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ALLIES BEGIN THE COUNTER OFFENSIVE

HUN LINES FOR SIXTY MILES IN FRANCE UNDERGOING FURIOUS BOMBARDMENT

NEW DEVELOPMENTS HERE

Total of Fifteen Ships Were Sunk by German Subs During the Past Week

London, April 18.—The expected counter-offensive of the allies against the invading Hun armies in France has apparently begun. French and English artillery is furiously bombarding the German lines and the area back of the lines for a distance along approximately sixty miles. It is believed that the counter-offensive of the allies has started and that big developments can be expected at once.

The losses to British shipping, by mine or submarine, in the past week totaled fifteen, according to the admiralty report.

RED CROSS PLAY SATURDAY

The Theford Home Talent company will put on a production at the opera house Saturday. A matinee and evening performance will be given. There are thirteen members in the cast. An added inducement is offered in the evening performance when Miss Sabarjaroff will sing. All the proceeds of both afternoon and evening performance will be turned into the Red Cross fund.

John W. Guthrie left Tuesday night for Chicago to attend the wedding of his younger son, Charles.

OUR FUTURE RECORD

Those who realize, in comparison with what other men have done, that their real and personal valuation has been underestimated will be given an opportunity to make corrections by direct application to the chairman of the Council of Defense.

It has been impossible, owing to the amount of work involved, for the committee to check up each card handed in and those which may have been overlooked. This will be done within the next few weeks. Several have made voluntary corrections.

It is the intention of the committee to secure an equitable valuation from everyone. All subscriptions will then be compared with the cards and each will be entered as a permanent record of Box Butte county citizens during the world war.

Those who willingly correct their cards or those whose cards will be corrected for them will be given an opportunity to take up the additional amount of the government securities at the fourth Liberty loan. Those who have willingly assumed their share will not be asked to take an excess amount.

In adjusting the distribution of the war securities committee does not seek to be severe upon any one who is willing and ready to assume his share, but ways and means have been devised to effect a just distribution.

Some men have been called before the council of defense and others will be called in the immediate future. This experience can be avoided if corrections are made voluntarily before the time set for the hearings.

With the exception of a very few the committee reports that it has found everyone anxious and willing to do his share in financing the government and it is not inclined to impose an extra burden on those who are willing to save those who are not. When this war is done Box Butte county must be in the position to report "one hundred per cent loyalty and efficiency." There is certain to be a general summing up at the end and Box Butte county must be represented at the review with—head up and eyes to the front. To this end the assistance of each and everyone is needed.

LIBERTY LOAN COMMITTEE

SEDITION BILL IS FULL OF TEETH

Bill Backed by Representative Thomas and Other House Members Becomes a State Law.

Nebraska's sedition bill, introduced at the call of Governor Neville by Representative Lloyd Thomas, of Alliance, and other members of the House, was agreed to by both houses of the legislature on Saturday night and on Monday went to Governor Neville for his signature, becoming a law immediately thereafter. The bill is a drastic one, full of teeth, and defines sedition and provides means for preventing sedition.

The bill is as follows: "A bill for an act to define the crime of sedition, to prescribe penalties therefor and to provide for the prevention of sedition, and to declare an emergency.

Section 1. If any person with intent to obstruct, hinder, delay, discourage, hamper, or otherwise interfere with the efficient prosecution of the war in which the government of the United States is now engaged, shall,

(a) Speak, write, print, publish, or circulate any word or statement or do any act encouraging disloyalty to the United States of America, or of a nature reasonably calculated to bring into disrepute the United States of America, or

(b) Speak, write, print, publish or circulate any statement tending to cause insurrection or sedition, or

(c) Speak, write, print, publish or circulate any statement tending to incite resistance to lawful authority, or

(d) Interfere with the enlistment, mobilization, equipment, movement or transportation of any of the naval or military forces of the United States, or the military forces of this state, or

(e) Obstruct or discourage any activity of the state or federal government in the prosecution of the war, or

(f) Obstruct or discourage any activity having for its purpose to render aid of comfort to the armed forces of the nation during the war, or

(g) Obstruct or discourage the lawful raising of funds for the national defense, whether declared by the president of the president of the United States in the form of subscriptions to loans or the sale of government securities, or

(h) Conceal, hoard or destroy any food or food supplies of a character declared by the president of the United States or any duly authorized representative of the president of the United States as necessary for the use of the armed forces of the United States, or the forces of the allies of the United States, or

(i) Interfere with, or discourage the enlistment of persons into the military or naval forces of the United States, or any auxiliary organizations including the Red Cross, or

(j) Speak, write, print, publish or circulate any statement or perform any act in violation of the act of congress of the United States, known as the espionage bill, being title of an act of congress approved on the 15th day of June, 1917, or any authorized executive order of the president of the United States issued under said act, or

(k) Call, arrange for, hold, or participate in any public meeting avowed purpose of organizing resistance to the government of the United States, or

(l) Speak, write, print, publish or circulate any statement encouraging the abandonment of any enterprise necessary for the efficient prosecution of the war, or

(m) Being physically able to work and not engaged in any useful occupation, refuse employment or remain habitually idle when useful employment is obtainable.

Any person so offending shall be deemed guilty of sedition and upon conviction thereof shall be fined in any sum not to exceed ten thousand dollars, or be imprisoned in the county jail or in the state penitentiary of any period not to exceed twenty years.

Sec. 2. Whoever shall aid, abet or procure any person to commit any of the acts mentioned in section 1 shall upon conviction thereof be fined in any amount or imprisoned for any period for time for which the principal offender could be fined or imprisoned for the principal offense.

Sec. 3. If any person with knowledge that any of the acts mentioned in section 1 of this act have been committed conceals such information from the prosecuting officers of the state or harbors or protects a person known to him to have committed any of the acts in section 1 set out, any person found guilty of such conceal-

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BOX BUTTE SPUDS FOR RED CROSS

One or More Carloads of Potatoes Will Be Donated to the Red Cross by Our Farmers

Members of the Box Butte county farm bureau have a movement on foot whereby one or more carloads of potatoes will be donated to the Red Cross.

The potatoes will be donated by the farmers of the county and shipped either to Lincoln or Omaha, where they will be placed on the market and the entire receipts will be donated to the local chapter of the Red Cross. An effort is being made to have the railroad furnish the transportation free.

The farmers in the eastern part of the state have donated over \$80,000 worth of hogs to the Red Cross and the farmers of Box Butte county will set the pace for western Nebraska by donating one or more carloads of potatoes.

A car of potatoes disposed of in this manner will give the potato industry considerable publicity and any farmer desiring to donate 25 or 50 bushels of well-graded Early Ohio potatoes should notify the county agent at once.

ANOTHER TAX LEVIED BY JUDGE TASH

A whole trunk of booze in the estimation of Judge Tash is worth one hundred dollars. After paying the price of the booze transportation here and express, then \$100 on top of that Irvin Zedicker found that he had plucked a lemon in the garden of fruit instead of a basket of plums.

The trunk of booze was confiscated by the local police last Saturday. The offender was hailed to the county court, where he pleaded guilty to the charge of transporting liquor from Wyoming. Judge Tash assessed the charges for the privilege and the county fund was swelled accordingly.

Mrs. H. H. Dietrich, of Mullen, spent several days this week with Mrs. Ray Hoag.

STATE OFFICIALS COMING TO ALLIANCE

Twenty-One Members of Nebraska House of Representatives Scheduled for the May Convention

On Wednesday of last week Representative Lloyd Thomas, of Alliance, in behalf of the Alliance Commercial club, invited the Nebraska House of Representatives to send a delegation to the annual meeting of the State Association of Commercial clubs in this city on May 21st and 22nd. His invitation was accepted by the house and the following delegates appointed to attend:

- Christ Anderson, Bristow.
- L. G. Todd, Union.
- George A. Hunt, Crete.
- Jacob Sass, Chalco.
- J. F. Fuels, Beaver City.
- D. F. Schwab, Lebanon.
- F. E. Stearns, Morrill.
- J. A. Axtell, Fairbury.
- George W. Greenwalt, Broken Bow.
- Theo. Osterman, Central City.
- J. H. Craddock, Omaha.
- Dwight S. Dalbey, Beatrice.
- George G. Waite, Lincoln.
- George W. Reneker, Falls City.
- H. J. White, Alsworth.
- John Murty, Alvo.
- Dennis Cronin, O'Neill.
- Eugene Beal, Ogallala.
- C. W. Trumble, Hazard.
- Al N. Dafeo, Tecumseh.
- George Jackson, Nelson.

BOX BUTTE CO. GOES OVER TOP

Up to Thursday noon the subscriptions to Liberty bonds in Box Butte county was approximately \$450,000. This does not represent what the final total will be since a large number of the subscriptions were not yet in. As the quota for this county was \$268,000, the results show a big surplus.

The Equitable Life Insurance companies plan of taking out a five year life insurance policy, which on the termination of the contract gives the buyer a Liberty bond to the amount of the policy, netted \$83,000 worth of bonds to date. The plan also furnishes good life insurance, inasmuch as the policyholder dies his beneficiary gets the face of the policy plus the premium paid in with 4 1/4 per cent interest.

As soon as complete returns are in, an official report drawn up by Chairman Graham will be published.

WARNING FROM THE FUEL ADMINISTRATOR

Borrow Money If Necessary to Put in Your Next Winter's Supply of Coal Early

Inconvenience of paying for coal in the spring or summer, when it will not be needed until autumn or winter should not influence any consumer to delay placing his order and securing his supply. It is far wiser to borrow money in the spring to pay for one's coal than to wait until autumn or winter, when, if the coal has not been mined and shipped, money can not procure it.

The fuel administration, through the state fuel administrator and local committees, is prepared in every reasonable way to aid public utilities, essential industries, retail dealers and domestic consumers in placing their orders and in securing assurance of a sufficient supply of fuel. All these governmental agencies, however, are powerless if the consumers themselves fail to act. Again, therefore, the fuel administration urges everyone to place their orders immediately. This should ordinarily be done through the medium of supply that the consumer has relied on in the past. If this course is followed, it may be hoped that the suffering and loss of the past winter will not be repeated. If it is not done the consumers themselves will be to blame.

ATTENDED BIG SOCIAL AT HEMINGFORD SATURDAY

Alliance Citizens Joined in the Reception to New Comers in Hemingford Territory.

To show the good will that the people of Alliance bear to the Hemingford newcomers, over thirty-five prominent business men of Alliance attended the get-together meeting held at Hemingford last Saturday night. This showing speaks well for Alliance spirit, considering the hard day preceding the meeting, as Saturday was Liberty bond day and every one had had a hand in making the day a success.

The meeting was held to extend welcome to the 106 new families that have settled in and around Hemingford during the past year. It was intended to make the newcomers realize that they were officially accepted as members of the community and to feel that the older residents were glad to extend them the hand of welcome.

Alliance representatives that addressed the gathering were Judge Tash and County Agent George Neuwanger. Judge Tash voiced the spirit of good fellowship and neighborly attitude with which Alliance citizens viewed the citizens of Hemingford. Mr. Neuwanger spoke of the immense agricultural advantages to be found in this section of the state.

Entertainment for the evening was furnished by the Hemingford orchestra, with free moving pictures by the Hemingford Community club. Tom and John Guthrie, of Alliance ably assisted the chorus in the singing. After the amusements for the evening a regular feed was provided. In the words of Judge Tash are expressed the feelings of every one present: "More good things to eat than we had room for." Others attending from Alliance were: W. C. Mounts, F. W. Irish, F. A. Hively, Bert Laing, Art Grove, Chas. Brittan, Jay Walker, Tom O'Keefe, J. C. Morrow, B. J. Sallows, L. A. Buckley, L. H. Highland, C. E. Rhein, Otto Zamsow, Glen Miller, Lee Basye, Bob Reddish.

SENIOR CLASS SELECT PLAY

The senior class of the High school have selected the play "Back to the Farm." This is a play full of life, pathos and humor and will be interesting to the school patrons. The cast will be made up as follows: Misses Corrine Mollring, Edith Reddish, Leila Cutts, Beulah Reddish and Wilma Mote; Messrs. Leo Snyder, Walter Anderson, Louis Griggs, Ralph Wattewne and Howard Bennett.

SPECIAL COUNCIL MEETING

A special council meeting will be held Friday, April 26. At this meeting the council will consider bids for the new septic tank. In addition to this licenses will be issued for pool halls, plumbers, electricians and all others in the class requiring licenses.

LESS POTATOES AT CHICAGO IN LAST WEEK

PRICES ADVANCED ON KANSAS CITY MARKET — ST. LOUIS DECIDED SHARPLY

POTATOE WEEK AT LOUISVILLE

New Potatoes from Rio Grande Valley Soon to Start for North in Carload Lots

The car situation for the shipment of potatoes seems to have improved slightly during the last few days. Although immense quantities of potatoes still remain in the hands of the growers, there is still hope that some of them can be marketed before the new crop from the south entirely destroys the market for 1917 potatoes. It is very probable that the potato growers of western Nebraska will be unable to dispose of much more of the 1917 crop.

The potato situation over the United States, as reported by The Packer, for the past week, was as follows:

Smaller Receipts at Chicago—Chicago—Under decreased receipts and a fair demand the potato market held steady during most of last week and there was a feeling in some quarters that the market might show improvement before long.

Shipments from all producing sections have been quite light and while the shipments for the last five or six weeks, prior to last week, have been running around 3,000 cars. Shipments reported from all sections for the week ending with Monday totaled only approximately 1,756 cars. The fact that farmers are now getting busy with their spring work is held responsible to a large degree for the lighter movement, although the low prices which have prevailed also have been a factor.

The local demand has been fairly satisfactory but operators report that the demand from the outside territory has been limited. Some markets to the south and southwest, which ordinarily draw the bulk of their supplies from states nearby this market have ruled lower as to price than the Chicago market which practically shut off the movement in their direction.

A few cars continued to arrive each day from Idaho and other western producing sections but the movement from that direction has greatly decreased the last two or three weeks under lower prices. The freight from those sections runs from 55 to 58c per hundred weight; and with the top of the market here at \$1.20 the western shippers have been unable to profitably put cars in here.

During the last few days there has been a growing conviction in the minds of several of the larger operators that the market might be expected to show a firmer tendency during the course of the next week. This feeling has been prompted because of the fact that shipments from growing sections have been running consistently light. Some operators also held the belief that buyers stocked up pretty well two or three weeks ago and it is generally thought that these supplies are pretty well moved out now and that a better buying demand may be expected.

The car situation seems to have been entirely relieved as country shippers, as well as local operators, report that they are now able to get all the cars needed.

Tuesday the market was steady at the opening of trading and by the close of the day there seemed to be a somewhat firmer tendency. Wisconsin and Minnesota bulk white stock was quotable at 95c@1.05 per cwt., and sacked stock was quotable at \$1.05@1.15, with most of the trading being done around \$1.10. Western stock moved at \$1.10@1.20. Receipts were 53 cents and there were 146 cars on track at the beginning of the day's trading.

The market held steady as to price Wednesday although there seemed to be a little better feeling among the trade. New receipts for the day were quite light, totaling only 28 cars. Wisconsin being the heaviest contributor with 13 cars in from that state. The total accumulation on track was reduced from 146 cars Tuesday to 128 cars at the beginning of the day's trading. Dealers generally asked more money but buyers held off to await developments with the result that the market was quotable unchanged.

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SO THE PEOPLE MAY KNOW

The Kaiser and his war lords have set the world pace for monumental lying, the object being to not only deceive the people of other nations but the common folks of Germany also, the purpose being the perpetuation of and world-wide domination of the German autocracy.

Recently the Alliance Times has been breaking it's fool neck in emulating the example of Kaiser Bill, the object evidently being to financially benefit its editor, who is interested financially in the potash situation and who fears that he will not be financially benefitted except by following his usual custom of deceiving the public and bulldozing public officials by gross misrepresentations.

People who are interested in knowing the truth in regard to the leasing of school lands for mineral purposes and other matters relating thereto, should read The Herald or some other reliable newspaper and not draw any conclusions from statements published in The Times, until they have learned the facts relative to the matters mentioned.

SPECIMEN OF TIMES' PREVARICATION

The Alliance Times of last Tuesday contained the following statement relative to a meeting of the Board of Educational Lands and Funds held on Friday, April 12th:

Mr. Sharp later informed Mr. Briggs that when he appeared at the state house he was informed that the meeting was a secret session and he would not be admitted. Later he secured entrance to the room and found J. J. Harrington, representing the Ridgell company and the men who had been fighting for the validation of existing leases, had been closed with them presenting the Ridgell side of the case."

It is very doubtful whether Mr. W. E. Sharp made the statement credited to him above. It seems more probable that it, like many other proven misstatements, was manufactured to order in the office of The Alliance Times. A man who will swear to and publish a false affidavit of ownership and afterwards claim it to be a "mistake" or "omission" will not stop at juggling with the truth when it comes to financial benefits. Be that as it may, it is absolutely certain that it and others appearing in the same paper are absolutely false.

The facts in the case are: The Board of Educational Lands and Funds met in the executive office of the governor. Previous to the meeting and while the board was in session, Messrs. J. J. Harrington, W. S. Ridgell, J. C. Quigley and W. E. Sharp assembled in the reception room. Upon invitation of the governor, they all entered the office where the meeting was being held, all going in at the same time and all leaving together. Neither of the other three was present for a moment when Mr. Sharp was not. Whether they were or not is immaterial, but this true statement of the facts in the case shows to what absolutely false statements resort is being made in a desperate attempt to bulldoze public officials by misrepresentations.