

REPORTS FROM FRONT DIFFER

Paris Dispatches Claim German Advance Along Coast Is Checked.

LONDON IS NOT SO SURE

Fears That the Kaiser's Forces Will Advance Along Coast—British Cruiser Hawke Sunk by German Submarine—General News of Minor Importance.

On the Battle Front, via Paris, Oct. 16.—The attempt of the Germans to turn the flank of the allies and obtain possession of the ports of Dunkirk and Calais has been unsuccessful. The Germans came face to face with a strong opposing allied army, which compelled them to fall back after severe fighting.

What is known as "the marching wing" of the allies is continually in contact with the German troops and completely covers the approach to the coast.

When they fought a pitched battle west of Lille the Germans were forced to make a marked retreat from Laventie in the direction of Lille, their occupation of which last Tuesday by 30,000 men appears destined to be of short duration.

Dragoons Beat Off Hussars. French dragoons recently were entrusted with the task of covering the passage of a river by artillery. They met a body of German hussars in a clash. Both sides charged simultaneously. The melee lasted ten minutes, during which the men slashed and pierced each other with swords and lances, while the officers' revolvers cracked.

Finally the hussars broke ranks and galloped away, leaving many of their men on the field. The dragoons also suffered severely.

fensive all along the mighty battle line with the exception of the center, where the German lines are too strong to be taken by storm. Fighting of furious character is in progress, especially in the vicinity of Verdun.

Allies Advance on Metz. The steady hammering of the allies on the German left wing of the French battle front has brought them almost within cannon range of the forts of Metz. In spite of this menace part of the German crown prince's army hangs on doggedly to the positions it has taken on the Meuse near St. Mihiel.

Crown Prince Is Threatened. The French are in possession of the route from Nancy to Metz as far as Pagny, on the Lorraine border, and menace the route from Verdun to Metz in the neighborhood of Etain, endangering communications of the crown prince's army with the German fortified camp.

Alsace also continues to be the scene of daily struggles for the possession of points of vantage, the result of which it is difficult to ascertain, as fortunes change so rapidly. Towns are taken and retaken repeatedly. The heavy fighting in the southern end of the battle line indicates that the Germans are gaining.

British Cruiser Is Torpedoed.

London, Oct. 18.—A German torpedo boat coast England her seventh cruiser and 330 men, the British admiralty officially announced. The cruiser Hawke was struck by a torpedo from a German submarine and sunk in the northern waters of the North sea. The cruiser Theseus was attacked, but the torpedo missed its mark.

The press bureau issued a list of 71 survivors of the 400 officers and men on the Hawke. Lieutenant Commander Rosman and 20 men were picked up from a raft and 50 of the crew were landed at Aberdeen.

British patrol ships located a German submarine off the east coast of Holland and sunk her.

The Hawke was commanded by Capt. P. E. T. Williams, and he and the chief officers of the cruiser are believed lost.

Kaiser's Strength 9,700,000.

London, Oct. 17.—The Nation says the following will be found the best of

CLAIMS MADE BY RIVALS

ANGLO-FRENCH.

Levant and Hennesamps occupied. Ground gained at certain points on left, particularly in direction of Lille. Fighting extends also from Ypres to North sea. Northwest of Verdun Germans made an unsuccessful attack.

GERMAN.

Ostend occupied by Germans October 15 and Bruges October 14. French attacks near Albert repulsed. Russian advance in East Prussia fails. Attack of eight army corps from Warsaw and Ivangorod repulsed. Russians unable to occupy Lyck.

AUSTRIAN.

Russians around Przemysl are forced to give up attack, except on eastern side. Many Russians drowned at Sosnica in retreat when bridges break down. Cossacks driven toward Drohys.

RUSSIAN.

Three Austrian companies captured south of Przemysl. Germans are eight miles from Warsaw. Small engagements took place on front in East Prussia.

but liable, ersatz reservists and landsturm, 3,750,000; landsturm, seventeen to twenty years of age, 1,500,000; total, 9,700,000.

Rushing Troops to France.

London, Oct. 18.—Important German re-enforcements, especially artillery, have been sent to the west front, cables a Copenhagen correspondent. "My informant, who has just returned here, met at Brandenburg 23 trains of re-enforcements in one hour, all packed with men and horses. He estimates the number of troops to be between 300,000 and 400,000. Regular traffic on the main lines in Germany has been suspended to allow transportation to the western field of an army of 90,000 soldiers."

Noncombatants Leaving Tsing Tao.

Peking, Oct. 18.—Intelligence has been received from Chefoo on the Shantung peninsula to the effect that all noncombatants, including the Uni-

WAR BILL PASSED

WILL RAISE \$100,000,000 REVENUE TO MEET EMERGENCY.

CONDITION OF STATE BANKS

Nebraska People Continue to Increase Bank Deposits—Kansas Aggies Go Down to Decisive Defeat.

Western Newspaper Union News Service. Washington. — The administration war revenue bill, levying approximately \$100,000,000 additional taxes to meet the emergency caused by the war in Europe, was passed by the senate Saturday, 34 to 22, after southern democrats, in coalition with the republicans of the senate, desperately fought to indefinitely postpone consideration of the measure because cotton relief legislation had been decisively defeated.

Cornhuskers Defeat Kansas Aggies.

Manhattan, Kan. — The Nebraska Cornhuskers, after playing disappointing football in their two previous contests, settled into their real stride Saturday on college field and administered a decisive defeat to the Kansas Aggies. The final score stood 31 to 0 at the end of a contest in which the Cornhuskers displayed their superiority in every phase and feature except forward passing, in which the Aggies alone excelled.

NEBRASKA BANKING CONDITIONS

Deposits in State Banks Continue to Increase.

Lincoln, Neb.—Regardless of the war in Europe the people of Nebraska continue to increase their deposits in state banks. The quarterly report of the state banking board show that the total deposits in state banks were on September 21, \$96,470,452.65, an increase of \$4,507,731 since the report of the condition of state banks May 16. The number of depositors in state banks is now 343,983. The average reserve is far above the legal requirement. It is now 24 per cent. Since May 16, 1914, the resources of state banks have increased \$5,419,257.18. The increase in loans and discounts was \$3,064,223.16. The increase due from banks and cash was \$2,187,952.75 and the increase in deposits was \$4,507,731.

Carranza Must Pay the Bill.

Naco, Ariz.—Two hundred and fifty Mexicans wounded during the attack on Naco, Sonora, have been brought to this city through special permission from the Washington government, which first had refused asylum here. The Carranza government has promised that they will be attended without expense to the American state or national government. This action came as a result of an appeal made through Governor Hunt, in which it was asserted that if the Mexican town was taken by Governor Maytorena's Indians the wounded would be killed.

Germans Sink British Cruiser.

London.—The German submarine service has robbed the British navy of the cruiser Hawke and has raised the tally of the list of warships sunk by the Germans to seven. To this must be added the virtual destruction of the cruiser Pegasus by a German warship at Zanzibar. The Hawke, a cruiser of 7,350 tons, under command of Capt. Hugh Williams, was sunk in the North sea, the graveyard of six other warships, victims of German torpedoes. Out of a crew of 400 men, fifty were saved.

Hessian Fly Infects Wheat Fields.

Kearney, Neb.—Insect Expert Joseph S. Ware, of the United States department of agriculture, found upon examination of several wheat fields a few miles south of this city evidences of the Hessian fly. One field of 180 acres was badly infested and much had to be plowed up. The larva and pupa of the fly was found in several different farms. The appearance of the Hessian fly in this section was not expected by the farmers and they now have a new pest with which to battle.

Asking for Big War Credit.

Berlin.—The Prussian government will ask the diet for a war credit of more than \$2,500,000,000. Government work on the railways and highways will be proposed to cope with the unemployment situation and to give relief to small communities. At a joint sitting of the party leaders it was decided unanimously to support the government program. The sitting of the diet will partake of the character of a war session and will last only a few days.

Big Order for Anti-Toxin.

Philadelphia, Pa.—An order for 6,000 packages of lockjaw anti-toxin for French and English troops has been placed with a local firm. The anti-toxin is to be used especially for the immunization of troops who are obliged to fight in trenches. Tetanus germs are particularly prevalent in earth and the French and English military authorities propose to inoculate the soldiers before going in the trenches.

BRIEF NEWS OF NEBRASKA

Alliance will have a council of the boy scouts.

Geneva will erect a new strictly modern city hall.

The new United Brethren church at Julien was dedicated Sunday.

Preparations are being made for a big courting meet at Beatrice.

Havelock Commercial club will hold its annual banquet October 29.

The Farmers' Congress will convene in Omaha, December 8 to 10.

Dr. H. C. Mill, for nine years postmaster at Grand Island, is dead of diabetes.

Burglars entered the postoffice at Indianola, blew the safe and got away with \$200.

Oscar Wamberger, 30, was instantly killed when his automobile turned turtle near Norfolk.

Women's suffrage was endorsed by the federation of women's clubs at its session at Falls City.

Mrs. Joseph Vetersnick, aged 70, dropped dead of heart trouble at her home at Plattsmouth.

J. F. Smith has been engaged as physical director of the Parish gymnasium at Ainsworth.

The little daughter of President Allen of Doane college at Crete is dead of ptomaine poisoning.

A three days' session of the Menonite church will be held at Beatrice, commencing October 28.

Rockville and St. Paul staged a tenning game Sunday afternoon, the final score ending 6 to 0.

Mrs. Allen Judd of Iman had her hand badly mangled when it was caught in a power wringer.

Mr. and Mrs. Sylvanus Lamb of Geneva celebrated their sixtieth wedding anniversary Saturday.

James Powell, who died last week in Omaha, was the first warden of the Illinois state prison at Joliet.

At a special election held at DeWitt electric and park bonds carried by 95 to 16 and 70 to 40, respectively.

The village board of Sterling has granted a franchise to the Farmers' Telephone company of that place.

Bonds to the amount of \$9,500 were voted at Talmage for the construction of an electric light and power plant.

E. P. Hill fell from a train at Silver Creek and was so badly injured that it was necessary to amputate an arm.

Members of the Fremont Country club have decided to hold a fair at the Masonic hall, starting November 16.

Beatrice is making arrangements to properly care for the crowd expected at the poultry show to be held there this winter.

Luther A. Rutledge is dead at his home in Bethany from pulmonary hemorrhage, brought about by a fit of coughing.

Will Schellinger raised 900 bushels of tomatoes on a two-acre patch near Nebraska City, and they netted him nearly \$200.

A Lincoln horse and mule company has the contract to furnish the agents of the French government 2,500 Nebraska horses.

Two horses driven by Thomas Woodward of Seward were killed when they plunged over the edge of a washedout culvert.

Members of the Christopher Columbus society of Lincoln and their families celebrated Columbus day with a ball and banquet.

The sixteen-month-old child of R. G. Rohrke of Hadar was run over by a train when it wandered on to a railroad track near its home.

Hog cholera is prevailing to such an alarming extent in many parts of Nemaha county that some big herds have been seriously affected.

Burglars have been raiding churches and residences at Plattsmouth. In the Episcopal church they obtained \$6 from the contribution plate, and drank the communion wine.

The biennial convention of the Degree of Honor, the ladies' auxiliary to the A. O. U. W., will meet in Lincoln in 1916, according to the decision of the convention at Fremont.

The business houses of Clatonia, which were destroyed by fire some time ago, are being replaced with substantial brick blocks.

Efforts are being made to locate money which Niels Hansen is supposed to have buried on his farm near North Platte. Hansen was found dead on his homestead several days ago.

Leslie Platt, newly-appointed postmaster of Crab Orchard, is now in charge of the office. His predecessor was Frank M. Skarrett, who was postmaster of the village for eighteen years.

Rev. A. J. Hollingsworth, for several years pastor of the Christian church at Peru, has accepted the pastorate of Temple church at Kansas City.

A large glass container has been placed in the dairy building on the state farm at Lincoln and is kept filled with fresh buttermilk for the accommodation of the thirsty students.

Dodge county farmers have harvested the largest crop of alfalfa in the history of the county. The fourth cutting is being made and a large yield is resulting. The acreage is larger than ever before.

At a meeting of the board of county commissioners at Pawnee City, John MacCana was appointed sheriff to fill the vacancy caused by the death of Sheriff J. C. Raper.

The contract for putting in the poles and wire from Jansen to Fairbury for the Jansen Electric Light company has been let and work began last week.

Milton Cast, the 8-year-old son of Mr. and Mrs. Gottlieb Cast of Lincoln, died Sunday as a result of injuries received two weeks ago, when he fell from a ladder in the gymnasium at the Randolph school.

MUST BE IN ONE FUND

ADDITIONS TO HIGH SCHOOL DEBATING LEAGUE

GOSSIP FROM STATE CAPITAL

Items of Interest Gathered from Reliable Sources and Presented in Condensed Form to Our Readers.

Western Newspaper Union News Service. The eighth year of the Nebraska High School Debating league opens with a large increase in the membership of the organization, which started with thirty schools in 1908 and reached sixty-nine last year. Thirteen additional applications for membership have been received by the executive committee. They are from: Ansley, Superintendent Della Berger; Bartley, Superintendent J. E. Duncan; Creighton, Superintendent O. N. Stevens; Fullerton, Superintendent W. B. Ireland; Gibbon, Superintendent A. R. Nichols; Holdrege, Superintendent Dell Gibson; North Platte, Superintendent Wilson Tont; Oakland, Superintendent J. R. Armstrong; Ogallala, Superintendent C. R. Robinson; Seward, Superintendent J. A. Woodard; Wayne, Superintendent O. R. Bowen; West Point, Superintendent L. S. Knoll; Wisner, Superintendent R. M. Eaton.

Must Stay in One Fund.

Deputy Attorney General George W. Ayres has informed State Auditor W. B. Howard that the act of the last legislature authorizing the state board of control to expend the funds of a state institution for any other



FULLBACK WARREN HOWARD Fullback Howard is playing his last year under Cornhusker colors. For three years he has been Nebraska's premier punter and consistent ground gainer, and perhaps had more to do with the winning of the Minnesota game last season than any other one man. His toe many times booted the ball out of danger and prevented opponents from scoring.

purpose than the purpose for which the legislature appropriated them is unconstitutional. The legislature in question appropriated fixed amounts for certain purposes for each institution, and then added a section to the general appropriation bill authorizing the board of control to take money from one fund of an institution and use it for some other purpose for the same institution.

Will Print Daily Journals.

Secretary Ludl, of the state printing bureau, is preparing specifications on which bids for state printing must be based. He proposes to follow the recommendation of the joint legislative committee in regard to the printing of bills and the house and senate journals. The house and senate journals are to be printed daily and the sheets bound in book form at the close of the legislative session. The enrolling and engrossing clerks, who formerly spent most of their time as spectators in legislative galleries, will be found there no more. There is to be no enrolling or engrossing of bills in long hand. All bills will be printed

Favors Fall Plowing.

Fall plowing for corn in central and eastern Nebraska is a practice that is warmly recommended by the Nebraska college of agriculture. Among the points in favor of it are: The fall furnishes a time when deep plowing may be done early enough to allow the soil to become compacted by planting time. When plowing is done in the fall, a longer time is afforded for the refuse of the preceding crop to rot. Late fall plowing helps to destroy the small brown ant which is a protector of the root plant louse. Time is less pressing in the fall than oftentimes in the spring. The structure of clay and other stiff soils is improved by weathering. Fall plowing should be left rough in order that it may collect moisture and hinder blowing.

Dr. Charles E. Bessey of the department of botany is representing Nebraska at the session of the botanists of the central states at St. Louis. Dr. R. J. Pool, also of the state university faculty, will read a paper on "Plants That Have Come into the Roger's Woods."

PRESIDENT POINCARE VISITS HIS TROOPS



President Poincaré paid a visit to his army on the battle front recently and is here shown (bearded man with soft hat) inspecting some of the hard-fighting soldiers of France.

but attained their object, that of securing a safe passage for their comrades.

Germans in Ostend.

London, Oct. 18.—A Reuter dispatch from Amsterdam says it is officially announced in Berlin that Ostend was occupied by German troops on Thursday and Bruges on Wednesday.

Allies Fear Advance on Paris.

The war situation on the northern border of France is viewed with increased apprehension in well informed circles in Bordeaux. It is feared that the Germans will extend their sweep of the north coast to Dunkirk, and even to Calais and Dover.

With its battle line from the German frontier to the English channel thus shortened, the German front will gain in weight.

As the French have been unequal to the task of turning the Germans' flank when thinly extended, it is now feared that the entire German line will advance successfully on Paris.

Fighting is in progress along a battle line extending from Ypres, in northwestern Belgium, to the sea, according to the official French statement issued in Paris.

Germans Fall Back. Although the Germans have lost ground along the Albert-Arras-Estaires-Ypres line, their retreat has not developed into a retreat. The invaders have fallen back into strong positions.

The allies seem to be on the of-

ficial estimate of the total fighting forces of the German empire: Trained men now serving, 4,450,000; untrained

NAVAL LOSSES TO DATE

The following losses have been sustained by the British and German fighting navies in less than three months of war:

GREAT BRITAIN.

- Cruisers (eight). By submarine—Cressy, Hogue, Aboukir, Pathfinder, Hawke. By mine—Amphion. By gun fire—Pegasus. By grounding—Warrior. Torpedo gunboat (one). By mine—Speedy. Submarine (one). By grounding—E 1.

GERMANY.

- Cruisers (seven). By submarine—Helo. By gun fire—Magdeburg, Mainz, Coeln, Ariadne, Augsburg, Panther. Auxiliary cruisers (two). By gun fire—Cap Trafalgar, Kaiser Wilhelm der Grosse. Submarines (two). By gun fire—U 15; one, designation unknown. Destroyers (three). By gun fire—Designation unknown. Mine-layer (one). By gun fire—Koenigin Luise.

place it with rude works of easy and quick construction which can be placed anywhere according to the need of the hour.

Then, he says, shells, because of the absence of resistance, would cause only small damage. Never, he declares, has a country been saved by its fortifications while there are those whose fortresses have been their ruin. "To speak only of that which concerns us, it is permissible to affirm that if Metz had been in 1870 an open city Bazaine would not have sent

forth from there his magnificent army for the subsequent loss of which he was condemned to death and did actually suffer imprisonment.

"Belgium believed itself protected by its triple barrier of Liege, Namur, and Antwerp. Alas! It was not. No more are we with Maubeuge or the Austrians with Lemberg and Przemysl. The real safeguard of a nation is an effective military force that can stay an army of invasion."

The observations of Rousset, have aroused special interest.

NO MORE PERMANENT FORTS

French Military Expert Gives Reasons for Asserting They Must Be Abandoned.

Paris.—The military consequences of the fall of Antwerp are not as great as the lesson to be learned therefrom of the futility of permanent fortifications. This opinion is expressed by Lieut. Col. Rousset, who says it will be necessary to abandon entirely this sort of defense and re-