

MUST CULTIVATE LAND

State Council of Defense Starts Campaign to Make All Available Land in Nebraska Productive.

The state council of defense is making a drive to see that every available farm in Nebraska is being used for productive purposes.

Every city and town in Nebraska has been asked to raise a Red Cross flag upon its municipal flagpole as soon as the community's quota in the Red Cross war fund campaign is raised.

The federal food administrator for Nebraska requisitioned 8,500 bushels of wheat in the hands of G. W. and James Bailey, Thayer county farmers.

Patriotic citizens of Seward have a new way of aiding the Red Cross. Just a few days ago they donated a carload of hay to the society.

Congregations of the Baptist, Presbyterian and Congregational churches of Kearney, have united into one church, to be known as the Church of America, to remain organized until after the war.

Nebraska is exempted from the latest draft call which summons 51,600 men to the colors.

Sparks from a locomotive are believed to have caused the fire which destroyed the big elevator of the Farmers Elevator Co. at Schuyler.

National Food Administrator Hoover has advised State Food Controller Wattles that wheat flour substitutes are selling from 10 to 25 per cent too high in this state.

The North Loup chapter of the Red Cross was enriched \$2,361.05 when a load of hogs donated by farmers of the district were sold at South Omaha for that amount.

Two Nebraska boys, Leo Harenza, of Ashton, and Magnus M. Brama, of Scottsbluff, were killed in action in France, their names appearing in a recent casualty list.

Home guards at Gibbon, Anherst, Ravenna, Pleasanton and Elm Creek are to be furnished uniforms and rifles at the expense of Buffalo county.

Fire, driven by a strong south wind, destroyed a big lumber yard and a score of residences at Omaha. Nearly a hundred people were made homeless.

Indications are that Nebraska will harvest a bumper crop of small grains this year, as crop conditions are reported favorable in all parts of the state.

Peter Green and Thomas Suppa, convicts who escaped from the penitentiary at Lincoln by scaling the walls, were captured near Greenwood.

The announced flat increase in railroad rates of 25 per cent will cost Nebraska \$12,000,000 annually, members of the state railway commission say.

Fire of unknown origin destroyed the elevator of the Farmers Grain, Lumber and Coal company at Wyoming.

There were 356 G. A. R. delegates registered at the forty-second annual encampment held recently at Seward.

Grand Island's new \$150,000 passenger depot was formally opened to the public last week.

Following a rousing patriotic meeting at Genoa, a home guard organization was perfected.

Designation of Omaha as one of the thirteen quartermaster depots in the United States will mean millions of dollars annually in government contracts for the city.

Frank Brand, aged 23, and Miss Mabel Mace, 20, of South Sioux City, Neb., were instantly killed when an automobile in which they were riding plunged into the Missouri river, near Wynot.

The Commercial club of Superior is taking steps toward building a paved road between the city and the plant of the Nebraska Cement Co., which is located two miles west of the city limits.

The village of Hoffland, the home of the Potash Production company, with a population of less than 350, over-subscribed its Liberty loan quota 14 times.

Theodore Roosevelt is to address a monster patriotic rally at Omaha on the night of June 8.

A Lincoln capitalist, heavily interested in the potash industry of west ern Nebraska, is authority for the statement that undreamed of wealth lies in deposits taken from potash lakes in the district.

A decision of Judge Woodruff in federal court at Omaha provides for the disposal of 5,000 acres of Indian tribal land held by Omaha Indians in Thurston county.

Reappraisal of school lands under lease contracts in Custer, Gosper and Holt counties will add nearly \$21,000,000 to the state school fund annually.

Planting of 2,400 trees on the state demonstration fruit farm at Union has just been completed by the department of horticulture of the university.

C. W. Pugsley, for the last seven years director of the extension department of the Nebraska university, has resigned and in the future will be connected with the editorial staff of the Nebraska Farmer, a Lincoln publication.

Nebraska Knights of Pythias, at their annual convention at Fremont, voted to purchase War Savings Stamps with the money already raised for a Pythian Home in this state.

Nebraska has subscribed \$127,297,406 for various war drives, \$21,000,000 above the quotas set, according to figures compiled by the Omaha Chamber of Commerce.

John H. Powers, known as the "father of populism" in Nebraska, died just recently at Trenton, Nev. He was president of the State Farmers' alliance during the days of the alliance in Nebraska.

The Great Western Sugar company at Scottsbluff is constructing an immense settling basin, 30 feet deep and covering 12 acres, for the production of potash from waste water drawn from beet sugar.

It developed at the trial at Edwardsville, Ill., of eleven men charged with lynching Robert Prager, that the man was driven out of Niobrara, this state, because of disloyal actions.

Omaha's new mayor, Ed P. Smith, said to Governor Neville at a conference at Lincoln that he intends to make Omaha a dry city and wage a relentless war against the bootlegger.

Material and equipment are on the ground for erection of the new municipal building and electric light building of Bancroft. The plant will represent an outlay of \$45,000.

The state board of control has let the contract for a new building at the state hospital for the insane at Lincoln. The structure will cost nearly \$90,000.

The Sons of Herman lodge of Dakota county, whose meeting hall was dynamited recently, probably will discontinue all meetings until after the war, it is said.

A big delegation of scribes is expected to attend the Nebraska Press association convention at Omaha June 20, 21 and 22.

The 61st grand lodge, Ancient, Free and Accepted Masons of Nebraska, will be held in Omaha June 4 to 6.

Three carloads of Nebraska Red Cross hogs sold on the South Omaha market the other day for \$10,371.70.

According to county agricultural agents, more farm help is badly needed in western Nebraska.

The annual convention of the Nebraska Electrical association will be held in Omaha June 26 and 27.

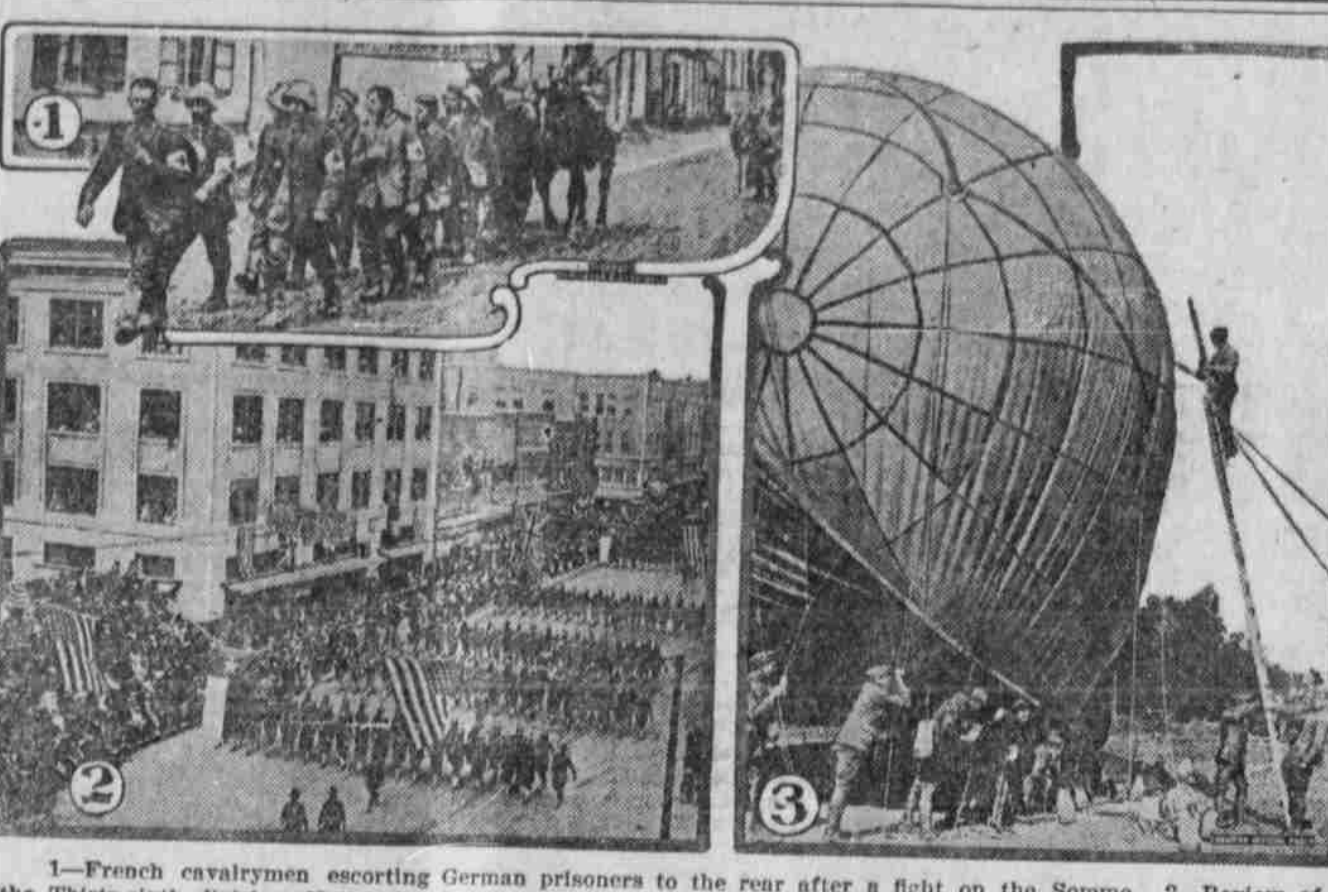
Governor Neville issued a proclamation calling upon the people of Nebraska to aid the government in solving the transportation problem by buying and storing their next winter's coal supply at the earliest possible moment.

The week beginning June 8 has been set aside as a nation-wide "coal week," when everyone financially able is urged to fill their bins for the coming winter.

Two veterans of General Pershing's army are on a speaking tour in Nebraska in the interest of the Red Cross. The men are Sergeant Stevens of Montana, and Sergeant Paul A. Haverin of Maine.

Platte county's junior Red Cross will soon have raised sufficient funds for the purchase of an ambulance automobile for service in France.

Columbus Baptists have funds pledged amounting to \$17,220 with which to build a new brick church, the work of erection to begin soon.



1—French cavalrymen escorting German prisoners to the rear after a fight on the Somme. 2—Review of the Thirty-sixth division National Army, from Camp Bowie, in Fort Worth, Tex. 3—Canadians repairing one of the big observation balloons that are of so much help in directing the fire of the artillery.

NEWS REVIEW OF THE PAST WEEK

Preparations Made by Teutons for Renewal of Drives in France and Italy.

HUN NAVY IS CONCENTRATED

Wilhelm and Charles Renew Austro-German Treaty—Russia Writhing Under Kaiser's Oppression—President Names Hughes to Investigate Aircraft Production Charges.

By EDWARD W. PICKARD.

Operations of last week in the war zones led to the prediction that the central powers were preparing to strike hard and soon on two fronts—in France and Italy—with some prospects of a great naval battle in the North sea.

There were many infantry operations that must be classed as small because of the magnitude of the warfare, but which resulted in the recovery of valuable positions by the allies.

The same confidence prevails on the Italian front, where also General Foch is in supreme command. The Austrians have been concentrating great forces there, including much artillery they have had on the French front.

The prediction of a naval battle in the North sea was based on the fact that the entire German Baltic fleet, excepting a few light cruisers, was recalled to Kiel, and great activity at that base was reported.

Participation in the fighting on the west front by the Americans brigaded with the British and French is increasing daily, and it is now made known that whenever American troops predominate in the brigade divisions these divisions will be put under command of General Pershing.

ment explains that the brigading plan in operation is temporary, adopted to meet the emergency in which it is desirable to send over as many Americans as possible without waiting for their arms and ammunition.

The continuous battle for supremacy in the air raged with increasing intensity all through the week and official reports led to the belief that the flyers of the allied armies generally had the best of it.

On Sunday Emperor Charles visited the kaiser at great headquarters and made plans for a renewal of the Austro-German alliance, to last twenty years.

The meeting of the rulers was attended by the kings of Bavaria and Saxony, who, though not invited, sought to maintain the importance of their kingdoms as parts of the German empire and not leave Prussia the "sole arbiter of German destinies."

The kaiser is treating Russia just as a thoroughly defeated enemy might expect to be treated by him, despite the peace treaty of Brest-Litovsk.

In the Caucasus the Germans undertook to gain control of the grain, coal, oil and iron districts by the capture of Rostov-on-Don, but they held the city only one day, when the Russians recaptured it.

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Monday he issued a call for help to prevent it. The family of the late czar has been removed to Kiev and is in the hands of the Germans.

The Finnish White guard seems to have gained almost complete control of the country, celebrating the capture of Tammerfors by massacring 500 Russians and Great Britain has offered to recognize the Finnish republic on certain conditions.

President Wilson and the senate military affairs committee conflicted again last week when Chairman Chamberlain proposed a resolution that would permit the committee to inquire into the conduct of the war, though the initial purpose was merely to investigate the aircraft production collapse and consequent charges of dishonesty.

Under the able leadership of Mr. Schwab the shipbuilding forces of the United States are going ahead with their work at a great rate.

The Overman co-ordination bill finally was passed by the house by a vote of 295 to 2. Representatives Sterling of Illinois and Gillett of Massachusetts casting the only negative votes.

With the appointment of Felix Frankfurter as administrator of war labor activities the government put into operation its plan for controlling and directing the labor supply, his duties being administrative as contrasted with the judicial and legislative functions of the war labor board headed by Mr. Taft.

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UNLIMITED U.S. ARMY

WILSON SAYS AMERICA SETS NO LIMIT TO WIN THE WAR.

OPENS RED CROSS CAMPAIGN

Calls On People to Give Every Cent That Can Be Spared So Work of Mercy May Continue.

New York, May 20.—Before a multitude of people here Saturday President Wilson opened the Red Cross campaign for another \$100,000,000 war fund.

America's peace terms are known, the president declared, and if the enemy sincerely desires a just peace, an accredited representative should come forward and "lay them on the table."

"There are two duties with which we are face to face," he said. "The first duty is to win the war. The second duty is to win it greatly and worthily. I have heard gentlemen say recently we must get 5,000,000 men ready. Why limit it to 5,000,000? I have asked congress to make no limit. We all intend every ship that can carry troops and supplies shall go on its voyage laden to full capacity.

"One can't get much pride in loaning money to the government," the president asserted. "The interest burns your pocket. But when you give something that cannot come back—then you feel the warmth of giving. Such things are bestowed that the world may be a better place to live in. When you give, give absolutely all you can spare, and don't consider you are liberal in that giving. One of the deepest stains that rests upon the German army is that it has not respected the Red Cross, which is internationally recognized as an instrumentality of mercy and succor, in which Germany had a part in forming."

It was the president's first speech in New York since America entered the war.

H. P. Davison, chairman of the Red Cross war council, in his speech, declared the next few months will be the most critical of the war.

Germany, he declared, is fighting to break down the morale of the people at home "to such a point that they will opportune their governments for peace." This, he said, is the "most dastardly, unrighteous, cruel, devilish plan which could be conceived and has resulted in the murder and maiming of thousands of women and children."

Scores Die in Munition Blast.

Oakdale, Pa., May 21.—Between 80 and 150 persons were killed and more than 200 injured by a series of explosions which wrecked the Aetna Chemical company plant here Saturday.

Twister Kills 12 in Nebraska.

Bloomfield, Neb., May 21.—Twelve persons killed, mostly children, and 25 injured, some dangerously, is the human toll of the tornado that swept this portion of Nebraska Sunday night.

German Plot Stirrs Ireland.

Dublin, May 21.—A proclamation issued Friday says a German plot in Ireland has been discovered. In the proclamation the viceroy calls upon all loyal Irishmen to defeat the conspiracy. He urges voluntary recruiting so that compulsion may be avoided.