

# HOLLWEG OFFERS PEACE TO RUSSIA; BIG SLUMP IN WEEK'S U-BOAT TOLL

## FEWER SHIPS FALL PREY TO PIRATE CRAFT

### Admiralty Statement Shows Less Tonnage Sunk by Sub- marines and More Vessels Escaping From Divers.

LONDON, May 15.—The report of the week's losses through submarines to be issued tomorrow will be the most favorable in several weeks. The number of ships torpedoed is well below the average, while the number of ships escaping attacks is very large.

Those in touch with the anti-submarine campaign also are very cheerful over the results of actual attacks on submarines, which have been pushed with the utmost vigor during the fine weather of the last fortnight. This has been particularly favorable to airplane activity.

According to one report more submarines have been sunk in the last week than in the month previous.

### U-Boat Flotilla Taken.

Portsmouth, N. H., May 15.—In shipping circles today a report was current that the British had captured a flotilla of German submarines bound on a hostile mission to American shores.

The seizure was said to have taken place early in April, but the place of the capture or means by which it was effected were not revealed.

The report was said to have come from an officer of a transatlantic ship, who was said to have heard of it from sources in touch with the British admiralty.

### Ninety Lives Lost.

New York, May 15.—Shipping circles had an unconfirmed report today that ninety lives were lost on April 24 in the torpedoing of the British liner *Abovsa*, about thirty miles south of Fastnet. The survivors were picked up forty-five minutes later and landed at Liverpool. Forty-six of the passengers perished and forty-four of the crew.

A dispatch from London recently quoted the London Chronicle as demanding to know why the British admiralty had failed to publish the loss of a "certain big ship" with "a loss of more than seventy lives."

### Control Labor Exchange To Get Help for Farmers

A movement to get laborers from the smaller cities and towns to the surrounding farms is starting. Several men from the State College of Agriculture will organize the counties to this end.

Professors H. C. Bradford, R. R. Spafford, Kenneth Warner, H. C. Filley and Jess Hendricks are already at work. Others will be sent out.

"We will organize the counties as clearing houses for the labor in each county," said Mr. Filley. "Where possible the county agent will be placed in charge of the county. Then in each town there will be someone to head the work, preferably an official of the Commercial club. They will make a canvass of all possible labor and the farms where help is needed. In many cases clerks in stores can be recruited during the greatest press of farm work to work on the farms. This plan will obviate the necessity of bringing labor from a distance."

### Army Bill is Again Ready for Congress

Washington, May 15.—Senate and house conferees on the army bill today agreed to report the measure with provision authorizing the president to raise the volunteer division Colonel Roosevelt desires to lead to France. No other changes in the bill were made by the conferees.

### The Weather

For Nebraska—Fair and continued warm. Temperatures at Omaha yesterday:

Hour	Temp.
6 a. m.	52
7 a. m.	53
8 a. m.	54
9 a. m.	55
10 a. m.	56
11 a. m.	57
12 m.	58
1 p. m.	59
2 p. m.	60
3 p. m.	61
4 p. m.	62
5 p. m.	63
6 p. m.	64
7 p. m.	65
8 p. m.	66
9 p. m.	67
10 p. m.	68
11 p. m.	69
12 m.	70

### Comparative Local Record.

Highest yesterday	79
Lowest yesterday	42
Mean temperature	56
Precipitation	.00
Relative humidity	70
Normal temperature	62
Normal precipitation	.15
Deficiency for the day	-.15
Deficiency since March 1	-.62
Deficiency since March 15	-.50
Deficiency for our period	-.25
Deficiency for our season	-.14

### Reports from Stations at 7 P. M.

Station and State	Temp.	High	Low
Omaha, Neb.	70	70	42
Davenport, Ia.	70	70	42
Des Moines, Ia.	70	70	42
Sioux Falls, S. D.	70	70	42
Lincoln, Neb.	70	70	42
St. Paul, Minn.	70	70	42
Chicago, Ill.	70	70	42
St. Louis, Mo.	70	70	42
Indianapolis, Ind.	70	70	42
Cincinnati, Ohio	70	70	42
Cleveland, Ohio	70	70	42
Pittsburgh, Pa.	70	70	42
Philadelphia, Pa.	70	70	42
New York, N. Y.	70	70	42
Boston, Mass.	70	70	42
Washington, D. C.	70	70	42

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## Ban on Grain Trades Will Be Continued

Chicago, May 15.—Representatives of the leading grain exchanges of the country at a meeting here today recommended to their respective exchanges that they continue until further notice the restrictive regulations which were put into effect yesterday.

## KELLY'S LAWYER SAYS SOMEONE IS BEING SHIELDED

### Judge Sutton, for Accused for Accused Minister, De- clares Effort Being Made to Railroad His Client.

By EDWARD BLACK,  
Staff Correspondent of The Bee.

Red Oak, Ia., May 15.—(Special Telegram.)—"The plan to take Kelly to Des Moines and put him in an asylum for the Villisca ax murders is concocted to shield someone whose name has not been mentioned."

This was the statement tonight of Judge A. J. Sutton, attorney for Rev. Lynn George J. Kelly, innkeeper, preacher, who was today held for trial in Montgomery county on a charge of examination over the request of Attorney General Havner of Des Moines. The court refused to permit the minister's removal to Des Moines and he will be taken to Logan for imprisonment in the Harrison county jail tomorrow.

### Asks Contempt Proceedings.

Judge Sutton, who had won a point in favor of the accused man, further declared he would, as soon as opportunity offered, apply for an order citing both Attorney General Havner and County Attorney Westrand for contempt for allowing the evidence disclosed in secret proceedings of the grand jury room to be published in the papers.

"The indictment against Kelly was returned April 30," declared Judge Sutton, "and I, as his attorney, went to Illinois and brought him back before the authorities here without accepting him as his prisoner."

The defendant himself tonight reiterated his statement of the fact that he was "most certainly not guilty."

"Innocent and Sane."

"He is innocent," said Judge Sutton, "and sane."

These statements reviewing developments of a day of sensations in this city that has already often been stirred with following and atrocious crime of five years ago, reveal that the trial of the accused minister, when it does come, will be one of the largest fought criminal cases in Iowa criminal history. Under the surface there is much comment, whatever sentiment being voiced in the defendant's favor coming largely from what is known as the "anti-Jones" faction.

Mrs. Ross Moore, wife of a brother of the murdered man, today at Villisca snarled when she was asked her opinion as to the guilt of Kelly. Her husband, also laughed when the same question was put to him. "I'm afraid that cell at Red Oak won't hold him," he said.

On the other hand County Attorney Westrand declared: "We have a mass of evidence."

Judge Woodruff in response to a request for an early trial, declared to fix a date, saying he was too busy at present to handle the case.

### As to Contempt.

In stating the defense would attempt to start contempt proceedings against the counsel for the prosecution, A. J. Sutton, former district judge of Omaha, who, together with Attorney W. E. Mitchell of Council Bluffs, Ia., is representing Kelly, said that "grand jury evidence" appearing in morning papers today could have been obtained from only two sources.

He cited these sources as the county attorney or the attorney general, and said he did not hold the former responsible. He declared the action would be attempted as soon as the judge would grant a hearing.

Attorney General Havner, though not present at the hearing this morning, when Kelly waived reading of the indictment and entered a plea of not guilty, arrived in time to appear at the afternoon session. O. O. Rock, special agent from the attorney general's office, also was present.

### Big Crowd Present.

Surrounded by scores of Red Oak townspeople and many Villisca citizens, who packed the court room, Kelly this afternoon showed signs of nervousness. He had lost a part of the calmness which he exhibited earlier in the day, when in talking to newspaper men he issued an emphatic denial of connection with the murders.

"Certainly, certainly, I am not guilty," he declared to the reporters. "I couldn't be guilty of such a terrible crime as that. I couldn't be guilty of killing people I never saw and did not know. I am a law-abiding citizen. I'll let the law take its course."

Kelly's wife accompanied him to the court room from the jail, where she has been staying with him in his cell since his arrest yesterday.

Kelly is about 40 years old and has been known in this section since 1912, when he was assigned to various charges as a theological student at an Omaha seminary.

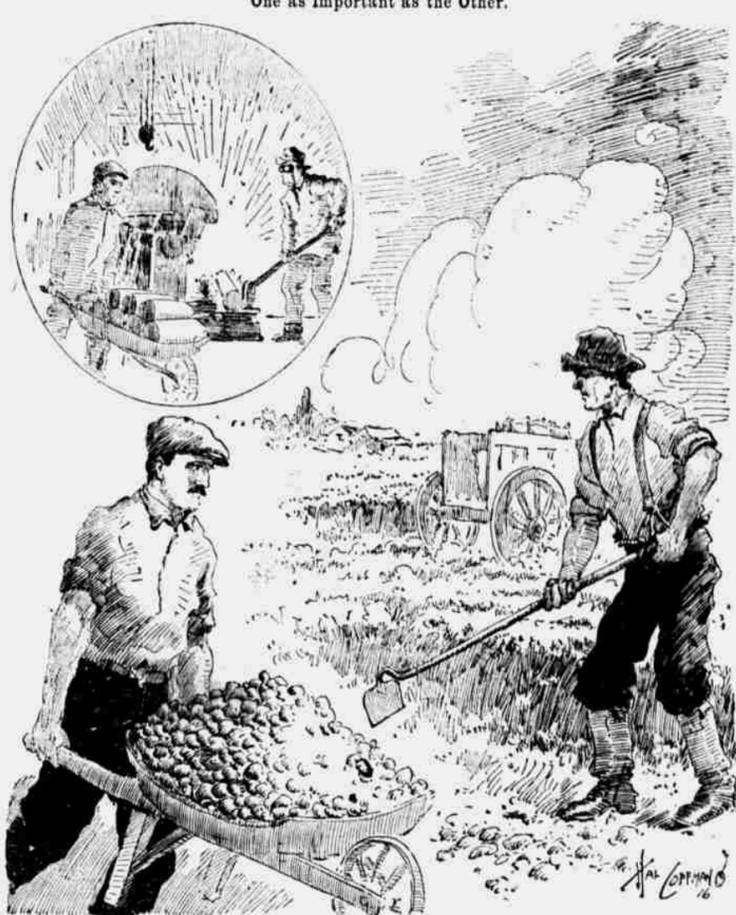
### Kelly Arrested Before.

The career of Rev. Kelly, as traced by authorities here, appears to be eccentric, to say the least.

In Omaha it was said that Kelly

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## Making and Growing Ammunition One as Important as the Other.



## M'ADOO ACCEPTS INVITATION TO COME TO OMAHA

### Telegram to Victor Rosewater Says Cabinet Member Will Arrive Here Morning of May 24.

Secretary of the Treasury McAdoo will be in Omaha May 24, according to a telegram received last night by Victor Rosewater, editor of The Bee, from Congressman Lobeck at Washington. A similar telegram was received by Robert H. Manley, secretary of the Omaha Commercial club.

The message to Mr. Rosewater says: "Secretary McAdoo will be in Omaha May 24, arriving at 6:40 in the morning and leaving at 4:30 in the afternoon. Suggest co-operation for his entertainment."

A similar telegram signed by Secretary McAdoo was received by Mayor Dahlman last night.

### Will Probably Speak.

While the telegrams did not say so, it is presumed that the cabinet member will speak before the Nebraska Conference on Conservation of Foodstuffs the afternoon he is in Omaha. The conference will be held at the Auditorium from May 22 to 25.

Assistant Secretary of Agriculture Vrooman had already accepted an invitation to speak before the conference on the opening night.

Invitations to visit Omaha were sent to Secretary McAdoo last week by Governor Neville and the Commercial club.

### Luncheon Is Planned.

Secretary Mauley of the Commercial club said that the cabinet member would be asked to attend a luncheon at the club the day he is in Omaha. This proposed luncheon was originally set for Wednesday, May 23, but the date will probably be changed to the day Secretary McAdoo visits Omaha.

Luther Drake, president of the Omaha Clearing House association, said that bankers would provide ample entertainment for the cabinet member. Financial men will attend the luncheon at the Commercial club in a body, Mr. Drake said.

Officials of the conservation conference and Omaha organizations will make further plans today for Secretary McAdoo's visit.

## Italians Begin Offensive Moves In Two Sectors

Rome, May 15.—(Via London.)—The Italians took the offensive today. The war office announces that considerable progress was made in the Pavia area on the slopes of Monte Cucco and on the hills east of Gorizia and Verobizza. They also made a thrust in the northern sector of Carso, reached the dress lines of the enemy east of Dossolati and took prisoners.

The statement says the infantry action continues, supported by artillery. Numbers of prisoners are being brought in.

## All Appropriation Records Are Broken

Washington, May 15.—All appropriation records of congress were broken today when the senate appropriations committee reported the war, army and navy deficiency bill, carrying a total of \$3,390,946,000, including \$400,000,000 for construction and purchase of an American merchant marine. The committee added \$563,392,000 to the house bill. Among the senate increases were \$500,000 for the council of national defense, \$1,000,000 for detention of interned Germans, \$26,000,000 for army machine guns and \$35,000,000 for heavy army ordnance.

## BUSINESS MEN SAY PICKETING NOT OBJECTED TO

### Lawyers Finish Arguments in Injunction Suit Against Elec- trical Workers in Dis- trict Court.

Final arguments were made by lawyers yesterday afternoon before Judge Leslie, sitting in equity court, against and in support of application of twelve Omaha contractors for a permanent court order to enjoin union electricians from alleged intimidation, property damage, acts of violence and other unlawful proceedings.

Judge Leslie took the case under advisement and announced he would hand down a decision in a few days. F. A. Brogan, who together with E. H. Gaines is handling the case for the contractors, told the court the employers were not seeking to enjoin the electricians from their right to strike, but were asking that they be "restrained permanently from committing alleged acts of violence, destruction of property and intimidation of non-union men."

### Object to Intimidation.

Mr. Gaines brought out the point that the contractors did not object to picketing, providing it was done peaceably. He said that it was the intimidation of men his clients sought to stop.

J. E. Doran, attorney for the union, said the suit "was an effort to brand union men as outlaws."

Raymond Cleary, a national organizer, on the witness stand, said that he

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## Iowa Guardsman Is Arrested in Wyoming

Shenandoah, Ia., May 15.—(Special.)—William Henry was arrested while on guard duty at a tunnel in Wyoming and brought back to Shenandoah, charged with being complicit in the theft of Al Lund's auto about a year ago. Henry disappeared soon after the car was stolen and had enlisted in the army. Lee Rowe, another young man, was implicated in the car robbery, indicted, pleaded guilty and paroled. He has given bond for the sum of \$800 to appear in court.

## OMAHA TO BEAR BRUNT OF WORK PACKING FOOD

### Geographic Location of This City Expected to Be Important Factor in Organizing Food Resources.

When government control of food producing industries comes, which probability is conceded by packers here, Omaha plants expect to bear the brunt of feeding the nation.

Methods of adapting themselves to war-time conditions, and preparations for producing foodstuffs on a war-time footing, are now occupying the attention of executives at the various big South Side plants.

Omaha's geographical location and strategic position in the producing part of the country will be an important factor in the war, it is thought, and steps are now being made to take advantage of this to the utmost.

Work on remodeling and enlarging the Cudahy canning plant is progressing rapidly. General Manager Murphy expects to have the new addition running by July 1, in spite of the delay in getting necessary machinery. The capacity will be increased 25 per cent and the plant will give employment to about 200 more persons, mostly women. The canning department will then have a capacity of 60,000 cans of corned beef daily.

Mr. Murphy declared this is one of the preparedness moves of his company. If the war continues, any length of time there will be a heavy demand for corned beef. The Cudahy plant will be ready to do its part towards keeping the fighting force well fed.

### No Changes at Cudahy's.

"We have had a few men leave us to join the army," said Mr. Murphy. "There was quite a number in the militia when the trouble on the border broke out. We held their places open and paid the difference between their soldier pay and what they earned here. That rule is still in effect. When they returned from Texas we put them back to work, but they stayed only a little while until they were called again. Men who were members of the militia before

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## Governor Sets Aside Week For Y. M. War Work Campaign

Governor Neville issued a proclamation designating the week of May 20 as "Young Men's Christian association war week."

During the week the associations of the state will endeavor to raise \$60,000, its share of a \$3,000,000 fund to carry on special work among American soldiers.

Ministers are requested by the proclamation to urge the members of their congregations to help the Young Men's Christian association.

Nebraska war will be in charge of C. A. Musselman, state secretary. More than fifty rallies will be held throughout the state during the campaign.

## CHANCELLOR READY TO TREAT IF SLAVS GIVE UP AIM OF CONQUEST; TEUTON SOCIALISTS PLAN REPUBLIC

### Prime Minister Tells Reichstag Germany Will Not Prevent Permanent Friendship With Mus- covite Nation by Making Impossible De- mands—No Statement of Terms Made.

## REFUSES TO DECLARE PROGRAM OF CONDITIONS

### George Ledebour, Radical Leader in Parliament, Says Party Will Propose Constitutional Committee to Take Steps in the Direction of a Popular Government

## EXPRESSES CONVICTION REVOLUTION TO COME

Berlin (Via London), May 15.—The socialist leader George Ledebour, declared in the Reichstag today that it was impossible for Germany to win a war of subjugation, and expressed the conviction that a revolution must happen in Germany as it had happened in Russia. "We shall propose a constitutional committee," he said, "to take preparatory steps in the direction of introducing a republic in Germany."

Amsterdam, May 15.—Chancellor von Bethmann-Hollweg, today in the Reichstag, made a virtually offer of peace to Russia.

He declared that if Russia renounces its aims of conquest, Germany would not prevent a permanent peace by making impossible demands. WONT STATE PROGRAM.

The German chancellor declared that he would not nail down the German empire in all directions by a one-sided formula which renounced the successes won by the German troops and left all other matters in suspense.

Dr. von Bethmann-Hollweg declined to set forth any program of conquest.

Chancellor von Bethmann-Hollweg, according to a Berlin dispatch, today, in reply to the interpellations in the Reichstag regarding Germany's war aims, said:

"These interpellations demand from me a definite statement on the question of our war aims. To make such a statement at the present moment would not serve the country's interests. I must, therefore, decline to make it."

### Pressed Long for Declaration.

"Since the winter of 1914-15 I have been pressed, now from one side and now from the other, publicly to state our war aims, if possible, details. (Loud shouts from the right 'No, no, no.') They were every day demanded from me. (Renewed shouts but not details.) To force me to speak an attempt was made to construe my silence regarding the program of war aims of individual parties as agreements.

"Against that I must again resolutely protest. On giving the liberty for a free discussion of war aims I had expressly declared that the government could not and would not participate in the conflict of views. I also protested against any positive conclusions whatever regarding the government's attitude being drawn from the government's silence."

Berlin, May 15.—(Via London.)—Chancellor von Bethmann-Hollweg answered the peace interpellation in the Reichstag today by saying that it would not serve the interests of the country to make a declaration and therefore he declined to do so.

The chancellor said that in discussing war aims the only guiding line for him was an early and satisfactory conclusion of the war.

### Understands Peace Passion.

"I thoroughly and fully understand the passionate interest of the people in war aims and peace conditions," said the chancellor.

"I understand the call for clearness which today is addressed to me from the right and the left. But in discussion of war aims the only guiding line for me is an early and satisfactory conclusion of the war. Beyond that I cannot do or say anything."

## Ex-President Taft Makes Three Speeches in Iowa

Cedar Rapids, Ia., May 15.—William Howard Taft, former president of the United States, has consented to give the high school commencement address here, according to an announcement by Superintendent J. J. McConnell. It was at first planned to have the exercises on June 15, but the date was advanced to June 9 to meet the convenience of Mr. Taft. He will speak also at Ames on June 6 and at Mason City on June 7.

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## Wilson's Mind Still "To Let" On Suffrage by U. S. Law

Washington, May 15.—President Wilson pleaded a committee of woman suffrage advocates who called on him at the White House today saying that his mind still was "to let" on the question of universal suffrage by federal constitutional amendment, and that the "question was constantly pressing on his mind for reconsideration."