

REDS DRIVEN FROM LICHTENBERG

STREETS OF BERLIN LITTERED WITH WRECKAGE--LOSS OF LIFE HEAVY

SPARTACANS FORCED TO ABANDON WAR MATERIALS IN RETREAT MADE IN PANIC--GOVERNMENT DEMANDS SURRENDER OF ARMS--WIPING OUT NESTS

(By International News Service) LONDON, March 13.—By successful surprise attack the German government troops have completely outflanked and driven back the Spartacoids at Lichtenberg, eastern suburb of Berlin, according to an Amsterdam dispatch received this afternoon. The defeated Reds have fallen back in panic and have abandoned a large amount of needed materials. The main forces of the Spartacoids heretofore reported have been isolated and the government troops are rapidly advancing on the strongholds, wiping out the very nests of the revolutionists. The streets of Berlin are badly littered with wreckage caused by the heavy artillery fire and the loss of life is expected to be very heavy.

LONDON, March 12.—The behavior of the Spartacans in Lichtenberg was worse than the Bolsheviks' cruelties in Russia, Berlin advisers received in Copenhagen and transmitted by the Exchange Telegraph company say. All well dressed citizens appearing in the streets were robbed and many were killed. Riots have occurred in various German towns outside Berlin and a Spartacan revolt has broken out in Hamburg, according to an Exchange Telegraph dispatch from Copenhagen. The riots are said to have resulted from a general strike supported by the Spartacans. A German government wireless dispatch received here today says that according to official announcement up to Tuesday afternoon there had been no more important fighting anywhere in Berlin. A night attack on the staff quarters of the government troops in the suburb of Neukölln was frustrated.

The Berlin newspapers, the dispatch continues, say the Spartacans visited Herr Noske, secretary of military affairs, last night to inquire into peace conditions. It is rumored that after protracted negotiations, Herr Noske demanded unconditional surrender of the Spartacans and also possession of all their arms.

NO TIME EXTENSION SAYS COLLECTOR LOOMIS

Returns on Income Tax Must Be in Hands of Collector on March 15 or Penalty Will Be Imposed

Omaha, Neb., March 13.—It must be understood by individual income taxpayers that there will be no general extension of time. Returns must be in the hands of the collector or a deputy collector on March 15, Collector of Internal Revenue Geo. L. Loomis today said: "Failure to file return on time as required by law automatically subjects the taxpayer to a 25 per cent penalty and in addition thereto a \$1,000 fine. Any person who willfully attempts to evade or defeat the income tax imposed is subject to a \$10,000 fine and one year in federal prison. "Taxpayers should not delay in making returns until the eleventh hour and then find that due to delay in mail or other causes they are delinquent and subject to a fine. File the return at once and take no chances.

"While the Bureau of Internal Revenue is sending to every county in the state experts to aid in the making out of income tax returns, it is not to be supposed that these officers are to relieve taxpayers altogether of their duty in this respect. Many persons, without even taking the trouble to glance over the forms, hand them to the revenue officers expecting them to make out the complete return. This necessitates a number of questions which only the taxpayer himself can answer. "Taxpayers are urged to read carefully the instructions and fill in the forms to the best of their ability, leaving to the experts only such questions as to which they may be in doubt.

"On each form is printed the following: "If you need assistance, go to a deputy collector or to the collector's office, but first read instructions and fill out this sheet in pencil as well as you can."

"By heeding this advice, taxpayers will save themselves and the government much time and trouble."

Food and Apron Sale The Ladies of the Presbyterian church will hold a food and apron sale at the Glenn Miller Furniture Store, next Saturday, March 15. An array of choice articles for the selection of those who attend is promised and it will no doubt prove profitable for all to call and look over what the ladies will offer.

CHICAGO BANK IS ROBBED BY ARMED BANDITS TODAY

(By International News Service) CHICAGO, March 13.—The Metropolitan State Bank, one of the strong financial institutions of this city, was robbed this morning by four armed daylight bank robbers. The assistant cashier was fatally injured in the fight that ensued and a woman customer was struck by a bullet from a gun in the hands of the highwaymen.

WILL ASK THAT STATE GAME LAW BE AMENDED

Section of Law Prohibiting Shooting of Pelicans is Inducement to Violation of Liquor Laws

It is said that one of the leading "booze hounds" stationed at Alliance, who has been credited with making several of the largest captures of bootleggers and illegal stores of liquor, is of the opinion that it will be necessary to revise the Nebraska game laws at this session of the legislature, if the importation of "red eye" or squirrel whiskey from Wyoming is to be stopped. The reason for the conclusion of the sleuth is this:

The Nebraska game laws protect several varieties of wild game birds the entire year, it being unlawful to shoot them, with a severe penalty attached. Among the birds protected in this way are pelicans, large numbers of which nest and breed in the sandhill lakes near Alliance each summer. The pelicans have immense beaks with the lower bill shaped like a boat, capable of holding several good-sized fish at the same time.

The "booze hound" tells this story of the new angle to the bootlegging game and incidentally the reason for the amending of the game laws, in order that the birds may be killed when necessity arises. It has been reported that a bootlegger, searching for some way to avoid the stringent watch kept for the importation of liquor from our neighboring state, captured a number of young pelicans last summer and fed them well at his ranch during the winter. The result was that this spring he had a flock of extra large pelicans with well-developed beaks. The pelicans, having been well fed and cared for, came to look at the ranch as being their home and when taken many miles away and released immediately wended their way back to the ranch along the aerial route.

The next step was to take the pelicans to Wyoming. Before being released there, each bird had a quart bottle of "red eye" placed in its beak, the end of the beak then being tied with a strong string. The birds on being released immediately flew high and straight for their ranch home near Alliance. On reaching the ranch the string was untied and the bottle safely delivered. This has been so profitable that it is getting to be a regular thing. It is reported that the secret was given away by a pelican which was entrusted with a bottle which had a loose cork. The cork came out, the bird swallowed the booze, and becoming drunk, mistook the Alliance city hall for its rookery, alighting there. The bird was rescued and the secret came out—that is, the bottle came out after the string was untied.

The secret now being out, it is feared that others besides the originators may follow example, until the skies above Alliance may become darkened with booze-laden pelicans returning to their homes, and a general era of drunkenness ensue. This plan of course is much safer than that of stopping freight trains on dark nights and unloading the booze. Should the game law not be amended at this session of the legislature, the sleuth who discovered the plan used wants a swift aeroplane and a large sack of salt. By catching the pelicans with the plane and salt thrown on their tails he might find some clue as to the master pelicaner who is responsible.

Some people say this story may not be true. It is not for us to doubt it, for the idea originated with the Denver Post. However, we do believe that— A wonderful bird is the pelican. His bill holds more than his belican; He holds in his beak Enough booze for a week, And I don't see how the helican.

FIRE DEPARTMENT NOMINATED OFFICERS

Seventeen New Members Initiated Wednesday Evening—Dr. Hand New President

Seventeen new members were initiated with due ceremony Wednesday evening into the Alliance Volunteer Fire Department. The new members were: Marvin Dickenson, Chet Shreve, Henry Blume, C. W. Nation, Roy Miller, Lin Burroughs, Claude Hazelton, Chris Ehinger, Bill Clary, E. S. Brower, R. J. Silver, J. B. Miller, A. L. Davis, Geo. Heath, C. W. Rathburn, Ross Sampson and Alfonso Hudkins.

A new company was organized under the name of Louis Buechstein Chemical No. 1. A number of the older members were transferred from the other three companies to the new company and John W. Guthrie was nominated foreman of the company.

Annual election of officers will be held at the next regular meeting—on March 26. Nominations were made as follows: President, Dr. Geo. J. Hand; vice president, Harold Snyder, W. R. Harper and Vern Regester; chief, Ray Trabert, Leonard Pilkington, Vern Regester and Frank Merritt; secretary, Carl Rokey; John Hodgkinson and Guy Smith; treasurer, Frank Abegg; house committee to fill term expiring, Ray Trabert; foreman Hose Company No. 1, John Hodgkinson; foreman Hose Company No. 2, Ed Brennan and Carl Rokey; foreman Hook and Ladder No. 1, Vivian Hall and Vern Regester; foreman Lou Buechstein Chemical No. 1, John W. Guthrie.

The regular dances given by the department, under the management of the house committee, have been proving very successful and will be continued regularly.

THREE ARE KILLED THREE BURNED IN FIRE AT BAYARD

ANOTHER CHAPTER WRITTEN IN STORY OF OIL CAN AND FIRE

Nearly Entire Family of Philip Deering Wiped Out When Kerosene Can Explodes

Three persons are dead and two others are not expected to live as the result of an explosion of a can of kerosene Tuesday morning in the home of Philip Deering, a Russian beet-tender at Bayard.

The dead: Mrs. Philip Deering, mother of family. Peter Deering, aged 7. Katie Deering, aged 5. Those probably fatally burned: Philip Deering, father. Mary Deering, aged 9. A child, aged 2 years, it is thought will recover.

The explosion was caused by pouring oil on live coal. The father in his attempt to start the fire used a can of kerosene, which exploded blowing the bottom out of the can and scattering blazing oil over the room. Three men who chanced to be near were attracted by the blaze and after breaking in the house rescued Deering and his 2-year-old daughter, both terribly burned.

Mrs. Deering, together with her son, aged 7, and a daughter, 5, were found dead in their bed from burns and suffocation.

ALLIANCE FIVE WINS OVER KIMBALL HIGHS

Defeats Team Twice Victorious over Locals in First Game at the State Tournament

The Alliance High School basketball five won its first game of the state tournament at Lincoln Wednesday by defeating the fast aggregation from Kimball by a score of 13 to 11. The Kimball team, having twice been returned victor over the locals, entered the contest full confident of victory, while the Alliance boys were just as insistent that they would win, and as is to be seen by the score the game was a good one.

Alliance is scheduled to meet the Dunbar High this afternoon and the interested ones here are hoping for another victory.

Woman Killed in Fall Yesterday

The mother of Mrs. Herman Johnson, Cheyenne avenue, was killed Wednesday afternoon, when she fell from the basement stairs at the Johnson home. The other members of the family had left the house and although many times warned of the danger she started to the basement to care for some small chicks and in the fall resulting received a fracture of skull that cost her life. Upon the return of the family from a shopping trip to the city the body was found at the bottom of the stairway, but life was extinct.

CHOICE FARM IS SOLD THIS WEEK AT NICE FIGURES

POWELL PLACE BRINGS FORTY-TWO THOUSAND DOLLARS—WELL IMPROVED

Phelps County Man Confident of Great Advance in Value of Western Nebraska Land

After watching the advance of western Nebraska for about nine years, T. C. Bradley of Bertrand, Phelps county, this week purchased the C. L. Powell place, three miles north of Alliance, at the snug price of \$75 per acre. The farm comprises 560 acres, bringing the total consideration to \$42,000.

Mr. Bradley, a long-time resident of the state, was a few years ago the owner of the large McCorkle ranch and although he realized a profit when he sold the place figures his best move would have been to hold it a few years longer. For the past nine years he has made frequent trips to this section of the state and is very confident that within the coming few months the value of western Nebraska real estate will advance appreciably. His new possession is one of the best of Box Butte county farms, very well improved, fertile soil and well situated. He will move onto the place, with his family, about the first of the coming month, having received immediate possession. In the deal he gets 130 acres of fall wheat and rye and 80 acres of alfalfa of good stand.

When the change has been entirely made Alliance will no doubt become the home of Mr. and Mrs. Powell. The live stock, farm machinery and some other personal effects will be sold by Mr. Powell and son, Lewis, who is associated with him on the farm, at public sale, after which the family will move to this city to take up its abode.

Land Deals Are Numerous

There is a decided activity in western Nebraska land realms. During the week several good sized deals have been closed that denote a marked confidence in the prospects for the section. M. A. Brown sold two sections near Marple to Otto Staab at \$35 per acre and will give immediate possession. He in turn purchased the E. I. Gregg tract of fifty-eight acres at the east end of Third street, which is well improved, and will move onto the same as soon as he has disposed of his farm stuff at a public sale to be held within the near future. The consideration in the latter deal was said to be about \$9,000.

A deal which involved a rather large sum was that of the sale of the Peter Kichen place to the Talmadge-Loomis investment company of Omaha for a round \$67,000. The place will be cut into small tracts and sold as improved farms. E. T. Kibble, Alliance real estate man, purchased the Powell Jesse farm of 1320 acres and for the same paid \$33,900. The place is situated five miles east of Alliance and is a splendid property. Mr. Kibble plans extensive improvements and farming operations.

UNPAVED STREETS MAKE MANY STRANDED CARS

Twenty-three Automobiles Were Stranded in Muddy Streets in City Wednesday

Unpaved Box Butte avenue made itself a new record Wednesday when fourteen automobiles were stranded at different points along its broad expanse of mud and water. Seventh street proved to be the worst offender, nine cars stopping there for periods ranging from a few minutes to a couple of hours.

As long as the streets were frozen the chief difficulty in navigating the city was the roughness—but with a couple of warm days the frost began leaving the ground and the bottom has simply dropped out of the streets.

The street commissioner and his willing helpers, doing their best to keep the soft spots passable, discovered a Stetson hat lying in the mud at Seventh and Box Butte. One waded out and picked up the hat. He was amazed to see that it covered the head of a man. Digging the mud from around the face of the man he inquired, "What are you doing here?" The reply was, "Oh, I'm sitting in the front seat of my car, waiting for help in getting out."

A few days of warm and dry weather will give the street commissioner a chance to eliminate the bad places. He has an excellent opportunity to work the streets during the past few months and has done the best he could. Citizens realize that paving is the only remedy and are hoping that there will be no delay in getting the fifteen blocks started early this spring. In the meantime carry with you a pair of rubber boots, a life preserver, a life-line and a whistle. If your car sticks, put on the life preserver; throw out the life-line and blow the whistle. Heavy dray teams seem to be the only adequate remedy in getting out cars.

FIRE THIS MORNING IN THE EMERSON SCHOOL BUILDING

THREE HUNDRED SCHOOL CHILDREN MARCH OUT QUICKLY AND SAFELY, DIRECTED BY COOL-HEADED TEACHERS—FIRE TRUCK STICKS IN MUD HOLE

WANTS VOTE OF PEOPLE ON THE CITY MANAGER

A. D. Rodgers Heads Strong Ticket for City—Hughes, Harris, Johnson, Hills, for Council

A. D. Rodgers, former mayor of Alliance and candidate for election at the city election next month, will ask for a vote of the people on the question of a city manager before taking this action, if he is elected, according to a statement made by him to a Herald reporter Wednesday. Mr. Rodgers believes that the plan of a city manager can be worked successfully but he would not favor taking this action unless the people of the city showed that a majority favored the same.



Mr. Rodgers heads a strong ticket which includes J. E. Hughes, former superintendent of the city light and water department, as a candidate for councilman from the First ward; Fred W. Harris, former mayor, cashier of the Alliance National Bank, conceded to be one of the best posted men in the city on its financial affairs, as councilman from the Fourth ward; H. A. Johnson, foreman of the Burlington stock yards, who has resided in Alliance for six years, and a volunteer fireman, as councilman from the Third ward; and George Hills, now councilman from the Second ward, and a popular volunteer fireman, for re-election.

Frank Abegg is a candidate for reelection as city treasurer. T. P. Rolfsen, at present city clerk, will not be a candidate for re-election. Walter Buechstein has been mentioned for the place but up to date has not consented to run. He is a popular volunteer fireman and has had much experience along clerical lines.

The women of Alliance, twenty-one years of age and over, will have the right to vote this year for the first time. They may vote for all city officers except police magistrate.

Mr. Rodgers and his associates on the ticket are seriously considering the proposition of appointing as "city superintendent" a man who will take charge, under the direction of the mayor and city council, of all the city departments—including light and power, streets, sewer, water, cemetery.

The men on the ticket also feel that it may be wise to issue bonds to care for the present deficit, or at least a portion of the same—probably in the amount of \$47,000. The outstanding warrants draw seven per cent. The bonds would draw probably five per cent.

COLONEL ROOSEVELT FIRST DAY VISITOR AT CANTEN

One of the interesting features of the local Red Cross canteen at the Burlington station is the registration book. Since the time of the organization of the canteen not less than 4,000 persons have registered and among the number are to be found the signatures of several very prominent Americans. On October 4, 1918, the first day of the canteen's operations, Colonel Theodore Roosevelt, now deceased, was the seventh person to register. The colonel was at the time touring the west in the interest of the Liberty Loan campaign and passed through Alliance, as will be well remembered. On the same day Read Admiral R. E. Coonts of the U. S. Navy, enroute to the Atlantic coast to assume command of the Atlantic fleet, added his name to the list. The canteen was organized with John B. Guthrie as chairman of the division during the regime of L. H. Highland as county chairman of the Red Cross.

Agnes G. Strong of Boone, Iowa, organizer for the Ladies Society of the B. of L. F. and E., will be in Alliance on Friday, February 21, at which time a ladies' society will be organized.

Three hundred grade school children marched out from a smoke-filled building this morning at 9:45 o'clock in good order, while Superintendent Gertrude McHugh and her corps of efficient and cool-headed teachers, in a quiet but determined manner, stood back of them until all were safely in the street.

The Alliance motor fire truck, going to the Emerson school building at full speed, landed in a mudhole half a block from the building and remained there for nearly an hour, until pulled out with the aid of two monster trucks, a heavy dray team and fifty men.

Alliance volunteer firemen jumped from the stranded motor truck and carrying chemical apparatus, entered the basement of the building and despite a blinding, choking, strangling smoke, kept the fire from spreading, and extinguished it within a few minutes.

The blaze was caused from a stove pipe running through a wooden partition from the rooms of Janitor Bill Coleman to the main smoke-stack. The damage to the building was slight and school will again take up this afternoon.

Scores of happy school boys, happy because of a half holiday, piled on the two motor trucks—a Nash driven by Fireman George Ellis and a Republic driven by Fireman Ward Hall—in order to give the trucks weight in pulling the stranded motor truck from the mud hole, while Guy Martin, driving a heavy dray team, added the pull that brought the truck, with Driver Pilkington at the wheel, out from the mud hole. Engineer Jack Clauson, adding 250 pounds of brawn and muscle, did his share in the work and also proved himself an excellent driver. F. A. Bald, driving a Reo that heeded not mud holes or crossings, journeyed to and from the firehouse with extra chemicals.

Alliance citizens, who see such things as this, realize more and more the need of paved streets throughout the city. They also realize the efficient work done by the volunteer firemen, who kept the fire loss record last year down to thirteen fires and \$800 losses.

POST M. T. P. A. OF ALLIANCE HELD ANNUAL MEETING

Alliance Live-wire Traveling Man Elect Officers of Post; Will Send Delegates to York

The annual election of officers of Post M. T. P. A., was held Saturday afternoon at the community club office, with a bunch of the live wires present.

The post passed a resolution addressed to Governor McKelvie calling attention to the bad condition of service at hotels in Bridgeport, Danton, Whitman, Crawford and Hyannis, stating that better inspection is needed of these hotels; that the present inspector has been on the job a couple of months and that to the knowledge of the post, no complaints have been filed.

The question of good roads was thoroughly discussed and cussed—that is, the bad roads were cursed. The members of the post are to a man back of the Potash Highway proposition and are devoting their efforts to its success. Other roads in western Nebraska are in need of attention also.

Officers elected for the coming year were: President, J. H. Hawes; vice president, R. M. Baker; secretary-treasurer, Roy C. Strong, elected for his fourth term; directors, Geo. D. Reed, chairman, S. W. Thompson, W. G. Nieman, C. M. Looney and John Feyer.

Committees appointed for the year were: Sickness—Joseph O'Connor; roads—Lloyd C. Thomas; legislative—L. H. Highland; hotel—J. E. Croy; employment—C. M. Reynolds; railroad—S. A. Van Landingham; press—Ben J. Sallows. The board of directors will compose the entertainment committee.

Delegates elected to the annual state convention at York on April 15 and 19 were: C. M. Looney, R. C. Strong, W. G. Nieman, Geo. D. Reed and S. W. Thompson.

Another T. P. A. party is to be held in Alliance on Saturday, April 5. The post now has 134 members.

NO CONFIRMATION CLAIMED OFFICE TENDERED GRAHAM

(Special Dispatch to Herald) Lincoln, Neb., March 12.—How did the Alliance Times get its alleged information relative to a tender to Postmaster Robert Graham of Alliance by Governor McKelvie of a place on the State Board of Control? This question is being asked at the State House but has not yet been satisfactorily answered. The governor has not given out and has not authorized any statement relative to the appointment of a successor to Judge Holcomb on the board. The Times' statement, if correct, must be based on confidential correspondence.