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## FRENCH TROOPS SMASH ATTACKS OF CROWN PRINCE; BRITISH AND GERMANS IN DEATH GRIP AT BULLECOURT FOR KEY OF DESPERATELY DEFENDED HINDENBURG LINE

### OMAHA PLANS TO AID STATE WIDE FOOD MOVEMENT

Asst. Secretary Carl Vrooman and Chancellor Avery Among Speakers; School Children Urged to Assist.

Problems of food production, transportation and conservation were discussed Saturday at a meeting of the Nebraska Conservation and Welfare commission at the Rome hotel.

The meeting was called to arrange the program for the convention to be held in the Auditorium, May 22 to 25. Carl Vrooman, United States assistant secretary of agriculture, telegraphed that he will be here the opening night, Tuesday. Secretary of the Treasury McAdoo, has been invited, but may not be able to come. Chancellor Avery of the state university, Governor Neville and Mayor Dahlman will speak that evening.

Co-ordinating meetings for men and for women will be held Wednesday and Thursday afternoons, programs for which are not complete. Friday morning will be the closing session at which it is planned to call together the school children and teach them the necessity of their aid in increasing food production this summer.

**Children's Training Camp.** One speaker suggested a training camp for children intending to work on the farms. Chairman O. G. Smith pointed out that the best training camp is right on the farm.

"I will take the pink faced, soft handed boy and make him contented on the farm," he said. "And I will show him the best way to do the work to yield the greatest results. Well-to-do parents should encourage their sons to go to the farms. Mothers also should send their daughters out to help with farm work."

Conservation of farm machinery, relief for freight congestion by using motive power of some competing passenger trains to pull freight, financing farmers to buy wheat for next fall's sowing, will be some of the other problems discussed.

**Steinhart Is Chairman.** J. W. Steinhart of Nebraska City was appointed chairman of the exhibit committee.

The following were present: O. G. Smith, Kearney; E. R. Danielson, Lincoln; T. P. Reynolds, Omaha; J. W. Shortliff, York; C. I. Filley, Lincoln; Charles Gaddis, Lincoln; Cliff Crooks, Fairbury; Miss Alice Loomis, Lincoln; G. E. Condra, Lincoln; Mayor Dahlman, Omaha; Charles Craft, Bancroft; Emerson Purcell, Broken Bow; H. Jacobberger, Omaha; F. J. Ringer, Lincoln; V. Farris, Omaha; F. J. Odell, Omaha; J. A. Ollis, Ord; B. I. McArdle, Omaha; State Superintendent of Schools Clemons; Ballard Dunn, Omaha; W. B. Tagg, Omaha; J. W. Steinhart, Nebraska City; Mrs. J. M. Paul, St. Paul; Mrs. F. H. Cole, Omaha; W. F. Baxter, Omaha; Frank Quick, Lincoln.

### Ninety-Nine-Year Lease

**On Fortieth and Farnam Lot** Porter & Shotwell have closed on a ninety-nine-year lease of Highland Terrace, owned by Lola Vincent, at southeast corner of Fortieth and Farnam streets. The tract has a frontage of 133 feet on Farnam street and the same on Harney street. It is announced that the Beaton Realty company, lessee, intends to make substantial improvements. The lease carries an option of purchase. This is the farthest point west on Farnam street that a lease of this kind has been made.

### Exposure Kills More U. S. U-Boat Victims Than Shells

Washington, May 12.—To reduce submarine risk, American steam vessels entering the war zone were ordered to carry enough lifeboats to accommodate every person aboard and life rafts for 25 per cent. Reports show only two Americans aboard torpedoed ships have lost their lives by gunfire or torpedo explosions and all others were drowned or died of exposure.

### The Weather

Nebraska—Cloudy. Temperatures at Omaha Yesterday.

Hour	Temp.	Deg.
4 a. m.	42	42
6 a. m.	42	42
8 a. m.	42	42
10 a. m.	42	42
12 m.	42	42
2 p. m.	42	42
4 p. m.	42	42
6 p. m.	42	42
8 p. m.	42	42
10 p. m.	42	42
12 m.	42	42

Comparative Local Temperature.

Year	1917	1916	1915	1914
Highest yesterday	50	59	95	60
Lowest yesterday	42	42	42	42
Mean temperature	44	43	51	48
Precipitation	.00	1.12	.00	.00

Temperature and precipitation departures from the normal at Omaha yesterday:

Normal temperature <th>Departure</th>	Departure
Normal precipitation	16.96 in.
Total deficiency since March 1	115.00 in.
Deficiency for the day	16.00 in.
Total rainfall since March 1	8.22 in.
Deficiency for current period, 1917	3.13 inches
Deficiency for cor. period, 1915	3.27 inches

### Hollweg Will Make His Speech Upon War Aims Next Tuesday

Amsterdam (Via London), May 12.—Chancellor von Bethmann-Hollweg will deliver his speech in the Reichstag on Germany's war aims on Tuesday next, according to semi-official advices from Berlin today.

Berlin (Via Amsterdam and London), May 13.—Dr. von Bethmann-Hollweg, the German imperial chancellor, left Berlin last night for Vienna to confer with the Austro-Hungarian foreign minister.

### CARRY CASKETS OF DEAD TOTS BY MOTHER'S BED

Two Children Burned to Death in Kerosene Explosion Are Buried Together Sunday Afternoon.

Rosie Orlando, aged 7 years, and her sister, Annie, aged 5 years, were buried yesterday afternoon from their cottage home at 2225 Pacific street, where they were burned to death Saturday.

The second child, Annie, died Sunday morning. More than 150 neighbors and relatives of the little girls made up the funeral cortege that followed the twin white caskets from their late home to St. Philomena's church, to St. Joseph's hospital and then the Holy Sepulcher cemetery.

Mrs. Carmela Orlando, mother of the two children, who was badly burned in a heroic effort to save the little tots, was not able to attend the funeral. The bodies of Rosie and Annie were borne by the pallbearers through the mother's room in the hospital. Mrs. Orlando wept hysterically at the sight of her babies.

Joseph Orlando, father of the girls, attended the funeral swathed in bandages. His hands had been burned severely in an effort to save his wife. He is still nursing two broken ribs as the result of a runaway accident on the South Side two weeks ago.

Rev. J. W. Stenson, pastor of St. Philomena's church, spoke for forty minutes during the requiem services held there. There was not a dry eye in the church when he concluded.

### Kaiser Still Employs American Dentist to Attend to His Teeth

Copenhagen, May 13.—Emperor William recognizes no state of war with the United States so far as his personal comfort is concerned. He has summoned his American dentist, Arthur Newton Davis of Piema, O., to visit him at great headquarters this week and attend to the necessary repairs to the imperial teeth.

The war in general has proved toothache to be no respecter of persons and international relations and throughout the long months of tension between Germany and the United States the imperial and royal family and the highest officials of the state have continued to patronize their respective American dentists. Each new crisis was marked by an almost ludicrous rush of members of the royal families, foreign office officials and other dignitaries to get their teeth attended to before the possible departure of the Americans. Some of the most rabid vituperators of the United States have been mild doves in American dental chairs.

The emperor's personal view of the relations with the United States apparently is the official interpretation of his government, which in a communication regarding the continuance of the Belgian relief works, speaks not of war, but of the "abandonment of neutrality" by the United States. Along the same lines is a declaration in the Reichstag committee by Major general Friedrich, who said there was no intention to intern Americans.

### Three Red Oak Boys Join National Guard

Four recruits have joined Company M with the late week, and the officers and privates now total 108 in number. The newly recruited men are Roscoe Crawford of Emerson, Lloyd Johnson of Atlantic, Robert H. Reed and Lester L. Roof of Red Oak.

### Five Russian Officers Lose Lives During Flight

Petrograd, May 13.—(Via London.) Five Russian officers and one private lost their lives yesterday when a big Russian airplane, in which they were flying, fell to the ground at Monastir, northeast of Stanielau in Galicia from a height of 9,000 feet, says an official statement today.

### 'AUTO STRIPPING' GANG BUSY HERE ON LARGE SCALE

Band Robs Fifty Cars of Tires, Wheels and Other Accessories on Streets and in Garages in Month.

An organized gang of automobile accessory thieves has stripped cars of thousands of dollars' worth of tires, inner tubes and other equipment in the last month.

The work of the gang reached its climax last week, when twenty thefts aggregating approximately \$1,500 were reported by automobile owners to the police. Fifty thefts have taken place in a month.

While the gang apparently seems to be confining its work to cars that have been parked on downtown streets, many automobile owners report that their garages have been broken into and their cars completely stripped.

The method employed by the thieves, police say, is to carry jacks and pry up the wheels so that the tires can be removed.

**Cars Stripped on Streets.**

That the thieves do not stop here is shown from the fact that many owners have reported that even their carburetors, clocks and steering gears have been removed in broad daylight on principal downtown streets. The commonest thefts, according to police records, are tires, wheels and tools.

One of the theories of the police is that the same gang formerly stole its automobiles instead of stripping them, but because of the plan recently adopted for tracing stolen machines have found it more practicable to strip them. This theory, police say, is borne out by the fact that many cars reported stolen are found abandoned in a short time, stripped of all accessories and equipment.

So far police have been unable to find any trace of the stolen goods, despite strenuous efforts made. It is believed that it is being sent out of the city.

**Taken From High-Priced Cars.**

Reports at central station show that the thefts are principally from high-priced touring cars.

The following twenty persons have reported losses from their cars the last week: R. S. Hart, 1743 Park avenue; Dr. F. M. Hahn, 3027 Farnam street; Harry Kubby, 2119 California street; Dr. Z. D. Clark, 310 Range block; Edward Bradley, 636 Paxton block; R. W. Daniels, 229 Graham avenue, Council Bluffs; G. E. Seates, 2026 Farnam street; George Auerback, 110 North Fifteenth street; George Gifford, 625 South Twenty-ninth street; Mrs. E. K. Wallace, Faircrest; Mr. Strahl, Benson; Joseph Peterson, 2406 Leavenworth; Mrs. T. F. Stroud, 3100 Florence boulevard; A. S. Billings, 437 South Thirtieth street; S. I. Good, 324 North Thirtieth street; Walter Gowin, 1114 Douglas street, and Louis Frohardt, 2862 Newport avenue.

### U. S. Plea Saves Russian Government From Radicals

Paris, May 12.—A Havas dispatch from Milan today says:

"The Petrograd correspondent of the Corriere De La Sera wires that a secret dispatch read at the historic night conference between the members of the Russian provisional government and the workmen and soldiers came from the American government and dealt with the conditions required by the American government for the granting of a loan."

"The reading of this dispatch, says the correspondent, decided the representatives of the workmen and soldiers' committee to accept the views of the provisional government."

### Three Omaha Wanders Return Home to Stay

Wander as far as they will from youth's romping ground, the ties of home are rarely severed by Omaha's sons and daughters. Dr. J. Frederick Langdon, a son of Omaha and graduate of Creighton medical school, put off the return trip three whole years, and then surrendered. In 1914 Dr. Langdon joined the surgical staff of St. Ann's hospital at Butte, Mont. Later his mother and sister joined him and made their home in the copper city. Next month the family will return to Omaha to stay.

### Fairbury Patriots Hold Big Demonstration in City

Fairbury, Neb., May 12.—(Special Telegram.)—Fairbury had a great patriotic demonstration in the open house, directed and planned by Father J. J. Carey of this city. A patriotic address was given by John Heasty, former state senator from this district. Mrs. C. H. Lutz gave a tableau entitled "Nine Ninety-Nine" was also staged and this was followed by a banquet with a junior drill by members of the Red Cross.

### Inventor Admits He Has Solved U-Boat Menace

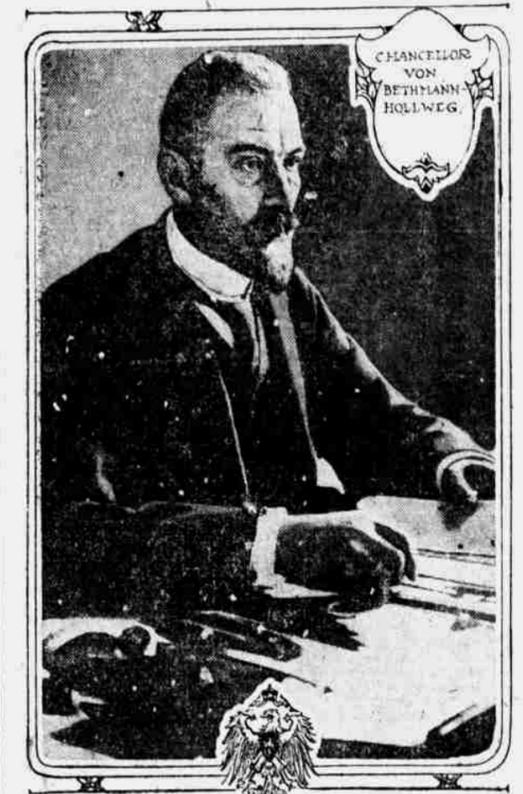
San Francisco, May 13.—Leon F. Douglass, millionaire graphophone inventor, of San Rafael, admitted today that he had discovered a mechanical device which he believed would solve the submarine problem.

Douglass' home and laboratory on the outskirts of San Rafael have been placed under guard.

Whether the invention is the one referred to a few days ago by the chairman of the Naval Advisory board in Washington is not known. Speaking of his invention, Douglass said:

"A practical means has been found to overcome the U-boat. I have turned the patent over to the Navy department. It has nothing more to do with it. It is simplicity itself; something anybody could have thought of."

### GERMANY TO ANNOUNCE NEW TERMS OF PEACE TUESDAY—Chancellor von Bethmann-Hollweg to give Germany's war aims in the Reichstag.



### SENATE PUTS BAN ON USE OF GRAIN FOR INTOXICANTS

Upper House Votes to Bar Manufacture of Liquor From Cereals After Defeating Censor Clause of Spy Bill.

Washington, May 13.—The senate last night approved, 38 to 32, an amendment to the administration espionage bill forbidding during the war the use of cereals or grain in the manufacture of intoxicating liquor.

By a vote of 39 to 38 the senate also threw out of the bill the administration's press censorship section, as was done in the house. This action is expected to throw the censorship fight into conference, where influence can be brought to bear more directly.

What will be the outcome no senator would predict with confidence tonight.

The senate previously voted down, 47 to 25, a proposal to forbid sale of intoxicants during the war.

Effective September 1, the amendment is calculated to confine sale and consumption to whisky and other grain liquors already in stock and to wines, brandies or other drinks that depend upon other materials for their main constituents.

Another opportunity to vote upon it will be offered when the senate takes the bill with the amendment from the committee of the whole, but opponents of the prohibitory provision are not confident that they will be able to overturn today's action.

Estimates during the debate were that at least \$2,000,000 in annual internal revenue would be lost if the amendment stands.

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Boy Scouts, under direction of Clifford Bachoritch, gave a performance. John Higgins, Jack Fitton and John Hartigan, dressed in colonial costume, gave various drills.

C. H. Coyle, formerly of Omaha, led the singing. The local orchestra took part.

### Colby Elected Chairman Of Gage Defense League

Beatrice, Neb., May 13.—(Special Telegram.)—Residents of Beatrice and Gage county held a patriotic meeting Saturday and organized a county defense league to act in conjunction with the state council.

General L. W. Colby was elected chairman; H. E. Sackett, vice chairman; J. C. Emery, secretary; V. R. Johnson, treasurer.

Committees from the city and county were named to assist in the work.

### FIERY GAULS CRUSH VIOLENT RUSH AGAINST TRENCHES NORTH OF RHEIMS; BATTLE NEAR ARRAS RAGES FIERCELY

Teutons Launch Fresh Men Against Nivelles' Lines on Champagne Front and South of Craonne Only to See Them Melt Away Before Gunfire of the Enemy.

### HEAVY LOSSES RESULT OF REPEATED BLOWS

British War Office Declares Heavy Fighting Constant Near Bullecourt and Capture of Prisoners North of River Scarpe.

### GERMANS ADMIT THAT FOE SCORES SUCCESSES

Paris, May 13.—Troops commanded by the German crown prince this morning launched several violent attacks against the French lines on the Champagne front north of Rheims, on the plateau south of Craonne and in the region of Maisons De Champagne.

The official statement this afternoon says all the German attacks were smashed by the French artillery and rifle fire, the Teutons suffering severe losses.

### FIGHT NEAR BULLECOURT.

London, May 13.—The battle of Bullecourt, on the southern end of the Arras front, where heavy fighting has been raging for the last week, and one of the most desperately defended sections of the famous Hindenburg line, is still going on, according to the official statement issued today by the British war office.

Bombardment of Zebrugge.

An official statement issued this evening by the British admiralty, says:

"A very heavy bombardment of the important area at Zebrugge was successfully carried out Saturday morning by our forces.

"The royal naval air service rendered valuable co-operation and over fifteen aerial combats occurred in which four enemy machines were destroyed and five others were driven down out of control.

"Two of our machines failed to return. One of these descended in Dutch territory and was interned."

**Destroyive Fire On Port.** Rotterdam, May 13.—The naval attack yesterday on the German submarine base at Zebrugge, on the Belgian coast, was the most destructive yet made by British warships.

Two submarine sheds were blown up. Sixty-three persons were killed and upwards of 100 others were taken to hospitals.

**German Saps Attacks Fail.** Berlin, May 13 (Via London).—The great British attack launched yesterday against the German positions on the Arras battle front, says the official statement issued today by the German army headquarters staff, has broken down.

At Fosse the British were successful in forcing their way through the German lines.

At all other places they were repulsed after hand to hand fighting, suffering the heaviest losses.

Fighting for possession of Bullecourt again broke out today.

### Dr. Jessup Installed Head of Iowa University

Iowa City, Ia., May 13.—(Special.)—Walter Albert Jessup was inaugurated president of the University of Iowa yesterday afternoon. President D. D. Murray of the State Board of Education presided at the exercises which were held in the armory. The principal address was made by President William Lowe Bryan of Indiana university. The new executive was presented by President Emeritus Thomas Huston McBride.

The ceremonies which began Friday afternoon with an educational symposium at the natural science auditorium concluded this evening with a reception at the Triangle club.

Prominent educators from many of the leading universities and colleges of the United States were in attendance. The University of Nebraska was represented by Regent Frank Louis Haller, who is a member of the class of 1883. Other Nebraskans present were President Francis X. McMahon of Creighton university and Rev. Wesley Franklin Townsend of Nebraska Wesleyan university.

### Judge Stewart Referee In Ure-Hall Controversy

Lincoln, May 12.—(Special Telegram.)—Judge W. E. Stewart of Lincoln has been appointed referee by the supreme court in the suit started by State Treasurer William Ure against County Treasurer William Ure of Douglas county to collect penalties due because of the failure of the latter to remit to the state monthly collections belonging to the state.

### Morris Co. Will Aid Its Men Buy Liberty Bonds

Chicago, May 12.—Morris & Co. today authorized the purchase of \$750,000 in liberty bonds and announced a plan whereunder its 25,000 employees may purchase bonds on easy payments.

St. Louis, May 12.—Plans to subscribe for \$80,000,000 of the liberty loan were inaugurated at a meeting of ten of the presidents of the eighteen clearing houses in Federal Reserve District No. 8 (St. Louis) here today.

The slogan to be used in subscription work will be "a war bond in every home."

### Gompers Urges Labor to Protest New Postal Rates

Washington, May 12.—Samuel Gompers, president of the American Federation of Labor, appealed to organized labor tonight to protest against the proposed increase in second-class postal rates and other provisions of the war revenue bill.