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ALLIES SWEEP GERMAN TRENCHES; RAIN COVERS EASTERN NEBRASKA

OMAHA, WEDNESDAY MORNING, AUGUST 1, 1917.-TEN PAGES.

SHOWERS IN THIS SECTION STATE SAVE THE CROPS AND

"Million Dollar" Showers in Eastern Nebraska and Western Iowa Make Farmers Jubilant. Mercury Drops Ten Degrees in One Hour in Omaha and Vicinity.

The drouth in Nebraska has been broken.

Heavy showers fell yesterday afternoon generally in eastern Nebraska from north to south boundaries and extended in spots as far west as North Platte, where the precipitation up to 7 o'clock was eight hundredths of an inch. Heavy rains fell in Gage county and the rainfall in Valentine was .28 inches.

A glad shout was heard from every corner of Nebraska that the drouth was broken.

MANY MILLIONS SAVED.

The hot winds of 1894 were estimated to have caused \$20,-000,000 loss in Nebraska alone. With corn at its present high price, the practical assurance that the crop will mature normally, means a saving in millions to the state and nation difficult to estimate in figures.

RELIEF FROM HEAT.

Next in importance to the good the rain did for the crops was the welcome relief from the excessive heat of the last two

Showers, which began to fall in Omaha and vicinity shortly after 3 o'clock yesterday afternoon, cooled the atmosphere perceptibly.

Which Would Make It Possi-

ble for Gov. Neville to Lead

Nebraska Troops to War.

(From a Staff Correspondent.)

Lincoln, Neb., July 31.—(Special.)

Governor Neville may become briga-

dier general to succeed him, accord-

ing to rumors afloat in the capital

Insofar as the rumor affects Gov-

ernor Neville, it is scouted locally, as

the same rule of propriety which for-

bade him becoming colonel of the

Sixth would prevent his taking the

higher position, and also because it is

unlikely that the War department

would accept as brigadier general a

man not possessing active military

experience, and Governor Neville has

General Harries' eighteen years of

active army experience makes it very probable that he will be advanced in

rank and kiven a division to com-

If General Harries is advanced,

Colonel H. J. Paul of the Fifth, senior

colonel, would, from the standpoint

Submarine That

It entered the roadstead with only

its periscope showing. The subma-

rine had been seriously damaged, but

the commander and crew refused to tell the causes of the accident.

Madrid, July 31.-Premier Dato an-

nounced today that the German sub-marine UB-23, which had been an-

American Naval Base in British

Waters, July 31.-American torpedo

boat destroyers were reported today

to have engaged two hostile sub-

marines, causing them to submerge

without shooting. One of the U-boats

had just sunk a steamer and the other

Salt Lake City, July 31 .- All rec-

ords for drunkenness in this city

were broken last night and today,

according to the police, as the har-binger of prohibition in Utah, which

becomes effective at midnight to-

night. Special policemen are covering the downtown district to pre-

vent and disturbances.

was attacking a merchantman.

Salt Lake Imbibes in

Spain Seizes Teuton

mand

DEVELOPS INTO DOWNPOUR. The mercury in the weather bureau's thermometer started to tumble shortly after the welcome clouds rolled across the sky.

The shower developed into a regular downpour. From a temperature of 101 degrees at 3 o'clock, the mercury dropped to 81 degrees by 4 Omahans and eastern Nebraskans

experienced their first comfortable night for the first time in at least ter . A restful night's sleep was possible. The rain was general in eastern

Nebraska and western Iowa, according to reports. Nebraska City and points near received their share.

Thunderstorm at Bluffs. At Council Bluffs a thunderstorm, accompanied by a high wind, broke late in the afternoon.

Several trees were blown down at Manawa. Stock in Omaha's war gardens, which had dropped below par because of the relentless sun the last few days,

soared with the visitation of substantial moisture. Reports to Union Pacific headquarters told of good rain falls along the lines in the eastern part of the

Railroads Report Rains. Showers fell in the afternoon at Kearney, Humphrey, Schuyler, Beatrice, Lexington and Elm Creek.

Union Pacific dispatchers reports prospects of "a fruitful rainfall." The Burlington had reports of good rains between Omaha and Lincoln on the main line, and north from Ashland to Sioux City on branches.

Soaking showers were reported along the line of the Northwestern in the eastern part of the state. "The corn crop through the South Platte country has not been injured

by the dry weather and the hot winds of rank, be next in line for advanceof the last few days. Indications are that rain within the next four or five days in the south half of Nebraska will produce the best corn crop in the history of the state.'

The foregoing statement was made by General Manager Holdrege of the Burlington, who Monday night re-turned from a tour through Nebraska. Speaking of crop conditions, Mr. Holdrege added:
"In the south half of the state the

(Continued on Page Two, Column Two.)

The Weather

For Nebraska: Fair, somewhat



Comparatively Local Record. 1917, 1916, 1915, 1914 Highest temperature, 101 93 82 8 Lowest yesterday... 78 74 68 66 Mean temperature... 99 84 75 7; Precipitation ... 32 .00 .00 .00

Normal temperature...... Normal temperature 76
Excess for the day 14
Total deficiency since March 1 131
Normal precipitation 13 inch
Excess for the day 19 inch
Fotal rainfall since March 1 16.11 inches
Deficiency since March 1 2.17 inches
Deficiency for cor. period, 1915 8.61 inches
Excess for cor. period, 1915 83 inch

Reports From Stations at 7 P. M.

tation and State of Weather. 7 p. m. est. fall.

heyenne, clear 76 76 .00

lavenport, clear 94 98 .00

leaver, clear 84 85 .00

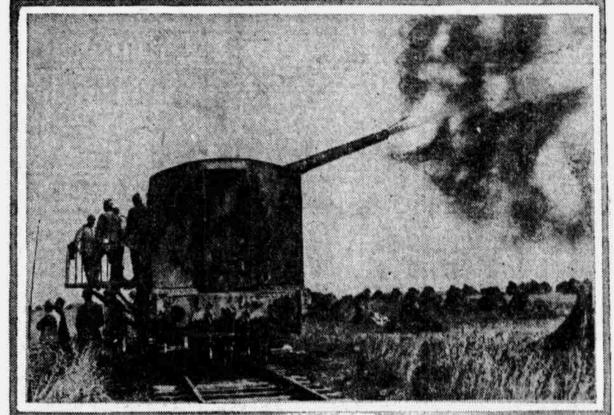
leaver, clear 86 100 .00

lodge City, cloudy 74 58 .94

ander Clear 76 84 .00 Salt Lake City, clear ...

L. A. WELSH, Meterologist.

Treight car in action in Somme region. (French official photograph.)



IN THE SOMME REGION.

French Official Photo.

COMPENSATION?

Insurance Men Declare Governor Should Appoint Deputy to Relieve Norman.

A difference of opinion exists as to who shall be deputy compensation May Be Made Major General, commissioner in Nebraska, under the new workmen's compensation and employers' liability law.

Thus far, the thing has been drifting with Deputy Labor Commissioner George Norman calling himself the compensation commissioner and acting in that capacity.

Many construe the law to provide explicitly for the appointment of a Omaha unions, was twice ordered to Brigadier General George H. Harries separate deputy compensation comof the Nebraska National Guard may missioner. be promoted to major general, and

J. W. Steinhart, president of the Nebraska Manfacturers' Casualty association, is one of the many who be- day. lieve it is the duty of Governor Neville to appoint such a commissioner, and he has written the governor to that effect. Deputy Labor Commissioner Nor-

man is said to be a half dozen months Redick in overruling a demurrer of behind in the filing of the cases submitted to him for settlement, is said ings brought against them and the partiality excluded. to be somewhat in doubt as to how to proceed with them, and the same ney General Reed. time it is held that the settlement of all these cases imposes an additional equity court, sharply criticized the atburden upon his office, which cannot torney for the unions and character- and Dodge streets. be properly handled there under the ized as "shameful" the filing of several circumstances.

Want New Man Appointed. Insurance men in Omaha and

throughout the state are bringing pressure to bear to force the appointment of a commissioner for the place, in order to get action on the cases awaiting settlement. Under the law, every settlement

must be approved by the compensation commissioner before the claim

Washington Vegetables Suffer From Frost

Spokane, Wash., July 31.—Cu-cumbers and tomatoes in the Colville district, about fifty miles from here, suffered considerably from frost, according to reports reaching

Nebraska Manufacturers and COURT ORDERS TO BE SEATED

Attorney for Union in Strike Hearing Takes Back Apology He Made to the

Anson Bigelow, chief counsel for talk after he had ruffled the judicial peared. feathers of three district judges to-

The sensational court room episode occurred when Attorney Bigelow insisted on replying to the action of Judge Leslie, Judge Sears and Judge the unions to the injunction proceed-Business Men's association by Attor-

Last week Judge Leslie, sitting in affidavits charging the court with bias and prejudice" in the row.

and Attorney Bigelow, the court believed, apologized.

Calls Other Judges. Judge Leslie then called in Judge Sears and Judge Redick to sit with him in hearing further arguments on the demurrer.

Arguments were finished Monday (Continued on Page Two, Column Three.)

Promptly Taken by a Volunteer

Public Approval and Endorsement.

The printing of that facsimile "stop-order" sent to The government franks for unofficial Bee because of its uncompromising stand for "America First" has aroused patriotic citizens to an exceptional degree. The chored in Corunna harbor, had been current talk is also reflected by responses to our exposure of morning nap over his cabinet of 4,000 this flagrant case coming in through the mails-responses that draft names over which he had been carry no uncertain tone and indicate public approval and en- working since 5 o'clock in the morndorsement of The Bee's position.

marines into Spanish ports. Two German U-Boats Are Beaten Off by American Destroyers is out and what are your present sub-(By Associated Press.)

> Neb., Dear Sir: Was contemplating hyphenated W.-H. is taken at the to The Bee. You have the most au-

Corning, Ia., July 29, 1917.-To the man sympathizer deals in threats al-Bee Publishing Company: Dear Sirs, ways, provided he thinks he can get

aper stopped. That is sure the limit. port of the United States of Amer-would like to know when my time ica. The state of Nebraska will ap-The pro-German element in Ne

for loyalty may be more interesting. The Bee will understand that there Elkhorn, Neb., July 29, 1917.—The are copperheads everywhere in the Bee Publishing Company, Omaha, United States. There are copperheads

> test again. It will be a good thing if The

IN OMAHA FOR MEN OF DRAFT They Are Now Being Examined

for Physical Disabilities; Will Be Tested by Two Doctors.

Exemption boards are busy preparing list of double the quota of drafted men in each district and sending out notices for examination, Some districts have already sent

out notices, while others, though notices have not been mailed, are daily examining men. The fifth district exemption board,

Charles E. Foster, chairman, one of the slowest in sending out notices, has sit down and then forced to desist his of drafted men who voluntarily ap-

Twelve men were examined by the fifth district board Monday. The men rejected by the board physician will have to be re-examined by another doctor.

Decision Blind.

The second doctor is ignorant of the decision of the first. In this way fairness is assured and a chance of

Fifth district board has changed its Judge Estelle's chambers in the court house to the Army building, Fifteenth

Facilities for conducting examinations, such as scales and dressing rooms, are lacking in the court house. The affidavits were later withdrawn | The board also decided there was not enough privacy.

Fourth district board, headed by Acting County Judge Sundblad, ex- nally drawn. It is expected to yield amined several men Monday afternoon and Tuesday morning.

Headquarters for the Fourth district board have been changed from mated to raise from \$25,000,000 to lard's office in the Keeline building. 'We have what you might call the 'floaters' district, comprising the front and Eighth wards,' declared Attorney C. C. Redwood, chairman of the third examining district, as he reached for a stack of letters about five inches high. "The boys from this district are mostly those whose business carries them out of the city."

In revising the liquor schedules the committee estimated that by adding \$1 per gallon to the tax on distilled spirits, making it \$3.20 per gallon—\$2.10 over the present law—\$90,000,-000 more revenue would be secured from that source. The increase of 50 cents a barrel on beer was estimated business carries them out of the city and vice versa."

"We have received many inquiries and I want to advise those seeking information to enclose a stamp, because we have no authority to use business," he continued.

"It's a hard life," said Mr. Redwood as he aroused himself from an early ing. "I have been practically living in my office for a week now, but I consider that I am doing my 'bit' for my country so I don't mind it.

"My chief occupation during the last week has been to answer questions. Letters are reaching me from such places that it is hard to imagine so many boys could get so far away from home since registration day on

Physical examinations in the third district are set for Monday and will (Continued on Page Two, Column Four.)

Eighteen Deaths From Heat in Windy City Chicago, July 31.-Eighteen deaths

attributed to the heat occurred in Chicago within the last twenty-four hours, Coroner Hoffman said today. The government thermometer registered 97 degrees at 1 p. m. and was still climbing.

Southwest of Riga Copenhagen, July 31.—A dispatch from Berlin says Emperor William left Mitau, twenty-five miles south-

Kaiser Visits His Army

Gay Crusader Wins Derby at Newmarket

Newmarket, England, July 31 .-The new derby stakes were run to-

GREAT OFFENSIVE MOVE IS LAUNCHED IN BELGIUM BY **GENERALS HAIG AND PETAIN**

British and French Troops Have Reached German Second Lines of Defenses at Many Points on Front of Twenty Miles-Artillery of Allies Goes Forward.

(By Associated Press.)

BULLETINS.

London, July 31.-The official statement from British headquarters in France tonight reports the capture by the entente allies of the following villages:

La Basseeville, Steenstraete, Bixschoote, Verlorenhoek, Frezenberg, Saint Julien, Pilken, Hooge, Westhoek and Hollebeke, and more than 3,500 prisoners.

British Front in France, July 31.—Three lines of German trenches in Flanders have been captured by the British forces. Most of the points stormed were between Boesinghe and

With a few exceptions, the entente allies accomplished all

they had planned for the first day of the battle in Flanders. The casualties of the French and British were surprisingly light. Six Bavarian divisions were withdrawn and replaced, as they were demoralized by the inferno of fire. At one point the British charged through their own barrage fire to prevent the

escape of fleeing Germans.

AND LIQUORS TO

Senate Finance Committee

Votes to Increase Taxes to

Be Raised This Year to

Two Billions.

Washington, July 31.-Increase of

the pending \$1,670,000,000 war tax ball

to a total of \$2,008,000,000 was decid-

ed upon today by the senate finance

Increases on corporations normal

increase of \$1 per gallon on distilled

spirits and 50 cents a barrel more on

beer with a few other minor tax in-

creases will make up the additional

The committee decided to increase

corporate incomes to 6 per cent as againts 4 per cent in the bill as origi-

to yield \$25,000,000 more revenue.

making the beer tax \$3.25 per barrel

Income Rate Left Open.

the committee's decisions today would

In view of the heavy increase for

incomes, it was stated that the com-

The additional taxes on liquor

would increase revenues from that

source from \$155,500,000 to at least

\$270,000,000, with the increase of \$90,

000,000 from distilled spirits and \$25,

000,000 from beer. Senator Simmons

also stated that wine taxes also will

be increased, but adversion to the rate

was not made. The committee plans,

however, to raise \$8,000,000 more rev

enue from wines, more than double

the new taxes proposed in the orig

nal bill, estimated to yield \$6,000,000

Increase of consumption taxes or

sugar and coffee were discussed again

today but decision was postponed.

add at least \$187,000,000 more.

increase on excess profits.

000 and more were not decided.

The exact rates of the surtax in-

committee.

British Front in France, July 31 .- The entente allied forces, which launched their offensive this morning, have advanced well beyond the shell-shattered front line German trenches.

In many places they have reached the second line defenses on a twenty-mile front of attack, according to the early reports.

The British and French troops went into battle under cover of what perhaps was the greatest barrage fire ever seen during the war. The entente artillery is moving forward and the whole situation is satis-

factory in every particular.

Between Dixmude and Boesinghe the attackers reported they had secured the two first lines of trenches after having fought over the most difficult terrain imaginable.

The British again have captured La Basseville, which they recently relinquished to the Germans. The British and French forces are facing a large concentration of German artillery and fresh troops which

have been rushed up.

The entente allies have established complete air superiority.

The entente military officials say the morale of the Germans here is not up to the old standard.

(Associated Press War Summary)

One of the big moves of the war apparently is under way in Flanders, where the right flank of the German front is anchored upon the sand dunes and flat fields that skirt the North income taxes, on incomes of individ- sea coast. Unprecedentedly terrific headquarters for examinations from uals of \$15,000 and over and a further fire of big guns that has been raging for days past has been succeeded by a charge of the infantry and the com-bined British and French force is sweeping forward over strongly fortified Teutonic lines,

Early reports of the engagement do not indicate exactly its scope and the present 2 per cent normal rate on there can only be surmise as to its actual purport. It seems significant, however, that French forces have combined with British for an as-\$162,000,000 additional revenues. The sault on this front, where an attempt increase in surtax rates on individual to break through or turn the German incomes of \$15,000 and more was estiflang has been expected for some the county court to Dr. C. W. Pol- \$36,000,000 additional. New excess the entente command to get at the profits taxes will be agreed upon later. German submarine bases, which line In revising the liquor schedules the the shores of Belgium, has also been in evidence, and this purpose would be accomplished by any sweeping victory achieved on the Flanders

Along Wide Front.

The attack of the two allied armies s marked on the southern boundary of its field by the river Lys, about thirty miles from the coast. "A wide as compared with \$1.50 under existing front" is the official British expreslaw and \$2.75 as originally proposed sion describing its scope, which obviously does not make it clear how far towards the coast the thrust ex-

creases on individual incomes of \$15,-Included in this battle area is the famous Wytschaete-Messines front, The income tax increases would rewhere the British on June 7, after exsult in a total levy upon corporate ploding 1,000,000 pounds of high exand individual incomes of the war of plosives under the German lines, atat least \$1,049,700,000, as compared tacked on a nine-mile front and capwith a yield of \$330,000,000 a year untured the high ridge, several towns, der existing law. The original bill forty-seven heavy guns and more than provided for additional war levies 7,000 prisoners. upon all incomes of \$543,700,000, and

The operation gives every evidence (Continued on Page Two, Column One.)

mittee might decide against a further Five Sundays in July

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taken to Ferrol, the chief naval arsenal of Spain, twelve miles northeast of Corunna. The premier added that the government intended to keep strictly to the terms of the recent regulation regarding the entry of belligerent sub-

Santa Fe, pt. cloudy ... 74 84
Sloux City, pt. cloudy ... 74 84
Sloux City, pt. cloudy ... 84 90
Valentine, clear ... 78 85
"T" indicates trace of precipitation.

(Continued on Page Two, Column Five.) Put Into Corunna Place of The Bee's "Lost Subscriber" Corunna, Spain, July 31.—The Ger-man submarine UB-23 anchored in the harbor here late yesterday evening

Refusal to Knuckle Down to Kaiserism Has Quick

No Intention to Stop Here. | know what it means. The pro-Ger-

see by Sunday's Bee that a man has away with it. become very angry and asked his paper stopped. That is sure the limit. is out and what are your present sub- preciate this patriotic service. years from your man that was here. Hoping to hear from you at an early date, I am C. L. CUPP.

A Volunteer Takes His Place. Anticipation of Drouth thentic paper in the middle west.
H. C. CARLSON.

"Stop My Paper." Editorial in Des Molnes Capital.

simile of a letter from a pro-German has only begun, as far as the Ameri-

We congratulate The Bee on its sup-

braska is rather strong simply because it has not been combatted When the government takes a hand, as it should, the battle in Nebraska

in Iowa. There are wealthy men who taking the Chicago Tribune, as the refuse to buy Liberty bonds and refuse to contribute to the Red Cross house, but seeing you lose one as per These men will be dealt with some your front page signed "A. L. M.," I what later on when Liberty bonds are what later on when Liberty bonds are herewith inclose \$6 for subscription again offered for sale. The American people will have to subscribe more money. Patriotism will be put to the

Omaha Bee can put the traitor-sympathizers in Nebraska out in the open The Omaha Bee publishes the fac- where people can see them. This war saying, "Stop my copy of The Evening Bee." The editor of The Bee of our war is at home and consists knew what it meant. The public will in lining traitors up.

west of Riga and went down the river to the Riga front where he complimented the troops

was third. Twelve horses ran.