

# 50,000 MARCH LIBERTY DAY

## DENSE MASS OF PARADERS AS THEY APPEARED BEFORE BEE BUILDING IN FARNAM STREET IN LIBERTY MARCH TO DEMONSTRATE THEIR LOYALTY.



## MONSTER PARADE THRILLS MASSES WITH PATRIOTISM

### Men and Women in All Walks of Life Step Shoulder to Shoulder in Greatest Demonstration of Patriotism in History of Nebraska; Throng View Great Pageant.

The Liberty day parade yesterday afternoon was a mighty demonstration of Omaha's intensive patriotism in doing its best and its bit toward enthroning democracy and dethroning autocracy.

It was the most truly democratic and inspiring spectacle ever witnessed in this city. A striking feature was the precision with which it was managed.

OLD GLORY REIGNS. Old Glory was waved by thousands of enthusiastic marchers and the flag ensemble ect firmed thousands who watched the parade to cheer lustily. Every now and then flags would be fluttered along the line until Farnam street was a lane of waving Red, White and Blue, with music from bands and singers swelling the breezes.

The marchers, estimated at 50,000, there may have been more and numerically it surpassed any previous court off Omahans.

U. S. in War a Year. The parade was an earnest of what Omaha will do in helping to put over the third Liberty bond drive and the psychology of the event was emphasized by the fact that yesterday was the first entrance of the United States into the war.

Weather conditions during the early morning were forbidding, but what seemed to have been a providential sun pecked out from behind the cloud banks before 10 o'clock and before the noon hour the sky had cleared and a flood of glorious sunshine beamed upon the hosts of patriotic men, women and children.

Every department of human activity was represented and everybody walked except Mrs. Henry Doorley, who represented Joan of Arc on a white steed, City Commissioner Jardine and Gus Renze Ak-Sar-Ben artificer, walked with the aid of their crutches. Some were quick of step and others surmounted their physical infirmities to be known among those who are defenders of the nation's honor.

Throng in Happy Mood. Groups along the way sang "Glory, Glory, Hallelujah," "America," "Over There" and other inspiring numbers, the soldiers from Forts Crook and Omaha and Camp Dodge offering a striking suggestion of the realities of war, and the white-garbed Red Cross workers lent a touch of gentleness to the scene. Omaha High school cadets, High School of Commerce cadets, Creighton university guards and Boy Scouts showed the interest of the growing generation. Junior Red Cross girls, artisans, professional men of all kinds and business men of many marts of trade all marched together in one grand procession of democratic brotherhood.

Salute the Flag. Service flags were seen here and there and it was noticed that Omaha is getting the habit of saluting the Stars and Stripes in real American fashion. Hats were doct whiffenver a large flag passed and frequently when myriads of small flags passed, there were regulation salutes, as well as cheers.

The scheme of having one division stand at attention while another passed by was carried out with splendid success. In that manner the first and second divisions obtained a view of the third division.

One of the incidents along the way occurred near Tenth and Farnam streets, where a man failed to salute a flag. The marchers were not slow in requiring the slacker to salute and kiss the flag, which was followed by cheers from the crowd which witnessed the incident.

Starts at 2 O'clock. The great pageant of patriotism started at 2 o'clock. At 1:30 the first gun calling the formation of all sections was fired. Five minutes later (Continued on Page Two, Column One.)

Costumed Women Make Gala Event of Huge Parade. "Consternation" Camp in Twenty-fourth Street One of Busiest Corners During Mobilization. Street corners in the vicinity of Farnam and Twenty-fourth had all the appearances of a "consternation" camp on the first day out. The thrill of a uniform, inborn in every feminine heart, was given full fling, and women attired in all kinds of costumes mobilized in this neighborhood.

The city's busiest corner was the one on which the food conservationists were ordered to assemble. One reason for this activity was the fact that the insignia cap and sleeve band worn by these marchers were made by the "Block Vigilant" and their helpers, under Miss Nellie Farnsworth, home agent, and given to the women as souvenirs of the great parade. Another explanation for confusion in this direction was the invitation extended by the conservationists to all women who had no affiliation.

"Attention! Fall in! Action! Front!" called the leaders in uncertain degrees of command, and every one hurried in opposite directions. After some difficulties Division No. 3 got together and at the word "march," the biggest and finest gathering of Omaha's women came slowly down Farnam street hill.

While the boys are marching beneath the colors in this land and "over there" their wives and mothers and sisters were lined up beneath the "Stars and Stripes" in the interest of the third Liberty loan drive.

Fathers on Sidelines. Fathers were left on the sidelines, minding the babies, while mothers went marching with the Red Cross, and small daughters held the family coin purse while the grownups joined the colors with their business houses or war relief workers.

"There's mamma. Oh, look," screamed a small boy.

"I can't see her," cried little sister. A big man reached down and placed her on his shoulder and the tears were changed to smiles, and a tiny flag was waved at mother in her conservation dress.

War relief workers led the woman's division. Gargled Circle No. 14, auxiliary to the Grand Army of the Republic, was first in line. Mrs. Matthew Smith, state president of this organization, led the members. She carried a large silk flag.

A section which called forth much comment was the motor division of the National League for Woman Service. The women wore their natty khaki colored motor coats with knickers and leather puttees. Although built for riding, these uniforms were the most comfortable worn by any.

## SIDELIGHTS ON GREATEST PARADE IN OMAHA HISTORY

### Interesting Bits Gleaned From the Human Incidents Along Line of March

Said Traffic Officer Sigwart: "There was nothing to do but watch the parade. There were three times as many people as I ever saw before in an Omaha parade and it was the easiest to handle. People seemed to be on their good behavior."

It was the consensus of opinion that the Tangier Temple Drum corps was a little the niftiest musical organization in the parade. There were 60 drummers and buglers and they furnished music from the time they started marching until they went off the street.

The Bandies Stores had 854 women marchers in the parade and not one of them dropped out along the line of march.

Clearwater, Neb., sent a woman's band and along the route of the parade the members were cheered to the echo.

Moving pictures of the parade were made by the Pathe and the Universal Film company. Inside of 10 days the pictures will be shown in all of the leading moving picture houses of the United States. One of the features will be the Joan of Arc, impersonated by Mrs. Harry Doorley.

As the executive head of the local Red Cross, Gould Dietz was the recipient of showers of congratulations. Of his workers there were 2,000 uniformed women in the lines.

The War Relief association, captained by Miss Carrie Millard, turned out to the number of 150 and covered the entire line of march.

One of the feature hits of the parade was: "We'll hang the kaiser to a sour apple tree." To the tune of "John Brown's Body Lies," etc., some one of a musical turn of mind started singing, "We'll hang the kaiser," and like the measles, it was catching, for inside of 10 minutes, thousands of people, both in the parade and on the side lines, all the way from Twenty

to Twenty-fourth street were singing the words of the new song.

"My kingdom for a horse," exclaimed Fred Rutherford, district passenger agent of the Rock Island after he had walked more than a mile, up and down Farnam street. He didn't get the horse, for there was but one in the parade that was ridden by the Joan of Arc and she was not inclined to turn the animal over to Rutherford, or anyone else.

While there were more marchers than were ever seen in any previous Omaha parade, there were fewer spectators on the side lines. People who are usually spectators were in the line of march.

There were lots of people who took the Creighton University cadets for soldiers. Their uniforms were somewhat similar and their marching was right up to the correct thing.

Former parades have been late in starting, but the Liberty loan parade started on the dot.

One urchin, when admonished for not marching said, "Well, gee if ev'body ud march, there wouldn't be nobody to watch it."

W. I. Walke came from the South Dakota ranch, 500 miles away, just to see the parade and after it was over, he remarked that he was fully repaid for the trip.

Those who tried to count the number of people in line said that there (Continued on Page Four, Column One.)

## OMAHA VOTERS APPRECIATE BEE'S POLITICAL CARTOON

Omaha, April 6.—To the Editor of The Bee: I want to congratulate you on the cartoon appearing on the front page of your issue, April 4. I am sure the voters of this city will appreciate any effort on your part that will keep would-be politicians from filing on the primary ballot, whose only object is to clog the voting machinery and deceive the voter who does not know their his.

This cartoon should secure The Bee 1,000 new readers. 894 Brandeis Building. J. A. DAVIS.

### State Department Will Ignore Peace Proposals

Washington, April 6.—Emphatic denial that any overtures looking to peace discussions have been made to the American government by representatives of the central powers, was made at the State department today. If any come forward, it is said, they will be ignored.

### Harrison County Churches Hold Big Convention

Woodbine, Iowa, April 5.—(Special.)—Harrison county Sunday school convention held here yesterday was largely attended. Logan won the banner in point of attendance.

### Sioux City Honored by First Big Service Flag

Chicago, April 6.—Sioux City, Ia., today won the distinction of being awarded the first service flag given to cities in the Seventh federal reserve district for reaching its allotment of the third Liberty loan, having taken subscriptions for \$2,552,100 before noon today, as against its quota of \$2,400,000.

## FOE DEAD STREW FIELD ONE WEEK AFTER BIG FIGHT

### Major's Command, Cut Off From Comrades, Spies on Enemy During Sharp Engagement at Plemont.

With the French Army in France, April 6.—Thursday night, although calm reigned generally over the French front, owing to unfavorable weather conditions, which prevented flying and observation, a sharp little engagement was fought in the vicinity of Plemont, near Lassaux, where a few days ago the Germans made determined efforts to break through.

The correspondent went all over the front line trenches in this sector during the course of the afternoon and saw evidences of terrific fighting. Hundreds of bodies of Germans were lying among the broken barbed wire defenses and woods, and in the park surrounding the castle of Plesier de Roye.

### Spies on German.

This latter place, with the village of the same name, was in the hands of the Germans for some time March 30, when they attacked there at the same time that they made an assault on Plemont. These are two most important points of observation in this region, giving views of the country for miles around.

A German reserve division, by a flank movement through almost impassable marshes, obtained a footing in the park, where, after a severe combat, they took 100 French prisoners. In the same moment the 103d division managed to get a footing on the top of Plemont, but overlooked a French observation post where four men were stationed beneath their feet, as well as a major's command post near by. The major, with servants, telephone operators and runners, made a dash for the observation post and defended themselves there.

They kept their comrades, from whom they were cut off, informed regarding the enemy's movements.

Shortly afterward counter attacks were made on both places by the French. Some companies of colonial troops, Alpine chausseurs and an infantry regiment in a most dashing manner made enveloping movements around the chateau and Plemont hill. They recaptured the latter and made a clean sweep of all occupants of the park, where they took 700 unwounded and large numbers of wounded prisoners and delivered 100 of their own comrades from captivity.

### Barley Listed in Maximum Price List for First Time

Barley is listed for the first time in the maximum price list for retailers, published today, given out by the national food administration for Omaha. It is quoted at 7 1/2 cents a pound. Rice is up a cent and half, while onions are half a cent cheaper. Cabbage and beans are both up a cent.

### President Commutes Term of Iron Workers' Leader

Washington, April 6.—President Wilson has decided to commute to expire at once the prison term of Frank M. Ryan, formerly president of the International Union of Structural Iron Workers, now in Leavenworth penitentiary. Ryan was convicted in the "dynamite conspiracy" and his term ordinarily would expire July 20, 1919.

### Mayor to Speak Tonight.

Mayor Dahlman, H. B. Fleharty and others will speak Sunday night in Volk's hall, Twenty-fourth and Charles. Music will be offered to entertain the program.

## HUN CHALLENGE TO BATTLE UNTO DEATH ACCEPTED

### President Wilson Throws Gauntlet at Emperor and Officially Opens Third Liberty Loan Campaign.

Baltimore, April 6.—President Wilson's acceptance in a speech here tonight of Germany's challenge that the issue between the central powers and her enemies be settled by force brought 15,000 persons cheering to their feet.

The president opening the third Liberty loan campaign, carried his audience with him in his address.

President Wilson was given a great demonstration on his arrival at the hall, which was packed with about 15,000 persons.

Thousands at Door. Thousands were at the doors unable to gain entrance. Long lines formed in front of the armory as early as six o'clock.

The throng cheered for several minutes when the president arose to speak, and it was some minutes before he could make himself heard.

Former Governor Philipps L. Goldsborough, introducing the president, declared that out of the war would come a new world, dedicated to liberty. Mr. Goldsborough, a republican, said that all parties in the country must rally behind the executive.

"This is no time," said Mr. Goldsborough, "to criticize the government. This is the time for everybody to get behind our flag."

The president's audience was plainly with him in his denunciation of Germany's military masters. It applauded his declaration that he is ready at any time to discuss a just peace sincerely proposed.

## GERMANS LET GO TERRIFIC DRIVE ON AMIENS ROAD

### Enemy Advances in Dense Waves On Little Town of Corbie; British Score in Counter Attack Near Hangard; Paris Again Target for Great Guns.

London, April 6.—The Germans at daybreak this morning attacked the little town of Corbie, in the valley of the Somme, Reuter's correspondent at British headquarters reports.

The enemy advanced in dense waves. The outcome was not known at the time the dispatch was filed.

The main German thrust, says the correspondent, appears to be west of the Vaire wood, toward the principal Amiens road.

The British improved their positions east of Fonquevillers, north of the Somme, in their successful attack yesterday morning.

### BRITISH ADVANCE LINE.

The weather has improved and the barometer is rising, although the aviators continued to be handicapped by very poor visibility.

The British position south of the Somme was improved to some extent by a counter attack delivered in the neighborhood of Hangard late yesterday evening. Although the Germans made incessant attacks, they met with no further success than attended their efforts in the morning.

### Big Guns Turned on Paris.

Paris, April 6.—The bombardment of Paris by long range German guns was resumed at 11:30 o'clock this morning.

The German attack along the French sector of the battle front has ceased. Today's official statement says there was violent artillery fighting last night north and south of the Avre, but that no infantry actions occurred.

### French Withstand Shock.

With the French Army in France, April 5.—There was no relaxation today of the German efforts to the north of Montdidier. Between Thennes and Grivesnes a few French divisions faced and held back nearly four times (Continued on Page Four, Column Four.)

## The Weather

For Nebraska—Fair; colder. Temperatures in Omaha Yesterday.

Hour	Temp.	Dir.
5 a. m.	39	59
6 a. m.	39	59
7 a. m.	39	59
8 a. m.	39	59
9 a. m.	39	59
10 a. m.	39	59
11 a. m.	39	59
12 m.	39	59
1 p. m.	39	59
2 p. m.	39	59
3 p. m.	39	59
4 p. m.	39	59
5 p. m.	39	59
6 p. m.	39	59
7 p. m.	39	59
8 p. m.	39	59
9 p. m.	39	59
10 p. m.	39	59
11 p. m.	39	59
12 m.	39	59

Comparative Local Record.

Date	High	Low	Mean	Precip.
1918, 1917, 1916, 1915.				
Highest yesterday	59	40	47	
Lowest yesterday	28	24	26	
Total precipitation since March 1	48	50	49	
Mean temperature	48	50	49	
Precipitation	63	50	56	
Temperature and precipitation departures from the normal:				
Normal temperature	45	27	36	
Excess for the day	14	13	11	
Total excess since March 1	245	23	234	
Normal precipitation	58	38	48	
Excess for the day	5	12	9	
Total precipitation since Mar. 1	153	50	103	
Deficiency since March 1	15	12	14	
Deficiency for cor. period, 1917	27	12	20	
Deficiency for cor. period, 1916	114	14	65	