



WHOLESALE BOOST IN COUNTY TAX ASSESSMENTS BEING MADE; TOTAL WILL MOUNT INTO MILLIONS; RESCUERS BRING 28 MEN ALIVE FROM BURNING MINE

SAVE MINERS AFTER GIVING UP ALL HOPE

Brought to Surface Alive After Being Imprisoned in Workings Since Friday Night; One Dies of Burns.

BULLETIN. Portland, Ore., June 10.—Twenty-eight men entombed in the Speculator mine since Friday night's fire disaster were brought to the surface alive this afternoon.

Had Abandoned Hope. Butte, Mont., June 10.—All hope that any of the unaccounted for miners, believed to number more than 175, had escaped from the North Butte mines, in which fire broke out Friday night, was abandoned tonight when the helmet men penetrated to the 2,200-foot level of the Speculator mine from adjoining mines, waded through water up to their arms, encountered strong gas and saw many bodies which they were unable to recover.

It had been planned to attempt to hoist the bodies through the High Ore mine of the Anaconda Mining company, but a shifting in the air currents drove out the helmet men from the High Ore mine and others.

The mine rescue organization of Butte is engaged in rescue work.

Ring Danger Signal. Helmet men, when the 2,200-foot level was reached, rang the danger signal, which caused the wildest excitement, it being believed that the signal had come from entrapped men who still were alive.

Ambulances were called and every physician in the city hurriedly summoned to the North Butte. The return of the helmet men to the surface with news that it was impossible for any human to live in the dense gas filling the lower workings of the North Butte spread gloom.

The Granite Mountain shaft, 3,600 feet deep, was a roaring chimney, and with the destruction of its supporting timbers the ground is caving, compelling all work to be directed from the levels connecting with adjoining mines.

The Speculator, another shaft about 800 feet deep, connects with the Granite Mountain on the different levels. Tonight that shaft also was in danger, as water from the levels was running into it and had caved a portion. There was no fire in this shaft, however. Tons of water are being poured into the Granite Mountain shaft and iron points on connecting levels with adjoining mines as near as it is possible to get to the scene of the fire.

Danish and Norwegian Steamers Reported Sunk

London, June 10.—An Exchange telegraph dispatch from Copenhagen, says the Norwegian foreign office reports the sinking of the Norwegian ship Hafslund, 1,668 tons gross, and Sangvand. The crews were saved.

The Danish foreign office reports that the Danish steamer Harald Kihlgaard, 475 tons gross, has been sunk in the North Sea. One member of the crew was killed.

Pick Up 16 Southland Men; 26 Still Missing

Washington, June 10.—A consular dispatch today reported that one of the two missing lifeboats of the torpedoed steamer Southland had been picked up containing sixteen men. It was not known, the consul reported, whether the missing American, Rigley, was in this boat. The other boat, containing twenty-eight men, still is missing.

The Weather

Table with columns for Hour, Deg., and Comparative Local Record. Includes data for High, Low, Mean, and Precipitation for 1917, 1916, 1915, 1914, and 1913.

Half of Population Shows 1,716,768 en Registered

Washington, June 10.—Twenty states and the District of Columbia, having all told more than 50 per cent of the country's population, had sent in complete reports of their military registration tonight showing total registrations of 4,716,768 young men for war service.

FAMILY OF SEVEN SAVED FROM DEATH IN RISING PLATTE

Flood Waters Below Gretna Sweep Over Island Home and Seven Persons Are Rescued.

Gretna, June 10.—(Special Telegram.)—Thomas Lukowski, a farmer living four miles east of here, his wife and five children, the oldest 12 years and ranging down to 4, were rescued from an island this afternoon on which they had been marooned since midnight Friday.

The Lukowskis were driven from their farm along the Platte river when part of the dike, more than a mile long, gave way. More than 800 acres of land was inundated and practically spoiled for this season's cultivation.

The Riverside Hunting lodge, near the Lukowski farm and built on the edge of the bank, was washed down stream when the dike gave way. The lodge was owned by Omaha men.

The Omaha-Lincoln-Denver highway near Gretna is under water and all traffic stopped.

Severe Hail and Rain Storm Strikes Harvard

Harvard, Neb., June 10.—(Special.)—A heavy rain and hailstorm passed over this locality last night, between 7 and 8 o'clock. The storm was severe a few miles east of town. Hail covered the ground to the depth of two inches or more. No material damage is reported. There was but little wind during the storm.

Shells Fired at U-Boat Land in Spanish Town

Madrid (Via Paris), June 10.—Investigation of the accidental firing of shells into Algeciras from Gibraltar last Saturday shows that it was not due to a mistake during target practice, as was reported at the time, but that the shots were fired at a submarine which fell into the straits pursued by three cruisers.

Illinois Nurse Pays Visit To Nebraska Hospitals

Lincoln, June 10.—(Special.)—Miss Mary Wheeler, superintendent of the Illinois Training School for Nurses and also superintendent of the Cook county hospital, one of the most experienced and well known nurses in the United States, is in Lincoln yesterday and in company with Secretary McGreevey of the State Nurses' board visiting the state hospital and other hospitals in the city, affiliated with the Cook county institution.

Omaha "Good Angels" Start Fund For Invalid Chair for Sick Mother

Mrs. E. W. Nash and Mrs. George Hoagland were the first good angels to respond to the appeal published in The Bee Friday, asking charitably inclined persons to supply an invalid chair for Mrs. Albert Sockland of Holbrook, Neb. Each contributed \$5 to the fund.

MARINE CORPS CHIEF AND SECRETARY DANIELS.

The picture shows Major-General George Barnett, Commandant of the United States Marine Corps, and Secretary of the Navy Daniels. A regiment of marines, 2,600 strong, will be among the first division of United States troops to be sent to France.



"Every young man who wants to branch of the nation's defense. Nebraska must not be found wanting in the great work of building up our navy. Four thousand men in the quota are expected from this district, and every young man between the ages of 20 and 35 has his chance."

OFFICER HOLDS PRISONERS FROM SPRINGFIELD MOB

Thirty-Five Would-Be Lynchers Overpower Sheriff With Six Prisoners, But Give Them Back.

Springfield, Mo., June 10.—Somehow tonight the alleged abduction plotters, held in connection with the investigation of the disappearance and death of little Lloyd Keet, were safe and unharmed from the mob that early today, overtook them at Stockton, Mo., forty miles north of here and endeavored to wring a confession from them.

Guardsmen Wreck I. W. W. Quarters at Kansas City

Kansas City, Mo., June 10.—The downtown headquarters of the Industrial Workers of the World here today for the third time was wrecked by members of a local National Guard unit. After the second attack on the hall a few weeks ago, it was abandoned for some time.

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scores of men, women and children who are emptying their pocketbooks for the Red Cross and war relief work.

FEEL HUNGER'S PINCH AS RESULT FOOD HOARDING

Vrooman Says Suffering Already in Wake of Speculation; Flays "Food Pirates and Economic Traitors."

Washington, June 10.—Assistant Secretary Vrooman of the Department of Agriculture, who has just returned from a tour on which he observed the food situation, declared in a statement today that he has seen much hardship and suffering, especially among the poor, because of the "crime being perpetrated against the American people by the control of food prices by disloyal food pirates."

Expect Austrian Attack

The Italians have indicated that they are expecting an Austrian offensive in the Trentino. There is no indication of any such contemplated attack as yet, the report announcing only ordinary activities in the Trentino. The Austrians are still contesting the ground occupied by the Italians in their notable thrust for Trieste, however, and attacked several times Friday night. The Italians beat off all these assaults.

Hunger Causes Suicide

"The other day in Chicago a Polish priest told a government official that during the past two months five women members of his congregation either had gone insane or had committed suicide because of their inability to feed their children."

Twins Arrive in Time To Claim Liberty Bonds

General Harries must settle. His offer to pay double Liberty bonds for twins must be made good. Late reports show that Mr. and Mrs. Henry Perry, 2508 N. street, are the parents of twins born at 5:45 Saturday evening, a boy and a girl. Dr. W. M. Davis says they are both strong healthy kiddies and as he left the home they were making a great effort to sing the "Star Spangled Banner" and expected to claim their Liberty loan bonds.

GERMANS STILL STUNNED FROM HAIG'S VICTORY

Armies of Crown Prince Rupprecht Make Little Effort to Recover Lost Ground; British Again Advance.

London, June 10.—Today's official statement announces further British gains at several points.

Paris, June 1.—The French made a surprise attack last night on the bank of the Moselle, near the eastern end of the front. The war office announces that serious losses were inflicted on the Germans. Violent artillery fighting occurred near Craonne and Chevreux.

The German army under Crown Prince Rupprecht of Bavaria apparently has not recovered from the blow made against the lines south of Ypres by the Second British army on Thursday.

Shaken by the mine explosions and the terrific bombardment of the British guns, the Germans lost more than 7,000 prisoners and have made no strong effort to retake the lost positions.

Their unavailing attacks of Friday having been stopped, the Germans on Saturday failed to renew their attempt and were content to use only their artillery in a duel with the British. The newly gained ground having been torn by the mine explosions and filled with shell craters, the British were busy Saturday in organizing the new positions. They found time, however, to extend their gains slightly on the right flank of the nine-mile front.

Another British Advance

Meanwhile the British troops in other sectors of the front carried out an operation that was much more than a mere raid in force along the line from La Bassée to well south of Lens. In one stretch of two miles south of Lens the Germans penetrated half a mile into the German positions, capturing prisoners and machine guns and inflicting heavy losses. These seem to presage a speedy attempt to clean up the situation around the Lens coal district, to which the Germans have been clinging for several weeks.

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People Are Patriotic

In general I found sentiment extremely patriotic and people glad to invest in the bonds once the seriousness of the situation is brought to their attention and they realize that no one in the world is waiting for the results to be tabulated with keener interest than Kaiser Wilhelm.

Ute Indians Threaten Whites In Towns Near Reservation

Durango, Colo., June 10.—Unconfirmed reports received here from the Ute reservation tonight indicate that Ute chiefs Polk and Posey, with several followers, have begun threatening demonstrations. They are well armed. The Indian agent at Ignacio, headquarters of the reservations, refused to comment on the report.

PROPERTY VALUES OF DOZEN LARGE OMAHA CONCERNS ARE RAISED TO ENORMOUS FIGURES

Three Thousand Notices of Increase in Vaults at Court House to be Served in Few Days Under Assessor Fitzgerald's Orders; Some of the Big Ones.

That the County Board of Equalization, which will meet this week, will have a busy session is assured by the information given exclusively by The Bee.

A wholesale boost in assessments has been undertaken by County Assessor Fitzgerald. Confirmation of this was had from Mr. Fitzgerald himself.

Despite the secrecy maintained and the careful guarding of the 3,000 notices of assessment raises reposing securely in the court house vaults awaiting delivery within the next day or two, The Bee has succeeded in obtaining a few samples indicating the extent and character of the changes proposed in the assessment roll, subject, of course, to revision by the equalizing board. Here are just a dozen of them:

MEN OF MEANS TO BUY IF LIBERTY BONDS ARE TAKEN

Little Fellows Are Doing Their Share, But Big Ones Will Have to Save Big War Loan.

The middle west will probably reach its full quota in Liberty bond subscriptions if hard, intensive campaign work is continued this week and men of means come forward with reasonably large subscriptions, in the opinion of William H. Hodge, who has been representing the Federal Reserve bank of Chicago in organization work in Iowa for two weeks.

Mr. Hodge, who was formerly connected with The Bee, spent Sunday in Omaha and Council Bluffs, and will continue his work in Iowa up to Thursday, when subscriptions will close, as they must be in the Federal bank's hands by noon Friday in order to be considered.

Wage Earners Doing Share

"The wage earner, many of the small farmers and the banks are doing their part in the initial financing of the war," said Mr. Hodge, "but the individual of means is either holding off until the last minute or is willing to let his safety and prosperity be protected with other men's dollars. There are plenty of instances of people putting all they have in the world in \$50 and \$100 bonds; of old farmers driving for miles through rain and mud to put all they have in Liberty bonds; of children investing their savings—perhaps mightily few subscriptions of \$5,000 and upwards outside of the large cities."

Iowa Coming Through

"If Iowa comes in for its full quota of \$59,000,000 bonds, as it no doubt will, it will mean less than 5 per cent of the annual value of farm products in that state. Most of the folks with whom I talked seemed to think that this was little enough."

Read It in The Bee

Commissioner Jeff Bedford pleaded dense ignorance and had no opinion to express.

Hastings Commercial Man Secretary of Bluffs Club

Hastings, Neb., June 9.—(Special Telegram.)—Richard A. Blake, secretary of the Chamber of Commerce for the last four years, tonight announced his acceptance of the secretaryship of the Commercial club of Council Bluffs.

SOME OF THE BIG ONES.

- Paxton & Gallagher, wholesale grocers, raised from \$449,000 to \$850,000.
Byrne-Hammer Wholesale Dry Goods establishment, raised from \$316,000 to \$600,000.
M. E. Smith Wholesale Dry Goods house from \$550,000 to \$900,000.
Smelting works raised from \$1,200,000 to \$2,000,000.
Union Stock Yards raised from \$700,000 to \$1,000,000.
Cudahy packing plant raised from \$600,000 to \$1,000,000.
Morris packing plant raised from \$300,000 to \$500,000.
H. J. Hughes, wholesale grocery, raised from \$75,000 to \$150,000.
Drexel Shoe company raised from \$25,000 to \$75,000.
Browning-King & Co., raised from \$68,000 to \$90,000.
Simon Bros., wholesale grocery, raised from \$15,500 to \$75,000.
Fry Shoe company raised from \$25,000 to \$45,000.
The star boost is said to be the raise of the Iben Biscuit company from \$225,000 to \$4,000,000, explained on the theory that the revenue law requires full value assessment of the corporate stock of the Nebraska corporation doing business outside as well as inside the state.

Makes Even Boost.

The figures for the banks and franchise corporations are not available. The fact that there are approximately 3,000 notices is taken to mean that Assessor Fitzgerald has not been playing favorites, but has made proportionate increases all along the line.

Members of the county board, when questioned as to their opinion, professed ignorance of coming assessment changes, except as foreshadowed in The Bee.

Tom O'Connor, chairman of the board, deftly side-stepped.

"County Assessor Fitzgerald has the right to make such raises as he wants to," he said.

"He is probably adjusting and trying to equalize things. Anybody who is raised can have a hearing when the board meets Tuesday and if he has any objection he can make it then."

County Commissioner Lynch declared:

"I don't know anything about it, but I don't favor wholesale boosting of assessments at this time. Business is upset enough now by the war conditions and war taxes without needlessly piling up more."

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"I have heard of what is coming, but have no definite information. I doubt if merchants are carrying as much stock as formerly and if so to boost taxes arbitrarily would be an injustice."

County Commissioners McDonald and Compton could not be found or reached by telephone.

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He will begin his new duties July 1. Mr. Blake has been notably successful in his work here and there is much regret among business men that he is to leave the city.

The new post carries a substantial increase in salary.

As Mr. Blake did not make his decision until tonight, the local body has taken no steps to find a new secretary.

Retired Army Officers Recalled for Assignment

Washington, June 10.—Major General J. V. Alshire, retired former quartermaster general, was recalled to active duty today and assigned to the Council of National Defense. A score of other retired officers were recalled to active duty and assigned to various educational institutions as military instructors.