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AMERICAN DESTROYER BLOWN UP BY GERMAN U-BOAT; SUSPECT CONSPIRACY TO BURN OMAHA STOCK YARDS; WETS TAKE IOWA, BEAT PROHIBITION BY 2,500 VOTES

MAJORITY AGAINST THE DRYS IN HAWKEYE STATE MOUNTS WITH ERRORS IN THE COUNT

Latest Figures, With Twelve Precincts Missing, Show Wets Have Lead of 2,509 Votes; Big Cities Increase Majority for Wets as Corrected Returns Come In.

Des Moines, Ia., Oct. 17.—(Special Telegram.)—It is probable an official count will be necessary to determine the result of the vote cast in Iowa Monday on the prohibitory constitutional amendment. Latest figures available, with twelve precincts missing, show the wets have a lead of 2,509.

WETS' LEAD MORE. Counties heard from today and corrections in the vote added to the wet lead. A discrepancy of more than 1,000 vote, in returns from Clinton county has been discovered in favor of the wets. A discrepancy in the Buena Vista county vote added 500 votes to the wet majority in that county. SURPRISES FOR DRYS. Woodbury county, which was one of the later counties to be heard from, reported majority of 1,000 for the wets. Johnson county, of which Iowa City is the county seat, also one of the late ones to come in, gave a wet lead of 1,100, which was somewhat of a surprise to the dry forces.

East Nebraska Covered by Rain; Big Help to Crops

Following an unusually warm day for this season of the year, early last night, banks of clouds rolled in from the west and soon thereafter, there was a regular downpour. In this vicinity the rain continued only a short time, but long enough to lay the dust and cool off the atmosphere. Reports from out in the state indicate that practically all the east half of Nebraska was given a drenching, the rain beginning to fall late in the afternoon and continuing pretty well into the night. Nearly all day a storm of wind, carrying immense clouds of dust swept over the state. Temperatures run high and conditions seemed more like July than like the middle of October. Over the winter wheat belt of Nebraska, while the plant was not suffering on account of a lack of moisture, rain at this time is of great benefit. Around Beatrice, the rain was accompanied by a considerable fall of hail.

Baptists Assembled at Hastings Elect Officers

Hastings, Neb., Oct. 17.—(Special Telegram.)—The Baptist state conference, holding its golden jubilee convention here, today elected the following for the new year: President, A. B. Newell, Glenview; first vice president, Rev. F. W. Benjamin, Norfolk; second vice president, Rev. J. L. Barton, Stromsburg; third vice president, Dr. H. R. Chapman, Lincoln; recording secretary, Rev. C. J. Pope, Grand Island; treasurer, W. E. Rhodes, Omaha; historian, Rev. R. C. Coon, Grand Island. One trustee was elected for an unexpired term, R. M. Proudfit of Friend.

The Weather

Table with weather data for Nebraska, including temperatures at Omaha yesterday and forecasts for the day.

Table with weather data for various locations including Chicago, Denver, Des Moines, and St. Louis, showing temperatures and conditions.

All German Waiters in Boston

Boston, Mass., Oct. 17.—All German waiters and servants employed at the Boston City club, numbering about twenty, have been discharged because of complaints made by members of alleged "breaches of discipline."

FIRES AMONG PENS FOUND BY WATCHERS

Blaze Starts in Cattle Section Shortly After Departments Are Called to Other Side of City.

Kansas City, Mo., Oct. 17.—Two arrests were made today by detectives and government agents following intimations that the \$750,000 fire, which partially destroyed the Kansas City stock yards yesterday morning was of incendiary origin. A former emble of the yards was taken into custody by detectives in this city and a second man was arrested by government agents in Oklahoma City. The suspect arrested here is said to have revealed the names of two other persons who are believed by the police to have been implicated in the fire.

STRENGTHEN GUARD

An investigation is in progress, but there is little for the authorities to work on. The guard at the yards has been strengthened. The fire at 4630 South Twenty-fourth street broke out on an outside stairway landing leading to the second floor. The downstairs of the house is vacant and the upstairs is occupied by John W. Wilson and family, colored people. Captain Coyle was unable to trace any ordinary cause for this fire, as there was no wires, nor stove or other usual source in proximity to the scene of the blaze. The fact that the downstairs of the house was vacant and the people upstairs asleep, lends color, the authorities state, to the theory of incendiarism.

Find No Cause for Fire.

The fire at the cattle pens was in a place where no evidence cause other than incendiarism could be ascribed. The lumber was dry, but the fire had gained only a slight headway when checked. "Taking all of the circumstances of both fires into careful consideration, there is little doubt in my mind that these fires were of incendiary origin. Every detail fits into the theory. While the department was at the first fire the second was reported, but prompt action prevented what might have been something serious. One of the stock yards watchmen passed the scene of the cattle pen fire a short time before the fire was discovered," stated Fire Warden Morris. Captain Coyle holds the same opinion as that of the fire warden. The officials are somewhat reticent regarding the line of investigation they are pursuing, but they hint that developments may be expected.

First Blizzard of Season Hits Montana

Butte, Mont., Oct. 17.—Butte was experiencing today its first blizzard of the season. There was a slight fall of snow and at 9 o'clock this morning the temperature was 26 above zero.

American Prisoners Starve Except for Red Cross Work

United States broke diplomatic relations. No details concerning his escape were given by the minister. "Smith stated," said a State department statement announcing the escape, "that without the food packages sent by the Young Men's Christian association and the Red Cross, prisoners would not be able to live as the daily food ration consists of a chunk of black, sour bread and a drink of cold coffee for breakfast and for dinner and supper about a pint and a half of warm soup, apparently consisting of water and turnips."

HAIG'S DEADLY TYPHOON FIRE AGAIN SWEEPS GERMAN LINES IN ADVANCE OF NEW ATTACK

Rupprecht's Forces Withier Before Hurricane of Shells Northeast of Ypres; Favorable Weather Gives Air-men a Chance to Find Range; Bulgarians "Cede" Saloniki Villages.

(By Associated Press.) All the important infantry fighting last night in the western war theater was confined to the French front, where attacks by the Germans in the Aisne and Champagne sectors, as well as in the Verdun region, were repulsed by General Petain's troops.

TWO DESERTERS ARE CAUGHT BY OMAHA OFFICERS

Rode Sumajia and Jan Jackin, Both Natives of Austria, Charged With Failure to Answer Draft Summons.

Two deserters have been caught in the federal dragnet net in the Omaha district. Both are men certified for the first draft of the national army who failed to report. Rode Sumajia, 5309 South Thirtieth street, was arrested in Kansas City. He says he was born in Vesperia, Austria. He will be brought to Omaha and turned over to the military authorities, as the civil courts have no jurisdiction over men after they have been certified for the national army. Jan Jackin, 4211 South Thirtieth street, Omaha, was arrested by the federal authorities. Jackin registered June 5. Then he applied for exemption. His application was denied and he was notified to report for service, which he failed to do. He says he is a native of Poland and has been in this country four years. He declared he could not read English and did not know anything about the draft law.

Military Funeral For Omaha Boy Who Died at Camp Taylor

A military funeral will be given Private Harry G. Fern of the Omaha ambulance company, who died Sunday at Camp Taylor, Louisville, Ky. Services will be held Thursday. The body of the Omaha boy will be borne to the cemetery on a gun caisson under the escort of a military guard, where a firing squad will deliver the last salute of three volleys over the soldier's grave. The ceremony, both at the church and at the cemetery, will be marked by the dignity and simplicity of a military funeral. The funeral cortege will pass up Farnam street Thursday morning on the way to Holy Sepulcher cemetery from St. Philomena church at Tenth and William streets, where the services will be held at 9 o'clock. Colonel Hershey at Fort Omaha granted the request of Gould Deitz, who recruited the ambulance company to which Fern belonged, that the boy should be accorded regular military honors. Major Faigelow will have charge of the military arrangements.

Korniloff's Generals Barely Escape Mob

Petrograd, Oct. 17.—The generals arrested for participation in the Korniloff uprising on their departure from Berditchev, province of Kiev, on October 10, were compelled to walk three miles to the railroad station while they were jeered, pelted with missiles and threatened by a mob of several thousand persons. The officers barely escaped alive through the strategy of a member of the cadet guard, who started the train out of the station as it was being fired upon by the mob, according to reports which have just arrived here. General Arloff was struck in the eye by a missile, while General Vaousky's spine was injured seriously.

Indian Buys \$12,000 Worth of Liberty Bonds

Oklmulgee, Okl., Oct. 17.—Jackson Barnett, an incompetent Creek Indian, today was the possessor of \$12,000 worth of Liberty bonds. He subscribed for \$12,000 of the first issue and yesterday his guardian, Carl J. Hornett, secured a court order permitting his charge to buy a quarter of a million dollars worth of the latest issue.

U. S. JACKIE KILLED WHEN ENEMY LETS FLY BIG TORPEDO

Vessel, Although Severely Damaged, Manages to Make Port; Five Men Wounded; No Fight Apparent; Submarine Makes Escape After Launching Deadly Messenger; Place Not Revealed.

American Officer Injured While On British Firing Line

Washington, Oct. 17.—First Lieutenant A. Graham, medical officers' reserve corps, attached to the British forces has been severely wounded in the thigh by gunshot. General Pershing so advised the War department today without giving details. Lieutenant Graham's next of kin is Mrs. William J. Graham, Paterson, N. J. If Lieutenant Graham was shot while serving at the front as is assumed here, he was the first American of the expeditionary forces to be wounded on the firing line.

PEACE LEAGUE IS A REAL FIGHTING ORGANIZATION

W. R. Boyd, Campaign Manager, Tells of Work Being Done By Mr. Taft and Associates. "The League to Enforce Peace is a fighting organization, despite its name. There is not a pacifist or obstructionist among us. We do not believe peace should be declared until Old Glory floats over the palace at Potsdam," declared W. R. Boyd, jr., of Chicago, campaign manager of the league, who is in Omaha to arrange for the formation of a Nebraska branch, following William Howard Taft's lecture for the Fine Arts' society Friday at 4 o'clock at the Boyd theater. Mr. Taft is president of the league.

American Killed By Shell Fired By Sub Upon an Open Boat

London, Oct. 17.—James Tringor of Roanoke, Va., according to a dispatch to the Daily Chronicle, was killed by shrapnel fired by a German submarine upon the open boats of a torpedoed British steamer on which the American was employed. Another member of the crew in Tringor's boat, a fireman, was wounded by a shell from the submarine and died as he was being placed upon a rescuing ship. There were twelve Americans among the forty-nine survivors landed at a British port.

Commander Sparrow Becomes Daniels' Aide

Washington, Oct. 17.—Commander H. G. Sparrow, formerly executive officer of the battleship Pennsylvania, today began his duties as aide to Secretary Daniels, succeeding Lieutenant Commander Byron McCandless, assigned to sea duty at his own request.

Union Pacific Divides the Work Of Its Big Operating Officials

The Union Pacific will break up its division system as it now exists and the main lines will be thrown into what will be known as districts. The Union Pacific main line from Omaha to Ogden will be known as the Northern district and will be under the jurisdiction of F. H. Hammill, now assistant general of the Iowa lines of the Northwestern, with headquarters in Boone, Ia. He will have his headquarters in Omaha and will have the title of general superintendent. The Southern district will include the main and branch lines in Kansas and Colorado and will be under the direction of Ernest Stenger, with headquarters in Kansas City. Mr. Stenger is now general superintendent of all the lines of the system, a position that is regarded as too strenuous for any one man. On the South-

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