

GERMAN TRENCHES BURNED BY FIRE OF U. S. ARTILLERY

PATROL FIRE RAIDS ENEMY POSITIONS BUT FIND THE WORKS DESERTED

Germans Reported to be Rebuilding the Lines near Luneville—A Number of Deserters

With the American Army in France, March 21.—Enemy first and second line positions on a part of the sector east of Luneville have been destroyed by American artillery fire. After the raid into the German lines last night the American gunners shelled the positions heavily all night and this morning.

Today a patrol, without assistance from the artillery, crossed No Man's Land and found that the first and second lines had been wiped out. The patrol also obtained additional information and returned without casualties, the Germans apparently having decided not to molest them.

Artillery firing by both sides on this sector continued all day.

On the sector northwest of Toul, a number of Germans deserted last night and surrendered to an American patrol in a certain wood. The Germans approached the Americans shouting "don't shoot." The prisoners were turned over to the French.

Much information of value was obtained from the deserters, who said there were "fed up" with the war and decided they would rather be prisoners. Included in the information obtained from the men was the statement that during the gas projector attack against the American lines on February 27, nine hundred projectors were employed. One-half the projectiles fired fell within the German lines and the gas overcame many of the Germans. The next day, according to the deserters, eleven Germans were killed and thirty wounded while taking out the dead.

Only 75 Are Used

American intelligence officers are inclined to doubt the story regarding 900 projectors. American information is that only 75 were used.

An American patrol last night entered the enemy first line and remained there six hours but did not see any of the enemy. It is reported that the Germans recently had constructed trenches that are concrete half way up on the side.

Great activity continues behind the enemy lines. Within the last four days a number of rock crushers and concrete mixers have been brought up and there are signs that the Germans intend to construct a number of new pill boxes opposite the American front.

Today's report says that three German airplanes flew over various parts of the American front line at daybreak and fired their machine guns on our positions. Their efforts, however, were without result.

ARMENIAN AND SYRIAN RELIEF DRIVE

The drive for the Armenian and Syrian Relief will be made next week, March 24-31, in most of the precincts in Cass county.

Tipton precinct raises its quota \$277.60, yesterday afternoon while the sale of War Savings Stamps was being made.

Elmwood precinct will raise its quota simultaneously with the Liberty Loan Drive.

Greenwood precinct will make the Armenian Drive in April at the same time one of the other drives is being pushed.

Nehawka and Mt. Pleasant precincts will carry this and the Red

GROW A WAR GARDEN

We handle all kinds of

SEED

Onion Sets and Seed Potatoes!

We will have a large line of Tomato, Sweet Potato and Cabbage Plants.

HATT'S

Cross drive through at the same time.

Plattsmouth precinct and the city of Plattsmouth will remember these sufferers and show their sympathy some time in April, by meeting their full quota.

Each chairman is asked to organize his precinct as he prefers. Same will appoint sub-chairman for each school district who will in turn, appoint solicitors to see every one in their respective districts.

Some of the precincts have the card index system completed. In such cases the drive will be conducted on the unit basis, and the amount contributed will be placed on the cards. When the cards are not used, THE CHAIRMAN WILL SEE THAT THE AMOUNTS CONTRIBUTED ARE CAREFULLY KEPT AND PLACED ON THE CARDS when they are completed.

Each chairman not using the card index system, will kindly inquire of the precinct organization whether said system is completed. In all cases where said system is completed, the precinct chairman will defer to said precinct organization and assist it in every way possible.

All funds should be sent to Mr. H. A. Schneider, Plattsmouth, Nebr., Treasurer.

There are 2,000,000 starving in Armenia and Syria. 500,000 are children. President Wilson says to save them is America's great opportunity.

Every dollar contributed reaches them. Expenses paid by a few men. Money goes through State Department, Washington, to Bern, Switzerland, thence to Swedish Legation at Constantinople, then to 100 doctors, teachers and ex-consuls who have remained in Turkey for this purpose. By them supplies are bought and distributed.

Red Cross contributes \$300,000 a month to this Committee and encourages its further support.

The Turkish Government offers no obstacles to this work now.

Yours in behalf of suffering humanity.

A. J. HARGETT,
County Chairman.

RELEASED FROM QUARANTINE.

From Saturday's Daily.

Dewey Graham who has been at the city jail for he past three weeks and where he had the small pox, has recovered from it and was fumigated as well as was the jail, and he was released. In speaking of the matter Dewey said that he would as soon have the small pox as to have a bad cold. He has gotten through with his case nicely, but the pox marks show plainly, even on the palms of his hands.

RETURN FROM EAST.

From Saturday's Daily.

John Lohnes and J. G. Lohnes returned from the east this morning, coming from a trip to Peoria and Pekin, Ill., where they attended at the funeral of Mrs. George Lohnes, who is wife of a brother, John Lohnes. The burial was Friday March 11th.

A NEW RESIDENCE.

From Saturday's Daily.

Fred G. Egenberger will in a short time commence the construction of a modern bungalow, on the point between Washington Avenue and Vine street, which will make an elegant place for a home. He will put there a house which will cost about four thousand dollars and has it already rented to B. A. Rosencrans.

THE ADDING CONTEST AT THE COURT HOUSE

From Saturday's Daily.

This afternoon there was staged an adding contest at the office of the county superintendent, to determine the delegate who will soon go to Beatrice, where the southwestern district convention will be held. The contestants which appear and their residence in the country are as follows:

Stacia Steel, Elmwood; Hazel Ward, Louisville; Clatide Gebhardt, Elmwood; Anna Irons, Avoca; Nellie Jackson, Weeping Water; Freda Born, Cullom; John Keil, Cedar Creek; Chester Scott, Elmwood; Mearle Sheldon and Bessie Murdock, Nehawka; Carl Grassman and Mary Stander, Louisville, and Charles Hartford, Plattsmouth, Helen Gorder Weeping Water.

The result of the contest being:

City Schools.
First—Charles Hartford, Plattsmouth.
Second—John Keil, Cedar Creek.
Rural Schools.
First—Hazel Ward, District 73.
Second—Alma Scheel, District 43.

EGGS FOR HATCHING.

S. C. Rhode Island Reds and S. C. White Orpington eggs for hatching at \$1.25 per 15, \$6.00 per 100. A. O. Range, phone 2513.

Stationery at the Journal office.

GERMANS MASS GUNS IN GREATEST ARRAY OF THE WAR

ENEMY USES 1,000 IN ONE SMALL SECTOR—ONE FOR EACH TWELVE YARDS

Over Forty Divisions Identified on Battle Front, Declare the British—Fire Concentrated

British Headquarters on French Front, March 22.—The Germans today continued their assault against the positions in the Cambrai sector, notably in the region of Croiselles and Hargicourt. At least forty divisions have been identified on the battle front. No such concentration of artillery has been seen since the war began.

On the southern battle field a bitter struggle was waged today. The enemy had 1,000 guns in one small sector—one for every twelve yards. Severe fighting was proceeding this morning in St. Ledger, southwest of Croiselles.

The hardest fighting yesterday in the northern battle was between the Canal Du Nord and Croiselles. Diognies was retaken yesterday evening in a brilliant counter attack. A bright sun at midday today rendered observation possible.

One of the most brilliant British counter attacks occurred at Diognies. The British advanced with infantry and tanks at 7 p. m. and after fierce fighting drove out the enemy and took possession.

The weather in the morning was cold and bleak. A heavy mist made air reconnaissance impossible. This was of advantage to the British as the enemy was deprived of greatly needed aerial observation.

The Germans in many sections yesterday attacked in three waves of infantry followed by shock troops. As a result they suffered heavy casualties.

The heavily massed German artillery has been badly hammered by the British guns.

IS VISITING WITH SISTER

From Saturday's Daily.

Mrs. Paul Budig, and two sons, Ralph and Floyd, of Chicago, who have been here attending the funeral of the father of Mr. Budig, departed yesterday afternoon for Ashland, where they will visit at the home of a sister of Mr. Budig, Mrs. E. H. Egert and husband who reside there. They will return here Saturday and on Sunday all will depart for their home in Chicago, where Mr. Budig is engaged in making cigars.

CHANGE HANDS AFTER TODAY.

The restaurant which is being conducted in the rear of the Geise refreshment parlor by W. Brantner, will be conducted by Robert Fitch after today. Mr. Brantner will return to work for Q. K. Parmele, and will do some farming again this coming season.

IS IN PURSUIT OF HEALTH

From Saturday's Daily.

William Talmage, of Waunita, Minn., who has been spending his winter in Missouri, being for a while with a brother in St. Louis and later with sisters, one at Ashgrove and one at Springfield, dropped into Plattsmouth for a while yesterday, and is stopping at the City hotel. He is just looking around and seeing what this city and country is doing, while he is recuperating from the effects of too strenuous farming in the north. Mr. Talmage will remain here for a number of days.

IN HONOR OF MARION DUXBURY.

From Saturday's Daily.

Marion Duxbury, who is a sophomore in the High School, is also accepted as an applicant for service in the Radio Telegraph for the government, and is awaiting the call to go to the training camp. Last evening the sophomore class went to the big Missouri River bridge, where they had a picnic in his honor. Marion is a fine young man, and will be missed in many circles when he shall depart. We are of the opinion also that he will make an excellent operator when he shall have the necessary training. Here's to you Marion, and the best of luck goes with you.

WOMEN NEEDED IN MANY WAR POSITIONS

From Saturday's Daily.

Letters asking about the opportunities for war work for women predominate in the mail received at the headquarters of the Woman's Committee of the State Council of

Defense, according to Miss Sarka Hrbkova, state chairman. In response to these requests she is able to announce several new positions opening for women in war work.

Women with a fluent knowledge of French are wanted to go to France as telephone operators. Any girls wishing to enter such service are asked to write to the Woman's Committee headquarters, Bankers' Life Building, Lincoln, Nebraska. Miss Hrbkova will be interested in making arrangements so that girls with a knowledge of French may secure training as telephone operators and have an opportunity to go to France in this service. No wives of enlisted men or officers will be accepted, and applicants must be able to speak both English and French perfectly. It is preferred that the applicants be between 23 and 35 years of age, and they must be physically fit.

Women are also being called upon to help in the ship shortage. The Civil Service Commission has announced that there are positions open to women who can qualify as ship draftsmen and for deputy shipping commissioners.

Women experienced in drafting work of buildings involving steel work or with diplomas from a technical school of recognized standing, are required for ship drafting work. To fill a position as deputy shipping commissioner requires chiefly "good physique and tact in dealing with seamen." An examination in this service is to be held by the Civil Service Commission March 20, the first of its kind open to women.

MRS. DALE S. BOYLES,
Chairman Cass Co. Committee.

THE WATERING STATION, WHAT?

From Saturday's Daily.

The watering place at the intersection of Sixth and Pearl, what is the trouble? It was out of commission for a long time, and some one tackled it, and tore trough up, piled it on the walk some time since, and left it that way. Do we suppose it has been fixed, and are awaiting for it to rain, or where are you on the question. The people who were accustomed to use it, wonder?

SOME WILL BE LOST

In such a time as this, when Germany is utilizing her last ounce of strength to force an issue of peace, it is but to be expected that we and our allies alike will suffer the loss of some men. Allied generals are not, however, trained to believe in human butchery as are those of the central powers, and will use every safeguard toward saving the lives of those under their command instead of recklessly throwing them into the thick of the battle in a vain hope that they will accomplish an impossible thing. But despite it all we must expect to lose some men, and if the loss comes home or is so far removed as to be almost untraceable to our attention, let us remember that every boy on the battle front in Europe is some mother's son and the loss of every man is felt most keenly somewhere.

DEPARTS FROM HOME TODAY.

From Friday's Daily.

Mrs. G. W. DeWolf, mother of superintendent G. E. DeWolf of the public schools, who has been visiting with her daughter in this city departed this afternoon for her home at Gilboa. Mrs. DeWolf has been visiting with her daughters at Rock Island, Ill., and stopped here for a visit with her son on her way home.

WILL FILED FOR PROBATE.

From Friday's Daily.

The will of the late Wm. Budig was filed by Paul Budig, his son, and a petition asking or suggesting the appointment of Mrs. Budig as the administratrix. The hearing will be had in the near future.

TAKEN UP.

At my place on the Ray Smith farm, five miles southwest of Plattsmouth—2 horses, 1 sorrel, 1 mouse colored and 1 yearling colt. Owner may have same by calling at my place and paying for this advertisement and all damages. E. R. Queen, Phone No. 3412. 3-22-17wd&w

FOR SALE.

I have for sale the following described land:
1200 acres, Cherry County, Neb.
800 acres at Edison, Furnas Co., Neb.
150 acres, 5 miles from Tomax, Custer county, Nebr.
450 acres one mile from Calloway, Custer county, Neb.
These places are now rented, all have good improvements and can be bought one third cash payment and balance 5 year mortgage at 6 per cent interest. Thomas E. Parmele, Office in Bank of Cass Co. 9-1no

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Easter in Plattsmouth!

Until recently the Ladies of Plattsmouth and vicinity have been denied the advantage of a home market in Ladies Ready-to-Wear. It has been necessary to send away or go away for the new Easter coat, but this Spring there is no necessity of doing this with two stores in Plattsmouth showing elegant and up-to-date lines. We are glad to be able to contribute our share towards making this possible and we invite you to inspect the choice garments we have brought to your home town for both men and women. In Ladies' wear, we specialize on Coats, Silk Hosiery, Silk Sweaters and Munsing Underwear. These articles we can sell for less than you can find them anywhere. Our next Ladies ad will tell you WHY.

C. E. Wescott's Sons

"EVERYBODY'S STORE"

AS USUAL, ENEMY IS MAKING BIG BRAGS

GERMANS CLAIM CAPTURE OF SIXTEEN THOUSAND BRITISH PRISONERS.

200 GUNS TAKEN, SAYS BERLIN

Teutons Make Sweeping Statement Regarding Results of Attack on the Briton Forces

London, March 22.—(British Admiralty, per wireless press.)—Sixteen thousand prisoners and 200 guns have been captured by the Germans, according to a German official communication received by wireless tonight.

The text of the communication follows: "The success of yesterday in the fighting between Arras and La Fere was extended in the continuation of our attack.

"Sixteen thousand prisoners and 200 guns so far have been reported captured. Before Verdun the artillery duel continued. From other theatres of the war there is nothing new to report."

An earlier report by the German war office announced the capture of the British first line from southeast of Arras to La Fere.

WAR WASTAGE MAKES BABY SAVING IMPERATIVE

The necessity for safeguarding children as a patriotic duty in view of the unavoidable wastage of human life incident to the war was considered at the meeting of the state executive board of the Woman's Committee held in Lincoln last week. A squad of women to be known as Home Health Volunteers will be appointed in each community to carry on a concentrated baby saving campaign. The United States Children's Bureau has designated April 6, 1918 to April 6, 1919 as children's year—one year from the date the United States declared war.

The special need of a strenuous child-saving campaign in the country at this time is graphically explained by Mrs. Draper Smith, of Omaha, child welfare chairman of the Woman's Committee.

"Statistics have shown that a soldier in the trenches has a better chance for life than a baby born in the United States," said Mrs. Smith. "Secretary of War Baker in a recent statement announced that 14 per cent of the infants born in the United States last year died during the year. He also stated that of all the British Expeditionary troops sent to the front the first three years of the war, less than 3 per cent died in action or from wounds. Public opinion must be aroused to conditions that not only kill so many babies every year but cause an even greater number to grow up in reform schools, institutions for feeble-

minded and schools for backward children.

"Moreover returns from physical examinations of drafted men showed that 29 per cent were physically unfit and the Children's Bureau has been able to show that a large per cent of this physical unfitness is due to diseases of childhood—bad hearing, defective eyesight, and even flat feet are traced to the nursery. This is a national waste, which strikes at the root of the man-power of the nation."

MRS. DALE S. BOYLES,
Chairman Cass Co. Committee.

RULES FOR THIRD LIBERTY LOAN TO BE GIVEN MONDAY

Washington, March 22.—Conditions of the third Liberty loan will be made public Monday by Secretary McAdoo in the form of recommendations to congress on the size, interest rate and other features which will require legislation.

After conferring all day with governors of federal reserve banks and chairman of Liberty loan campaign committees the secretary announced he would meet Chairman Kitchin of the house ways and means committee tomorrow and would make his decision afterward. Some of the bankers and business men participating in the conference today advocated a loan of \$5,000,000,000 or less at 4 1/2 per cent, but the secretary did not disclose his opinion definitely.

Mr. McAdoo told the conference that there is every cause for optimism concerning the outcome of the war, despite the situation in Russia and that he felt sure the third Liberty loan would be a big success, regardless of the amount of interest rate.

NEBRASKA MILLERS TO LIMIT EXCHANGE OF WHEAT FOR FLOUR

Lincoln, Neb., March 20.—Nebraska millers at a conference with Food Administrator Wattles here this afternoon adopted resolutions limiting exchange of wheat for flour to 100 pounds, and providing that the farmer must take the same amount of substitutes. The resolution puts him on the same basis as any other individual, according to the millers. The rule was promulgated by the milling division of the food administration.

A resolution was also adopted by the millers providing that flour should not be packed in less than twenty-four-pound sacks. This would lighten the cost of milling to the industry, it was explained.

A committee consisting of J. W. Spirk of Neligh, A. C. Loflang of Lexington, C. L. Aller of Crete, William Black of Beatrice, Chauncey Abbott of Schuyler, and Charles N. Bridge of Norfolk, was appointed to accompany Mr. Wattles to Omaha Thursday and investigate the high prices demanded for substitutes.

EGGS FOR HATCHING.

From the best Reds I ever owned, \$7.50 per 100 or \$1.50 per setting. Have a Ravo incubator and brooder for sale cheap, used two years, perfect condition. Phone 4021. W. B. Porter, Mynard, Nebr.

Journal Want-Ads Pay!

BRITISH LINE DENTED BY GERMAN BLOWS

BUT SOME POINTS REGAINED AND GERMANS HELD IN BATTLE POSITIONS

After attacking all day yesterday and until a late hour last night the Germans let down in their smashing operations along fifty miles of the British front and had not resumed their heavy assaults at the latest advices from Sir Douglas Haig.

Further hard fighting was ahead, however, the field marshal predicted. The enemy was still being held in the British battle positions, he reported, which means that the British line is still intact, although admittedly it has been bent backward at points under the terrific Teutonic assault. The battle line has not moved in only one direction, however, the British having struck back spiritedly at the German masses and regained some of the positions which they had temporarily abandoned.

The German official statement received today reports that the British positions were attacked from a point southeast of Arras to La Fere, the British first lines being captured. The dispatch from British headquarters omits the exact position of the British line at present for the stated reason that the enemy might be given valuable information if the line were accurately traced.

Artillery Battle Continues

While the infantry is being held temporarily in check the artillery battle is still raging, according to indications in the news dispatches. Great numbers of Austrian cannon are declared to have been transported to the western front to reinforce the German artillery. The Bulgarians, too, have been brought into the field by the German command, it is declared, the understanding being that they are to be used as a strategic reserve.

Altogether the indications are that the central powers have massed all possible forces at their disposal on the west front for the present drive. The prospects seem, however, that they will need every man of them if they keep up their attack long with anything like its initial force, as all the reports indicate the German losses have been terrific under the withering fire of the British artillery and machine guns. The German artillery, too, has suffered heavily through counter battery work by the British who found the massed guns fine targets for effective destructive work.

McADOO HALTS RAIL BUILDING THROUGH U. S.

Washington, D. C., March 21.—The first act of Director General McAdoo today after President Wilson signed the railroad bill, which provides a \$500,000,000 revolving fund and prescribes a basis of compensation to the owners during federal operation was to issue an order restricting railroads' capital expenditures to extension and betterments absolutely essential under war conditions.