

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 Dahlgren 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.

Mr. and Mrs. E. M. F. Leffang gave \$1,000 instead of \$500 which was accredited to them in yesterday's figures.

Millions Respond to Call.

"This is the period of sweeping enthusiasm. Ten million young men responded to their country's call and gave their lives. Millions of women gave their men. The purses of the nation have been gladly emptied to finance the war."

"Then came the appeal to the nation to finance the support of the wounded and their dependents. The slogan is:

"Don't send your boy or your neighbor's boy across the water without having him know that, wounded or sick, he will be properly cared for."

"The appeal is direct, and it penetrates to every home where eligible young men are waiting for the draft. It is more than an appeal, as witness the promptness with which the big business men of the country have laid aside their important affairs and devoted all their time and labor to organizing and directing the canvass for the \$100,000,000. The president commended them, and they obeyed."

Income Tax Payments Are Above the Highest Estimate

Washington, June 23.—Income tax payments so far have surpassed the highest figure—\$335,000,000—upon which officials based their estimates when the law was amended last September. Receipts today show a total of \$37,385,777 for the fiscal year. Indications are that the total receipts for the year will reach \$345,000,000.

With a week to go before the fiscal year closes, receipts from that source are pouring into the treasury at the rate of nearly \$2,000,000 a day. The bulk of the income tax, however, was paid during the last month.

These receipts and other increased revenues have advanced the total receipts from ordinary taxation for the fiscal year up to \$1,079,298,595, a new record and more than \$400,000,000 over the amount received this time last year.

U. S. Will Send Red Cross Commission to Europe

Washington, June 23.—The Red Cross will send an American commission to Russia to work along and behind the battlefield in the same way a similar commission is to operate in France and Belgium. In that way ambulances and other relief for the Russian army will be supplied.

Race Among Auto

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 O. 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.

District Attorney Swann announced that he had conferred personally here last night with Frank L. Polk, counselor of the State department, and was assured that the United States would exert every energy to have Cocchi returned to this country.

The authorities are working on the theory that Cocchi had accomplices, both in the commission of the crime and in connection with his escape from this country after eluding investigators.

Will Try to Impeach Mayor of Chicago

Chicago, June 23.—Notice in the city hall was posted this afternoon that the judiciary committee of the city council will consider impeachment proceedings against Mayor Thompson at a meeting next Monday. The matter will be first considered by the judiciary committee.

Anti-Thompson aldermen largely predominate in the council and in the committee.

When told that many prominent citizens were urging that he resign, the mayor declined to comment.

Later he issued a formal statement stating that patrolmen will be placed on all school property to prevent the old board from taking possession.

House Refuses to Strike Out Price-Fixing Section

Washington, June 23.—Consideration of the prohibition section of the food control bill began in the house today immediately after rejection, by a vote of 125 to 33, of the Meeker amendment to strike out the price fixing section of the bill.

Representative Webb of North Carolina immediately offered a proposal to permit the president to take over for redistribution all liquors now on hand in the United States. Chairman Lever made the point of order against the amendment that it was not germane to the section.

Soldiers of Ukraine Want Independent Government

London, June 23.—Reuter's Petrograd correspondent reports that the Ukrainian military conference has called on the Ukraine national assembly to cease its relations with the Russian provisional government and proceed immediately to effect an independent organization of the Ukraine.

Picnic Time Again



OMAHA WOMEN ADOPT KHAKETTE SUITS FOR WORK

Will Be Given an Opportunity to Enlist for Paid or Vol- untary Service in the War.

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.

Hereafter 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.

Co-operates With Red Cross.

"The league co-operates with the Red Cross in railroad canteen service and in caring for dependent families of soldiers," says the letter.

The motor driving section of the Woman's league is expected to be for communication service for the army and navy and is not supposed to answer every beck and call of individuals.

At the executive board meeting of the league at the Hotel Fontenelle it was decided to meet every two weeks during the summer instead of every week.

More than \$1,200 has been raised, and the financial report of the nature masque committee, the proceeds of which will be divided between the Woman's league and the Red Cross.

Occasional Showers and Cooler Weather Coming

Washington, June 23.—Weather predictions for the week beginning Sunday, issued by the weather bureau today, follow:

Plains States and Upper and Middle Mississippi Valleys—Occasional showers; temperature somewhat below normal.

Rocky Mountain and Plateau Regions—Generally fair; temperature somewhat below seasonal average.

Pacific States—Generally fair; temperature normal.

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 Indi- cate 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."

An Atlantic Port, June 23.—A light between an American freight steam- ship and a German submarine, which took place June 6, one day out from Genoa, Italy, and resulted in the navy gunners on the American vessel scor- ing at least one hit, was reported by the captain of the steamer on his ar- rival today.

The captain said the U-boat suddenly appeared at a distance of about 500 yards and launched a torpedo. Its wake was clearly discernible and it was possible to maneuver the vessel so that it missed the ship by about twenty feet.

Shot Hits Periscope.

Fire was immediately opened on the U-boat from a stern gun and four shots were discharged in rapid succession as the submarine submerged. The second shot, the captain said, struck the periscope, throwing it high into the air, and the last shot fired hit the water on the exact spot where the U-boat disappeared. The American vessel suffered no damage.

This is the second encounter reported within two days in which an American ship successfully defended itself against submarine attacks.

Captain Jess of Signal Corps Thrown by Horse

(From a Staff Correspondent.)
Lincoln, June 23.—(Special Telegram.)—While acting as an escort to Governor Neville during the morning ride of the executive, Captain H. A. Jess of the Fremont signal corps was thrown from his horse, sustaining a fracture of his leg just above the ankle. He was taken to a local hospital.

BREACH BETWEEN EMPLOYERS AND EMPLOYEES WIDENS WHEN FACTIONS CLASH IN COURT

Federal Commissioner of Con- ciliation is Ordered Back to Omaha as Result of Lo- cal 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. Before I left for Denver I went to Lincoln and took the strike situation up with the State Council of Defense. I then suggested that if the state council did not feel it could hold a public hearing on the subject the State Board of Mediation and Investigation should take it up. The council concurred in my opinion and recommended to the governor that the board be called to hear the case. The board did not convene until Monday, June 18, and immediately the attorney general came forth with his injunction to stop the hearing, though he had never mentioned injunction in all the weeks of strike troubles that had gone before for nearly three months."

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.

Prince Von Buelow Hints At Germany's Peace Terms

Paris, June 23.—The Zurich correspondent of the Petit Parisien quotes Prince von Buelow, former German chancellor, as saying in reply to birthday greetings from the city of Bromberg, Prussia, that he hoped this year would bring to the German people the longed for peace, a peace with compensations for their sufferings and sacrifices and an indemnity which would permit Germany occupied before the war. This is the first time Prince von Buelow has expressed himself on the subject of Germany's war aims.

Gale Does Extensive Damage at Sioux City

Sioux City, Ia., June 23.—Thousands of dollars' damage was done in this section by a ninety-mile an hour gale early this morning. Hundreds of outbuildings were wrecked. In Sioux City scores of plate glass windows were blown in and great damage was done to trees. Wire service was completely tied up for several hours, hundreds of poles being blown down.

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 \$76,000,000.

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.

Katzenjammer Kids and All the Comic Favorites

Liberty Loan Bonds
Sell Above Par Value

New York, June 23.—Heavy dealers in the Liberty bonds, all at par, were the feature of today's trading on the stock exchange. Blocks of \$100,000 to \$600,000 changed hands in the early part of the session. Later a block of \$5,000 sold at 100 1/2 and another block of the same amount at 100 2/3.

Attorney General Reed and Strike Board Counsel Dis- agree Over Motion to Va- cate 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.

Though the motion had not yet been filed when the attorneys appeared before Judge Leslie, Attorney Brown waived insistence on the actual filing and accepted a copy of the action upon the agreement it would be taken to the office of the clerk of the district court when they had concluded their arguments.

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