

German Blow to Save Town is Ill-Starred

Crown Prince Rupprecht's Efforts to Retake Lost Verdun Ground are Attended by Increased Casualties.

Hard smashes at the German lines in France again have been productive of important gains for the entente allies. North of Verdun the French have captured additional points of vantage, while the Canadians have fought their way forward nearer to the heart of the town of Lens, taking 2,000 yards of positions west and northwest of the town.

All the counter attacks by the German crown prince's forces against General Petain's men on the newly captured ground in the Verdun sector have been ill-starred; those of Crown Prince Rupprecht against the doughty Canadians at last accounts had brought nothing more than an augmentation of the already terrible casualties his troops have suffered in their attempt to save the important center from capture.

Mist Obscures Enemy.

Under a canopy of mist the Canadians and Germans met at day-break in the open of 'No Man's Land' northwest of Lens, neither expecting the other. Springing at their foe with their usual intrepidity, the Canadians put the Germans to the bayonet and forced them to scurry for a seeming haven of safety inside their trenches. Here, however, the Germans apparently were no more secure than in the open, for again with the bayonet and with bombs the Canadians did great execution, killing or wounding many of the occupants and putting the others to hasty flight.

Germans Retreat Into Lens.

West of Lens, aided by a heavy artillery fire, the Canadians also advanced, pushing the Germans further into the environs of the town. To both the captured positions, the Canadians are holding tenaciously, already having put down with heavy losses three strong counter attacks—two on the northwest and one west of the town.

North of Verdun, on both sides of the River Meuse, the French troops have kept up their vigorous offensive started Monday and have been rewarded by the capture of additional important positions. West of the river, Cote L'Oie, a point of considerable strategic value, and the village of Rezniville have been taken, while east of the stream the village of Samogeu and fortified trenches over a front of about a mile and a half, connecting Samogeu with the defenses on Hill 344 are in the hands of General Petain's men.

Additional Captures.

Counter attacks by the Germans all along the new front have been repulsed by the French.

In addition more than 5,000 prisoners taken by the French in Monday's advance, additional captures resulted from the attack of Tuesday.

The German war office, possibly with the idea of heartening the people at home, says counter attacks by the Germans have driven out the French from almost all the positions they captured on the Verdun front. It adds that the German troops and their leaders anticipate a favorable conclusion of the Verdun battle.

Austrian Line Cracks.

In the Austro-Italian theatre the terrific drive of the Italians is fast causing the Austrian line to crack at numerous points. The Austrians are resisting vigorously. The battle is proceeding without interruption. Austrian defenses between Corite and Seic and near the strongly fortified Starilovka position are among the places captured. Up to Monday night more than 10,000 prisoners had been taken, not including 243 officers.

Russians Holding Out.

The Russians in Galicia and Bukovina are apparently holding their own against the Austrians and Germans, but in Roumania the Russians and Roumanians have been compelled to cede further ground near the village of Oca, and east of the Pokshani-Narocina-Ajui railway.

The intensive aerial fighting between the allies and the Germans in France continues. Numerous German

machines have been brought down in aerial battles, but the entente allies also have lost a considerable number of machines. British warships have destroyed a German Zeppelin off the coast of Denmark, the entire crew perishing.

ROBT. E. THRASHER BURIED IN MONTANA

Former Plattsmouth Boy and Employee of the Nebraska Telephone Company.

Friends in the city have received a clipping from the "Butte Miner" telling of the death and burial of the late Robert E. Thrasher as follows:

"Deer Lodge, Aug. 16.—Robert Elmer Thrasher died in Everett, Wash., last Thursday and was buried here this week, services being held at the residence of his brother, C. E. Thrasher. The deceased was born June 3, 1888, and lived for the greater years of his life in Plattsmouth, Neb., where he was a member of the Episcopal church and where his father, J. H. Thrasher, still resides. A sister, Agnes H. Keffeler, of Lead City, S. D., a brother, Wallace, and C. E. Thrasher, of this city, are other near relatives. Rev. J. W. Atwood of this city officiated at the last sad rites and a number of the local machinists acted as pallbearers."

Bert, as he was familiarly known in this city, spent his boyhood days in Plattsmouth, attending the city schools. For a number of years he was employed by the Nebraska Telephone company and then departed for some of the western states, where he continued working in his chosen line of work. Bert had not been in the best of health for over a year, but his condition was not considered serious until a short time before his death. His brother, Conne, of Deer Lodge, Mont., was at his bedside and tenderly cared for him until death came to his relief and he was called home to his reward and to meet his mother who preceded him a year ago in March. The body was brought to Deer Lodge, Mont., where funeral services were held Tuesday afternoon, August 14th, and the flower laden casket containing the beloved son and brother was laid to rest in the cemetery near Deer Lodge. Colonel J. H. Thrasher, who has been visiting his son, Conne, and daughter, Mrs. Agnes Keffeler, at Deer Lodge, and who has been on the sick list and under the doctor's care, was unable to attend the last sad rites at the cemetery. Bert Thrasher was a young man of winning ways and he had a large circle of friends, both at Everett, Washington and in this city, who learned of his sudden death with profound sorrow.

ARE VISITING IN CITY.

From Wednesday's Daily. Willie N. Baird and wife arrived in the city last evening, and will probably spend a week visiting here before returning to their home in Salida, Colorado, where Mr. Baird has lived for the past six or eight years. There he met his wife and there they were married about two weeks ago, since which time they have been traveling about the country taking in the sights and visiting with friends and points of interest. They first visited at Kansas City and later, Chicago, making a side trip to Michigan City, Indiana, and returning to Chicago, from where they came direct to Plattsmouth and are guests of Mr. Baird's mother, Mrs. J. T. Baird.

DIED AT OMAHA THIS MORNING.

From Wednesday's Daily. Miss Rose Thomas, who yesterday went to the St. Joseph hospital for an operation for goitre, and who was very low last evening and this morning, as telephoned to relatives here, died at about eight o'clock this morning, before the arrival of her parents and brothers, who were called to her bedside. The parents returned home at noon today. The brothers and sister remained to make arrangements for the bringing of the remains of their sister to this city for burial. No arrangements have as yet been made for the funeral, and when so made they will be announced through this paper.

THE BIG GARAGE OF McMAKEN & SONS

Thirty Men Employed and Construction Work Moving Along Rapidly—One of Most Modern in the State.

From Tuesday's Daily. We visited the place where J. H. McMaken & Sons are constructing their big garage this morning and found a little in excess of thirty men working like beavers, some of them doing one thing and some another. Mr. McMaken has eight brick layers at work on the building now, and they are being directed by Mr. Emil Walters, who looks after the matter of having them supplied with material and help for odd jobs as well. Mr. Bert Coleman, with a crew of carpenters, is looking after the carpenter work and the keeping of the scaffolding constructed ahead for the workmen who are rapidly pushing their part of the work. At the same time four teams are still at work grading the surplus dirt out of the way on the inside of the building, so that the floor may be laid as soon as possible. Besides this, there are two immense trucks constantly hauling material for use in the construction work, which makes the place look like the wholesale yard of some contracting company. The excavating for the engine room and coal bunkers is now being done. When pleted this pit will be fifteen feet in width, twelve feet in depth and seventy-five feet long, and will house the engine for motive power in the garage, as well as the boiler for furnishing the steam, and a large amount of coal. There will be both steam and electric machines installed, while the radiation will approximate 5,000 feet.

GETS A CROW-ELKHART.

From Tuesday's Daily. George M. Hill, a few days since disposed of another of the famous cars which he handles, the Crow-Elkhart, this time the lucky man is John Lloyd of near Murray. This will replace the car which was destroyed in a wreck a short time ago. Mr. Lloyd will find this new creation in the matter of motor cars one which will give him the best of service, and as a testimony of its merits there are numerous farmers and others who have but recently become satisfied owners of these cars.

GO TO HOSPITAL IN OMAHA.

From Tuesday's Daily. Miss Rose Thomas, living south of the city, who has been troubled for some time past with a goiter, and for which treatment has failed to give her relief, this morning went to Omaha and to St. Joseph hospital for an operation, in hopes of relief. Her sister, Frances Thomas, and brother, John Thomas, and friend, Mrs. Edward Rynot, accompanied by Dr. Flynn, went with her and will remain until after the operation.

DEPARTS FOR THE WEST.

From Tuesday's Daily. Miss Mollie O'Brien and little nephew, Paul Leslie O'Brien, both of New York City, who have been visiting here for the past week with friends and relatives, being guests at the home of Wm. Morley and wife, departed this morning for Omaha, where they will visit for a short time, and will then go to Denver, Colo., for a short stop, thence to Colorado Springs, where they will visit for some time with Peter Riley and wife, Mrs. Riley being a sister of Miss O'Brien.

WILL VISIT IN OLD HOME.

From Wednesday's Daily. F. H. Steimker, who for the past forty years has been a resident of Plattsmouth, coming here from Burlington, Iowa, where he lived for a number of years prior to coming west, departed for that city this morning. He was joined at the Burlington station here by his daughter, Mrs. W. E. Moore, of Lincoln, who goes with her father. They will make an extended visit in Burlington, and Mr. Steimker will also look after some property which he has in the Iowa city.

Journal Want-Ads Pay!

VISIT FRIENDS HERE.

From Tuesday's Daily. Samuel J. Tilden Mayer, Will Hill and Nelson Engman, of Brady Island, came in this morning enroute to the South Omaha live stock market, where they disposed of a number of cars of fine cattle for which they received good prices. They were met in Omaha by L. A. Meisinger, who is a brother-in-law of Mr. Will Hill, and they all came down to Plattsmouth with L. A. Meisinger and his cousin, Walter Meisinger. They will spend several days visiting here before returning to their home in the west. They report everything looking fine in and about Brady Island.

IN COUNTY COURT.

From Tuesday's Daily. Today there was tried in county court, an issue wherein O. M. Streight was the plaintiff and was asking for a judgment for one-half year's rent from the Koukal Brothers. One hundred and twenty-five dollars was the amount of the plaintiff's claim, which the defendants desired to have offset by improvement which they had placed upon the land. Judgment was rendered according to the plaintiff's plea.

VISIT OLD HOME.

From Tuesday's Daily. Mr. C. H. Fuller, and wife, returned last evening from a three days' visit at their old home at Peculiar, this state, and while away they also visited at Walthill. They report things looking fine, with good crops in all lines of grain, and especially in oats, which was making from 50 to 90 bushels per acre. Corn was looking fine, with excellent prospects for a bumper crop.

SIGNS CONTRACT FOR PAVING.

From Wednesday's Daily. The president of the Western States Construction company, of Omaha was in the city last evening and signed the contract for the paving, which is to be done on Chicago avenue, and which, according to the terms of the contract is to be commenced within ten days after the signing of the contract. When this work is commenced and the construction of the new sewer is under way, together with the increased demand of other industries for men, there will doubtless be a marked scarcity of help in Plattsmouth. Certainly, there will be no excuse for any one being idle here.

WILL MOVE HIS STORE.

From Tuesday's Daily. Andrew Horwick, the second-hand furniture dealer on lower Main street, has rented the building which was formerly occupied by W. R. Egenberger for a coal office, and will move his stock of goods to that place, where he will conduct his business in the future. This is the same place in which Peter Claus was engaged in business some time since, and will make a good location.

MUCH TROUBLE WITH ARM.

From Tuesday's Daily. Leslie, the 10-year-old son of H. F. Gansemer, of near Murray, is having a great deal of trouble with an arm which was broken some weeks since. At the time of the accident the member was not set correctly and it was necessary to have the bone broken again, and now he has to be taken to the Immanuel hospital in Omaha, where the bone will be scraped and an X-ray photograph will be made, in hope of restoring the injured arm to normal condition. His friends sincerely hope that the treatment will prove successful and that he may soon regain the use of his arm.

SEEING THE GREAT WEST.

Mrs. Mae Taylor and son, Russell, of Madison, Wisconsin, a sister of Mrs. Alice Cowles, is visiting in the city, a guest of her sister, Mrs. Cowles, and her niece, Mrs. W. E. Propst, for a few days. Mrs. Taylor has just returned from California, where she was the guest of her mother, Mrs. H. M. Barker, at Modista, whom she has not seen for some years. Mrs. Taylor, while in the west, visited points in California, Washington, Utah, Colorado and Texas, as well as in Nebraska. Mrs. W. E. Propst and mother, Mrs. Alice Cowles, visited with this sister a few years ago in the east and Mrs. Taylor is now returning the visit.

No Second Draft Before Next Year

New Details of Draft to Be Explained in Statistical Report of the Mobilization.

Washington, D. C., Aug. 22.—A full statistical report on the operations of the draft law will be prepared by the provost marshal general's office as soon as the mobilization of the first increment of 687,000 men of the national army has been completed some time early in October.

Pending the preparation of the report and careful analysis of the conditions it discloses, no steps toward calling a second increment to the colors will be taken. General Crowder said today that the call for the second increment never had been considered at any conference at which he was present, and that he had no indication that it had been taken up in any way by President Wilson or Secretary Baker.

Training Areas Full.

The first increment will fill all the training areas—sixteen National Guard camps and sixteen national army cantonments—to capacity, and there will be a surplus of men besides those assigned to the regular army. The regulars are now twelve thousand above full sized was strength by voluntary enlistment and the National Guard is in a similar situation.

Training facilities already are being taxed to make ready for the men now available and it is regarded as unlikely that organization of an additional 500,000 men of the national army can be begun until the early spring of 1918. Inequalities of an unavoidable nature will be shown in the statistical report. There probably will be some amended regulations based on actual experience with the first increment, and some amendments in the law may be thought desirable by congress.

New Provisions.

It is possible that some provision will be made whereby all the sons of one family will not be taken. A new definition of the status of married men may be one of the things acted upon. President Wilson's recent letter to Senator Weeks is taken by many to indicate a feeling that a more liberal policy may be found desirable. At present, under the regulations, a condition of marriage in itself is not considered.

Another matter to be worked out is the status of aliens. Still another is the status of men who have passed beyond draft age since being drafted, and that of those who have become of draft age in the meantime.

CAME DOWN IN HIS BUICK.

Jesse Lowther, son of Mr. and Mrs. J. W. Lother, living south of the city, and who formerly lived south of Plattsmouth himself, drove down from Coleridge, arriving here last evening in his Buick. Mr. Lowther left here about ten years ago, moving to Coleridge, where he now resides. He was accompanied here by his wife and little son, together with Mrs. F. W. Kloepping, and they will visit for some time in the neighborhood, guests at the home of Mr. and Mrs. J. W. Lowther. Mr. Jesse Lowther in speaking of the crops up his way, said that they are all fine. He further stated that Will Lewis, Martin Fleming and John Young, all from here are living there and are doing well.

BASKET MEETING.

There will be a basket meeting at the home of E. W. Livingston near the Liberty church next Sabbath. Preaching at 11:00 o'clock. Subject, "The Second Coming of Christ." After dinner, at 2:30, a story for the boys and girls. Special music and other exercises. Come with your lunch basket filled and enjoy the day with us.

E. H. PONTIUS, Pastor.

Go with Rosencrans to Chase county Sunday and see them plow with the tractors, and how the threshing returns are showing grain worth the price of the land.

MAKING HOME IN OREGON.

From Wednesday's Daily. Rev. and Mrs. Davis Errett, the latter the daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Isaac Wiles, of west of this city, arrived from the west last evening and will visit for some time in Plattsmouth and near here, guests at the home of Mrs. Errett's parents, Mrs. Errett, formerly Miss Ursula Wiles, was born in Plattsmouth, lived here until her marriage, and is known by a good many people here. They have not been here for a number of years. Following the vocation of a minister, Mr. Errett has preferred to work in the western field, and they have always found calls a plenty in the section of country which they like best. They will visit for some time before returning to their home at Athena, Oregon.

FURNISHED RILEY MATERIAL.

Mr. George E. Shaefer, of Chicago, came in last evening from Omaha to meet his wife who had preceded him here, and was visiting with her sister, Mrs. Fred Spangler, and will visit here for a few days before going west. Mr. Shaefer was connected with the Baum Iowa Co., when the Riley hotel was built, which company furnished the material for the construction of the building. He has been engaged in the building business since then a good portion of the time, being located for a while in Los Angeles, before he located in Chicago. Just now Mr. Shaefer whose health has not been the best, has closed his business out and will go to the southwest for a couple of years. There he may engage in the building business or he may not, depending on the condition of his health.

In looking around over the city he was pleased to see things looking so well and to note the buildings all being kept up in good shape and looking neat. He spoke well of the two buildings which are now going up, the new high school and the McMaken garage, which are adding to the material welfare of the city. He has just sold a good building for a party in Chicago, and after the sale was made asked, "Why have you purchased this place?" "Because," replied the buyer, "the war is going on and I would rather have my money in real estate than lying around in some bank. I consider it much better."

GONE NINE YEARS.

C. B. Soward, of Spade, Sheridan county, this state, came in last evening and is renewing former acquaintances, having lived in Plattsmouth for two years, but having left here for the west some nine years ago. Lloyd Soward, his son, who was formerly a paper boy with the Journal, is now one of Uncle Sam's soldier boys, and was a few days ago located at Cheyenne, Wyoming. Another son, Adrian, is a radio electrician, and is located for the present at Mare Island, off San Francisco, at the same place as Louis Kershenblatt a son of Mrs. H. Waintroub and a former schoolmate of Adrian's. Mr. Soward, Sr. is located on a farm near Spade, and is engaged in the cattle business.

Leonard Terryberry, of near Murray, was a visitor in Omaha this morning, where he is looking after some business.

U. S. Will Pay \$2 Bushel for Wheat Crop

Under Present Plan Food Administrator Will Buy Entire Yield Rather Than Let the People Suffer.

Washington, D. C., Aug. 22.—The price paid by the food administration for the portion it buys of the 1917 wheat crop probably will exceed \$2 a bushel, it was learned today. The committee headed by Dr. H. A. Garfield, which will recommend a price, will submit its report early next week.

In recommending a price, the committee, it was said today, will take into consideration the fact that the producer must receive enough to stimulate production next year and at the same time will consider carefully war conditions and the rights of the consumer. In passing the food control bill congress set an arbitrary price of \$2 on the 1918 wheat crop. The hope of the food administration is that the government price fixed will obtain in all private transactions throughout the year, and it is ready to buy up the entire crop for distribution if prices cannot be stabilized by the mere fixing of a food administration price.

WERE FRIENDS IN CHICAGO.

Yesterday, Mr. and Mrs. George E. Evans, of Chicago, came down from Omaha, where they have been visiting with relatives, for a short visit at the home of Mr. Evans' grandmother, Mrs. Ellen Danhier, and son, E. B. Danhier. Mrs. Evans also visited with Mrs. Sophia McLeod, with whom she used to go to school, when they were children together in the "Windy City." They also worked at the same place when young ladies. Mr. and Mrs. Evans departed this morning for Omaha, where they will visit for some time, being accompanied by Mr. Evans' uncle, B. B. Danhier.

WENT TO LOUISVILLE.

Luke L. Wiles, C. C. Wescott, Edward Donat, George Lusinsky and John Brady constituted a party who drove over to Louisville this afternoon to attend the meeting of the council of defense, which convenes there today. Mr. John Brady, who accompanies the delegation from here is not a member of the council, but has some ideas and plans of work, which he desired to present at the meeting and which he feels would be beneficial in their work.

GOING WEST WITH FORD.

L. T. Benedict and wife, of Afton, Iowa, came in last evening and visited over night at the home of Miles Allen and Edward Maurer, who are brothers-in-law of Mr. Benedict. After a short visit with relatives here they will depart with their Ford car for the west, going to many points in Colorado, and stopping at Denver, Colorado Springs, and other places before returning.

A Billion to Help Business and Farming

The funds gathered into the Federal Reserve Banks now aggregate over \$1,000,000,000. This vast sum was not accumulated to earn profits for private interests, nor can it be controlled by private interests. Its purpose is to assist its member banks, of which we are one, in helping the farmers and business men and to make general banking conditions as sound as possible.

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