



RUSSIA'S STRONG MAN AT HELM; FIEND ATTACKS YOUNG WOMAN

BANDIT HOLDS UP AUTOS WITH SOLDIERS, ROBS OCCUPANTS AND MISTREATS ONE OF GIRLS

Two Automobiles Stopped, One Man Shot and Twelve Persons Robbed by Highwayman at Council Bluffs City Limits; Uses True Cave Man Methods in Handling Victims.

A fiend of the Art Hauser type, armed with a large revolver, held up and robbed twelve persons on the Mynter Springs road at the city limits of Council Bluffs Sunday night, shot and wounded one man, attacked one woman and was only prevented from attacking a second by the pleadings of her husband and the screams of her two children.

J. H. Young, 3620 West Broadway, and Charles Wright, 3627 Third avenue, both members of the Dodge Engineers of Council Bluffs, reported to the police that at 11 o'clock Sunday night they were out riding in an automobile loaned to them by Captain Howard, their commander in the Dodge Engineers. With them were Anna Davis, 728 First avenue, and Viola Cusworth of Woodbine, Ia., who is visiting Miss Davis.

Accosted by Highwayman. At the point where North Harrison street becomes the Mynter Springs road, a very secluded spot, the young men told the police, a lone highwayman, armed with a large revolver, leaped upon the running board of their machine and gruffly ordered them to stop and throw up their hands.

Reluctant to obey the order, the young men hesitated for a moment, whereupon the bandit deliberately fired at Young. The shot tore off one of his fingers at the first joint.

The man then robbed Young of \$25, Wright of \$16 and the young women of some small change they carried.

Threatening his victims by brandishing the revolver, the fiend then attacked one of the young women. Just as the highwayman had taken their money, a second automobile containing two men and two women drove up. This car also was stopped and its occupants forced to get out.

Takes Air From Tires. Following the attack upon the young woman the bandit forced the driver of the second car to remove the air from all four of his tires. His next move was to compel Young and Wright to drive him back to town. He made the young soldiers drive him directly through the heart of the city, even within half a block of the police station, and to the new Northwestern elevator, where he left them and escaped in the darkness.

Young and Wright hurried to the police station to report the affair. During the entire ride from the scene of the holding Miss Cusworth was unconscious and remained so at the station for an hour before she was revived.

The identity of the four persons in the second car held up is unknown as they have made no report of the occurrence to the police.

Another Victim. Chris Peterson, employe of the Woodward Candy company, was a previous victim of the brute. He was riding in a buggy with his wife and two children. At an hour earlier at the same point where the two automobiles were stopped, he was held up by the bandit, who robbed him of what money he had.

The bandit started to attack Peterson's wife and was only prevented by the pleadings of the husband and the screams of the two children.

Descriptions of the bandit given by Young, Wright and Peterson tally exactly, so police have no doubt.

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BUTLER-PARKS IN HOT ROW OVER STREET PAVING

Parks Places Fellow Commissioner in Jerry Howard Class; Direct Assertion Salary is Not Earned.

Members of a number of improvement club committees, present by request in the city council chamber to discuss the paving conditions of Greater Omaha were thrilled by the heated remarks hurled by Commissioners Butler and Parks against each other.

The verbal battle, which is said to have been one of the worst ever heard in the city council chamber, was the result of an alleged interview given out by Commissioner Butler attacking Parks.

"You tell the papers what ought to be done instead of doing it," Commissioner Parks shouted. "You're drawing \$4,500 a year for working yourself in the Jerry Howard class, doing nothing but knocking."

"When I voted for Parks," Butler said in an icy voice, "I thought I was voting for a man who was fitted for office. I realize that I made a mistake."

Butler then added that Parks was running his office in such a loose manner that he did not know what was going on.

"I'm earning my money," Parks said as he rose in his seat.

"I doubt it," Butler replied. In support of his assertion that he was conducting his office in the proper manner and that Butler was not, Parks told of how Butler previously had taken the word of work foremen as to the number of men on certain jobs.

"When I went to see one of the workmen I often was told by the foreman in charge that that man had just been let off to pay his taxes or

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BATTERED GERMAN STRONGHOLD AT MESSINES RIDGE—A British official photograph showing the remains of a one-time German stronghold at Messines Ridge after the British artillery got through with it.



WRECK OF MESSINES RIDGE

BUMPER CROP OF CORN IN STATE IF RAIN FALLS

Indications Fine, According to the Latest Crop Report Issued by the Burlington Road.

Although rain is needed, especially in the western part of the state, crop prospects for Nebraska continue bright, according to the weekly report of Burlington division superintendents.

Soil, the report relates, is in fair condition. Soil is dry on top and rain would be acceptable at all points, especially on the McCook division.

Corn is reported to be in a very satisfactory condition and made excellent progress during the last week. Ground is already too dry on the McCook division for best results, but the corn is not yet seriously damaged.

The critical stage will be reached this week, when the corn will begin to silk and tassel. If rain comes Nebraska's corn crop will be all that can be desired, as the estimates of condition at present are: Omaha division, 100 per cent; Lincoln division, 98 per cent; Wymore division, 104 per cent, and McCook division, 90 per cent of an average crop.

This means Nebraska will have the best corn crop in years if the rain comes. If it fails the crop probably will run but little less than average.

Wheat Forecast Correct. Winter wheat has been quite generally harvested along the Burlington lines. Both yield and quality are reported good. The forecast of 12,000,000 bushels for Nebraska and 51,000,000 bushels for Kansas is reported as correct.

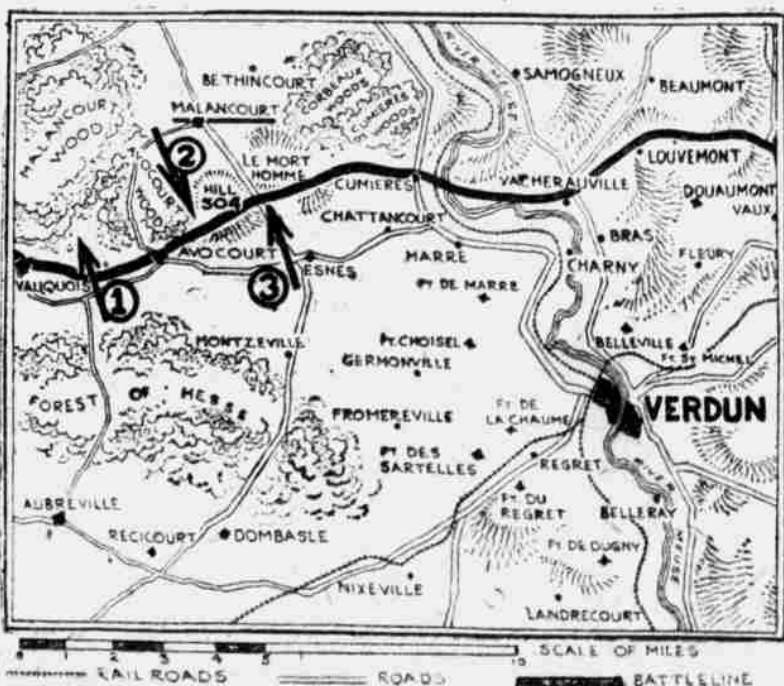
Spring wheats, oats and barley have been harvested and, while no threshing has been done, indications are that the yield will live up to the forecast of 93,000,000 bushels of wheat, 6,250,000 bushels of wheat and 4,500,000 bushels of barley.

Potatoes continue to do well, but unless rain falls within the week the crop will be materially shortened.

More Than Billion and Half Now Loaned to Allies

Washington, July 23.—Loans of \$75,000,000 to Russia and \$60,000,000 to France today brought the total sum advanced to the allies within the last three months up to \$1,523,000,000.

FRENCH WIN AGAIN AT VERDUN—The many attempts of the German crown prince to retake the lost positions northwest of Verdun have culminated in a smashing defeat. German official reports admit that the French have driven through their lines in the Malancourt Woods (1) and the French claim that they defeated every effort the Germans to hold the Avocourt Woods and Hill 804 (2). The Berlin report asserts that the French suffered a reverse along the Malancourt road (3).



Russ Radical Lenine Is Agent of Kaiser

Stockholm, July 23.—The statement of General Brussloff that Nickolaie Lenine, the Russian radical socialist, is an agent of the German general staff, has thrown light on rumors which have been heard repeatedly here that several men, who are known in Stockholm to be in the German service, also have close relations with the local representatives of the Bolsheviki, or radical Russian socialists, and through them with Lenine.

The Bolsheviki committee here has denied all charges of this nature in the Politiken.

HOUSE LEADERS OPPOSE SENATE FOOD MEASURE

Congressional Committee for Conducting War and Curtailing of Hoover Powered Marked for Attack.

(By Associated Press.)

Washington, July 23.—Administration house leaders are preparing for a determined fight in conference on certain features of the food control bill as rewritten in the senate.

The senate amendments to provide for a joint congressional committee on the conduct of the war and for a board of three members to control food will be singled out for a determined attack.

At the White House there were indications today that President Wilson will throw his personal strength against the food bill proposal inserted by senators to limit the power of Herbert Hoover. No statement was forthcoming as to the administration view on the proposed congressional committee, but it is known strong influences are opposed to it.

Oppose Liquor. Vigorous opposition is developing along the senate liquor and \$2 a bushel wheat amendments. Prohibition advocates in the house want to force acceptance of the house bond drive provision or at least to compromise on a provision giving the president some control over the light wines and power to commandeer distilled liquors either in or out of bond.

A large group of house members are opposed to leaving any minimum price for wheat in the bill.

NO ORDERS YET FOR EXEMPTION BOARDS' DUTIES

No Satisfaction for Those Who Try to Find Out Their Chances for Staying at Home.

Local exemption boards, of which there are six in Douglas county—five in Greater Omaha and one in the county districts—will not begin work until they get official orders from Washington.

Though members of the boards are being besieged by drafted men and their relatives, who would put out "feelers" as to the chances of so and so for exemption, these persons are given no satisfaction.

"In my opinion, to approach a member of the exemption board with any kind of a proposal that borders on the questionable is more serious than trying to bribe a jurymen," said Acting County Judge Sundblad of county court, chairman of one of the boards.

No Orders Yet.

Exemption boards have absolutely no information as to when they will begin conducting examinations and hearing claims for exemptions other than advice from Washington coming through the newspapers.

Some board members expressed the belief official word will be received from the national capital the middle of this week.

Acting County Judge Sundblad says there is a misunderstanding on the part of the public as to what the boards will do first.

He says each board will summon the quota of men of its district and examine each man for physical defects before a single claim for exemption will be considered. "It will be useless for anyone to appear and claim exemption until the drafted men in each district have been examined," he said.

Blank forms and other papers needed as equipment for exemption boards have been received from Washington.

Strict orders are given that eye charts, to be used in testing eyes of drafted men, shall be put under lock and key when not in use. This will do away with the possibility of any one memorizing the letters and this way passing a false test on eyes.

Exemption board members say they have heard of several drafted men who failed to get into the army or navy because of their eyes who are planning to get by conscription officials on this count.

It is plain that not everyone is going to claim exemption. On the other hand, many drafted men are grooming themselves so as to be able to pass the physical test.

Acting County Judge Sundblad received a letter from a wife warning exemption officials that her husband, who was drafted, may try to claim exemption on her account.

"He never did support me and our child, and I hope it appears before you and says he has dependents, you'll soak him good," she writes.

Exemption officials have his number and will be waiting for him.

Sinn Feiners Appeal To the United States

Washington, July 23.—Two communications addressed to the president and congress of the United States containing pleas by the Sinn Feiners in Ireland for American aid in their demand for absolute independence from England were left at the White House today by Irish representatives.

KERENSKY IS GIVEN POWERS OF DICTATOR BY SOLDIERS, WORKMEN AND PEASANTS

Strong Man of Russia Instructed by Most Powerful Body in New Republic to Restore Order at Home and at Front—New Regime is to be Known as Government of Public Safety.

(By Associated Press.)

"Unlimited powers" have been granted the Russian provisional government under Premier Kerensky to grapple with the sinister forces threatening to wreck the new Russia, born of the March revolution.

The grant comes from the most powerful representative body in the nation, the Council of Soldiers and Workmen delegates and peasants of all Russia, assembled in Petrograd.

The title of the ruling body, the "Government of National Safety," recalls immediately the famous Committee of Public Safety of 1793, formed in the crucial period of the French revolution. With Kerensky serving not only as premier, but as minister of war and marine, it is apparent that vast powers are thus lodged in the hands of this one man suggesting those of a virtual dictator.

The mandate of this committee is to restore internal order, both at the front and at home—admittedly a difficult task in the face of the powerful influence both within and without the nation working against the present regime. It is evidently one, however, with which Kerensky, concededly the strongest man to be found for the task, is willing to grapple with all his widely-recognized force and ability.

Russian Army Indifferent. The war situation for the moment demands consideration chiefly at the two points where the Germans have concentrated their main military efforts—the yielding portion of the Russian front in eastern Galicia and the section of the French front near Craonne.

In the former war theater there is little sign as yet of a change in the temper of the disaffected Russian troops sufficient to bring about an effective resistance to the Teutonic progress which threatens disaster to the Russian army.

German Rushes in West Fail. On the western front there is a different story to tell. The desperate onslaughts of the crown prince's forces are being met with gallant resistance and by General Petain's troops and such small bits of territory as have been gained by the Germans have been dearly paid for.

Last night the German assaults were renewed on the Californic and Casemates plateaus, for the mastery of which colossal efforts are being put forth. Some headway was made on both these elevations, but General Petain's men are clinging bravely to them both, although driven out of first line trenches. The Germans attacked the support trenches on the Californic plateau, but it was retained by the French in its entirety.

Teutons Burn Towns. Today's official reports from the Galician front are little if any more encouraging than those of the last few days. While efforts are being made to restore order among the Russian forces, the Austro-German offensive between the Stripa and the Zlota Lipa is being pushed and additional villages have been occupied by the Teutons.

Toward the northern end of the Russian front the situation is different. The Russians have taken the offensive and opened-up a gap two miles deep in an important sector of the German line near Vilna, incidentally capturing more than 1,000 Germans.

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TO MAIL MASTER DRAFT LIST TO STATES TODAY

Mechanical Difficulties in Printing Delays Liability Figures, But Sheets Will Go Out at Once.

(By Associated Press.) Washington, July 23.—The master list of the drawing last Friday which fixed military liabilities under the draft will not be ready for distribution to the local exemption boards until tomorrow. It had been hoped to mail it tonight to governors of states for distribution, but a delay resulted from mechanical difficulties in printing.

Pending publication of this official result of the drawing no authentic information is available to check the unofficial report transmitted to the newspapers during the drawing. It is probable a copy of the official list will be given out here tomorrow.

The governors will be furnished with two copies for each local board in their states. They will be asked to mail each copy separately to local officials so as to insure delivery.

To Notify Men. Immediately on receipt of their lists, each local board will cancel the numbers higher than the top red ink number in its district, and then from the remaining numbers enough men to make up double the district's quota will be notified to appear for physical examination.

Provost Marshal General Crowder ruled today that posting at the board headquarters of the list of men ordered to appear constitutes legal notification. It therefore, is incumbent upon all registered men to learn their red ink numbers at once and to see that the board headquarters is watched when the list is posted. Those ordered up also will be notified by mail, but the period allowed for appearance will count from the posting of the list.

Free Until Listed. The ruling was in connection with an order issued by the War department holding the ranks of the regular army open to registered men for voluntary enlistment up to the time such men have been posted as ordered to appear. The Navy department has been notified also that the army makes no claim upon any registered men until that time, so that registration is no bar to enlistment in the army, navy or National Guard.

In appointing draft quotas, credit was given for all voluntary enlistments prior to June 30, but there has been no indication whether credits will be given for men coming in since that date. An average of more than 1,000 men a day has been reported by the regular recruiting stations alone, and counting the National Guard, it is probable that the voluntary system has provided close to 50,000 men of the 687,000 called for under the draft act as necessary to fill up the regulars and guard and create the first increment of the national army.

No announcement has been made as to what disposition will be made of this excess of credits, but it is entirely likely that in the end every man who enlists voluntarily will reduce by one the quota of his home district.

The office of provost marshal was swamped today with applications for blanks requesting transfers of examination. All who applied were told that no steps in that direction could be taken until the registrant had been called for examination. He then may secure necessary blanks from the board within whose jurisdiction he is at the time. His physical examination can be transferred and affidavits registering exemption claims may also be received and considered at a temporary residence.

Every man finally certified for military service, however, will return to the jurisdiction of his home board and go with the troops from his home town.

The Sunday Score

Advertising In The Bee (Warfield Agency Measurements.) Again Substantial Gains

SUNDAY, JULY 22, 1917—INCHES Local Display..... 999 1/2 Foreign Display..... 55 1/2 Automobile..... 624 Classified..... 794 1/2

Total..... 2,473 1/2 SAME SUNDAY LAST YEAR Local Display..... 674 1/2 Foreign Display..... 102 1/2 Automobile..... 528 Classified..... 654 1/2

Total..... 1,959 1/2 GAIN—514 INCHES, Keep Your Eye On The Best Improving Every Day.

The Weather

For Nebraska—Fair.

Temperatures at Omaha Yesterday.

Table with columns for Hour, Deg., and Fair. Shows temperature fluctuations throughout the day.

Comparative Local Record.

Table with columns for Year, High, Low, and Precipitation. Shows historical weather data for Omaha.

Reports from Stations at 7 P. M.

Table with columns for Station and State, Temp., High, Low, and Rain. Shows weather reports from various locations.

L. A. WELSH, Meteorologist.

Americans Take Over Hospital at Neuilly

Paris, July 23.—The American ambulance at Neuilly, which was organized by the American colony in Paris and in which some hundreds of resident Americans have worked nursing French wounded, became an American army hospital today.

The ceremony, which was a simple one, took place in a large ward which had been cleared for the purpose. It was filled with surgeons, physicians, nurses, members of the American colony and officials of the French sanitary service.

Major George P. Reed of the medical corps, U. S. A., will be in charge of the hospital from tomorrow. In cordial letters he has requested the heads of the departments and their staffs to remain on duty at the ambulance.

Freight Rates on Coal Increased Fifteen Cents Ton

Washington, July 23.—Orders permitting western railroads to increase coal and coke rates 15 cents a ton were entered today by the Interstate Commerce commission in a large number of individual applications in which the roads had made for specific increases. The commission's order was in accordance with its decision in the 15 per cent case, in which it held that the western railroads withdrawing specific applications might file tariff rates increasing rates 15 cents per ton.

The rates are effective August 4, next, and the roads are given ninety days thereafter to adjust any inequalities which may result.

Council Bluffs Woman Is Seriously Injured

Aberdeen, S. D., July 23.—(Special Telegram.)—Mrs. Mary Therleke of Council Bluffs, Ia., is in a local hospital with a fractured skull, caused by stepping from a moving Milwaukee train as it pulled into Aberdeen. When a trainman called the station, Mrs. Therleke, only partly awake, stepped from the train while it was several blocks from the stopping point. She was on her way to Moberly, S. D., to visit her sister.