

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 Million 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.

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.

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.

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."

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.

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.

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.

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.

Flour Prices Continue Their Upward Course. Minneapolis, May 12.—Flour prices continued their upward trend today and fancy patents touched the new high point of \$17.10 a barrel, 40 cents above yesterday's top figures.

Fire Causes Big Loss in Canadian Munitions Plant. Toronto, May 12.—Fire in the Cluff Ammunition works here tonight exploded 39,000 five-pound shells and caused damage to the plant estimated at \$350,000.

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.

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.

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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.

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.

Live Stock Exchange and Commission 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.

300 STOCK YARDS MEN RELEASED TO WORK ON FARMS. 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.

ONE DEAD, ONE FATALLY HURT IN KEROSENE BLAST. 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.

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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."

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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 Roieux, General Haig's Report Says.

POWERFUL ATTACKS MADE ON TEUTON LINES

French Are Keeping Up Destructive Artillery Fire on Aisne and Champagne Fronts, Harrying Prussian 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 Roieux.

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.

Hundreds of prisoners were taken. On the Aisne and Champagne fronts the French are keeping up a destructive artillery fire and harrying the Germans by outpost attacks.

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.

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The Weather. Temperatures at Omaha Yesterday. Fair. Comparative Local Record. Highest yesterday, 69. Lowest yesterday, 45. Mean temperature, 57. Precipitation, 0.00.