

FIRST SHOT IS FIRED BY U. S. TROOPS IN WAR

HUGE \$5,000,000 TOTAL PASSED; NEBRASKA EXCEEDS QUOTA AFTER GIANT DRIVE

Ten Million Americans Swell Loan to Big Amount Fixed By McAdoo at Opening of Campaign; State's \$30,000,000 Share Generously Oversubscribed; General Wood Hauls in Dollars.

BULLETIN.

Washington, Oct. 27.—Indications late today were that the Liberty loan had reached \$5,000,000,000 in subscriptions. A compilation of estimated subscriptions from all districts made public by the Treasury department showed a total of \$4,555,000,000.

The number of subscribers, officially estimated, would be at least 8,000,000 and may go as high as 10,000,000.

With 20 counties yet to be heard from, Nebraska's Liberty loan subscriptions reported through Omaha headquarters amounted to \$25,423,450 at noon. The state quota is \$30,000,000. Omaha has oversubscribed its quota.

WOOD GETS RESULTS.

Major General Leonard Wood, commander at Camp Funston, closed his whirlwind, one-day campaign in Omaha Friday night with a total of \$196,100 to his credit from Omaha audiences in a tidal wave sweeping Omaha's total over the mark set earlier in the week and leaving it high and dry at \$10,036,050 up to noon today.

Go to Banks Today.

Liberty loan subscribers must go to their banks today and make a deposit of 2 per cent of their subscription. If that deposit is not made today Omaha will not be credited with the subscription in the first official reports from Washington. The banks will remain open until 9 p. m. tonight solely for the purpose of receiving these first payments. The loan board requests every subscriber to "get in early and make good Nebraska's total subscription."

State Oversubscribed.

The state quota will probably be reached, and possibly oversubscribed, when full reports from the outlying counties have been received. Many of these have reported direct to Kansas City and their subscriptions are not included in these figures.

Gordon W. Wattle, who is a director of the Chicago Great Western, received a telegram from President S. M. Felton of the road authorizing him to place a subscription of \$10,000 to Omaha's credit.

Barney Copeland, Seventeenth and Chicago, a patriotic Omaha lad, appeared before the loan board with his pockets bulging with \$50 worth of buffalo nickels, the savings of many years, and bought a Liberty bond.

Mail Carriers Active.

Omaha mail carriers have brought in more than \$40,000 in subscriptions to the second Liberty loan. Of this sum \$18,000 was subscribed by persons on their routes to whom they distributed applications. The rest was subscribed by the carriers.

American Express company here, re-Adams Express company here, received a telegram from President George C. Taylor of the company from New York headquarters authorizing a subscription of \$50,000 to help boom Omaha's oversubscription campaign.

Women Buy Bonds.

Though a club of which members pay no dues, the Scottish Rite Women's club Friday voted to purchase \$1,000 worth of Liberty bonds. The club will do a second good work service, for they will be turned over to the Young Men's Christian association work fund.

This Club is Less Than Three Years Old.

Its funds are secured by furnishing meals to Scottish Rite Masons at the semi-annual reunions. Mrs. Cuthbert Vincent is the president.

Mrs. Ernest Sweet and Mrs. O. Y. Kring, members of Mrs. L. M. Lord's committee during the Liberty loan drive, sold a larger number of bonds than any of the other women on the committee.

Danish brotherhood, Omaha lodge No. 1, has bought Liberty bonds worth \$2,100. These were bought from the funds of the lodge.

Municipal Coal Supply Assured, Butler Indicates

City Purchasing Agent Richard Grotte has received from City Commissioner D. B. Butler written and telegraphic information which indicates that regular shipments may be expected for the municipal coal department.

The plan is to arrange for 10 to 15 cars each week and arrange for hauling facilities accordingly.

Four cars now on the way are expected Monday. All outstanding orders are being filled as rapidly as possible.

Mr. Butler, who has been in Chicago several days, wired: "The situation seems to be clearing. He went as far as Chicago with John L. Kennedy, federal fuel supervisor for Nebraska, who is in Washington, D. C.

AMERICANS ASSUME PLACE AMONG SOLDIERS OF ALLIES

Pride



TAKE UP POSITIONS ALONG FIRST LINE TRENCHES; GET INTO FIGHTING IMMEDIATELY

Red-haired Gunner Sends First Shell Screaming Into Trenches; Missouri Mules Pull Guns Into Positions Behind American Infantry and United States Gets Into Fight for Democracy.

BULLETIN.

Paris, Oct. 27.—Another powerful drive by the French troops today on the Ypres-Dixmude road resulted in the capture of several villages and a great number of fortified farms, according to tonight's announcement by the war office. An additional advance was made along the Aisne front, including the occupation of Froimont farm.

(By Associated Press.)

The American Army in France, Oct. 27.—The following is the first official statement issued from American headquarters:

"In continuation of their training as a nucleus for instruction later, a contingent of some battalions of our first contingents, in association with veteran French battalions, are in the first-line trenches of a quiet sector on the French front.

WE MUST SAVE FOOD TO KEEP FOE FROM OUR SHORES

Herbert Hoover Declares Western Front Will Move to Atlantic Seaboard if Allies Are Not Fed.

Washington, Oct. 27.—"The government of the United States is asking every citizen of the country to eat less beef, pork, pork products, wheat, butter and sugar, and to waste no foodstuffs, as an act of common defense."

This is the explanation given by Herbert Hoover, food administrator of the meaning of the national food pledge week, which begins tomorrow and continues until November 4. Half a million canvassers are ready for the campaign to induce at least 13,000,000 of the country's 22,000,000 housewives to sign a pledge to conserve food during the war.

"Owing to the large failure of the harvest in France and Italy, and the inability to send the world's shipping to remote markets," said Mr. Hoover, "we have thrust upon us a larger duty in providing foodstuffs for them than we are capable of executing, unless we can reduce the consumption of these foodstuffs in the United States. If we cannot secure this reduction in consumption, we cannot maintain them constant in the war. If we fail, the western line will move to the Atlantic seaboard."

"Furthermore, the problem of ameliorating the prices to the American consumer is entirely involved in our ability to supply the allied needs and still leave us a sufficiency at home. If we accept the alternative of maintaining the allies in the war from our supplies, without savings, we shall have shortages in the United States that make any hope of price control absolutely futile."

"It is, therefore, in the interest of every man, woman and child in the United States that we should achieve these ends—first, in his personal defense and protection, and second, in the interests of his pocketbook. Beyond all this and greater is the question of common humanity."

The above telegram was received by State Food Administrator Wattle from Federal Food Administrator Hoover.

It shows the men who are best informed believe enemy plotters are at work to destroy food by fire and dynamite wherever a loophole is left in the home defense.

Mr. Wattle immediately conveyed Mr. Hoover's warning to Manager E. Buckingham at the Union Stock Yards, South Side. Mr. Buckingham called a meeting at the stock yards and discussed the situation there.

HERBERT HOOVER.

Results of Omaha's Liberty Bond Campaign

Liberty loan subscription totals reported up to noon Saturday:

State of Nebraska	\$28,638,450
Major General Wood's one-day campaign in Omaha	125,000
Commercial club, noon	6,000
Boyd, afternoon	41,700
Evening meetings at theaters:	
Orpheum	4,500
Strand	11,500
Brantley	4,500
Emerson	4,500
Gayety	3,000
Total of one-day campaign	196,100
Previously reported for Omaha	9,829,950
Adams Express company	50,000
Chicago Great Western	10,000
Grand total, Omaha, noon Saturday	\$10,066,050

FOOD DRIVE FOR PLEDGE CARDS ON IN 70 COUNTIES

Students Get Thousands of Signers of "Kitchen Creed" in Advance of Food Pledge Card Week.

Seventy counties in Nebraska reported results of their food pledge card campaigns to the state committee in Omaha yesterday, indicating that between 60 and 65 per cent of the families in Nebraska have already signed cards which pledge them to conserve food in every possible way. This has been accomplished in advance of food pledge card week, which begins today.

This result has been achieved by getting the school children of the state to work. They, under direction of their teachers, principals, superintendents and committees, have achieved this result.

This week families who could not be reached by the children will be canvassed by other workers and it is expected every family in the state will have been reached by Saturday and practically all of them pledged to food conservation.

Douglas County Makes Good.

Returns up to last night from Douglas county showed 22,711 signed cards had been returned. Of these, 20,297 came from children of the public schools and the remainder from children of three parochial schools. The work was pushed by the county superintendents and principals and teachers.

Dawson county reported 3,500 cards signed out of a total of 4,249 families in the county.

Valley, Neb., reported a card in every home. The report was from M. A. Sams, superintendent of schools and was accompanied by 187 pledge cards. Food Administrator Wattle was so pleased at this showing that he wrote a letter to Mr. Sams and sent him a silk flag.

Meeting Called for Monday.

Frank Boyd, chairman of the committee in charge of the work in Douglas county, has asked all precinct chairmen to have their campaign mapped out by Monday morning and to call at headquarters, 606 Bee Building, for cards and supplies. The various labor unions were asked to do the same.

Community Centers Open Nov. 5; War Work to Be Leading Feature

Women will serve this season as supervisors of the community centers held at public school buildings under the direction of the Board of Public Recreation.

These centers will be opened Monday evening, November 5. Chairman Hummel and Superintendent Isaacson of the board are preparing a program for the season's activities at Central park, Miller park, Monmouth park, Kellom, Castelar, Deaf institute, Dundee, South High, West Side and Edward Rosewater schools.

The board will co-operate with the government in the food conservation movement. Knitting classes will be organized. Members of the Four-Minute club will give a series of talks in connection with the war. Athletic and social clubs will be encouraged. Supervised community dances will be resumed in the auditorium of the Deaf institute, permission having been granted by the state board of control. Debates and spelling bees also will be features of the centers this winter.

COLORED MEN OF DRAFT HIT HOT TRAIL TO BERLIN

Station Rings With Cheers When Dusky Warriors Depart for Camp Funston This Morning.

Ninety young colored men of the selective draft left at 9 o'clock Saturday morning for Camp Funston. As they left the station rang with cheers from the men and their friends.

About 1,500 friends and relatives were at the station to bid them good-bye. Mothers and sweethearts smiled bravely to keep back the tears. A colored band played patriotic airs and all the local board members were on hand to see the boys off.

A large American flag covered most of the outside of the car occupied by men from the South Side. "We've got the finest men in the bunch," boasted J. J. Breen, of the South Side local board.

Judge Foster of the Fifth district disputed his claim, pointing proudly to 35 men from his district under command of Captain Wynne McCullough. Below their windows were chalked the words "Goodbye, Kaiser."

Leo Clemmons was captain of the Fourth district men. He was recently married but claimed no exemption. He stood on the iron fence waving good-bye to his wife till the train began to move. Robert Pinkston captained the Second district quota.

Dr. J. E. Britt and Dr. C. H. Singleton distributed a large number of cigars to the boys. Several officers from Camp Dodge were on hand to witness the entrainment, including Lieutenant Madison of the medical reserves corps, Sergeant Joseph Carr, Sergeant Bailey, Lieutenant S. B. Barrows and Lieutenant W. Peebles. Lieutenant Barrows was with Pershing in Mexico. He leaves for Camp Cody today.

McAdoo Says Huge Loan Is Overwhelming Success

Washington, Oct. 27.—Secretary McAdoo announced late tonight that the second Liberty loan was an overwhelming success.

45-CENT RAISE IN COAL PRICE MADE BY WILSON

Advance Asked for by Operators, That Miners' Wages May Be Increased, Effective Monday.

(By Associated Press.) Washington, Oct. 27.—President Wilson tonight granted an increase of 45 cents a ton in the price of bituminous coal at virtually all mines in the country, effective at 7 o'clock Monday morning.

The new price will absorb wage raises recently agreed upon between operators and miners in the central competitive and other fields.

The president's order provides that the increase shall not apply in case of existing contracts providing for an increase in price to cover any raise in miners' wages. Neither will it apply in districts where miners and operators fail to agree upon a miners' penalty provision satisfactory to the fuel administration.

Dollar Worth 83 Cents In Copenhagen Now

Copenhagen, Oct. 27.—The dollar continues to slump and it is now worth under 83 cents here. The German mark also has touched a low record of 42, a depreciation of 53 per cent.

Miss Helen Cudahy Commits Suicide

Paris, Oct. 27.—Miss Helen Cudahy, daughter of Patrick Cudahy, the Milwaukee meat packer, committed suicide in mid-ocean October 19, according to the army edition of the Chicago Tribune.

Fear of submarines is believed to have been the motive for her act, the newspapers say.

A friend who went to her cabin on the night of October 19 found the room empty, the port hole open and this hurriedly written note:

"It is all for the best. Keep as much as possible from father and mother. Notify my brother, Michael."

Search of the boat failed to reveal any further evidence of her disappearance. The body has not been recovered. She was going to France on a Red Cross mission.

HOOVER WARNS OF CONSPIRACY TO DESTROY FOOD

Wires Wattle to Strengthen Guards About Stock Yards and Elevators; Foe Plots Threaten Meat Supply.

Washington, Oct. 27.—G. W. Wattle, food administrator, Omaha: Am informed widespread conspiracy exists to destroy animals in the stock yards. In view of tremendous loss of food by recent fire at Kansas City stock yards, urge you get in touch with all stock-yard companies in your state and emphasize importance of their largely augmented watch service and other fire precautions. Also believe government should have principal yards patrolled by home guards. The above also applies to grain elevators. Serious loss of wheat and barley in recent Brooklyn fire must not recur.

"Our Jim" May Yet Go to the Front With Full Uniform and Straps

It may be "Lieutenant Colonel James C. Dahlman" of the Lucky Seventh.

And, then, it may not be. Omaha's mayor is being mentioned as the prospective right-hand man to Governor Keith Neville when the latter assumes active command of the Seventh regiment.

Mayor Dahlman is not saying a word about this, but seems to be doing a lot of thinking. His friends aver that he is trying to decide whether to remain in his mayoralty position or join fortunes with Colonel Keith Neville.

The lieutenant colonel of the Lucky Seventh would place the mayor next in command. He admits he has become imbued with the fighting spirit. When Theodore Roosevelt was considering raising his

U. S. ARTILLERY IN SUPPORT.

"They are supported by some batteries of our artillery, in association with veteran French batteries. The sector remains normal. Our men have adapted themselves to actual trench conditions in the most satisfactory manner."

INTERMITTENT FIGHTING.

"American troops are in the first-line trenches on the French front. The artillery fired the first shot of the war at 6 o'clock on the morning of a recent day at a German working party. There has been intermittent artillery fighting since."

FOIL GERMAN OBSERVERS.

The helmeted infantry marched in without the knowledge of the enemy, on the same night through rain and mud. The French soldiers in the trenches welcomed them enthusiastically.

The nearest enemy trench is several hundreds yards away. The sector is one of the quietest on the front. It has not been taken over, being under the control of troops under the direction of the French.

Red-Haired Gunner Opens Fire.

The Americans have shelled German positions and troops, the enemy sending shell for shell. The first shell case will be sent to President Wilson. The case is now in the possession of General Sibert. The shot was fired by a red-haired gunner as his comrades in the ranks and the assembled officers cheered. Later a luncheon in the field was attended by the American and French artillerymen in celebration of the first American contact with the enemy.

The gun used in firing the first shot was one of the famous French 75s. On the second day the French shelled a German battery position, which was located by sound, and the enemy replied vigorously, projectiles falling close to the Americans, who joined in the artillery duels.

Actual War Conditions.

All the troops will be relieved after a certain period by others. Thus the American expeditionary forces are getting the benefit of actual war conditions.

Standing in a little, almost deserted, shell-wrecked village, well within hostile gun range and a few kilometers from the trenches, the Associated Press correspondent watched the troops marching up in a driving rain over roads covered with sticky mud. The artillery had been firing all day and as a result the impression was given that there was considerable more activity on this front than there had been for some time.

Missouri Mules Pull Up Guns.

It was soon after lulls in the firing and in the dark that the first machine guns hauled by Missouri mules, the

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