ANCRE VILLAGE IS RETAKEN BY BRITISH, WITH 360 PRISONERS.

CAPTURED 20 MACHINE GUNS

Operation in War Zone Confined Chiefly to Artillery Duels-No 'Indication as Yet of Promised Hun Offensive on a Large Scale.

Although the Germans in Flanders and Picardy are keeping up inceseantly their preparations for a resumption of their spring drive, there is as yet no indication that an attack on a large scale is immediately imminent.

Meanwhile the big guns continue to roar in mighty duels on various sectors, and here and there small bands of infantry leave their trenches in raids of small attacks with the object of capturing pieces of terrain which may be of strategic value when the big fight begins.

The latest of these small affairs where a bit of ground was required has been successfully carried out by the British in the capture of the village of Ville-Sur-Ancre, on the Amiens sector. Not only was the position taken, but with it 360 prisoners and twenty machine guns. Field Marshal Haig's own casualties were slight.

Another Successful Raid.

In raiding operations northwest of Albert and near Hamel the British also were enabled to take additional prisoners and machine guns.

That the Germans have the capture of Petrograd in prospect seems evident from thei latest operations in taken the island of Bjorko, which lies only thirty miles northwest of the Russian capital.

again there is considerable activity in the Transcaucasia and Persia. At Baku, on the western shore of the Caspian sea in Transcaucasia, the Musselmans and boisheviki have in Persia the Turks have occupied several towns south of Lake Urmia. The operations in Persia may indicate that it is the purpose of the Ottoman forces to harass the British line of communications along the Tigris river.

Advices from Amsterdam say that fourteen persons were killed and a large number injured in the bombing raid carried out by allied aviators on Cologne Inst Saturday.

TO SPEND NEARLY ONE MILLION

Big Budget Announced by Director

Washington, D. C.-Railroads under government operation this year will spend fearly a billion dollars for additions, betterments and equipment, or approximately three times as much as in any one of the last three years.

Total capital expenditures provided by the railroad administration as announced are 937,961,318. Of this big sum, \$440,071,000 will be spent for additions and betterments, such as stations and other property improvements; \$479,686,600 for equipmentcars and locomotives already ordered through the railroad administration, and \$18,203,000 for track extensions.

The figures disclose Director General McAdaa's determination to let the railroads make many improvements which they had neglected during the last three years, and postponing all possible projects requiring big expenditures. It also is shown that the railroad administration is not encouraging many extensions of lines during the war emergency, and in some cases projects already under way have been discontinued.

The railroad administration eliminated \$340,247,000, or nearly onefourth of the proposals. In paring down the budgets to this extent the administration made it plain that most of its decisions are tentative.

Air Raid on Cologne.

London.-Fourteen persons were killed and more than forty others infured when entente allied airplanes raided Cologne on Saturday, according to a dispatch from Amsterdam to the Central News agency. Six allied aviators participated in the attack. Much damage was done in the center follow it in detail. I have come here of Cologne, especially in the market

Ensign Crawley Killed.

Norfolk, Va.-Ensign Calvin Crawley, U. S. N. R., of St. Louis, was is to win the war. And the second killed at the Hampton Roads naval duty that goes hand in hand with it operating base air school here when is to win it greatly and worthily, showa scaplane he was piloting struck a plie in landing.

Five Children Burned to Death.

Silver City, N. M .- Five children of Thomas Pinson, a ranchman living five miles east of here, were burned to death in a fire which destroyed the Pinson home. Of six children alone ed, is to win the war. I have heard by their fellow citizens. That was a heart of those who are trying to conin the house, Levi, aged 9, who had gentlemen recently say that we must war to save one country—this is a tribute all the brains and power they only one to survive.

Illinois Bank Robbery. held up the tri-city bank in this city and escaped with \$10,000.

GAIN BIT OF GROUND WIN THE WAR IS FIRST DUTY, SAYS PRESIDENT

FOR THE FRONT, SAYS

WILSON.

MUST BE A WORTHY VICTORY

As Many Will Go Overseas as Ships Can Be Found to Carry Them, He Declares-Intends to Stand by Russia as Well as France.

New York, May 18 .- Opening with a speech here tonight the Red Cross drive for a second \$100,000,000 war fund, President Wilson announced the purpose of the United States to set no limit on its effort to win the war.

"I have heard gentlemen recently say," he said, "that we must get 5, 000,000 men ready. Why limit it to 5,000,000? I have asked of congress tends, I am sure, as we all intend, that succor, and if any man in Germany struction taken away from it, and plies shall go laden upon every voyage with every man and every supply they are mistaken. she can carry."

The United States, the president de-

Hypocritical Statements.

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its feet obsering.

Dwelling on the duty of Americans succor and friendship, to give to the Red Cross, the president money out of the war.

Given Big Ovation.

H. Dodge.

Before the speaking began the Metain and the United States.

In introducing the president, Mr. Dodge said that the president had 'asked for the privilege" of marching in today's parade when none of the committee had "dared" to invite him.

The president, Mr. Dodge declared, is the spokesman of all the great spiritual forces of the world.

The president started speaking at 9:30 o'clock. He began by saying he dld not come to New York to tell of the work of the Red Cross, but to tell what "I think it all means."

Text of His Speech.

The president's speech in full fol-

"Mr. Chairman and Fellow Country-

that Mr. Davison in any degree curtailed his exceedingly interesting speech for fear that he was postponing mine, because I ame sure you listened with the same intimate intent with which I listened to the extraordinarily vivid account he gave of the things which he had realized because he had come in contact with them on the other side of the waters.

"We compass them with our imagination; he compassed them in his personal experience, and I am not come here tonight to review for you the work of the Red Cross; I am not competent to do so, because I have not had the time or the opportunity to simply to say a few words to you as to what it all seems to me to mean and it means a great deal.

"There are two duties with which we are face to face. The first duty ing the real equality of our power not only, but real quality of our purpose and of ourselves.

Why Fix a Limit?

"Of course the first duty, the duty that we must keep in the foreground of our thought until it is accomplishget 5,000,000 men ready. Why limit war to save the world. it to 5,000,000?

"I have asked the congress of the is one of the relations which will re-United States to name no limit be- lieve you of the stigma. You can't I summon you in this next week to Madison, III.—Three masked men cause the congress intends, I am sure. Eive anything to the government of say how much and how sincerely and

the grim purpose of winning the war subject of peace. I can say with a clear conscience that I have tested those intimations and have found them their attitude. insincere. I now recognize them for what they are, an opportunity to have exploitation.

"Every proposal with regard to accommodation in the west involves a reservation with regard to the east. Now, so far as I am concerned, I intend to stand by Russia as well as France.

A voice from the audience interrupted with: "God bless you."

An Unselfish Cause.

to name no limit because congress in the very ones that need friends and the earth may have the blight of deevery ship that can carry men or sup- thinks we are going to sacrifice any- that wherever force goes, there body for our own sake I tell them now

low citizens, in so far as we are conclared, will not be diverted from its cerned, is that it is, perhaps for the purpose of winning the war by insin- first time in history, an unselfish war. cere approaches on the subject of I could not be proud to fight for a selfish purpose, but I can be proud to fight for mankind. If they wish peace let them come forward through "I can say with a clear conscience," accredited representatives and lay he said, "that I have tested these in their terms on the table. We have tentions and have found them insin- laid ours and they know what they

the Gulf of Finiand. Here they have free hand, particularly in the east, to my friends, lies the opportunity to carry out purposes of conquest and demonstrate not only force, which will exploitation. Every proposal with re- he demonstrated to the utmost, but gard to accommodation in the west the opportunity to demonstrate char-Dispatches from Russia show that involves a reservation in regard to the acter, and it is that opportunity that upon the reputation of the German latest draft call which summons east. I intend to stand by Russia as we have most conspicuously in the work of the Red Cross. Not that our the Red Cross. The statement brought the house to men in arms do not represent our character, for they do, and it is a char-The war, the president declared, is acter which those who see and realize strumentality they themselves parfought a battle in which, according to a war to save the world. The con- appreciate and admire; but their duty ticipated in setting up as the thing Moscow newspapers, 2,000 persons fliet, he said, will knit the world to is the duty of force. The duty of the which no man was to touch, because destroyed the big elevator of the

"Have you formed a picture in your declared no man could afford to make imagination of what this war is doing for us and for the world? In my own mind I am convinced that not a hundred years of peace could have knitted The president was given a great this nation together as this single year demonstration when he entered the of war has knitted it together; and hall and was introduced by Cleveland better even than that, if possible, it is knitting the world together.

aggrandizement: purpose, a new sense of unity of life. quainted with each other.

Why Italy is Our Friend.

"The secretary of war told me an interesting incident the other day. He said when he was in Italy a member of the Italian government was explaining to him the many reasons why Italy tions. felt near to the United States.

experiment go up to any one of these servants of liberty. For only where troop trains and ask in English how men are free do they think the many of them have been in America, and see what happens.'

"He tried the experiment. He went up to a troop train and said. How many of you boys have been in America? and he said it seemed to him as if half of them sprang up: 'Me from "I should be very sorry to think all over." There was part of the heart of America in the Italian army. Peo- repeating, because it contains the the elevator of the Farmers Grain, ple that had been knitted to us by association, who knew us, who had lived amongst us, who had worked shoulder to shoulder with us, and now friends of America were fighting for their native Italy.

"Friendship is the only cement that will ever hold the world together. And this intimate contact of the Red Cross with the peoples who are suffering the terrors and deprivations of this war party.' is going to be one of the greatest instrumentalities of friendship that the world ever knew, and the center of the heart of it all, if we sustain it properly, will be this land that we so dearly love.

Warning to Profiteers.

"My friends, a great day of duty has come, and duty finds a man's soul as no kind of work can ever find it.

"May I say this? The duty that faces us all now is to serve one another, and no man can offord to make a fortune out of this war. There are men amongst us who have forgotten like the Battle Hymn of the Repubthat, if they ever saw it. Some of lic,' to hear the feet of the great you are old enough-I am old hosts of liberty going to set them free, enough-to remember men who made fortunes out of the civil war and you know how they were regarded would know what comes into the

"And your relation to the Red Cross erty as we all intend, that every ship that the United States; it won't accept it, how unanimously you sustain the can carry men or supplies shall go There is a law of congress against heart of the world."

accepting even services without pay. The only thing that the government will accept is a loan, and duties performed; but it is a great deal better to give them than to lend or pay, and your great channel for giving is he American Red Crass.

"Down in your hearts you can't take very much satisfaction in the last analysis, in lending money to WHY PLACE A LIMIT ON MEN loaded upon every voyage with every the government of the United States, man and every supply she can carry, because the interest which you draw "And we are not to be diverted from will burn your pockets; it is a commercial transaction and some men by any insincere approaches upon the have even dared to cavil at the rate of interest, not knowing the incidental commentary that constitutes upon

"But when you give, something of your heart, something of your soul, free hand, particularly in the east, something of yourself goes with the to carry out purposes of conquest and gift, particularly when it is given in such form that it never can come back by way of direct benefit to yourself. You know there is the old cynical definition of gratitude as 'the lively expectation of favors to come."

Give Until It Hurts.

"Well, there is no expectation of favors to come in this kind of giving. These things are bestowed in order that the world may be a fitter place, to live in, that men may succeed, that homes may be bettered; that suffer-"The helpless and the friendless are ing may be relieved; that the face of shall go mercy and helpfulness.

"And when you give, give absolute-"For the glory of this war, my fel- ly all that you can spare and don't consider yourself liberal in the giving. If you give with self adulation, you are not giving at all, you are giving to your own vanity; but if you give until it hurts, then your heart blood goes with it.

ternational organization which is not and brought nearly \$300. only recognized by the statutes of the world, but it is recognized by inmentality of mercy and succor. And army is that they have not respected

ter. They have not respected the in- ment. Red Cross is the duty of mercy and it was the expression of common humanity. We are members, by being members of the American Red Cross, of a great fraternity and comradeship day is an emblem of Christianity it-

Praises Women's Part.

"It fills my imagination, ladies and gentlemen, to think of the women all "Look at the picture. In the center over this country who are busy toropolitan opera house chorus, conduct- of the scene four nations engaged night and busy every night and every ed by Giulio Setti, sang the national against the world and at every point day doing the work of the Red Cross, anthems of France, Italy, Great Brit- of vantage showing that they are seek- busy with a great eagerness to find The president was preceded by against them, twenty-three govern- busy with a forgetfulness of all the out the most serviceable thing to do. Henry P. Davison, chairman of the ments representing the greater populoid frivolities in order that they may Red Cross, who spoke of the work of lation of the world, drawn together contribute to this common work that the organization. Mr. Davison re- into a new sense of community of in- all their hearts are engaged in, and in terred to the president as the leading terest, a new sense of community of doing which their hearts became ac-

"When you think of this you realize how the people of the United States are being drawn together into a great intimate family whose heart is being used for the service of civilians, where they suffer and are lost in a maze of distresses and distrac-

"And you have, then, this noble pic-"'If you want to try an interesting | ture of justice and mercy as the two , the state. thoughts of comradeship; only where tentlary at Lincoln by scaling the they are free are they mutually helpful; only where they are free do they realize their dependence upon one another and their comradeship in a common interest and common necessity,

Indian Soldier Right.

"I heard a story told the other day say, that was ridiculous, but it is worth germ of truth. An Indian was enlisted in the army. He returned to more. the reservation on a furlough. He was asked what he thought of it. He said: 'No much good; too much saluate; not much shoot.' Then he was asked; 'Are you going back?' 'Yes.'

"'Well, do you know what you are fighting for?" 'Yes, me know; fight to make whole dam world democratic

"He had evidently misunderstood some innocent sentence of my own. But, after all, although there is no party purpose in it, he got it right as far as the world 'party' to make the whole world democratic in the sense of community of interest and of purpose, and if you ladies and gentlemen could read some of the touching dispatches which came through official channels, for even through these official channels there come voice of humanity that are infinitely pathetic; if you could catch some of those of oppressed and helpless peoples all over the world; to hear something to set their minds free, set their lives free, set their children free, you have to this great enterprise of lib-

"I summon you to the comradeship;

MUST CULTIVATE LAND

State Council of Defense Starts Campaign to Make All Available Land in Nebraska Productive.

The state council of defense is mak-Ing a drive to see that every available farm in Nebraska is being used for productive purposes. Through the work of the county councils the organization is gradually finding the spots that are not under cultivation, and devising means to secure the which have been idle have through the interest of the state council been turned into productive fields. Anyone who is aware of farm lands not being cuitivated will perform a patriotic act county council of defense.

Every city and town in Nebraska has been asked to raise a Red Cross flag upon its municipal flagpole as soon as the community's quota in the Red Cross war fund campaign is raised, and to keep it flying each day until the end of the campaign.

The federal food administrator for Nebraska requisitioned 8,500 bushels of wheat in the hands of G. W. and James Balley, Thayer county farmers. The Balleys are said to have refused to put their wheat on the market.

Notice that unless their wheat was marketed within 10 days it will be requisitioned was served on 22 Nebraska farmers in the southern part of the state by the federal food administration for Nebraska

Patriotic citizens of Seward have a new way of aiding the Red Cross. "And think what we have here! We Just a few days ago they donated a call it the American Red Cross, but carload of hay to the society. The It is merely a branch of a great in- hay was sold in the Omaha market

Congregations of the Baptist, Pres each of the civilized governments of byterian and Congregational churches of Kearney, have united into one ternational agreement and treaty as church, to be known as the Church of the recognized and accepted instru- America, to remain organized until after the war.

51,600 men to the colors. Twentyfour states and the District of Co-"That goes to the root of the mat- lumbia will furnish the entire incre-

> Sparks from a locomotive are Farmers Elevator Co. at Schuyler, The loss is estimated at \$25,000.

National Food Administrator Hoovwhich extends all over the world, and Wattles that wheat flour substitutes er has advised State Food Controller this cross which these ladies bore to- are selling from 10 to 25 per cent too high in this state.

> The North Loup chapter of the Red Cross was enriched \$2,361,05 when a load of hogs donated by farmers of the district were sold at South Omaha for that amount.

> Two Nebraska boys, Leo, Haremza, of Ashton, and Magnus M. Brams, of Scottsbluff, were killed in action in France, their names appearing in a recent casualty list.

Home guards at Gibbon, Anherst, Ravenna, Pleasanton and Elm Creek are to be furnished uniforms and rifles at the expense of Buffalo county.

Fire, driven by a strong south wind, destroyed a big lumber yard and a score of residences at Omaha. Nearly a hundred people were made homeless.

Indications are that Nebraska will harvest a bumper crop of small grains this year, as crop conditions are reported favorable in all parts of Peter Green and Thomas Suppa,

convicts who escaped from the peniwalls, were captured near Greenwood.

The announced flat increase in rallroad rates of 25 per cent will cost Nebraska \$12,000,000 annually, members of the state railway commission

Fire of unknown origin destroyed Lumber and Coal company at Wy-There were 356 G. A. R. delegates

registered at the forty-second annual encampment held recently at Seward. Grand Island's new \$150,000 passenger depot was formally opened to the public last week.

Following a rousing patriotic meeting at Genon, a home guard organization was perfected.

Designation of Omaha as one of the thirteen quartermaster depots in the dollars annually in government contracts for the city. The Omaha depot will furnish all army supplies to westtern Iowa, including Fort Dodge, Nebraska, Utah, Colorado and Wyoming.

bet Mace, 20, of South Woux City, Neb., were instantly killed when an set pside as a nation-wide "confi automobile in which they were riding | week " when everyone financially able voices that speak the utter longing phunged into the Missouri river, near is urred to fill their bins for the com-

The Commercial club of Sup-rior | Two veterans of General Pershing's is taking steps towned building a army are on a speaking tour in Nepaved road between the few and the brasin in the interest of the Red plant of the Nebraska which is located two ind an st of the vens of Bontons, and Sergeant Paul city limits.

The village of Heff ne bruse. of the Potash Production N. 11 with a penulation of ersubscribed is Liberty

Theodore Bassard . -monster pairfolis bulls the night of June 8.

A Lincoln capitalist, heavily interested in the potnsh industry of western Nebraska, is authority for the statement that undreamed of wealth Hes in deposits taken from pointshinlakes in the district. He told the state board of public lands and funds at a meeting in Lincoln that he was confident that products would be found In the deposits of western lakes so valuable as to make the potash only a by-product.

A decision of Judge Woodrough in federal court at Omaha provides for the disposal of 5,000 acres of Indiantribal land held by Omaha Indians in Thurston county, the proceeds from which are to be divided equally planting of crops. Several farms among approximately 520 Indian children of the Omaba tribe. The valueof the land is nearly \$300,000. The decision ends a series of legal battlesthat extended over a period of years.

The state council of defense, after by communicating the fact to their investigating a copy of a circularwhich the Nonpartisan league is circulating In its campaign to recruit members, admits the league has not. violated any section of the sedition law, because the circulars were printed outside of Nebraska. The seditions law covers only literature printed in German in this state.

Reappraisement of school lands under lease contracts in Custer, Gasperand Holt counties will add nearly \$21,-000,00 to the state school fund annually. The increases of the new appraisement over the old were: Custercounty, \$119,201.03; Gosper \$37,601.20, and Holt, \$116,799.56.

Planting of 2,400 trees on the state demonstration fruit farm at Unionhas just been completed by the department of horticulture of the university. This 80-acre farm was purchased out of \$10,000 provided by the lalegislature.

C. W. Pugsley, for the last sevenyears director of the extension department of the Nebraska university, has resigned and in the future will be connected with the editorial staff of the Nebraska Farmer, a Lincoln publication.

Nebraska Knights of Pythias, at their annual convention at Fremont, voted to purchase War Savings Stamps with the money already raised for a Pythian Home in this state, until plans for the project are completed.

Nebraska has subscribed \$127,297, 406 for various war drives, \$21,000, 000 above the quotas set, according tofigures compiled by the Omaha Chamber of Commerce. The state's quota totaled \$106,397,920,

John H. Powers, known as the "father of populism" in Nebraska, died just recently at Trenton, Nev. Howas president of the State Formers' alliance diving the days of the alliance in Nebraska.

The Great Western Sugar company at Scottsbluff is constructing an immense settling basin, 30 feet deep and covering 12 acres, for the production of potash from waste water drawn from beet sugar.

It developed at the trial at Edirdsville, Ill., of eleven men charged with lynching Robert Prager that the man was driven out of Niobrara. this state, because of disloyal actions. Omaha's new 1 ayer, Ed P. Smith, said to Governor. Neville at a confer-

make Omaha a dry city and wage a relentless war against the bootlegger. Material and equipment are on the ground for erection of the new municipal building and electric light build-Ing of Bancroft. The plant will repre-

ence at Lincoln that he intends to

sent an outlay of \$45,000. . The state board of control has let the contract for a new building at the state hospital for the insane at Lincoln. The structure will cost nearly \$90,000.

The Sons of Herman lodge of Dukota county, whose meeting ball was dynamited recently, probably will discontinue all meetings until after the war, It is said. A big delegation of scribes is ex-

pected to attend the Nebraska Press association convention at Onniba? June 20, 21 and 22, The 61st grand lodge, Ancient, Free and Accepted Masons of Nebraska.

will be held in Omnha June 4 to 0, Three carloads of Nebraska Red Cross hors sold on the South Omaha market the other day for \$10,371,70.

agents, more farm help is Smily needed in western Nebraska. The annual convention of the Ne braska Electrical association will be

According to county agricultural

held in Oamhu June 26 and 27. Governor Neville issued a prociamation calling upon the people of Ne-United States will mean millions of braska to aid the government in solv ing the transportation problem by buying and storing their next winter's coal supply at the earliest possible moment. If a fuel famine is to be avoided next winter action must be Frank Brand, aged 23, and Miss Ma- taken at once, says the proclamation. The week beginning June 3 has been ing winter.

> at Co., Cross. The men are Sergeant Ste-A. Havarin of Maine.

Posts county's Junior Red Cross and love raised sufficient funds muchuse of an ambulance au-

for service in France. hardists have funds pledg ber to \$17,220 with which to church, the work of Soon.