

FOE GAINS KEY TO YPRES

PATRIOTISM RUNS RIOT WHEN OMAHA GOES OVER TOP IN LIBERTY DRIVE

Holiday Crowd Gathers on Streets to Cheer When Old Glory Is Unfurled; Vast Throng Sings "America;" Notes Travel Over Wires to White House.

Liberty day was a festive time for Omaha. Old Glory fluttered in the breeze from all the business houses and from thousands of homes to commemorate the fact that Omaha and Nebraska had gone over the top in the Liberty loan drive. Douglas county and Nebraska cities sent many people to augment the throng gathered for the day's ceremonies.

When the 250 young men of Omaha, members of the national army, met at the court house and marched down Farnam street to the Union station, to entrain for Camp Funston, where they go into training for overseas service, the great crowd was hushed for a moment, but sent the boys on their way with cheers and hurrahs.

THREE VICTORIES.
Omaha celebrated three "victories." First of all it was Liberty day and Omaha took this occasion to celebrate the way the citizens of this community went "over the top" in the bond sale. The sale of bonds in Omaha amounted to about \$9,000,000. For oversubscribing its quota Omaha was given one of the honor flags for cities and this was hoisted with great ceremony at noon at the court house.

Then Nebraska went over its quota, and, while that celebration may be reserved for a later date, the fact was announced and the state "tank" was moved over the \$32,000,000 mark.

Heard in White House.
Secretary Tumulty, of the White House, in Washington, D. C., plainly heard the demonstration in front of the county court house. He talked to Arthur C. Thomas of the bureau of publicity of the Chamber of Commerce for several minutes following the singing of "America."

Other bystanders made an attempt to greet Secretary Tumulty over the long distance telephone wire, but the secretary to President Wilson was "cut off."

The honor flag, awarded to Nebraska for subscribing its full quota of the third loan, was hoisted on the flag staff by three Boy Scouts of Troop No. 9. They were Dana Thompson, Richard Young and James Ingwerson.

Byrne Presents Flag.
T. C. Byrne, state chairman of the Liberty loan committee, presented the honor flag to William E. Rhoades, vice president of the Omaha National bank, who acted as chairman of the celebration. Mr. Rhoades in turn presented it to the three Scouts who pushed their way through the crowd to the flag pole, which was surrounded by a guard of honor, composed of naval reserves.

The state "tank" was brought to its goal with a loud banging of the Liberty gun, shortly before the singing of "America." The Omaha High school band furnished music.

At Fort Omaha the boys gathered on the parade ground and listened to patriotic addresses by Major Maher and Mayor Dahlman. Following the addresses and the singing of "America," a free balloon was sent up, landing near Bennington.

Chocolate Plant Burns.
Burlington, Vt., April 26.—The bodies of three workmen were found today in the ruins of the Vermont Milk Chocolate company's plant, which was destroyed by fire last night. Officers of the company, who estimated the loss at \$1,000,000, said the fire was caused by spontaneous combustion.

The Weather
For Nebraska—Rain in east and rain or snow in west portion Saturday; cooler in southeast portion; Sunday probable fair and slightly warmer.

Temperatures at Omaha Yesterday.

5 a. m.	41
6 a. m.	41
7 a. m.	42
8 a. m.	43
9 a. m.	43
10 a. m.	43
11 a. m.	44
12 m.	44
1 p. m.	46
2 p. m.	47
3 p. m.	48
4 p. m.	48
5 p. m.	47
6 p. m.	46
7 p. m.	45
8 p. m.	45

Comparative Local Record.

1918	1917	1916	1915
Highest yesterday	53	42	72
Lowest yesterday	40	34	59
Mean temperature	46	38	66
Precipitation	.00	.22	.09

Temperature and precipitation departures from normal.

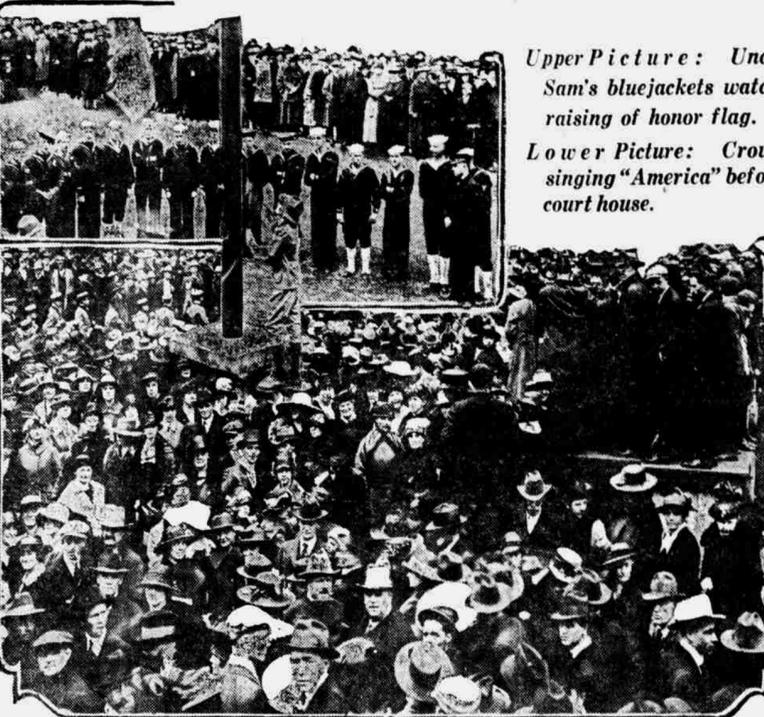
Normal temperature	55
Deficiency for the day	9
Total excess since March 1	290
Normal precipitation	.12 inch
Deficiency for the day	.12 inch
Total rainfall since March 1	1.35 inches
Deficiency since March 1	2.56 inches
Deficiency for cor. period, 1917	.55 inch
Deficiency for cor. period, 1916	1.85 inches

Reports from Stations at 7 P. M.

Station	Temp.	High	Rain
Cheyenne, cloudy	39	54	.34
Davenport, cloudy	48	62	.00
Denver, rain	40	48	.01
Des Moines, cloudy	62	62	.00
Chicago, cloudy	44	46	.32
London, cloudy	50	59	.00
North Platte, cloudy	38	46	.21
Omaha, cloudy	53	53	.00
Pueblo, cloudy	50	59	.00
Rapid City, snow	28	30	.22
Salt Lake, clear	46	50	.00
Santa Fe, cloudy	50	59	.00
Sheridan, pt. cloudy	33	40	.56
Siox City, cloudy	56	56	.00
Valentine, snow	32	36	.54

T. indicates trace of precipitation.
A. A. WELSH, Meteorologist.

Crowd Before Omaha Court House Square; Scouts Raise Liberty Loan Honor Flag



Upper Picture: Uncle Sam's bluejackets watch raising of honor flag.
Lower Picture: Crowd singing "America" before court house.

Nebraska's Song Thrills Hearers

In White House
"White House, Washington, April 26.—C. C. George, president of the Omaha Chamber of Commerce: We are deeply moved by Omaha's message and wonderful singing which we plainly hear over the telephone. We are proud of Nebraska's war activities and particularly the noble part Omaha has played in response to the call of the nation."

FORT OMAHA PERMANENT ARMY SCHOOL

Ideal Place for Training Balloonists and Gunners; Gen. Kenly Says It Will Be Enlarged.

Washington Bureau of the Omaha Bee, 1311 G Street, Washington, D. C., April 26.—(Special Telegram.)—Representative Lobeck today had an extended conference with Brigadier General William L. Kenly, who has just been placed at the head of the new division of military aeronautics created by Secretary of War Baker.

General Kenly has recently returned from France, where he had charge of aviation under General Pershing. He has been a colonel of field artillery in the regular army and has made a special study of artillery work in connection with air craft. He will now have charge of training aviators and managing the aircraft plans when they have been produced.

Major General George O. Squiers, chief signal officer, while remaining head of the signal corps, will devote his attention to the administration of signals and other important matters.

Ideal Place for School.
"Omaha need not be alarmed over the abandonment of the balloon school at Fort Omaha," said General Kenly. "The people of Omaha should look upon the school as a permanent institution, otherwise why should we spend the money on the school which we are contemplating. Of course, there will be other balloon schools, because Fort Omaha is not sufficient large to accommodate all the students we will need, but Fort Omaha is looked upon as being permanent and it will be enlarged as occasion requires."

Train Artillery Men, Too.
In answer to a question of Mr. Lobeck, why fewer students were being sent to Fort Omaha than formerly and more artillery men were going there, General Kenly frankly said that it was due to the desire of ranking officers in France that the artillery and balloon observers should work together to accomplish the best results, and necessity demands that trained artillery men should be acquainted with balloon manipulation.

The general admitted that there was a good deal of complaint in army circles over the climate in Omaha in winter, but said that, in itself, would not warrant the abandonment of a post as old and as ideally situated as Fort Omaha.

St. Joe Police Arrest Alleged Motor Thieves
Round Up Gang Who They Think Are Bootleggers; Omaha Men Ordered to Leave Town.

St. Joseph, Mo., April 26.—(Special Telegram.)—Police here today rounded up seven alleged motor car thieves and some of them are under suspicion of also being bootleggers, having stolen cars for the purpose of carrying liquor into Nebraska.

Hidden in Liquor Agency.
Tracy and Beaver yesterday are charged with stealing a Buick roadster and another touring car from a main business street in the downtown section here.

The cars were hidden in a brewing agency stable and two other cars were found there. One of these, a Hudson roadster, was loaded with whisky and was claimed by T. C. Harp of Omaha. The other was a Dodge touring car and bore a Nebraska number plate and had several bottles of whisky concealed underneath the cushions. The ownership of this car has not been established.

Tools for changing serial numbers on automobiles and an electric drill said to be valued at more than \$400 were found in the Chandler car when it was recovered.

Others of the gang arrested are Bud Brown and Joe Pannell of St. Joseph, Carl Shafer of Techapi, Cal., and Robert Rayer of Newcastle, Pa. Late today Harp was released and warned that he must get out of town at once without carrying any liquor with him.

Harp ex-Cafe Owner.
T. C. Harp, who was ordered to leave St. Joseph by the police of that city Friday, is a well known Omaha man. He was the former owner of the Night and Day cafe, 320 South Fifteenth street and sold out because he was in the draft.

MAYOR HURLS DEFI AT FOES WHO MAKE REPLIES IN KIND AS CITY CAMPAIGN GETS HOT

City Executive Says Omaha, Under His Leadership Best Regulated City of Size in Nation.

Mayor Dahlman and candidates who comprise the "Jim Dahlman ticket" addressed a gathering in the Swedish auditorium last night. Many of the attendants were city employees who cheered the speakers enthusiastically.

"I was hoping that we could go through one campaign without shooting some big shells, but you know that war is war. The claim has never been disputed that Omaha, during 12 years of my leadership, has been the best regulated city of its size in the union," the mayor began.

He excoriated the members of the opposition, known as the allied candidates, including in personalities and also impersonalities. He criticized the exemption board work of Ed P. Smith and inferentially charged Mr. Smith with not having been impartial in several rulings on that board.

Ridicules Opposition.
Paying his compliments again to the opposition, he said: "We are going to give them the ———est licking they ever had."

Another big shell fired by the mayor was his reference to three lawyers being in the personnel of the allied candidates. On that he said: "We have a city legal department and our laymen should be the commissioners. He drew a dark picture of what would happen if three lawyers should be elected on May 7. He went into details in relating what he termed as efficiency in the city hall.

The mayor closed with a patriotic talk which met with hearty applause.
Rine Roasts Opposition.
John A. Rine, city attorney, the first speaker of the evening, grew eloquent in recounting the recommendations of the administration. He averred that these conditions did not come about by mere happenstance.

Dewey Loses Big Flag, But Says 'I Don't Care'
When members of the draft contingent that left Omaha yesterday lined up before the court house to have their picture taken, someone remarked that they should have an American flag in the photo. Accordingly, one of the number was dispatched to the office of County Clerk Frank Dewey, to borrow the big flag which hung in his office window.

When all the ceremonies were over, the soldier who borrowed the flag started up the stone steps to return the emblem, but was halted by cries from his comrades of "Nothing Doing! Let's take it with us!"

So the flag was passed to the head of the column and the drafted men started down the street with Dewey's silk flag. "I don't care," declared Mr. Dewey. "Let the boys have it. My only desire is that they take it all the way to Berlin with them."

Ed P. Smith Says Political Chaos Would Result if Officials Subordinate Public Interest to Ambitions.

Ed P. Smith, J. Dean Ringer, Roy Towl and Henry F. Wulf addressed a gathering yesterday noon in the Live Stock exchange building, South Side, on their candidacies for city commission.

Mr. Smith compared the machinery of municipal government to the government of a nation, and pointed to the political chaos of Russia as an example of what might befall any nation or city whose reins of power are held by men who subordinate the interests of the public to their own private ambitions.

"Some men make all kinds of fine promises before election, and after they are elected they get mixed up with 'the gang' and forget all about them," Mr. Smith said. "There will be no 'gang' rule if the 'allied' candidates are elected."

Meeting at Rushing's Hall.
I. J. Dunn, Harry B. Zimman, Henry Wulf, Roy N. Towl and J. Dean Ringer, candidates for city commissioner on the "allied" ticket, spoke to a good-sized crowd at Rushing's hall Friday night.

I. J. Dunn touched upon what he called the remissness of the present city administration in enforcing certain ordinances passed several years ago. He said an ordinance was passed requiring the Missouri Pacific railroad to build a viaduct over the Belt Line tracks on Dodge street for the safety of the public, but that after the Missouri Pacific had fought the case through four courts and lost, the viaduct has never been built.

Improvement of street car service and the taking over of the gas company by the city were projects advocated. He also said that the "al-

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DESPERATE BATTLE BEING WAGED FOR STRATEGIC POINT

Germans Cut Deep Notch in Allied Line By Capture of Kimmel Hill; French, Overcome After Heroic Defense, Rally Immediately for Violent Counter Attack.

By Associated Press.
Kimmel hill, a height which has been looked upon as the key to the southern side of the Ypres salient and one of the most important strategic positions of the northern battle front in France, has been taken by the Germans.

After a defense which will become one of the heroic chapters of the war, the hill was surrounded and the French forces entrenched on its slopes were overcome.

The loss of the hill, which is admitted in an official statement by General Delma Radcliffe, chief director of military operations at the British war office, brings to the allies a realization that the whole Ypres position is in peril from the German drive northward from the lowlands lying to the west of Armentieres.

POILUS HOLD HILL'S CREST TO LAST MAN

Overwhelming Forces of Enemy Able to Gain Kimmel Only Over Dead Bodies of Defenders.

With the British Army in France, April 26.—A French segment to which had been entrusted the defense of the crest of Mont Kimmel, with orders to hold it to the last man, immortalized itself in yesterday's battle.

Along the Ypres-Kimmel railway the defenders held for a considerable time and inflicted heavy losses on the attacking troops.

Meanwhile the French infantry on the crest of the hill was pumping steady streams of bullets from machine guns into the Germans.

The enemy troops kept pushing on until finally they swung their line in a circle about Kimmel. Throughout the early hours of the day they tried again and again to swarm up the hill.

Although German picked divisions advanced yesterday morning all along the line between Wyttschaete and Bailleul, the brunt of their attacks was directed against a small sector of the allied line west of Wyttschaete. So heavy was the pressure that the defenders were forced back. Into this gap the Germans flung fresh infantry, which started a turning movement.

After the Germans had broken through the defending lines and were charging the elevation the French clung to their position, battling to the bitter end, and overwhelming forces of the enemy were able to gain the crest only over the bodies of these gallant defenders.

While the French infantry drove forward against Kimmel from the west their British comrades began operations on their left. In the first rush the sturdy British Tommies forced their way from in the face of a heavy fire and got into Kimmel village. It was a striking exhibition of bravery that took the men in khaki across the open ground that was being swept with machine gun fire.

For two hours they held the village while Germans from the neighboring hill poured bullets into the place from rapid fire. At 5 o'clock it became apparent that it would be a useless sacrifice of life to remain longer and the British withdrew.

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DEFENDERS ISOLATED.
The Teutons launched terrific attacks along the whole Wyttschaete-Bailleul-Metern line Wednesday, apparently for the purpose of finding a point which might yield. They evidently found that spot in the section of the front held jointly by the British and French troops, and against it they hurled fresh divisions which fought their way forward all day Thursday until at nightfall they had surrounded Kimmel hill and isolated the French troops holding the position.

All night long the fight went on and it was not until Friday that the Germans succeeded in storming up the slopes of the height.

The loss of Kimmel hill is serious, for it overlooks much of the lowlands lying back of the allied lines in the Ypres salient. The hill is 464 feet in height, rising from lowlands to the south and east. It is six miles southwest of Ypres and three miles west of Wyttschaete.

DEEP NOTCH CUT.
The German success cuts a deep notch in the allied line to the southwest of Ypres and completely outflanks the British on the northern slopes of Messines ridge, to which they were forced by the German assaults of two weeks ago. The line to the southwest, toward Bailleul, apparently is in no particular danger at present, although the village of Dranoutre has been lost to the enemy.

So important is the possession of Kimmel hill that the allies must launch a counter attack to recapture it, and the French have begun a savage attack on the height. If the Germans continue to hold it and either consolidate their lines or push on, the allies will be at a great disadvantage in future engagements.

Rolling up Move Launched.
The latest reports from the scene of the battle are that the Germans are attacking on a line from La Clytte to the Ypres-Comies canal. La Clytte is about a mile and a half north of Kimmel hill and is six and a half miles west of the Ypres-Comies canal, which runs almost due south from Ypres.

The evident purpose of the attack is to roll up the allied positions south of Ypres and force a retirement from that war-tortured town. The position of the Germans is such that only the sternest defense will avail to check their threatening advance.

At other points along the battle line the Germans have made no important gains.

Huns Hold Hangard.
At Villers Bretonneux the British have held their lines and completed the work of clearing out the last German position on the ground held before the German attacks Wednesday, but Hangard is apparently in German hands and the Teutons have forged ahead just to the north of this village and are reported to have launched attacks on the town of Cuchy, without, however, having occupied the place.

Further south immediately north of Castel, the Germans have penetrated the village of Hailles and are in possession of hill 82, south of the village.

The French have counter attacked this front and regained ground. At no other points has the enemy advanced although bitter fighting has been going on in many sectors in both the Somme and Armentieres battle areas.

There have been artillery duels at various points along the French front to the south of the Somme, as well as positions further south. Only the usual patrol engagements have been reported from the Italian front.

Food Regulations Enforced
In German Prisoners' Diet
Washington, April 26.—Germans interned in this country are not being fed on the fat of the land while Americans are practicing self-denial, says a statement issued tonight by the food administration, but are being required to observe all the regulations of the administration. Their consumption of wheat is limited to one and a half pounds a week for each person. They receive other commodities in sufficient quantities to nourish them properly, but without waste.