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O'NEILL, NEBRASKA

An interesting chapter in railway history is recalled by the statement of the chairman of the City & South London railway that this line would have been reconstructed if it had not been for the war. The City & South London enjoys the dual distinction of being the first underground electric railway and the first "tube" railway in the world. The tunnels of the latter "tubes" are of larger diameter, and the small size of the South London forbids the utilization of modern rolling stock. The scheme of reconstruction provides for an increase in the diameter of the tunnels, thus enabling larger carriages to be used.

The statement has been made by a representative of the government that 5,000,000 tons of coarse and grassy hay will be required within the year in the production of a filler in the manufacture of high explosives. This hay is thoroughly macerated, and 20 per cent. of the bulk of explosive is said to be made of the resultant fiber, replacing the cotton formerly used. There are many places where such coarse hay suitable for feed is difficult to produce.

In the early days of its history the earth grew rapidly by the addition of meteoric matter. It is still growing in the same manner, though scarcely to an appreciable extent, for the mass of meteoric matter added yearly is reckoned to be only 20,000 tons. In the course of ages larger planets have swept up practically all the fragments of the original disruption and the only available source of supply of meteoric matter seems to be that brought by the comets.

At a religious meeting in Pennsylvania a youth asked the prayers of the pastor and people in order that he might become redheaded. It seems that his hair was of a yellowish-white shade, that was no longer all. He had heard the redheads were good scrappers, and he was praying the Lord to give him red hair so that he might go forth and fight the kaiser.

Work in three coal mines at O'Fallon, Ill., employing 450 men was stopped the other day following the receipt of a telegram by one miner from his mother-in-law, a spiritualist, who gave a warning that he should stop working in the mine. He declared later that he had received her dead husband. The message was received from Kansas City, and asserted an accident would befall the miners if they went to work.

Experiments are being made in Trinidad, British West Indies, with a mineral oil substitute for coal fuel on the railways. The legislative council has appropriated \$24,000 for this purpose. If the test is satisfactory further sums will probably be forthcoming. It is reported that Trinidad's output of crude oil in 1917 amounted to 55,980,914 gallons.

An interesting fact about the work on the grading of the railroad being done at Boone, N. C., is that Capt. W. M. Hodges, an ex-confederate soldier, now 86 years old, is putting in 10 hours every day with his maul on the work, and this not because he is getting to but to show his deep interest in getting the road completed to his county seat.

Science recognizes only seven colors, called primary, the colors of the rainbow as follows: Violet, indigo, blue, green, yellow, orange and red. White is a blend of all of these, as appears in the sunlight, and black is the deprivation or absence of all. These are colors in a popular sense, but not in a scientific sense.

Although he was "buried" three years ago with full rites attended by fraternal society to which he belonged, Joe Pappan, of Kenosha, Wis., is now superintendent of a tannery in San Francisco. When a body was taken from the lake in Kenosha in 1915, it was identified as that of Pappan and buried as such.

A New York merchant who died recently, will bequeath to institutions controlled by the French government for the relief of blind and crippled French soldiers, "victims of the criminal war imposed by one man, the barbarous German emperor, William II, for the satisfaction of his own ambitions."

The American Red Cross authorities state that approximately 14,000 nurses may be called into war service in the next 18 months. More than 12,000 of this number are already enrolled in the Red Cross. It is estimated that 14,000 nurses can care for an army of nearly 2,000,000 men in the field.

Paper, as we know that article today, was brought from Asia to Europe by the Arabians. In China paper had been manufactured from an ancient period from the bark of the mulberry tree, which was conquered by the Arabians and employed cotton in the place of silk in paper making.

Oliver Stough, America's oldest living Elk, led the ball given in honor of the 100th anniversary of his birth at San Diego. Stough fought in the Mexican war, the civil war and Indian wars. He was born in Fayette county, Pa., and went to San Diego 35 years ago.

The pupils of the Sumner avenue school in Springfield, Mass., are the proud possessors of a \$100 Liberty bond purchased with money raised by the sale of old rubber. The children collected about a ton of rubber which was transformed into cash.

Hundreds of women of the British army auxiliary corps are working in France, some in the bases and others in country quarters near base towns. Uniforms, khaki coat frock, with stockings and shoes, are provided free.

The war has created a great boom in the fishing industry of the British Isles. Some of the skipper's boats are said to have paid taxes this year on incomes amounting to \$35,000 and more.

General Pershing served in the Spanish war with the 10th cavalry in the Santiago campaign, Cuba, in 1898. He afterward fought in the Philippines in the Moro insurrection.

As a consequence, it is charged, of wilful misstatement of ages, the number of women in the British census groups age 20 to 25 and 25 to 30, are disproportionately high.

A cattle trail is to be built in British Guiana by the government, leading from the Annal Satana on the Rupununi river to the Yawcuri Savanna, a distance of 120 miles.

A group of retail grocers in Vancouver, B. C., recently conducted a campaign of advertising to educate the public to the desirability of using white meat.

NEBRASKA PROFESSORS ARE PREPARED TO QUIT

Make Little or No Comment on Hearing and Action of Board of Regents.

Lincoln, Neb., June 22.—Neither Professor Luckey nor Professor Hopt, whose resignations were demanded by the board of university regents because of their utterances on the war and for failure to aid in preserving unity in the faculty, have anything to say about their deposition. Both attended to their class work and made ready to quit at once. Professor Persinger made the following statement:

"I have no fault whatever to find with either the decision or the statement of the board of regents so far as they relate to myself. I am sorry, however, that the board felt it necessary to drag in Professor Fling and Mrs. England for I feel that both acted from sincere and patriotic motives in all that they did and said.

"I have already quit my university work, and will to Table Rock, to look after orcharding interests to which I am glad to be able to devote all my time."

Professor Fling is now in Washington serving as a member, with the rank of major, of a committee that is arranging historical material in connection with the war records. The finding that he must satisfactorily explain his conduct was based on the fact that the state council of defense, the prosecutor, relied upon a number of statements he made to them with respect to the attitude of professors at the university in antagonism of the war, but when he was called as a witness he said he had to go at once to Washington and wrote out a statement saying that personally he had no "hatting Americanism" on the part of any professor.

N. R. Persinger, father of Professor Persinger, was a regent back in 1882, and at a hearing voted to expel three regents for holding unorthodox religious views.

HOOPER PEOPLE GAVE TO THE GERMAN FUND

Hooper, Neb., June 22.—Two drafts were sent the First National bank of Hooper during 1915 to Count von Bernstorff, German ambassador at Washington, D. C., for the purpose of adding to the fund collected in America for the relief of "widows and orphans who were victims of the war in Germany." The first draft went forward May 10, 1915, and the second September 30, 1915. The first represented the sum of \$751 and the second \$12.

German-American residents of Dodge county were the contributors, all of whom were asked to contribute the money would be sent to Germany for the purposes set forth in a preamble regarding the need of relief work among German war victims.

Interment on the draft for the last amount shows that it was turned by Bernstorff to Dr. Dernburg, head of the organization that spread German propaganda in America. Dernburg cashed the draft with Kuhn, Loeb & Co., New York city. The second draft of \$12 was cashed by the ambassador himself.

There were over 200 contributors to the fund. They were solicited by a committee consisting of John Hebebrand, H. G. Meyer, Casper Moeller, Herman Sacher, Louis Stroh, Sr., John F. Hoyer, Mr. Schroeder and Emil Boell, all residents of Hooper.

MUST FILE FOR THE PRIMARY BY JULY 20

Lincoln, Neb., June 22.—According to a ruling made by Deputy Attorney General Roe, answering an inquiry from C. A. Kingsbury, attorney for Dixon county, all persons who desire to file for office in the primary on August 12 must have their applications and papers on file with the proper officers on or before July 20. The law says that the filing must be made at least 30 days before the day of the primary. A supreme court decision, made a few years ago, holds that where the law says "at least eight days before an election" the proper method of computation is to exclude the day of filing and include the day of election.

Roe modestly waives aside the decision of the court, and adopts the dissenting opinion of Judge Barnes to the effect that a law that says "at least so many days before an election" means before election day, and that the election day cannot be included.

NEBRASKA TRAINS ARE ORDERED CUT OFF

Lincoln, Neb., June 22.—The state railway commission, complying with the request of the federal government but declaring that no material savings in either men or coal will be made, has ordered the discontinuance of 14 trains on branch lines of the Union Pacific in northeastern and north central Nebraska.

Trains running each way daily between the following points are ordered discontinued: Columbus and Albion, Central City and Grand Island, Grand Island and Ord, and Kearney and Stapleton. This leaves each branch with one passenger train and one mixed train each way daily. Sunday service on all branches that now run daily except Sunday is provided for in the order. Most of the trains discontinued are gasoline motors.

ATTEMPTED TO SECURE LARGE SUM OF MONEY

Lincoln, Neb., June 22.—Two men, one of whom is alleged to have represented himself to be a "near relative of Provost Marshal General Crowder," are under arrest on suspicion of having attempted to obtain illegally \$60,500 from Jacob Wirthele, wealthy farmer living near Burr, Neb.

Wirthele said that he came to Lincoln after one of the two men had promised to use "his influence" in securing a large appropriation for Wirthele's two sons. While here Wirthele became involved in a stock deal in which the suspected attempt to procure his money was made, according to Sheriff L. A. Simmons, of Lincoln. Both suspects gave fictitious names, the sheriff said.

EMERSON BOY LOSES FOOT AT CAMP CODY

Pender, Neb., June 22.—Arthur Moseman, son of John Moseman, of Emerson, Neb., part owner of a chain of grain elevators, with headquarters at Pender, suffered the amputation of one foot as a result of an accident at Camp Cody, N. M., where he is a member of an army regiment, according to a message received here by his father. Details of the accident were not contained in the message and how it occurred is not known to the boy's parents.

AUTOMOBILE THIEF OPERATES AT OSMOND

Doctor's Car Is Taken From Garage While the Neighbors Look on Ignorant of Theft.

Osmond, Neb., June 22.—Dr. Paul Becker's new car was stolen from his garage Monday night. He had just put it in about 11 o'clock, and a neighbor saw the car taken out about 12 o'clock, but thought it was the doctor, so said nothing. The car was not missed until noon Tuesday. The sheriff was notified, but no trace has been found of the car so far. Two other cars were sitting in a neighbor's yard two blocks from the garage, the switch keys were taken from them.

NEBRASKA EAGLES HAVE NEW SET OF OFFICERS

Freemont, Neb., June 22.—George F. Freeman, of Beatrice, was elected president of the Nebraska Eagles at the convention session here. Other officers are: Worthy vice president, Andrew P. Moran, Nebraska City; worthy chaplain, W. M. Barclay, Plattsmouth; secretary, M. V. Avery, Norfolk; treasurer, Fred G. Moore, Omaha; inside guard, William Starn, Syracuse; outside guard, A. L. Hibbard, Hastings; conductor, S. A. Borkowski, Fremont; trustees, G. F. Beschorner, Lincoln; E. B. Decker, North Bend; and J. H. Coffey, Columbus. The selection of the meeting place for next year was left to the executive committee. Total registration of delegates was 75. The convention closed this evening with a buffet lunch and smoker.

CONTINUES SEARCH FOR PREACHER HUSBAND

Omaha, Neb., June 22.—Mysteriously missing for nearly a year, Rev. H. W. Cox, Methodist preacher of Lexington, Neb., has been sought in vain by his wife. The only daughter of the couple is dead, and two little grandchildren have been taken by the grandmother to the Lexington home.

Mrs. Ida V. Cox does not doubt her husband. Her faith in him has never wavered. She believes that he was with her husband dropped out of sight, and has kept her home together. But she does not know whether he is dead or alive. If he is dead she is entitled to \$5,000 of life insurance which he carried.

RECOVER BODY OF FREMONT SUICIDE

Fremont, Neb., June 22.—The body of Fred Rhode, who committed suicide by jumping in a lake here early yesterday, was recovered by searchers. The young man had attended the party at the lake the night before the tragedy and appeared to be in the best of spirits.

PRELIMINARY TRIAL FOR TWO LAUREL GUN MEN

Hartington, Neb., June 22.—Parker and Francis, the men being held in the county jail here for the part they took in the shooting affair at Laurel last Friday morning when Harold Crownover and Dr. Sackett were killed, are doing well and are expected to recover. Parker was wounded in both legs and the bullets have not yet been located, but physicians believe they will not be forced to amputate. Francis' wound is in one hand and it is possible two of his fingers may have to be amputated.

When Parker was arrested he had a gun in his possession, but it was empty. He was too weak to put up resistance. Francis was not in a fighting mood. He had no gun, but is believed to have thrown one away in his flight from the scene of the shooting.

Authorities here and at Laurel are of the belief now there was no third man in the party, despite the claims of the witnesses that there was another, and that he was the one who did the shooting.

Parker is known at Laurel, where he worked for a farmer last year, but prior to that and since that time nothing is known of him.

Francis claims to have worked in Sioux City, Omaha, Council Bluffs, and other places.

The preliminary hearing of the two men is to be held next Monday morning. It is expected they will be charged with first degree murder.

PLATTSMOUTH—Peter Antos went to St. Joseph and there securing two suits, one of which he returned to this place, but purchased his ticket to Maynard, which is four miles south of here. Sheriff Quinton, being notified, was at the station when the train stopped and brought the young man to this city in his car. Antos, after complying with the requirements observed the sheriff. Before Judge M. Archer the young man received a sentence of \$100 and the state took the boot.

BEATRICE—Lieut. Hugh Daniel Schultz, of Company H, Twenty-first United States infantry, through his attorneys, filed a petition in the Gage county district court today asking for permission to change his name to Hugh Selton.

KEARNEY—Andy Moran and J. C. Vincent, both employees of the Windsor hotel, were fined \$200 and costs each for having intoxicating liquor in their possession and bootlegging. Their arrest was brought about when the Windsor hotel was raided.

OMAHA—General Manager Rawson, of the American Eastern Express company, the government's merger, arrives from Chicago next Monday and takes office in the Union Pacific building.

HUGE APPROPRIATION BILL IS REVISED

Washington, D. C., June 20.—Revision of the \$12,000,000,000 army appropriation bill was completed today by a Senate military sub-committee. The bill was submitted tomorrow to the full committee in an effort to bring it before the Senate early next week. Few additional appropriations and no reductions were recommended by the sub-committee, but it added as amendments a number of minor army bills pending before the Senate and House in various stages of incompleteness.

DON COSSACKS DRIVE OUT ALL NEW COMERS

Moscow, Tuesday, June 11.—Since taking over control of the Don region, the Don Cossacks under the leadership of General Krasnoff have begun the expulsion of all new settlers as well as Jews. The Cossacks have long resented settlement by new comers in the Don region and fights between the two parties have been frequent.

All Cossacks between the ages of 15 and 50 are engaged in the crusade to expel new comers.

PURGE UNIVERSITY OF ALL DISLOYALTY

Hearing of Professors Results in Discharges—Informers Must Make Explanation.

Lincoln, Neb., June 21.—At midnight last night the regents of the University of Nebraska handed in a verdict holding that the charges of disloyalty against accused professors had not been proved. The board finds, however, that Dean Luckey, of the department of education, and Professor Persinger, of the department of American history, were guilty of indiscreet acts and utterances at the time America entered the war. Informers who involved themselves and the university in public criticisms and that these, together with their failure to recognize the need of unity in the university, had destroyed their usefulness. Their resignations, together with that of Professor Hopt, of the farm college, a Dunkard and conscientious objector, are demanded.

The sensational part of the finding and one insisted upon by members of the board before agreeing to the dismissal named, is that the prosecution and the public have been misled by dissections between members of the staff and been deceived by unfounded suspicions against loyal instructors and students. Fling, head of the department of European history, and Mrs. Minnie T. England, an instructor, to make satisfactory explanations to the board or their connection with the university will cease. Fling is now a major in the history record service in Washington. He and Mrs. England carried many stories of university conditions to the state council of defense, the prosecutor, and when on the witness stand failed to give direct testimony.

LINCOLN—Two affidavits have been filed with the state attorney general and the United States district attorney here by leaders of the nonpartisan organization in Nebraska demanding redress from the state and federal authorities for difficulties the league has experienced in Nebraska and calling attention to the constitutional rights of free speech and assembly. In both documents it is demanded federal authorities make full investigation and take action.

FALLS CITY—Mrs. A. Morseman, of Falls City, is misled by the appearance of a veiled woman dressed in white who sent her by a messenger boy a package which was found to contain \$200 in bills. It is believed the money represented a "conscience" fund, a like sum having been sent from her husband's store during a robbery several years ago.

FOUR SPY SUSPECTS ARE UNDER ARREST

Had Blue Prints of Munitions Works, Etc.—Planned to Sell Them in Mexico.

New York, June 19.—Three men and a woman were taken into custody yesterday and accused of stealing from munitions plants throughout the country plans and blueprints valuable to the American and allied governments. They were charged with violating the espionage act.

Gus L. Lindquist, a draughtsman; Leo Burt, a stationary engineer, and Franz Strohmier, said to be an enemy alien, were the names of the three men as given by the authorities.

Government officials would not identify the woman, who was brought here from Worcester, Mass. The men were arrested here.

Lindquist is reported to have said he was in Mexico to sell his booty to German agents.

According to the authorities, both Lindquist and Burt admit the thefts, which has covered a period of four years. The man charged with getting employment in airplane, munitions and arms factories, working in them for a short time and suddenly decamping with the stolen plans.

The prisoners admitted they had made working drawings of the Browning heavy machine gun, French airplane motors, airplane parts, gun sights and time fuses. They offered no explanation of their possession of virtually all the important parts of a Browning gun.

PRIMARY ELECTION WAS A BITTER FIGHT

Interest in Minnesota Contests Brought Out Unusually Large Vote.

St. Paul, Minn., June 19.—The bitterness of the struggle between nonpartisan league and republican candidates for success at the state wide primary election last Monday has been reflected by the record breaking vote. In 1916 the primary vote was 168,308. Available returns from 2,279 of 3,119 precincts give a total of 285,678 votes.

Governor J. A. Burnquist leads his opponent, Charles A. Lindbergh, in the race by more than 50,000. The latest figures, representing 2,223 precincts out of 3,119 in the state and including 27 complete counties give Burnquist 167,923; Lindbergh, 117,755.

The lead of Judge W. L. Comstock of Mankato over Fred E. Wheaton, of Minneapolis for the democratic nomination for governor was further reduced by early returns today showing the Mankato candidate only 1,253 ahead. Reports from 1,358 precincts gave Comstock 12,507 and Wheaton, 10,949.

War conditions have cut off our supply of digitals, and we are obliged to turn to our resources for the drug. Tinctures made from the wild species—foxglove—common in Washington and Oregon—compare favorably with those made from the imported article.

MAN MASQUERADED AS ANOTHER'S WIFE

Des Moines, Ia., June 19.—Police are puzzled to learn that the woman who was arrested in Des Moines some weeks ago and who later told federal authorities that her husband, Louis Mensch, was a slacker, is not a woman at all but a man who dressed in female attire and wears false hair and veil. Just what "her" aim is the police are not informed. Both Mensch and "wife" came to Iowa from Humboldt, S. D.

FARMERS INSIST ON RIGHT TO ORGANIZE

Residents of Saunders County Appeal to Governor and Attorney General.

Lincoln, Neb., June 20.—Petitions in boots by Saunders county farmers were presented to the governor and attorney general Monday afternoon. They came to complain against the chairman of the county council of defense, E. B. Plack, and another member, Dr. Weber, in refusing to permit them to meet at Wahoo Friday evening, and organize a stock corporation to publish a newspaper and decide upon a county ticket. They said they met as members of the Nonpartisan league, but on the ground that most of them were members of the league and that the league had been interdicted from holding any meetings, the man who organized the corporation was ordered to leave town at once and the meeting was broken up.

They demanded to know if the lawfully constituted authorities of the state could not protect them in the exercise of their rights. The governor told them that it was physically impossible for him to guarantee protection for any meetings of the Nonpartisan league. The fact that national leaders had been arrested and convicted of various offenses, and that the league had circulated seditious literature in the state that had only been withdrawn after the leaders said it had served its purpose and because of the character of the organizers, had convinced the people of the state that the league should not hold any meetings, and that if they attempted it mob violence would ensue.

He said that the farmers were within their rights in holding meetings to organize private business enterprises and in their political action, and that if they made it plain that they were meeting as citizens and not as members of the league he felt sure the people of Wahoo would not interpose any obstacle. He said that he could not see Mr. Plack because he was elected by Saunders county people.

TWO NEBRASKANS HELD ON SERIOUS CHARGES

Omaha, Neb., June 18.—Edward J. Tully, a former Omaha boy, is under arrest in Philadelphia, charged with attempting to sell to German agents the government's concrete ship plans. It is charged he had negotiated to sell to Steve Krajcek, a former Omaha and West Point, Neb., man who is said to be a native of Bohemia.

Young Tully's father is a laborer here. The young man is 23 years old and was employed as a draftsman for a chemist's concern till a few months ago when he went east and accepted a position with the government fleet corporation.

His arrest was occasioned by the arrest of Krajcek in New Orleans. Krajcek's arrest and search of his personal belongings disclosed correspondence with Tully. A search of Tully's room in Philadelphia disclosed other correspondence and the fact he had been offered a large sum for a set of the government's blue prints of concrete construction. One of the two existing sets of these blue prints was also found in his room.

His father, interviewed on the subject, said he believes the son innocent of the charge of attempting to sell the plans to German agents. He believes the son had taken the plans to his room to better study them, as had been his custom in Omaha while employed by the concrete concern.

PROFITEERS ARE BUYING BLACK WALNUT LOGS

Lincoln, Neb., June 20.—Owners of walnut timber are warned by Prof. R. F. Howard, head of the department of horticulture of the state university, against persons giving out the impression that they are government agents and buying up walnut trees. The professor indicates that already war profiteers are at work in the walnut section of the state. He says that walnut worth \$75 to \$175 per 1,000 board feet has been bought up for \$30 per 1,000. It is understood that the federal government has no agents out buying walnut timber in Nebraska.

Nebraska is making a valuable contribution to the war in the way of walnut. The eastern third of the state has already produced hundreds of car loads. With the advent of the war the demand for walnut has increased tremendously. Trees 12 or more inches in diameter are in big demand, and Nebraska soon will be stripped of this kind of timber. Professor Howard advises the owners of black walnut to get in touch with the purchasing division, Emergency Fleet Corporation, Washington, D. C. By doing this they will be able to head off the profiteers.

POTASH LEASES ARE STILL BOTHERSOME

Lincoln, Neb., June 20.—The state board of educational lands and funds has adopted a resolution asking all holders of agricultural leases whether they will permit the state to enter upon the land and develop the mineral resources. The supreme court recently held that the holders of such leases have no right to the minerals on the land and cannot remove it. The district court later held that no lease can be issued by the state to develop these mineral resources unless it is given to the holder of the agricultural lease. The state now desires to know just what position the leaseholders will take.

The board ordered the attorney general to appeal from the decision of the district court, on the ground that if competition in potash is to be eliminated, the sooner the state knows it the better it will be able to say what to do about the development.

NEBRASKA WOMAN TO SEEK SHERIFF'S OFFICE

Butte, Neb., June 18.—What is undoubted the first case in Nebraska of a woman filing for the office of sheriff, took place when Mrs. Clare M. Christiansen, of Monowi, filed the necessary papers which will put her name on the list as a republican candidate for sheriff of Boyd county. Mrs. Christiansen is a school teacher.

KNIGHTS OF COLUMBUS INITIATE CLASS OF 104

Emerson, Neb., June 20.—Emerson Council No. 1309, Knights of Columbus, initiated a class of 104 new members Sunday. An interesting program was carried out during the day, which concluded with a banquet. E. H. Whelan, district deputy, of O'Neill, Neb., being toastmaster. Father Burke celebrated high mass at 10 o'clock in the morning at Sacred Heart church, and Rev. Francis Murphy, president of Trinity college, Sioux City, delivered the address to the initiates.

SIX MONTHS TO TELL STORY DUNMORE SAYS

Noted Britisher Declares That Tide Will Turn Against Huns This Year.

Chicago, June 21.—"Germany has six months to achieve a decision," Lord Dunmore, of England, told Chicagoans today. "If she does not win in that time she is inevitably beaten. The situation now is very grave, but the balance every day is moving to our side as American troops pour in."

"We may expect continuous fighting throughout the summer," Lord Dunmore said, "and Germany may make some gains. But I feel we shall be able to keep them from gaining their objectives."

Lord Dunmore expects the enemy's great offensive this year along the Somme or between the Somme and Mt. Kemmel.

AUSTRIAN FAILURE WILL HASTEN END

Some Observers Believe Germany Would Not Greatly Regret Loss of Her Ally—New Peace Move Soon.

BY K. WALTER.

By Reciprocal News Service.

London, June 21.—The Austrian failure has brought the end of the war several months nearer. It is complete, as it now seems, and the Italians are able to make an effective counter offensive the collapse of Austria may be in sight.

But in well informed quarters here it is not considered that this would radically affect Germany's military situation. In some ways it would strengthen it. Austria has been a drag on Germany's wheel for many months and the kaiser's government is well prepared to take advantage of the complicated international situation which these events might produce.

Not Big Loss to Germany.

Italy is pledged not to make a separate peace with Austria. Austria on her part could not even negotiate an armistice unless it served Germany's purpose to permit her to do so. Under no circumstances would the failure of Austria be such a loss to Germany as the collapse of Russia was to the allies unless the German people were stirred by new democratic forces.

Germany is already attached to Prussia by sentiment and by a joint distribution of food supplies. Germany might find it to her advantage to annex this part of Austria to the imperial federation and let the rest take its own chances with the Poles, Czechs and Jugo-Slavs.

Would Not Split Swag.

With the rich prospect of exploitation in the east, Germany can well afford to abandon her original scheme for a German Middle-Europe extending through Austria and Turkey to the Persian gulf. There is good evidence in recent German newspapers that she is fighting in the west for a free hand in the east and she has no desire to share the exploitation of Russia with Austria.

A definite peace offer on these lines is anticipated here, if it has not already been made. There is a group outside government circles here, among whom may be counted Lord Lansdowne and Lord Buckmaster, who do not consider that the allies are under any obligation to the Russian people. Germany knows this and would play for their support for negotiations on that basis. But this group is not likely to be able to form a solid opposition to the Lloyd George government.

EMPEROR'S CHALLENGE STIRS GERMAN PRESS

Munich Post Says Anglo-Saxon Races Strong Enough for "Battle to Death."

Geneva, June 21.—Several German newspapers openly attack the speech made by Emperor William at German headquarters on the occasion of his anniversary.

The Post of Munich says that the feast could have been celebrated by a measure of clemency and humanity instead of with a speech of warlike tenor against England without containing words of thanks to his own people. The paper concludes that the Anglo-Saxon races are powerful enough to accept the emperor's challenge.

GERMAN NEWSPAPERS IN CHICAGO TO SUSPEND

Chicago, June 21.—The Illinois Staats Zeitung, morning German language newspaper here, today carries an announcement of suspension of publication and its affiliated evening paper, the Chicago Presse, until further notice. The Staats Zeitung was established about 73 years ago.

"The paper has been losing, losing and losing and will now suspend until the liabilities can be paid," said Judge John Stelek, the proprietor. "It is impossible that it may be sold to an individual whom I will meet tomorrow."

"You know a German hardly dares any more to read a German paper in the street cars. And advertisers don't like to give their business."

Miss Eva Fenton, who organized the women workers in Britain's munition factories, has been asked by the American government to undertake the same work in this country.

13 PER CENT OF FIGHTS WITH U-BOATS SUCCEEDED

Washington, D. C., June 21.—Thirteen per cent of those attacks on German U-boats during the last three months given official cognizance by the navy department have been "successful" the department reported today. Only those attacks occurring under the direct observation of officers or men connected with the naval service are accepted, it was stated.