



TEUTONS BATTLE DESPERATELY TO HOLD THEIR LINES IN FLANDERS

NEBRASKA NOW HAS PLENTY OF RAIN FOR CROPS

Entire State Soaked by Copious Downpour, Which Lasts All Night and Continues Into the Day.

More rain and plenty of it is what is happening to Nebraska, all of which is taken to mean a bumper crop this fall, with plenty for home consumption and an abundance to send to the allies.

According to reports to the railroads, over all Nebraska, with the exception of a small area in Neokolls county, in the vicinity of Superior, there was a steady rain that continued a greater portion of Tuesday night.

While the rain had ceased through the southern and central portions of the state, yesterday it was general and heavy all through the country north of the Platte, the heaviest being in Wayne county, where Northwestern agents reported a precipitation of two inches.

Rain All Across State. Along the Northwestern lines during the night and in the forenoon there was a heavy fall of rain all the way from the Missouri river west as far as Valentine, extending over the Bonesteel and Winner branches to the north.

Union Pacific reports rain Wednesday night and Thursday all way from Omaha through into Wyoming and Colorado, in many localities the precipitation being an inch or more. The same weather conditions maintained over the branches to the north and south of the main line.

The Burlington's morning report indicated rain during the night at more than seventy-five of the stations in Nebraska, being the heaviest precipitation was one and one-half to two inches. Across the eastern portion of the state, from Walthill to Lincoln, during the night there was one-half to an inch of rain, followed by a heavy and long continued rain yesterday.

Down the Missouri river, extending far into Kansas, along the line of the Missouri Pacific, there was a heavy rain during the night and at 9 o'clock this morning the downpour had not ceased.

Norway Faces Grave Condition Should U. S. Cut Off Supplies

Washington, Aug. 2.—Norway, facing starvation if the United States cuts off exports of food, is ready to release 1,000,000 tons of its shipping in return for the privilege of importing food—principally from the United States.

Dr. Fridtjof Nansen, head of the Norwegian mission to the United States, declared today unreservedly that Norway faced privation if the United States enforced an embargo against it.

Norway also would give a guarantee that none of the food imported would reach Germany.

Demonstration Against High Prices in Glasgow

Glasgow, Aug. 2.—Today was observed as an "idle day" in the Lanarkshire coal fields. Fifty thousand men were affected. Mass meetings were held in twelve centers where resolutions were submitted protesting against the high price of food and demanding that the government act.

The Weather

For Nebraska—Generally fair; and somewhat warmer in north and extreme east portions.

For Iowa—Generally fair; warmer in northwest portion.

Table with 2 columns: Hour, Temp. High. Rain. Includes data for 1917, 1916, 1915, 1914.

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3-CENT LETTER POSTAGE COMING, SAYS FANNING

Three Million Stamps of the New Issue Are Received in Omaha, Ready for the Raise.

Three million 3-cent postage stamps have been received in Omaha and are now in the vaults of the main post-office.

According to Postmaster Fanning, this means that the first-class postage rate in the United States is to be raised from 2 cents to 3 cents within the next few weeks.

Three million stamps at 2 cents each bring \$60,000; 3,000,000 stamps at 3 cents each bring \$90,000, a gain of a cool \$30,000 for Uncle Sam's war chest in this one item in Omaha alone.

The question of raising the first class postage rate from 2 cents to 3 cents is now before congress. But the shipment of these enormous quantities of 3-cent stamps is sufficient indication, Postmaster Fanning said, that the increase will be made. He advises Omahans to "catch up" on their correspondence before the 50 per cent increase in the price of carrying letters goes into effect.

Enormous Increase Shown. Receipts of the postoffice in Omaha increased in July nearly 7 per cent over the receipts of the same month last year. The figures for the two months were: July, 1916, \$127,029; July, 1917, \$135,547.

In the fiscal year closed July 1, 1917, the receipts of the Omaha post-office rose above \$1,750,000 for the first time, total receipts for the year being \$1,750,775. For the previous year the receipts were only \$1,590,946.

The great growth of Omaha is reflected in the phenomenal increase in postal receipts. Ten years ago in 1907 total receipts were only \$715,102. The receipts for the last year show an increase of 145 per cent.

Soon Will Be \$2,000,000. "We will pass the \$2,000,000 mark in less than two years," said Postmaster Fanning.

Postoffice receipts in Omaha were \$76,211 in 1855. The next year they were \$594,641. In 1883, for the first time, they passed the \$1,000,000 mark. In 1888 they passed the \$2,000,000 mark. In 1911, only six years ago, they passed the million mark and already the \$2,000,000 mark is within easy sight.

Postage on first-class letters was reduced from 3 cents to 2 cents in October, 1883. It has remained at that figure ever since. Before the war there was a well-defined movement in congress to have it still further reduced, to 1 cent.

Canadians to Have Two Meatless Days Each Week

Ottawa, Ontario, Aug. 2.—Canada is to be put on rations and there is to be a penalty if the orders are not obeyed. W. J. Hanna, food controller of Canada, has made recommendations to the minister of justice that the people of Canada shall be required to observe two meatless days a week, two baconless days a week and that every caterer in Canada who serves daily twenty-five meals must supply bread that is other than pure wheat bread. The government, he says, must fix the penalties.

Death Toll Due to Heat Continues to Rise in East

New York, Aug. 2.—Twenty-two deaths were the toll on today of the torrid wave that is still grilling the city.

Philadelphia reported thirty additional deaths, making 105 in the last three days due to the heat.

The New York Stock exchange will be closed Saturday because of the heat.

Here is Another Company Which Claims to Have Handsomest Captain

"Handsome is as handsome does," runs the old saying. According to this, say the machine gun company at Fort Crook, they have by far the handsomest officer in the Nebraska brigade, all claims of other machine gun captains notwithstanding.

Captain Wallace A. Fellers of the machine gun company, Fourth Nebraska, is noted for having the best disposition in the National Guards. No one has ever seen him ruffled, the most awkward recruit fails to rile him, for in the face of extreme provocation he only grows more placid.

The Fourth is counting greatly on the steadiness of nerve. When the Kaiser's soldiers spot the "suicide squad" from Nebraska, and the shells come whistling along, the men expect to see Captain Fellers stand firmly as Gibraltar shooting down his 450 Germans a minute right along.

Bachelors Galore Among Soldier Boys Keep Omaha Girls at Home, and Dan Cupid Has Big Job on His Hands

Some Intimate Personal Allusions to Men in Khaki as They Appeal to Women Reporters for The Bee.

By BEATRICE FURMAN. Omaha maidens are staying home this summer and the mountains and lakes call them in vain.

Why not? Who wants to go to an old summer resort with only one man for each dozen girls to dance with when right here at home are scores of the handsomest and most romantic soldiers you ever saw and the majority of them bachelors.

Such a fluttering of hearts when the twilight hop invitations go out from Fort Omaha! Such a flocking southward when the Fort Crook Sunday evening concerts are given!

Cupid reports that he has exhausted the ammunition in his Omaha supply depot and has had to send east for more arrows.

Fort Omaha is a regular bachelors' colony. There is Major Hersey, the acting commander, to begin at the top.

The real reason for his remaining so long in the ranks of the unwed, his friends whisper, is because he is so kind hearted. Major Hersey is so popular with the ladies that it would cause too many heartbreaks did he finally make a choice. He can't bear to do that, so he just stays single and is nice to all of them.

Captain Bower, the adjutant of the post, is another bachelor. The habit is growing on him terribly and some nice Omaha girl ought to break him of it.

U. S. WORKS OUT PLAN TO RATION NEUTRAL STATES

Exports to Neutral States Must Not Reach Germany or Replace Food Sent Into Kaiser's Domain.

(By Associated Press.) Washington, Aug. 2.—Full information concerning food conditions in the northern European neutral countries has been asked of the neutrals by the United States in notes handed to their diplomatic representatives here.

The American government's plans for rationing the neutrals through its control of exports will be finally determined on after replies are received. The information sought concerns the exact food needs of those countries, their food production capacity and details of their export and import trade of the last few years.

Must Not Feed Teutons. The intention of the United States is to hold food exports to the neutrals to the barest necessities to prevent American foodstuffs or food they replace from reaching Germany. Only actual food deficiencies will be made up from America and assured.

Aviation Commander Killed by 800-Foot Fall

Minneapolis, N. Y., Aug. 2.—Captain Ralph I. Taylor, in command of the training section of the aviation signal corps here, lost control of his airplane today and plunged 800 feet to his death. Sergeant Thomas Pell, who was in the machine with him, suffered a broken jaw and internal injuries.

Woman Killed; Children Hurt in Auto Crash

Mrs. Charles Nielson Crushed to Death When Car Belonging to Byron Hastings of Omaha Turns Over.

Mrs. Charles Nielson, maid in the Byron Hastings home in Omaha, was instantly killed at 5:30 Tuesday morning when thrown out of the Hastings automobile one and one-half miles out of Crescent, Ia., seven miles north of Council Bluffs, when the machine, driven by her husband, Charles Nielson, crashed into a telephone pole and was wrecked.

Robert Hastings, 4-year-old son of Byron R. Hastings, was injured internally and now lies in a critical condition in Edmonston hospital, Council Bluffs.

Another son, Byron, jr., and Katherine Hastings, were bruised and dazed, but were able to leave the hospital shortly after arriving there. The driver, Charles Nielson, husband of Mrs. Nielson, is in the hospital with his face and head badly cut and bruised, though his injuries are not considered serious.



of it. He says it is just because Uncle Sam has kept him moving around so long that he hasn't had time to get well acquainted with any lady. But he is going to be in Omaha quite a while, so the girls are hopeful.

Captain Prentice has traveled so much that he is really thinking of settling down. So maybe he will stay in Omaha if someone invites him. Oh, I forgot; it isn't leap year now. But, anyway, it will be all right to encourage him a little. Captain Prentice is just the right age, neither too young nor too old. One or two charming widows here think so, too.

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The girls just love to dance with Captain Vaughn. He's nice looking, too. But he's very quiet, so he'd like a girl who would do the talking for the two of them. Then there are Lieutenant Joutet and Captain Hardin.

I almost forgot about Lieutenant Davidson. He hails from West Point, that cradle of heroes and heartbreakers, and he lives fully up to its tradition in both lines. Lieutenant Davidson can't really help it, of course, if the girls are crazy about him. But he should try to be careful and not leave too many forlorn damsels

in Omaha to mourn his departure when he goes to France. There has been great alarm lately because of a rumor that a certain eastern girl had a prior right to his heart.

These are just a few of the Fort Omaha eligibles. Then there are that dandy bunch of eight Yale boys and a whole group from Columbia. There is a detachment from St. Louis that looks mighty good to the girls in Nebraska. And, besides, a hunderd or so of the finest looking athletes and sportsmen and college boys from everywhere. There are bachelors from Washington and Texas, from New York and California.

Is it any wonder the Omaha girls are worn out trying to decide who is the nicest?

Passing to our own guardsmen, there is a whole company of bachelors. Company B of the Fourth is composed almost entirely of bachelors, from the captain down. There are Captain Hamilton, Lieutenant Connelly and Lieutenant Wyman in this company, all of them rich and gallant and handsome. Not an officer in the company and few of the privates married.

Out at Fort Crook are Captain Fellers and Captain Rusland, Captain Crosby and Captain Killian, and—But my space is all used up. The girls have them all noted down, however, and Cupid says he is going to buy a machine gun and go after them hard.

Navy Men Not to be Used as Poison Squad

Washington, Aug. 2.—Navy men are "no poison squad," says Paymaster General McGowan, chief of the navy's bureau of supplies and accounts, in an order insisting on rigid inspection of food purchases.

"It is therefore directed," he said, "that every effort be made by the navy any experiments or tests of any food products whatever shall be promptly suppressed. It should be constantly borne in mind that doubtful food is bad food and will be treated as such."

FLOOR TAXES ON SUGAR, COFFEE, TEA AND COCOA

Committee Amends Bill to Cover Large Stocks Accumulated in Anticipation of Conscription Tax.

(By Associated Press.) Washington, Aug. 2.—Reduction from 15 to 10 per cent in the proposed tax on undivided surplus of corporations, joint stock companies and associations, and imposition of new "floor" taxes upon large accumulated stocks of sugar, coffee, tea and cocoa were steps decided on today by the senate finance committee in revising the war tax bill. It is planned to complete the bill Saturday and begin senate debate next week.

The levy on undistributed surplus virtually is a surtax on corporate incomes, which now pay only a flat tax, although individual incomes are surtaxed. Reduction of the rate to 10 per cent followed the committee's recent decision to triple the normal corporation tax increasing \$162,000,000 more revenue from that source.

From the proposed 15 per cent it was estimated that \$25,000,000 in revenue would result. The 10 per cent tax will raise much less, as, in addition to the 5 per cent reduction the committee decided to exempt from the 10 per cent tax surplus that is "actually invested and employed in business or retained for employment in the reasonable requirements of the business."

Dealers Have Large Stocks

The new floor tax on sugar, coffee, tea and cocoa is at the same rates as are prescribed in the bill for companies and individuals. The provision was added to subject to taxation large stocks of these commodities imported in anticipation of the proposed consumption taxes. Some dealers are said to have a year's supply on hand which would be reached only by a floor tax. The

Senate Committee Drops New War Board Resolution

Washington, Aug. 2.—The resolution by Senator Weeks for a congressional committee to supervise war expenditures similar to the provision in the food control eliminated because of President Wilson's objections, was adversely reported to the senate today by the rules committee. Administration leaders are confident that the majority vote required to secure senate consideration of the resolution cannot be secured.

Montana Man Bests Rip Van Winkle; Unaware U. S. at War With Germany

Sioux Falls, S. D., Aug. 2.—(Special Telegram.)—The United States authorities in this city were today notified of the finding of a man who was not aware that the United States and Germany were at war. He is Joseph Seiranek a rancher living near Alzada, Mont., who was arrested by a deputy marshal on the charge of failing to register under the selective draft regulations.

When taken before United States Commissioner Moore, of Lawrence

FIGHTING OF UNPARALLELED FEROCITY MARKS NEW DRIVE; RAIN STOPS ALLIES' RUSH

British and French Holding All Important Gains and Wait for Clear Weather to Continue Further Blast into German Lines; Russians Resume on Northern Front.

Amsterdam, Aug. 2.—Emperor William has called a war council of the high military and naval leaders in Germany to meet at Brussels, Belgium, today.

Field Marshal Hindenburg, Quartermaster General Ludendorff; the crown prince and other military leaders will attend. German dispatches hint at dissatisfaction with lack of progress in the crown prince's drive against the French.

(Associated Press War Summary) Germany is battling with a desperation probably unparalleled in the war to hold its lines in Flanders against the combined Anglo-French attack.

Notwithstanding the heavy handicap which the atrocious weather has imposed on them, however, the entente forces have made good their most important gains and apparently are only awaiting clearing conditions to blast their way further into the Teutonic front.

The boasts of successful resistance to the entente thrust that have come from the Berlin war office were based, as usual, on the unwarranted assumption that an attempt had been made to break through, and upon the fact that at one or two points the German reaction resulted in some of the far-advanced forces of the allies being pushed back.

BRITISH HOLD LINES. Today, however, comes the announcement from London that, despite the hampering rainfall, the British have negated the results of one of the German counter thrusts, completely re-establishing their line in the neighborhood of the Roulers-Ypres railway as the outcome of a night attack.

While there may be some inclination on the part of lay critics to regard with some misgivings stress laid upon the bad weather by the official reports that indicate a holdup of the allied advance, military observers at the front apparently are in entire agreement with the seriousness of this handicap.

The allies had established air superiority and the storm has prevented observation altogether, entailing inactivity upon the big guns that are relied upon to blast a path for the advancing infantry.

Active on French Front. To the low visibility, also, has been attributed such success as the Germans were able to gain in their counter attacks, the poor sighting conditions preventing the entente gunners from massing their fire effectively to break up the enemy concentrations.

Despite the hard fighting in Flanders, the Germans are continuing their pronounced activities on the French front. Paris reports two attacks on the French lines east and southeast of Rheims and assaults in the Avocourt wood sector in the Verdun region and in the Apremont forest, southeast of St. Mihiel. All these were fruitless for the Germans.

Some important movement apparently is under way on the Russian northern front, which has been holding entirely firm, while the southern end of the line was falling back. Now, however, the Russians are reported to have evacuated the Skullbridgehead, fifteen miles southeast of Riga, the Germans marching into the evacuated positions.

British Come Strong. London, Aug. 2.—British forces today launched a counter attack against the German positions in Flanders.

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U. S. Marshals to Investigate Iowa Minister's Speech

Cedar Rapids, Ia., Aug. 2.—An outbreak which resulted from the arrest of Rev. John Reichert, pastor of the German Evangelical church at Lowden, Ia., on a charge of making treasonable utterances is being investigated by United States marshals today. A mob is reported to have threatened to lynch Daniel McGilvary, an attorney, who gave the information which led to Rev. Reichert's arrest.

Don't Be Misled! The Final Count of paid want ads for July, as compared with last year, shows—

The Bee Gained 1,022 Ads The World-Herald Lost 1,105 Ads Just One Answer Best Results for Least Money



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