



GERMANS FALL INTO 'SAMMIES' AMBUSCADE; ACCUSE OMAHA POLICE OF DIAMOND ROBBERY

BURGESON CHARGED WITH STEALING GEMS FROM DEAD MAN'S BODY; IS ARRESTED

Untiring Efforts of Suspected Officer Brings Forth Chauffeur Who Was Seen By Witness Bending Over Stricken Form of Thomas Perkins, Sioux City Millionaire, Killed in Accident.

With the arrest of Ralph Burgeson, a chauffeur, the police believe they have nullified the serious charges which have been made against the department, following the theft of a diamond stickpin off the body of Thomas Perkins on the night of October 26, this year.

INSTANTLY KILLED.

Perkins, together with F. A. Schick, was instantly killed when the car in which they were riding went over an embankment at Nineteenth street and Grand avenue. The police on searching Perkins found among other personal effects a ring and clasp, both set with diamonds. Perkins' widow alleged that he also had in his possession a diamond stickpin valued at \$500.

Witnesses who were on the scene at the time declared that the pin was in the dead man's tie when the police arrived.

Accused Police.

The attorney for Mrs. Perkins then openly accused the department of wrongfully appropriating the pin and directed suspicion to Officer Roy Wade, a well-known and valued member of the force.

Since then the police and detective departments have been quietly working on the case, but with no apparent success. Detective James Murphy, however, by untiring effort found a witness who stated that he had seen a man, who was afterward identified as Burgeson, come upon the scene shortly before the arrival of the police. The witness further stated that Burgeson knelt over Perkins' body to ascertain if he were dead and then stealthily removed the stickpin from the dead man's tie.

When arrested Burgeson claimed that the pin, which was found in his possession, was bought from a stranger for \$20.

Burgeson was arraigned this morning on the charge of grand larceny, but the case was continued to allow the defendant to procure counsel and to give the state time to procure witnesses from out of the city.

First Regular Payment on Liberty Bonds Due Today

Washington, Nov. 15.—The first regular installment payment on the second Liberty bonds, 18 per cent of the face value, fell due today at the treasury and federal reserve banks. By tonight the government expects to add at least \$685,000,000 to its credit from the second Liberty loan. This also was the last day on which first Liberty bonds bearing 3 1/2 per cent interest could be exchanged for those of the second issue bearing 4 per cent, with interest at the higher rate dating from today. Exchanges made hereafter will be as of December 15.

Red Cross Sends \$125,000 for Sufferers in Chinese Flood

Washington, Nov. 15.—The American Red Cross announced today it has made available \$125,000 for the relief of sufferers from the recent flood in Tien Tsin province, China, which swept over 12,000 square miles of territory, made 1,000,000 persons homeless and wiped out crops and other property to an approximate value of \$100,000,000. The fund is being administered by a committee of Americans headed by Paul C. Reipsch, American minister to China.

The Weather

For Nebraska—Cloudy; not much change in temperature.

Temperatures at Omaha Yesterday.

Hour	Temp.	Deg.
5 a. m.	37	
6 a. m.	38	
7 a. m.	39	
8 a. m.	40	
9 a. m.	41	
10 a. m.	42	
11 a. m.	43	
12 m.	44	
1 p. m.	45	
2 p. m.	46	
3 p. m.	47	
4 p. m.	48	
5 p. m.	49	
6 p. m.	50	
7 p. m.	51	
8 p. m.	52	

Comparative Local Records.

Year	1917	1916	1915	1914
Highest yesterday	58	51	48	42
Lowest yesterday	27	12	24	23
Mean temperature	42	32	30	32
Precipitation	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00

Temperature and precipitation departures from the normal.

Normal temperature	1917	1916	1915	1914
Normal temperature	44	34	32	34
Excess for the day	14	0	-2	0
Total deficiency since March 1	300	300	300	300
Normal precipitation	0.44	0.44	0.44	0.44
Deficiency for the day	0.44	0.44	0.44	0.44
Total rainfall since March 1	21.30	21.30	21.30	21.30
Deficiency since March 1	4.67	4.67	4.67	4.67
Deficiency for year period, 1917	1.14	1.14	1.14	1.14
Deficiency for year period, 1916	1.30	1.30	1.30	1.30
Deficiency for year period, 1915	1.30	1.30	1.30	1.30

Reports from Stations at 7 P. M.

Station and Stage	Temp.	High.	Rain.
Omaha, clear	44	54	0.00
Lincoln, clear	44	54	0.00
Sioux Falls, clear	44	54	0.00
Yankton, clear	44	54	0.00
Wichita, clear	44	54	0.00
Chicago, clear	44	54	0.00
St. Louis, clear	44	54	0.00
Indianapolis, clear	44	54	0.00
Pittsburgh, clear	44	54	0.00
Philadelphia, clear	44	54	0.00
New York, clear	44	54	0.00

FARMERS OPPOSE BIG ADVANCE IN FREIGHT RATES

Urge Consolidation of All Unions in One for Mutual Benefit of All Concerned.

Opposition to the proposed advance of freight rates to bring in an additional \$360,000,000 annually, was voiced by the delegates to the convention of the Nebraska Farmers' Cooperative Grain & Live Stock State association, in their resolutions adopted at the close of the session Thursday. They pointed out that such a sum of money would represent 5 per cent on \$7,200,000,000. "Should conditions arise," the resolution reads, "where the carriers must have increased facilities on account of increased transportation, and the roads are unable to obtain sufficient funds to favor the government's loaning the railroads the necessary funds, or we favor the government's purchasing the necessary equipment for the time being, or taking over the roads entirely."

The association commended the federal government for establishing and supervising the federal grades of grain.

The association recommends the establishing of their own commission firms at the terminals.

An invitation was issued through the resolutions to all other co-operative shipping associations in the state to come into this one, to unite the farmers' shipping associations into one body in order that the problems vital to all might be the better worked out. They argue that their association is the oldest of its kind in the state and therefore the most logical one around which the others should rally in affecting a consolidation.

Northcliffe Rejects Air Ministry Post

London, Nov. 15.—Lord Northcliffe has declined a proffer of the administration of the new air ministry made to him by Premier Lloyd-George.

In a long letter to the premier Lord Northcliffe explains that his refusal of the portfolio is due to dissatisfaction with some of the methods of Mr. Lloyd-George's administration, especially with regard to relations with the United States, and says that Lord Northcliffe's desire, therefore, is to maintain an independent attitude.

GERMAN ADVANCE IN TRENTINO—In their turning movement against the Piave river line, the Germans are advancing east of Asiago, already captured. It is indicated on the map by the left arrow. Farther east, as indicated by the other arrow, the Austro-Germans have captured the important city of Belluno.



Leaning, But Not Falling



GERMANY'S SUB POWER BROKEN FOR ALL FUTURE

Teutons' Only Hope and Allies' Only Anxiety Laid Low; Nations Undisturbed on High Seas.

New York, Nov. 15.—Arthur Pollen, noted British war expert, has made the following statement to The Associated Press on the submarine war: "Anything unsatisfactory in the military and political situation in Europe is balanced by the extraordinary news that the German submarine campaign has broken down altogether. This is the most momentous event since the United States declared war. It means we can all stay in and that America can really come in."

"Six months ago shipping was being destroyed, according to some authorities, at a rate of 9,000,000 tons per annum. Had this loss continued, the Germans had the right to expect not, indeed, military victory, but a peace that would mean something much less than defeat. This was Germany's only hope and it was the allies' only anxiety. For everyone, including the German high command, knew that with sea communication reasonably safe, the military defeat of the German army was certain."

"The rate of loss for the last week is actually less than the annual toll of wrecks in peace time. It is an amazing development. It is not to be expected that losses can remain as low as this. They must fluctuate. But they should never cause us serious uneasiness again."

"Germany's defeat at sea is final, universal and permanent, whereas Germany's successes on land are local, partial and temporary."

ROMANS MOVE ART TREASURES AS FOES COME

Evacuate Venice and Army of Men Needed to Move Out the More Valued Possessions.

Berlin, (Via London); Nov. 15.—German troops on the mountain front in northern Italy are advancing to the south from Fonzaso and Feltre, says today's official communication.

The evacuation of Venice is almost complete, this city having undergone the same treatment as Treviso and Vicenza, with the difference that its art treasures were so numerous and of such colossal proportions that an army of workmen was required to transport them.

Stopping Germans at River. Rome, Nov. 15.—The Italians have defeated renewed efforts of the Germans to cross the Piave river. Those of the enemy who forced a crossing at two points on previous days are being held in check, the war office announced today.

Italians Foil Germans. (By Associated Press.) Austro-German attempts to cross the Piave have been foiled generally by the Italians and the party that crossed at Zenson has not been able to debouch. Several attempts have been made to cross the river between Zenson and the Adriatic, but only in the marshland on the coast have the Germans been able to make progress. Here they are under heavy fire and it is improbable that any large number of Austro-Germans will be able to take advantage of the break, because of terrain conditions.

German Pressure Heavy. On the line from the Piave to Lake Garda the Italians have retired between the river and the region northeast of Asiago, reducing the bulge in the Italian line. Austro-German pressure here and around Asiago continues heavy. The invaders have gained some vantage points on the Asiago plateau and on Senti Comuni, west of Asiago. Another threat to the new Italian defense is noted in a strong German effort between Lake Garda and Lake Ledro. It was the first in this region, but was repulsed.

WAR FUND NEARS TOTAL OF \$80,000; STATE, \$189,000

Telegram is Received From E. E. Calvin, Saying Work of Local Committees Very Gratifying.

A telegram received from E. E. Calvin, in charge of the national Young Men's Christian association war fund, New York City, congratulating the Omaha association on its fine showing, was received by I. W. Carpenter, one of its directors, Thursday. Mr. Calvin, who is president of the Union Pacific railroad, said: "Omaha must raise every dollar pledged as it has always done."

Final figures Thursday night totaled \$73,347, with Thursday subscriptions amounting to \$5,324.

Nebraska neared the \$100,000 mark in this week's drive to raise its share of the \$35,000,000 fund.

State Campaign Manager Jones last night reported to Chicago headquarters that Nebraska had raised \$189,000 in round numbers.

The central department, with headquarters in Chicago, is leading the five other districts of the country with total subscriptions of \$7,248,967, while the eastern department, with headquarters in New York, is second with \$6,807,608.

Outlook Favorable. "I am not afraid Nebraska will fail," said Mr. Jones last night, "but I am concerned over the possibility of some sections of the state quitting too early. While one or two of the districts, as previously reported, have passed their quota, most of them have not. I do not expect one district to fall down, but to avoid that event everybody must keep going strong."

The contest between Beatrice, Fremont and Hastings to see which will raise the largest sum is developing into one of the features of the state drive. Beatrice and Fremont have each reported \$5,000 raised, but Hastings has refused all requests to divulge its total. It is known the Hastings district is soaring above its quota.

List of Subscriptions. Among the larger amounts reported Thursday are: The Union Pacific employees' committee of the Young Men's Christian association national war fund reports subscriptions in Omaha, exclusive of amounts previously reported, \$2,000; M. A. Dishrow, \$250; Alamito Dairy Co., \$200; Palmer Findley, \$150; Anonymous, \$100; R. W. Gardner, Louis Donp, Alfie Butter Co., F. S. Martin & Co., J. H. Haney & Son, Williams & Murphy Co., George Thiden, Walter W. Head, \$100.

Baker Announces New Star for San Carlo Opera

Advance Manager Charles R. Baker of the San Carlo Grand Opera company is in the city for several days, completing, with Local Manager Lucius Pryor, the details of the three-day engagement of that organization at the Auditorium, December 3, 4 and 5. Mr. Baker announced that another new star of the organization to be heard here is Elizabeth Amsden, former leading artist with the Chicago and Paris grand operas. She is coming to Omaha to sing her two great solos, "Giocanda" and "Jewels of the Madonna." "Neither of the two splendid works have been given in Omaha and will be staged upon a plane of metropolitan splendor," said Mr. Baker.

2,000 Persons Killed In Streets of Moscow

London, Nov. 15.—Two thousand persons had been killed in street fighting in Moscow up to noon Tuesday, according to reports brought by travelers arriving at the Russo-Swedish frontier, as forwarded in press dispatches from Stockholm.

In Kiev and various other towns anarchy prevails to an astonishing degree, accompanied by mob violence against Jews, these reports say.

AMERICANS ROUT GERMAN PATROL IN NIGHT BATTLE

Arrange Ambuscade, Enemy Falls Into Trap, Loses Heavily and Retires in Disorder, While Its Batteries Shell the Trenches, Causing Several Casualties Among the American Troops.

American soldiers have carried out a successful ambush of a German party in No Man's Land on the western front, killing and wounding a number of the enemy, while German shells have caused a number of casualties in the American lines.

TEUTONS HURLED BACK IN EFFORT TO RETAKE RIDGE

British Barrage is Terrific, But Germans Push Through and Are Repulsed in Hand-to-Hand Struggle.

With the British Army in Belgium; Wednesday, Nov. 14.—The forces of Crown Prince Rupprecht of Bavaria have made their first pretentious effort to regain Passchendaele village, in accordance with the edict of Field Marshal von Hindenburg that the place should be recaptured, and have failed.

The enemy's attack made late yesterday afternoon against positions on the crest of the ridge north of the hamlet was attempted with large forces and was a most determined effort to retake this gem of their defenses but the assaulting troops were hurled back after a grim struggle, leaving the British line before Passchendaele intact.

Stopped by Barrage Fire. The greater part of the enemy infantry was stopped by the tremendous British artillery barrage which ploughed through their ranks as they began the advance; but some of them, answering to that famous discipline ingrained by Prussian military style, pushed through this rain of death and reached the British front line.

A sanguinary struggle followed at close quarters. The Germans battled doggedly, but the British soldiers flung themselves upon the enemy with such ferocity that he was compelled to give ground and finally retired, leaving many dead upon the barren crest.

The enemy attack was prefaced by a terrible bombardment. The German guns opened on the right at 4 a. m. yesterday. The British had been expecting the counter attack for several days. Captured German officers had freely admitted that the loss of Passchendaele was regarded as a most serious matter and that every effort would be made to retake it.

Shelled All Day. All day Passchendaele and the forward area were shelled continuously by the concentrated German artillery, while the British heavies and field guns replied with a violent bombardment of the enemy's lines and battery positions. No such artillery duel had occurred along the British front in many weeks.

For hours it was maintained by both sides with a drone fire intensity that shook the country for miles about. Windows in houses 50 miles away rattled as if from a wintry blast, and in a town 75 miles by airplane from the scene of activities, the detonations could be plainly heard.

About 4:30 o'clock in the afternoon enemy infantry was seen advancing southward along the ridge on a front of about 700 yards toward the British positions. At the same time the Germans dropped a heavy barrage on Goehberg spur to the west to prevent any assistance coming to the British from that quarter.

The "S. O. S." signal went up from (Continued on Page Four, Column Six.)

PERSHING CABLES CASUALTY LIST IN TRENCH FIGHTING

Washington, Nov. 15.—A revised report from General Pershing today on the German raid on American trenches November 2 puts the killed at three, the wounded at 11 and the missing at 11. The first report was three killed, five wounded and 12 missing.

The list of the three killed is unchanged, but the following are added to the wounded: William H. McLaughlin, first lieutenant; Louis Deifer, private; Sullivan, Ind.; Paul W. Fann, private; Sarona, Wis.; George Wesley, private; Dayton, Ky.; Lester C. Smith, private; Concord, N. C.

The following are on the list of missing and probably captured: Clyde I. Grimsley, private; Stockton, Kan.; Hoyt D. Decker, private; Vincennes, Ind.

Send Along Your Old Spy-Glasses; Uncle Sam Needs 'Em to Spot Subs

(By Associated Press.) Washington, Nov. 15.—Prompted by the patriotic act of an old soldier in California, the Navy department issued a call today asking the public to contribute for war service such binoculars, spy-glasses and telescopes as may now be in private hands. There is a great shortage of these observation glasses in the navy.

The suggestion was found in the following letter from J. F. Heffebauer, a veteran of the civil war, aged 74 years, and who is now an inmate of the soldiers' home at Saffelle, Cal.: "I herewith send you a field glass, wishing to contribute my mite. I hope it may be of service on one of the patrol cruisers, and aid in finding some German submarines. Will be glad to know it can be put into service."