

BERLIN NOW VERITABLE MADHOUSE

SPARTACAN TROOPS DEFEAT FORCES OF THE EBERT GOVERNMENT TODAY

GERMAN GOVERNMENT BELIEVED IN IMMINENT DANGER OF COLLAPSE--ALLIES MAY BE ASKED TO OCCUPY ALL GERMANY TO STOP BOLSHEVIST SPREAD

(Special to The Alliance Herald by International News Service) BERLIN, March 6.—Street fighting between the Reds and the government troops was renewed today, the battle being the fiercest through Alexander Platz. After the forces of the Red Guard and revolutionary sailors had captured a number of government tanks, the government forces agreed to negotiate.

The Spartacans demanded possession of police headquarters for a suspension of hostilities. Berlin is a veritable madhouse, with thousands gathered in nasty mobs. Threats are being made of even worse trouble tonight. Gustav Noske, minister of war of the Ebert government, will be appointed dictator of Germany if the present government collapses, according to the belief expressed here.

LONDON.—According to a dispatch from Berlin by Reuters, robberies amounting to many millions of dollars' worth of property have been carried out there since Tuesday. Food shops in Berlin were stormed Tuesday by housewives who purchased all the food in sight in anticipation of the strike which is becoming general.

ALLIANCE T. P. A. MAKES RECORD

Officers of Post Secure Many New Applications in Response to Appeal of Secretary Post M. T. P. A. of Alliance, stands high in the state. The officers of the local post are always at the top of the ladder when it comes to getting results. On Saturday Secretary Roy C. Strong received the following message from Chas. L. Hopper, state secretary at Omaha: "135 applications accepted in February. Fifty on March for national president's week. He addresses Chamber of Commerce Thursday noon. Big reception Wednesday night. Send your representatives. We need 300 more applications to put Iowa in the rear. Depending on you to come in strong."

LIEUTENANT EARL SPENCER CAME HOME FROM FRANCE

American "Ace" Had Unusual Experience While Fighting Hun Forces on West Front Lieut. Earl B. Spencer, son of W. E. Spencer of Alliance, is in the city visiting his father after having been discharged from the service of Uncle Sam, a year of which time he spent in France with the 1st Aerial Squadron. It will be remembered Lieut. Spencer received several shot wounds last fall while engaged in battle with enemy planes and that before he descended his machine had been struck forty-two times by bullets from Hun machines. After treatment in the hospital he was made aviation instructor for the bravery evidenced by the wonderful fight made against the ten German planes.

WM. BERG COMPANY NOW RE-ORGANIZING

Old Name, Merriman Potash Co., to Be Dropped—Stockholders Assumed Control Wednesday

Stockholders of the William Berg company have changed control of the organization and assert that it will not only be able to weather the storm that promised wreckage, but will make it one of the leading Nebraska producers of potash.

There has been a complete reorganization. The president is Arthur Bowring, a wealthy rancher of Cherry county, as well as being the active head of the American State Bank of Merriman. He, with the other directors, Matt Miller, David City; E. Mount, Omaha, and H. E. Artis, Fred Hunter, H. A. Johnson, O. A. Unfield, and with A. O. Kreiss as manager, will push the company to the front.

The old name, "William Berg," is to be dropped and another, not yet agreed upon, is to be adopted. There were decided objections among the directors to retaining the old name. The selection of this name came about in this way. For many years William Berg lived in Omaha and was a wagon maker. Not long prior to his death, which occurred four or five years ago, he organized the William Berg company and engaged in the building of wagons and carriages. Upon his death the company went out of business and later the organizers and promoters of a potash company bought the William Berg corporate name and at once attached it to the potash company that was the owner of some lakes in Cherry county.

Now the name, a name that stockholders contend has been a hoodoo, is to be dropped and one that will have to do with potash production will be selected. While the new officers of the potash company have not fully outlined their plans, they assert that enough money has been saved out of the old organization so that they can go on with their work. They assert that new and additional capital will be invested, all old debts liquidated and the company placed upon a sound financial basis.—Omaha Daily Bee, March 6.

SMOKER FOR W. D. FISHER

A good crowd attended the farewell smoker given in honor of Mr. Fisher Tuesday evening at the city hall. In spite of the bad weather a good number of citizens came out to bid Mr. Fisher farewell. Following the serving of refreshments and cigars, short talks were made by a number of those present in appreciation of the excellent record of accomplishment shown by Mr. Fisher during his labors here. Lloyd Thomas acted as toastmaster, and among those who spoke were: John W. Guthrie, Chas. L. Hill, J. M. Miller, George Smith, B. J. Sallows, A. D. Rodgers, John Rhein, Chas. Schaefer, Glen Miller, F. A. Bald, W. C. Mounts, E. B. Smith, Wayne Zediker and Mr. Fisher. The latter urged that the good roads work be continued at full speed and told of plans for work during the coming year. He urged full support of his successor and said that he hoped to return to Alliance often.

SMALL BOY IS INJURED

Lee, the small son of Mr. and Mrs. A. B. Wheeler, West Third street, was rendered unconscious Tuesday afternoon when he fell at the school play ground and struck upon the back of his head. The accident occurred when, after school was called at the termination of the recess period, the group of boys started for the building and in the race Lee was pushed over. He regained consciousness after about an hour and is now getting along very well.

BURLINGTON CONDUCTOR FINED ON BOOZE CHARGE

Thos. F. Maher was fined \$100 and costs by Judge Ira E. Tash of the county court last Saturday after he had confessed to having acted as an aid in the transportation of booze into a dry territory. The case is an echo of the investigation a short time ago in which a young man by the name of Brindell was brought into court on a similar charge, he being an express messenger. Mr. Maher will be held on a federal charge also and will have to stand trial in the U. S. court.

BETTER LOOK TO YOUR INCOME TAX

Returns Must Be Filed on or Before March Fifteenth—Bill Provides Heavy Penalties

Work on the collection of \$6,000,000 has been begun by the Bureau of Internal Revenue. This is the estimated yield of the new revenue bill. The income tax provisions of the act reach the pocketbook of every single person in the United States whose net income for 1918 was \$1,000, or more, and of every married person whose net income was \$2,000 or more. Persons whose net income equaled or exceeded these amounts, according to their marital status, must file a return of income with the collector of internal revenue for the district in which they live on or before March 15.

Here is what will happen to them if they don't: for failure to file a return on time, a fine of not more than \$1,000 and an additional assessment of 25 per cent of the amount of tax due.

For "willfully refusing" to make a return on time, a fine not exceeding \$10,000, or not exceeding one year's imprisonment, or both.

For making a false or fraudulent return, a fine of not more than \$10,000, or imprisonment for not more than one year, or both, together with an additional assessment of 50 per cent of the amount of tax evaded.

For failure to pay the tax on time, a fine of not more than \$1,000 and an additional assessment of 5 per cent of the amount of tax unpaid, plus 1 per cent interest for each full month during which it remains unpaid.

In addition to the \$1,000 and \$2,000 personal exemptions, taxpayers are allowed an exemption of \$200 for each person dependent upon them for chief support if such person is under eighteen years of age and incapable of self-support. Under the 1917 act, this exemption was allowed only for each dependent "child". The head of a family—one who supports one or more persons closely connected with him by blood relationship, relationship by marriage or by adoption—is entitled to all exemptions allowed a married person.

The normal rate of tax under the new act is 6 per cent of the first \$4,000 of net income above the exemptions, and 12 per cent of the net income in excess of \$4,000. Incomes in excess of \$5,000 are subject also to a surtax ranging from 1 per cent of the amount of the net income between \$5,000 and \$6,000 to 65 per cent of the net income above \$1,000,000.

Payment of the tax may be made in full at the time of filing return or in four installments, on or before March 15, on or before June 15, on or before September 15, and on or before December 15.

New York state has a law known as a "Sullivan law" prohibiting the possession of firearms without a license. Senate File No. 208, introduced in the Nebraska legislature, would make the possession of firearms a misdemeanor, unless a special license was secured. Men who have made a study of the subject believe that this places the citizen who desires to keep a firearm in his home for self-protection at the mercy of the thug and crook who will carry firearms and who will not secure a license. Protests against the proposed law are going in to the legislature in large numbers.

TERRIFIC TORNADO SWEEP SOUTHERN SECTION WEDNESDAY AFTERNOON

SCORES BELIEVED TO HAVE BEEN KILLED AND MILLIONS DAMAGE DONE BY TORNADO WHICH SWEEP ALA-1 BAMA AND GEORGIA—WIRES ARE ALL DOWN

(By International News Service) MONTGOMERY, Alabama, March 6.—Daylight this morning revealed to anxious searchers the terrific destruction in the path followed by the tornado which swept southeastern Alabama and into the state of Georgia late Wednesday afternoon. The tornado left in its wake the debris of homes, churches, stores and other buildings which will total in damage not less than one million dollars. Owing to the destruction of the telegraph and telephone wires by the storm the number of victims is not yet known but it is expected to reach into the scores. In addition to many whites a large number of negroes are believed to have been victims of the tornado.

DUNNING MAN BOUGHT HUP FROM LOCAL AGENCY

S. A. Hichenbottom, of Dunning, this state, this week purchased a fine Hupmobile of the local Chandler-Hupmobile Agency. The purchase was of the roadster model and a splendid car. Mr. Hichenbottom in selecting the car said he has looked around considerably and that for his purpose he had found nothing that struck him so favorably as did the new Hupmobile.

BRITISH GOVERNMENT TO RELEASE IRISHMEN

Fight for Political Freedom by Irish Wins Release of Men Imprisoned for Political Reasons

(By International News Service) LONDON, March 6.—Former Chancellor Bonar Law announced in the House of Commons Wednesday afternoon that the British government has decided to release all Irish political prisoners. In order to prevent a great public demonstration, the prisoners will be returned to Ireland in small groups.

NEW YORK CITY.—The reception by President Wilson of the delegation of Irishmen seeking his aid to influence the peace conference to declare for self determination of Ireland was delayed twenty-five minutes Tuesday night at the Metropolitan Opera House because the president refused to receive the delegation while Judge Cohalan was present in person as a member. Cohalan was mentioned in the Bernstorff correspondence.

The conference lasted about half an hour. At its conclusion a statement was given out, stating that the president had said he was in thorough accord personally with the aspirations of the Irish for self determination as voiced by Judge Goff, spokesman of the committee, and had been for a long time. He said, however, it was embarrassing to be asked to present the views of the committee to the peace conference at this time.

PRESIDENT WILSON ON WAY TO FRANCE

Chief Executive Again Sails for France, Convinced That Majority of People Want League

NEW YORK CITY, March 6.—With thousands of cheering citizens bidding him farewell and believing that he has the support of the common people in the League of Nations plan, President Woodrow Wilson began his second journey to France on Wednesday.

The president, accompanied by Mrs. Wilson and a large party, sailed from Hoboken on the liner George Washington at 8:18 o'clock. The preliminary peace treaty will be the first business taken up by the peace conference, when he reaches Paris. The Germans and the other powers associated with Germany will then be in a position to participate in the final negotiations.

POLICE COURT FINES ARE MORE THAN A THOUSAND

Another Record Established by Officers While the School Fund Is Greatly Benefitted

The Alliance police force is still persistently on the trail of the law breaker. During the month of February, a short month at that, the splendid total of \$1032 was extracted by the police court from the violators brought before the tribunal of justice by the officers. Several of the fines were heavy, being for violation of the liquor laws, and this of course brought the grand total higher.

The money thus collected goes into the school coffers and while crime is in no way looked upon with favor, the money so secured can be used to mighty good advantage.

Let the good work go on! With two more weeks of the Elks membership campaign remaining the number of applications received is well beyond the hundred mark and more being tendered. Many social affairs which promise to eclipse all former entertainments of the club are planned for the near future.

SENATORS REQUEST WAR BOARD TO PROHIBIT POTASH IMPORTS

TELEGRAM TO C. A. NEWBERRY OF ALLIANCE SAYS LANE POTASH BILL CERTAIN TO PASS AT SPECIAL SESSION TO BE CALLED FOR MAY 15TH BY PRESIDENT

C. A. Newberry of Alliance, who recently returned from a trip to Washington, made in the interests of the potash industry, received Wednesday morning a telegram from Chas. H. Craft, prominent Nebraska attorney now at Washington looking after potash interests, as follows:

"Thirty-seven senators, including all members of the senate mines committee, signed a letter to the War Trade Board, requesting that all foreign potash be excluded from this country until the coming special session of congress passes the Lane potash bill. Senators Hitchcock and Henderson say the special session will be called for about May 15th. The potash bill is certain to pass then by a large majority."

The potash protection bill, recently reported from the committee headed by Senator Henderson, died with a number of others at the close of the session at Washington at noon Tuesday. Potash men are much encouraged by the outlook and expect that the needed protective legislation will pass early in the special session which President Wilson will call upon his return from Europe.

In the meantime it is expected that the potash reduction plants, which are now closed down, will remain closed until the present stock of stored potash is sold and until the legislative relief needed is given by congress. Remodeling is going on in some of the plants and they will be in shape to produce more cheaply and in greater quantities when started again.

MAN BADLY HURT IN ROUND-HOUSE ROOF ACCIDENT

Bob Lamb, Tank Foreman, Seriously Injured When Brick and Timbers Fall on Him

TANK CAUGHT ROOF SUPPORT Other Men Had Narrow Escape When Support Gave Way—Lamb Now in Hospital

Bob Lamb, for sixteen years an employee of the Burlington at Alliance, suffered his first severe accident Wednesday morning when he was caught by falling brick and timbers from the roof of the boiler shop. His left leg was broken at the knee and his left ankle dislocated. Although suffering severely, he was resting easier this morning at St. Joseph's hospital, where he was taken immediately after the accident.

Railroad officials estimated the damage to the building at about \$630. The section to which the damage was done is used as the boiler shop and is part of the old roundhouse. It is too small to hold the big engines, which are kept in the newer portions of the roundhouse. The tank which caused the damage was number 5283. It was from one of the large engines but went into the shop all right. The wheels were then changed, probably causing a change in the alignment of the tank, for when the switch "dinkie" started to pull it out, a corner caught a post which supported the roof of the building. Sections of the roof covering stalls two and three fell. A number of employees in addition to Lamb were standing under the portion which fell but all succeeded in escaping except Lamb, who was caught and pinned. Two others were struck and slightly injured. Lamb started to run but a brick hit him in the head and he went down.

Mrs. Lamb and the family have been living on the homestead near Ashby. She was notified at once and caught train No. 43 with twenty-five minutes to spare, arriving in Alliance Wednesday afternoon. She will remain with Mr. Lamb until he is on the road to recovery.

Among the men who had narrow escapes when the roof fell were T. A. Sanders, Sam Alspaugh, N. G. Sike, Sam Condons and James Makris. One of the men, working on top of a tank, dropped quickly into the manhole of the tank and remained there until the rain of bricks and timbers ceased. Burton Rowland, better known as "Buster," was in the timekeeper's office, next to a window. When calm reigned again he was half in and half out, and the window was short several panes of glass.

W. D. Fisher, retiring secretary of the Alliance Community Club, left early Wednesday morning by auto for his new home near Gillette, Wyoming. Mrs. Fisher and daughter will follow about the first of April. By that time Mr. Fisher expects to have the cottage built and the homestead near Gillette ready for occupancy. Mr. Fisher expects to devote a large part of his time to his work as secretary of the Sheridan commercial club, spending week ends with the family on the homestead.

Gen. E. H. Crowder writes the Omaha Bureau of Publicity that Nebraska contributed 53,452 men to the military service during the world war.

The Nebraska Press Association will conduct a tour of the state this summer starting at Omaha and proceeding to Gering and return, with several stops en route.

STURGEON BROTHERS ARE NOW IN NEW QUARTERS

Now Settled in Garage Building Formerly Occupied by Coursey & Miller Across from Hall

After several months being cramped into a room much too small for the transaction of their business, Sturgeon Brothers are now located in their new home across from the city hall, formerly occupied by Coursey & Miller. The firm handles the ever popular Buick car and the Avery tractor, a line of which they are justly proud in as in which they enjoy a good business. Mr. Bliss Sturgeon, the head of the concern, believes the coming year will be a big one for automobile and tractor men and that the use of tractors by the farmer, while now not so general will in the course of the next few years become the universal practice and that it will mean the earning of much greater profits for the tillers of the soil.

RAILROAD MEN WERE ROYALLY ENTERTAINED

Alliance Division Firemen Banqueted at Silver Grill—Ask Charter for Ladies' Society

The preliminary steps towards the organization of a ladies' auxiliary to Alliance Lodge No. 623, Brotherhood of Locomotive Firemen and Engineers, were taken last Thursday evening by thirty members of the order who signed the application for a charter for the new local lodge.

A large number of the men and their families gathered around the banquet table at the Silver Grill. The menu for the banquet, which was served by the Silver Grill Cater Service, Henry Bryant supervising chef, was as follows: Jim Dalley punch, Hemingford celery, clear board radishes, 19 order pickles, G. L. Griggs soup, Silver Grill cocktail, spring chicken main line, steam white sauce, Black Hills snow white potatoes, cauliflower au gratin, high line tea biscuits, home made jelly, 31 salad, Silver Grill ice cream, C. B. & Q. family cake, B. of L. F. & E. Joy and whipped cream.

The music was furnished by the Alliance string quintette and the musical program was as follows: Preparedness, March—Debro. Lone Whispers, Waltzes—Daly. Poet and Peasant, Overture—Suppe.

Smiles, Popular melody—Roberts. Woodland, Selection—Luders. Dream Bells, Fairy Fantasy. Star Spangled Banner. F. W. Hicks acted as conductor of the program. Mrs. Ralph Beal rendered two beautiful vocal solos. George Madsen rendered a short and laughable comic speech. Mrs. H. C. Sternberg read an interesting article on the homecoming of the soldier boys.

The police force made quite a haul last Saturday night when they raided the home of Mrs. Jackson (colored) on Missouri avenue and picked up several men engaged in a very interesting game of "craps". Each was given a fine of \$10 and costs for the pleasure (?) of being caught enjoying the pastime.

ALLIANCE YOUNG PEOPLE WED

Rev. Stephen J. Epler performed the ceremony that united in matrimony Mr. George Phennig and Miss Verta Ogden this evening at the parsonage in this city. The groom has just recently returned from service overseas and is employed in the Alliance Shoe Store. His bride is the daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Ogden living three miles from Alliance. They will go to housekeeping at the Mrs. Ada B. Allen residence on Niobrara.