SEE ENDING OF WAR

EXPERTS THINK IT POSSIBLE DURING PRESENT YEAR

ASKS RIGHTS FOR SOLDIERS

Enforcement of Voting by Mail Bill Urged by Major Maher-"Antis" Will Defend Fight on Referendum

Washington.—The United States and the allies will make every effort force a decision in the world war during 1918. Few military and naval experts believe that the central powers will permit the war to run through another winter.

"As I have stated heretofore," said a military expert of high rank, "in my chance that the Germans can make any headway that will do them a particle of good on the western front. I seriously doubt that the kaiser or von Hindenburg believes the statements recently credited to them concerning their faith of victory for the central powers. They simply camouflaged their people and their armies, just as they have many times in the past.

Will Defend Fight on Referendum Lincoln, Nebr.-L. B. Crofoot of Omaha, whose wife is chairman of the executive committee of the Soclety Opposed to Woman Suffrage, declares that the "antis" will defend the attack on the referendum petition made by the suffrage workers. Mr. Crofoot spent several hours at Secretary of State Pool's office going over

"I am only making a preliminary "We are going to fight the case, but our plans for doing so have not been formulated."

Prosecution of the injunction suit brought against Secretary Pool to prevent him from submitting the partial suffrage law passed by the 1917 legislature to a referendum at the general election next fall will be pushed with all possible speed in the district court here. The suit charges that wholesale frauds occurred in Omaha and Lincoln.

ASKS RIGHTS FOR SOLDIERS

Maher Urges Enforcement of the Voting by Mail Bill

Lincoln-The right of 20,000 of the 24,000 Nebraskans who will be in military service to vote cannot be questioned from a legal standpoint, and provision for receiving their ballots by mail should be made immediately. Major John G. Maher, of Lincoln, now in the quartermaster department of that Mr. Pugsley, who has been trying the regular army at Omaha, writes in a letter to Governor Keith Neville.

After the passage of a voting law, provisions of which Major Maher outlines, it will be time enough to test the constitutionality of the vote of the whose right is questioned under the Nebraska constitution.

At the same session of the legislature a state moratorium law should be his dependents from financial obligation during the period of the war, Major Maher says, and the powers of the state council of defeuse should be enlarged to better curb disloyalty and promote a better co-operation in war

Over 1,000 Four-Minute Men in State Lincoln, Neb.-The Nebraska branch of the division of four-minute men is the third largest in the country, according to William McCormick Blair. director of this division, who says: "In no state is better exemplified than in Nebraska the spirit which has enabled this arm of the government to do its work." There are at the present time ',075 four-minute men engaged in work in Nebraska.

Bolsheviki Riot in Chicago Chicago.-Two riots which threat-

ened to assume serious proportions resuited when Chicago bolsheviki, by the power of fist and lung, took charge of a meeting in honor of Prof. George Lom- | tion. onossoff, president of the Russian mission on ways of communication, at the Douglas park auditorium. A riot call was sent in and a crowd of 4,000, which attempted to break into the already overcrowded hall, was driven away by the use of clubs.

Vernon Castle Killed by Fall Fort Worth, Tex.-Captain Vernon Castle of the English royal flying corps was killed while flying fifteen miles west of Fort Worth. Castle had made over 150 flights over the German lines and was a hero of many exploits in the war zone.

complete the first draft, beginning on February 23, will not be completed within the following five days as originally planned but will extend over into March

Speech Will Affect Austria

Washington - Congress and offcialdom generally feel that President Wilson's latest war aims speech will hasten the elimination of Austria from the war. Austria, tired of the struggle and growing discontented at pulling German chestnuts from the fire. sooner or later will heed the president's broad-gauge proffer of a new chance at peace, authorities declare. Austria is the main hope upon which the Wilson peace drive has been and | ised to furnish transportation as soon is centered .

CARRANZA'S MESSAGE RECORDED

Senator Notes Mexico's Communica-

tion With Kaiser Washington.-The recently published birthday telegram said to have been sent by President Carranza to Kaiser Wilhelm has been placed in the congressional record by Senator Sherman, who declared he was "moved to wish to do more than practice CLAIM MANY IRREGULARITIES watchful waiting in view of the felicitations exchanged between those two distinguished worthies."

The kaiser, Senator Sherman observed, in making acknowledgment "referred feelingly to the intimate relationship between Senor Carranza and his own helmeted self. Just now intimate this relationship may be, arouses more than idle curiosity, if we remember that the allies bought sixty million barrels of oil from Mexico last year. How his prosperity may be promoted by our winning the war is a pertinent inquiry, especially when the kaiser fervently asks that the intimate relationship between them shall be so deepened and strengthened that judgment there is not the slightest it may result in a victorius peace. Such a peace is full of sinister menace for this country."

Result of Wage Increase

Washington,-The first official indication of what proposed railroad wage increases would cost was given at a hearing before the railroad wage commission, when J. A. Franklin presented the claims of the railway employes' department of the American Federation of Labor.

"Figuring an average of 33 1-3 per cent increase, on the flat increases asked, the additional cost would be \$82,000,000 annually," Secretary Lane, chairman of the commission, computed. Mr. Franklin said the estimate seemed correct based upon increases for 250,000 organized men. He also had suggested that any increases should apply to unorganized workers of the same trades, numbering about survey of the situation," Mr. Crofoot 260,000, who were not figured in the rough calculation. The wage basis asked was \$6 a day for skilled men such as carmen, machinists and blacksmiths, \$4.50 a day for helpers, and time and a half for overtime, Sunday and holiday work.

Urges Use of Pinto Beans

Washington,-Acting on advice from C. W. Pugsley, of the Nebraska state farm, Senator Hitchcock has taken up with officials here the matter of obtaining a supply of pinto beans instead of Japanese beans for growing as food supply. It appears that the government has commandeered from certain sources not made known, about twenty million pounds of Japanese beans, and is overlooking a much larger supply of pinto beans, which Mr. Pugsley claims have a higher food value than the Japanese beans and which can be obtained at a lower price. It is to have the government get the pinto into the hands of growers for some time without results to get action by the government finally has taken it up in a new way.

Britains Here Subject to Call London.-The convention between n and the United States draft authorities under which it is expected 200,000, British subjects in this country will be subject to service in the British army, has passed, relieving both a soldier and been agreed upon. The agreement only awaits ratification by the senate and the signatures of President Wilson and King George to become effective. All subjects between the ages of twenty and forty-one are liable to call.

> News Astonishes Washington Washington. - Administration officials are considerably upset by the news that the bolsheviki government of Russia has withdrawn formally from the war and ordered the demobilization of the Russian army, although refusing to sign a peace treaty with Germany. The state department was silent on the matter, refusing to credit the dispatch from Amsterdam until officially confirmed.

> Tuscania Victims Mcrease A Scotch Seaport.—The American dead as a result of the sinking of the steamer Tuscania apparently is at least 159. Thus far 145 bodies have been buried along the Scotch coast, and fourteen more await further disposi-

Washington.-To facilitate the movement of grain for the allies and home consumption, Director General McAdoo has ordered preference given to grain shipments throughout all the principal agricultural states.

Time Extended for Filing Returns Washington.-Extension of time for filing income and excess profits returns from March 1 to April 1 is announced by Internal Revenue Commissioner Roper. This ruling applies also to reports on payments of more than \$800 during the year to be made Washington.-Movement of men to by employers and business enterprises and covers incomes both above and below \$3,000, and corporation incomes. Delayed preparation of blank forms and regulations was the principal cause for the postponement.

To Help Move Potato Crop.

Lincoln.-Belief that most of Nebraska's potato crop can be moved is held out by H. L. Russell, adviser to Food Administrator Hoover, in a telegram to Prof. C. W. Pugsley of the agricultural extension service. Mr. Russell states that the bringing of potatoes down to a reasonable level is forcing a free contingent on the consumption of the product, securing of cars. Secretary McAdoo has promas weather conditions permit.

MAY OR JUNE

Nebraska Suffragists Plan Knockout for Anti-Referendum-German

Hopes for Peace are Weakening

Washington.-New insight into the plans of the war department for conducting its part of the war is afforded in a statemnt made by Secretary of War Baker before the house committee on military affairs. The evidence brought out revealed these facts:

The next draft will not be called until May and probably not until June next, when 500,000 additional men will be certified for service in the national

The calls for these men will be governed by the capacity of the cantonments.

The provost marshal general in charge of raising the national army desires to disregard the existing plan for the apportioning of men called from the various states and asks for power to call any number from any

General Crowder desires, also to have included in the rext draft men who have become twenty-one years of age since the general registration last

German Hope for Peace Weakens.

London.-Germany's declining faith in victory is described by "a well-todo neutral medical man who lately left Germany after living in Augsburg during the war period." Writing from Berne to the Daily Mail, he declared that though still believing that Germany could not be beaten, the German people had long since become warweary and had given up hopes of the so-called German peace.

"The masses," he continued, "are in an hysterical state, one minute praying for peace at any price and the next under the influence of some piece of news, some well-organized patriotic concert or kinematograph exhibition got up by the fatherland (annexationist) party, at which they will be shouting wild applause and singing 'Deutschland, Deutschland uber Alles."

CLAIM MANY IRREGULARITIES

Suffragists Plan a Knockout of Anti-Referendum

Lincoln, Neb .- In a petition filed in district court here, charges of fraud and forgery are made against a referendum petition filed with the secretary of state last July, suspnding until the fall elections the law passed by the last legislature, giving to women of the state limited suffrage

The petition just filed is signed by women's activities of the state, and several Omaha and Lincoln lawyers will represent them in the case.

The charge is made that more than half of the 33,986 names on the referendum petition are either foreigners, or have been secured by misrepresentations, or are invalid signatures on account of legal deficiencies.

The suffragists hope to secure a final decision in the case in order, if they break down the referendum, that they may take part in the spring town and city elections.

Washington.-With 164 American soldiers of the Tuscania known to be dead and buried on the Scottish coast. an unofficial estimate places the total loss of American troops at 267. After eliminating from the passenger list the names of the survivors and the identifled dead and accounting for thirtythree unidentified, 136 soldiers still are not accounted for, and it is believed they are lost.

Lincoln-Patriotism reigned supreme at the Lincoln high school Tuesday forenoon when the 1,600 students met in the auditorium to celebrate Lincoln's birthday, and unfuri a service flag, containing 323 stars, each one representing a student who was at present or in the past a member of the Lincoln high, but who are now somewhere in America or somewhere in France, in defense of the flag.

Deming, N. M .- The Thirty-fourth division at Camp Cody will be almost 100 per cent insured. The campaign for insurance among the men has closed and it is predicted that less than 100 men in the camp are without insurance. Men of the division now have signed for \$28,500,000 in government policies.

Lincoln-County federal food administrators and general committees of the federal food administration have been called to meet here February 25 and 26.

Washington - Unnaturalized Germans who have not yet registered with the police or postmasters will be subject to internment for the war, the department of justice explains in a final warning to those subject to registration. The time was extended to allow the enrollment of farmers in the west who could not get to town during the bad weather of last week.

Reports indicate that many Germans remained unregistered in eastern cities, where the department had been particularly anxious to obtain a full census.

SHORT STATE NOTES

WILL BE CALLED TO COLORS IN NEWS OF NEDROSKA TOLD IN **Condensed Form**

Kearney voters will pass on a \$30,000 bond issue at a special election on April 2, the money to be used to improve city schools.

Reports from Washington are to the effect that work will be vigorously pushed on Ashland's new postoffice this spring.

A hundred German textbooks were stolen from the Seward High school, The school board had previously voted to discontinue the course.

A movement is under way at Kenrney to utilize every vacant lot in the city for garden purposes this summer. It is planned to have school children do most of the work. Attorney General Reed advocated conscription of I. W. W.'s into em-

ployment under military restrictions in a speech before the State Association of Thrashermen at Lincoln. The Classical association of the middle west will hold its fourteenth

annual meeting in Omaha April 4, 5 and 6. Thirty states will be represented and about 300 delegates are expected to attend. One of the few Nebraska men

known to have been on the Tuscania when torpedoed off the northern Irish coast was Patrick McGowan, Jr., of York, son of Mr. and Mrs. Patrick Mc-Gowan of York.

Marshall Davison, Gage county farmer, has obtained a test of 100 per cent from his seed corn. He planted 60 kernels and every one of them germinated, the stalks now being about five inches in height.

According to present plans there are seven labor candidates, seven socialist candidates and scores of individual candidates who will aspire for city commissioner at Omaha at the primaries April 9.

County Agent Rist who has been making a thorough canvass of the seed corn situation and winter wheat condition in Gage county, reports that in 150 tests of seed corn conducted, the test showed an average of 61 per

cent germinating. The laying of the cornerstone of the social science building at the University of Nebraska at Lincoln, recently, was hailed by university men as the symbol of a new era of education and characterized as particularly fitting in

the present crisis of world history. The council of defense of Cuming county has decided to adopt the card index system of enrollment for each person in the county. This will cover all property possessed, donations made for war purposes and much other valuable information.

Stanton was stirred again the other night by the report that the Germania hall had been opened after being closed by the "yellow paint" artists. Someone reported that the inscription on the hall, "Closed ever," was being disregarded. The matter resulted in several citizens being summoned before the county council of defense.

Director Pugsley of the agricultural extension service of the University of Nebraska has received assurance from the United States Department of Agriculture that the government will send a potato starch expert to this state in the near future. Mr. Pugsley proposes that the vast quantities of potatoes in western Nebraska be turned into starch. He estimates that there are 2,500 cars of potatoes in the hands of growers in Nebraska. ast year these growers greatly increased production. Unless some means is found to turn to good account the supply, production next year

will naturally be decreased. Plenty of good food, shoes for every man, warm and comfortable barracks, with good sleeping quarters, opportunities for wholesome recreation in camp and considerate treatment from their officers-these are conditions prevailing at Camp Funston under which Nebraska's men and those of other neighboring states are being trained to fight for Uncle Sam. as reported by Governor Neville upon his return to Lincoln from a three-day visit to the camp. Governor Neville and his party went to Camp Funston to dedicate the new Nebraska building there.

Captain Walter Anderson, provost marshal of Nebraska, is preparing county quotas for the 300 Nebraska men to be called to Camp Funston, February 23, as the last 15 per cent increment of the first draft. These men will be selected by local boards under the new classification, he says.

K. H. Walker of Scottsbluff is recorded as Nebraska's first volunteer shipyard worker. Nebraska's quota in the drive for shipyard volunteers is 2.500 men. The campaign will be directed by the state council of defense.

State Food Administrator Wattles has designated Thursday of each week as "Potato Day" in Nebraska, and called upon merchants to sell potatoes on those days at reduced substitute with wheat flour on the basis of four pounds of potatoes to one pound of flour.

Nebraska is included in the list of states where pirority is given to cars needed to move corn and other cereals to market by orders of Director General of Railroads McAdoo.

This week is Boy Scout week in Nebraska according to a proclamation issued by Governor Neville.

A carload of Red Cross supplies, made by organizations in Nebraska, was loaded and shipped to an Atlantic port from Omaha a few days ago.

Recruiting for the army and navy has been exceedingly brisk over the state since the torpedoing of the Tuscania.

An effort to test the constitutionality of a Nebraska law denying soldiers of the regular army a right to vote, has begun in Omaha.

Pawnee County Food Administrator A. E. Henry is considering the advisability of issuing in the near future flour and sugar cards.

Announcement has been made that the Nebraska quota for the first draft is filled and no men will be sent from this state in response to the call for the last 15 per cent.

Henry J. Buss, farmer near Sterling, picked an ear of corn from his field that contained 26 rows, with 1.448 kernels. He thinks he has beaten the record. Judge Good, in the district court at

use the word "immune" in their advertisements must warrant absolute immunity from cholera. Randolph high school reports that in a recent thrift stamp drive every

Aurora, ruled that hog breeders who

scholar from the first grade to the 12th subscribed, and the total amount will run close to \$2,000. The torpedoing of the transport Tuscania, loaded with United States

troops, has proven a great stimulant for army recruiting in Omaha. Following the first reports 70 men enlisted in the army.

Stockmen living tributary to the Omaha market are being warned to hold back their stock for a few days until the rallroad situation clears and packers are able to get their products to the eastern market.

A petition for the paving of the Lincoln Highway from the east city limits of Fremont to the town of Ames, eight miles west, has been filed with the Dodge county board of supervisors.

The state university may be made a vocational training camp by the government, carrying out a plan to utilize the universities of the country for that purpose, according to a message received in Lincoln.

German text books were stolen from the Fairmont high school the other night. The school board had been asked to discontinue German in the schools, but had been negligent in granting the request, it was claimed.

A petition has been presented to the city council of Wymore asking that a weighmaster for that place be appointed. An ordinance providing for the appointment of such officer is being prepared.

The Nebraska branch of the division of four-minute men is the third largest in the country, according to William McCormick Blair, director of this division. There are 1,075 fourminute men in Nebraska.

Captain Anderson of the governor's has notified local exemption boards in Nebraska of an order which he received from Washington, stating that the government hereafter will not allow or pay claims for automobile hire in transporting drafted men to the railroad stations at their home towns.

C. M. Gruenther of Platte Center, executive secretary of war savings for Platte county, has reported that county chairmen of war savings from all over Nebraska have been inquiring of him as to how the Platte county wat savings drive, which more than pledged the quota of the county in one day, was accomplished.

The maximum retail gross margins

per ton, for coal and coke, delivered at the yards, to consumers in Nebraska outside of Douglas and Lancaster counties, were established by State Fuel Administrator Kennedy as follows: Domestic coal, not yard screened, \$1.25; domestic coal, yard screened, \$1.40; steam coal, 90c; coke, \$1.25. This is the first time margins on the sale of coal have been made unlform all over the state. The order compels all retail coal dealers to post up and maintain in their places of business, accessible to their customers, the cost to them of each kind of coal and coke handled, the maximum retail gross margin allowed, and the retall price at the yard; also drayage and delivery charges.

Horse meat is to be put on the market in Omaha, is the announcement of the Equine Meat and Packing company, recently incorporated in Nebraska with \$50,000 capital. The company has been selling horse meat at Grand Island for some time.

Seward county ranks first among countles of Nebraska that have reported thrift stamps sales to the Omaha postoffice, up to a few days ago. Thayer county is second. Seward's quota was \$320,880; sales, \$89,-\$35; percentage, 27.67.

Senator Hitchcock's attitude on the war cabinet bill is a disgrace to Nebraska in the opinion of five Omaha labor organizations, which sent telegrams to Hitchcock condemning him prices. On these days merchants will for his stand toward the administrabe authorized to sell potatoes as a tion and suggesting that he devote his energies to "fighting the kaiser instead of President Wilson."

The Kearney city council passed an ordinance which prohibits the giving of any Sunday entertainment to which an admission is charged and will put a stop to Sunday shows, Sunday baseball and chatauqua programs.

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