

BRITISH TROOPS TAKE BULLECOURT; CHICAGO GRAIN WILD, SPITE OF BAN

MAY WHEAT PRICE PUT AT \$3.18 BY CHICAGO BOARD

Action Partly Protects Shorts Who Oversold Stock in Sight by Many Mil- lion Bushels.

BULLETIN.
Chicago, May 12.—The most sensational advance in the history of the present crop, if not in history, marked the trade in wheat today when gains ranging from 27 to 32 cents were scored in the July and September options.

July wheat closed yesterday at \$2.46; today it closed at \$2.73 to \$2.75. September which closed the previous session at \$2.14, closed with bids ranging from \$2.44 to \$2.46.

Chicago, May 12.—The decision of the Board of Trade of Chicago to terminate trading in May wheat and the fixing of the price of that option at \$3.18 by a committee which met this morning had practically no effect on speculation.

For weeks new business in May wheat had been comparatively slight and what there was simply accrued to the more distant futures, when trading was resumed today and after hesitating at the opening with prices slightly under yesterday's close, July wheat shot up 15 cents and September 14 1/2 cents from the early bottom.

Partly Saves Shorts.
The action of the board in no way applied to these options and trading in them was active and feverish. July sold to \$2.61 and September to \$2.28 1/2. In effect the fixing of the May price was to save shorts from further losses and to prevent the longs, among them representatives of the allied governments, from obtaining further profits.

The settlement price, however, permits of handsome gains on wheat bought even two weeks ago.

The resolutions of the board refers to the action of the directors as a "patriotic duty" and remarks that further trading in May wheat might "unduly stimulate prices."

There was no promise in the resolutions that the situation would not be repeated in July, or even September.

Text of Resolutions.
The resolutions adopted by the board read:
"There is comparatively little wheat in Chicago or territory contributory thereto and available for delivery on May contracts."

This statement was said to have stimulated home buying. The operations of agents for the allies was not referred to as "speculation," as they are known to have been buying futures, with the idea of taking the actual grain when delivery day arrived, but the subject is mentioned in the preamble in the following words:

"Representatives of foreign governments, millers and others are now trading upon the exchange in wheat for May delivery."

Those with May contracts are notified to close them by May 16. If not closed the board will assume that the actual wheat is ready for delivery. Failure in such cases, to deliver, will constitute a grave offense against the board and will be penalized as such, according to the resolutions.

There are a Chicago public elevator, 219,000 bushels of wheat of the grade required for delivery on contracts. A rough estimate places the amount contracted for at perhaps a hundred times that quantity. Thus, had not the board intervened, probably 99 per cent of the contracts would have to be settled at any price, even \$10 a bushel demanded by the holders of the contracts, in trade parlance known as "longs."

They held the sellers, or "shorts," absolutely at their mercy.

The situation differed from a corner in that the holders were scattered, whereas in a manipulated corner, the supply is congested in the hands of an individual, or a group of speculators acting as one man.

Allies Make Profits.
As a matter of fact, the allied governments, through their food commissioners, held a natural corner. At one time they were "long" 29,000,000 bushels of wheat in the Chicago market.

Much was closed out some time (Continued on Page Two, Column Two.)

Axtell Farmer Sells \$90,000 Worth of Wheat And Then Loses \$6,000

Hastings, Neb., May 12.—(Special Telegram.)—A record for a single farm was made yesterday when Nels Merriman living near Axtell sold his accumulated wheat crop of three years, 30,000 bushels, for \$90,000.

OMAHA RED CROSS MAKES DRIVE FOR 20,000 MEMBERS

Committees Representing All Classes of People Appointed to Lead in Whirlwind Campaign.

Omaha is mobilized for the whirlwind Red Cross drive for 20,000 members.

The work begins Monday morning at 10:30 with the blowing of whistles and raising of the Red Cross flag at the courthouse.

Appointment of committees representing all classes of people in all sections of the city have been made and no effort has been spared to make the newly founded chapter do its share in the movement.

Hearts Are in War.
Washington, May 12.—President Wilson, speaking today at the dedication of a Red Cross memorial building to the women of the civil war, declared America united had gone into the present war solely because it believes in the principles upon which the American government was founded.

"The hearts of the people of this country are in this war," he said. "They think that there is an opportunity to express the character of the United States. We have no grievances of our own. We went into this war because we are the servants of mankind. We will not accept any advantages out of this war. We go into it because we believe in the principles upon which the American government was founded."

The building was dedicated both to the women of the north, and the south, a fact on which the president dwelt in emphasizing that the country is united in the present war.

Illinois Defense Council Advocates Food Control

Chicago, May 12.—The State Council of Defense, composed of sixteen of the most prominent business and professional men of Illinois, today adopted resolutions urging congress to enact at once, as a measure of the utmost necessity, a law creating a commission for the absolute control of food stuffs, fuel and other basic commodities, and that upon prompt enactment of proper legislation of this kind will depend the safety and preservation of our nation and our success in the war.

Balfour and Party Guests At Luncheon in New York

New York, May 12.—America's most distinguished leaders of industry, commerce and finance today paid high honor to Arthur J. Balfour, British secretary of state for foreign affairs, and members of the war mission visiting this city at a reception and luncheon at the Chamber of Commerce.

Schlusselburg Revolt Story Is Contradicted

Petrograd, Friday, May 11.—(Via London, May 12.)—The report that Schlusselburg, twenty-one miles east of Petrograd, had broken away from the temporary government and declared an autonomous community, is denied by the chairman of the executive committee of the district committee.

M. Tchekise, president of the council of workmen's and soldiers' delegates, and other deputies who have made an investigation in the Schlusselburg district report: "There is no Schlusselburg republic. Schlusselburg is united with Petrograd."



President Wilson Calls Omaha's Determination to Enroll Host of New Members in Red Cross Splendid Evidence of Patriotism

President Wilson praises Omaha Red Cross workers highly in a telegram sent from the White House yesterday. The president's message follows: "The White House, Washington, May 10, 1917.—Gould Dietz, American Red Cross, Omaha: Omaha's proposal to enroll 20,000 members in the American Red Cross is a splendid evidence of patriotism in the midst of war. The men who are willing to give their lives for the defense of their country deserve to find the people they protect prepared to care for the

sick and wounded. A large well organized and efficient Red Cross is essential for such a result, therefore it is both patriotic and humane service that is rendered by every citizen of this country who becomes a member of the American Red Cross. I am deeply gratified by the recognition this fact is receiving everywhere and wish you and your associates every success in mobilizing Omaha's patriotic impulses for a loyal and effective service to the nation.

"WOODROW WILSON."

300 STOCK YARDS MEN RELEASED TO WORK ON FARMS

Live Stock Exchange and Com- mission Houses Agree to Pay Difference in Wages to Meet Food Demand.

Three hundred employees of the Union Stock yards and the live stock commission companies will be released May 15 to take jobs on farms to aid in the production of foods for the war emergency.

This was decided upon this morning at a meeting of the Live Stock exchange.

The yard company and the commission men will get along with less help between May 15 and September 1, the time for which these men are released. The South Side employers will hold their jobs open for them till they return.

To Pay Difference.

At the same time they have offered to pay the difference between the wages the men will receive on the farms and what they are paid when working in the yards.

The shipping out of the men will begin at once, through the Stock Yards labor bureau.

The work of the labor bureau, established at the exchange three weeks ago, is progressing satisfactorily. Secretary Stryker, who has charge, is devoting practically all of his time to this work.

Many Boys Volunteer.

"When farmers and stockmen apply for help they should state whether they can use married couples," he said. "The question of finding good places for school boys is one that is demanding attention."

"We need more places for boys. They responded nobly when we issued the ball for farm volunteers. In fact, so many expressed a willingness to go that we are having difficulty in finding places for them. If the farmers realize that these boys are all husky youngsters, willing to work, the question of supplying them with labor will be easily settled."

ONE DEAD, ONE FATALLY HURT IN KEROSENE BLAST

Seven-Year-Old Rosie Orlando Starts Fire With Coal Oil; Sister May Die and Parents Burned.

Rosie Orlando, aged 7 years, was burned to death yesterday and her sister, Anna, aged 5 years, was probably fatally burned while they were trying to light the fire with kerosene in their cottage home at 2225 Pacific street.

Mrs. Carmelia Orlando, the mother, suffered severe burns about the hands, breast and shoulders in a heroic effort to save the lives of her babies.

The father, Joseph, who was confined to his bed as the result of a runaway accident two weeks ago, was burned about the hands while quenching the flames which threatened the life of Mrs. Orlando.

Rosie lifted a gallon can of kerosene over some glowing coals in the stove. An explosion followed. She and her younger sister were blown half-way across the kitchen, the plastered ceilings and walls were wrecked and the can which held the kerosene was reduced to a shapeless mass.

Dies at Hospital.

Rosie, Anna and Mrs. Orlando were rushed to St. Joseph hospital, where Rosie died a few hours later. Anna is not expected to live.

Mrs. Orlando will be crippled for life, physicians say. The flesh was burned from her fingers and the bones exposed.

Tony Orlando, aged 9 years, told police the story of the fatality.

Utah Is Third State to Fill Regular Army Quota

Washington, May 12.—Utah filled its regular army quota yesterday and became the third state to do so. With 746 men to supply, Utah has furnished 751 men since April 1. The other two states are Nevada and Oregon.

Recruiting fell off considerably yesterday, the total for the day being 1,403, or more than 2,100 below the daily average of the last week.

HOUSE VOTES TO LET ROOSEVELT RAISE AN ARMY

Lower Chamber Instructs Con- ferees to Restore Senate Volunteer Amendment to Military Measure.

Washington, May 12.—By a vote of 215 to 178, the house today, after a stormy debate, voted to instruct its conferees on the army bill to restore the senate amendment to permit Colonel Roosevelt to lead a division to France.

When the house action on the Roosevelt amendment was reported officially to the senate Chairman Chamberlain without debate secured permission to withdraw the report from the senate and resume conferences on the bill.

T. R. Is Delighted.

Oyster Bay, N. Y., May 12.—Colonel Theodore Roosevelt made no secret tonight of his delight over the action of the house, but he refused to discuss his plans for putting a military force in the field until his authorization to do so becomes official.

"I am deeply grateful at what the house has done," Colonel Roosevelt said. "I feel they have taken a step which is eminently wise and patriotic toward enabling us to utilize an element in the country we would otherwise not utilize at all."

"This will enable a mixed force of regulars and volunteers to be put at the front during the time necessary for training the great army raised under the selective draft."

Anthracite Shipments Up One Million Tons

Philadelphia, May 12.—Shipments of anthracite coal in April exceeded those of the same month last year by more than 1,000,000 tons, according to statistics made public today. Total shipments for the month were 5,892,299 tons, as against 4,528,784 tons in April, 1916.

ALLIES ASTRIDE ARRAS-CAMBRAI ROAD; RECAPTURE DISPUTED TOWN; HEAVY FIGHTING RAGES UNABATED

English Carry Important Trench in Hindenburg Line by Storm and Other German Positions Over Battle Front of One Mile and a Half, Near Roeux, General Haig's Report Says.

POWERFUL ATTACKS MADE ON TEUTON LINES

French Are Keeping Up Destructive Artillery Fire on Aisne and Champagne Fronts, Harrying Prus- sian Foe by Outpost Attacks.

BATTLE BEING WAGED IN VERDUN REGION

London, May 12.—The British troops have established themselves in Bullecourt, the scene of terrific fighting during the last few days, according to the official report from British headquarters in France tonight.

Fighting still continues.

The British also have captured an important German trench of about two-thirds of a mile astride the Arras-Cambrai road, as well as German positions over a front of one and a half miles near Roeux.

Heavy pressure is being exerted by the British armies along a fifteen-mile front between Asheville and Queant. According to the German war office dense masses of British troops were employed in a series of attacks along the roads leading from Arras to Lens, Douai and Cambrai.

U. S. TIGHTENING NET ABOUT THE KAISER'S LAND

America Influences Neutral Nations in Shutting Off All Supplies to Germany and All Its Allies.

Milan, May 12.—(Via Paris.)—The Swiss government has informed Berlin, according to the Corriere Della Sera, that the recent commercial agreement between Switzerland and Germany cannot be carried out because of the rescinding of transportation contracts by all American steamship companies with Switzerland, Holland and the Scandinavian states.

The paper sees in this news the putting into effect of a complete economic blockade of Germany, and also states that the American government proposed to neutral countries that their supplies would be assured if they agreed to suspend absolutely all exports to Germany, even as compensation for exchange.

Suit Against Rock Island Road Won by State Officers

Lincoln, May 12.—(Special.)—Attorney General Willis E. Reed and Secretary of State Pool won a suit brought by the latter on advice of the former to compel the Rock Island railroad to pay an occupation tax in this state based on the total valuation of its entire property.

The suit was started in district court, but taken to federal court, and Judge Munger of that court has held that the road is liable for a tax based on the entire valuation of its property, which is shown to be \$72,000,000. The road has contended that the tax should be based only on the value of its property in this state, which was placed at \$12,000,000.

The amount in controversy for the year 1916 amounted to \$1,950 over and above the amount admitted by the company, and with the balance due to July of this year will make more than \$2,500 due. Mr. Pool says the decision means a saving to the state of about \$10,000.

Dodge County Attorney Pushes Case Against Hotel

Fremont, Neb., May 12.—(Special Telegram.)—A temporary injunction restraining Mr. and Mrs. W. H. Fitzsimmons from continuing to operate the St. Regis hotel in Fremont was granted in district court by Judge F. W. Button. County Attorney J. C. Cook filed a complaint under the Alcoholic Law. Affidavits from men who had visited the place and had been guilty of disorderly conduct were secured. Fitzsimmons came to Fremont two weeks ago from Spalding and has since been in charge of the hotel.

Ten Million Men Are Subject to Conscription

Washington, May 12.—Ten million men in the United States will be subject to the selective conscription on July 1, within the ages agreed upon in the conference report on the war army bill, Director Rogers of the census bureau announced today. This number of men between the ages of 21 and 30, inclusive, represents very nearly 10 per cent of the total estimated population of between 103,000,000 and 104,000,000 on July 1, 1917.

Phillips Found Guilty Of Shooting Mrs. Davies

Aurora, Neb., May 12.—(Special Telegram.)—Late last night the jury in the criminal case of Leo Phillips brought in a verdict of guilty and he will be sentenced to the penitentiary by Judge Good. He was charged with shooting Mrs. J. F. Davies with intent to do her great bodily harm. The trial lasted four days and was hotly contested. Mrs. Davies declared on the witness stand that Phillips intended to murder her. Many experts testified at the trial and all of them declared that the actions of Phillips showed a defective mind.

The Weather

Temperatures at Omaha Yesterday.

5 a. m.	47
6 a. m.	47
7 a. m.	48
8 a. m.	48
9 a. m.	47
10 a. m.	47
11 a. m.	46
12 m.	46
1 p. m.	46
2 p. m.	47
3 p. m.	47
4 p. m.	48
5 p. m.	48
6 p. m.	47
7 p. m.	47
8 p. m.	46
9 p. m.	46
10 p. m.	46
11 p. m.	46
12 m.	46

Normal temperature... 67
Deficiency for the day... 21
Total deficiency since March 1... 111
Normal precipitation... .16 inch
Deficiency for the day... .16 inch
Total rainfall since March 1... 6.23 inches
Excess since March 1... .22 inch
Deficiency for year, period, 1916... 2.63 inches
Deficiency for year, period, 1915... 2.11 inches

Comparative Local Record.

1917, 1916, 1915, 1914, 1913, 1912, 1911, 1910, 1909, 1908, 1907, 1906, 1905, 1904, 1903, 1902, 1901, 1900, 1899, 1898, 1897, 1896, 1895, 1894, 1893, 1892, 1891, 1890, 1889, 1888, 1887, 1886, 1885, 1884, 1883, 1882, 1881, 1880, 1879, 1878, 1877, 1876, 1875, 1874, 1873, 1872, 1871, 1870, 1869, 1868, 1867, 1866, 1865, 1864, 1863, 1862, 1861, 1860, 1859, 1858, 1857, 1856, 1855, 1854, 1853, 1852, 1851, 1850, 1849, 1848, 1847, 1846, 1845, 1844, 1843, 1842, 1841, 1840, 1839, 1838, 1837, 1836, 1835, 1834, 1833, 1832, 1831, 1830, 1829, 1828, 1827, 1826, 1825, 1824, 1823, 1822, 1821, 1820, 1819, 1818, 1817, 1816, 1815, 1814, 1813, 1812, 1811, 1810, 1809, 1808, 1807, 1806, 1805, 1804, 1803, 1802, 1801, 1800, 1799, 1798, 1797, 1796, 1795, 1794, 1793, 1792, 1791, 1790, 1789, 1788, 1787, 1786, 1785, 1784, 1783, 1782, 1781, 1780, 1779, 1778, 1777, 1776, 1775, 1774, 1773, 1772, 1771, 1770, 1769, 1768, 1767, 1766, 1765, 1764, 1763, 1762, 1761, 1760, 1759, 1758, 1757, 1756, 1755, 1754, 1753, 1752, 1751, 1750, 1749, 1748, 1747, 1746, 1745, 1744, 1743, 1742, 1741, 1740, 1739, 1738, 1737, 1736, 1735, 1734, 1733, 1732, 1731, 1730, 1729, 1728, 1727, 1726, 1725, 1724, 1723, 1722, 1721, 1720, 1719, 1718, 1717, 1716, 1715, 1714, 1713, 1712, 1711, 1710, 1709, 1708, 1707, 1706, 1705, 1704, 1703, 1702, 1701, 1700, 1699, 1698, 1697, 1696, 1695, 1694, 1693, 1692, 1691, 1690, 1689, 1688, 1687, 1686, 1685, 1684, 1683, 1682, 1681, 1680, 1679, 1678, 1677, 1676, 1675, 1674, 1673, 1672, 1671, 1670, 1669, 1668, 1667, 1666, 1665, 1664, 1663, 1662, 1661, 1660, 1659, 1658, 1657, 1656, 1655, 1654, 1653, 1652, 1651, 1650, 1649, 1648, 1647, 1646, 1645, 1644, 1643, 1642, 1641, 1640, 1639, 1638, 1637, 1636, 1635, 1634, 1633, 1632, 1631, 1630, 1629, 1628, 1627, 1626, 1625, 1624, 1623, 1622, 1621, 1620, 1619, 1618, 1617, 1616, 1615, 1614, 1613, 1612, 1611, 1610, 1609, 1608, 1607, 1606, 1605, 1604, 1603, 1602, 1601, 1600, 1599, 1598, 1597, 1596, 1595, 1594, 1593, 1592, 1591, 1590, 1589, 1588, 1587, 1586, 1585, 1584, 1583, 1582, 1581, 1580, 1579, 1578, 1577, 1576, 1575, 1574, 1573, 1572, 1571, 1570, 1569, 1568, 1567, 1566, 1565, 1564, 1563, 1562, 1561, 1560, 1559, 1558, 1557, 1556, 1555, 1554, 1553, 1552, 1551, 1550, 1549, 1548, 1547, 1546, 1545, 1544, 1543, 1542, 1541, 1540, 1539, 1538, 1537, 1536, 1535, 1534, 1533, 1532, 1531, 1530, 1529, 1528, 1527, 1526, 1525, 1524, 1523, 1522, 1521, 1520, 1519, 1518, 1517, 1516, 1515, 1514, 1513, 1512, 1511, 1510, 1509, 1508, 1507, 1506, 1505, 1504, 1503, 1502, 1501, 1500, 1499, 1498, 1497, 1496, 1495, 1494, 1493, 1492, 1491, 1490, 1489, 1488, 1487, 1486, 1485, 1484, 1483, 1482, 1481, 1480, 1479, 1478, 1477, 1476, 1475, 1474, 1473, 1472, 1471, 1470, 1469, 1468, 1467, 1466, 1465, 1464, 1463, 1462, 1461, 1460, 1459, 1458, 1457, 1456, 1455, 1454, 1453, 1452, 1451, 1450, 1449, 1448, 1447, 1446, 1445, 1444, 1443, 1442, 1441, 1440, 1439, 1438, 1437, 1436, 1435, 1434, 1433, 1432, 1431, 1430, 1429, 1428, 1427, 1426, 1425, 1424, 1423, 1422, 1421, 1420, 1419, 1418, 1417, 1416, 1415, 1414, 1413, 1412, 1411, 1410, 1409, 1408, 1407, 1406, 1405, 1404, 1403, 1402, 1401, 1400, 1399, 1398, 1397, 1396, 1395, 1394, 1393, 1392, 1391, 1390, 1389, 1388, 1387, 1386, 1385, 1384, 1383, 1382, 1381, 1380, 1379, 1378, 1377, 1376, 1375, 1374, 1373, 1372, 1371, 1370, 1369, 1368, 1367, 1366, 1365, 1364, 1363, 1362, 1361, 1360, 1359, 1358, 1357, 1356, 1355, 1354, 1353, 1352, 1351, 1350, 1349, 1348, 1347, 1346, 1345, 1344, 1343, 1342, 1341, 1340, 1339, 1338, 1337, 1336, 1335, 1334, 1333, 1332, 1331, 1330, 1329, 1328, 1327, 1326, 1325, 1324, 1323, 1322, 1321, 1320, 1319, 1318, 1317, 1316, 1315, 1314, 1313, 1312, 1311, 1310, 1309, 1308, 1307, 1306, 1305, 1304, 1303, 1302, 1301, 1300, 1299, 1298, 1297, 1296, 1295, 1294, 1293, 1292, 1291, 1290, 1289, 1288, 1287, 1286, 1285, 1284, 1283, 1282, 1281, 1280, 1279, 1278, 1277, 1276, 1275, 1274, 1273, 1272, 1271, 1270, 1269, 1268, 1267, 1266, 1265, 1264, 1263, 1262, 1261, 1260, 1259, 1258, 1257, 1256, 1255, 1254, 1253, 1252, 1251, 1250, 1249, 1248, 1247, 1246, 1245,
