

THE OMAHA DAILY BEE THE WEATHER Fair; Warmer OMAHA, FRIDAY MORNING, MARCH 15, 1918-TWELVE PAGES. On Trains, at Hotels, * SINGLE COPY TWO CENTS.

GERMANS WILL STARVE BALTIC PEOPLE TO MAKE THEM VASSALS Ralph T. Wilson, Omaha, Ex-Creighton Man,

Drops 3,200 Feet in Balloon at San Antonio;

apparently with scant success.

Student at Creighton.

Uninjured; Describes Thrilling Flight

NEBRASKA UNIVERSITY BOY IN LAST CASUALTY LIST FROM FRENCH LINE

Keith Graul of Lincoln Reported Wounded; Three Iowa Group of Flying Cadets at Men Among Sammies Killed on French Front; Fifteen More Are Injured in Battles 1/

With Germans.

Keith Graul of Lincoln, Neb., for-O merly a student at the University of Nebraska, is reported slightly wounded in yesterday's casualty list received from General Pershing.

Graul attended the university last year, but left school when war was declared to join Uncle Sam's forces in France.

He is a member of the Alpha Sigma Phi fraternity.

THREE IOWANS KILLED. (From & Staff Correspondent.)

Des Moines, March 14 .- (Special Telegram.)-Three Iowa men are included in the list of dead and 17 in the list of wounded on the French front, received here late today. List follows:

DEAD:

Corporal Albert, E. Behmer, Sioux City. Private Cecil M. Conley; father, O.

C. Conley, Atlantic. Private Fred H. Turner; father, R.

R. Turner, Atlantic The Wounded.

Private Lyle W. Barnes, mother, Mrs. Kate Barnes, Quimby; Private Lloyd Culp, father, G. W. Culp, Oregon, enlisted at Atlantic; Private J. O. Fudge, father, J. O. Fudge, Atlantic; Private Harold Kjar, father, Jens Kjar, Atlantic; Corporal O. Marcher, thought to be George O. Marcher, Alta, Ja.; Private Robert G. Petty, mother, Mrs. Petty, Carson; Private Albert L. Rudig, father, D. G. Rudig, Griswold; Private Ralph Rutherford, headquarters company; Corporal Joseph G. Swanson, father, J. C. Swanson, Red Oak; Private Percival Winning, father, M. M. Winning, Woodbine: Private John P. Tilid, father, Alex Tilfer, Red Dak: Private Fred J. Robinson, mother, Mrs. W. H. Robinson, Storm Lake; Private Edwin L. Jarvin, mother, Mrs. Bessie Jarvin, Creston; Private Otto Francen, father, Carl Francen, Red Oak; Private Leslie Johnson, father, John Johnson, Riverton: Pri-vate Loren L. Goddard, father. S. E. Goddard, Fairfield; Private Henry H. to be held at Gregory, S. D., yester-Oak.

Americans Make First Permanent

With the American Army in France, March 14 .- American troops in the Luneville sector have occupied and are holding enemy trenches northeast of Badonvillers, which they forced the Germans to abandon through recent raids and concentrated artillery fire. The trenches have been consolidated with ours. This, though small forward movement, a marks the first permanent advance by the American army in France. The consolidation of the trenches enables the Americans and French to operate from higher ground than here-

The Germans made only feeble attempts to retake the position, but each time were repulsed.

NONPARTISAN

MEETING HALTED;

MEMBERS BEATEN

Ralph T. Wilson, 19 years old, son of Ellis H. Wilson, 3822 Marcy street, was in the balloon which fell 3,200 feet at San Antonio, Wednesday.

Advance on Enemy BULLETIN.

tofore.

The father received a telegram from his son Thursday, which says: "Dad, I had the greatest ride of my career today. Was in the balloon which fell 3,200 feet yesterday and never phased a hair, although some' of it is grey now, I am told. We landed in a fifty-mile wind on Monday, and were dragged over the

ground several hundred yards.' VALVES GO WRONG. The story of the wild ride taken school at Fort Omaha October 13.

Time: Number Severely

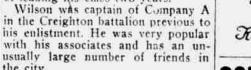
Hurt by Fall.

by several officers and cadets in the runaway balloon was printed in The at Creighton university, where he re-Bee Thursday morning. The Associated Press story gave only the as a scholar, having made the record names of those injured. Wilson de- of leading his class two years. clares five other flying cadets were in the basket, and escaped serious injuries.

Something went wrong with the

of leading his class two years.

with his associates and has an unvalve in the top of the gas bag, when the balloonists attempted a landing, the city.



U. S. OFFICIALS DISCOVER 4,000 VOLUMES OF BANNED **PASTOR RUSSELL BOOK HERE**

few weeks.

William Mack, Former City Employe, Arrested and Mrs. A. Setterquist Accused of Having Violated Espionage Law Under Federal Warrant From District Attorney's Office.



TO AID ALLIES **GREAT SUCCESS:** Move is of Tremendous Importance: Will Take Effect BUILD 54 March 18: Entente Hand

Great Moulded Affair Takes Water and Rides Like Buoy: Epoch-Making Event, Engineers Say.

(By Associated Press.

WOULD BRING NEUTRAL NATIONS UPON KNEES TO TAKE GERMAN YOKE

War Trade Board in Statement Unfolds Deliberate Plan. for Cutting Off Northern Nations of Europe From Food Supplies to Gain Political and Economic Dependence.

(By Associated Press.)

Washington, March 14 .-- Germany's latest campaign of ruthlessness against neutral shipping is attributed by the war trade board in a statement tonight to a deliberate plan for cutting off the north European nations from America, and allied food supplies, and thereby reducing them through starvation to a political and economic dependence upon the Teutonic war lords.

> DUTCH SHIPS INVOLVED. While the board makes no reference to the determination of the United States and Great Britain to take over Dutch ships in American and alled ports, unless the Netherlands government accepts a pending economic agreement, its statement throws interesting light upon the situation which led to this decision. The hope is expressed that the neutrals will contrast the respective attitudes of the Unired States and Germany toward the problem of feeding them.

STATEMENT OF BOARD Following is the statement:

"Germany's war leaders are doing the submarine war weapon to prevent fulfillment of American agreements to feed and relieve European neutrals. A

through starvation into political and

economic dependence upon Germany quite as much as to strike at the com-

munications of its opponents-Ger-

the futhless submarine campaign "Further indications tend to now

that the submarines are being used

many's optensible aim in proclaiming

Washington, March 14 .-. A million mass of cumulative evidence and inditons of Dutch shipping, now held in cations in the possession of the war ports the world over, through Hol- trade board shows that Germany is lands' fear of Germany's threat to sink employing the submarine menace to them if they venture out, will be prevent neighbor neutrals receiving brought into the service of the United any food or favors at the hands of the States and Great Britain on March 18. United States and its associates in the war, and to coerce these neutal

Official Casualty List.

Washington, March 14 .-- General Pershing's casualty list cabled today braska line, according to the five men years for the city street department carries the names of 70 soldiers, four who arrived here tonight. The meet- and acquired a little home of his own, of them killed in action, two dead of wounds, one dead of an accident and nine of disease; 14 wounded severely and 40 slightly wounded.

The list gives the names of two officers, both of whom were reported slightly wounded. They are Captain H. Barber and Lieutenant Horace L. Smith. Lieutenant Bernard Vant Hot was

reported severely wounded. Killed in action CORPORAL ALBERT E. BEH

MER SERGEANT FRANK O'CON

NOR.

PRIVATE CECIL M. CONLEY. PRIVATE FRED D. TURNER. Died of wounds: SERGEANT JOSEPH L. CIP. PRIVATE FRED C. BRUM

METT.

Accidentally killed: PRIVATE HARRY WATKINS Died of disease:

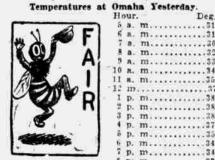
SERGEANT CLARENCE BAILEY, septicemia.

CORPORAL OSCAR W. AHL BERG, pneumonia.

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The Weather

For Nebraska-Fair Friday and Saturday, warmer Friday.



Comparative Local Record.

of Labor.

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Organizers Are Escorted Across Nebraska Line and Put on Train for Norfolk; Given find Degree."

(By Associated Press.) Sioux Falls, S. D., March 14 .- A

nonpartisan league meeting, scheduled Fall, mother, Mrs. John Fall, Red day was prevented and five league or- 5009 Miami street, two members of ganizers were beaten and driven out Mystery." of Gregory county across the Ne-

ing was stopped, despite assurances of Governor Norbeck that the sheriff \$5,000. He, with Mrs. Setterquist, is of the county would protect the charged with violating the espionage Winds Up His Day in Omaha torical ceremony, shouted itself league members, the men asserted. After being seized and beaten, the men were forced by the home guards to march through the rain to Burke, the county seat, seven miles distant, where they were held in jail last night, according to the story. The men were

released this morning after a "third degree" they asserted and placed on a train for Norfolk, Neb. They arrived here tonight from Norfolk. Sheriff Not Seen.

PRESIDENT WILSON CALLS

BOYS ABOVE 16 TO RESERVE

Washington, March 14 .- President Wilson today called on all

"The Department of Labor has set aside the week beginning March

"I sincerely hope that the young men of the country, of 16 years

(By Associated Press.)

American boys of 16 years and over, not permanently employed, to

enroll in the United States boys' working reserve. A national enroll-

ment week beginning March 18, has been set aside by the Department

18 as National Enrollment week for the United States boys' working

reserve. The purpose of this national enrollment week is to call the

attention of the young men of the nation to the importance of increas-

ing the food supply by working on the farms, and to urge them to en-

of age and over, not now permanently employed, and especially the

boys in our high schools, will enter heartily into this work and join

the boys' working reserve in order that they may have the privilege, for

such I believe it to be, of spending their spare time in a productive en-

terprise which will certainly aid the nation to win the war by increasing

the means of providing for the forces at the front and for the main-

tenance of those whose services are so much needed at home."

The president's open letter, made public today, follows:

During the outbreak at Gregory, the sheriff, who had arrived in town with a force of home guards earlier in the 60 cents. I have my own home and day, was not seen, it is claimed. The my son and daughter keep me. I governor, they said, had wired his can do this work. Sometimes I sell assurance that the sheriff of the county would maintain order at the Gregory meeting, after they had appealed to him Tuesday, when a meeting was broken up at Hernick, S. D. and several members beaten.

GENERAL STRIKE MAY BE CALLED IN KANSAS CITY

Deg. Kansas City, March 14 .- Six hunvoted early today to call a general Monday, March 25, in sympathy with which has been in progress several in a building in Omaha, and said to weeks. Only 16 votes were cast contain statements encouraging reagainst the resolution.

Federal officers yesterday afternoon raided the room in Labor temple, where the International Bible students hold their meetings and took possession of nearly 4,000 copies of "The Finished Mystery," a book which contains the Bible interpretations of the late Pastor Russell, head of the cult which has adherents all over this country and in England. WARRANTS FOR TWO.

Warrants were also issued for the rrest of William Mack, 4525 Twenty-Rest of William Mack, AS25 Twentyarrest of William Mack, 4525 Twentyfirst street, and Mrs. A. Setterquist, the cult which sells "The Finished

Mack, an old man, who worked 18 was arrested late yesterday afternoon. He was released under a bond of act in circulating the book. FOUR PAGES OUT.

The copies carried by the aged man in his little satchel had four pages cut out of them. This, he said, was done on advices from Washington that the books could be sold with

these pages cut out. "We do not make any profit on the books," said Mr. Mack. "We sell them simply to help the work along and to try to shed brightness into the world which is so dark today. The book has 600 pages and we sell it for three or four copies a day.' Mrs. Satterquist will be taken into

custody today Sold Before War. Officers of the sect in Omaha say

the books are Pastor Russell's intrepretations of the scriptures. They were sold long before the present war started and everywhere are distributed by members of the cult without pay.

Warrants From Lincoln. Lincoln, March 14 .- Federal warrants charging several persons of the auction for the Red Cross. 'Sect of the Messiah" at Omaha with violating the espionage act by cir-

culating copies of a book alleged to dred delegates representing more than contain disloyal matter were issued to- bers of the Omaha Chamber of Comhalf of the unions in Kansas City, noted each takes to bistrict Attorney T. S. Allen, uncheon in the main dining room. At the same time a search warrant

copies of a book entitled "The Finsistance to the draft law,

SELLS POODLE FOR RED CROSS

With "Dutch" Auction at Which He Collects \$1,340 for Relief Work.

to Omaha by extracting \$1,340 for the out, as intended. There was no ques-Red Cross from the audience at the Boyd theater last night. He did it by entirely seaworthy and it was anmeans of a "Dutch" auction, with a white poodle dog as the object of sale. The dog was sold many times, with fitted out. Two tugs immediately bids from \$5 to \$100 and lives to be sold again.

The auction was the end of a busy day for Harry Lauder. He arrived at noon and was promptly routed from his car for interviews for the afternoon papers. Then he was hustled along to the Chamber of Commerce, where he spoke at a business men's luncheon and from there to the Boyd theater, where he gave a matinee performance. In the evening he repeated his show, concluding with some seri-

ous words about the war, and the

We Know Nothing of War. "You don't know anything about

war yet." Mr. Lauder told the memluncheon in the main dining room.

"You have heard people tell about strike of all labor unions in the city was issued for the seizure of 20,000 it, but you know nothing about it. the strike of union laundry workers, ished Mystery," reported to be stored concerned yourselves with is whether with no greater preparation, wherever in a building in Omaha, and said to it affects your pocket or not. But You will know when these boys (Continued on Page Two, Column Two.)

Torpedo Victim Ends

Letter on Solid Earth

Minneapolis, Minn., March 13 -"I didn't finish this letter for a few days because, dear mother, I stayed out all night," ends on clean, clisp paper a letter received here today by Mrs. Hattie C. Wiggin from her son, Sergeant Gilbert H. Wiggio: a letter which begins on crumpled, stained sheets.

Sergeant Wiggins is a member of the 20th engineers. The letter was mailed "Where the grass is green, and it is like a little bit of heaven."

It was a swimming party which interrupted his letter writing a swimming party in the north chennel. He thrust the sheets into his pocket and they were there as he floated about waiting for one of the boats which came to the rescue of the Tuscania to pick him up. Ehat is why they are stained.

"I have had some wonderful experiences and I am enjoying them all," says Sergeant Wiggir

A Pacific Port, March 14 .- So completely successful was the launching here today of the world's largest re-ment under which the ships would be inforced concrete ship that her build- but in trach the United States and ers announced they immediately would begin construction of 54 similar ships of larger size and expected that all would be completed within 18 months.

Six weeks from the day the concrete was poured into the forms, the 7,900-ton ship, christened "Faith," took the water. The huge hull, careening sharply as it slid down a steeply pitched incline, threw up a huge wave in the narrow estuary, then righted sharply and rode-like a buoy. Not a hitch had marred the operation and a large crowd, aware of the fact that they were participating at a significant, perhaps an hisloarse

Engineers Are Delighted.

Engineers expressed themselves so in American ports, of which there are satisfied with the launching and the about 80. Many more, however, are manner in which the vessel responded in British or other allied ports. to immersion that it would be un-Harry Lauder wound up his visit the Faith a transpacific towing trytion, it was said, that the ship was nounced that engines would be installed at once and the Faith put into no will of her own. commission as rapidly as it could be

took, the Faith in tow for an iron works plant nearby Enthusiasm was unbounded among experts who witnessed the launching. They predicted that concrete construction would make a new era in shipbuilding and the speed with which

the ships could be turned out would war

pressed in the concrete ship's lines. sorely for its own people, and in addi-It looks as if it might have been tion will restore the interrupted trade is her build.

Launched From Meadow.

The launching was from a broad still is left enough ships for its own meadow, with none of the usual ap- needs and has been notified that plenpurtenances of commerce except a tiful supplies of food await it if it couple of construction sheds. Not sends bottoms to carry it. By this areven a telephone ran to the "plant." rangement, officials point out, further It is the contention of the builders responsibility for food shortage in The only thing a lot of you have that concrete vessels can be built the Netherlands rests on Germany. American and allied officials have land and water meet, and that ma- no fear that the move will force Holyou will know something about it. terial always is at hand or near by. land into the war,

Unless the Netherlands government braves the menace of Germany's pres-Great Britain will take them, over under international law, availing themselves of a sovereign right which

MILLION TONS

OF DUTCH SHIPS

Forced by Germans.

(By Associated Prosp.)

Formal notice has been presented to The Hague by the American and British diplomatic representatives of of the allied governments' intention. As a result the Netherlands minister, August Phillips, acting under instructions of his government, made a final and personal appeal to President Wil-son to at least modify the decision. The Associated Press is enabled to state that the president saw no reason

for altering the decision and that unless the ships are turned over by next Monday a presidential proclamation would be issued taking over the ships From the American official point of view, the action is one into which the allied governments have been forced by the German duress of Hol-

trade again, and can point out to Germany that they were taken through

Coming at a time when the dire need of the allied cause is for ships.

this acquisition of 1,000,000 tons is of tremendous importance. Every arrangement has been made for the compensation of the Netherlands for the ships.

They will be insured and armed and if any be lost they will be replaced, have an important bearing on the al- besides material compensation for lies' successful prosecution of the their use and the United States will permit the export of breadstuffs and Utility rather than grace is ex- cattle foods, which Holland needs

carved out of rock itself, so massive of Holland with its colonies by guaranteeing bunkers for its ships in that

MANY BELIEVED trade. Under this arrangement Holland

BURIED BY SLIDE Harrisburg, Pa., March 15 .- Pennsylvania railroad train No. 19, the

Cincinnati, Indianapolis and Chicago express, west bound from Philadelphia was wrecked east of Elizebethtown near here early today. It is re-ported to have been buried under a

landslide. A relief train with nurses and physicians will start from Harrisburg for the scene as soon as it can be made

up. Two cars were derailed. One was upset and the other is lying across the tracks. The train is said to have been running at the rate of 60 miles an hour when a boulder in the Elizabethtown "cut" struck it in the mid-

Lancaster, Pa., March 14 .-- Reports received tonight state that 18 persons were killed and about 40 injured in the wreck

Presbyterians of North And South Refuse to Merge

Atlantic City, N. J., March 14 .- The commissions on union of the Presbyterian church north and the Presbyterian church south failed to agree upon a plan for the proposed merger here tonight.

WOMAN MAKES HIGHBALL Fashionable Bootlegger Is Said to Carry Own Supply of Booze to "Spike" Soft Drinks.

OF HARMLESS GINGER ALE

the trail of a "society bootlegger," ball.

her appearance in the better class ho- crisp greenback change hands. Both tels and cafes, but no evidence has leave shortly after, and her presence been produced that would tend to is soon noted in another cafe with another man affected by the Nebraska

identify her. Only the better class of cabarets drouth. and cafes are visited. She is carefully dressed in the latest costumes known, but it is reported that she is and is always accompanied by a male the same woman who has been noted escort.

Ginger ale appears to be the intervals, apparently suffering with favorite beverage of the "society a severe toothache. A hot water botbootlegger" Following the receipt of the is carried to relieve the pain, but the popular soft drink she slyly the smell of the contents remind one of the two great church bodies at the brings forth a small bottle. A little favorably of the now deceased John final session of their joint conference "shot" and the soft drinks becomes Barley

Omaha "booze hounds" are keen on | the once very popular ginger ale high-

Frequent reports have been made of her purpose, and the bottle and A few drinks usually suffices for

> The source of her supply is unon the K usas City train at frequent

Germany itself has hitherto exercised under the same authority. Formal Notice Given.

along similar dog-in-the-manger bacs, to destroy neutral shipping without regard to its employment in order to weaken prospective neutral comt etitors after the war and to drag down neutral tonnage as far as possible toward a position of equality (or inferiority) with the German mercantile

marine, which has lost between 40 and 50 per cent of its ocean tonnage, so that the neutral trader may be equally as badly off as his German rivin tor tonnage in the after-the-war race for commerce. Draw Lines Close.

"No other interpretation can be laced, for example, upon the repeated nstances of destruction of neutral Danish ships on voyages between Iceland and the Danish mother courtry entirely outside of the war zon- nor upon the multitudinous 'mistakes,' whereby . Dutch and other ne.ural ships clinging to the precarious narland, which may now see its ships in row way left open through the prohibited zone are torpedoed outside the zone by U-boat commanders, whose word that the vessels were within the zone is later accepted un-Will Help Tremendously.

questioned by the German prize courts. Prominent ship owners in Scandinavian countries have stated their belief that many sinkings were inspired only by the intention to get rid of neutral tonnage so as to increase the relative value of German shipping available at the end of the

war. "Examinations of the captains of torpedoed ships before the marine courts in these countries bear out this belief. the testimony repeatedly showing that (Continued on Page Two, Column Three.)

DEAD IN WRECK

