



ONE KILLED AND GREAT DAMAGE BY STORM WHICH SWEEPS OMAHA

U. S. STEAMER SINKS U-BOAT IN GUN FIGHT

Twenty-Fifth Shot from the Vessel Lifts Stern of Submarine From Sea and It Goes Down Stem First.

Washington, June 6.—A German submarine is believed to have been sunk by an armed American steamer yesterday in a running fight lasting an hour, and a half in which thirty-five shots were fired by the submarine and twenty-five by the steamer.

An official announcement by the State department today says the steamer's final shot "apparently struck the submarine, which raised clear out of the water and stood stern end up for a few seconds.

"It then disappeared."

The department's announcement follows:

"The department of state is advised by telegraph of an engagement between an armed American steamer and a submarine. The guns of the steamer were manned by an American naval crew. The submarine was first seen at about 7,000 yards. It had a six-inch gun forward and another aft. It flew no flag.

"Upon sight of the submarine the steamer hoisted the American flag and waited for about ten minutes. As the submarine approached the steamer fired. The submarine responded. The steamer kept a speed that would permit the submarine to come within range. Then followed a fight lasting for an hour and a half. The submarine came to a distance of about 2,300 yards. By that time the submarine had fired thirty-five shots and the steamer twenty-five. The last shot of the steamer apparently struck the submarine, which raised clear out of the water and stood stern end up for a few seconds. Then it disappeared.

The captain of the steamer and the commander of the guard believe that the submarine was sunk. The steamer suffered no damage."

Germans Admit Loss Of Torpedo Destroyer

Berlin, June 6.—(Via London).—The loss of the German destroyer S-20 is admitted in an official statement issued by the war office in regard to the attack on Ostend by British ships. The statement follows:

"Enemy monitors shelled Ostend on the morning of the 5th, killing and wounding a great number of Belgian inhabitants and causing some material damage to houses. Strongly superior reconnoitering forces attached to the advancing monitors encountered two of our torpedo boats, which were on guard. After fierce fighting the S-20 was sunk, firing to the last moment. A portion of the crew was rescued by us.

The enemy forces received several hits and retired before the fire of our coast batteries."

Brazil Answers German Protest About Ship Seizure

Rio Janeiro, June 6.—Brazil has replied to the German note protesting against the requisitioning of German ships with a declaration that the republic has acted within the strict limits of the law, even as interpreted by Germany. The Brazilian reply says in part:

"The utilization of German ships by Brazil follows the torpedoing of Brazilian merchant ships and assurances, directly and immediately, although by force, satisfaction for the losses caused by German submarines.

"Brazil has taken a step which all nations should take, even without abandoning its state of peace, for the sole reason of forcing an offending nation to make due reparation."

The Weather

Table with weather forecast for Nebraska and Omaha, including temperature, wind, and precipitation.

Bill to Expatriate Slackers Who Flee

Washington, June 6.—Persons leaving the United States to avoid military service would be expatriated and forever barred from the country by bills introduced today by Representative Taylor of Colorado.

Thirty days from the passage of either measure would be given to persons who already have fled to return and make amends.

KIDNAPING PART OF GERMAN PLOT TO STOP TRAFFIC

Men Who Stole Babe at Springfield, Mo., Planned to Abduct Children of St. Louis Muniton Makers.

Springfield, Mo., June 6.—Plans to abduct at St. Louis children of manufacturers of munitions as part of a German conspiracy to block the shipment of such supplies were revealed today to Paul O'Day, prosecuting attorney, by C. I. Piersol, one of the six men held in the investigation of the disappearance of Lloyd Keet, 14-month-old son of J. Holland Keet, wealthy banker.

The plan was given up as impractical, however, Piersol is said to have declared.

Authorities previously announced that the six had confessed other plots, including the abduction of C. A. Clement, a local jeweler, whom they expected to hold for ransom.

Suspects Deny Confession. The suspects, against whom no formal charge yet has been made, denied such a confession today, despite the continued assertions of O'Day and others that they had made such statements.

With the arrest early today of six persons charged with being implicated in the kidnaping last week of Lloyd Keet, the police believe they are on the track of the abductors and express belief that the baby will be returned before nightfall.

Planned to Take Other. One of those in custody, whose name has not been given out, is said by Paul M. O'Day, prosecuting attorney, to have made a confession of the plot to kidnap not only the Keet child, but the children of other wealthy residents of Springfield.

In company with the man who is said to have made the confession, Prosecutor O'Day and four detectives started in pursuit of the kidnapers who are supposed to have the child in their possession, but early today they had not apprehended them.

Send Government Troops To Quell Montana Strike

Helena, Mont., June 6.—The Western department of the army has sent troops to Whitefish, Mont., on application from the Great Northern Railroad company to the governor.

Governor Stuart and L. W. Hill made the application for troops on information that strikers of an railway construction contract at Whitefish refused to allow strikebreakers to go to work.

Columbia Confers Degree On George Ellery Hale

New York, June 6.—George Ellery Hale of Mount Wilson solar observatory, Pasadena, Cal., received the honorary degree of doctor of science from Columbia university today.

Guglielmo Marconi, inventor of the wireless telegraph, was similarly honored. V. K. Wellington Koo, Chinese minister to the United States, received the degree of doctor of law.

New House Committee on Woman Suffrage Favored

Washington, June 6.—Favorable report on the resolution to create a special house committee on woman suffrage was ordered today by the rules committee after all pressing war measures are disposed of.

President Wilson recently recommended such a committee.

Hold Memorial for Heroic Dead of the Confederacy

Washington, June 6.—Memorial exercises for the soldier dead in the confederate section of Arlington National cemetery featured today's program of the Union Confederate Veterans of the Union Confederate Veterans.

Twenty-Three British Vessels Sunk in Week

London, June 6.—The weekly report of the British admiralty concerning British shipping losses by mines or submarines, says that fifteen vessels of 1,600 tons and over, and three vessels under 1,600 tons and five fishing vessels were sunk last week.

Philippine Volunteers Formally Offer Services

Washington, June 6.—A force of 25,000 Filipino troops wherever they may be needed was offered President Wilson today by Manuel Quezon, former Philippine delegate in congress and now president of the Philippine senate.



COUNTY HOSPITAL EXPENSES DOUBLE IN A SINGLE YEAR

With Only Thirty More Patients Democrats Run Up Enormous Bills to Feed the Inmates at Farm.

Expenses at the county hospital for April of this year were nearly double those of the corresponding month in 1916, while the increase in the number of patients was less than thirty.

It is not clear whether this is due solely to the H. C. L. or in part to the change in management after the democrats took control this year.

For April, 1916, the expenses were \$4,476.28. The number of patients that month was 269.

There were 297 patients in April this year, an increase of only twenty-eight, but the expenses leaped to \$7,061.63.

Other months since the first of the year also show increases in expenses as compared with corresponding periods in 1916.

Some interesting figures are shown in the records of County Auditor Anties and County Clerk Dewey.

For instance, the expenditures for meat in April this year are startling as compared with last year.

Records show that \$1,121.26 worth of meat was purchased for the county hospital during April this year. For April, 1916, the meat bill was only \$419.74.

Meat Soars High. With less than thirty additional patients the meat bill increased nearly 300 per cent over a year ago.

Some taxpayers who also eat meat have not found that their bills are 300 per cent greater than a year ago. Groceries have increased in price more than meat, but not in the county hospital.

The grocery bill for April this year was \$1,250.27, as compared with \$923.82 for the corresponding month in 1916.

No one can blame the soaring potato for the big increase in expenses, for no spuds have been purchased for the hospital since March 1.

Advertising Men Pledge Publicity for Red Cross

St. Louis, June 6.—Advertising clubs of forty-two cities at a session of the Associated Advertising clubs of the world today pledged publicity for the campaign to raise \$100,000,000 for the Red Cross and to finish the campaign for the Liberty Loan.

British Attack Breaks German Line at Reoux

Berlin, June 6.—(Via London).—A British attack delivered yesterday succeeded in penetrating the German position at the Reoux railway station, where fighting continues for small sections of trenches, says today's army headquarters statement.

U. S. MIDDIES VIE WITH BRITISH IN CHASE FOR DIVER

Destroyers of Two Nations Now Actively Engaged in Policing European Waters in Subsea Boat Hunt.

The British Port Base of the American Flotilla (Via London), June 6.—The American destroyers have completed their first month of active service in the great war. They have been favored with excellent weather, which is a big factor in anti-submarine warfare.

Most of the time they have had sunny skies and smooth seas, with just enough squall and storm to put their seamanship to test. The favorably weather conditions made their task of learning the technique of anti-submarine warfare much simpler and easier.

The American boats are assigned to work hand-in-hand with the British patrol and convoy. The work, although largely routine, is interesting, and the Americans have never yet found time hanging heavy on their hands. The lookout must be constant and eyes must be trained to an unbelievable degree of keenness. The young Americans take zealously to this business of finding the periscopic needle in the nautical haystack, and daily reports of submarines sighted, observations made, of wireless warnings sent broadcast show that the American boats are already making an average of results almost as satisfactory as the long experienced British boats, with which they are operating.

There has been no actual battle as yet between an American destroyer and the enemy, although several reports show that U-boats have been sighted and have been compelled to beat a hasty retreat to the depths of the sea.

A Liner From Home. An assignment to convoy a liner "from home," that is, from an American port, is regarded as an especially choice honor. A trans-Atlantic liner, which sights the American flag approaching to escort her to land, never fails to respond with a grand waving of flags and handkerchiefs from her decks, and there is a fine exchange of wig-wag signals in lieu of handshakes.

Several American liners can already testify to the vigilant work of the American destroyers as convoys. Occasionally a fortunate liner finds (Continued on Page Two, Column Three.)

Latest Treasury Offering Already Oversubscribed

Washington, June 6.—The government's latest offering of \$200,000,000 in treasury certificates of indebtedness has been over subscribed and the books were closed today, two days ahead of the designated time.

LIBERTY BOND DRIVE CONTINUES UNABATED TODAY

Committees of Manufacturers Are Visiting All Plants; To Canvass Auto Row Thursday.

Popular Subscriptions Liberty Loan Bonds. On Tuesday, June 5, \$80,197,000. On Monday, June 4, 256,117,600. Previously reported 510,833,150.

Totals.....1,346,414,750 \*Exclusive of banks and loan companies.

Twelve committees of the Omaha Manufacturers' association are canvassing the manufacturing districts of Omaha for subscriptions to the Liberty loan. The work among the manufacturers is under the general leadership of Jay Burns and J. L. Baker. Every one of the twelve committees will work in from ten to twenty-five manufacturing establishments.

There are some 450 manufacturing concerns in Omaha, but some of them work out the subscription of their employees themselves, and thus relieve the outside committees of this work.

The insurance men after making a record Tuesday when eighty-three of them devoted the day to selling bonds, are still working in some sections. Some of them did not get through with the districts they hoped to cover. Though less than one-third of the insurance men working reported results last night, the subscriptions they obtained totaled \$53,650.

To Canvass Auto Row. Thursday a flock of committees of automobile men will canvass Automobile row.

The Boy Scouts in Tuesday's campaign sold bonds totalling \$10,700. Page Christie, one of the Scouts, and son of Dr. Christie, sold one \$5,000 bond. Kenneth Metcalfe and Austin Erickson, two Scouts, made records during the day which entitle them to government medals. These medals are awarded to any Boy Scout who sells ten bonds of any denomination.

Each of these boys sold his ten. Letters to the number of \$5,000 are being printed and will be distributed to the school children of the city Thursday to be taken to their parents. The letters explain the nature of the bond, the installment payment plan, and various other features, besides urging all to buy.

Travelers Subscribe. The Travelers' Health association subscribed for \$10,000 worth of bonds. The Mutual Benefit Health association took \$5,000.

Twelve women and twenty-five boys are out all day sticking posters on the windshields of automobiles parked in the streets. This poster contains a simple picture of Uncle Sam blowing a bugle "Buy a Bond; Help Uncle Sam," is the wording that goes with the picture.

Many Duplications. "Owing to unavoidable duplications in subscriptions reported at the mass meeting at the Commercial club, the popular subscriptions and those already made through the banks, it is impossible at present to give accurate grand totals for Omaha's subscriptions to the Liberty loan.

"If the interest manifested in the first three days of the campaign continues, the committee is most confident that by the end of the campaign Omaha will have subscribed more than \$7,500,000 to the Liberty loan."

"LIBERTY LOAN COMMITTEE," "By O. T. Eastman, Secretary."

Duplications Are Made. Because subscriptions are reported from various committees, from banks, and from mass meetings, duplications in figures have been had to avoid. It has now become the set policy of the general committee to make reports each day taken from the records of the bank, where all subscriptions must eventually be turned in, and where duplications must be sifted out.

Thus, the figures given at the head of the column today do not include the subscription of \$4,000,000 made by the banks themselves; they do not include the \$1,000,000 subscription by the building and loan companies, and they do not include the \$1,478,000 subscribed at the mass meeting Tuesday noon. When this mass meeting subscription has been tabulated and properly recorded at the banks, as it probably will be today, it will be given out with the total figures of popular subscriptions. The committee hopes to avoid confusing popular subscriptions with subscriptions by banks and loan companies, for the reason that (Continued on Page Two, Column Five.)

President Objects to Relaxing of Labor Laws

Washington, June 6.—President Wilson today in a letter to Governor Brumbaugh of Pennsylvania expressed his opposition to relaxing laws by which safeguards have been thrown about labor, as a war measure.

"I feel that there is no necessity for such action," wrote the president, "and that it would lead to a slackening of the energy of the nation rather than to increase it, besides being very unfair to the laboring people themselves."

There has been a movement in some states to lengthen hours of labor.

NEAR CLOUDBURST CAUSES HEAVY PROPERTY LOSS ON BOTH SIDES OF THE RIVER

Railroads and Street Car Lines Suffer From Washouts; Family Rescued by Police; Havoc Worst in Country Just West of City Limits; Cadets Abandon Camp.

One man killed by lightning, families rescued from drowning in their own homes by the Omaha police, the high school cadets in camp at Gilmore forced to abandon the camp and come home, bridges washed out, trains blocked by washouts and big trees smashed to the ground is the result of Tuesday's storm. The rainfall in Omaha totaled 2.31 inches.

The storm began about 6 o'clock. Lightning played fiercely, the wind was high and the water fairly tumbled out of the clouds in cataclysms for several hours.

KILLED BY LIGHTNING. Hugo Wohleis, aged 48, residing nine miles west of Dundee, was killed by lightning while feeding his stock Tuesday evening during the chow hour. Mr. Wohleis was unmarried. He lived with his mother and brother.

Steve Dorday, his wife and children were found in their home at 4511 North Seventeenth street, standing on chairs and tables in the morning to escape the flood while the water was rising about their feet.

Officers Ford and Troby answered the emergency call and found the family in this plight. The officers crossed over to Larson's boat house, where they procured boats with which they rescued the family.

Grades Carried Away. Reports to the railroads indicate that the country lying just to the west of Omaha was hardest hit by the cloud burst. Streams in that area quickly became raging torrents, carrying away grades and pretty nearly everything else lying in their path.

Union Pacific trains that should have arrived last night did not get in until this morning, running seven to eight hours late. With the Union Pacific the most of the trouble was in the vicinity of the Lane cut-off and along the Pappio valley.

On the Lane cut-off the water softened the north side of the grade, and an immense slide occurred, putting both tracks out of commission for several hours.

The ox-bow, around by the way of Pappio, was under water that came from the overflow of the Pappio and several hundred feet of track was undermined, some of it going into the ditch.

New Buildings Damaged. The storm did considerable damage to building construction work. At Thirty-sixth and Farnam streets the foundation of a new garage was washed in and the structure damaged to extent of \$500.

A tree was blown across sidewalk at Twenty-first and Farnam streets and another tree torn from its roots at Eighteenth and Davenport streets. The Northwestern's trouble was mostly in the vicinity of Irvington and to the south along the Pappio valley. Early in the evening the stream got out of its banks and tore away through the fields, striking the Northwestern grades at a number of places and washing them down. In some places the water was four and five feet over the tracks. There was a big slide in the new work west of South Omaha.

West of Bennington the water from the Pappio was two feet over the grade and did a good deal of cutting before it receded. During the night and this morning trains in and out of the city were handled through the north yards, routed by way of the D-Bolt spur tracks.

One hundred and forty carloads of live stock from the range country was held out on the track in the vicinity of Irvington during the night and for a time it was feared that they would have to be turned loose in order to save them from the flood. At times the water was up around the trucks of the cars.

West of Arlington there was heavy rain, but no damage.

West Council Bluffs from the Illinois Central station at Thirteenth street to the river is a lake country. Every vacant lot, almost every garden patch for blocks together is covered with water. From Indian creek embankment at Fourteenth street to Twenty-first street between Broadway and Fifth avenue the majority of the houses are surrounded by water knee deep at the street intersections. Men waded up to their knees in water to reach the higher grade on those three streets.

Above the creek the east and west streets, Broadway, Fifth avenue and the parallel avenues are masses of mud three or four inches deep. The water, which stood over them knee deep at the height of the flood last (Continued on Page Two, Column Two.)

Italian Positions Are Held by Austrians

Venice, Tuesday, June 5.—(Via London, June 6).—The Austrians have regained positions taken by the Italians south of Jamiano, on the front above Trieste, and captured more than 6,500 Italians in a battle lasting a day and a half, the war office announces. In all 22,000 prisoners have been taken on this part of the front, it is stated.

More Shoes for New Army Ordered by Government

Washington, June 6.—Contracts for 750,000 additional pairs of shoes for the new army were awarded today at an average price of \$4.75 a pair. With these contracts the government has ordered 3,360,000 pairs of shoes for the army and \$50,000 pairs for the navy. Their total cost will be about \$20,000,000.

German Money to Help America Pay for War

Washington, June 6.—Millions of dollars in dividends and debts due to Germans from American citizens may be invested in Liberty loan bonds under the trading with the enemy act now pending in congress. Germany thus will help America pay for the war.

Workmen's Claims Allowed; Petrogard Strike Averted

Petrograd, June 6.—(Via London).—The threatened strike in 140 factories in Petrograd engaged in metal manufactures and other war work, which was fixed for today, has been averted. The strikers' claims were granted, including the six-hour day (Continued on Page Two, Column Two.)