

STATE FOOD CONSERVATION MEETING OPENS; VROOMAN HERE; M'ADOO SPEAKS THURSDAY

GERMAN SUBSEA SEEN BY OFFICER AND FISHERMEN

Naval Patrol is Instructed to Investigate Reports from Hophar Station and Machias.

Portland, Me., May 22.—Persistent reports current since war was declared that a German submarine was in New England waters were given official recognition today.

It was reported to the naval stations that after the sighting of a periscope a submarine was seen running awash off Machias at 6 o'clock last night. This report was forwarded to Boston and New York, but not made public.

This morning three lobster fishermen told of having sighted what they believed to have been a submarine, and when their reports were carried by newspaper men to the naval officer referred to above he admitted having received earlier and similar reports and said they were being acted upon.

It was learned later unofficially that a coast guard at Cross Island had sighted the supposed submarine and watched it for five minutes, when it submerged.

German Sea Raider at Large. New York, May 22.—Information that the British naval officers believe that a German sea raider escaped from a German port and was at large was brought to America today by an arriving Belgian relief steamer.

The Belgian captain said his vessel was fired upon by a British cruiser on May 13 off the north of Scotland. The relief ship halted and was examined by the British.

The latter explained, the Belgian captain reported, that the relief vessel, which carries four masts, was taken for a four-masted raider which was believed to have left Germany under the guise of a merchantman.

Count Von Tarnow Reaches Rotterdam. Rotterdam, May 22.—(Via London.) Count Tarnowski von Tarnow has arrived here after an uneventful voyage from the United States.

Count Tarnowski, whose ambassadorship to Washington ended before it began, will leave for Vienna on a special train tomorrow. At the same time his fellow passenger, Admiral Paul von Hintze, dismissed German minister to Peking, will entrain for Berlin.

No submarines were sighted by the liner on which the German and Austrian diplomats traveled and none of the party had any complaint to make in regard to the examination of the ship by the British authorities at Halifax.

Poor Pay Keeps Men From Farms, Says Post. Washington, May 22.—Refusal of farmers to pay better wages despite the high prices they receive for their products is held partly responsible in a statement by Louis F. Post, assistant secretary of the labor department, for the present lack of farm help.

The demand for farm labor, Mr. Post says, must be met largely by the employment of boys this summer and by the release for short periods of factory workers for harvesting crops. The department is completing organization of a boys' working reserve and is urging manufacturers to let their employees go to the farms wherever possible.

Increased acreage has brought an abnormal demand for farm help, but the department thinks for the most part it will be met.

The Weather

Table with 3 columns: Hour, Temperature, and Wind. Includes 'WARMER' and 'Comparative Local Record'.

Table with 4 columns: Station and State, Temp., High, Rain. Lists various weather stations and their conditions.

Blind Soldiers Mourn Death of Their Patron

Paris, May 22.—Soldiers blinded in the war held memorial services today for the late Joseph H. Choate of New York at the Lighthouse for the Blind, which was founded by New York men and women under the leadership of Mr. Choate.

FIVE OMAHA MEN UNDER BOND IN CHADRON CASE

Conspiracy to Blackmail Is Alleged in Complaint Filed in Court by County Judge and Prosecutor.

Chadron, Neb., May 22.—(Special Telegram.)—County Judge E. M. Slattery and County Attorney E. D. Crites filed in court here today complaints charging conspiracy to blackmail against Chief of Detectives Steve Maloney of Omaha and eight others. Complaints were filed against the following:

- Stephen Maloney, chief of detectives, Omaha police force. Harvey Wolfe, president of the Omaha Detective association. C. W. Pipkin, former police detective, its secretary. Gus A. Tylec, detective. Phil Winkler, private detective. W. S. Dolan, private detective, Chicago. Allen G. Fisher, attorney, Chadron. Charles I. Day, Chadron. Louis K. Mote.

The complaint alleges that the defendants conspired to obtain the presence of Mrs. R. Hood, young wife of Robert Hood, an aged and wealthy Chadron banker, and County Attorney Crites in his office at 10 o'clock the night of May 14, and that part of the plan was to have three of the defendants, Philip Winkler, Charles I. Day and Louis K. Mote, enter the office and charge misconduct between Crites and Mrs. Hood.

The complaint further alleges that Winkler, Day and Mote came to the office and found Mrs. Hood there with Crites and with drawn revolvers attempted to force each of them to pay \$500 and sign written acknowledgments of misconduct.

It is further alleged in the complaint that the purpose of these acknowledgments was to prevent the county attorney from completing prosecutions of some of the defendants and to stop him from again becoming a candidate for public office. The complaint also charges that Mrs. Hood's signature was to be used in an effort to obtain \$1,000 from Robert Hood.

Philip Winkler was released on a \$3,000 bond. Bonds for Stephen Maloney, chief of Omaha detectives and the other defendants were placed at \$8,000 for their appearance at Chadron, May 31.

Follows Political Fight. W. S. Dolan, the Omaha detective under charges along with eight others of being in a blackmail plot at Chadron, says the trouble was grounded on the political fight between "Johnny" Lynch and Mike Clark.

"We were making an investigation for Robert Hood, wealthy resident of the Chadron Milling company, with regard to the conduct of Mrs. Hood. During our investigation our men found Mrs. Hood visiting the office of E. D. Crites, county attorney, at late hours. In an effort to get the inside information, we sent up a woman operative.

"For this work we engaged Elsie Phelps of the Central Baths, 1506 Darney street. She was to get a line on Mrs. Hood by getting in with her crowd and going to her parties. "Apparently Elsie Phelps was a friend of Paul Sutton of the Omaha police, to whom she confided, and he told "Johnny" Lynch.

"Lynch was sore on us because we did the work for Sheriff Clark that put the Lake Side resort out of business. The first thing Lynch did was to send Sutton up there to slug our game."

Charges Against Nine. Detective Dolan said he received a long distance phone yesterday from Chadron, telling him that he was one of the nine men against whom complaints had been filed by County Attorney Crites.

"We intend to see the thing through. We haven't got it started on it yet." Harvey Wolfe, president of the Omaha Detective association, said.

"We will set off some stuff that will make the bunch sit up and take notice."

Says It's a "Frame-Up." "There's absolutely nothing to the blackmail charge," Wolfe said. That was framed up on us after Sutton got to Chadron. Sutton first tried to get us in bad by having Winkler, one of our operatives, arrested for carrying a gun. When that fizzled, they brought the blackmail charge. It was all Sutton's work.

Detective Wolfe said the Chadron millionaire was to pay his men \$7 a day and expenses. Ben Baker, attorney for the defendants, telephoned yesterday afternoon that he would leave Chadron in the evening and arrive here today at 11 o'clock. "The blackmail charge is a trumped up affair," he said.

GERMAN ARMIES SLOWLY YIELD TO HEAVY PRESSURE

French Hold Positions Taken Sunday Night Despite the Shell Fire and Several Infantry Rushes.

(Associated Press War Summary.) The German armies in France are slowly yielding under the terrific pounding to which they are subjected day and night. In the belief that soon the iron German ring must either break or crack, the allied commanders apparently have abandoned the policy of sudden thrusts and are relying on a constant hammering over a wide front.

Last night's actions on the French front confirmed French possession of the commanding high ground won in the previous night near Moronville, in the Champagne.

The Germans thoroughly bombarded these new French positions and they delivered several infantry attacks, but were unable to shake the French hold and suffered considerable losses. The French have enumerated more than 1,000 un wounded prisoners taken in the fighting of the last few hours in this region.

Russian Situation Acute. Meanwhile the latest news from Russia indicates that the crisis in that country continues acute and the menace that Russia may either withdraw from the entente or be plunged into chaos still throws its shadow over the future. Rumors persist that the Russian radicals intend to attempt to force repudiation of Russia's treaties with the other members of the entente.

Spain and Sweden Restive. On the credit side of the account is the rising tide of indignation against Germany in Scandinavia and Spain. The anti-German faction in Sweden has been powerfully reinforced by the action of the Germans in sinking three Swedish grain ships, in violation of their own agreement to respect the safety of the vessels.

Spain is still awaiting a reply to its protest over the sinking of the Spanish steamer, Patrio, also destroyed while sailing under a German guarantee, and the tone of the Spanish press is increasingly peremptory in its demand that Germany be compelled to respect Spanish rights.

Tree Blown Across Auto, Occupant Uninjured. Shenandoah, Ia., May 22.—(Special.)—Sliding down between the seats, Caroline Cooper, the little daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Guy Cooper, saved her life Sunday when a large tree crashed into the automobile in which she was sitting alone.

The mother, Mrs. Ed F. Rose, Mr. J. M. Rumbaugh of Clarinda and Mr. and Mrs. W. H. Peplow were enjoying a picnic dinner along the roadside when a small tornado caused the tree to be blown down. It was necessary to get an ax to cut the tree off the car, the top of which was wrecked.

War Risk Insurance on Crews' Lives Passes Senate. Washington, May 22.—The administration bill appropriating \$50,000,000 for the government war risk insurance bureau and authorizing it to insure lives of crews of American merchant vessels was passed today by the senate. A similar measure is pending in the house.

Reciprocal reinsurance in co-operation with the allies in accepting war risks on ships and cargoes also is provided. The bureau made considerable profits until January 1, but large losses have resulted from the German submarine campaign.

Training Station for Officers for the Navy. Great Lakes, Ill., May 22.—Announcement was made today of the establishment of a training course for officers of the line at the United States naval training station here. Heretofore only enlisted men have been trained here. It is expected that the class will open with about twenty men, most of them former masters of lake vessels, well qualified enlisted men or civilians who have had special training.

Finns Ask Complete Separation from Russ. Helsingfors, Finland, Monday, May 21.—(Via Petrograd and London, May 22.)—A congress of the Swedish political party, representing a majority of Finland's wealthiest and most influential classes, yesterday passed a resolution favoring a complete separation of the grand duchy of Finland from Russia.

Omaha's Report, Order of Day at Fort Snelling. Letters from Paul Burke and Francis McDermott, both of whom resigned their positions as instructors at Creighton to attend the officers' reserve camp at Fort Snelling, report the order of the day in camp as follows:

Rise, 5:10. Drill, 1:30 to 4:30. Rest, 4:30 to 5:15. Mess, 5:15. Drill, 7 to 12. Study, 1 to 10. Mess, 12 to 1:30.

Let the Women Do the Work



NEBRASKA ROADS ASK 15 PER CENT RATE INCREASE

All Steam Lines in State Combine in Application to State Railway Commission for Boost.

(From a Staff Correspondent.) Lincoln, Neb., May 22.—(Special Telegram.)—Railroads of Nebraska combined in an application to the state railway commission this afternoon for a 15 per cent raise in freight rates.

This will not effect the raise in effect on certain classes of freight from that mass meetings be held in every jobbing points in Nebraska, but will bring all other rates up to a level with the last summer rate and put all on the same footing, although the railway commission believes it will exceed the 15 per cent.

Missouri to Observe "Liberty Bond Day" Jefferson City, Mo., May 21.—A proclamation calling upon the people of Missouri to observe May 25 as "Liberty bond day" and requesting that mass meetings be held in every school house in the state was issued by Governor Gardner today. The governor urged that the meetings adopt the slogan "a bond in every home."

Old Suit to Prohibit Liquor Sales Dismissed. Washington, May 21.—Suit to prohibit liquor sales in Nebraska was dismissed today by the supreme court. Prohibitionists contended a law passed in 1855 made the state dry, but state courts held that subsequent legislation had repealed the measure and permitted liquor sales until a new dry constitutional amendment became effective May 1, 1917.

President Signs Bill Increasing Navy Strength. Washington, May 22.—President Wilson today signed the bill increasing the enlisted war strength of the navy to 150,000 men and the marine corps to 30,000.

Pure Food Inspector Makes Big Bean Raid in Omaha. Just in time to provide an interesting exhibit for the Conservation congress, State Food Inspector E. C. Kemble Tuesday morning confiscated another lot of diseased beans.

The beans were discovered at the Northwestern freight depot in Omaha and were part of a consignment to the Union Packing company, the balance of which were confiscated several weeks ago.

"We were glad to get these beans right now," said the inspector. "We want to use them as an exhibit at the Conservation congress. "People have the idea that these beans have become spoiled because of defective storage. Such is not the case. They became infected in the field while under cultivation. We can use them as a 'horrible' example to bean producers of Nebraska."

Newman Elected Captain of Aurora Guards. Aurora, Neb., May 21.—(Special Telegram.)—At the election of officers in Company H, Fifth regiment, held Saturday and Sunday, O. M. Newman was elected captain. W. E. Doxland first lieutenant, Clyde Widaman second lieutenant. Elgie Bute of Hampton was defeated by Widaman by two votes for second lieutenant.

The First National bank of Aurora has subscribed for \$100,000 worth of the liberty loan.

Strike in Munition Plants in Budapest. Stockholm, May 22.—(Via London.)—According to information received here from a Hungarian source a strike has been continuously in progress in all the Budapest munition factories since May 1.

Four of the Russian Commission in Country

New York, May 22.—Four members of the Russian commission to the United States, coming of which was announced some time ago, have

FEDERAL BOARD SAYS WILL FORCE COAL PRICE DOWN

Measures to This End Will Be Taken, Is Promise Unless Dealers Cease Extortion.

Washington, May 22.—Measures to force down anthracite coal prices will be taken, the Federal Trade commission announced today, if producers and dealers do not adhere to their recent promise to cease extortionate practices. The commission issued this statement on the subject:

"In its interim report of May 4 to the United States senate the Federal Trade commission promised that its utmost efforts would be used to assure fair distribution and fair prices of anthracite coal.

"The commission has sent agents into different parts of the country, who will observe closely throughout the anthracite trade the operations of plans formulated at recent conferences of the commission with operators, jobbers and representative retailers for bringing down prices to moderate levels and keeping them there.

"These field agents will report promptly to the commission for appropriate action any renewal of the intolerable abuses that marked the activities of certain elements of the trade during recent months.

"The independent operators have realized that the situation calls for public-spirited action on their part, and it is expected that they will reduce their present prices to moderate levels for the season and co-operate in every way with the commission."

McAdoo's Train Is Late, Denver Curtails Program

Denver, Colo., May 21.—Rains in western Nebraska and eastern Colorado today delayed the train on which William G. McAdoo, secretary of the treasury, is traveling to Denver for an address this afternoon in behalf of the liberty loan. With the secretary due at 4:15 p. m., one hour and forty-five minutes behind schedule, the committee in charge of arrangements curtailed the reception program. Mr. McAdoo will leave at 9:15 o'clock tonight for Kansas City.

Name Meeting Places For Conservation Committees

Chairman and secretaries of the different committees at the conservation congress, and the places at which they will meet, were announced as follows:

Committee on Conservation Policy—Chairman, E. R. Purcell; secretary, Frank G. Odell.

Committees on special subjects: Gardening—C. W. Pugsley, chairman; H. B. Fleahy, secretary. Fruits—Prof. Howard, chairman; E. M. Pollard, secretary. Potatoes and Beans—Lloyd Thomas, chairman; M. M. Bushnell, secretary.

Beet Sugar—Edmund Simmons, chairman. Grain Crops—L. S. Herron, chairman; W. W. Burr, secretary. Farm Machinery—Frank Haller, chairman; L. W. Chase, secretary. Poultry and Eggs—M. Scudder, chairman; M. H. Dickson, secretary. Meat Supplies—Charles Graff, chairman; E. A. Franden, secretary. Transportation—Ballard Dun, chairman; J. W. Shorthill, secretary. Manufacturers—C. B. Towle, chairman; Frank Ringer, secretary. City and Town Labor on Farm—T. P. Reynolds, chairman; H. C. Filley, secretary.

Financing Production—Dan Morris, chairman; H. D. Landis, secretary.

Cruiser Chases Diver Away from Its Victim

Paris, May 22.—The French steamer Colbert, which was torpedoed in the Mediterranean on April 30, was on its way to Saloniki.

The ship was struck by a torpedo below the water line and its engine room was immediately flooded. There was no sign of a submarine. The Colbert sank in five minutes, and after it had disappeared the submarine emerged and its commander asked the name, description and destination of its victim. Before he could get his information a French patrol boat appeared and opened fire. After four shots the U-boat submerged just as a seaplane appeared on the horizon.

Denmark's Losses in Ships Reach Total of Hundred Fifty. London, May 22.—A Copenhagen dispatch to the Exchange Telegraph company, says that since the beginning of war, Denmark has lost 150 ships through submarines or mines. The destruction of the ships has been accompanied by the deaths of 210 Danish seamen.

NOTABLES HERE TO OPEN STATE FOOD MEETING

Governor Neville, Assistant Secretary of Agriculture and Others Address Big Conference.

Governor Neville, Assistant Secretary of Agriculture Vrooman and other prominent men spoke at the opening of the Conservation congress at the Auditorium last night.

Governor Neville was one of the first speakers, outlining the purpose of the call for the convention and pointing out the necessity of a united effort at conservation.

Assistant Secretary Vrooman addressed the conference on the subject, "What We Are Facing." W. J. Taylor of Merna, Ia., and others also spoke.

Preceding the opening Governor Neville, Mayor Dahlman, Assistant Secretary Vrooman, Frank Odell of the Federal Land bank and O. G. Smith, a prominent Nebraska farmer, were guests at a banquet at the Hotel Fontenelle.

The conference will last four days. Bureau of Information. The Conservation congress is a bureau of information for the Nebraska branch of the National Defense league and all its energies for the next three days will be turned towards the gathering of information for the defense body, according to E. R. Purcell of Broken Bow, chairman of the policy committee of the congress.

"The object of the congress is to secure information for the defense league," said Chairman Purcell. "To that end we have called together at this meeting everybody who knows anything that might be of help to the league. We hope to bring out information that could not be gathered in months and months by a single body, no matter how hard it worked.

"The congress is a sort of sifting committee. Information of all kinds will come into the body from all directions, and that which is good and useful will be sifted out and handed over to the defense league, that the latter body may know just what it has to combat and the weapons it has in its hands.

Consider Many Subjects. There are so many subjects for us to investigate that there will not be sufficient time for all our committees to make public reports. Many of these committees will simply report in writing in private, but the information so picked up will be handed to the defense league for its use.

"The policy committee, which will direct the congress, is composed of the heads of representative organizations of Nebraska and its members were selected because they knew something 'for sure' about matters which are of great interest right now.

"Some of them know about the amount of corn in the elevators and barns of the state, and others know something about the amount of corn planted this year. Another will know something about the prospective amount of corn next December. Together, their information will prove of material worth to the defense league.

"That is only an instance of the knowledge we seek. The congress is going to deal in 'facts,' not 'maybes.'"

Canadian Pacific Road Buys Liberty Bonds

New York, May 22.—The Canadian Pacific railway has subscribed for \$1,000,000 of the liberty loan bonds it was announced today. Another million-dollar subscription came from the American Brass company.

John D. Rockefeller also has subscribed for another \$5,000,000 of the bonds, it was announced today. His total subscription of \$10,000,000 is the largest recorded from a single individual.

Germans Reach Agreement With Austria on Poland

Berlin (Via London), May 22.—It is learned on good authority that a complete agreement has been reached between Germany and Austria on the Polish question, as the result of the conference at great headquarters between Chancellor von Bethmann-Hollweg and Count Czernin, the Austro-Hungarian foreign minister.

OH, YES! Twenty Days in May!

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