



BATTALION LINES CONTINUE TO FORM; ALLIES GAIN STEADILY IN FLANDERS

SUNDAY FINDS OMAHA BUSY IN FITTING ARMY

Work Carried on With a Rush at the Auditorium, the Quartermaster's Depot and at Doctors' Offices.

Perhaps the busiest place in Omaha yesterday was the Auditorium where the examining officers were at work mustering in the Sixth Nebraska.

But the quartermaster's supply depot at Twenty-second and Hickory ran a close second. There the requisition orders had just come in for equipment for the Sixth and the whole force from Colonel Grant to the youngest truck driver were hustling to get the uniforms and guns ready for the newly enlisted soldiers.

Colonel Grant issued the orders, checked lists and talked to visitors who stood in line to get their business transacted.

Captain Ray wrestled with the problem of getting 1,000 uniforms out of the storehouses, checking them up and sending to the different company captains "immediately if not sooner."

"We were given a week to do a certain amount of this work and there was plenty for even that much time," said Captain Ray. "But we thought the boys ought to have them as soon as possible, so we have worked with all our might and completed the work in two days. Now we can rest easily knowing the boys will be supplied right away with uniforms and other equipment."

Many Are Examined. Almost as much curiosity was in evidence around the exemption boards headquarters, and the offices of the examining physicians.

On man stated: "I thought that men who had seen military service would not be drafted or I would have enlisted."

Work in the third district started at 7 o'clock and will proceed as fast as the five available doctors can examine the men.

Messages From Littleton Be Read at Labor Funeral

Butte, Mont., Aug. 5.—No minister of the gospel will utter the last sacred rites over the body of Frank H. Little, the Industrial Worker of the World chieftain, who was lynched here Wednesday morning.

The first district examined men all day Sunday at the fire barn at Twenty-second and Ames avenue.

Six Armed Bandits Steal Statue of Catherine II

Petrograd, Aug. 5.—Six armed men, three of whom were disguised as soldiers, motored to the senate building, garrotted the guards, stole a silver statue of Catherine II and other antiques valued at 1,500,000 rubles.

The Weather

For Nebraska—Generally fair Monday.

Table with 3 columns: Hour, Temp., Wind. Rows for 5 a.m., 6 a.m., 7 a.m., 8 a.m., 9 a.m., 10 a.m., 11 a.m., 12 m., 1 p.m., 2 p.m., 3 p.m., 4 p.m., 5 p.m., 6 p.m., 7 p.m., 8 p.m., 9 p.m., 10 p.m., 11 p.m.

Comparative Local Record. Table with 2 columns: Date, Temp. Rows for 1917, 1916, 1915, 1914, 1913, 1912, 1911, 1910, 1909, 1908, 1907, 1906, 1905, 1904, 1903, 1902, 1901, 1900.

GREAT TRACTOR SHOW STARTS AT FREMONT TODAY

Forty-Two Companies to Demonstrate Steel Giants at National Power Farming Exhibition This Week.

When the crowd of farmers begins to arrive at Fremont this morning, scores of gasoline and kerosene engines will already be popping and roaring, for the great farm tractors will be clanking into position for the National Power Farming demonstration to be held just outside the city of Fremont all week.

Every year the army of farm tractors at this show grows larger. Every year, these monsters are trimmed down to greater and greater efficiency. They march together today, forty-two abreast at Fremont, like a mighty army of steel giants, trained, skilled, hardened-exulting in their strength and masterfulness.

It has been a process of preparedness, this process of mobilizing the farm tractors during the past few years. A dozen years ago farmers in Nebraska laughed at the idea of farming with a tractor. They believed that tractors belonged only on the great wheat farms of thousands of acres in the Dakota's and Minnesota.

Faith is Lasting. But there were those who had faith in the ability of the horse of steel. There were those who insisted that the day must come when horse farming must give place largely to power farming. They toiled with invention after invention, confident they must reach the epitome of power and efficiency at last.

Then came the gasoline and kerosene tractors, and with their coming the old steam tractors began to be regarded as too heavy and clumsy for the fields. Soon invention after invention began to improve the tractors, until farmers saw that they could be used to advantage on the smaller farms. Still they were slow to try them, though they heard good reports at long distance.

Practical Exhibits. Then came the Fremont Power Farming demonstration, when a few alert minds decided to show the farmers of this and adjoining states what tractors could do in the fields. Only fifteen tractors were exhibited at the first demonstration in Fremont in 1913.

Forty-two tractor companies will exhibit their tractors today when the show opens. Thirty-six additional companies will exhibit their accessories.

A field of 3,000 acres lies ready for the demonstrations. With much clanking of steel, and churning of wheels, the hissing iron monsters will fill the furrow wide, and hurt the stubbled sod of the many acres lightly aside.

From tables of the crowds of people who have visited this show during the past four years, it is carefully estimated by the management that there will be fully 500,000 people at the show this year.

To Haul Water Wagon. Some tractors will attract special attention because of similarity to the British "war tanks" now in action in France. The little outfit shown above is the invention of Rollin H. White of Cleveland, renowned automobile and motor truck designing engineer. It will, in addition to participating in competitive demonstration work be used for hauling the official "water wagon" around the demonstration grounds.

Aurora Interested in False Imprisonment Case

Aurora, Neb., Aug. 5.—Special Telegram.—The interview Friday in the state papers purporting to have come from T. E. Nordgren, who with his brother-in-law, Attorney R. R. Smith, was arrested Thursday and taken to Omaha on the charge of false imprisonment preferred by Fred Luff, created much interest in Aurora, where most of the principals reside.

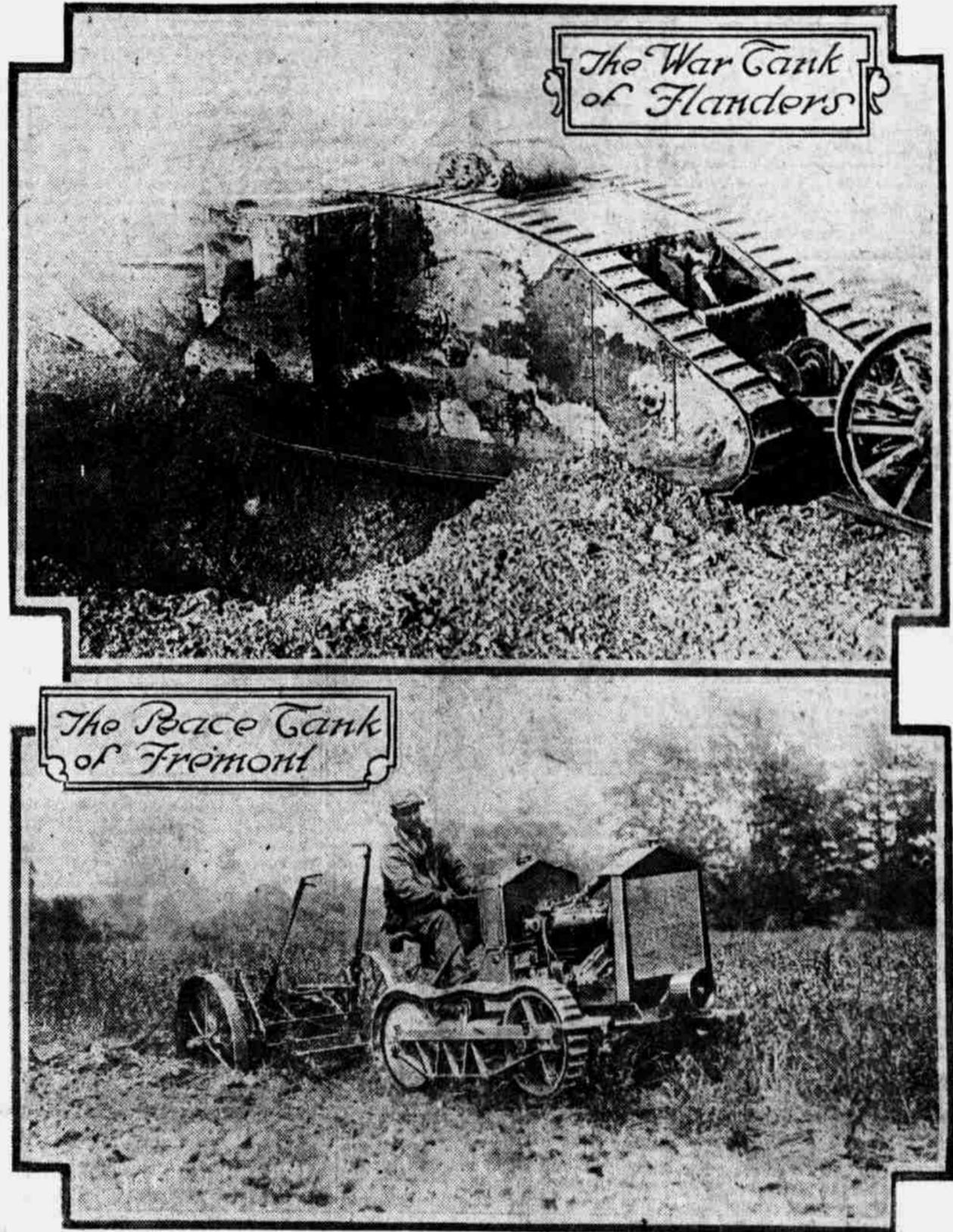
Captain Who Tried to Enlist Drafted Men Is Censured

Nevada, Mo., Aug. 5.—Captain F. P. Coester, of the Fifth Infantry, Missouri National Guard, with headquarters at St. Louis, was found guilty late today by a court-martial of unauthorized conduct in attempting to enlist through fraudulent methods into the Fifth regiment, men whose serial numbers came out first in the drawing for the national army, according to an announcement from the office of Brigadier General P. C. Clark. The penalty was fixed by the court-martial as a reprimand from the regimental commander.

Bold Daylight Robbery In Office at Chicago

Chicago, Aug. 5.—Three robbers, armed with revolvers, bound and gagged three men employed in the office of J. W. Snyder & Co., contractors, in Michigan boulevard at noon today and escaped with \$5,100, the concern's pay roll.

How Tanks of Peace, at Tractor Show, Compare With War Tanks in Flanders



British Tanks Prove Right to Place Among Modern Engines of Warfare In Bloody Battle of Flanders.

One Great Monster Plows Its Way Through Railway Train and Proceeds on Its Way; Terrorize Enemy.

British Headquarters in France and Belgium, Aug. 5.—The great squadron of tanks which went into action with the British infantry at dawn Tuesday proved their right to a place among the modern engines of war.

The battle of Flanders furnished the most comprehensive test of the worth of these monsters as fighting machines which has yet been given and they came through the ordeal with flying colors, notwithstanding the fact that they were operating under the most trying conditions of terrain.

The opening of the conflict saw a considerable concentration of tanks. Fewer tanks proportionately were knocked out by a direct hit than in any previous engagement.

Total of the casualties among the tank crews was remarkably low and most of these were among men who deliberately left off the cover of their iron fort and worked in the open under machine gun fire.

Material Damage Enormous. The material damage the tanks did to the enemy defenses was enormous and prisoners state that heavy casualties were inflicted on the Germans.

That the enemy is extremely afraid of the tanks is without question and in numerous instances the Germans surrendered freely on the mere appearance of one of these engines, which truly are of terror-inspiring appearance. At one place eight German officers surrendered without question when a tank crawled up and threatened to open fire and sixty soldiers were captured by a single tank near Saint Julien.

There were accidents, which, though regrettable, were not without touches of humor. One tank, which was traveling in the dark toward the front some time before the battle, encountered railway wagons standing at a crossing.

The operator of the tank did not see the obstacle and the engineer of the train could not hear the approach of the tank because of the noise made by his machinery. The tank went through the train as if it were made of pasteboard and continued its lumbering but ruthless way, leaving one of the railway wagons much the worse for wear.

The tanks did much fighting in the difficult country about Saint Julien and Frezenberg and in the territory lying directly east of Zillebeke.

Spectacular Battle at Frezenberg. At the defenses near Frezenberg a spectacular battle occurred. This consisted of two strong redoubts, one of which was known as the castle. In front of them flows the Hanbeck and the surrounding ground was marsh-like and difficult for heavy bodies to move across.

Fort Is Captured.

Another tank attacked St. Julien with the infantry. It drew the fire of a small fort to the west of the village and turned aside to deal with this. One shot only it fired at the fortification and the Germans to a man ran out with hands raised crying, "kamerade," and gave themselves up. This was a capture totalling sixty prisoners.

Beyond the redoubt the tanks found themselves under a steady hail of machine gun bullets, but they lined up on the edge of the woods and for hours continued to sweep them with their guns, until all concealed machine guns had been searched out and the Germans forced to retire. The tanks then returned behind the British infantry. Two tanks were ditched temporarily near Frezenberg, but helped to repel a counter attack by the Germans. The enemy believing the tanks helpless because they were stuck in the deep mud, advanced in the hope of regaining the ground lost and capturing the monster machines. The tanks opened fire on the advancing line of infantry and mowed the Germans down in large numbers. Scotch troops finished the repulse with bayonets.

Germany and Turks Will Try to Retake Bagdad

Geneva, Switzerland, Aug. 5.—The Germans and Turks are preparing to make a great effort to regain Bagdad, according to the Secolo of Rome. General von Falkenhayn, who commanded the Austro-German armies in Roumania last year, has arrived at Constantinople to take command of the forces now being assembled. Four Turkish divisions from Dobruja and Turkish troops from Thrace are being concentrated at the Turkish capital.

Woman Rough Rider Is Accidentally Killed

Denver, Colo., Aug. 5.—Mrs. Ed Wright, 20 years old, of Douglas, Wyo., widely known through the west for her skill as a rough rider, was killed at a park here yesterday while riding a broncho for a motion picture company. Soon after she mounted the horse, it made a mad rush and somersaulted over a fence. Mrs. Wright's head struck a post. Her husband, also a skilled rough rider, witnessed the accident.

Iowa Bugler Thirteenth Man to Take War Bride

Shenandoah, Ia., Aug. 5.—(Special.)—Even the bugler in Company E is to have a war bride and his marriage to Miss Mary Smith of Malvern will be the thirteenth one among the soldiers, the bugler, by way of introduction, is Walter Flynn. Judge G. B. Jennings performed the ceremony last night uniting Lee W. James, Company E private, in marriage with Mrs. Lillian Walters of Coalinga.

TEUTONS YIELDING GROUND UNDER STEADY PRESSURE OF BRITISH AND FRENCH IN WEST

New Areas Are Occupied by Allied Forces Despite Inclement Weather; Fierce Artillery Fire Believed To Be Prelude to Another Assault Soon to Be Made.

(Associated Press War Summary.) The Teutonic armies, still advancing, although against increased resistance on the eastern front, are slowly being forced back by the pressure of the allied masses in the west. Gains made by the British on the Flanders front on Friday, when the village of St. Julien was re-entered, were followed by an advance by the French on their front Friday night.

KERENSKY AGAIN IN FULL CHARGE OF RUSS AFFAIRS

Following Votes of Confidence Premier Says H Will Execute Republican Policy With Strong, Firm Hand.

(By Associated Press.) Petrograd, Aug. 5.—Premier Kerensky has returned to Petrograd and withdrawn his resignation. He attended a ministerial meeting on Saturday evening and afterwards conferred with various political leaders.

M. Kerensky has issued a manifesto in which he declares that he considers it impossible, when the country is threatened with defeat without and disintegration within, to refuse the heavy task again entrusted to him, which he regards as an express order from the country to construct a strong republican government or carry out the principles already laid down.

"At the same time," said the manifesto, "I consider it inevitable to introduce changes in the order, and distribution of government work, without allowing myself to be influenced by the thought that these changes will increase my responsibility in the supreme direction of the affairs of state."

Two Votes of Confidence. By a vote of 147 to 46 a joint meeting of the executives of the Workmen's and Soldiers' and Peasants' councils confirmed the decision of the all-night political conference of continued confidence in Premier Kerensky.

The Maximilists strongly protested and forty-two of the members of this party abstained from voting. The Duma committee also has confirmed the vote of confidence in M. Kerensky.

Sioux Falls Druggists Shy at Liquor Permits

Sioux Falls, S. D., Aug. 5.—(Special.)—So strict are the provisions of the state-wide prohibition law regulating the sale of liquor for medicinal, scientific and sacramental purposes, and so small the chances of obtaining a reasonable profit from the investment of money in liquor stocks, that so far but one druggist in Sioux Falls has taken out a permit to sell liquor for these purposes. Several other applications have been made, but none of them are being pressed very earnestly. So far as known not a single physician in the city has yet taken out a permit to prescribe liquor for patients.

Ban on Patent Medicine In South Dakota Town

Sioux Falls, S. D., Aug. 5.—(Special.)—A woman was arrested in this city on the charge of being drunk, and when asked by officers to tell where she had secured the liquor, stated that all she had drunk was a bottle of patent medicine, which she had purchased at a local drug store. From this has resulted the placing of a ban on this medicine by Sheriff Shanks. The state sheriff states that anyone selling the medicine will be prosecuted under the provisions of the state-wide prohibition law.

Lenine Escapes From Finland in Garb of Sailor

Geneva, Switzerland, Aug. 5.—Nikolai Lenine, leader of the Maximilists in the recent disorders in Petrograd, according to a private report from Stockholm, received by Swiss socialists here, escaped from Finland on a Swedish vessel. He was disguised as a sailor. Lenine, it is said, will remain in hiding for a while and then return to Switzerland.

Civil War Veteran Shoots Wife and Kills Himself

Boston, Aug. 5.—Major William Hoffman, U. S. A., retired, a civil war veteran, shot and killed his wife with a revolver today and then turned the weapon on himself, dying instantly. The reason for the act is unknown.

Rumor of Resistance to Draft in Minnesota

St. Paul, Minn., Aug. 5.—Fifteen communications reporting war protest meetings scheduled at various points in Minnesota were received at the office of the Public Safety commission today. No reports were received of disorders at any meeting already held, but sheriffs have been instructed to be on the watch for outbreaks.

Freight Service Gains 16 Per Cent in Efficiency in Year

New York, Aug. 5.—Railroads of the United States gave 16 per cent more freight service in May 1917 than the corresponding month a year ago, with virtually the same number of cars and locomotives, according to a statement made public tonight by Fairfax Harrison, chairman of the Railroads' War Board.

This is interpreted, the statement pointed out, as "a gratifying indication of the extent to which the railroads of the United States are making effective their efforts to produce greater transportation efficiency to aid in winning the war."

"Actual returns just compiled," the statement said, "are from railroads having 173,105 miles of line. The reports show that these lines in May last year gave service equivalent to carrying 25,426,845,011 tons of freight one mile, while this year they carried 29,522,870,109 tons one mile, an increase of 16.1 per cent."

Von Waldow Named Food Dictator by the Kaiser

Copenhagen, Aug. 5.—Herr von Waldow, high bailiff of Pomerania, according to the Berlin Vossische Zeitung, has been designated as successor to Adolf von Batocki as president of the German food regulation board or "food dictator" as that post is commonly known.

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