha county tabulations of the above 1917.

Many country school districts in Colfax county are raising the salaries be scarce at \$80.

The Gage county defense council at a meeting at Beatrice passed resolutions against the use of the German language in any town in Gage county on the streets, or at any meeting.

According to unofficial advices from Washington, Nebraska will be called this state were inducted into military

County Agricultural Agent L. C. Christie of Fremont has established labor agencies in every town and community center in Dodge county in an effort to solve the labor problems that confront the farmer.

Prof. C. W. Pugsley, for the past seven years director of the extension service of the University Agricultural College at Lincoln, has taken over the editorship of the Nebraska Farmer, published in the Capital City.

Preaching in foreign languages has been forbidden in Madison county by the council of defense. Religious liberty will be maintained by giving private instructions to those who do not understand the English language.

According to tabulation compiled by a good roads publication of New York, close to \$300,000,000 will be expended on the rural roads of the United States during 1918. Of this amount, \$4,500,000 will be spent in Nebraska.

Regents of the State university demanded the resignations of Professors C. E. Persinger, G. W. Luckey and Ervin Hopt, following charges by the state council of defense that their attitude toward the war was decidedly improper. Prof. F. M. Fling and Mrs. Minnie T. England were branded as trouble-makers and asked to make an adequate explanation or their connec- Hine. nate. Six other instructors accused of un-Americanism were exonerated.

A movement is under way in Nebraska to have the state constitution amended so that revenue from motor vehicle licenses and taxes will be put into a fund for the maintenance of public highways. As matters now stand the money received from the taxation of motor vehicles, estimated at \$2,000,000 annually, goes to the state and county funds. The proposition is that the money of each county will be used for the roads in that county. Automobile clubs and owners and many of the commercial clubs and like organizations over the state are pushing the proposition.

Continued use of the German language in church and Sunday school services is an affront to the patriotic sentiment of the state and will undoubtedly lead to the enactment of a law prohibiting it, Attorney General North Loup, who had inquired of the attorney whether the state council of defense had authority to prohibit the use of the German language in the Sunday school and in church, Mr. Reed plainly indicates that there is no law-on the statute books which would prohibit the use of the German lanreligious services and Sunday school the churches employing it are helping to discredit their own professions of loyalty.

According to C. W. Watson, head of the Junior department of the University agricultural college, more than 5,000 boys and girls are raising chickgirls are raising pigs in Nebraska. They will produce, he estimates, 750,000 pounds of pork and the same amount of chickens this year.

Deputy State Superintendent Woodard is urging school boards in Nebraska to scan text books during the summer and purge those of pro-German leaning.

Thirty thousand school children of Omaha will start a campaign as soon as school begins in the fall to gather bottles, proceeds from which will be given to the Red Cross. Citizens of the metropolis are asked to save all old bottles for the youngsters. One city in the east raised \$25,000 by this

method. Calls are being made throughout Nebraska for harvest hands. Any man or boy who has had farm experience will be rendering his country valuable service by helping in the fields.

Stanton county was first in the state to go "over the top" on its War Savings Stamp drive.

Business men of Wymore are assisting farmers in the community in harvesting their wheat crop. Colfax county will vote upon the

proposition of erecting a new court house at the election this fall. A large percentage of Lincoln's

business and professional men have volunteered to go on the farm during the harvest season. More land is being broken up this

season in Kimball county for 1913 fall wheat than in the past four or BEGINNING THE CHRISTIAN LIFE five years put together. Twenty cattle were killed by light-

ning at the E. A. Cunue ranch, near

Mitchell, when a severe electrical storm passed-over the district. At a meeting of threshermen and farmers at Fremont a price of seven cents for threshing wheat and four cents for oats and barley were agreed

upon. "Take the sugar bowl off the taassessor's reports show an increase of | ble," is the order that is being delivnearly \$2,000,000 in the value of the ered to the hotel and restaurant men personal property of the county of Lincoln by the county food administrator.

A load of extra heavy pulp fed cattle from the Great Western Sugar of rural teachers from \$45 to \$80 a company at Scotsbluff, sold for \$18 month, and good teachers are said to | per 100 pounds on the South Omaha market. Wencel Miklas, 19, and Miss Adella

Cnuk, 17, of Dodge, were drowned in Wordeman lake, near Wisner, when a boat in which they were rowing, capsized. The congregation of St. Paul's

Evangelical Lutheran church, near upon to furnish 4,000 men in the July | Stella, bought \$24,500 worth of Libdraft call. In June 4,000 selects from erry bonds and \$7,000 worth of War Savings Stamps. Fishermen have caught some un-

usually large catfish in the Platte near Fremont lately. Two fiftypounders were captured last week by Leshara sportsmen.

Kearney is laying an additional 40 odd blocks of street paving this year, grading being completed on about half of the districts and asphalt already being laid on seven blocks.

Despite the dry, hot weather of the past few days, Nebraska will have a splendid wheat crop this year, according to Prof W. W. Burr of the agronomy department of the University of Nebraska.

A number of Gage county farmers began cutting wheat last week. - While the grain has been slightly damaged by the heat it is estimated that it will yield from 15 to 25 bushels to the According to a ruling given by Dep-

uty Attorney General Roe, men who desire to become candidates for political honors at the statewide primary on August 20 must file on or before July 20. Three thousand five hundred dollars willed to relatives in Germany,

was ordered by the court at Falls City to be sent to the allen property custodian at Washington in the final hearing of the estate of Mrs. Dorothy tion with the university would termi- In the countles of Nuckolls, Furnes, Gosper, Frontier, Perkins, Keith, Mor-

rill, Banner, Box Butte, Cherry, Grant and Scottsbluff, school land valuations under sale appraisements have been increased \$32,000 over the old lease appraisements. Boyd county has a woman aspirant for the office of sheriff. She is Mrs.

Christiansen of Monowi, and has filed for the republican nomination. She has only one hand, but it is reported she can handle a gun with fair accuracy despite this handicap. While sleeping at her home at

Plattsmouth, Hazel O'Brien, 12, was shorn of her beautiful head of hair in a very mysterious manner. The preceding afternoon the girl was approached by a stranger who appeared to be an Egyptian, in the streets of Weeping Water.

Attorney General Reed has ruled that no person of allen enemy nationality, who is a non-resident of Ne-Reed advised Rev. J. J. Meyer of braska, is eligible to receive a permit from the courts of this state entitling him to teach, preach, lecture, edit or publish a newspaper, and no permit may be issued under the state sedition laws.

The Nonpartisan lengue has not even got a chance for a look-in in Boyd county, according to Representative Christ Andersen, who visited Governor Neville at Lincoln recenfly, "The people of Boyd county are too busy raising crops and helping war activities to give it any time or attention," he said.

As the result of the neute shortage of sugar people of Nebraska are called upon by the state food administration to limit their consumption to two pounds per person per month. Heretofore the allowance was three pounds monthly for each person. The sugar shortage is caused by ship sinkings and the poor crop in Cuba.

According to J. H. Kohler of Fremont, bugs can be kept from cucumber vines by the simple method of planting nasturiums in the cucumber patches.

In a statement explaining its action in demanding the resignation of Professors Hopt, Persinger and Luckey, the board of regents of the state university said the position and public utterances of the last two had been indiscreet, and said that Professor Hopt held conscientious scruples

against war. The Union Pacific has taken off sixteen trains on its branch lines in Nebraska. Permission for discontinuance of the service was granted by the state railway commission and is considered a war move

IMPROVED UNIFORM INTERNATIONAL

SUNDAY SCHOOL LESSON

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LESSON FOR JULY 7

LESSON TEXT-Acts 16:13-34.
GOLDEN TEXT-Whosoever will, 16: im take the water of life freely.-Revela-

DEVOTIONAL READING—John 15:4-16 ADDITIONAL MATERIAL FOR TEACHERS—Acts 2:37-47; 8:26-46; Romans

PRIMARY TOPIC-Loving and trusting Jesus.-John 1:35-51. MEMORY VERSE-We love because he first loved us .- I John 4:19.

I. How Lydia Began the Christian Life (vv. 13-15).

Lydia was the first convert to Christ in Europe. Hers was a typical conversion. Note the steps therein: 1. Attendance at the place of prayer (v. 13).

The accustomed place here was at the river side. The accustomed place today is in church. God can and does save men and women without any seeming connection with places of established worship, but he appears to most people at such places. The very fact that he has established and sustains churches here and there is an urgent call to all men and women to place themselves in the way of salvation. While no one can save himself, yet all can put themselves in the way of salvation by attending church, reading the Bible, etc.

2. Listening to the preaching of the Word of God (vv. 13, 14).

Paul took advantage of the opportunity which was given him by the assemblage of this group of devoted women to preach Christ to them. He was alert for and prized highly the opportunity to tell the people about Christ. He knew also how perllous It was to neglect to witness for Christ it a time when unsaved people are together. The opportunity is God's call to preach Christ,

3. Her heart was opened by the Lord (v. 14).

The individual may place himself in the way of salvation by coming near to the means of grace, and the preacher may preach the Word of God, but there is no hope of salvation until the heart is opened by the Lord (John 8:44, 45). While the salvation of every one is dependent upon this sovereign act of the Lord, yet we can be sure that he is willing at all times to do this for those who, like Lydia, place themselves in the way of his saving grace.

4. She was baptized, (v. 15). This ordinance follows belief in Chirst. The invariable rule in the early church was for believers to be baptized. While there is no salvation the water of baptism, yet hearty obedience should be rendered in this respect (Acts 2:38-41; 8:12; Mark 16: 16). Lydia brought-her household to Christ. This is as it should be. She

showed signs of the new life, in that she expressed gratitude toward those who had been instrumental in her conversion (v. 15) by constraining them to share the hospitality of her home. II. How the Philippian Jailer Began the Christian Life (vv. 25-34).

1. The occasion (vv. 25, 26). The casting out of the spirit of divination from the damsel landed Paul and Silas in prison. The pain of bleeding backs, and of feet in stocks, kept them from sleeping; but not from praying and singing. The Lord heard their prayers and sent an earthquake which shook the jail, opened the doors of the prison, and loosed the bonds from the prisoners' hands.

2. The method (vv. 27-34). (1) Visitation of the supernatural (vv. 27-29). The jailer was awakened from his sleep by the earthquake. This earthquake was unusual in that it loosed the bonds from the prisoners' hands. In his desperation the jailer was about to commit suicide. This was averted by Paul's assurance that all were sare. The fact that the doors were opened and the prisoners free and yet no one escaped, showed him that something unusual had occurred. Therefore, he came trembling and prostrated himself before Paul and

(2) The great question (v. 30). In the presence of the supernatural he cried out, "What must I do to be saved?" One's salvation is not far off when he utters this cry with sincerity.

(3) The vital answer (vv. 31, 32). "Believe on the Lord Jesus Christ," is the only way to be saved. (Acts 4:12). Though the way of salvation is restricted, it is simple and easy. No one who has believed on Christ has failed to receive it. The jailer's faith was not blind faith, for they spake unto him the word of the Lord, and to all that were in his house, They were taught the meaning of belief in Christ.

(4) The evidence of a transformed life (vv. 83, 84).

(a) He was baptized (v. 33). As soon as one believes on Christ he wants to be baptized.

(b) He tenderly washed the stripes of Paul and Silas, showing that he was no longer the brutal jailer (v. 84). (c) He rejoiced (v. 84). The one who really accepts Christ is filled with

(d) A transformed home (v. 84). He believed on Christ and was bap tized, and his household.

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Figures Wanted.

Plain Heiress-I'd give a good deal to find a man who would love me just for myself. Impecune-H'm, yes! Well, about

how much?-Boston Transcript.

Beats Hun Glass. The United States bureau of standards has just issued a report on its tests of American-made glass for chemical use, which shows all the new American brands to be superior to the Kavaller and equal or superior to the most universally used before the war.

Brazil Filling Up.

The number of immigrants entering Brazil during the period of 1908 to 1910 totaled 926,282. Their nationality was principally as follows: Germans, 33,578; _Austrians, 21,843; French, 9,207; Spaniards, 190,767; Italians, 153,950; Jopanese, 15,773; Portuguese, 354,820; Russians, 49,477,

and Turco-Arabs, 481,534.

Right You Are. Mrs. Flatbush-I see that Chile's tillable soil is held by seven per cent of the population.

Mrs. Bensonhurst-That's pretty

"Why so?" "Because in this country the percentage of men who carry soll around on their boots is very considerably higher than that."

Old Grist Mill to Norristown. The Montgomery County (Pa.) Historical society has appointed a committee to arrange for the removal of an ancient grist and sawmill in Horsham, built in 1734, to Elmwood park, Norristown. The old mill, not operated for many years, has been offered to the society by Miss Mary Iredell. It was an old relic and the town councfl of Norristown has signfied that if it is accepted by the historical society and placed in Elmwood park along Stony creek, it would be taken care of by the borough in order that future generations may see how flour was ground and lumber sawed in pi-

oneer days. It is the intention to

bring to Norristown, if possible, the

large driving wheel, turbine wheel and

cob crusher.

