

U.S. TAKES HAND IN OMAHA STRIKE; REED AND MEDIATION BOARD CLASH

OMAHA MEETS CALL FOR RED CROSS FUNDS

Campaign Committee Reports \$210,000 Apportionment Has Been Oversubscribed; Leaders Enthusiastic.

RED CROSS TOTALS.
Nation at large.....\$77,000,000.00
Omaha.....240,665.85
For last twenty-four hours.....39,976.80
Boy Scouts' total.....6,393.05

Omaha has oversubscribed the Red Cross campaign fund. Although \$210,000 was apportioned as its share of the nation's contribution, more than that amount already has been reported to the finance committee.

The whirlwind campaign closed at the noonday luncheon yesterday of the team captains at the Fontenelle. All were elated at the splendid results attained.

The figures do not include the results obtained by the Boy Scouts, who will continue their drive until Monday morning.

Although Omaha is doing more than its bit and has given in a steady stream, the wires have not been kept hot with startling figures to tell the rest of the nation what is subscribed. Everyone who has not yet given will still do so by giving to the Boy Scout campaigners.

Meeting of Workers.
Mrs. C. T. Kountze, Mrs. A. L. Reed and Miss Daphne Peters acted as "hello girls" this morning at the Scout headquarters receiving reports as they came in. Mrs. James Dahlman did her bit chattering for the Scouts.

Subscriptions all the way from \$600 to 10 cents were pledged to the Scouts. In one humble home of a striker the wife gave a 50-cent subscription, paying for it in four installments, although not a cent was coming into the family exchequer.

Picture of first manual training class in Omaha High school, and key to identity of members will be found on special magazine feature page.

ALFREDO COCCHI ADMITS MURDER OFRUTH CRUGER

Italian Arrested at Bologna Confesses Killing Girl Whose Body Was Buried in Cellar at New York.

(By the Associated Press.)
Bologna, Italy, June 23.—Alfredo Cocchi, the fugitive New York motorcycle dealer, abandoned today his pretense of innocence of the murder of Ruth Cruger and confessed his guilt. Jealousy was his motive. He was unable, he declared, to win her love and became furious when she rebuffed his persistent attentions.

The admissions of the young Italian, whose escape the New York police failed to prevent, were made in tears after searching interrogation by Judge Zucconi broke down Cocchi's reserve.

Prior to this examination Cocchi had coolly and insistently maintained he had known Miss Cruger only two days before her disappearance in February when she went to his shop to have skates sharpened and had declared his conduct toward her was entirely correct.

Cocchi Breaks Down.
Under Judge Zucconi's searching questions today, however, Cocchi finally burst into tears. He became so agitated as his confession fell haltingly from his lips that the persons surrounding him believed he was about to have an epileptic fit.

He was granted time to recover and then resumed the story of how the 18-year-old Waldeigh high school graduate met death at his hands in the building where her body was recently unearched from the cellar.

After making up his mind to tell the truth, Cocchi talked freely and without reserve, gave full details of his crime, including the burial of Miss Cruger's body. After the confession had been completed the judge directed the clerk to read to Cocchi the written report of his deposition. The prisoner said it was correct and later signed it.

On returning to his cell Cocchi said to the prison attendants: "At last I feel relieved. I have freed myself from a nightmare which tortured my conscience. Now I have told everything and I am ready to suffer any penalty."

Problem of Extradition.
New York, June 23.—With the announcement from Italy that Alfredo Cocchi had confessed to the murder of Ruth Cruger, police efforts here turned today to the problem of having the motorcycle dealer brought back to New York to face trial.



Picnic Time Again

OMAHA WOMEN ADOPT KHAKETTE SUITS FOR WORK

Registration of women for paid as well as voluntary service will be the work of the National League for Woman Service during the war. This is the word just received by Mrs. William Archibald Smith, chairman of the local branch, from national headquarters. The league is affiliated with the Department of Labor in Washington and will act as a free employment bureau for the wage-earning woman as well as a registered woman for voluntary patriotic service, which has been the sole aim of the league up to date.

Heretofore two kinds of application blanks will be filled out at the headquarters, depending whether or not the individual wishes remuneration for her services or not.

To Adopt Costume.
"Pictures of the regulation costume of the Woman Service league have been received and will be adopted by all working members of the league," said the chairman, who will order hers soon.

They are of khaki, and khakette cloth, and a plain sailor hat is worn with the costume, which is a one-piece garment made in military style. The insignia of the league is worn on the sleeve.

A letter received from Elliott Wadsworth, chairman of the National Red Cross society, explaining how the league co-operates with the Red Cross, has just been received.

The Kind of Letter We Like to Get

Kearney, Neb., June 20, 1917.
My Dear Friend:
It may be interesting for you to know that some one has been taking notice of the splendid improvement in The Bee during the last year.

In its news, in its miscellany, in its features, in its advertising, in its arrangement and classification, and not omitting two mighty well edited columns, The Bee is unexcelled by any newspaper that I call to mind. It is compact, full of "meat," with plenty of "salad dressing," and is very satisfying—the ideal newspaper for busy people on workdays or for Sunday morning idlers.

It is as much better than the old Bee as the new century surpasses the dead-and-goners. Truly,
M. A. BROWN,
Kearney Daily Hub.
Mr. Victor Rosewater, Editor The Bee.

SHOTS FROM U.S. GUNS STRIKE TWO TEUTON U-BOATS

Reports of Ship Captains Indicate Submarine Sunk Near Genoa and Another Near Coast of Ireland.

BULLETIN.
Washington, June 23.—Confirmation of the sinking of a German submarine by the navy gunner crew of an armed American merchantman, mentioned in yesterday's dispatches, was received today by the Navy department in a report from Chief Boatswain's Mate O. J. Gullickson, commanding the gunners.

"Apparently the submarine was either sunk or badly damaged," his report says, "as nothing further was seen of it."

GRIMES GRANTS CHANGE OF VENUE IN CHADRON CASE

Date of Trial Set for October Fifteenth at Alliance; Demurrer to Be Argued Before Case Called.

Chadron, Neb., June 23.—(Special Telegram.)—Defendants in the conspiracy to blackmail case today were granted a change of venue to Alliance, Box Butte county, and the date of trial set for October 15.

Judge Grimes of North Platte occupied the district court bench in place of Judge Westover, presiding judge. The court fixed the bonds at \$500 each for the nine defendants and agreed to fix a date for hearing a demurrer filed against the information by attorneys for the defense.

No Counter Affidavits.
Attorneys Ben S. Baker, M. F. Harrington and F. S. Howell filed affidavits in support of their motion for a change of venue. At the morning session of court Attorney H. C. Brome, for the prosecution, stated he would, during the afternoon, file counter affidavits, but when court convened for the afternoon session the counter affidavits had not materialized.

BREACH BETWEEN EMPLOYERS AND EMPLOYEES WIDENS WHEN FACTIONS CLASH IN COURT

Federal Commissioner of Conciliation is Ordered Back to Omaha as Result of Local Conditions.

By order of the United States Department of Labor, Oscar F. Nelson, commissioner of conciliation of that department, has been hurried back to Omaha from Denver to take a hand in the strike situation here.

Mr. Nelson went to Denver a week ago after he had conferred with the State Council of Defense at Lincoln and with United States District Attorney Allen to get the work of conciliation started in the Omaha labor situation.

Widens the Breach.
"There is no question but that he has widened the breach rather than healed it by his unwarranted action," said Commissioner Nelson in Omaha this morning.

To Await Developments.
Commissioner Nelson refused to say what action he would take in the matter. "It will depend upon developments," he said. "But I have been ordered back here by the department."

Attorney A. H. Bigelow for the strikers appeared before Judge Leslie and appealed for an immediate hearing of the injunction suit on the grounds that the tension is daily growing. Immediate hearing, however, was not granted and the case was set for Tuesday at 2 o'clock.

Call for Bank Statements Will Be Made Soon

Washington, June 23.—The comptroller of the currency announced today that call for reports on condition of national banks will be issued within forty-eight hours. These are the last reports to be made, computing reserves under the federal reserve act before its recent amendment.

All reports after this one will require national banks in central reserve cities to maintain in their respective federal reserve banks a balance of 13 per cent of demand deposits; banks in reserve cities, 10 per cent of demand deposits, and country banks, a reserve of 7 per cent.

National banks will be required to keep a reserve on their time deposits of 3 per cent with their reserve banks instead of the 5 per cent reserve heretofore required.

Attorney General Reed and Strike Board Counsel Disagree Over Motion to Vacate Restraining Order.

Happenings in the legal clash between Attorney General Reed and the state board of mediation and investigation, which has been considering controversies in the labor troubles, came fast yesterday.

Attorneys for the board filed motions to dissolve the restraining order and to have a date set for a hearing.

Judge Leslie fixed the hearing for 2 o'clock next Tuesday afternoon after Anson Bigelow, chief counsel for the board, and Norris Brown and D. V. Vinsenthaler, representing the attorney general, had engaged in a tilt over the tenability of the labor situation and its relation to the necessity of immediate action by the court.

The constitutional right of the mediators to sit, challenged by Attorney General Reed, will be argued Tuesday in an effort to dissolve the restraining order, obtained by the state official Thursday night.

Everybody Gets Busy.
The mediation board adjourned Friday to await further action by the court.

Counsel for the mediators got service on Attorney General Reed at Lincoln at 9:30 o'clock Friday night on a motion for a hearing to set a date for another hearing to dissolve the restraining order.

Thirty minutes after a return on the hearing was made the first motion was filed. In the meantime the attorney general got into communication with Attorneys Brown and Vinsenthaler, asking them to represent him in court on the motion this morning.

Attorney Bigelow asked that the court set an immediate date for hearing a motion to dissolve the restraining order. He declared the labor situation was a matter of grave import, was tense, and might grow worse if the hearing was not hastened.

Threatens the Court.
Attorney Vinsenthaler broke in and inquired:

"What was so 'tense' as to necessitate threatening the court?"
"The mediators' attorney reiterated 'matters were grave,' but denied 'threatening' anyone."
Judge Leslie ruled that Tuesday would be soon enough to conduct the hearing on the motion to dissolve the order. He said in his opinion the situation was not "so tense" as to demand immediate action on such a motion.

Exports and Imports
Of U. S. at High Tide
Washington, June 23.—American imports in May of \$281,000,000 reached the highest total of any month in the history of American commerce. Exports of \$551,000,000 showed a gain of \$21,000,000 over April.

Both imports and exports for the twelve months ending with May set new yearly records; imports being valued at \$2,600,000,000 and exports at \$6,183,000,000.

Seventy-one percent of the merchandise entering in May came free of duty. For the twelve-month period the percentage was 69.3. Gold exports in May valued at \$58,000,000 were \$6,000,000 greater than imports. Net gold imports for the twelve months were valued at \$776,000,000.

Government to Reorganize
Its Purchasing Power
Washington, June 23.—Reorganization of the government's war purchasing system by rearrangement of committees of the Council of National Defense, contemplated for some time, will be made next week. More than 150 committees now serving in many capacities will be reduced to about ten. To each will be assigned definite duties to prevent duplication of efforts.

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