

## WAR IN SIGHT BETWEEN THE HUN AND DUTCH

### GERMANS GAIN MILE ON THE BRITISH WEDNESDAY IN DRIVE TOWARDS AMIENS

## HEAVY FIGHTING IN FLANDERS

### Indications Today Point to Sub- scription of Over \$3,000,000- 000 for the Thirty Liberty Loan.

London, April 25.—Preceded by a heavy artillery preparation over a wide area of the battle front, the Germans have started a new drive towards Amiens, but so far with only slight successes. The Germans captured the village of Villers-Bretonneux after all day fighting.

The official statement issued by the French war office last night says that the French-American positions south of the Somme and on the Avre were attacked by the Germans in considerable force early Wednesday morning. This is the first intimation of the location of American troops on the Picardy front.

Amsterdam, April 25.—Local newspapers announce that the German minister to The Netherlands has left The Hague for Berlin, and that the Dutch minister to Germany is on his way from Berlin to The Hague. It is reported that difficulties have arisen in the negotiations between Germany and Holland and that the negotiations are not making headway. This evidently forecasts war between Germany and Holland.

Washington, April 25.—From all reports to date indications are that the nation will oversubscribe the Third Liberty loan quota of three billion dollars. At the rate the bonds have been selling this week and from reports received today, the minimum will be well oversubscribed.

## HOFFLAND OWNER HAS WAR INVENTION

### Dr. Herman Reinbold Perfects Pro- cess Enabling Balloons to Gen- erate Their Own Gas

Dr. Herman Reinbold, of Omaha, one of the eight owners of the Potash Reduction company at Hoffland, thirteen miles east of Alliance, has perfected an invention which will enable gas for balloons to be generated as they fly and as they need it. The invention has been adopted by the army.

Gas now is supplied at Fort Omaha by electrolysis of water. Tanks are filled with gas under pressure and transported in trucks to replenish the supply after some gas has been let out to permit a balloon to descend.

The Omaha invention is a process for making a certain salt of lithium that can be carried with the balloon. When a fresh supply of gas is needed a liquid is dropped on this salt. The balloon process generates hydrogen. One pound of the salt makes 180 cubic feet of gas. Equipment is being installed to produce the salt in the New Jersey plant.

Lithium is derived from spodumen and other ores in the Keystone district of the Black Hills, where Dr. Reinbold has controlled supplies of ores for years. Shipments of these ores to New Jersey for refining were held up in November for coal and food priority, but have been resumed this month. It is reported from the Hills, and twelve cars sent to New Jersey.

Beside the salt for balloon use another salt of lithium is produced there for use in Edison storage batteries for submarines and destroyers.

Dr. Reinbold is known as one of the foremost chemists in the country and has taken an active part in the development of the potash industry in western Nebraska.

The new theater proposition has fallen through because of the fact that all construction not necessary shall be done away with. This was the verdict sent out by the war industries board at Washington.

## LOVE LETTERS WERE NOT READ TO JURY

### Judge Westover Ruled Against At- tempt of Miller's Attorney to In- troduce Letters to Wife

A sensation was sprung in district court Wednesday afternoon when the attorneys for E. K. Miller, defendant in a lawsuit instituted by Archie McNeill, attempted to place before the jury letters from McNeill to Miller's wife which were of an endearing nature. Miller alleged that he found the letters, of which there were seven, in his wife's trunk at their farm home near Berea in June, 1917.

McNeill, according to the evidence introduced, had leased a quarter section of land—the northeast quarter of section 35, township 26, range 49, from Miller. By the terms of the contract Miller was to furnish McNeill with board and room, with tools, horses and implements, etc., and McNeill was to receive one-third of the crop raised thereon.

Things went along nicely until June 28, 1917, when Miller found the package of letters from McNeill to his wife in the bottom of her trunk. McNeill was forthwith ordered from the house and Miller offered to furnish him with bed and board at the home of his son, several miles away.

When the attorney for Miller introduced the letters they were objected to by the attorney for McNeill. The judge excused the jury from the court room while Miller's attorney read several of the letters to the judge. Only four of the letters were read, all of which were of the same tenor and which caused the spectators in the court room to gasp for breath and then to roar with laughter. Judge Westover ruled that the letters were not material to the case and they were not read to the members of the jury, most of whom looked when they returned, as if they would have liked exceedingly to hear them.

Miller, when being examined by his attorney before the jury, said that he told McNeill, after the finding of the letters, "If I was as low as he was to write letters to another man's wife, I would bump my brains out on the first object I struck. I would not board him in my house any longer under the circumstances. I said I would board him elsewhere. McNeill said he would not go and board and he would not board with the neighbors."

Because of the prominence of the parties concerned, the case is receiving much attention.

## CONSERVATION SEWING GARMENT UTILIZATION

### Home Makers' Association of Box Butte County Will Hold All Day Meetings During May

The Home Makers' association during the fall and winter months have taken up the study of conservation cooking. Attention this month will be given to conservation sewing or utilization of old garments and textiles, which every woman has in her home.

Miss Sherwin will have the services of Miss Ada Johnson, clothing specialist from the University of Nebraska. All day meetings are to be held throughout the county and every woman who is interested is expected to bring some old or unused garment and she will be assisted in making it over into a very attractive costume.

The schedule of meetings beginning April 29, is as follows:

- Tuesday, April 30, Alliance group—Mrs. Fred Seidell.
- Wednesday, May 1, Boyd precinct—Mrs. Wambaugh.
- Thursday, May 2, Mrs. Jensen, Hemingford.
- Friday, May 3, North club—Mrs. Rowley, Berea.
- Saturday, May 4, office at Alliance.
- Tuesday, May 7, Fairview club—Mrs. Hand.
- Wednesday, May 8—Open.
- Thursday, May 9, Mrs. Guy Worley.
- Friday, May 10, Mrs. H. H. Pierce, Hemingford.
- Saturday, May 11, Alliance group.

If more particulars are desired regarding these meetings women may call Mrs. H. A. Groves, Alliance, president of Box Butte county Home Makers' association.

E. K. Beauchamp left for Scottsbluff Wednesday to attend to business affairs there.

## ODD FELLOWS HAD ANNUAL ROLL CALL

### One Hundred Members of Alliance Lodge No. 168 Met Wednesday in Patriotic Demonstration

One of the most rousing, genuine patriotic demonstrations ever held in Alliance was held at the lodge room Wednesday evening by I. O. O. F. lodge No. 168, the event being the first annual roll call. One hundred members of the lodge were present and letters from about twenty members, unable to be present, were read by Secretary Martin when their names were called.

As the name of each member was called he responded by giving a short talk. The lodge has four members—Roy T. Perry, C. A. Hansen, Earl Hulme and Frank Hedengren, in the army and as their names were called Chairman Lloyd Thomas responded for them.

Patriotic songs were sung during the meeting. B. V. Reeves, when his name was called, responded by singing "Keep the Home Fires Burning," the gathering joining in singing the chorus with him. Noble Grand Hicks gave an interesting talk at the close of the meeting. J. T. Watson, who leaves soon for the training camp, was given a handshaking reception at the close. F. J. Spon, who has enlisted, was roundly applauded at the end of his talk.

On invitation of J. S. Corp the lodge voted to attend the revival services at the Baptist church Friday evening of this week to hear Rev. W. T. Sherrod, the evangelist. The members will meet at the lodge room at 7:30 o'clock Friday evening and attend the service in a body.

Refreshments were served at the close by the "chefs"—G. H. Woods and T. M. Lawler, assisted by other members of the lodge.

## FARMERS ORGANIZE A STATE WAR COUNCIL

### Nebraska Farmers, Following Confer- ences in Omaha, Unite All Bodies in War Council

Following a series of conferences in Omaha the farmers of Nebraska, thru the heads of their various farm organizations, have inaugurated the Nebraska farmers' war council, the first movement of its kind in the United States to back up the government in the coming third liberty loan campaign, and all other government activities. The organization has the hearty support of the agricultural press.

The officers of the council are: Chairman—C. H. Gustafson, president Nebraska farmers' union. Director—O. G. Smith, president Nebraska farmers' congress.

Director—E. R. Danielson, secretary state board of agriculture. Secretary—Frank G. Odell, vice president international farm congress. Headquarters have been opened in the federal reserve bank of Omaha. The presidents of the various affiliated organizations will this week send a letter to their members enclosing a service card for the farmers' signature. Every farmer in the state will be given an opportunity to pledge his support to the government, and a practically 100 per cent response is predicted.

The Nebraska farmers' war council has been organized by the farmers themselves and will be controlled entirely by them. The farmers of each county in the state will co-operate with the county chairman of the liberty loan and other war activity committees.

There will be a liberty loan meeting in every county school house and an active canvass of members of each organization by its own committee. The slogan of the movement is: "Nebraska farmers back the government."

## HOME GUARDS BUY UNIFORMS

At the regular meeting of the home guards Wednesday night, George Hellman, Pilkington and several others blossomed forth in new uniforms. Every member of the present guard that attends drill regularly is to be given a uniform. It is also highly probable that guns will be forthcoming. With these and the uniforms the Alliance home guards will develop the most efficient organization in the state. Regular drill will be held next Wednesday with a special officers' drill Monday evening.

## COUNCILMEN FAVOR NEW FIRE BUILDING

### Believe That Fire Department and Light Department Should Be Given New Building

Members of the Alliance city council favor the erection of a new building to house the Alliance Volunteer Fire department. The department is in need of better equipped club and sleeping rooms and more room for fire equipment.

At a joint meeting Friday night of members of the special committee from the council and members of the fire department there were present: Councilmen Hills and Highland and Firemen Hill, Hand, Trabert, Thomas, Basye and Maunier.

After considerable discussion of the bettering of the condition of the fire department, the councilmen expressed themselves as in favor of recommending to the council that the question of issuing bonds for a new building be voted upon at the special election which will probably come upon soon, the main purpose of which is to vote on the taking over of the Box Butte fair grounds.

A new building, if erected, would be placed between the city hall and the Alliance steam laundry, adjoining the plunge on the north. The building would probably be two stories in height, the club rooms and sleeping quarters to be on the second floor and the equipment to be stationed on the first floor, opening on the street. The fire department plunge, which was erected by the fire department, would connect with the rear of the building.

The city light department is in need of more room for the storing of material and for a work room and room could be provided for these purposes in the new fire building, if necessary.

## HOME RED CROSS WAY ABOVE PAR

### Record for Past Year Exceptional— Theftford Talent Play Makes Hit With Alliance People

The Red Cross chapter at Alliance ranks way above the average, both from the standpoint of donations received and work turned out for the soldiers. The interest shown by the women is exceptional over forty turning out to the Tuesday night class this week. Every afternoon in the week, with the exception of Wednesday, finds the two different Red Cross rooms filled to overflowing with energetic women.

With the year ending April 20, 1918, \$6,158.72 has been received by the Alliance chapter. Of this amount there is yet left a balance of \$696.44, \$5,462.28 having been expended for materials and supplies during the year. The total amount received is larger as the money raised in the drive last spring was for the war fund, which is separate from the fund used to finance the local chapter.

During the year, the women and girls carrying on the work have made 750 knitted garments, 9,500 hospital garments, 12,500 surgical dressings and 2,500 muslin bandages. In other words, this means that the patriotic women have provided for the comfort of 24,250 soldiers. It means that if every chapter in the country makes as good a showing as the Red Cross chapter of Alliance that there will be no question of the American heroes having all the possible comforts when fighting our battles on the edge of "No Man's Land."

The company from Theftford played to two large audiences in the play given last Saturday. The talent displayed was exceptionally good and was appreciated highly by the Alliance people. The name of the play was "The American Flag," and dealt with the trials of the American ambassador during the Hun invasion, with a love plot to add zest.

Specialty numbers were given by Miss Kniest, Mrs. Hershman and Mrs. Stansbury, in the afternoon, and Miss Wilma Mote, Mrs. Thos. Guthrie and Miss Yetta Soboroff in the evening and did much toward making the entertainment so thoroughly enjoyable.

Mr. and Mrs. F. E. Brown were called to Ravenna this week to attend the funeral of their friend, Mrs. George P. Hanna. Mrs. Hanna died at Manhattan, Kans. where she had been living close to her husband, who has been at the cantonment at Camp Funston.

## MR. MILLER'S FUNERAL MONDAY AFTERNOON

### Aged Alliance Man Buried in Green- wood Cemetery— Pall Bearers Were Railroad Men

Elias Miller, of Alliance, who died suddenly from heart failure in the Alliance railroad yards Saturday afternoon, was buried Monday afternoon, April 22, in Greenwood cemetery. Mr. Miller was born on September 30, 1847, at Allentown, Pennsylvania, being aged 70 years, 6 months and 20 days at the time of his death.

Mr. Miller was married to Harriet A. Wright in Pennsylvania on June 29, 1867. He is survived by his wife, three sons—Guy and Roy of Alliance, and Robert, of Durant, Oklahoma; two daughters, Mrs. A. W. White, of Council Bluffs, Iowa, and Mrs. Jessie Steele, of Sheridan, Wyoming, and a brother, Walter Miller, of Omaha.

Mr. Miller was one of the most respected residents of Alliance. He came to Box Butte county in 1905. The funeral was conducted from the home, the services being conducted by Rev. Stephen J. Epler at 2:30 o'clock Monday afternoon. The pallbearers were railroad employes.

Poet nor artist has ever been able to portray the grave in colors of brightness and beauty. Bryant, in the "Hymn of Death," could not make the subject beautiful; and yet the cemetery with its marble and its dead, the chair that has no occupant, the fancied echo of the silent voice, and the vacant place in home, social and lodge life, are mellowing and uplifting in their influence. They bring the best of human nature into the fullness of vigor, crowding back the selfishness and imperiousness of men, and impressing them with the duty of recognition of the value of friendship. It is the gloom of the churchyard that reveals to us more clearly the beauty of life. It is the broken ties at the grave that prompts us to a fuller appreciation of the tenderness of the ties that are not yet broken; and so while we mourn the loss of our dead we may rejoice that there is no cloud so dark that there is no light behind it, no sorrow so poignant that there is not a balm for the wound it inflicts.

## CHICAGO MARKET BETTER

Chicago, Ill.—The old potato market held steady the first half of last week with top price 5 cents higher than at the close of the previous week's trading.

Receipts were about on a par with those of last week and still continued to be less than normal for this market and the accumulation of stock on track had not been excessively heavy at any time. It had been the general impression of the trade that shipments from producing sections last week had shown a big increase over the former period but the figures issued by the bureau of markets on Wednesday showed that the total shipments from all sections for the week ending last Monday were only 2,041 cars, which represent an increase of but 248 cars over the previous week, which is still considerable under the average movement of approximately 3,000 cars for the past

## SIX KILLED IN TRAIN COLLISION

### Oil Tank Ran Into Rear End of Work Train at Bayard at Noon Tues- day, Killing Six Men

Six men were killed and two slightly injured at 11:55 o'clock Tuesday morning when Burlington train No. 49, an oil tank train, running at the rate of twenty-five miles per hour, crashed into the rear end of a work train which was standing still on the main line, three hundred feet west of the depot at Bayard, on the Casper line.

Those killed included four Mexican laborers, a white laborer by the name of Kissick and G. H. Kittell, a farmer living near Bradley. Conductor Lovestead on No. 49, was slightly hurt in the wreck. No explanation so far has been given as to how Kittell came to be on the work train.

Responsibility for the wreck has not yet been placed. It was snowing very heavily at the time and the engineer on the oil train was unable to see the work train until the crash. No. 49 was in charge of Engineer Cowman and Conductor Lovestead. The work train was in charge of Conductor Jackson and Engineer Johnson. The engine on No. 49 was so badly wrecked that it had to be sent to the railroad shops at Havenock. Traffic was not blocked, as the passing track at Bayard was used by trains going around the wreck.

## OPEN HOUSE BY THE ELKS FOR FRIDAY NIGHT

The Alliance chapter of Elks will hold open house Friday night, April 26, in honor of the boys called the next two drafts. Everybody is invited to attend the farewell reception and join in the farewell to the boys. An excellent program, consisting of music, speeches by Robert Graham and Dean Shaw, dancing and refreshments will be provided the guests. No invitations have been issued. This notice can be considered by all as a personal invitation to attend.

## DEMAND FOR POTATOES IS BETTER

### RECEIPTS AT MOST MARKETS LESS THAN NORMAL—DE- MAND IMPROVED

## NEW SPUDS ROLLING IN

### Very Careful Attention Should Be Given to the Potatoes That Are Selected for Planting for This Spring.

The demand for potatoes at the big markets improved and receipts during last week were smaller. There are still many thousand bushels of the 1917 crop in Box Butte and Sheridan counties which the farmers will probably have to let rot. An effort is being made to sell from 25 to 40 bushels of graded potatoes to the government for use at the training camps. Should this be done it would save out potato raisers much loss.

The proposition of the establishment of a potato starch and flour factory in Box Butte county is receiving serious consideration and it is very probable that decisive action in the matter will be taken soon. The factory could not be erected in time to save any of the overplus of the 1917 crop, but it would be ready to start in this fall and would give the growers a guaranteed market for their spuds. Prominent potato growers throughout the county have signified their willingness to assist financially in the erection of a factory of this kind, to be erected either at Hemingford or Alliance.

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## FREE FLOWERS—CANDY STORE

To celebrate the arrival of his beautiful new candy case, S. P. Jackson, proprietor of the Alliance candy store, will give a flower tree to every purchaser, no matter how small a purchase, next Saturday. The new case is installed in a beauty and is fitted to keep the candy constantly cool during the hot weather, besides showing the customer the candy arranged in the most convenient manner to select from.

The high school girls are having a hard time getting their class picnic arranged. Due to the stubbornness of Howard Bennett and the three other boy members of the class. There are about twenty girls in the class who have decided what they want, however, the boys are trying to have everything their way and dictate to the girls what the class activities shall be.

The fire department band is making good progress. Regular meetings will be held Monday evening at the city hall. Musicians who are interested in seeing a live wire band in Alliance should attend this meeting.

The Potash Reduction company of Hoffland has purchased the J. E. Rice ranch, southeast of Alliance. This ranch contains approximately 10,000 acres of land, including some very fine hay land and a number of potash lakes on which the Hoffland company held leases prior to the sale.

W. H. Ostenberg and Victor Jeep, of Omaha, two of the owners of the Potash Reduction company of Hoffland, were in the city on business this morning, driving up from Hoffland by auto.