

Advertising is the pendulum that keeps buying and selling in motion.

THE OMAHA DAILY BEE

THE WEATHER Showers

VOL. XLV—NO. 59.

OMAHA, THURSDAY MORNING, AUGUST 26, 1915—TWELVE PAGES.

On Trains, at Hotel News Stands, etc., 5c

SINGLE COPY TWO CENTS.

NEXT NOTE OF GERMANY TO BE SATISFACTORY

WASHINGTON, Aug. 25.—President Wilson has been informed unofficially from sources close to Count von Bernstorff, the German ambassador, that the next communication from Berlin on the sinking of the Arabic would be of a character satisfactory to the United States.

Coming close on the telegram, which the ambassador forwarded to the State department yesterday by direction of his government, declaring it was not the intention of Germany that any American lives should be sacrificed in the sinking of the ship, this development was regarded as indicating that Germany would make some proposal satisfactory to the United States, respecting submarine attack on vessels purely of a passenger carrying nature.

Officials are at a loss to conjecture what the German government will propose, but the assurances that there is every desire in Berlin to avoid a break with the United States, has relieved the situation very much.

Heretofore, Germany has contended that neutral lives could not insure a belated ship against attack, especially those carrying munitions. In its reply to the first Lusitania note, Germany proposed to designate certain ships, which would not have to be guarded against submarines. The aim of President Wilson and all administration officials to avoid a rupture with Germany but to do so without any surrender of the neutral rights for which the United States has been contending in the name of international law and in humanity, was reflected by officials informally while discussing this latest phase of the situation. They were hopeful that a disavowal of the submarine commander's act in sinking the Arabic without warning would be forthcoming, but the administration is ready to listen to Berlin's next word.

SITUATION IS MUCH RELIEVED

WASHINGTON, Aug. 25.—President Wilson has been informed unofficially from sources close to Count von Bernstorff, the German ambassador, that the next communication from Berlin on the sinking of the Arabic would be of a character satisfactory to the United States.

Officials are at a loss to conjecture what the German government will propose, but the assurances that there is every desire in Berlin to avoid a break with the United States, has relieved the situation very much. Heretofore, Germany has contended that neutral lives could not insure a belated ship against attack, especially those carrying munitions. In its reply to the first Lusitania note, Germany proposed to designate certain ships, which would not have to be guarded against submarines. The aim of President Wilson and all administration officials to avoid a rupture with Germany but to do so without any surrender of the neutral rights for which the United States has been contending in the name of international law and in humanity, was reflected by officials informally while discussing this latest phase of the situation. They were hopeful that a disavowal of the submarine commander's act in sinking the Arabic without warning would be forthcoming, but the administration is ready to listen to Berlin's next word.

Sixty-Four Alleged Night Riders on Trial

HARTFORD, Ky., Aug. 25.—Selection of a jury to try the first of a number of cases in which sixty-four persons are charged with participation in night riding outrages in Ohio county began in the circuit court here today. Some of the most prominent men in the county are named in the indictments. The charges range from maltreatment to murder. It is alleged that a number of men and women, including whites and negroes, recently have been taken from their homes and flogged. The regulators advanced as a reason for their action in one case that the victims lacked industry and thrift. The murder case is connected with the killing of a negro.

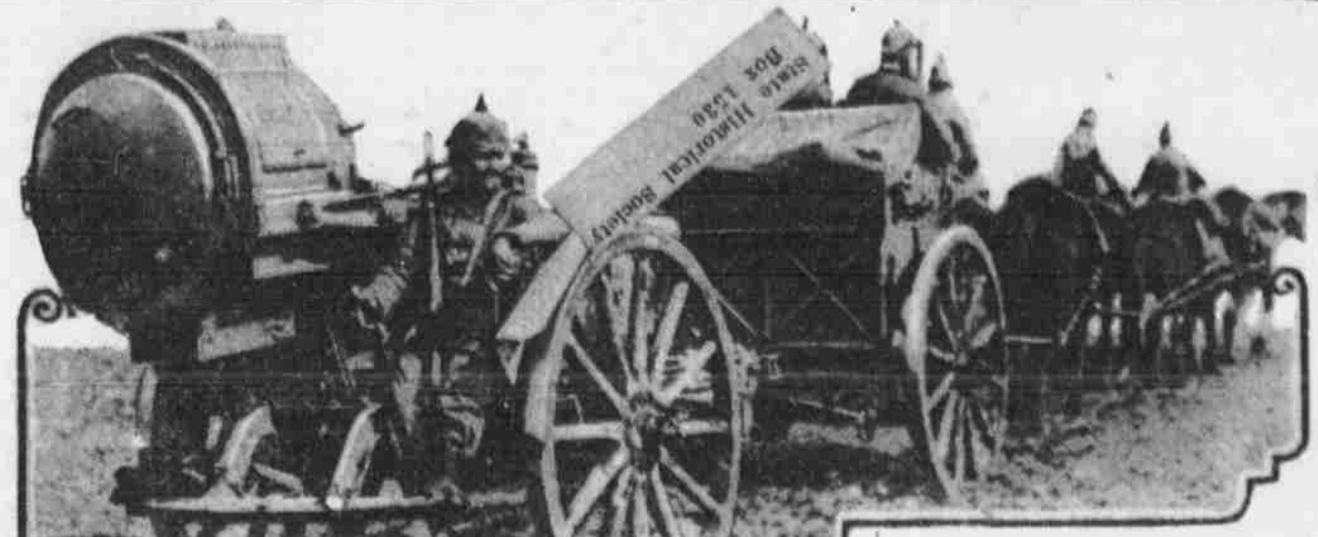
NEWPORT, ARK., STREETS STILL UNDER WATER

LITTLE ROCK, Ark., Aug. 25.—Food and money have been sent from Little Rock to aid the flood refugees at Newport, who still are living on the second floors of their homes as the result of recent rise in White river. A carload of canned goods and bread was due to arrive in Newport this morning. Reports from Newport early today indicated that conditions there virtually were unchanged. The streets of Newport still were covered with water varying in depth from three to twelve feet. The sewerage system of the town has been destroyed, the water and electric light and gas plants were out of commission, and railroad communication with the outside world was cut off.

The Weather

Forecast till 7 P. M. Thursday: For Omaha, Council Bluffs and Vicinity—Showers. Temperature at Omaha Yesterday: Hour. Temp. 5 A. M. 64 6 A. M. 64 7 A. M. 64 8 A. M. 64 9 A. M. 64 10 A. M. 64 11 A. M. 64 12 M. 64 1 P. M. 64 2 P. M. 64 3 P. M. 64 4 P. M. 64 5 P. M. 64 6 P. M. 64 7 P. M. 64 8 P. M. 64 9 P. M. 64 10 P. M. 64 11 P. M. 64

GERMAN SEARCHLIGHT CORPS ON FRENCH FRONT



German scientists have developed these machines to a point of efficiency unsurpassed. This photograph shows a detachment of soldiers accompanying a searchlight division on its way to a point of expected attack.

REAVIS FINDS OUT WHAT RED TAPE IS

Congressman from First Nebraska District Has Roundup with Postoffice Officials. (From a Staff Correspondent.) WASHINGTON, Aug. 25.—(Special Telegram.)—Congressman C. F. Reavis of the First Nebraska district, who has been in Washington for several days, has demonstrated that he has fighting qualities, to say the least. Mr. Reavis came to the capital for the ostensible purpose of seeking an annulment of a proposed change in mail deliveries in Lincoln and vicinity.

Naturally his first call was upon the fourth assistant postmaster general, Ames M. Blacklee, who has charge of the rural mails. Mr. Reavis, new to the official life of the national capital, presumed that a logical presentation of reasons why certain reports made by inspectors reducing the number of daily deliveries of mails to homes in the vicinity of the apartment should be amended, if not wholly abrogated today found out that the fourth assistant's office was honeycombed with red tape.

He found the fourth assistant postmaster general unresponsive to his appeals for an amelioration of conditions. Argument would not move Mr. Blacklee. Facts had no interest to him. He only knew that the inspectors stated a saving would be made if the mail deliveries were reduced and the democratic party must make savings.

Accomplishes One Result. Thoroughly put out over his treatment at the hands of the fourth assistant, Mr. Reavis had a conference with Postmaster General Burleson, with the result that the report of the inspectors with relation to Station A, city of Lincoln, is disapproved and the station will be continued. A reinvestigation of the change from city carrier to rural delivery in north-west Lincoln and Belmont, has been promised.

The report of inspectors with reference to rural deliveries in Lancaster county has been disapproved in certain minor particulars and changes will be made to conform thereto. Notwithstanding a most vigorous protest on the part of Mr. Reavis, made to Fourth Assistant Postmaster General Blacklee and presented to Postmaster General Burleson, no change will be made in the report of inspectors, regarding a change on rural routes from two to one delivery a day.

Mural Service Cut. "The department takes the position," said Mr. Reavis today, that two deliveries should prevail only in city carrier service and is not in harmony with the principle of rural service. Two deliveries a day on rural routes have been discontinued nationwide.

"The service as modified, will go into effect September 1. The postmaster general has promised to send an inspector to Lincoln September 15, to hear objections to the service after it has been tried." Representative Reavis and his son, Jack, who have been in Washington since Monday, will leave tomorrow for Falls City.

GRAFT INVOLVES HIGH CANADIANS

Former Premier and Cabinet Members Mixed Up in Building Scandal at Winnipeg. WINNIPEG, Man., Aug. 25.—Charges that enormous overpayments were made to the contractors who erected the new Parliament buildings of the province of Manitoba; that these overpayments in part, at least, were designed to provide a campaign fund for the recent Roblin government, and that some members of that government were cognizant of what was going on, were sustained today in the report of the royal commission which inquired into the charges.

The three members of the commission, Chief Justice Mathers, Justice Macdonald and Sir Hugh John Macdonald, Winnipeg city police magistrate, are unanimous in their findings, which were published today. "Flow of Gas Shut Off." The alley had been braced, but the explanation is offered that recent rains caused unusual seepage beneath the surface of the alley.

Who Contractors Are. Thomas Kelly and Sons are the contractors named in the report, as having received the enormous overpayments. The report states that the commissioners were hampered by the absence of material witnesses and the reluctance of others to testify, and charges that \$25,000 was spent in keeping one witness away. Dr. Simpson, charged with having been the financial agent, who raised the election funds out of parliament building extra, was not questioned by the commission, having left for military service in France.

Four ex-cabinet ministers, including Messrs. Howden, Coldwell and Armstrong, were criticized for their reluctance in testifying and Sir Redmond Roblin, ex-premier, the report said, "made common cause with the contractors to resist the inquiry and took an active part in securing for the contractors able counsel for that purpose." The report charges that Howden "made many false statements" in his evidence and that the commissioners were further handicapped by the destruction and mutilation of records, the refusal of contractors to produce their books and their withdrawal to a foreign country to prevent their being compelled to do so.

Salt the Witness. William Salt was the witness alleged by the commission to have been bribed to keep out of Canada during the investigation. The report finds that Messrs. Coldwell and Howden, the ex-cabinet ministers; Thomas Kelly, the contractor; V. W. Horwood, ex-provincial architect; Dr. Simpson, the conservative organizer; W. A. Elliott, an employee of the public department; M. G. Hook, another employee, who was sent after Salt with \$10,000 and claims he was robbed in Omaha, and Harry Whitla, K. C. all interested themselves in keeping Salt out of the country and that Mr. Coldwell inspired the alteration of Salt's books.

Dr. Simpson dictated the amount to be paid for the election fund before the amount of "extras" was settled, according to the report which claims such amounts were paid him by the contractor when received from the government. Two Men Killed by Explosion of Shell. ALLENTOWN, Pa., Aug. 25.—Two men were killed and several probably fatally injured today when a shell, supposed to have contained a composition of powder and nitro glycerin, exploded while being carried to the proving grounds of the Bethlehem Steel plant at Indian Head, Reedington, Pa.

CAVE-IN BREAKS ALLEY CONDUITS

Electric Light Comes in Contact with Pipe, Breaks, and Sparks Set Fire to Flow of Gas. PART OF CITY IN DARKNESS

A section of the alley overlooking the excavation of the Rose Realty building at Sixteenth and Farnam streets gave way at 6 o'clock last night and carried with it an electric light and power conduit. One of the charged wires ignited the gas which flowed from the broken main, and electric lights in a downtown area were out for several hours.

A few minutes before the back wall of the excavation gave way a foreman observed pieces of earth crumbling and he warned twelve concrete workmen in time to get out of danger. The break at its deepest point went back midway of the alley, stopping at a retaining wall of the basement of the building across the alley.

Flow of Gas Shut Off. The alley had been braced, but the explanation is offered that recent rains caused unusual seepage beneath the surface of the alley. Workmen from the Omaha Gas company dug down to the main beyond the point of breakage and shut off the flow of gas. Many thousands of feet of gas were burned. The electric light company sent a crew of men to the scene and restored the broken service.

The lights at the Brandeis theater were out for a while, but were turned on in time for the performance by connecting the wires of the theater with an emergency circuit. Newspaper Man Dies. CLEBURN, Tex., Aug. 25.—Colonel F. B. Hall, pioneer Texas newspaper man and former president of the National Press association, died here today aged 51.

The Day's War News

FURTHER ADVANCES by the forces of the entente allies in the Dardanelles are reported by the French war department, the British left wing having occupied 800 yards of Turkish trenches. A large Turkish transport was sunk by a French aviator on August 20, the official report says.

GERMAN TROOPS have broken through the Russian advanced positions southwest of the fortress of Brest-Litovsk, according to today's German official statement. AMBASSADOR GERARD, in Berlin, called on the German foreign minister and learned that the German government had no official news on the sinking of the liner Arabic. RUSSIAN AEROPLANE squadrons bombarded the Asiatic suburbs of Constantinople Monday, forty-one persons being killed or injured, according to a news agency dispatch from Athens.

GERMANS BREAK THE LINES SOUTH OF BREST LITOVSK

Advance Positions of Slavs Before Great Fortress Fail to Hold Back the Victorious Teutons. STATEMENT IS FROM BERLIN

Von Hindenburg Reported to Have Captured Seven Hundred and Fifty Men. INVADERS CROSS NAREW RIVER

BERLIN, Aug. 25.—The Russian advanced positions to the southwest of the fortress of Brest-Litovsk were broken through yesterday by the Germans, according to an official announcement given out today by the army headquarters staff.

The text of the statement follows: "Western theater: In the Champagne we successfully exploded several mines. In the Vosges, an attack made by the enemy on Reichsmannele was repelled by hand grenades, and southeast of Sondernach that part of the trench sections which we lost on August 17 was recaptured. A German battle aviator shot down a French biplane near Neuport."

Eastern theater: Army of Field Marshal Von Hindenburg, north of the Niemen river 50 Russians were taken prisoner during successful engagements in the neighborhood of Birah. The army of General Von Eikhorn is advancing victoriously towards the east, fighting all the way. This army captured 1,850 Russians and took several machine guns.

The army of General Von Scholtz reached Beresowka, captured Knyazyn and crossed the Narew river to the south of Tykocin. The army of General Von Gallwitz captured the Narew river crossing on the Sokoly-Bialystok high road. Its right wing has reached Orlikia after having driven back the enemy. This army took more than 4,700 prisoners, including eighteen officers and nine machine guns.

Army of Prince Leopold of Bavaria: The enemy attempted in vain to bring our pursuit to a standstill. He was attacked and thrown back into the Bialowieska forest. South of this forest our troops reached the region east of Wierschowice. We captured more than 1,700 prisoners. Army of Field Marshal Von Mackensen: Pursuing the defeated enemy, this army group is approaching the hills on the western bank of the Bzura, north of Brest-Litovsk. On the southwestern front of Brest-Litovsk at Dobrynia, the Austro-Hungarian and German troops broke through the advanced positions of the fortress yesterday.

On the eastern bank of the Bug, northeast of Viadova, parts of the army of General Von Linsingen are advancing towards the north, fighting all the way. French Exchange Drops to New Low Point at New York

NEW YORK, Aug. 25.—French money today was worth less than yesterday in foreign exchange markets, notwithstanding the establishment here of a \$20,000,000 credit loan to the French government, announced after the close of the market yesterday. Two factors, it is said, made this so: the establishment of the loan had already been discounted, having been in negotiation for two months; and the sum loaned was too small a fraction of the total amount due for American supplies to the warring nations of Europe, to bring about anything approaching an equilibrium of rates.

AIR CRAFT SHELL CONSTANTINOPLE

Forty-One Persons Killed and Injured by Bombs Dropped by Russians into Suburb. EIGHT GREEKS AMONG VICTIMS

LONDON, Aug. 25.—Bombardment of the outskirts of Constantinople by a Russian aeroplane squadron, resulting in the death or injury for forty-one persons, is announced in a dispatch from Athens to the Central News. According to these advices, the attack was made on Monday on the Asiatic suburbs of Constantinople. A number of bombs were dropped, throwing the people into a panic. Thirty Turks, eight Greeks and three Armenians were killed or wounded.

Bombs Dropped on Offenbourg. BERLIN, Aug. 25.—(Via Wireless to London.)—An official statement says that a hostile aviator last night dropped bombs on the town of Offenbourg, which is situated outside the zone of warfare operations. The material damage was insignificant. Twelve civilians were injured, several seriously.

Offenbourg is a manufacturing town of about 14,000 population in Baden, situated on the Kinzig river, seventeen miles south of Karlsruhe. Turkish Trenches Captured. LONDON, Aug. 25.—A French official report on fighting in the Dardanelles between August 20 and the morning of August 23 relates that the British left wing has made progress against the occupants of 800 yards of Turkish trenches in the northern zone of the fighting, and that a French aviator on August 20 was successful in sending to the bottom a large Turkish transport.

The statement was given out by the French war office this morning following the period of five days since the issuing of the last communication on the Dardanelles has been marked in the northern zone by further progress on the part of the British left wing. These British troops have occupied 800 yards of enemy trenches. "During the night of August 23-24 a French company was successful in a surprise attack on a Turkish position used by the enemy for listening purposes. In the morning of August 25 a detachment of Turkish soldiers endeavored to recapture this position, but they were repulsed."

On August 20 our squadron bombarded with success a point of embarkment at Achaichiman, on the European side of the strait, to the north of Naasira. In spite of the violent fire of numerous hostile batteries, one of our aviators was successful in sinking at its anchorage a large Turkish transport.

On the eastern bank of the Bug, northeast of Viadova, parts of the army of General Von Linsingen are advancing towards the north, fighting all the way. War Prevents Normal Action of Democratic Tariff, Says Mr. Taft

SAN FRANCISCO, Aug. 25.—William Howard Taft, former president of the United States, who arrived here yesterday from Portland, Ore., expressed the opinion that the European war has an important effect upon the American political conditions. "The chances of republican success at the coming presidential election," he said, "were excellent until the war intervened to upset the normal trend of events. Under the present conditions no man may prophesy the outcome. This war has prevented the normal effect of the democratic tariff and has given a protection which that tariff would not have secured to American industries."

Mr. Taft is here to attend the Unitarian conference, of which he is president. "The chances of republican success at the coming presidential election," he said, "were excellent until the war intervened to upset the normal trend of events. Under the present conditions no man may prophesy the outcome. This war has prevented the normal effect of the democratic tariff and has given a protection which that tariff would not have secured to American industries."

Mr. Taft is here to attend the Unitarian conference, of which he is president. "The chances of republican success at the coming presidential election," he said, "were excellent until the war intervened to upset the normal trend of events. Under the present conditions no man may prophesy the outcome. This war has prevented the normal effect of the democratic tariff and has given a protection which that tariff would not have secured to American industries."

BALKAN STATES WILL ANNOUNCE POSITION SOON

Little Kingdoms Much Nearer Determination of Their Attitude Toward the Warring Powers. TEUTON ADVANCE IS SLOWER

Invaders in Russia Have Reached Dreaded Swamp Region Adjacent to River Pripiet. RAINS HAMPER THEIR MOVES

LONDON, Aug. 25.—The Balkan states are unquestionably nearer determination of their future relations with the warring powers, but so far as has been announced officially, no definite step has been taken in the direction of revival of the Balkan league and its adherence to the cause of the entente allies. There was no confirmation today of various rumors which excited London, chief of which were reports that Bulgaria had declared war against Turkey and would assist in the attempt to force the Dardanelles.

The situation brought about by the sinking of the Arabic still is eliciting comment from the English press, which characterizes unofficial German explanations as inadequate, but interprets efforts to explain the disaster as evidence of Germany's realization that its relations with the United States have reached a serious phase. The furious efforts of the Austro-German army along the eastern front in the last twenty-four hours have not been as fruitful as usual in respect of the amount of ground gained, which is taken to mean that they have now reached the dreaded swampy regions. German and Austrian reports state that further advances have been achieved both north and south of Brest-Litovsk, and that the Pulva river line has been passed. Austrian cavalry has entered Kovel, and is said to be advancing to the north, but the outflanking movement from this quarter will be confronted by the barrier formed by the Pripiet river and the adjacent marshes.

The German press, recognizing this difficulty, points out that armies of the central powers face a serious obstacle in the immense and roadless Pripiet swamps, while the leading Hungarian newspapers describe the tactical position of the Russians in the region as extremely favorable. Another explanation of the pause in the Austro-German advance against Brest-Litovsk is that the invaders are being held up by continual rain and mist, which hampers reconnaissances and artillery fire.

From the other fronts there have been reported no actions visibly changing the respective positions of the combatants. The English public, stirred by the large loss of life at the Dardanelles and Turkish reports of the desperate fighting, awaits with keen interest official details of the operations there. Bulgaria Will Not Attack Greece. COLOGNE, Germany, Aug. 25.—(Via London.)—A dispatch to the Cologne Gazette from Sofia says: "Bulgaria has assured the Athens government that no hostile intentions against Greece are planned in Bulgaria."

Evidence is at hand that Romania has not yet abandoned its efforts to induce Bulgaria to join in united action against Turkey in aid of the quadruple entente powers. "The conclusion of the Turco-Bulgarian agreement is regarded as a great success for Bulgarian diplomacy."

French Official Report. PARIS, Aug. 25.—The French war office this afternoon gave out a statement on progress of hostilities reading as follows: "In Arts and in the north of Arras, the (Continued on Page Two, Column Three.)

THE WANT-AD-WAY

HERE'S SOME MORE FOR ME BILL

New Treatment for Tuberculosis is Discovered by French Scientist. PARIS, Aug. 25.—Dr. Louis Ronon, a physician connected with the Necker hospital and a member of the medical faculty of the University of Paris, has announced to the therapeutic society that as the result of long research he is able to prove that tuberculosis, contrary to the generally accepted theory, must be treated by chemical means and not by serum. His paper has caused considerable stir in medical circles where it is held that he has opened a new path in the cure of the white plague.

STOP OFF IN OMAHA THE GATE-CITY-OF-THE-WEST. Next on the program is our Merchants' Fall Market Week—next week when Omaha wholesalers and manufacturers will provide special entertainment for retailers from adjacent territory here to inspect goods for the season's trade.

Plan to Require Voters to Be Able To Read English Causes Big Row. ALBANY, N. Y., Aug. 25.—A proposed amendment to the state constitution providing that all voters be able to read and write English was advanced to the order of final passage by the constitutional convention today by a vote of 70 to 51. Advancement of the measure was preceded by the stormiest session of the convention, during which race feeling ran high and frequent references were made to the war and its possible effect on the country.