

FRENCH CAPTURE GERMAN GROUND

Take 7,500 Prisoners, Several Heavy Guns and Miles of Territory in Advance on Verdun Front.

French troops again have made an effective thrust in the Verdun region. Striking at the German positions between the Meuse and Woerthe rivers, north of Douaumont and north-northeast of the fortress along a front of about six miles, the French forced back the soldiers of the German crown prince for a distance of almost two miles. More than 7,500 prisoners and numerous guns were taken from the Germans, Paris announces.

The German war office admits that "advantages" had been obtained in this region by the attackers.

Bezeu Captured.

Bezeu, an important railroad center northeast of Bucharest, has been captured by the Austro-Germans. The retreating Russians and Rumanians are reported to be burning villages behind them. Four thousand additional prisoners have been taken by Field Marshal von Mackensen's army. Simultaneously with the taking of Bezeu, the Austro-German Danube army and the Bulgarians have begun an offensive in Dobruja. The Russians and Rumanians, Berlin states, have evacuated their positions under the pressure exerted by the advance in Great Wallachia.

English Troops Move.

British troops have taken the offensive near Kut-El-Amara in Mesopotamia, and Turkish positions on the right bank of the Hai river, south of Kut-El-Amara, have been taken, London announces.

The Greek government has accepted the demand of the entente allies contained in an ultimatum presented to the Athens government on Thursday. It is reported unofficially. Greek troops are to be withdrawn from Thessaly and only a certain number are to be stationed in the Peloponnese, it is said.

French Make Advance.

Paris, Dec. 15.—(Via London.)—Dec. 16.—French troops, in an advance today north of Douaumont and between the Meuse and the Woerthe rivers, captured more than 7,500 prisoners and several heavy guns, according to the French official communication issued this evening. The advance was over a front of ten kilometers and to a depth of three kilometers.

Assaults Repulsed.

Berlin, Dec. 16.—(By Wireless to Sayville.)—On the Verdun front yesterday the French made three attempts to recapture trenches taken recently by the Germans on Hill 304, the war office announces. East of the Meuse the French launched repeated attacks, advancing in waves. The assaults were repulsed.

British Take Offensive.

London, Dec. 15.—British troops have taken the offensive in the region of Kut-El-Amara, in Mesopotamia, and have occupied Turkish positions on the Hai river, south of Kut-El-Amara, says an official statement issued tonight. In the offensive movement the British crossed to the right bank of the Hai river and took Turkish trenches near Kala Haji Fahan, two and a half miles from Kut-El-Amara.

BOX SOCIOL IN DISTRICT NO. 55.

There will be a box social at the Amick school house in school district No. 55, one mile west, two miles south of Myard, next Friday evening, December 22d. Everybody invited. Mrs. Morford, teacher. 12-18-17

BOX SOCIAL IN DISTRICT 41.

There will be a program and box social at the Becker school, seven miles west of Plattsmouth, on Saturday evening, December 23d. Everybody invited.

ROSA CLINE, Teacher.

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Milk in Winter.

Why do your cows give less milk in winter than they do in summer? Just because nature does not supply them with grasses and green food. But we have come to the assistance of Dame Nature with B. A. Thomas' Stock Remedy which contains the very ingredients that the green feed supplies in season, only, of course, in a more highly concentrated form. We guarantee that this remedy will make your cows give more milk, and better milk with the same feed.

H. M. Soennichsen.
Puls & Gansemer.

Office supplies at the Journal office.

MR. FARMER!

A half million dollars worth of perfectly good farm machinery is thrown in the scrap pile every year in Nebraska.

Farm work is the hardest work there is on machinery.

Castings break, bearings wear out, shafts bend and break. Things get dull and pull hard, gears rattle, smash, bang and crash, paint gets dull.

Many farmers throw away machinery and buy new, because they are not aware that we can in nearly every case re-make such machinery equal and in many respects better than new.

We do not care how bad your machinery is smashed or worn, they all look alike to us; we re-make them as good as new and save you money.

A dollar saved is a dollar earned, keep your money at home and you may get it back again besides it helps us to employ home labor.

Put your machinery troubles up to us, we have the best equipped machine shop in the country; if you don't believe it call and see us. Visitors are always welcome.

We make everything in metal. Now is a good time to overhaul things for the spring rush.

WESTERN MACHINE AND
FOUNDRY.
L. C. SHARP.

Plattsmouth Nebraska

AS A CONQUEROR KAISER OFFERED PEACE, HE SAYS

London, Dec. 15.—"Confident that we are completely the victors, I yesterday made a proposal to the enemy to discuss the question of further war or peace," said the German emperor in addressing the troops in Alsace recently, according to a dispatch published in the Cologne Gazette, says a Reuter's dispatch from Amsterdam.

"What will come of it, I do not yet know," the emperor is reported to have continued. "It is a matter for the enemy now to decide if the fighting is still to go on. If the enemy still thinks he has not had enough, then I know you will,"—here the emperor, says the correspondent, made a "warlike gesture" which "produced a fierce smile on the faces of all his men."

The newspaper dispatch describes how the troops were drawn up in parade order, a number of airplanes being in readiness to ward off a possible air attack. The emperor was accompanied by the crown prince and General von Goudell, the commander of the army group. After inspecting the troops, the emperor made a speech thanking them for protecting that region.

The steadfastness of the troops in the west, he said, the dispatch continues, had made it possible to deal destructive blows in the east. He spoke, the correspondent relates, in words "most wrathful in contempt of that people in the east which had thought to stick a dagger in the back of our allies." The judgment of God had fallen on them, the emperor declared, in the campaign which had been conducted, according to the brilliant plans of Field Marshal von Hindenburg. The emperor added:

"The old God of battles directed. We were his instruments and we are proud of it."

Afterwards, the correspondent states, the emperor talked to the officers for a half hour on the Rumanian campaign, which he is said to have described as "the irony of fate" which had permitted the corn purchased by the English to fall into German hands.

"The English," the correspondent quotes the emperor as saying, "paid for it. We eat it, and this has been called a war of starvation."

POSITIVELY NO HUNTING.

All parties will from this date take notice that no hunting will be allowed on our farm. This rule must be adhered to and all those violating it will be prosecuted to the fullest extent of the law.

WALTER SANS.
MRS. JOS. SANS.

Buy your stationery at the Journal office, where the line is the best and largest in Cass county.

ENTENTE MAY NOT REFUSE TO CONSIDER OFFERS

Allies May Make Inquiry as to

Terms—Germans Favor Discussion.

Washington, D. C., Dec. 14.—Arrival of both the German and Austrian peace notes and broad intimations at the entente allied embassies that the proposals of the central powers would not be flatly rejected without examination were the outstanding developments in the peace way.

Germany's note, substantially the same as the published text, arrived by cable in the early hours of the morning and just as the state department was closing for the day Austria's note arrived.

Secretary Lansing said it was identical with Germany's and that neither contained any change in meaning from semi-official versions.

It was stated officially that neither Germany's nor Austria's note would be forwarded before tomorrow, if, indeed, then, and there was no indication that the president had made up his mind what action, if any, he would take in transmitting the central powers' proposals to the entente belligerents.

When, with the announcement of the German proposals two days ago, it appeared that the entente allies were inclined to reject the offer flatly, it appeared very doubtful if President Wilson could find a way to add a word of mediation in transmitting the notes.

With the apparent moderating of that first attitude as reflected in the British newspapers and among the entente allied diplomats here, the way seems easier for the president to express in some way the hope of the United States that the proposal for a discussion of peace will not be rejected without consideration.

In such a step there is a likelihood of the United States being supported by some of the European neutrals.

The minister of one of them today asked his government to authorize him to assure the president of indecision in such a move, and it is believed others are considering the same phase of the situation.

The Spanish ambassador, Mr. Riano, and the Swiss minister, Dr. Ritter, both conferred with Secretary Lansing today. Their governments also are acting as intermediaries in transmitting the proposals.

Whether they discussed the prospect of a neutral concert was not disclosed, but the impression prevailed that in the absence of a decision by President Wilson, the subject was scarcely more than touched upon.

The change in the attitude of the guarded as the most interesting development pointing to the probable positive entente embassies, however, was rejection of the allies. It was indicated that to avoid being placed in the position of flatly rejecting peace overtures without knowing what is proposed, it was not improbable that after mature deliberation among themselves the allies would make reply, inquiring upon what basis a discussion was suggested. Such action by the allies, it was pointed out, would not bind them to a conference.

The German view of the next probable step is that a meeting of representatives of all the belligerents should be proposed for a general discussion of the basis of peace.

STORK BRINGS MR. AND MRS. KAFFENBERGER A DAUGHTER

From Saturday's Daily.

The home of Mr. and Mrs. John M. Kaffenberger, jr., west of this city, was much happier this morning at an early hour when a fine twelve-pound daughter arrived to make her home with them in the future. The little one and the mother are both doing nicely and John is very happy over the addition to the family circle, while the little 6-year-old sister is rejoicing over the new playmate. The many friends of the happy parents will extend their best wishes for the future welfare of the little Miss Kaffenberger with the hope that she may be a joy and comfort to the parents in the years to come.

Doing the Work.

W. T. Nanney, Noel, Mo., writes, "Your B. A. Thomas' Hog Powder is doing the work down in this part of the world. It proved to be what we needed to prevent and cure hog cholera and expel worms."

H. M. Soennichsen.
Puls & Gansemer.

ARMIES BACK UP THE REJECTION OF PEACE

London, Dec. 15.—The allies have made known in semi-official statements their rejection of German-made peace at this stage and today their armies in the field were backing up that refusal by force of arms.

Statements from the east indicated winter has caused no letup in Russia's offense in the Carpathians. Nor has there been any diminution of the fighting in Rumania. The German advance is losing its momentum in the face of the Rumanians' strong rear guard resistance, made as they retreat to the Buzeu river.

Before long there will be complete consolidation of the Buzeu river line of Rumanian defense with the Russian Carpathian line of offense.

Assault and Proposal.

Interest was manifested here in a dispatch from Paris connecting up Monday's violent German attack on the French lines nearest Paris with Von Bethmann-Hollweg's peace proposals of the same day. The assault was declared to have been carried out by the flower of the German troops, and with a force of probably 40,000 men.

Bitter fighting is still going on in Macedonia, with the allied forces under General Serrail continuing to progress. England looks to see diversion of German forces to aid the Bulgarians here shortly, with a consequent increase in the intensity of the fighting.

FARMERS' CONGRESS IS AGAINST EMBARGO

Omaha, Neb., Dec. 15.—The Nebraska farmers' congress closed its annual convention here last night with the passage of resolutions endorsing government ownership of railroads and condemning an embargo on foodstuffs, which, it was said, would be discriminatory unless export of manufactured goods, steel, cotton and other products also is prohibited.

Other resolutions condemned free distribution of seeds to farmers by congressmen and characterized the privilege of "leave to print" in the congressional record as resulting in a "flagrant waste of the public funds."

"The federal good roads law, by which it is proposed to spend large sums for good roads in the states on condition each state meets the federal appropriation with an equal amount, was attacked and congress will be memorialized to repeal it. Cost of constructing such roads, estimated at \$10,000 to \$20,000 a mile, and expense of maintenance, the resolution said, would place a heavy burden on the farmers."

Each county, the resolution said, should be permitted to build and maintain its own roads without interference by the federal government.

GLADYS HULETTE IS FULL FLEDGED STAR

Charming Gladys Hulette, who delighted thousands on the legitimate stage, is the star in the Mutual Masterpiece De Luxe Edition "The Flight of the Duchess," a five part romantic drama produced by Thanhouser which will appear at the Gem theatre on Sunday evening.

Miss Hulette who is one of the youngest and most popular of legitimate leading women will be remembered for her able and artistic work in such well known Broadway productions as "The Blue Bird" and "Little Women." She also appeared in the support of DeWolf Hopper, Madam Bertha Kalish, Madam Nazimova, Henry Miller and other prominent stars.

She succumbed to the lure of the screen two years ago and her success in filmdom is unprecedented. She has declared with emphasis that she will never return to the stage again but will devote her dramatic career entirely to film productions. Before joining the Thanhouser organization where her work attracted widespread attention for its artistic quality.

If you have anything for sale advertise in the Journal.

W. A. ROBERTSON,
Lawyer.

East of Riley Hotel.
Costas' Block,
Second Floor

Local News

From Friday's Daily.

Uncle Ben Beckman was in the city today for a few hours looking after some trading and visiting with his many friends.

John McNurlin and A. F. Seybert departed this morning for Omaha to spend the day in that city looking after a few matters of business.

Frank Grauf, from the vicinity of Murray, came up this morning and departed on the early Burlington train for Omaha, where he will spend the day.

C. M. Armstrong departed for western Kansas Thursday morning, being called there by the serious illness of his sister, whose recovery is very doubtful.

Henry Born came in this morning from Omaha to be present at the funeral of his aunt, Mrs. Caroline Huff, which will be held at Benson this afternoon.

W. T. Richardson came up this morning in company with Sherman Cole and wife and departed for Omaha to spend the day looking after some business matters.

John Koukal and family who have been here for the past few months visiting with relatives and friends, departed yesterday afternoon for their home in Washington. Mr. Koukal and family have made their home on the Pacific coast for the past several years.

Peter Vallery of Belle Fourche, S. D., was a visitor at the home of his brother, J. R. Vallery and family, near Mynard, departing this morning for Omaha, from where he will return home. Mr. Vallery has been in Omaha with a car of hogs on the Omaha market and took advantage of the occasion to visit the old home.

From Saturday's Daily.

P. H. Meisinger drove in yesterday to attend to some matters of business for a few hours with the merchants.

Mrs. L. V. Copenhaver and daughters were among those going to Omaha this morning to visit for a few hours with friends.

Mrs. Ralph M. Wiles motored in from her farm home this morning and departed on the early train for Omaha to spend the day.

William Starkjohn was among those going to Omaha this morning to spend a few hours looking after some matters of business.

Frank Finkle and son, Johnnie, of near Union, were in the city today to look after some matters of business with the merchants.

R. H. Patton and wife departed this afternoon for Omaha where they will visit for a few hours looking after some matters of business.

John Fight and son, Frank, departed this morning for Omaha, where they will spend a few hours in that city with relatives and friends.

Mrs. J. W. Holmes and son, Ralph, were among those going to Omaha this morning to visit for a few hours looking after some matters of business.

J. H. Busche of near Cedar Creek was in the city yesterday visiting with his friends and looking after some matters of business with the merchants.

T. W. Vallery came in this morning from his home in the country and was a passenger for Omaha where he was a passenger for Omaha, where he is in that city.

John Meisinger, jr., and George P. Meisinger, jr., were both in yesterday from their farm homes to attend to some business matters and visit with their friends.

Mrs. Fred Spangler and sister, Miss Mildred Frede were among those going to Omaha this morning to spend a few hours looking after some matters of business.

Fritz Vallery came in this morning from his farm home and departed on the early Burlington train for Omaha, where he will spend the day looking after some business matters.

Mrs. J. A. Murray departed this morning for Omaha to spend a short time in that city with her relatives and friends, and accompanying her parents, Mr. and Mrs. L. H. Karnes, that far on their way to Grand Island.

Mrs. Henry Mauzy and daughter, Miss Marion, accompanied by Mr. Addison Simons, stepfather of Mrs. Mauzy, were passengers this morning for Omaha to spend a few hours in that city.

Mrs. William Hunter and daughter, Miss Clara, returned this morning from Hot Springs, Ark., where they have been for the past few weeks. They report a very delightful time and both are feeling in the best of health.

H. H. Stoll and George Marks of the vicinity of Nehawka motored up this morning from their home to attend to several matters at the court house. Mr. Marks is preparing to hold a big public sale at his farm Monday when he will dispose of a greater part of his stock and farm equipment.

Danger Signal.

If the fire bell should ring would you run and stop it or go and help to put out the fire? It is much the same way with a cough. A cough is a danger signal as much as a fire bell. You should no more try to suppress it than to stop a fire bell when it is ringing, but should cure the disease that causes the coughing. This can nearly always be done by taking Chamberlain's Cough Remedy. Many have used it with the most beneficial results. It is especially valuable for the persistent cough that so often follows a bad cold or an attack of the grip. Mrs. Thomas Beeching, Andrews, Ind., writes: "During the winter my husband takes cold easily and coughs and coughs. Chamberlain's Cough Remedy is the best medicine for breaking up these attacks and you cannot get him to take any other." Obtainable everywhere.

ADDISON SIMONS MAKES FIRST VISIT TO THE WEST

From Saturday's Daily.

Addison Simons, of Crab Bottom, Va., who is here enjoying a visit at the home of his step-daughter, Mrs. Henry Mauzy and family, is making his first trip west and has been very much pleased with the appearance of the country he has visited.

Mr. Simons comes from the great cattle country of Virginia, where the broad acres of blue grass afford great substance for the stock of the farmers and he states that as a grazing country it is much superior to the pastures in this section of the west. Mr. Simons comes from a section of Virginia that is of particular interest to the people of this locality as a number of the families now residing here came from near Crab Bottom and the adjoining country. The Waybright, Mauzy, Brantner, and Will families all came from that portion of the Old Dominion.

Mrs. Joshua Andrews was a passenger this morning for Omaha, where she will visit Mr. Andrews, who is being treated there for an affliction of his eye and for which he has just been operated upon.

NOTICE OF FINAL SETTLEMENT.

In the county court of Cass county, Nebraska, in the matter of the estate of Charles S. Wortman, deceased.

Notice is hereby given that the executor has filed his final report and petition for discharge of said estate, and that the hearing will be held on the 26th day of December, 1916, at the hour of 10:00 o'clock A. M.

Dated this 18th day of December, 1916.

A. J. BEESON,
County Judge.

D. O. DWYER,
Attorney.

Dec. 18-1916-21.

LEGAL NOTICE.

Notice to non-residents defendants, their heirs, devisees, legatees, personal representatives and all persons interested in their estate.

That the undersigned, executor of the estate of Elias Foudock, deceased, and the unknown claimants of the east half of the northeast quarter of section seven (7) township eleven (11) range thirteen east 6th P. M., Cass county, Nebraska.

You and each of you are hereby notified that Charles Contryman as plaintiff, on the 12th day of December, 1916, filed his petition in the District Court of Cass county, Nebraska, wherein you and all of you are defendants, the object and prayer of which petition is that the claim, interest, right, title and estate of each and every one of you in and to the northeast quarter of section seven (7) township eleven (11) range thirteen east 6th P. M., Cass county, Nebraska, be declared invalid, and of no force and effect.

That the title of said plaintiff in and to said real estate, and every part thereof be quieted against you and each and every one of you, and against all and claims of any person, through or by you, and that it be adjudged and decreed that each and all of you, and each of you, are persons interested in the estate of each and every one of you, have no right, title, claim or estate in and to said real estate, or any part thereof, and that each and all of said defendants, those named, and those whose names are above set forth, and not stated, be forever barred from claiming or asserting any right, title, interest or estate in and to said real estate, or any part thereof, and for such other and further relief as to them may seem just and equitable.

You and each of you are further notified that you are required to answer said petition on or before Monday the 26th day of January, 1917.

CHARLES CONTRYMAN,
Plaintiff.

C. A. RAWLS,
Attorney.

4 weeks beginning 12-18-16.

NOTICE TO CONTRACTORS.

Sealed bids will be received at the office of the County Clerk in the Court House at Plattsmouth, Cass County, Nebraska, up to 12 o'clock (noon) on Monday, January 8th, 1917, for the painting of the second floor of the court house, and painting of all outside woodwork, as per specifications adopted by the Board of Commissioners and on file in the office of County Clerk.

A certified check for \$200.00 must accompany each bid.

The Board of Commissioners reserves the right to reject any or all bids.

FRANK J. LIBERSHAL,
County Clerk.
Dated, Plattsmouth, Neb., December 6, 1916.

NOTICE TO CREDITORS.

In the County Court of Cass County, Nebraska, in the matter of the estate of Hans C. Nielsen, deceased.

Notice is hereby given to the creditors of said deceased that hearings will be had upon claims filed against said estate, before me, County Judge of Cass County, Nebraska, in the County Court room at Plattsmouth, in said County, on the 24th day of January, 1917, and on the 2d day of July, 1917, at ten o'clock in the forenoon, of each day, for examination, adjustment, and allowance; that all claims must be filed in said Court, on or before said last hour of hearing; and that any and all claims against said estate, not filed on or before said last hour, will be forever barred.

Witness my hand and seal of said County Court, at Plattsmouth, in said County, this 29th day of November, 1916.

ALLEN J. BEESON,
County Judge.

(Seal)
4 wks, semi-weekly start Monday, 12-4-16.

NOTICE TO CREDITORS.

State of Nebraska, ss.
Cass County, ss.
In the matter of the estate of Harmon Bestor, deceased.

Notice is hereby given to the creditors of said deceased that hearings will be had upon claims filed against said estate, before me, County Judge of Cass County, Nebraska, at the County Court room in Plattsmouth, in said County, on the 26th day of December, 1916, and on the 26th day of June, 1917, at 10 o'clock A. M., each day, for examination, adjustment, and allowance.

All claims must be filed in said court on or before said last hour of hearing. Witness my hand and seal of said County Court, at Plattsmouth, Nebraska, this 27th day of November, 1916.

ALLEN J. BEESON,
County Judge.

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LEGAL NOTICE.

The State of Nebraska, ss.
Cass County, ss.

In the County Court.

In the matter of the estate of James W. Thomas, deceased.

On reading the petition of Julia Thomas praying that administration of said estate may be granted to Jacob Hoffman, and an order of the County Court, entered on the 23d day of November, 1916, in a cause pending in said court, wherein said Julia Thomas is petitioner and the said James W. Thomas is the deceased, and that notice of the proceedings in said matter be given to all persons interested in said matter by publishing a copy of this order in the Plattsmouth Journal, a weekly newspaper printed in said county, three successive weeks, prior to said day of December, 1916.

Dated November 23d, 1916.

ALLEN J. BEESON,
County Judge.

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NOTICE OF REFEREE'S SALE, IN PARTITION.

In the District Court of Lancaster County, Nebraska.

Frances Hattie Pollard, plaintiff.

Marion Ethel Godden, et al., defendants.

Notice is hereby given that by virtue of a judgment of said District Court, Nebraska, entered on the 25th day of November, 1916, in a cause pending in said court, wherein Frances Hattie Pollard is plaintiff, and the following named defendants, to-wit: Marion Ethel Godden, Charles Pollard, Florence Maggie Godden, Nellie Godden, Hazel Marion Godden, Vernal Victor Godden, Horace Edward Godden, Stella Godden Williams, Charles A. Williams, and John H. Bell, under the authority of said court, do hereby direct that the following described property, all of which is situated in Cass County, Nebraska, to-wit:

The north half of the northeast quarter of section nineteen (19), township seven north, range thirteen east, of the 6th P. M., I will, on Tuesday, the 9th of January, 1917, at one o'clock P. M., in said County Court House, in the City of Plattsmouth, Nebraska, sell at public vendue, to the highest bidder for cash, all of the above described real estate, the same to be free and clear of all encumbrance.

The sale of the above is subject to the confirmation of the Court. Possession of the property will be given March 1, 1917. Title to said property will be shown good title will be furnished.

E. A. WIGGENHORN, JR.,
Referee.

Morning & Ledwith, Attorneys,
Lincoln, Nebraska.

NOTICE TO CREDITORS.

The State of Nebraska, ss.
Cass County, ss.

In the County Court.

In the matter of the estate of John Kelly, deceased.

On reading the petition of said estate, you are hereby notified that I will sit at the County Court room in Platt