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NEBRASKA REGISTERS FULL QUOTA OF YOUTH FOR NATION'S DEFENSE

BUY A BOND SLOGAN HEARD ON ALL SIDES

Drive Starts to Sell Omaha's Quota of the Liberty Loan to Carry On the War.

TOTAL SUBSCRIPTIONS IN OMAHA UP TO TUESDAY NIGHT

Banks	$4,000,000
Building and Loan Cos.	1,000,000
Applications at banks	950,750
Mass meeting business men	1,478,600
Grand Total	7,484,350

Early yesterday the work of subscribing Omaha quota of the Liberty loan bonds in Omaha began in earnest.

Eighty-three life insurance men, forgetting their own business for the day, took up the work of soliciting subscriptions in the eleven districts into which they have divided the city for the purpose. In less than one and one-half hours many of them came back for more application blanks, having already received enough subscriptions to exhaust their blank pads. Most of those reported have taken subscriptions for from $50 to $1,000.

The whole campaign is directed from committee headquarters in the Commercial club rooms, where O. T. Eastman, general chairman, has established his desk and his corps of workers.

H. S. Boys Help.

Prof. K. F. Adams of the High School of Commerce appeared early with 200 boys, students of the school. The boys were sent all over the city with great posters aflame with the urgency of the patriotic duty to subscribe to the bonds.

Under the direction of Scout Executive English and the various scout masters, troops of Boy Scouts are also out distributing posters, leaving subscription blanks in the homes and taking subscriptions.

Booths and tables are established in the lobbies of the retail stores, where subscriptions are being taken. Office buildings are equipped in a similar way.

The Automobile association will have a committee to canvass Auto Row Thursday. This has just been decided by the association, but H. Dalton has informed Secretary Clarke Powell that every one of his employes has already subscribed.

Many of the business houses, such as wholesalers, manufacturers and retailers, have arranged special committees to canvass their own buildings, and thus save the general committee the work of going through large establishments.

Mass Meeting Results.

At a mass meeting of business men at the Commercial club yesterday, Liberty bond subscriptions were made

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French Steamer Sunk In Mediterranean Sea

Paris, June 5.—Announcement was made today that the French steamer Yarra, 4,163 tons gross, was torpedoed and sunk in the Mediterranean on May 29. Of the 690 persons on board, thirty-six are missing, including eight Arabian firemen.

Vienna Admits Loss of Submarine in Adriatic

Vienna, June 5.—(Via London.)—An Austrian torpedo boat was torpedoed and sunk by a hostile submarine on Sunday night in the northern Adriatic, it was officially announced today.

The Weather

For Nebraska—Partly cloudy.

Temperatures at Omaha Yesterday.

Hour.	Deg.
5 a. m.	60
6 a. m.	60
7 a. m.	60
8 a. m.	60
9 a. m.	62
10 a. m.	63
11 a. m.	65
12 m.	65
1 p. m.	65
2 p. m.	66
3 p. m.	66
4 p. m.	67
5 p. m.	68
6 p. m.	66
7 p. m.	65
8 p. m.	62

Comparative Local Record.

	1917.	1916.	1915.	1914.
Highest yesterday	65	72	81	89
Lowest yesterday	59	60	64	63
Mean temperature	64	66	72	76
Precipitation	.12	.00	T	2.56

Temperature and precipitation departures from the normal:

Normal temperature	69
Deficiency for the day	5
Total deficiency since March 1	188
Normal precipitation	.18 inch
Deficiency for the day	.05 inch
Total rainfall since March 1	10.67 inches
Excess since March 1	.90 inch
Deficiency for cor. period, 1916	3.10 inches
Deficiency for cor. period, 1915	26 inch

Reports from Stations at 7 P. M.

Station and State of Weather.	Temp. 7 p. m.	High. est.	Rain-fall.
Cheyenne, cloudy	44	52	T
Denver, clear	52	54	.32
Lander, part cloudy	60	68	.00
North Platte, cloudy	6	62	1.02
Omaha, raining	65	68	.13
Pueblo, clear	56	68	.16
Rapid City, clear	52	58	.42
Salt Lake City, clear	62	62	.00
Santa Fe, clear	64	66	.00
Sheridan, part cloudy	54	56	.16
Sioux City, raining	62	70	T
Valentine, cloudy	62	66	.00

T indicates trace of precipitation.

L. A. WELSH, Meteorologist.

Archbishop Harty Commends Patriotism Of The Omaha Bee

Albion, Neb., June 5.—(Special Telegram.)—The archbishop, the clergy and laity of the diocese of Omaha are with the nation with their heads, hearts and pocketbooks.

The Bee is to be commended by every patriot for its splendid service in the work of recruiting for the army our brainiest and noblest men.

JEREMIAH J. HARTY,
Archbishop of the Diocese of Omaha.

TEUTON WARSHIP SUNK IN RUNNING FIGHT OFF DOVER

Destroyer S-20 Goes Down and Another Destroyer is Damaged; Britons Also Bombard Ostend.

London, June 5.—A German destroyer has been sunk and another damaged in a running fight between six German destroyers and Commodore Tyrwhitt's squadron, the admiralty announces.

The German naval base at Ostend on the Belgian coast has been bombarded by British warhips, the admiralty announces. The British forces were undamaged.

The text of the admiralty announcement reads:

"The vice admiral at Dover reports that the enemy naval base and workshops at Ostend were heavily bombarded in the early hours this morning. A large number of rounds were fired with good results. The enemy shore batteries returned our fire, but our bombarding forces suffered no damage.

"Commodore Tyrwhitt also reports that early this morning a force of light cruisers and destroyers under his command sighted six German destroyers and engaged them at long range in a running fight. One of the enemy destroyers, the S-20, was sunk by our gun fire and another severely damaged. Seven survivors from the S-20 have been picked up and made prisoners. There were no casualties on our side."

How Battle Was Fought.

According to the Evening News' correspondent, when Commodore Tyrwhitte's squadron first sighted the Germans they were five miles distant. They had apparently put to sea in fear of bombardment from the air and water. When they tried to regain port the British squadron divided into two lines. A British destroyer opened the engagement and its fire damaged the S-20 almost immediately.

Then a British cruiser joined in the engagement. The S-20 soon began to sink. A destroyer rescued seven survivors during the chase of the remaining five destroyers. This continued until the Germans had reached the mined waters off the Belgian coast.

Rancher Slain and Five Daughters Attacked

Mission, Tex., June 5.—Word was received here today of renewed raiding by Mexican bandits in the lower Rio Grande valley.

An American rancher named Garcia was slain, his five daughters attacked, their mother mistreated and a young son seriously beaten by raiders Sunday night eight miles west of Sam Fordyce.

After looting the ranch and taking $500, the raiders recrossed into Mexico.

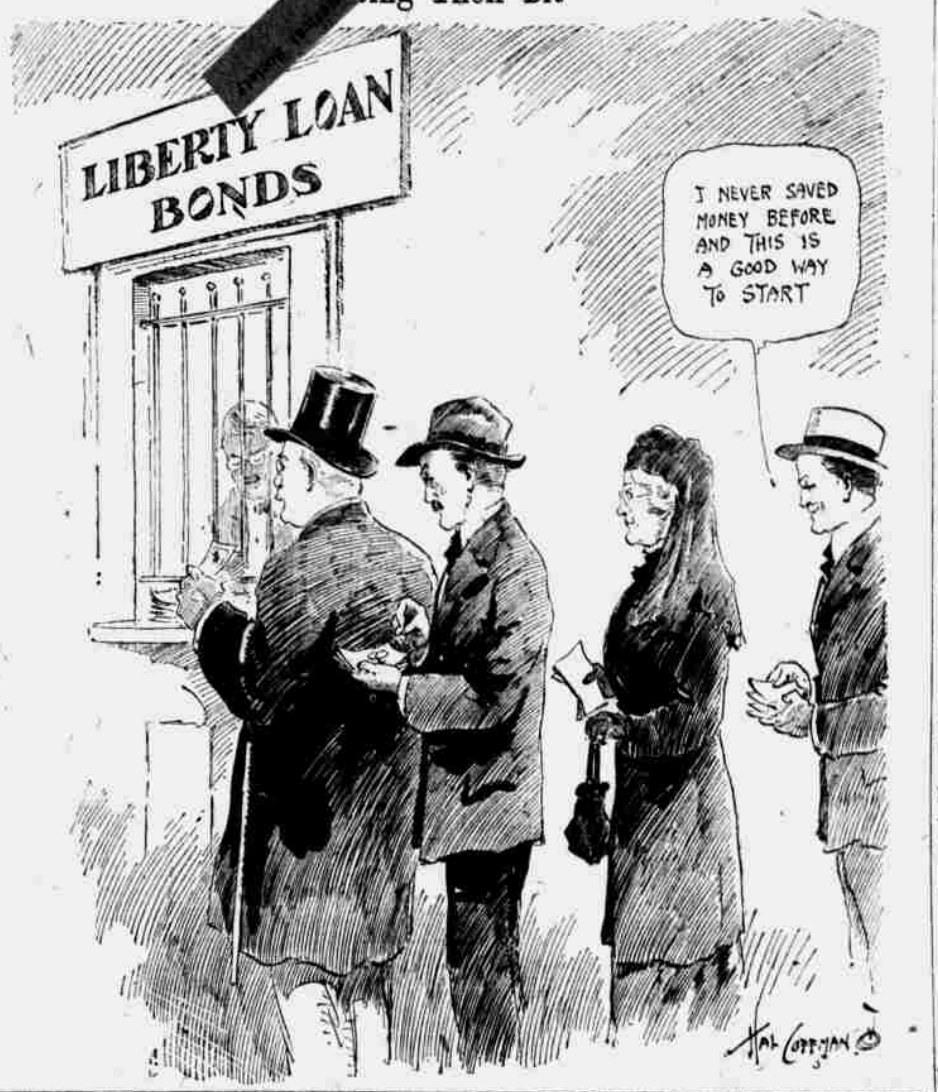
Kansas Aggie Band Will Be With Army in France

Manhattan, Kan., June 5.—The cadet military band at the Kansas State Agriculture college here is to see service in France with the Pershing expedition, it was announced today by B. H. Ozment, the leader. About twenty members of the band will leave here son for an eastern port.

Troops Clear Crowd From About Butte Federal Building

Butte, Mont., June 5.—In consequence of the gathering of a large crowd near the federal building, several shots being fired and a number of arrests made, the situation here tonight began to look threatening.

Troops were called out and with fixed bayonets are now clearing the streets.



HOLD OMAHA GIRL TO BE WITNESS IN MOUND CITY CASE

Margaret Holton Arrested to Require Her to Testify in Trial of Paul O. Sommer for Embezzlement.

Margaret Holton, 23 years old, residing at the Alsatian apartments, 115 South Thirty-fifth street, in district court Wednesday morning will defend habeas corpus proceedings in connection with an attempt to require her to go to St. Louis to appear as a witness in trial of Paul O. Sommer, charged with embezzlement as secretary of the Holman Paper Box company.

Miss Holton was arrested Saturday night following a telegram to Chief of Police Dunn, requesting that she be held here for St. Louis authorities on a charge of "forgery in the third degree," an offense peculiar to state laws of Missouri. She was booked here as fugitive from justice and released on bond pending the habeas corpus case. Daniel Harrigan and Arthur Mullen are representing her.

Mr. Sommer, whose case has aroused considerable interest at St. Louis, at the time of his arrest last December was secretary of the Holman company, president of St. Louis Turnverein, director of Million Population club and of the Jefferson-Gravois Trust company, officer of the National German-American alliance and prominent socially in St. Louis South Side circles. He was with the Holman company sixteen years. The alleged shortage is said to be more than $7,500.

Assistant to Sommer.

Miss Holton lived at 4358 Maryland avenue, St. Louis, and was with the Holman company from December 21, 1911, to December 16, 1916. She was assistant to Sommer and is said to know of the accounting methods used by the former secretary.

John B. Holman, president of the box company, charged that Sommer's shortage would be nearly $20,000 when auditing had been completed. Raising checks and issuing irregular payrolls are the methods said to have been used by Sommer.

Mongolia Fires Four Shots at Submarine

London, June 5.—The American steamship Mongolia fired four shots on June 1 at a German submarine which discharged a torpedo at the liner. Neither the Mongolia nor the submarine was damaged.

LITTLE DISORDER AT REGISTRATION ANYWHERE IN U.S.

Reports to Washington Up to Noon Indicate Enrollment is Proceeding Rapidly and Quietly.

BULLETIN.

Fort Worth, Tex., June 5.—E. H. Furcher, a member of the Farmers' and Laborers' Protective Association of America, who had hidden himself in the woods heavily armed for the announced purpose of resisting conscription, was shot and killed near Midway yesterday by a posse of officers from Hood and Pale Pinto counties, it was learned today.

Washington, June 5.—Registration proceeded generally without disturbance throughout the country and the few arrests reported were construed by officials not as evidence of an organized resistance, but rather as sporadic affairs to be expected in an undertaking of such magnitude an importance.

Weather generally was fair and incoming reports indicated a healthy registration during the early hours and continuing as the day passed on.

The extent of evasion will not be known until complete returns are assembled, but officials are confident it will be negligible.

Returns Will Be Late.

While an approximate report of the results of the registration may be published in the morning papers tomorrow it will be several days before a complete return can be assembled.

The War department has instructed precinct and county officials not to transmit any incomplete returns to the governors of their states. It will, therefore, be 9 o'clock tonight before the first precinct returns in the eastern states is complete and it will be midnight, Washington time, before

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YOUTH OF STATE EAGER TO ANSWER COUNTRY'S CALL

Thousands in All Sections of Nebraska Swarm to Polling Places to Register for Selective Draft.

(From a Staff Correspondent.)

Lincoln, June 5.—(Special.)—Long before the registration booths opened today young men eager to place their names among those who were willing to do service for the country were in line. Badges provided for those who registered were exhausted early in some places and it was necessary to secure a new supply.

It was apparent before noon that few were endeavoring to escape the law and young men were early seen about the city with their red, white and blue ribbons showing that they had fallen in line early.

Elaborate Decorations.

Probably the most beautiful decorations ever in place in the capital city were in evidence. Beginning at the state house on Fifteenth street, where the parade formed, the streets along the line of parade were hung with bannrs and flags in profusion. The most inspiring sight of all was on O street, the main thoroughfare. From the Burlington station on P to Ninth and then south to O, thence east on O to Twenty-first and the Rock Island station, the street was one great display of the national colors. Above these wires were other wires strung with colored lights which made the street in the evening through the entire business section, one long stream of red, white and blue.

The parade was one of the largest ever seen in the city, the head reaching th postoffice square, which had been desiganted as the end, before the rear at the state house had started. Seven bands, including the Veteran drum corps, furnished the music and a long line of men who had registered during the day brought

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TWENTY THOUSAND YOUNG MEN IN GREATER OMAHA RESPOND TO COUNTRY'S CALL TO DO THEIR BIT

Patriotic Eagerness to Serve Under Stars and Stripes, If Needed, Manifest by Eligibles Who Wait Patiently for Their Turn to Register

Approximately 20,000 young men in Greater Omaha between the ages of 21 and 31 responded gallantly to their country's call yesterday and registered for selective army conscription.

Overshadowing any previous appeal to patriotism in the history of the city, Columbia called and the Nebraska metropolis and her young men did themselves proud.

The total number of registrations in Greater Omaha, estimated by Election Commissioner Moorhead at midnight, was at least 2,000 in excess of what was predicted by officials yesterday morning.

PATRIOTS SHOW EAGERNESS.

A youthful eagerness, accentuated by a patriotic sense of duty, was manifest by the thousands of eligibles who waited patiently for their turns at the 124 registration places, answered questions and signed under oath to be ready to do their bit, if needed, under the Stars and Stripes.

OPTIMISM AMONG ALL.

These patriots for the most part walked unflinchingly to registration places. A spirit of good-natured, optimistic, hand-extended type of loyalty was in evidence.

It was a tired but cheerful lot of volunteer registrars who worked throughout the day. They stayed on the job after 9 o'clock at night, when the registration places closed, compiled figures, checked up the registrations and telephoned them to the election commissioner if possible before going to their respective homes.

"We'll Meet in Trenches."

Young men standing in line at the registration places bantered lightheartedly with strangers and passed the time of day with remarks like, "Well, friend, good luck to you; I hope we meet again in the trenches when the Germans are on the run."

The majority of registration places were out of buttons to pin on coat lapels of registered men at 6 o'clock last night. A supply of 20,000 was on hand in the morning.

Few Are Slackers.

So-called slackers and hangers-back were so few that they were unworthy of notice. The thousands of Omaha young men within the prescribed age limits took registration as a matter of course—and seemed glad to do it.

Contrary to rumors, a small per cent who registered claimed exemption. Large numbers, of course, answered in the affirmative when asked if they had dependents, but lots of young men refused to regard this fact as a loophole for possible exemption.

Greasy-garbed mechanics, dirt-besmeared laborers and men of all colors and nationalities, some not even citizens, rubbed elbows with immaculately attired "rich men's sons," well-groomed clerks and young professional men and youths just out of school.

All on Common Ground.

They all met on common ground and registered their names. They went into the registration places as this, that and the other thing. They came out wearing buttons bearing the inscription — "Registered" — possible material for Uncle Sam's gigantic fighting machine in-the-making.

Many Register Early.

Hundreds of young men on their way to work were waiting for registration places to open at 7 o'clock. Between 7 o'clock, 9 o'clock and 11 o'clock and 1 o'clock and 6 o'clock and 9 o'clock in the evening were the busiest times.

Patriotic demonstrations were made at the 124 registration places, where a total of more than 400 registrars are on duty. Bands and fife and drum corps played all morning and marched through the streets. All registration places were profusely decorated with flags and the national colors.

Courts were closed for the day, as were many offices in the court house and other public buildings. Some remained open until noon.

Volunteers Help the Work.

A big force of volunteer registrars was on duty at the election commissioner's office answering questions and registering absentees, sick persons and nonresidents who waited until the last minute.

The specter of the big hand of the federal government reaching out after them had its effect even on the carefree hobo and tramp, who appeared at the election commissioner's office in large numbers and registered as nonresidents, giving their homes all the way from San Francisco to New York and New Orleans to International Falls.

"We're ready, Uncle Sam," was the spirit of the day.

MOB ATTACKS MAN WHO MAKES PRO-GERMAN REMARK

Slur on U. S. Results in Rough Treatment for D. F. Ensign; Jailed After Soldiers Rescue Him.

The first symptom of disloyalty to mar the registration program in Omaha was nipped in the bud today, when D. F. Ensign, 4109 South Thirty-sixth street, was beaten by a mob at Sixteenth and Farnam streets, rescued by soldiers and lodged in jail.

Pro-German utterances started the trouble. If the case against Ensign is pushed, he may become a target for a firing squad. If Uncle Sam happens to be more lenient the prisoner may escape with a term in military prison.

A patriotic meeting was being held in front of the army recruiting station at Sixteenth and Farnam streets. There had been several speeches, encouraging the boys to register and these were followed by a martial music of a bugle and drum corp.

Resents Patriotic Remarks.

Ensign, who had been standing at the edge of the crowd, made his way to the center. A soldier spied him and noticing that was a strong, husky fellow about 25 years of age, remarked:

"You would make a good soldier and you ought to register."

Ensingn resented the remark, adding:

"I don't have to register."

Everything would have gone well with Ensign if he had stopped there, but he added:

Felled By Patriot.

"The United States helped to bring on this war and they will get enough of it before it is over."

Ensign would have said more, but somebody landed under his ear and he dropped to the pavement. A dozen men were on top of him, when the soldiers jumped in and pulled off those who were raining blows right and left.

Crawling out through the crowd,

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Russian Troops Advance On Turko-Persian Border

Petrograd, June 5.—(Via London.)—(British Admiralty, Per Wireless Press.)—Russian troops have made an advance south of Baneh, near the frontier between Persia and Turkey, the war office reports. Attacks by Kurds were beaten off.

Cabbage Instead of Cabaret in War Time Roof Garden at Lincoln

Lincoln, Neb., June 5.—On the top of a five-story building here there is a flourishing garden—a regular roof garden, except that there is cabbage instead of cabaret. The garden is on the roof of the Young Men's Christian Association building, and the chief gardener is Frank Taylor, a locomotive engineer, who believes in conservation and intensive agriculture.

It is Taylor's opinion this garden is more beautiful than any flower garden in town, for it is green with the leaves and vines of "edible garden truck."

Watermelons, cucumbers, squash, tomatoes, radishes, strawberries, peas, beans, potatoes—alli will grow in this roof garden. The crops are planted in crates, troughs, barrels and kegs filled with fertilized earth.

Peas and beans have been planted in troughs. Vine plants have been put in barrels and kegs and potatoes in boxes. Water pipes have been extended to the roof.

Taylor has announced his intention to guard the spot against Young Men's Christian association boys and other when the melons begin to ripen.

Seceding Provinces Ask That China Fight Germany

Amoy, China, June 5.—Five demands are made upon the Pekin government by the seceding provinces of China. These are:

The dismissal of the national assembly; the revision of the constitution, the dismissal of the president's advisers; the reinstatement as premier of Tuan Chi-Jui, and war against Germany.

Compliance with the first two demands is considered the most difficult, but both factions, according to the indications here, are confident that a satisfactory compromise will be reached.

American Ships Score Well in Fighting German Submarine Peril

London, June 5.—The weekly report of losses of British merchant vessels in the submarine campaign will again show a favorable total when it is issued tomorrow.

In some respects the last week has been the best since unrestricted submarine warfare was inaugurated. Last Friday was a blank day on the records; that is no losses of British merchantmen occurred. It is the first time this has happened for a long time.

Many encounters have occurred within the last week, the result of which has been entirely satisfactory to the admiralty, American ships have a share of the credit.

British naval people believe improvement is cumulative and that there is not the slightest chance, with the improved allied organizations that the Germans ever will repeat their performance of the Black week when nearly sixty boats were sunk. The weather continues to favor the boats which are fighting the submarines and the co-operation of the patrols, aircraft and other anti-submarine services is improving constantly.

The arrival of American units has helped in more ways than one. Among other things it has instilled a friendly rivalry in the campaign against the submarines, stimulating the morale and adding to the keenness of the men of both fleets.

Progress of the technique of the anti-submarine campaign includes more careful supervision, together with various vigorous offensive measures which it is impossible to detail.

Thorne Says Conditions Justify No Freight Raise

Washington, June 5.—Clifford Thorne, representing the National Shippers' conference, told the Interstate Commerce commission today that if railroad statistics so far for 1917 remained constant the roads would be entitled to an increase not to exceed 3.8 in their freight revenue, but, he added, that the fluctuations in ratio would not justify such an increase at this time.