

NEBRASKA HAPPENINGS DURING THE PAST WEEK

Brief Outline of Important Events Throughout the State of Interest to the General Reader.

Judge Leslie, sitting in equity court at Omaha, ended the long-drawn out litigation arising out of labor troubles in the metropolis last spring by refusing to grant a permanent injunction against Omaha unions and business firms.

Admitting that he was the author of a blackhand letter written to Ed Sullivan, a farmer of near York, threatening his family with death unless he sent him \$100 by mail, W. E. Palmer, alias G. W. Witter, was bound over to the federal grand jury at Lincoln. The charge against Palmer is "scheme to defraud by sending the anonymous blackhand letter. Palmer worked on the Sullivan farm as a farm hand."

Lincoln is on the itinerary of W. R. Walton cereal and forage insect investigator of the United States Department of Agriculture, who left Washington recently, for an extended trip through the wheat-growing regions of the west and middle west, principally to visit stations engaged in co-operative work against the Hessian fly.

It is confidently reported that Fort Robinson near Crawford is to be used as a signal corps training station, with some six hundred men and officers stationed there, and that arrivals of men and accoutrements will begin in a few days.

Buene Bros. of Wisner, marketed a carload of yearling steers and heifers on the South Omaha market for \$16.50 a hundred pounds. This equals the highest price ever paid for cattle at that market.

Each class of the Aurora high school purchased a \$50 Liberty bond in the name of the school, and will leave these securities in the school as the classes graduate for the benefit of succeeding scholars.

Mrs. Addison E. Sheldon of Lincoln was elected president of the Nebraska Federation of Women's clubs at the annual meeting at Omaha. Mrs. Sheldon succeeds Mrs. J. N. Paul of St. Paul.

Citizens of Hircrook held what is believed to be the first community Liberty Loan bond banquet in the United States. Plates were set for 100, and following the repast \$20,000 was subscribed.

The first Nebraska corn of this year's crop sold on the Omaha Grain exchange brought \$1.92 a bushel. It is said that this was the highest price ever paid for new corn at Omaha, or elsewhere.

The Masonic lodge at Clay Center invested \$1,500 in Liberty bonds. The lodge at Clay Center has less than 100 members and by the arrangement they invested substantially all their funds.

The 5 and 10-cent cigars have reappeared on the Fremont market. Fremont dealers who raised the prices to 6 and 12 cents failed to stand pat on their pledge.

A company headed by William L. Lueben of Emmett, has announced that they are ready to begin boring for petroleum close to Bassett.

C. L. McKinstry, potato grower near Mitchell, reports a yield of 449 bushels to the acre on a twenty-five-acre field he had in this year.

Gus Hermanson, who has two brothers in the German army, was the first to subscribe to the Liberty Loan at a meeting in Wakefield.

Rev. Joseph H. Curry of Kansas City has been selected to take charge in the North Platte Presbyterian church.

The McPherson county high school at Tryon started last week after a two months' delay in securing a teacher.

McPherson county potato crop has been cut short about one-half by the recent cold weather.

The Catholic church at Ansley, valued at \$5,000, was destroyed by fire.

Johnnie Cook of Beatrice and Hugo Otomalk of David City were shining stars when the Nebraska football team conquered the strong Notre Dame, Indiana, team by a score of 7 to 0 at Lincoln. So far this year the Cornhusker goal has not been crossed.

Officials of the Nebraska Farmers' Congress are anxious that every farmer in this section attend the annual meeting at Omaha December 18 to 20. Questions of vital importance are to come up before the convention.

The congregation of the Christian church in Hastings granted the pastor, the Rev. C. E. Lemmon, leave of absence for three months to do Y. M. C. A. work among the soldiers at Deming.

Based on township assessors' figures Richardson county is third in the state in the number of automobiles. These figures show the county has 2,554 cars, valued at \$1,275,000.

Sweetwater, Buffalo county, suffered another disastrous fire when flames wiped out several buildings with their contents, valued at \$20,000.

At the special meeting of the Nebraska Chiropractic association at Lincoln, the organization offered the government the service of a licensed chiropractor to be assigned to Camp Funston, Fort Riley, Kans., for the benefit of soldiers who desire that kind of treatment and offered to defray the expenses of the specialist. The offer was made direct to Secretary of War Baker. The society also purchased \$2,500 worth of Liberty bonds of the second issue. This same organization won a loving cup in the first bond drive for its splendid record.

Food Administrator Hoover, at Washington sent word to Congressman Reavis at Falls City that the government does not intend to fix the price of live stock, as rumored throughout the east. Mr. Reavis complained to the food administration that the fixing of prices would be a hardship on Nebraska farmers and the assurances he received from Washington make it clear that the government will make no move to jeopardize production.

"One of the most vital problems confronting this nation—is that of sufficient sugar to meet the requirements of our people and of the allied nations fighting our common battles," says Food Administrator Hoover in a message to G. W. Watters, Nebraska food controller appealing to farmers of this state to keep up a full acreage of sugar beets next year. Mr. Hoover not only urges a normal acreage, but an increase wherever possible.

The Southwest Nebraska Men's association adopted a resolution at Arapahoe protesting against the dismissal of schools to enable high school pupils to aid in farm work. The resolution declared that past experiences show that where school has been suspended to permit scholars to assist the farmers only about 40 per cent actually engaged in the work.

In order to protect their property against alien enemies, citizens of Barnston have organized a protective association with fifty members. Two members of the organization will guard the town each night. Recent fires supposedly by fire bugs caused citizens to take such action.

The Lang Canning and Preserving company at Beatrice has installed a sorghum mill at its plant which is turning out from 50 to 180 gallons of molasses daily. Because of the government's move to conserve sugar residents of Beatrice expect to lay in a supply of sorghum for the winter.

"If every person in Nebraska does without one slice of white bread a day there will be a saving of 415,000 bushels of white flour in one year." Gordon W. Watters, state food administrator, declared in an address to the Nebraska Federation of Women's clubs at Omaha.

Rudolph Kraus, on trial at Omaha for killing his wife and two children, near Tobias, last February, was found guilty of murder in the first degree, with punishment fixed at life imprisonment. This is the first man ever convicted of murder in the first degree in Saline county.

Severe frost in northwestern Nebraska destroyed unharvested potatoes to the extent of several hundred thousands of dollars. Some farmers will lose 60 acres, though most all had finished harvesting the crop. Potatoes froze in some cars on the track.

John Schroeder, a Dowitt farmer, was fleeced out of \$10,000 by two confidence men. Schroeder gave a draft for \$10,000 for a steel box supposed to contain \$30,000 as his share of a lucky stock speculation. The box contained nothing of value.

Range cattle from western Nebraska are pouring into the Omaha market in large numbers and it is asserted that the animals are in better flesh than usual, due to the excellent condition of the range during the summer.

Joe Stecher proved his superiority as a wrestler over "Bill" Holcuff in a bout at Central City. Stecher downed his Omaha opponent in two straight falls, the first in 23 minutes and the second in 8 minutes.

Seven buildings have been destroyed by fire at Junietta within the last three months. The latest blaze wiped out the Zeisler drug store. Alien enemies are believed to be at work in the community.

At a hog sale held at North Bend forty-two head of hogs sold at an average price of \$190, the total sales running close to \$8,000.

The Methodist church at Silver Creek did its bit to help win the war by purchasing a \$100 Liberty bond.

Scores of cornhuskers are pouring into Dodge county, attracted by the report that farmers are paying from 9 to 10 cents a bushel for having their corn gathered. Some are paying 8 and a few 10 cents a bushel, but the majority hold out for 6 cents.

The week of November 11 to 19 all Y. M. C. A. organizations in Nebraska will make a drive for this state's share—\$250,000—of \$35,000,000 to be raised over the country for use in army camps in this country and on the battle fronts in Europe.

Seventy-eight kegs of whisky—an entire carload—under the guise of macaroni, was seized by authorities in the railroad yards at Omaha. It was consigned as "macaroni" to two unidentified persons in Omaha.

Dan Lewis of York was instantly killed when, after his automobile had blown a tire, he lost control and the machine went into a ditch near Lincoln.

Twenty-five calves in the vicinity of Beatrice have died with blackleg and an organized effort is being made to stamp out the disease.

TAKE 30,000 ITALIANS

NORTHERN WING OF CADORNA'S ARMY DEFEATED BY TEUTONS AND IS RETIRING.

FIGHT ON ITALIAN SOIL

Rome Announces Evacuation of Bainsizza Plateau—Pressure of the Enemy Forced Move—Big Gains Wiped Out.

Berlin, Oct. 20.—The Austro-Germans in their offensive on the Isonzo front have captured more than 30,000 Italians, the German war office announced on Friday. More than 300 guns also were taken. The statement says the northern wing of the second Italian army has been defeated and is retreating. German divisions are advancing beyond Karfreit and Ronzanna. At many places the Germans are now fighting on Italian territory, the announcement says.

Rome, Oct. 20.—Evacuation of Italian troops of Bainsizza plateau was officially announced on Friday. The pressure of the Austro-German drive in that sector forced the move.

"From Mount Maggiore west to Auzza we have withdrawn our boundary, evacuating the Bainsizza plateau," the statement said.

Bainsizza plateau was the main fruit of General Cadorna's great drive last August. His forces conquered the great mountain peaks forming the western boundary of this high ground—Monte Santo, Monte San Gabriel and Kuk—and then drove the Austrians ahead of them across the comparatively level upper ground.

It is not clear from the official statement whether all of the Bainsizza plateau has been abandoned to the Austro-German forces or just that portion around Auzza.

ALLIES CONTINUE BIG DRIVE

British Storm Positions Near Ypres—French Wade Through Two Rivers and Seize Posts.

London, Oct. 20.—Operations with limited objective were undertaken by the British and French armies in Flanders early in the morning, and, notwithstanding great difficulties caused by weather and bad ground, considerable progress was made and valuable positions taken on the greater part of the front attacked, says the British official communication issued here on Friday. The communication says that more than 800 prisoners were captured during the day's operations.

Paris, Oct. 20.—The French troops are continuing their successful drive on the Flanders front, according to the war office statement issued on Friday. The number of guns captured since the 23rd inst. totals 160 and 200 more prisoners were taken during the morning. The village of Draidsbank, Papegoed wood and a number of fortified farms were captured by the French in an attack launched on the Flanders front. Hundreds of prisoners were taken. The French forced a crossing of two rivers, wading through water up to their shoulders.

BRAZIL FOR WAR WITH KAISER

Chamber of Deputies Votes Hostilities With Germany—President Sanctions Proclamation.

Rio Janeiro, Brazil, Oct. 20.—The chamber of deputies by an almost unanimous vote declared on Friday that a state of war existed between Germany and Brazil. The vote was 149 to 1.

President Braz at once sanctioned the proclamation. The tribunes of the chamber were filled to capacity. After a debate on the opportuneness of proclaiming martial law, the president of the diplomatic commission spoke in favor of a law worded as follows:

"A state of war between Brazil and Germany is hereby acknowledged and proclaimed. The president of the republic is authorized to adopt the measures enunciated in his message of the 25th of October, and to take all steps tending to insure national defense and public security."

Know the Grim Truth.

- All the blood; all the heroism; all the money, and all the munitions in the world will not win this war unless our allies and the people behind them are fed. They will not be fed and our sacrifice of blood and money will be in vain and a great cause will sustain a great injury unless each one in his home each day stands guard over the nation's supply of wheat, meat, fats and sugar.

Farmers Urge Suffrage, Prohibition. Springfield, Mo., Oct. 20.—The farmers' national congress closed a four-day session here by passing resolutions urging national suffrage and prohibition and pledging support to the government in the conduct of the war.

Nelson Back and Registers. Madison, Wis., Oct. 20.—Byron Nelson, son of Congressman Nelson, voluntarily returning from Canada, registered under the draft law at once and then entered a plea of not guilty for alleged violation of that law.

MME. JOSEPH SIMON



Mme. Joseph Simon, wife of the French minister of finance, is one of the most charming and interesting of the foreign women who have accompanied their husbands to Washington when the latter were chosen as members of various missions. Mme Simon has been entertained extensively.

SUGAR PRICE IS CUT

FOOD ADMINISTRATION OFFICIALS MAKE ANNOUNCEMENT.

Southern Planters Arrange to Release 200,000,000 Pounds to Northern Refineries.

Washington, Oct. 26.—Two hundred million pounds of Louisiana cane sugar was contracted for here by the American Sugar Refining company, and will begin moving northward next week to relieve the serious shortage of the Eastern states.

If the Eastern consumer had been compelled to await the coming of this year's supply from Western beet and Cuban cane fields there would have been no relief for existing near-famine conditions until late in November.

For the 200,000,000 pounds the refiners paid about \$13,000,000, or approximately 6 1/2 cents a pound. After adding the cost of transportation and refining, it is estimated that they will be able to sell to the wholesalers at steadily reducing prices, beginning at 8.30 cents Eastern seaboard and dropping to 7.25 by the end of the year. The latter figure is the seaboard price previously fixed by agreement for Cuban, Hawaiian and Western beet sugar, and the price the food administration expects to maintain.

GEN. PERSHING UNDER FIRE

American Commander Goes as Far as The Second German Trench With French Officers.

American Training Camp in France, Oct. 26.—General Pershing accompanied one of the French generals as far as the second German line in the French attack on the Aisne front.

He was with Gen. Franchet d'Esperey, at first observing the attack from a favorable post some distance in the rear of the French front line. Then General Pershing suggested going into the French trenches.

This he did, but General Pershing was not satisfied and went on through the shell fire into the first line of the captured German trenches and then into the second line. General Pershing's imperturbable attitude during this time is the talk of the French army.

Several American intelligence officers watched the successful attack made by French troops on the front northeast of Soissons.

GERMANS RETREAT 15 MILES

Teutons Fall Back So Fast That Russians Are Unable to Keep Up With Them.

Petrograd, Oct. 27.—The German retreat on the northern end of the front continues. The war office reports that the Russian vanguards lost touch in some sectors with the retiring Germans, who destroyed all bridges, roads and buildings.

The Russian statement issued on Thursday says that the Germans who left their advanced positions so far have retired about 15 miles in the Riga region near the Pskoff highroad and in the sector of the Little Jaegel river.

German attempts to make another landing on the Werder peninsula, in the region of Tomba, were frustrated by Russian artillery fire.

The evacuation of the civil population of the naval base of Kronstadt has begun.

German Women in Mines.

Washington, Oct. 27.—The extent to which women are taking the place of men in the mines of Germany is disclosed in a government report just issued. During the last quarter of 1918 there were 37,563 women so employed.

Fell 274 German Planes.

London, Oct. 27.—Two hundred and seventy-four German airplanes were shot down by the British in September, according to Gen. F. B. Maurice, director of operations. In the same period the British lost 40 machines.

MUST USE WISDOM

PRESIDENT WILSON ASKS AMERICANS TO EAT WISELY AS WAR MEASURE.

APPEALS TO THE WOMEN

Five Hundred Thousand Volunteers Canvass Nation's Housewives—Food-Saving Duty of Humanity and Honor to Men.

Washington, Oct. 27.—The food administration announced that its 500,000 volunteer canvassers are busy with the campaign of food pledge week, which will end November 4.

The canvassers report that they expect to get the signatures of 13,000,000 American housewives to the food pledge. A million and a quarter women have already signed the card promising to conserve food. This leaves between seven and eight million as yet unaccounted for.

Sunday was marked by war-food conservation sermons in churches all over the land.

The food pledge is not an effort to get people to eat less. It asks them to substitute those foods of which this country has an abundance, for those urgently needed by the peoples of America's allies and their armies and ours.

President Wilson, in a letter to the food administrator, has said:

"In no other way can American women so greatly assist us by enlisting in the service of the food administration and cheerfully accepting its direction and advice. By so doing they will increase the surplus of food available for our own army and for our allies.

"To provide adequate supplies for the coming year is absolutely vital to the conduct of the war and without a very conscientious elimination of waste and very strict economy in our food consumption, we cannot hope to fulfill this primary duty.

"I trust, therefore, that the women of the country will not only respond to your appeal and accept the pledge you are proposing, but that all men engaged in the distribution of foods will co-operate with the same earnestness and in the same spirit."

U. S. SHIP FIGHTS U-BOAT

Steamer Battles With Submarine Until American Destroyer Comes to the Rescue.

A French transport, Oct. 27.—Escaping from a German submarine after a bitter fight lasting nearly four hours, with seven of her crew wounded, two of them seriously, an American steamer of the Luckenbach line arrived here from an American port. The timely intervention of an American torpedo boat alone saved the ship from being sent to the bottom. The stubbornness of the battle is indicated by the fact that the submarine fired 234 shots at the steamer, which responded with more than 260 shots.

LOANS REACH BIG FIGURE

American Government Extends Credits to Allied Powers Amounting to \$2,826,400,000.

Washington, Oct. 27.—American loans to the allied governments have closely approached the three-billion mark. Treasury figures showed that this government has extended to the powers engaged in war on Germany, credits amounting to \$2,826,400,000.

The loans have been distributed as follows: Great Britain, \$1,375,000,000; France, \$810,000,000; Italy, \$285,000,000; Russia, \$325,000,000; Belgium, \$58,400,000, and Serbia, \$3,000,000.

TAKE SIX ESCAPED GERMANS

Prisoners Who Fled From Fort McPherson Are Captured by U. S. Agents and Soldiers.

Atlanta, Ga., Oct. 20.—Six of the ten German prisoners who escaped from the alien enemy detention camp at Fort McPherson Tuesday night were captured by agents of the department of justice. Five were taken at Surin, Ga., and the sixth, Johann Adelhart, a noncommissioned officer, was arrested here.

FIRE RAZES POTASH PLANT

Blaze of Mysterious Origin in Utah Causes \$250,000 Loss—Two Men Injured.

Salt Lake City, Utah, Oct. 27.—A fire of mysterious origin destroyed the monster potash plant of the Mineral Products corporation at Alunite, five miles southwest of Marysville, Utah, causing a loss estimated at \$250,000 and the possible loss of one life. The fire originated in the coal drier and was preceded by an explosion.

Royal Palm Special in Crash.

Macon, Ga., Oct. 29.—The Kansas City special and the Royal Palm, on the Southern railway, collided head-on at Reeds station, 11 miles south of Macon. A fireman was killed and an engineer seriously injured.

Fined \$50 for "Traitor" Act.

Chicago, Oct. 29.—Louis Hunsberger, 4317 Prairie avenue, a waiter, was fined \$50 and costs for knocking a Liberty loan subscription blank from the hands of Hobart Stewart, a salesman, on an elevated train.

WILLIAM J. CONNORS



William J. Connors of Buffalo, popularly known as "Fingy" Connors, probably will be put in charge of the unloading of American transports and supply ships in France, supervising the work of three regiments of stevedores and longshoremen now being organized. He has offered his services and is likely to be appointed a brigadier general. Mr. Connors has long been prominent in Great Lakes shipping circles.

BIG FRENCH VICTORY

PIERCE ENEMY'S POSITION TO DEPTH OF TWO MILES.

Capture 7,500 Germans and 25 Heavy Guns When Several Important Villages Were Taken.

Paris, Oct. 25.—In one of the swiftest and most dashing blows of the war the French troops smashed through the German lines north of the Aisne to a depth of more than two miles at one point, inflicted heavy losses on the enemy and captured more than 7,500 prisoners and 25 heavy guns and field guns. Several important villages also fell into the hands of the French, according to the war office announcement.

The French achieved one of the most important victories of recent months' fighting when they swept forward, capturing Allemont, Vaudesson and Malmaison forts.

With the French armies in the field, Oct. 25.—The Lafayette escadrille of American flyers is participating in an attack on the Aisne delivered in great force by the French.

British Front in France and Belgium, Oct. 25.—The new allied line established in Monday's limited attack astride the Ypres-Staden railway is still intact, with the exception of the loss on the southern fringe of Houtholst wood of one fortified farm, from which the British were forced to fall back Monday evening, when the Germans delivered a heavy local counter-attack.

It was hard fighting at numerous points, and the Germans lost heavily, especially in the region of Poelcapelle. Large numbers of enemy dead were reported this morning lying in front of the British advanced posts.

The fighting was especially severe near the point of junction of the British and French forces. The German defenses on the outskirts of the wood were strong, and the enemy fell back, battling determinedly with machine guns and rifles.

10 CONGRESSMEN IN LONDON

Party Will Visit House of Commons and Battlefields of France and Italy.

London, Oct. 20.—A party of ten American congressmen has arrived in London. The members are beginning an unofficial tour of the war area to acquaint themselves with existing conditions. They purpose to visit the battlefields in France and some of them will go to Italy. They will visit the house of commons and Ambassador Page will give a dinner in their honor, which former Premier Asquith and other prominent persons will attend.

The members of congress in the party are Parker of New Jersey, Taylor of Colorado, Johnson of Washington, Goodwin of Arkansas, Stevens of Nebraska, Timberlake of Colorado, Dill of Washington, Hicks of New York, Miller of Washington, and Dale of Vermont.

Cubans Buy Bonds.

Havana, Oct. 26.—The sale of Liberty bonds here has passed the \$1,000,000 mark, the amount allotted to Cuba for disposal.

Three Years for Sedition.

Mankato, Minn., Oct. 29.—A. L. Sugarman, St. Paul socialist, was found guilty by a jury in the federal court here which tried him on an indictment charging "seditious remarks tending to cause treason."

Princeton Erases Bernstorff's Name.

Princeton, N. J., Oct. 29.—In view of the revelations recently divulged by the state department, Bernstorff's name has been stricken from the rolls of Princeton university as a doctor of laws.