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## OFFICE SEEKER GETS RAP FROM BANKERS' HEAD

President McNish Makes Attack on Professional Politician in Address Before Omaha Convention.

### ENDORSES THE RESERVE ACT

Over Eight Hundred at First Session, Which is Largest Attendance in History.

### MEMORIAL FOR HENRY YATES

Professional politicians and agitators received several lusty raps yesterday afternoon in the address of President Jesse C. McNish of the Nebraska Bankers' association at the opening of the two days' session at Hotel Fontenelle.

"We must assist," he said, "in keeping the demagogue and the professional politician out of office. Their attacks upon successful men and organized business have worked immeasurable damage. Professional agitators are a national liability, rather than an asset. However, public opinion is showing tardy disapproval of unnecessary political antagonism to legitimate business, and, hence the country may get more bills of lading and fewer bills of legislation."

President McNish reviewed the business and industrial conditions which he regarded as favorable, and told of the good work of the Bankers' association in promoting the farm development movement.

"The bankers have been active and liberal, but their best work has been done in the exertion of personal influence upon their patrons in advising them to cooperate with other men in the community in plans for improving and increasing the products of the farm. This has engendered a spirit of co-operation as between farmers and townspeople, which is highly beneficial."

State Rural Credit. "We should have a rural credit system applicable to American needs. One plan contemplates the extending of our building and loan association laws to admit of making of long-time loans on good farm lands under the amortization plan."

The speaker referred to the report of the state tax commission, regarding it as highly important. His remarks on blue-sky promoters were well received.

### Endorses Reserve Act

President McNish unqualifiedly endorsed the Federal Reserve act, saying, "Practical operation will dictate changes and its administration will be attended with diminishing friction."

Then the guns of Fort Hancock, Hampton and Wadsworth opened on the invading fleet with blank shots and searchlights played upon the vessels, which were trying to enter the harbor under the cover of darkness.

Several of the enemy warships were sent to the bottom theoretically and the others withdrew.

## PRESIDENT OF THE NEBRASKA BANKERS' ASSOCIATION.



## BULGARS DRIVEN BACK BY FRENCH

Dispatch from Saloniki Tells of Gains of Ground by Allies in Southeastern Serbia.

### SERB ARCHIVES AT KRALJEVO

SALONIKI, Oct. 26.—(Via Paris, Oct. 27.)—The Bulgarians have been completely driven out of Serbia on a line extending from the French sector to Kriudalo and Lukedovan. They have been pushed back also from Veles to the outskirts of Istip, probably rendering their Kumanovo-Vranja line untenable, owing to the menace of a Serbian attack on both sides.

Offensive operations against Nish have not proceeded beyond Pirot. The Austro-Germans are making the most violent efforts, but their progress is extremely slow.

This communication is being effected in the northwestern corner of Serbia, where the distance between the Hungarian and Bulgarian frontiers is only forty miles.

The dispatch describes the Austrian occupation of Tekia, which was accomplished after a bombardment lasting many hours. Austrian troops crossing the Danube in eighty-six boats.

## Warships Which Attacked New York Theoretically Sunk

NEW YORK, Oct. 27.—A fleet of "hostile" warships which attempted to invade New York harbor last night in a war game had been theoretically sunk today off the entrance to the harbor.

## Hans Schmidt Asks for Another Trial

ALBANY, N. Y., Oct. 27.—Briefs urging and opposing a new trial for Hans Schmidt, convicted for the slaying of Anna Amuller in New York in 1914, and now under sentence of death, were filed with the court of appeals today to support oral arguments by attorneys representing Schmidt and the state.

In asking a new trial Alphonse Koehbe, attorney for Schmidt, asked that he be given an opportunity to present evidence that the Amuller girl met death as a result of hemorrhage following an operation. He averred that the conviction was obtained largely upon Schmidt's confession, since repudiated, that he cut her throat with a razor, "in obedience to an internal voice which said she should be a sacrifice of love and atonement."

## Gerard Talks With Kaiser for an Hour

BERLIN, Oct. 27.—(Via London.)—Ambassador Gerard declined today to discuss for publication his conference yesterday with Emperor William. The conference, which took place at Potsdam, lasted for an hour.

## TWO CONVICTED RECRUITING MEN FOR WAR IN U. S.

Blair and Addis Found Guilty of Conspiracy to Recruit Men for War in U. S.

### MONEY FURNISHED BY BRITISH

Stipulation of Facts Admits that Ross, Consul for Great Britain, Provides Cash.

### DEFENDANTS TO TAKE APPEAL

SAN FRANCISCO, Cal., Oct. 27.—Ralph K. Blair and Thomas Addis were found guilty today of conspiring to hire and retain men in the United States for British military service. The verdict was returned under instructions from Judge Maurice T. Doelling, in the United States district court. C. E. Lawrence was found not guilty. The cases against Lieutenant Kenneth Croft of the British army and Harry G. Lane were not considered, one way or the other. The state wanted them for witnesses.

The Blair-Murdock company also was found not guilty. Stipulations were filed by prosecution and defense that an instructed verdict should be given. A jury was impaneled as a matter of legal procedure. Counsel for the defense stated an appeal would be taken.

It was reported that the British consulate, which was represented in court during the trial, urged such a course. Judge Doelling's findings conformed with the action of John W. Preston, who did not press the cases against Croft and Lane, whom, he said, he considered merely as "tools."

Recruits Arrested in Chicago. The neutrality cases came into prominence when nineteen men bound for England were stopped in Chicago and New York and brought back here. The defendants admitted that they had provided these men with money, which the government attorneys asserted in court came from British official sources, but maintained they merely used it to send men to England without any agreement as to fighting.

The stipulation filed with Judge Doelling, admitted funds for recruiting men were furnished by A. Carnegie Ross, British consul here; that 156 men were recruited; that headquarters were maintained where the men were housed and fed; that transportation and \$2.10 each for sustenance on their journey were furnished to the men; and that the men were to be transported to England.

May Abolish Law. WASHINGTON, Oct. 27.—Convictions under the old statute making it a crime of conspiracy to employ men on American soil for military service abroad is likely to bring to an issue the question of whether the United States shall permit to remain in effect a law based upon a policy which might operate to its own serious disadvantage in time of war.

## Estabrook Talks at Uni Club This Noon

Henry D. Estabrook of New York City will speak this noon at the University club on "National Self-Defense." He will also address the state bankers this afternoon. Friday evening he will be the principal speaker at the McKinley club dinner at the Rome hotel.

## NORWEGIAN STEAMER SUNK; NINETEEN OF CREW DROWNED

LONDON, Oct. 27.—Lloyd's announces that the Norwegian steamer, Selma, of 987 tons net, has been sunk. Two members of the crew were picked up. Nineteen others are believed to have been drowned.



Nebraska Bankers in Omaha for their annual state meeting know the impregnable position of Omaha's banks and financial institutions due in large part, of course, to the splendid condition of the banks in their tributary territory. Omaha is proud of our banks and of the bankers who do business with our banks.

## HENRY D. ESTABROOK, widely-famed orator and former Nebraskan, who is prominently mentioned as a presidential candidate and who is here to speak to the Nebraska Bankers' association today and to the McKinley club tomorrow.



## State Department Asks Roads to Delay Fuel Sent to Villa

WASHINGTON, Oct. 27.—The State department is asking American railroads to cut off supplies of fuel to the enemies of the de facto government in Mexico as a supplementary proceeding to the embargo on arms and ammunition. The following telegram was sent today after a conference of railroad men with State department officials:

## Michigan Central Clerks Quit Work

DETROIT, Mich., Oct. 27.—The strike of Michigan Central railway clerks, ordered last night, was on today, with reports differing widely as to its effect on the road's traffic conditions.

## British Treasury Bills Are Cheaper

LONDON, Oct. 27.—A reduction in the selling price of treasury bills over the counter was announced today by the Bank of England. Three months' bills now yield 4 1/2 per cent; six months' bills, 4 3/4 per cent, and nine and twelve months' bills, 5 per cent, as compared with the previous rate of 4 1/2 per cent. These higher rates indicate that the next loans made by the government will be on a 5 per cent basis.

## WHEATLAND WILL HAVE BIG SUGAR FACTORY

WHEATLAND, Wyo., Oct. 27.—(Special.)—Wheatland is to have a sugar factory costing at least \$300,000. This became an established fact last night, when a committee which had been securing from farmers contracts in which they agreed to raise sugar beets reported that the required area of 4,000 acres had been signed up. Denver capitalists, said to be headed by Zerner Z. Reed, recently agreed to build a factory here if this acreage were secured. Only about 500 acres of beets were raised in this section this year, the product going to the factory at Fort Collins. These beets tested very high, 18 per cent saccharine, demonstrating that the soil and climatic conditions here are peculiarly adapted to beet culture.

## Special Session of Episcopal Bishops Seems Probable

NEW YORK, Oct. 27.—A special convention of the house of bishops of the Protestant Episcopal church of America probably will be called in the near future in an effort to prevent the Episcopal board of missions from carrying out its intention of sending delegates to the Panama interdenominational missionary congress to be held in February, according to the High Rev. Reginald H. Weller, bishop of Fond du Lac, Wis.

## Another Spy is Executed at London

LONDON, Oct. 27.—Official announcement was made today that another spy had been put to death. The announcement says the prisoner, charged with espionage, was tried recently by the general court-martial, found guilty and sentenced to death. This sentence was confirmed and was carried out this morning.

## Man Recovers from Attack of Anthrax

BENBOW CITY, Ill., Oct. 27.—Dr. J. C. Helper, who a month ago was stricken with anthrax, today was pronounced cured by his attending physician. The only permanent ill effect left by the disease is a three inch scar on Dr. Helper's neck.

## Army Commanders Are Transferred

WASHINGTON, Oct. 27.—Brigadier General John P. Wisser was assigned today to command of the Department of Hawaii, relieving Major General William H. Carter, who retires on November 19 for age. General Wisser will be succeeded as commander of the first brigade in Hawaii by Brigadier General Frederick B. Strong, now commanding the South Atlantic artillery division, with headquarters at Charleston, S. C. After temporary duty at Houston, Tex., Major General J. Franklin Bell will relieve Major General Arthur Murray as commander of the Western department at San Francisco on December 5, when the latter retires for age.

## CATHOLIC CLERGY GATHER FOR SCHOOL CONSECRATION

DENVER, Colo., Oct. 27.—A distinguished company of Catholic clergy and laymen gathered here today to participate in the ceremonies incident to the consecration of Father A. J. Schuler of Denver as bishop of the Roman Catholic diocese of El Paso, Tex. Archbishop J. B. Pitaval of Santa Fe, N. M., will officiate, assisted by bishops and other church dignitaries from Omaha, Cheyenne, Salt Lake City, Denver and other cities of the west.

## INVADERS IN SERBIA JOIN THEIR FORCES

Direct Connection Between Austro-Germans and Bulgarians Established on Danube River.

### ADVANCE IS MADE IN RUSSIA

BERLIN (Via London), Oct. 27.—Direct connection between the Austro-German forces in Serbia and the Bulgarian army of General Boyadjeff has been established on the Danube river, to the east of Brza Palanka, according to the official announcement given out today by the German army headquarters staff.

German troops under Field Marshal von Hindenburg have penetrated Russian positions over a front of more than a mile in the fighting in the Dvinsk region, the war office announced today.

### Gains on Russian Front

The report in regard to the eastern front follows: "South of the Ably-Dvinsk railway our troops penetrated Russian positions in the region of Tychmansky over a front some two kilometers (one mile and a quarter) wide. They captured six officers, 40 men, one machine gun and two mine throwers. The positions were retained in spite of repeated Russian attacks. We evacuated only the churchyard of Saasazy, one kilometre northeast of Gerbunovka, during the night."

"Army of General von Linington: West of Saryokoy our attack has progressed as far as the line of Komarov and Kasanucha Heights, and to the southeast of Miedwiesze."

"Northwest of Massignes (in the Champagne) the Franco-Bulgarian troops have hand grenades penetrate one of our advanced trenches in one small point. They were driven out during the evening."

The junction of the Austro-German and Bulgarian troops was made in the extreme northeastern corner of Serbia. The Serbian town of Brza Palanka, to the east of which the invading armies joined hands, is on the Serbo-Roumanian frontier and about fifteen miles south and east of the Austro-Hungarian border.

## Court-Martial Asks for Attendance of Colonel S. Reber

SAN FRANCISCO, Oct. 27.—A request for the appearance of Lieutenant Colonel Samuel Reber, chief of the aviation section of the army, at the court-martial of Lieutenant Colonel Lewis E. Goodier, judge advocate of the western department, was telegraphed today to the War department. The prosecution made the request so that Colonel Reber might testify concerning correspondence with Captain Arthur S. Cowan, commandant of the army aviation school at North Island, near San Diego, Cal.

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## SERBS' PLIGHT HOURLY GROWS MORE DESPERATE

Only Something in the Nature of a Miracle Can Avert Disaster to the Little Slavonic Kingdom.

### INVADERS DRAWING CLOSER

Austro-German and Bulgarian Armies Now Only Twenty Miles from Each Other.

### FRENCH HOLD PART OF ROAD

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LONDON, Oct. 27.—The desperate plight of the Serbians, which has been described ever since the beginning of the Austro-German and Bulgarian invasions as "an affair of national life and death," is no longer a rhetorical phrase, but the literal truth.

Lord Lansdowne's exposition of the Macedonian campaign in the House of Lords yesterday is regarded as an indication that the assistance the allies have been able to offer Serbia is not sufficient to meet its needs.

Only Twenty Miles Apart. Austro-German and Bulgarian forces are now within twenty miles of each other. Southwest and southeast of Belgrade invading armies are advancing along a hundred-mile front, twenty-five to forty miles south of the Danube.

Whether free communication between Hungary and Bulgaria by way of the Danube has yet been established is doubtful, but the proximity of the forces of the two countries makes such communication at least imminent.

All dispatches continue to describe the intensely stubborn resistance of the Serbians. According to accounts which have reached here concerning the capture of Uakop, the Serbians defended every foot of ground furiously and no quarter was given on either side.

Field Marshal von Hindenburg's tremendous offensive against Dvinsk continues, but thus far has not advanced sufficiently to shake the Russian defenses. South of the Pripiet the Austrians are struggling to regain the initiative. The situation on other fronts shows no material change.

## FRENCH OFFICIAL REPORT

PARIS, Oct. 27.—Another attack was made last night by the Germans in the (Continued on Page Two, Column Two.)

## The Weather

Forecast till 7 p. m. Thursday: For Omaha, Council Bluffs and Vicinity—Fair.

Table with 2 columns: Hours and Temperature. Shows temperatures for various hours of the day, ranging from 48 to 68 degrees.

### Comparative Local Record

Table with 2 columns: Year and Temperature. Shows high and low temperatures for various years from 1912 to 1915.

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