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# WOMAN SHOT TO DEATH BY HUSBAND; OMAHA BOY SCOUTS BOOST RED CROSS

## OMAHA GIVES FREELY TO AID BIG WAR FUND

### Noonday Luncheon Reports Show Total of $201,852.42, a Gain of $20,783.67 Since Yesterday.

**The total Red Cross fund reported at noon Friday was $201,852.42, a gain of $20,783.67 over that of Thursday.**

**Of this amount Boy Scouts turned in subscriptions totaling $2,305.**

The steady, unfaltering advance of the Omaha Red Cross legions is proof that citizens are awake to the vital issue of the mission of the great healing army.

Boy Scouts, who began their canvass of the residence district Thursday will continue their drive until Monday morning, although the campaign proper will close at noon Saturday.

Figuratively speaking, the Boy Scouts are scaling the trenches in gathering pledges for the fund. The average of the subscriptions for each house is $4.50.

The following telegram was received at the headquarters early today from C. W. Dietrich, secretary of the Red Cross war council in Washington.

"Greatly encouraged. Reports most gratifying from all parts of the country, but the real test is yet to come. Every community must do its utmost if the goal is reached. Only $100,000,000 will meet the situation."

**Sick Child Gives Bit.**

"No amount in actual cash is too small for appreciation," said a member of the Omaha finance committee.

A little girl ran into the headquarters and handed a member of the committee 25 cents, saying, "That is all I have in my bank account, but I want you to have it to help save a soldier."

Little Maynard Sayles, son of Mr. and Mrs. J. A. Sayles, 2603 Poppleton avenue, lying on a sick bed, his body pulsating at fever heat with the dread malady of scarlet fever, is doing his bit for the Red Cross.

Bitter medicine, so bitter that it would make a grown person hesitate to swallow it, is the means of raising his subscription to the Red Cross.

When the physician announced yesterday that the quarantine could not be raised in time for the Boy Scouts to approach the Sayles' home, disappointment brough tears to the little hero's eyes. Thinking of his brave uncle, who was killed in the Philippines, he swallowed a lump and choked back the tears while his mother announced that the problem of helping save a soldier was solved. She telephoned little Maynard's contribution, and when the quarantine is raised his card will be signed at the Boy Scout headquarters.

Scoutmaster C. H. English will remain at scout headquarters every night until 10:30 to receive reports from the troops.

**Women Hold Meeting.**

Employes of firms who have contributed have asked for Red Cross hangers. They said that without the cards in their windows they feel like slackers. An arrangement was made by the committee to deliver the hangers to the business firms, and any contributor may procure one at headquarters.

A snappy but spirited emergency rally was that of the woman's organ-

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## The Weather

For Nebraska—Unsettled.

Temperatures at Omaha Yesterday.

| Hour. | Deg. |
|---|---|
| 5 a. m. | 64 |
| 6 a. m. | 67 |
| 7 a. m. | 67 |
| 8 a. m. | 68 |
| 9 a. m. | 73 |
| 10 a. m. | 78 |
| 11 a. m. | 82 |
| 12 m. | 84 |
| 1 p. m. | 85 |
| 2 p. m. | 86 |
| 3 p. m. | 87 |
| 4 p. m. | 87 |
| 5 p. m. | 87 |
| 6 p. m. | 85 |
| 7 p. m. | 87 |
| 8 p. m. | 84 |

Comparative Local Record.

| | 1917. | 1916. | 1915. | 1914. |
|---|---|---|---|---|
| Highest yesterday | 87 | 89 | 79 | 86 |
| Lowest yesterday | 64 | 63 | 61 | 53 |
| Mean temperature | 80 | 76 | 70 | 77 |
| Precipitation | T | .37 | .00 | .20 |

Temperature and precipitation departures from the normal:

| | |
|---|---|
| Normal temperature | 72 |
| Excess for the day | 13 |
| Total deficiency since March 1 | 222 |
| Normal precipitation | .17 inch |
| Deficiency for the day | .17 inch |
| Total rainfall since March 1 | 13.60 inches |
| Excess since March 1 | .97 inch |
| Deficiency for cor. period, 1916 | 5.48 inches |
| Deficiency for cor. period, 1915 | 1.27 inches |

Reports from Stations at 7 P. M.

| Station and State of Weather. | Temp. 7 p. m. | High-est. | Rain-fall. |
|---|---|---|---|
| Cheyenne, clear | 74 | 84 | .00 |
| Denver, clear | 78 | 82 | .00 |
| Des Moines, clear | 86 | 88 | .02 |
| Chicago, clear | 68 | 84 | T |
| Lander, clear | 74 | 80 | .02 |
| North Platte, cloudy | 82 | 90 | .60 |
| Omaha, clear | 87 | 91 | T |
| Pueblo, clear | 82 | 90 | T |
| Dodge, clear | 82 | 84 | .00 |
| Rapid City, cloudy | 70 | 77 | .02 |
| Kansas City, clear | 86 | 87 | .00 |
| Santa Fe, cloudy | 76 | 80 | T |
| Sheridan, clear | 66 | 74 | .06 |
| Sioux City, clear | 85 | 90 | .03 |
| Valentine, cloudy | 76 | 84 | .05 |

T indicates trace of precipitation.

L. A. WELSH, Meteorologist.

## *Mother Says He Advised Him Not to Register; Youth to Jail*

San Francisco, June 22.—Walter Nahl, aged 21 years, whose mother informed the authorities of his failure to register for the selective draft, was sentenced to ninety days in the county jail today. Judge M. T. Dooling in the United States district court overruled a demurrer attacking the constitutionality of the draft act and ordered registration of Nahl before he began to serve time.

## ARTILLERY DUEL OPENED TWO DAYS AGO IS EXTENDING

### Germans Are Driven from Practically All Positions They Had Recaptured Near Town of Laon.

(Associated Press War Summary.)

The engagement between the French and the Germans which was opened Wednesday by a German attack near Vauxaillon, southeast of Laon, is being continued spiritedly by the artillery, the infantry fighting having temporarily died down.

Paris today reports an extension of the artillery duel eastward from Vauxaillon. It was raging last night along a front of approximately ten miles as far as the vicinity of Braye-En-Laonnois, reaching what the official report characterizes as "extreme intensity."

**Germans Lose Ground Gained.**

The infantry battle, after initial success for the German crown prince, came to a halt after his troops had lost virtually everything they had gained. Only one small salient remained to the Germans. Resumption of attacks by one side or the other and along a much wider front appears an early probability.

In the Champagne also heavy fighting is in progress. After the disappointing result of yesterday's attack by the Germans between Mont Carnilet and Mont Blond in which the crown prince's forces were not only repulsed but afterward driven from their own positions, they attacked again last night, this time at Teton Heights. This assault also failed, Paris announces, all the positions remaining in French hands.

**Britons In Raids.**

Along the British front in France and Belgium only raiding operations are reported. The British raids have been chiefly in the region between the Arras battlefront and that of the recent advance in Belgium. This curving section of the German line protects Lille, the main objective of both the Arras and Messines drives.

On the Austro-Italian front General Cadorna apparently is exerting heavy pressure along a wide sector of the Trentino front where Trent is the Italian objective.

**Germans Will Fight Russians.**

Petrograd, June 22.—Along the Russian northern front south of Smorgon, German airplanes have dropped leaflets which read:

"Thanks for the long rest during which fraternization enabled us to transfer troops to the western front to hold up the attack of the English and French. Now enough are transferred. We are going to fight and will fire on fraternizers."

**Italians are Advancing.**

Rome, June 22.—Successes for the Italians in both the Dolomites region and on the Carso plateau are reported by the war office tonight. The summit of Hill 2,668 on Lagazuoi Piccolo was carried by the Italian troops. South of Versic the Italians advanced their lines and repulsed enemy assaults.

**Germans Beaten Back.**

Paris, June 22.—After violent artillery preparation last evening the Germans attacked the Teton Height. Today's official statement says they penetrated advanced French posts but were ejected after sharp fighting.

## Union of Lutheran Synods Completed

Chicago, June 22.—Reunion of the United Synod of the South, the General council and General synod of the Evangelical Lutheran church in the United States was practically effected here today at a meeting of the General synod.

## NINETEEN SHELLS FROM U. S. SHIP SINK SUBMARINE

### Captain of American Steamer Arriving at Atlantic Port Reports Battle With German U-Boat.

An Atlantic Port, June 22.—The captain of an American steamer, just arrived at an Atlantic port, reported today that he believed the steamer sank a U-boat on June 4, when two days out from Liverpool, England, enroute to an Atlantic port.

In a story written today by the wireless operator on the ship the captain said:

"We left Liverpool on our homeward voyage June 1. We were running at night without lights. The guns were cleared for action. We received 'S. O. S.' messages from two British vessels attacked by submarines, but in each case they escaped after a gun battle.

**See Shells Drop.**

"We could plainly see the shells from these British vessels as they dropped, but could not see the submarines with which they were fighting.

"We were on a zig-zag course and making full speed when the lookout sighted a lifeboat. We steered to see what was in it. It was empty.

"About twenty minutes after passing the empty lifeboat, or about 6:30 p. m., ship's time, one of the gunners sighted a torpedo headed straight for us. He shouted to the bridge: 'Here it comes; torpedo port side.'

"The chief officer, who was on the bridge, shouted to the quartermaster 'hard starboard.' We swung off. The torpedo had a red head about sixteen inches in diameter. It was about ten feet long. The torpedo struck us on the port side a glancing blow amidship right near the engine room. Our ship was empty and we all thought the torpedo had exploded, from the terrific noise it made when it hit.

**Whistle Sounds Warning.**

"Simultaneously the ship's whistle blew short and successive blasts, which was signal to abandon ship and man the lifeboats, which were launched at once.

"The captain, who had remained on the ship, found the torpedo had failed to explode. All hands were then ordered back on ship. We were lying perfectly still for at least an hour.

"When the commander of the submarine saw our crew coming back from the lifeboats and climbing upon deck he immediately gave up his chase for two other British merchant ships and started for us again. The submarine was about 2,000 yards off our starboard.

"Suddenly came the command: 'Man the guns.'

"The chief gunner gave the ranges from the bridge.

"When about 600 yards off our starboard quarter a shell from our forward gun hit it and it submerged. Again it appeared and our aftergun hit it and blew away its periscope.

**U-Boat Goes Down.**

Another shot from our forward gun fell right on top of the submarine.

There was a shower of black specks which rose high in the air, followed by a great commotion, bubbles of water and a light blue smoke arising from the stern of the U-boat, where a second before had been the eyes of our enemy.

"Our crew, which was lined up against the starboard rail watching the battle, gave a hearty American cheer when the submarine disappeared.

"Nineteen shots in all were fired, which is the secretary of the navy's military salute."

## To Issue First Farm Loan Bonds at Premium

Washington, June 22.—The first issue of farm loan bonds, it was announced tonight, will be offered the public about July 1. From $100,000,000 to $150,000,000 of the bonds, bearing 4½ per cent interest, probably will be issued within a year.

The twelve federal land banks, through the Farm Loan board, have concluded an arrangement with a group of investment bankers under which half of the issue, up to $30,000,000, during the next six months will be marketed by the bankers.

JOHN PETLOM, SOUTH OMAHA MAN—who murdered his wife, Bessie, and their 5-year-old son, John, Jr., who witnessed the tragedy. The victim had her 2-year-old baby in her arms when shot.

## FIGHT TO MOVE CHADRON CASE TO ANOTHER COUNTY

### Judge Grimes of North Platte Hearing Arguments in Place of Judge Westover in Alleged Blackmail Case.

Chadron, Neb., June 22.—(Special Telegram.)—Judge H. M. Grimes of North Platte sat in place of Judge Westover in the district court when the Chadron-Omaha conspiracy to blackmail case was called at 9 a. m.

The defendants in the case are: Stephen Maloney, William S. Dolan, Charles W. Pipkin, Gust A. Tylee, Phillip Winckler and Harvey Wolf of Omaha, and Allen G. Fisher, L. K. Mote and Charles I. Day of Chadron.

Attorneys for the defendants entered a motion for a change of venue to another county, on the grounds that a fair and impartial trial can not be had in Dawes county. Arguments were started today and it is believed a decision will be announced on Saturday as to whether the trial will be held here or in another county.

**Prosecution Resists Change.**

The prosecution is resisting the effort to gain a change of venue.

The case was instituted in the name of the state with County Attorney Crites as complainant. Ben S. Baker, Michael Harrington and Earl McDowell are representing the defendants. H. C. Brome is chief counsel for the prosecution.

The defendants were bound over by County Judge Slattery three weeks ago.

Detective Paul Sutton and Mrs. Elsie Phelps are in court.

The defendants are charged with having conspired to extort $500 from Mr. Crites, $500 from Mrs. Robert Hood, $1,000 from Robert Hood; to cause Crites and Mrs. Hood to be found together in the former's office; to threaten Crites with unfavorable publicity and to cause him to refuse to prosecute certain cases which were pending.

## Forty-Two Austrians Taken From Leadville Under Guard

Leadville, Colo., June 21.—Forty-two Austrian prisoners at the county jail, held on charges of evading the selective draft law, were removed to a special train today by a special guard of National Guard troops brought from Denver by United States Marshal Burris, after threats had been made by their countrymen here to free them.

The men were taken to Salida where they were arraigned and held for the federal grand jury at Pueblo.

## *Subscriptions to Liberty Loan More Than Three Billions*

**Washington, June 22.—Subscriptions to the Liberty loan have surpassed the highest estimate of the treasury officials and exceed $3,000,000,000.**

## MEDIATORS OBEY COURT ORDER NOT TO HOLD MEETING

### Members Decide to Respect Restraining Order Obtained by Attorney General Reed.

The board of mediation and investigation, which has been considering controversies in the labor situation, yesterday voted to ask the district court to pass, at an early date, upon the constitutionality of the act creating the board.

In view of the quo warranto proceedings started by Attorney General Reed on Thursday, and the service of restraining order Thursday night, the board adjourned to await further action of the district court.

Judge Sawyer of the board offered the motion, which was in form a request to the district court to pass upon the challenge of the attorney general.

**Wants Early Action.**

"The right of this board has been challenged on the constitutionality of the creative act," said Anson Bigelow, attorney for the labor unions. "I would not recommend that this board should submit to an abject surrender of it rights. I believe that one of the district judges would hear the case on Saturday morning if a request were made. We need carefulness and caution, not only of the desires of our fellow men, but of the common interest of our country in this crisis. Some of the crafts and their employers have gotten together. An effort has been made by other crafts to effect an adjustment. The difficulty in some crafts is as wide as it was at the beginning. There is

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## Negro Who Ran Down Little Girl Reported Lynched

Houston, Tex., June 22.—Telephone reports from Courtney, Tex., to day say that Ben Harper, one of an automobile party of negroes, which ran down and killed Allie May Goodrum, a 13-year-old girl, yesterday has been lynched.

## MRS. JOHN PETLOM MURDERED IN HER HOME IN SOUTH OMAHA AS SHE HOLDS BABY IN ARMS

### Tragedy Follows Quarrel Over Money; Husband's Story That Wife First Shot Him is Denied by Neighbors Who Witnessed Shooting; Held to District Court on Murder Charge.

**Mrs. Bessie Petlom, 22 years old, 5233 South Eighteenth street, was shot and instantly killed by her husband, John Petlom, an employe of the Swift Packing company car repair works, at 10 o'clock Thursday night.**

**Petlom was arrested and confessed to committing the murder.**

**According to Petlom, his wife left the supper on the table for him when he came home Thursday night, and left the house. She returned, he said, at 9:30 o'clock.**

**"What are you going to do about my leaving," he told the police, she asked.**

**"I didn't say a word and she shot me. The bullet grazed my forehead."**

**Petlom said when he came to he picked up the gun and shot his wife through the breast.**

**At an inquest Friday afternoon probable cause was found for holding Petlom to answer to the charge of murder. He was taken to the county jail.**

**HAVE TWO CHILDREN.**

The Petloms have two children, John, 5, and Joe, 2. The children were in the room and saw their mother killed.

Mrs. Petlom was shot through the right breast. Peltom has a scalp wound over the right temple.

Witnesses declared they heard Mr. and Mrs. Petlom quarreling over $75 which Mrs. Peltom is said to have spent. He questioned her as to the disposition of the money, to which she replied she had spent it for coal, groceries and other necessities.

**At this answer, Petlom is alleged by witnesses to have said: "If you won't tell me what you spent it for I'll make you this way."**

**THREE SHOTS FIRED.**

**Three shots rang out. Frank Felix and Frank Dolezal, hearing the shots, ran over to the house and found Mrs. Petlom lying face downward on the sidewalk. Petlom told Dolezal he shot his wife because she shot him.**

Mrs. Anna Kozlik, 5213 South Eighteenth street, about forty feet in the rear of whose house the Petloms reside, was the first person to reach the murder.

**Heard Another Shot.**

She informed a Bee reporter that she heard the first shot and stepping out of her door saw Mrs. Petlom run out with her babe in her arms screaming for help.

When about twenty feet from the house Mrs. Petlom fell on the sidewalk, where she was found by the neighbors in a pool of blood.

Mrs. Kozlik says after Mrs. Petlom fell she heard another shot in the house.

Mrs. Frances Novotny, 5209 South Eighteenth street, who resides next door, tells the same story as Mrs. Kozlik.

Detectives Fleming and Sullivan are working on the theory that Petlom used the gun on himself after he shot his wife.

Dr. Ross, assistant city physician, who attended Petlom at the station, alleges there were powder marks on the man's forehead.

**Quarreled Over Money.**

The Petloms reside in a small weather beaten cottage in a hollow at the rear of Mrs. Anna Kozlik's home. They rented the house from Mrs. Kozlik.

Witnesses declare they heard the Peltoms quarreling Thursday morning over $75 which Mrs. Petlom had drawn from the bank. The quarrel was resumed in the evening. When searched at the station Peltom had $77.65 which he says he found hidden in the basement of his home.

## WOMEN PICKETS AT WHITE HOUSE UNDER ARREST

### Suffs Who Insist on Displaying Banner Are Taken to Police Station; Will Make Another Attempt.

Washington, June 22.—The police today began dealing with the suffrage pickets about the White House with a firm hand. It was ordered that no banners were to be permitted to be displayed and twenty policemen were stationed about the White House fence to enforce the order.

Miss Lucy Burns of New York and Miss Catharine Morey of Boston, carriers of a banner, who refused to move from in front of one of the White House gates, were arrested and taken to police headquarters.

At police headquarters the two banner bearers were informed that they had been arrested for blocking traffic and unlawful assemblage. They were released on their own recognizance and no date was set for trial.

**Quote Wilson's Speech.**

It developed that the suffragists took their banners out again today under advice of counsel, but that they had sprung a surprise on the police. Instead of banners bearing inscriptions, characterized as "treasonable" and "offensive," they bore banners inscribed with phrases from some of President Wilson's address.

The banner which led to the arrests today carried this sentence from the president's war message:

"We will fight for the things we have always held nearest our hearts—for democracy—for the right of those who submit to authority to have a voice in their own government."

The suffrage leaders said tonight that an attempt would be made tomorrow to display banners at the White House gates. More arrests are expected tomorrow.

## Express Employe Admits He Stole $25,000 in Gold

Chicago, June 22.—James Burgess, manager of the Adams Express company, admitted to the police last night that he committed the $25,000 robbery of an express car in the Burlington yards here Tuesday night. He named Peter Peloquin, a switchman, and his brother, Joe Peloquin, as accomplices. The Peloquins have not been arrested.

## Hunger Riots Reported At Stettin, Germany

Malmo, Sweden, June 22.—Travelers arriving from Stettin, Germany, report hunger riots in that city, mainly by women and children. Troops were called out to quell the disturbance.

## *Boy Scouts Showing the Right Spirit in Their Red Cross Work*

A red-headed, freckled-faced lad, with all his front teeth missing walked into the Boy Scout headquarters rooms.

"Aw, give me a subscription blank," he lisped. "Give me one, will yuh? I wanna go to the Scout picnic."

"But you're not old enough to do Scout work, and besides I haven't a blank here," Chief Executive Scout English told him.

"Aw, please get me one. I so wanna help," the little lad, who was not more than 7 years old, pleaded, as two large tears welled up in his eyes.

Touched by the lad's request Mr. English phoned one of his Scouts, who brought in one of his supply of blanks.

In about an hour the freckled-faced boy, with a smile on his face that stretched from ear to ear, proudly walked into the office and laid down his blank. It was subscribed for $20.

The example is just one of many in which Omaha persons, small and large, are working to make the Red Cross campaign a success.

Of the subscriptions turned in at the Hotel Fontenelle Friday one was from a girl at the Grain exchange, who went without her dinner so that she could contribute her mite. Her subscription was 25 cents. Another girl walked from the north part of the city to work Friday morning. She gave the dime to the Red Cross.

Ward Burgess, who will give the Scouts a picnic for their Red Cross work, has announced that it will be a picnic that they will not forget for some time. "They've cerainly earned it," he said."

## *Omaha Mobilization Point Of Sixteen Field Hospitals*

Minneapolis, Minn., June 22.—(Special Telegram.)—Omaha has been designated as a point of mobilization for the sixteen field hospital companies and sixteen ambulance companies to be raised throughout the central department. Fort Snelling has been designated as mobilization point for one field hospital company and one ambulance company. Other selected points include Fore Meade, S. D.; Forts Crook and Des Moines. The field hospital company includes five officers and seventy-three enlisted men and the ambulance company five officers and seventy-nine enlisted men.

The artillery men at Fort Snelling are not going to Sparta, Wis., but will train here with the First Minnesota field artillery, which saw service on the Mexican border and which expected to be called into federal service at Fort Snelling any day.

The population of Fort Snelling camp will be more than doubled by the expansion of the Thirty-sixth United States infantry in three regiments and the mobilization of the First Minnesota field artillery and the reserve hospital and ambulance units.

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