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BALEFOUR PARTY ARRIVES FOR WAR COUNCIL

CAPITAL EXTENDS ENGLISH GUESTS GLAD WELCOME

British Statesmen Arrive in Washington After Running Gauntlet of German Submarine Blockade.

PRAISE FOR THIS COUNTRY

Leader Expresses Appreciation of Relief Work America Performed While Neutral.

RECEIVED WITH HONORS

Washington, April 22.—The American capital today extended a simple but heartfelt welcome to the British minister for foreign affairs, Arthur J. Balfour, and the other members of the British commission which has come to Washington, as Mr. Balfour himself expressed it, "to make co-operation easy and effective between those who are striving—with all their power—to bring about a lasting peace by the only means that can secure it—namely, a successful war."

LEADING OMAHA BANKER CALLED BY DEATH



W. H. BUCHOLZ DIES IN OMAHA SUNDAY

First Vice President of the Omaha National Succumbs After Week's Sickness.

LEADER IN BANK CIRCLES

W. H. Bucholz, first vice president of the Omaha National bank and prominent in club and church circles, died yesterday afternoon at 4 o'clock at his home, 1728 South Thirty-second avenue. Death was due to the hardening of the arteries. Mr. Bucholz was taken ill about a week ago. Early Sunday morning he took a decided turn for the worse. He was conscious until the end. He was 52 years old.

Holt County Farmers Buy Seed Potatoes

O'Neill, Neb., April 22.—(Special.)—Holt county farmers will follow the advice of the administration and raise an abundance of supplies to assist in maintaining the fighting forces of the government. They will be assisted by the business men of O'Neill, who will furnish the seed to them at actual cost and where the farmer is unable to make payment at this time he will be permitted to pay when his crop is harvested.

Christian Endeavorers Close Their Convention at York

York, Neb., April 22.—(Special Telegram.)—The seventh annual convention of the Sixth district Christian Endeavor society, comprising the counties of York, Hamilton, Seward, Butler, Polk and Merrick, closed a three-day session here tonight.

Manhattan Oil Company Buys on Howard Street

The Manhattan Oil company has purchased for \$40,000 the northwest corner of Nineteenth and Howard streets and will locate its filling station there. The station is at present at Seventeenth and Howard on the strip of ground recently donated to the city to widen Howard street.

Member of Fremont Signal Corps Weds Lexington Girl

Fremont, Neb., April 22.—(Special.)—Lieutenant Earl Whitcomb of the Fremont signal corps, which is stationed at Lincoln for guard duty, and Miss Joy Hanna of Lexington were married at the First Methodist parsonage in Omaha Friday evening.

HOLD VAST STOCKS OF SUGAR WHILE THE PRICE SOARS

Assessor Fitzgerald Discovers 15,000,000 Pounds of Table Necessity Stored in Omaha Warehouses.

ANOTHER BOOST PREDICTED

Dealers Declare They Are Unable to Get Supply From Refiners.

CANNOT COUNT THE SACKS

With more than 15,000,000 pounds of sugar stored in Omaha warehouses, the price has been boosted from 6 to 10 cents a pound retail to housewives on the plea that no sugar was to be had.

The accumulated stocks of the great table necessity are said to be as large, if not larger, than they were at this time last year. The price then was 7-10 cents per pound.

Official figures show there were 149,731 bags in storage April 1. This at 100 pounds to the bag makes a total of 14,973,100 pounds—75 pounds for every man, woman and child and in Omaha!

Armed with reliable information that this vast tonnage of a necessary food article was being hoarded, The Bee enlisted the services of County Assessor Fitzgerald and his chief deputy, Harry G. Cousinsman, to ascertain the quantity and where and by whom it was being held.

Every warehouse and store room in Omaha was visited by the officials and a thorough check made of the sugar on hand. Here are the figures yesterday announced by Assessor Fitzgerald showing the number of bags in storage:

SUGAR IN STORAGE	
In Omaha Warehouse—	
Great Western Sugar Company, Denver	37,182
Amalgamated Sugar Company, Salt Lake	3,658
In Omaha Van and Storage—	
Great Western Sugar Company, Denver	69,194
Utah and Idaho Sugar Company, Salt Lake	4,195
Amalgamated Sugar Company, Salt Lake	1,800
In Gordon Van and Storage Co.—	
Great Western Sugar Company, Denver	8,000
Iten Biscuit Co., Omaha	800
In Pacific Storage and Warehouse—	
H. J. Hughes Co., Omaha	1,100
Great Western Sugar Company, Denver	15,630
Holmes-Wildhaber-Hobart Company, Omaha	500
Great Western Sugar Company, Denver	3,239
Sprague-Warner Company, Chicago	900
Sheridan Sugar Company, Denver	3,533
Total	149,731

*Held for their own use, not speculation. During the last two weeks some of this sugar has been shipped, but new stock received is said to offset this.

No account is taken in the assessor's figures of the stocks in the hands of candy manufacturers or other private holders. All of them are well supplied.

Mr. Cousinsman, who compiled the figures for Assessor Fitzgerald, said last night he understood the price of sugar would be advanced to 12 cents per pound in a few days.

Consumers Panic Stricken. H. J. Hughes, president of the wholesale grocery company bearing his name, made this statement: "We have only a small quantity on hand and are unable to buy more than a carload or so at a time. There is plenty of sugar in storage here, but the trouble is that consumers are panic stricken and have been buying beyond their need or reason."

"I know of instances of families (Continued on Page Two, Column Five.)"

Hall Denies that He Will Not Pay Warrants on Dry Fund

Lincoln, April 22.—(Special.)—Someone tried last week to take the joy out of life for State Treasurer George Hall by stating that it was his intention to refuse to pay warrants drawn on the special \$50,000 fund given the governor for enforcement of the prohibition law. This has caused the state treasurer to issue a statement in which he denies the allegation and defies those making it to prove it. "I have taken the contrary view of the matter," said Mr. Hall last night, "and will pay all warrants drawn on the fund because the law, in my estimation, is perfectly valid."

Legislature Costs State \$109,689.25

(From a Staff Correspondent.)—Up to April 1, according to figures prepared by State Auditor Smith, the legislature had cost the state \$109,689.25. Three weeks have passed since then and a new week begins tomorrow. The largest item in this expense is for salaries and mileage of the members, which at that time amounted to \$72,508. Incidental expenses amounted to \$16,923.47. The senate spent \$12,000 for employees and the house \$8,257.78.

IN THE RECONQUERED CITY OF PERONNE—British troops marching through the streets of the recaptured city of Peronne, another of the French cities taken from the Germans in the great British drive.



BRITISH IN PERONNE.

ALLIED TROOPS IN FRANCE ADVANCING

French and British Troops Make Further Progress Against Germans.

BLOWS OF TEUTONS FUTILE

London, April 22.—British troops yesterday made further progress in the region of Lens, where the fighting continues to go on in their favor, says the official statement issued today by the British war office. Three German counter attacks were repulsed by the British, who captured prisoners and machine guns.

HEADS BRITISH PARTY HERE FOR COUNCIL

Garfield Circle Presents Emblem to City With Patriotic Exercises Sunday.

MAYOR DAHLMAN ACCEPTS

"The liberty which America offers is not license, despite the opinions of those who shirk the responsibilities of citizenship when a crisis comes," said Rev. C. N. Dawson yesterday at the flag-raising exercises in Jefferson square.

Thayer County Leads in Uni Extension Work

Deshler, Neb., April 22.—(Special Telegram.)—County Superintendent A. T. Holtzen and E. J. Mitchell, secretary of the Thayer county fair, visited the town schools of the county in the interest of the children's department of the fair and extension club work of the state university. Thayer county stands first in the counties of Nebraska in this club work and Nebraska leads the states of the union in the movement.

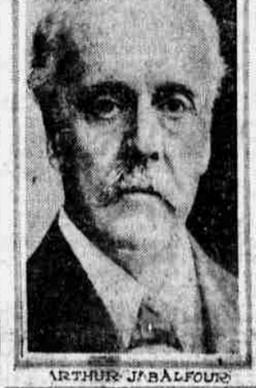
Two Banks in Town of Twenty-Six People

Kimball, Neb., April 22.—(Special.)—There are now two banks in Dix. The Farmers' State bank, which is made up of prominent men of Kimball and Dix, opened for business Thursday morning. At the same time Grand Island and Potter men opened the second bank making the city of Dix, with its population of twenty-six souls, a great banking center and equal in number of banks to the capital city of the county.

Electrical Contractors Answer Strikers' Pleat

Omaha electrical contractors have prepared a statement to the public, answering the reports given out by representatives of the electrical workers union, who have called a strike until increased pay is granted. They declare that the demands of the union men are unreasonable, particularly at this time, and that until the union men consent to meet with them in open arbitration of the difficulties, they will continue to employ electricians, regardless of union affiliations.

WOMEN FLY FLAG IN JEFFERSON SQUARE



Garfield Circle Presents Emblem to City With Patriotic Exercises Sunday

Mayor Dahlman accepted the flag in behalf of Omaha. "It is women such as the ladies of the Grand Army who, by such gifts, tend to keep alive the spirit of patriotism in this glorious land of ours," said Mr. Dahlman.

New Law on "War Grooms" Gives Preacher's Ruling

Since the War Department's ruling that men eligible to the army under the proposed draft, who were married after the break with Germany, will be called the same as single men, few prospective bridegrooms have applied for marriage licenses in Douglas county. Only five licenses were issued Friday and only a handful of applicants showed up Saturday morning.

Walks Into House and Tells Woman That He Will Kill Her

Tom Harris, 1715 California street, walked into the house of Mrs. Fannie McKenna, 60, 420 North Eighteenth street, last night, grabbed hold of her hair and threatened her with death. Her screams attracted neighbors, who chased Harris several blocks. He was captured at Eighteenth and Chicago streets after he had stumbled on a curb. His face was badly bruised by the fall.

Chicago May Close Its Saloons as a War Measure

Chicago, April 22.—A possibility that William H. Thompson, mayor, may recommend to the city council that all Chicago saloons be closed as a war measure or that the sale of liquor be limited to certain hours in the day was intimated at a conference today between the mayor and Samuel Eitelson, corporation counsel.

Would Turn Ball Parks Into Gardens

St. Paul, April 22.—Use of base ball parks, golf links and all greenhouses for the growth of garden products was recommended by L. W. Hill, president of the Great Northern railroad, who returned today from California. "They are not playing golf in Berlin nor spending the afternoons shooting at ball parks," he said.

LEGISLATURE WILL NOT ADJOURN TODAY

Prediction That Nebraska Lawmakers Would Quit Before Tuesday Exploded.

FIGHT ON CAPITOL BILL

(From a Staff Correspondent.)—Lincoln, April 22.—(Special.)—The Nebraska legislature will adjourn for good some time. Farther than that no man knoweth for sure. Several times wise men have ventured a prediction and each time their prophecy has proved false. When both houses took a recess yesterday until Monday afternoon at 2 o'clock it was calculated that some time tomorrow evening the gavel would drop for the last time, but that prophecy has already been exploded.

Women of Fullerton Form Red Cross Branch

Fullerton, Neb., April 22.—(Special Telegram.)—The women of Fullerton have perfected an organization for the purpose of doing Red Cross work. All women's societies of the city are co-operating with this organization in preparing to do extensive work to assist the American Red Cross society. Mrs. A. E. Bryson is in charge of the work, with Mrs. J. H. Kemp, secretary; Mrs. Chauncey L. Wiltse, treasurer.

British Fire Four Million Rounds Into German Ranks

London, April 22.—The military situation at the present moment is distinctly encouraging to the entente allies, declared Earl Curzon, member of the war council, in an address at Derby today. He said the recent operations on French soil constituted a considerable military victory.

Henry Pollack Quits Rum Business; Goes Into Oil

From the "oil-of-joy" to the "oil-of-joy-rides" is the commercial metamorphosis of Henry Pollack, for fifteen years in the liquor business, and who recently established a big mail order liquor house, which goes under with the operation of various dry laws. Mr. Pollack is now in the oil business.

Carried Wounded Germans

"The Lanfranc, in addition to 234 wounded British officers and men, carried 167 wounded German prisoners, a medical personnel of fifty-two and a crew of 123. Of these, the following are missing and presumed drowned: Two wounded British officers, 11 wounded British, other ranks; 1 Royal Army Medical staff; 5 of the crew; 5 wounded German officers and 10 wounded German, other ranks."

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"Owing to the German practice of sinking hospital ships at night and to the fact that distinctive markings and lighting of such vessels render them more conspicuous targets for German submarines, it has become no longer possible to distinguish our hospital ships in the customary manner. One of these two ships, therefore, though carrying wounded, was not in any way outwardly distinguished as a hospital ship."

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The Weather

Temperatures at Omaha Yesterday.	
Hour	Temp.
6 a. m.	52
7 a. m.	52
8 a. m.	52
9 a. m.	52
10 a. m.	52
11 a. m.	52
12 m.	52
1 p. m.	52
2 p. m.	52
3 p. m.	52
4 p. m.	52
5 p. m.	52
6 p. m.	52
7 p. m.	52
8 p. m.	52
9 p. m.	52
10 p. m.	52
11 p. m.	52
Lowest yesterday	42
Mean temperature	52
Wetness	0.00
Temperature and precipitation departures from the normal at Omaha yesterday:	
Normal temperature	52
Excess for the day	0
Total excess since March 21, 1917	0
Normal precipitation	11.1
Deficiency for the day	0
Total deficiency since March 21, 1917	0
Deficiency since March 21, 1917	0
Deficiency for year, period 1916	1.26
Deficiency for year, period 1915	1.26