

HUNS RUSH AMERICAN LINE

TEUTONS PREPARING TO RENEW ASSAULTS ON WESTERN FRONT

Armies of Six Nations Stand Together Ready, Not Only to Repel Inevitable Attack, But to Strike Back at Right Moment; British Hold Firmly Key Position in Ypres Sector.

(By Associated Press.)

Renewal of heavy fighting is momentarily looked for along the western battle front, not only on the Flanders line, but to the south in the Somme area, where the Germans made their bid for a quick victory last month and failed in their larger purpose of dividing the British and French armies at a single stroke.

Reports from the front show that signs are not wanting that the Germans purpose attacking again in the Amiens area.

READY TO STRIKE BACK.

Against this blow the armies of six nations are standing together today in the battle area—British, French, American, Belgian, Italian and Portuguese divisions—ready not only to repel the inevitable attack but to strike back when the proper moment comes. Apparently the allies have thrown in only enough of their reserves to hold the Germans, conserving their strength as far as possible. It has been noted, however, that when the necessity of holding became imperative the holding power was there.

In the north the enemy, after his bitter reverse of Thursday and Friday along the Givenchy-St. Venant line south of the Lys, apparently is pausing to organize thoroughly for attacks upon Mount Kemmel, the dominating point in the ridge zone which the British are holding firmly southwest of Ypres.

British Line Restored.

Field Marshal Haig found himself able to take the aggressive Friday night and carry out an operation which deprived the Germans of even such small gains as they had been forced to content themselves when Thursday's battle was over. By this intensive British action the line as it stood before Thursday's German attack was completely restored.

The British apparently are expecting some new move by the enemy in the Arras region and Friday night British detachments advanced in a big raiding operation on a front of nearly a mile south of the Scarpe, near Beaurains, taking prisoners and capturing machine guns.

A renewed attack here would be a logical proceeding for the Germans, it would appear, after their failure to gain ground by striking south from the Lys salient with the headlong back of the British lines south of La Bassée canal as one of their presumed objects.

Petain Prepares to Meet Blow. The French apparently are looking for a renewal of the German offensive south of the Somme at no distant date, as was intimated by this week's move on General Petain's part to improve his defensive positions along the Aves, southeast of Amiens. The French gained the easterly slope of the heights overlooking the river by this move and Friday night they had the best of a reconnoitering encounter, taking some prisoners themselves.

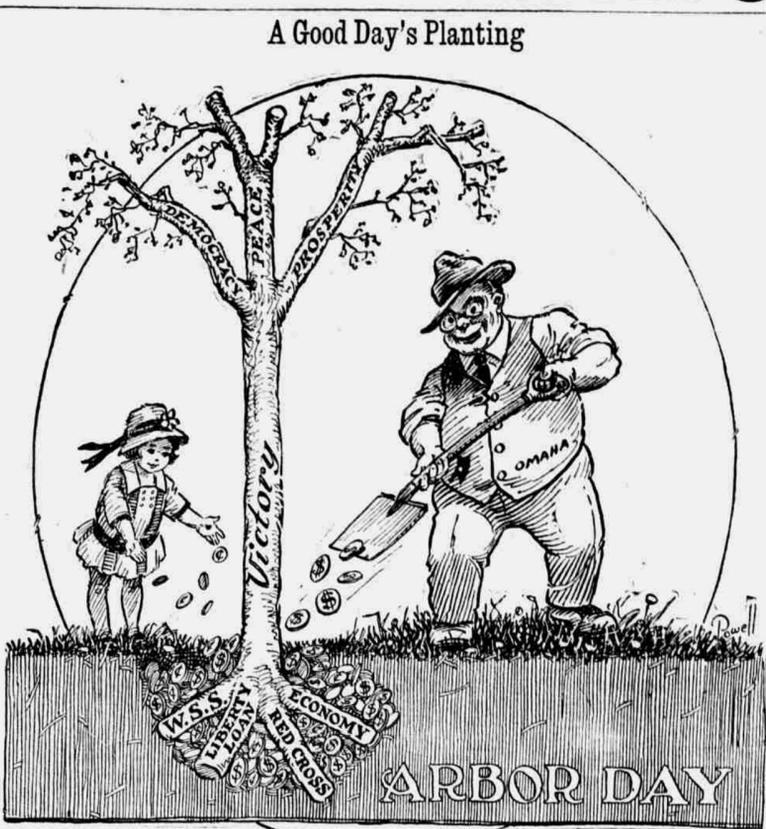
From Harbin, Manchuria, comes a report that the Bolsheviki authorities have ordered the munitions and supplies that have accumulated at Vladivostok to be shipped to European Russia. The entente allies have long been concerned lest their valuable materials of war fall into the hands of the Germans.

At Vladivostok it is unofficially reported that increased anti-Japanese demonstrations there have made it necessary to arrange for the sending of reinforcements by Japanese and British.

Thirteen Years for Threat Against Wilson's Life. Toledo, O., April 20.—Thirteen years in the federal penitentiary at Atlanta, Ga., was the sentence imposed today by Judge John M. Killits in United States district court on Elias Gracely, Wyandot county farmer, convicted of having threatened the life of President Wilson.

The weather in Nebraska—generally fair Sunday and Monday; rising temperature Sunday; cooler in west and central portions Monday.

Temperatures at Omaha Yesterday. WARMER. Highest yesterday 42, lowest 21, mean 36. Precipitation .09 inch. Comparative Local Record. Highest yesterday 1918 1917 1916 1915. Lowest yesterday 21 25 49 65. Mean temperature 36 44 46 68. Precipitation .09 .21 .87 .37. Deficiency for the day .03 .03 .03 .03. Total excess since March 1, 1918 .322. Deficiency for the day .03 .03 .03 .03. Total rainfall since March 1, 1918 1.33 inches. Deficiency since March 1, 1918 1.88 inches. Deficiency for year to date 1917 1.19 inches. Deficiency for year to date 1918 1.35 inches.



AMERICAN STEAMER VICTIM OF U-BOAT; 45 SEAMEN MISSING

Cargo Ship Lake Moore Sunk by Submarine in European Waters on Maiden Voyage; 41 Jackies Die When Steamer Florence H. Is Blown Up in French Port.

(By Associated Press.) Washington, April 20.—The American steamship Lake Moore, sailing on its maiden voyage with a naval crew aboard, was sunk by an enemy submarine in European waters about midnight, April 11, and five officers and 39 men are missing, the Navy department announced tonight.

OMAHA IS NAMED DIVISION POINT OF WESTERN UNION

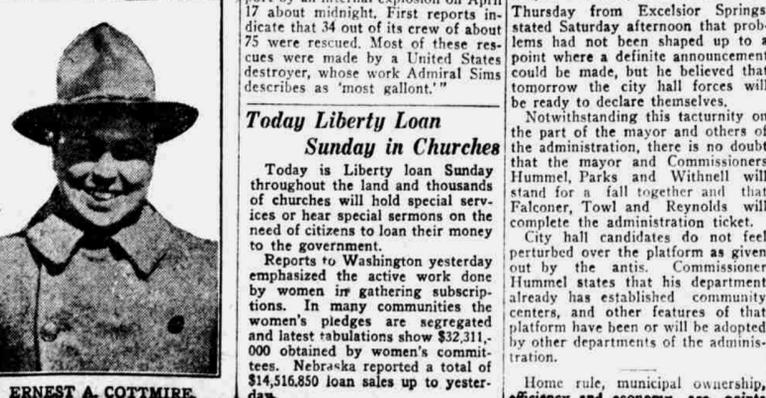
Omaha soon will be made a divisional headquarters point for the Western Union Telegraph company, with F. R. Bradley, now of Minneapolis in charge of the division, which will extend from Omaha west as far as the Rocky mountains.

Accused of Giving Germany Tips on Transport Sailings

New York, April 20.—On instructions from the Department of Justice in Washington, two Germans suspected of furnishing Germany with information relative to the departure of American transports for France, were arrested today by United States Marshal Powers of Brooklyn.

Bluffs Soldier Likes Army Life at Camp Davy Crockett

Ernest A. Cottmire, former employe of the Burgess-Nash store in Omaha and a well known Council Bluffs boy, is making good at Fort Crockett, Galveston, Tex. He enlisted in the army last November and was assigned to the coast artillery.



ERNEST A. COTTMIRE.

GERMAN STORMING FORCE BEATEN OFF BY PERSHING'S MEN

Enemy Defeated in Furious Hand-to-Hand Fighting After Penetrating First Line Trenches and Taking Village; U. S. Troops Regain Ground Lost in First Stage of Battle.

(By Associated Press.)

With the American Army in France, April 20.—Twelve hundred German storm troops, the largest number ever concentrated against the American troops for an offensive operation, were hurled against the American positions on a one-mile front west of Renneres forest, northwest of Toul, today, after a terrific bombardment of gas and high explosive shells.

The enemy succeeded in penetrating the front line trenches and taking the village of Seicheprey, but after furious hand-to-hand fighting, which was still going on at nightfall, the American troops recaptured the village and most of the ground lost in the early fighting.

The attacking troops carried rations and entrenching tools, indicating that they intended to occupy the American positions for a long period. A heavy haze overhung the sector when the attack began but later there was brilliant sunshine. The American artillerymen did valiant work, the men on many of the batteries wearing gas masks.

The enemy's casualties are believed to have been the heaviest sustained by them thus far in any operation against American troops. Numbers of German dead are lying in No Man's land in front of the American trenches.

The correspondent viewed the battle from a hill a short distance behind the lines. Trains moved to the front with great regularity. Scores of huge shells were seen bursting, throwing up clouds of white smoke in the neighboring hills. The heavy rumbling was heard all day.

All Eager for Fry. The American ambulances tort over the shell-torn roads and approached to within a short distance of the front line. Men in the rear positions begged their commanders to be sent up to assist the infantrymen bear the brunt of the attack. The men of all services were eager for an opportunity to fight the enemy in the open.

The resistance offered by the American troops was a surprise to the enemy, who expected to break through with little difficulty.

Contrasted with the activity of the Americans behind the lines, scores of old men, women and children were seen peacefully employed in the fields, apparently unmindful of the furious fighting going on less than five miles away. The troops in nearby towns eagerly sought news, expressing confidence in the Americans and hoping for the chance to take part.

All the Americans moving to the front were in the highest spirits and waved their caps to the cheering villagers.

Raid Easily Repulsed. A German raid against the American position north of St. Mihiel this morning was easily repulsed. The American troops withdrew from part of the front line and allowed the Germans to enter it. They then drove them out, the enemy leaving two dead in the trenches and one German lieutenant dead on the wire. Two wounded Germans were made prisoners but died later.

The commander of one of the American units which bore the brunt of last week's fighting northwest of Toul, addressed the men today praising them for their gallantry and courage shown in that action and for their defeat of numerically superior enemy forces.

Americans Hold 20 Mile Front. The village of Seicheprey, where the German attack occurred Saturday, is northwest of Toul and about seven miles east of the forest of Apremont, where the Americans repulsed masses of German storm troops recently. The fact that American troops have been on the sector north of Toul has been known, but the fighting at Seicheprey, together with the report of an engagement north of St. Mihiel, shows that sectors of 20 miles of the line in that part is under American control.

Seicheprey lies among rolling hills overlooking a winding valley which runs off to the northeast. The probable objective of the German attack there was to get possession of a strategic road which parallels the battle line for 15 miles.

Irish Members Bolt House of Commons. (By Associated Press.) London, April 20.—The Irish party members of the house of commons decided today to remain in Ireland during the crisis. Their object in this is to help their constituents fight against conscription.

BRANDEIS HEAD TO MANAGE WELL KNOWN THEATER

Merchant and Director of Brandeis Interests to Direct Destinies of Playhouse During Coming Season.

George Brandeis, director of the Brandeis interests and president of the Brandeis stores, will be manager



GEORGE BRANDEIS.

of the Brandeis theater during the coming season. He will be assisted by C. J. Sutphen.

Mr. Brandeis, a man who has associated himself closely with a multitude of movements for the betterment of Omaha, now makes his initial appearance as an honest-to-goodness theatrical manager, as the business head of the largest and most beautiful theater in Omaha.

Mr. Brandeis, in taking over this new enterprise, is exhibiting a versatility that is rare. The characteristics that make for success in department stores and real estate and banking interests, are quite different from

Dame Rumor Says City Hall Forces Will Declare Themselves Monday

The week went into the whirligig of time without the administration candidates declaring themselves either as a line-up or a platform.

Mayor Dahlman, who returned on Thursday from Excelsior Springs, stated Saturday afternoon that problems had not been shaped up to a point where a definite announcement could be made, but he believed that tomorrow the city hall forces will be ready to declare themselves.

Notwithstanding this taciturnity on the part of the mayor and others of the administration, there is no doubt that the mayor and Commissioners Hummel, Parks and Withnell will stand for a fall together and that Falconer, Towl and Reynolds will complete the administration ticket.

City hall candidates do not feel perturbed over the platform as given out by the anti's. Commissioner Hummel states that his department already has established community centers, and other features of that platform have been or will be adopted by other departments of the administration.

Home rule, municipal ownership, efficiency and economy are points which will be emphasized by Ed. P. Smith in his talks during the next two weeks.

W. F. Baxter, chairman of the campaign committee of the anti's, has issued the following statement: "Six nominees for the city commission have associated themselves together for the purpose of presenting their candidacies to the voters. They are united in the statement of principles and policy issued as their platform. These men are well known, reliable, responsible and capable citizens in whose hands the city offices will be a sacred trust to be administered in the interests of all of the people. Their purpose, as clearly expressed, is to bring about a change of control in our city affairs and to better them. Politically I am not interested in persons in or out of office, but this change interests me greatly. I have acceded to the request to become chairman of their supporting committee and, believing this to be the real opportunity for citizenship of a high order, I call upon all men and women who can be spared from the tremendously important war work now on, to offer themselves for service in this important work."

COMPARE TALKS OF VON CAPELLE AND HITCHCOCK

New York World Calls Speech of German Minister of Marine Echo of Nebraska Senator's Address.

Washington Bureau of The Omaha Bee, 1211 G Street. Washington, Aug. 20.—(Special Telegram.)—The New York World in its leading editorial today sees in the recent speech of Admiral von Capelle, the German minister of marine, made before the main committee of the Reichstag, in which he belittles the work of the United States as to American destroyers, American help in men and airplanes, a startling similarity with the speech of Senator Hitchcock, delivered in the senate on February 4.

After quoting copiously from von Capelle's speech the World says that the German minister of marine is "rather more generous towards the American military program than the senator from Nebraska. Von Capelle even for propaganda purposes at home, is willing to concede that four tons of shipping to a man is enough. Hitchcock will concede nothing less than five."

The editorial closes as follows: "In some respects von Capelle's speech seems like an echo of the Hitchcock speech. However, much it may impress the German people, the American troops are crossing the ocean in a steady stream, regardless of German ministers of marine and senators from Nebraska."

"The speech of von Capelle is, of course, straight out German propaganda, intended to hearten the German people, and the Hitchcock speech was delivered as 'constructive criticism.' But there is another important difference. Nobody in Washington is proposing to make Admiral von Capelle chairman of the foreign relations committee of the United States senate."

OFFICERS MISSING.

Officers missing as announced by the department are: Lieut Lewis W. Offutt, U. S. N. R. F., San Francisco, Cal. Lieutenant Thomas Kirk, U. S. N. R. F., Brooklyn, N. Y.

Ensign Sotires Lizikos, U. S. N. R. F., Island of Thassos, Greece. Assistant Paymaster Claude B. Kriebel, U. S. N. R. F., Lansdale, Pa. Machinist James A. McGourty, U. S. N. R. F., Worcester, Mass.

None of the missing men is from the middle west.

LOST VESSEL CARGO CARRIER.

Full details of the sinking, the department announced, have not yet been received from Vice Admiral Sims.

The Lake Moore was a cargo carrier of 4,500 tons, commanded by the shipping board while building in the United States for a foreign company. It was assigned to the account of the navy last January and sailed from an Atlantic port the latter part of March, on its first voyage across the Atlantic.

Explosion Wrecks Another. An internal explosion wrecked the American steamship Florence H., in a French port on the night of April 17, with a probable loss of 41 members of the crew. The blowing up of the vessel was reported to the Navy department today by Vice Admiral Sims, but the dispatch gave few details. It was summarized by the department as follows:

"The Navy department has received a dispatch from Vice Admiral Sims stating that the American steamship Florence H. was blown up in a French port by an internal explosion on April 17 about midnight. First reports indicate that 34 out of its crew of about 75 were rescued. Most of these rescues were made by a United States destroyer, whose work Admiral Sims describes as 'most gallant.'"

Today Liberty Loan Sunday in Churches

Today is Liberty loan Sunday throughout the land and thousands of churches will hold special services or hear special sermons on the need of citizens to loan their money to the government.

Reports to Washington yesterday emphasized the active work done by women in gathering subscriptions. In many communities the women's pledges are segregated and latest tabulations show \$32,311,000 obtained by women's committees. Nebraska reported a total of \$14,516,850 loan sales up to yesterday.