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GERMANS DRIVEN BACK FIVE MILES BY FRENCH

TWENTY VILLAGES FREED FROM GERMANS BY VICTORIOUS FRENCH ARMIES WHO CAPTURE THOUSANDS.

HUN RAIDER SINKS SHIP

Germans From a Submarine Man Fishing Schooner and Sink Other Ships in Fishing Fleets—Thirteen Persons Killed in Cyclone in Iowa.

Paris, August 22.—Lassigny, an important supply and military post back of the German lines, has been captured by the French forces, whose lines have now reached the outskirts of Chiry-Our-scamps, southwest of Noyon. The official statement making this announcement also says that twenty villages have been liberated since yesterday and that the French have advanced about five miles at certain points.

The tide of defeat still surges heavily against the German armies in France and Flanders. On four important sectors French and British arms have again been served and the entire German front from Ypres, in Belgium, to Soissons, on the Aisne in France, now is in greater danger than before.

The British attacked launched Wednesday morning on a front of ten miles from the Ancre to the neighborhood of Moyenneville has been successful on the whole of the front, according to Field Marshal Haig's communication from headquarters last night. The enemy's positions were deeply penetrated and a number of prisoners were taken. A number of villages were captured during the day and a strong German counter attack west of Ahiet-le-Petit was repulsed.

London.—Congressman Charles H. Randall, of California, who was with several other American representatives, returned to London Wednesday after visiting the entente allied grand fleet, issued a statement saying he was profoundly impressed with the stupendous army of fighting craft. The line of battleships and cruisers alone extends over a distance of seventy-eight miles, and there are between 4,000 and 5,000 destroyers and small vessels of all sorts chasing submarines day and night about the British Isles.

Washington.—The fishing schooner Lucille Schnare, of Lunenburg, was sunk late Wednesday by the former fishing trawler Triumph, now manned by a German submarine crew, who have converted it into a raider. Both bombs and gunfire was used to sink the schooner.

Navy officials here are of the belief that the raider will be captured within the next twenty-four hours. A swarm of chasers has been sent after the craft and unless the crew secures warning and sinks the boat themselves it will be either captured or sunk with its crew. Officials here expressed the belief that the German commander realizes the utter hopelessness of his continuing operations and that a rendezvous with the submarine may have been arranged by the crew of the Triumph, after which it would be sunk and the patrol would find it necessary to continue their hunt for several days.

CYCLONE KILLED THIRTEEN PERSONS

Sioux City, Iowa, August 22.—Thirteen persons were killed and many business houses and dwellings were wrecked by a cyclone that visited Tyler, Minn., at 11:30 o'clock Wednesday night. Tyler has a population of about 1,500. The latest report before the wires were all destroyed said that it had been practically wiped out by the cyclone and that it was believed that there were many dead in the ruins of the buildings not yet recovered.

BOX BUTTE COUNTY W. C. T. U. MEETING

Thirty Ladies Present for Institute Meetings Held at Home of Mrs. J. A. Keegan.

On August 15 a county institute was held at the country home of Mrs. J. A. Keegan, president of the Box Butte county W. C. T. U.

About thirty ladies were present for the opening song at 10:30. Mrs. J. J. Vance presided. The devotionals were led by Mrs. S. J. Epler. The address of welcome was given by Mrs. J. A. Keegan, who expressed a double welcome to the soldiers' mothers. The response was by Mrs. Laura Rykman, president of the Anti-och union, who told of the new but hopeful union in the potash city of the sandhills. Mrs. J. W. Reed, president of the Alliance union, gave a report of the W. C. T. U. meeting held at the Epworth assembly. The soldiers' mothers were asked to give the latest report from their sons. Nine responded. Mrs. Vance sang, "Oh Pray for the Boys Over There." This was followed by silent prayer.

After half an hour of social conversation we were invited to the dining room to partake of lunch, served in cafeteria style. We had planned to make this very simple but after the hostess had added mashed potatoes, creamed chicken, hot coffee, fresh strawberries and ice cream it was pronounced a treat.

The afternoon program was enjoyed by about sixty-five guests, fifteen of these being soldiers' mothers.

The program was as follows: Devotional—J. W. Morris. Patriotic Service Work—Red Cross—Mrs. J. Rowan. Council of Defense—Mrs. T. J. O'Keefe.

W. C. T. U.—Mrs. J. J. Vance. Reading—"What a Real American Can Do"—Mrs. Stansberry. Mothers' Program—Mrs. Phelps. At the close three white ribbon recruits were received.

WORKING IN INTEREST OF POTASH PRODUCERS

The revenue bill, which is under consideration by the congressional committee having the same in charge contemplates putting a heavy tax on transportation of potash, particularly if for any great distance. This feature is a danger to the big sand hill industry, and particularly vital to Nebraska mills, for the potash market is largely at Birmingham and other southeastern community centers. There it is extensively used in the production of citrus fruits, other foods and tobacco. The consequences to Nebraska's big industry, as well as its relation to food production, should be well considered, and the menace eliminated from the bill.

Dr. C. C. Spencer, of the bureau of soils, department of agriculture, was in conference with Land Commissioner Shumway, Tuesday, in which this matter was discussed.

Dr. Spencer is a potash expert, and debated with the commissioner the problem of increased activities in Nebraska, and federal co-operation in enlarging potash production. Naturally this covered the subject of legal complications covering state lands, and the plan of federal control as a war measure, which has been heretofore proposed by Commissioner Shumway.

It was suggested that perhaps Nebraska could do its share by removing rapidly the obstacles in the way of production, by the state, and from state lands, which can be best accomplished by co-operation of all interested parties, and the department of agriculture could exercise its friendly services with comprehensive representations to congress concerning the danger of the federal tax on transportation.

Dr. Barbour, of the state university, joined in the discussion and Prof. Luckey was also present at the conference.

FLAG RAISING AT HOLY ROSARY CHURCH

Large Flag Will Be Raised on Eighty-Foot Flagpole at Catholic Church Tonight.

A large attendance is expected at the flag raising at Holy Rosary church tonight, the general public in the ceremonies. The Knights of Columbus will be in charge of the ceremonies and the large flag, donated by the them, will be placed on the eighty-foot flagpole, donated by the congregation.

Rev. F. E. Black will make an address and there will be other interesting features on the patriotic program.

In this connection The Herald rises to suggest that Alliance follow the example of other cities in stopping all business for one or two minutes each evening at a specified time while all of the flags in the city are lowered and the fire bell in the city hall is tolled. This could easily be done at 6 o'clock every evening and every citizen thereby be reminded of his duty in these strenuous times to his country.

MOUNTAIN TROUT PLACED IN STREAMS

Alliance Fishermen Spent Monday Night Planting Baby Trout in Nearby Streams.

A large consignment of baby Rainbow trout was received at midnight Monday night by Lloyd Thomas from the government fisheries at Spearfish, S. D. The trout arrived in big cans, carefully packed in ice and came as far as Crawford in care of a special messenger.

A number of enthusiastic Alliance fishermen, interested in seeing the streams of this vicinity stocked with game fish, spent the rest of the night carrying them to and planting them in the nearby streams. The largest number were placed in the Niobrara river, north of Alliance, along the northern edge of Box Butte county. Others were placed in Kilpatrick lake, west of Alliance and in Pine Creek, northeast of Alliance in Sheridan county.

Among those who willingly volunteered to help in the work of "planting" the trout were: E. G. Laing, Ray Stansbury, John Wiker, Roy Beckwith, George Darling, Lynn Cantwell and Jack Gleason. It is hoped that another consignment can be secured next year and planted in the same localities, until the nearby streams are well stocked with trout.

HOME GUARDS HELP HARVEST THE GRAIN

Box Butte Guards Turn Out in Uniform to Assist Farmers Needing Help Harvest Their Grain.

Last evening, Wednesday, the Box Butte home guards turned out in uniform and proceeded to the Miller farm, just west of Alliance, where they worked steadily for several hours in full force assisting in harvesting the fine field of grain on the farm.

On account of the shortage of labor the guards have set an example for other town people who can spare a little time to help out the farmers, the latter being perfectly willing to pay good wages to those helping out.

It is expected that the guards will spend a number of their afternoons and evenings during the next few weeks in assisting other farmers in harvesting their crops.

PIONEER POTASH COMPANY ORGANIZED

New and Larger Potash Plant to Be Erected on Wilson Lakes Near City of Antioch.

The Pioneer Potash company with a capital of \$100,000 is being organized to take over and operate the potash lakes on the Wilson ranch north of Antioch. A small reduction plant was erected a short time ago by Wilson brothers and has been operated by them.

The new company will erect a ten ton reduction plant on the site of the present plant to take brine from the three lakes which are nineteen, twenty and three acres in size. According to the owners brine is now running into the plant at twelve degrees Beaume with a high potash content.

The small plant will continue to make potash until the new and large one commences operations. The new plant will be constructed on the idea of the California plants, similar to the plant on the Phelan ranch, using two of the evaporating chimneys. The officers of the company are: J. E. Wilson, president; Homer M. Wilson, vice president; Jesse W. Wilson, treasurer; O. B. Olson, secretary and manager.

"MICK" MAHONEY IS SHOOTING BOCHE PLANES

Alliance Boy Writes Herald Editor Telling of the Big Battles Going on in France.

"Mick" Mahoney, Alliance boy, writing from "somewhere in France" on July 27 to the editor of The Herald, had the following to say:

"Well, Lloyd, I have had a little fun with the Boche. I said 'fun,' but sometimes it is hell. But if things keep on the way they are now something has to bust and I think it will be 'Gott un Huns' for the American soldiers are the dope to make a split ticket.

"The prisoners are pouring back by the thousands and the more the merrier. We get a crack at a Boch plane every once in a while, but they haven't much nerve. They stay up there so far that they look like a gnat through field glasses. The most thrilling thing is to see a battle in the air. I saw one around a captive balloon not long ago. The Huns came over to get the balloon, but there was a Frechman up in the air above. The Boch didn't notice him but as he got near the balloon the Frechman made a dive and the fighting started but did not last long.

"Those fellows are the ones that have the real sport up in the air where there are no breastworks, dug outs or trenches to hid in. Up there it is 'may the best man win.'

"It is some sight to be on guard at night about 2 a. m. and with only a machine gun or two or a rifleman shooting. And then all of a sudden it seems like daylight, for about nine million guns cut loose at once—big guns and little guns, star shells, tracer shells and signal flares—for about thirty minutes. Then everything stops all at once and the last one goes whistling over a fellow's head to bury itself. Then a fellow wonders what 'they' are going to have for breakfast or who will take 'her' out next Sunday. Some life, believe me.

"I received a letter from Mr. Beckwith not long ago and it helped. Received the Alliance Herald and I sure read everything that was in it from start to finish, advertisements and all. I never had a paper look so good to me before. I am on guard today, but it is not so bad, as I do not have to walk post now. I was made corporal and gun pointer the other day. I draw \$47.20 now—about 269.00 francs—it looks like a roll to a man but does not last long. Well there is not much doing right now. Give everybody my regards.

Your friend,
CPL. DARRELL F. MAHONEY,
4th Anti-Air-Craft Battery.
A. E. F.

"P. S.—Where is Philip? Tell him hello for me."

[Editor's Note:—Inasmuch as Philip Thomas, his former chum, is now in the Philippines or in Siberia with the American forces recently sent there, it is possible, and we believe probable, that the two boys may meet when the victorious armies march into Berlin from the east and west sometime next summer.]

NEVILLE AND McKELVIE NORRIS AND MOREHEAD

LIGHT VOTE CAST AT PRIMARIES ON TUESDAY OVER NEBRASKA—RETURNS FROM SIXTY-TWO COUNTIES REPORTED.

ALDRICH LEADS JUDGES

Thomas Carried Box Butte and Sheridan Counties for Representative—Constitutional Amendments Carry Both Parties.

Lincoln, Nebraska, August 22.—Special wire to The Alliance Herald—Practically complete primary election returns from sixty-two counties give Neville a majority over Bryan of fifteen thousand for the Democratic nomination for governor, and McKelvie a majority of twenty thousand for the Republican side. Norris for the Republican nomination for senator is four thousand ahead of Sloan and Hammond.

Sixty-two counties give Morehead 21,057 for the Democratic nomination for senator against 8,995 for Metcalfe, and less than 6,000 each for Howard and Reed.

The constitutional amendment relating to the right of suffrage to persons of foreign birth and the call for a constitutional convention carried by both parties. On the non-partisan ticket Aldrich led for supreme judge. For state superintendent—Clemmons nominated for re-election on the Democratic side and Sutherland on the Republican. For regents of the university the nominees are Webster and Sams. For lieutenant governor Banning and Barrows. For secretary of state the vote is very close but Gatewood and Jay are probably the nominees. For state auditor—Mumford and Marsh. For attorney general—Berg and Davis. For land commissioner—Shumway and probably Cowles. For railway commissioner—Simons and Taylor. For treasurer—Canady and Cropsey.

State Senator and Representative.
In Box Butte county at the time of going to press the returns had been received from ten out of fourteen precincts. In Sheridan county the returns had been received from nineteen out of twenty-eight precincts. For state senator in Box Butte county George M. Adams, of Crawford, on the Democratic ticket, received 80 and William Coleman, of Hay Springs, received 60 votes. In Sheridan county Adams received 80 and Coleman 190 votes. This gives Coleman a majority of 90 votes in the counties with five more in the senatorial district.

For state representative Lloyd Thomas, of Alliance, received in Box Butte county 106 votes and Paul Mendenhall, of Hay Springs, 54 votes. In Sheridan county Thomas received 150 votes and Mendenhall 101 votes. This gives Thomas a majority from the present returns of 101 votes, assuring his nomination, as these two counties comprise the district.

The ten precincts reporting in Box Butte county give the following results on the leading offices in which there was competition: Metcalfe 23, Reed 17, Morehead 91, Howard 38, Neville 114, Bryan 47, Pool 103, Beal 59, Coleman 60, Adams 80, Mendenhall 54, Thomas 106, Sloan 51, Hammond 37, Norris 53.

The nineteen precincts reporting in Sheridan county give the following: Metcalfe 68, Reed 43, Morehead 155, Howard 18, Neville 179, Bryan 113, Pool 197, Beal 70, Coleman 190, Adams 80, Mendenhall 101, Thomas 150.

A. D. Rodgers was nominated on the Democratic ticket for county commissioner in Box Butte county. Practically the only contest in Alliance was for police magistrate the vote going 41 for T. D. Roberts and 14 for John Pilkington.

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