

## DEFENSE COUNCIL ISSUES WARNING

Scores Lutheran Church and University Professors for Manifestation of Un-American Conduct.

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purchased Liberty bonds or participated in their sale. The council issued a warning calling attention to the fact that such threats amounted to treason and would be so treated. This warning had wholesome effect. Under directions from the council the secretary of the State Banking board wrote to the various national and state banks of Nebraska making inquiry as to threats of this character. Several hundred of these reports were received. The larger number of banks reported that no threats had been made. A number reported actual threats and a much larger number reported statements that amounted to implied threats. Most of these reports said that the warning issued by the state council had had unquestionably good effect, whether upon those who were inclined to antagonism either from thoughtlessness or from outright opposition to the government. These reports show the strong, independent spirit of most of the Nebraska bankers.

### Misunderstanding Exists.

"A majority made it very clear that they would not tamely submit to threats involving patriotic action. At the same time a large number of these reports showed that there exists throughout Nebraska a very general misunderstanding of the purpose and the necessity of this war, and the council was urged to carry on a system of education through patriotic meetings. Some idea of the situation as it affects bankers may be obtained by the suggestion made in the larger number of these reports that the column in the bank reports providing for the statement of moneys invested in Liberty bonds be omitted until the conclusion of this war. Many of these reports said that while they had invested in these Liberty bonds they thought it best not to make any great noise about it. Following are extracts from two of these reports which are fair samples of perhaps several others:

"We don't fear threats, but would not be greatly surprised if the fact became known we had invested money in war bonds a good many deposits would be quietly withdrawn. Also, we have had no threats, but have had frequent inquiries as to whether or not we were going to invest in Liberty bonds. This makes it very hard for us to advertise the bonds in connection with the bank. We shall, however, do our part.

"It is hardly possible to present in this statement the instances that will fairly show the real situation. In one Nebraska town an American of German birth engaged in the banking business has been so open and pronounced in his support of the government that he has lost several thousand dollars in deposits, controlled by Prussian sympathizers. From one town comes the well-authenticated report that while nothing has been done in that town to aid the Red Cross efforts to hold Red Cross meetings have been openly and violently antagonized. Many instances reported by thoroughly responsible business or professional men or farmers have shown that men of commanding influence in the community have openly expressed their sympathy with America's enemy and have persistently discouraged every effort to help America. One man engaged in the banking business stated publicly that his bank would do nothing for the sale of Liberty bonds, adding: 'I would commit suicide before I would take up arms against Germany.'

### Fear Business Losses.

"One of Nebraska's best known and most reliable citizens reports the seriousness of the situation in his community, saying: 'The pro-German sentiment is so strong that even some of the patriotic citizens seem to be afraid to do their full duty and feel considerably intimidated.' Another report says of another community: 'Many of the business men seem to be timid for fear they will lose business if they engage in patriotic activities.'

"Where the complaints deal only with the reasonable or thoughtful words of a single or of two or three individuals it is not serious, for such cases may be handled with words of warning and through educational effort. But the extracts cited above are fair samples of a very large number of reports showing where whole communities are more or less affected by the un-American attitude of influential men. These complaints have come in such number and from such responsible sources that it is impossible longer to withhold them from the public. In certain communities men working for the country's good have been embarrassed and handicapped, in some instances threatened with personal violence and in many instances promised damage to their business at the hands of men who are openly opposed to our country's cause.

"From every section of the state come reports showing the need in Nebraska of a widespread educational campaign. It is very generally reported that among the native-born as well as among many of the foreign-born and concerning whose loyalty there can be no question there is general misunderstanding as to the meaning and the purpose of the war and therefore among these a general lack of sympathy with the war. To meet this misunderstanding the council is preparing to cover the state with literature and is arranging for patriotic meetings to be held as soon as convenient in every town in Nebraska.

### Support from Germans.

"Some of the strongest support and best co-operation has come to the council from Americans of German birth or descent and the council clearly recognizes the perfect loyalty of the larger number of Nebraskans of German origin. But covert and open attack in various sections of the state upon our country's cause have reached such proportions that they must be given serious attention. The interests at stake are too important for the patriotic men and women of Nebraska to remain in the dark. An aroused public sentiment at this time will go far toward the protection of life and property, toward the conservation of food supplies and in furtherance of the effort to place Nebraska squarely in line with the national government. Conscious of the unwillingness of its own members at first to take the situation seriously, the council is perfectly aware that these words of warning will be a revelation to many and that they may not

be accepted by some with the seriousness to which they are entitled. It is, however, necessary to give the warning and to solemnly appeal to all patriotic men and women to bestir themselves in order that Nebraska may be put in fighting trim for America.

"For the reason that the seriousness of this situation has forced itself upon the council and that it has no other concern than that involving the best interests of Nebraska and the United States, the council speaks with perfect frankness with respect to serious evils that can only be cured by a thoroughly aroused American sentiment. To this end and in this spirit the council takes the liberty of ignoring all precedents and refusing to be controlled by an indisposition, natural among thoughtful men, to do the unusual. But the war in which we are engaged is unusual and efforts in honest support of that war must be unusual, too. The council refuses, therefore, to temporize with serious situations involving the welfare of the country.

"The University of Nebraska is a patriotic institution. Its efficient faculty and its capable faculty are working zealously for America's welfare and so general has become their co-operation with the council that the university has come to be practically an adjunct of this organization. But several professors of the state university have so persistently given encouragement, publicity and privately to those who are out of harmony with the American cause that the council deems it necessary and proper to publicly register protest against these practices. It is not fair to the parents who send their boys to the front, nor to the boys themselves, that men of commanding influence in educational or other circles shall be permitted to cultivate sentiments that are detrimental to the cause for which the boys fight. When all the energy and genius of the business and agricultural interests of the state are being employed for the protection of food supplies it is not fair that conspicuous and influential and, presumably, law-abiding men shall preach doctrines that may encourage the vicious and the lawless to acts of violence.

### Appeals to Church.

"Perhaps never in history has it been deemed necessary by a public body to single out by name a great church organization and appeal to the patriotism of its members to offset and check the dangerous tendencies of many of the conspicuous representatives of that organization. Because of the reliable reports that may be said to come from every section of Nebraska—and come in number by the hundreds—it is necessary that the council make such an appeal with respect to the organization known as the Lutheran church. The conspicuous representatives of that church have very generally and it may be said almost universally, refused to co-operate with any of the several efforts made by patriotic citizens for the support of the government. On the contrary, they have, very generally, publicly and privately, discouraged the American cause, and have shown marked partiality for the cause of Germany's enemy.

"Depending upon the American patriotism of the men and women who comprise the Lutheran church membership, the council makes this appeal to them to put a check upon the un-American activities of some of their conspicuous and influential representatives. The council could wait until great damage has been done from this source before making its protest. Perfectly aware that its protest is unusual, but conscious of the absolute necessity for such a protest, the council makes that protest now in order that American interests may be faithfully protected. Confident that it is useless to make further appeal to the conspicuous representatives of that church, the council addresses its appeal to the rank and file of the church membership, and hereby calls upon that membership to make known, on behalf of the Lutheran church, devotion to America—the country that gives it protection and religious liberty.

"In the discharge of its duty to America, the Nebraska State Council of Defense intends to employ its power and authority to the limit in the effort to suppress in Nebraska any interference with the determination to push this war to a speedy and successful conclusion. It will strive to put down every attempt to handicap or embarrass or discourage those who, grateful for the blessings they enjoy as American citizens, are trying to repay, at this critical time, the great debt they owe. To this end, we appeal to every patriotic man and woman in Nebraska, regardless of birth or ancestry. (Signed),

EDGAR HOWARD, Acting Governor;

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## GERMANS BEGIN OFFENSIVE NEAR BELGIAN COAST

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waging in Galicia the capture of Halicz, important though it is, is only an incidental feature. Given secure possession of it, the Russians have the road to Lemberg well opened up to them and a continuation of their attacks on anything like the scale of the last ten days seems likely to result in the fall of the Galician capital at no distant date.

In capturing Halicz the Russians took more than thirty guns and numerous prisoners. The Russian advances to the Russian war office say they are continuing their advance, pursuing the retreating Austro-German forces.

On the French front in northern France an attack was made by the Germans in the Woevre district near Flirey. They were ejected from a portion of the trench in which they temporarily gained a footing.

British naval air forces attacked the Turkish-German fleet lying off Constantinople on Monday night and obtained hits on the Turkish cruiser Sultan Selim, formerly the German cruiser Goeben, and other hostile warships nearby, causing explosions and fires on board.

### British Official Report.

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## POLICE EXPOSE WILL FOLLOW IF MALONEY IS GOAT

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which were proven to be false and which in any event had no connection with the charges preferred against him.

It may also be said that it is no secret that the captain will direct his remarks particularly toward Superintendent Kugel. Another bit of inside information is that Maloney has documentary evidence with which to substantiate at least some of the charges he will make.

To Reach Higher Ups. This situation, when it develops, will give a new aspect to the city hall imbroglio and will place one of the "higher-ups" on the defensive.

Whether the captain will spring his charges during the hearing of Detective Paul Sutton, beginning Thursday morning, or will wait until the general police investigation starts, is regarded as a detail.

Those who are on the inside say it will be an honest-to-goodness expose.

The city council will begin at 9 o'clock Thursday morning to hear charges against Detective Sutton.

Neither of Them Is Talking. "Let him talk," was the reply Chief of Police Dunn made when asked for a statement regarding charges made by Captain Steve Maloney. "He never was friendly to me," added the chief. "I believe he is crazy."

The chief said he did not care to make any further statement; that he is not surprised at anything Maloney might say.

"It is all a pack of lies," was the statement made by Superintendent Kugel when he learned of the charges made by Captain Maloney.

"I am not going into details at this time. I will talk when the time comes," he added.

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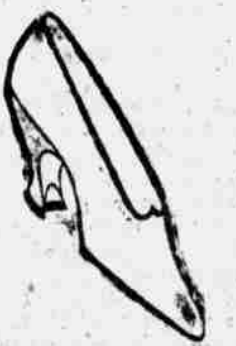
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