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(By Associated Press.) With the British Army in France, April 28.—Hard fighting continued about Loivre and Voormeezee, but elsewhere thus far today has been a day of rest for the infantry as a whole. The battle for Loivre and Voormeezee has been most desperate. Both places have changed hands several times in the last twenty-four hours, and at the latest reports it was an "even break" for the British were in possession of Voormeezee, while the enemy seems to have succeeded early in the day in getting a foothold in the Loivre again.

An engagement north of the Ypres-Comines canal was in progress throughout most of the night, with the British holding doggedly and inflicting heavy losses on the attacking troops. The German casualties in this part of the front have been very severe.

Another Ypres in Gas. The German artillery today was smothering the ruins of Ypres in gas, and there was considerable artillery firing all along the line. Loivre has changed hands at least five times since Friday. This morning's assault was delivered about 4 o'clock and while the Germans apparently had gained an entrance to the place, their tenure of it was being hotly contested by the Poilus.

A similar fight has been waged for Voormeezee. The Germans retook the hamlet last night, but were unable to hold it only a short time, for the British in a brilliant counter attack stormed and drove them from the place and ejected the enemy. An attempted enemy attack near Villers-Bretonneux yesterday was smashed by artillery fire.

WOMAN HELD AS "DANGEROUS ENEMY ALIEN"

New York, April 28.—Madame Marie K. De Victoria, believed by officers of the Department of Justice to be one of the most active of Germany's agents in this country for the last 15 months, was arrested at a fashionable Long Island hotel today and brought to this city as a dangerous enemy alien.

Madame De Victoria was in a highly nervous condition and was sent to the prison ward at Bellevue hospital. Margaret Sullivan, her maid, was held as a material witness. Madame De Victoria, who also has been known as Madame De Vissiere, is said to have come to the United States through Norway as a passenger on the steamship Bergensfjord.

She is 33 years old and a handsome woman of the German type. She explained her presence in this country by saying she came here to look for her husband.

Federal authorities believe her real mission in the United States was to spread German propaganda among the Irish. She is reported to have been the chief aide to a lieutenant commander of the German navy, who reached here in December, 1916, and who has been working among Sinn Fein sympathizers, trying to get them to enlist in the British navy in order to plant bombs on warships. The naval officer disappeared a few days ago when he discovered that Department of Justice agents were trailing him.

Iowa Congressman Believes Coal Situation Is Solved

Washington, April 28.—(Special Telegram.)—Representative Green of Iowa, who has been interested in getting the fuel situation in his state adjusted, said today he had every reason to believe differences between the director general of railroads and the fuel administrator had been settled in so far as purchases of coal by the railroads went, and he looked for an order shortly directing the railroads to buy coal at the same rates offered the general public.

"If this is done it will keep the mines going," said Judge Green, "and solve a difficult problem. Heretofore the railroads have been buying coal only for immediate needs."

U. S. Ambulance Men Given War Cross for Gallantry

Paris, April 28.—Eleven American ambulance men have won the war cross by gallant services performed during the battle now in progress. Lieutenant Ralph Richard, commanding section 642, with Sergeant James Beebe, G. L. Hiers, Henry K. James, E. A. Littlefield and John J. Frenning, were cited in eulogistic terms for carrying away wounded men from positions right up against the enemy's lines under the heaviest fire.

Funeral of Drowned Aviator Held at West Point Sunday

West Point, Neb., April 28.—(Special Telegram.)—The body of Donald Kloke, aviator in the United States army, who was drowned while crossing San Diego bay last Sunday arrived here at 1 o'clock. The funeral was quiet. The young aviator was the son of Henry P. Kloke, former county clerk. He is survived by one brother who is also in the government service.

Night Raiders Enter School And Burn German Text Books

Denison, Ia., April 28.—(Special.)—An ash heap in the yard of the high school, with an American flag flying above it, and a placard reading: "Death to the Kaiser," told the story yesterday morning of some persons indulging in patriotic action. During the night the school building was entered and all of the German text books in the building that were used for study or instruction were gathered up and burned.

BOLSHEVIK PEACE TO BE IGNORED BY RUSSIAN REGENCY

(By Associated Press.) Stockholm, April 28.—Correspondents of Swedish newspapers in Finland tonight announce that there are rumors in circulation there of important happenings in Russia.

The most definite rumor declares that former Grand Duke Alexis, son of the former emperor, has been declared emperor and the Grand Duke Michael Alexandrovitch, regent, and that the new government would refuse to recognize the bolshevik peace treaty with Germany.

The rumors would be disregarded here were it not for the fact that a report from Vasa, Finland, last Thursday declared that the transportation of Russian civilian prisoners had been suspended "because of current disorders in Russia."

Finland and Sweden have had no telegraphic communication with Russia in more than three weeks.

16 AMERICANS IN CANADIAN CASUALTY LIST

Ottawa, April 28.—J. W. Swenert of Los Angeles, F. E. Greatwood of Portland, Ore., W. W. Taylor of Libby, Mont., G. D. Chenoweth of Denmark, Ore., and W. J. B. Cass of Butte, Mont., appeared in tonight's casualty list. Cass died of wounds and the others are wounded.

Other Americans in the list are: Missing: C. K. Hansen, Rice Lake, Wis. Prisoner of War: Lieutenant E. M. Chant, Oklahoma City, Okla. Died of Wounds: J. Lewis, Sadorus, Ill.

Wounded: B. Cameron, Detroit; D. F. Dalgarno, Morris, Minn.; C. Soanes, Richmond, Va.; G. J. Fowler, Chicago; O. Schifauer, Chicago; Lieut. H. M. Alexander, Chicago; A. Cahoon, Wilkes-Barre, Pa. Gassed: W. C. Glessner, South-west City, Mo.

Government May Take Over Oil Field of California

Washington, April 28.—Mark Requa, fuel oil administrator, today served notice on attorneys for claimants of oil rights in naval reserve No. 2 in California that unless they could agree with the government before two weeks on a bill to permit production in the reserve to begin immediately, he would recommend to the president to commandeer the land and have the litigation settled later.

Bernard Baruch, chairman of the war industries board, who was present at the conference, said that if such a war was necessary he would suggest that the entire fuel oil industry of the Pacific coast be taken over by the government.

Ross Hammond Relates His War Experience at Edgar

Edgar, Neb., April 28.—(Special.)—A large crowd gathered at the opera house last night in spite of a light rain to hear Ross Hammond deliver his talk on his experience at the battle front in France. Rev. V. C. Wright opened the meeting with prayer. He was followed by Miss Leah Thomas, one of the Edgar High school junior "Four Minute Men," with a very interesting, patriotic talk well delivered. The Edgar male quartet sang a well selected song and were forced to respond to encore.

Colored Restaurant Man Killed in Quarrel Over Dice

George W. Gates, proprietor of a restaurant at 1011 Capitol avenue, was shot by Schadrach Douglas, living at the same address following an argument over a "crap" game Sunday night. Gates died two hours later in St. Joseph hospital. He had attempted to wrest a revolver from Douglas and during the scuffle was shot in the abdomen and thigh. Douglas is held, charged with murder. Both are negroes.

Witnesses of the fight told police that Gates threatened Ethel White, who lives in the same building with a gun when she refused to leave the game. "Douglas interfered and commenced shooting. All were negroes. Douglas was shot in one knee. Ethel White, J. B. Moore, Fred A. Madison and S. J. Allen, all negroes, were arrested and are being held as witnesses.

Americans Go Into Battle Cheering and Waving Their Hats

Atlantic Port, April 28.—Fifty American soldiers, most of whom have been wounded or gassed, have been brought to this port from France, by order of President Wilson, to take part in the Liberty loan campaign, according to an announcement made by the military authorities here today. Americans go into battle cheering and waving their hats, said Regimental Color Sergeant John J. Heffernan, in describing conditions at the Franco-American front.

In Sergeant Heffernan's party was a 19-year-old boy, Corporal Osborn De Varilla of San Francisco, an artillery man who, his companions claimed, was the first American to fire a shot at the Germans last October. Corporal De Varilla said the Germans made their first raid in his sector October 31 and that it was after this raid that the body of an American soldier was found in front of the wire with his throat cut from ear to ear.

Loan Subscribers in Nebraska Number 175,000; In Iowa 500,000

(By Associated Press.) Washington, April 28.—Over-subscription of the \$3,000,000,000 minimum of the third Liberty loan now is looked for during the campaign's final week, but treasury officials declared tonight the five billions needed would be subscribed only if millions of citizens take shares of the loan in the next six days. It is considered certain that reports this week will include a great number of pledges from wealthy men and corporations which heretofore

have held off, hoping for the government to arrange a system of installment payment for income and excess profits taxes. The number of subscriptions and distribution of bonds by states is shown by the following federal reserve district reports: Iowa, 500,000; Nebraska, 175,000; Oklahoma, 165,000; Kansas, 160,000; Missouri, (western part), 150,000; Colorado, 132,000; Wyoming, 30,000; and New Mexico, 15,000. Total, 822,000.

Secretary of War Baker in France and American Leaders of His Party



AMERICAN LEADERS IN FRANCE. COMMITTEE ON PUBLIC INFORMATION. SUPPLIED BY T. W. H.

Secretary Baker and American leaders photographed at General Pershing's headquarters in France. Left to Right, Seated—General Pershing, Secretary Baker, Ambassador W. C. Sharp, Major-General Black. Standing, Left to Right—Captain de Marenches, of the French army attached to General Pershing's Staff; Colonel Boyd, General Pershing's chief of staff; Lieutenant-Colonel Brett, Colonel Connor, Commander White, U. S. N., and Ralph H. Hayes, secretary to Secretary Baker.

SOUTH SIDE POLICE PUT END TO GAME OF CRAPS; ARREST PLAYERS

Officers Descend on John Hampton's Pool Hall and Take Crowd of Men to City Jail. Officers raided a pool hall at Railroad avenue and Washington street Sunday afternoon where a crap game was in progress, and arrested the proprietor, John Hampton, on a charge of keeping a disorderly house. The following men were taken as inmates: Paul Mollner, jr., 2314 N. street; John O'Brien, 2227 Jefferson street; Sam Harvey, Twenty-third and Madison street; Ben Slapnick, 1316 Drexel street; Charles Anger, 2208 N. street; Earl Miles, 3009 South Twentieth street; William Madsen, 6503 South Thirteenth street; W. Foster, Alden, Ia., James Carothers, Dodge hotel; T. F. Newton, 6617 County Road; James Munroe, 5427 South Twenty-third street; Ralph Carson, Twenty-second and Y streets; Roy Alton, Thirteenth and Z streets; William and Albert Abelin, Fifteenth and Z streets; Ernest Bellman, Fifteenth and Y streets.

Brief City News

Towl, engineer, for commissioner. Have Roof Put on—New Beacon Press Lighting Fixtures, Burgess-Graden. Attorney Gerald M. Drew has removed to 506 Security Bldg. D. 3337. Saves you 5c, saves the grocer on delivery and saves us on tin. Butter-nut Coffee in the handy 3-pound cans, 81 each. Prudent saving in war times is a hostage for opportunities of peace. Play safe by starting an account with Nebraska Savings & Loan Ass'n, 211 S. 18th St. \$1 to \$5,000 received.

Youth Struck by Auto—Henry Heise, 16 years old, was struck by an automobile at Fourteenth and Harney streets about 9 o'clock Sunday night. The automobile immediately speeded away without offering assistance to the injured youth. Heise received a severe scalp wound. He was attended by Police Surgeon Nigro and taken to his home at 2020 Emmett street. He is employed as a messenger for the Western Union.

Liquor in Their Pockets—Four men carrying liquor in their pockets were arrested Sunday night. All arrests were made on Farnam street. W. M. Cookston, 1818 Cass street, was charged with being drunk and having liquor in his possession, as was James Johnson, 2726 Leavenworth street. J. H. Snyder, 3104 South Thirteenth street and W. E. Brownell, Park hotel, were charged with illegal possession of liquor.

Thurston County Beef Hits High Spot, \$17.10—Weborg Brothers of Sponder, Neb., were on the market Friday with 18 head of 1,400-pound steers that were good enough to sell at \$17.10, the highest price ever paid for beef steers on the South Omaha market. They also had 16 head of 2-year-old steers that averaged 1,141 pounds that sold at \$15.50. These steers were Herefords and of their own raising and feeding and Messrs. Weborg were well pleased with the sale. These cattle were sold by Frazer-Johnson company of South Omaha.

Art Pedersen Arrives Safe in France, Is Word. Art Pedersen, son of Mr. and Mrs. S. P. Pedersen, 1608 Oak street, has arrived safely in France. Pedersen is in the United States radio service. The young man was formerly employed by the Rosenstock Bros. Commission firm at the South Omaha Live Stock exchange.

Demosthenes League Not Pro-German, Say Greeks. Members of the Demosthenes League take exception to the statement they allege has been made, that the organization is pro-German. Members are after the man who they say made the statement and propose to call him before the government authorities.

Officers of the league assert that since war has been declared, 19 of the members have joined the United States army, the latest being Nick and John Marittas and Sam Blemenos. They also assert that the organization has bought \$4,000 of the third Liberty loan bonds, many thrift stamps and has contributed liberally to the Red Cross.

Glenwood Man and Nurse Held by Omaha Police

W. S. Doan, giving his home as Glenwood, Ia., and Mrs. E. Bailer, who says she is a nurse in a hospital in Council Bluffs, were arrested in the Arcade hotel, Omaha Saturday night by Detectives Barta and Brinckman. They were arrested on complaint of Mrs. Bailer's husband and are being held for investigation.

Following the arrest Bailer told the police that he would file "white slavery" charges against Doan, saying "He has broken up my home." Doan says he is 65 years old. Mrs. Bailer gave her age as 35.

Girls Say Companions "Spiked" Their Drinks

Annetta Anderson, Elms hotel, and Mary Doe, address unknown, were arrested Saturday charged with drunkenness. Both alleged that they became intoxicated while drinking ginger ale and dancing in the Orpheum garden.

They told a pitiful story about two young men "spiking" their drinks unknown to them until they became intoxicated. When police were seen the young men deserted their companions and escaped.

Bandits Get Watch and Money Saturday Night

Gus Stenstrom and Emil Nelson, 610 North Twenty-third street, were held up at the point of a gun by two masked bandits Saturday night between Eighteenth and Nineteenth streets on Cass street, at 11 o'clock. A watch and \$3.60 in money was taken. The descriptions of the holdups and the time and manner corresponds with the men who held up three people last week.

PERSONAL MENTION.

Harry Shields of the Wahash has returned from a visit to the general offices of the company in St. Louis. George W. Loomis of the Burlington and Mrs. Loomis have gone to Des Moines to spend Sunday with their sons, Walter, Gilbert and Maurice, who are in the army.

POLITICAL SHRAPNEL

Big Noise of City Campaign Will Be Started by Candidates Tonight

Ed P. Smith expressed himself as follows on the gas plant question which will be submitted to the voters on May 7: "I am earnestly in favor of giving to the city of Omaha at the coming election authority to take over, by condemnation proceedings, the properties of the Omaha Gas company. This does not mean we should pay 'war baby' prices for these properties; nor does it mean we should take them over when values of iron and steel are unduly inflated because of the war and municipal bonds difficult to sell.

"But it does mean that the city of Omaha should possess the power and authority to condemn and take over these properties just as soon as the times are normal and the appraised value is reasonable and honest. The law expressly confers upon the city council authority to reject any appraised valuation if in its judgment the amount is excessive or its purchase not then advisable. This important feature of the law seems to be overlooked by many.

"We purchased the water works at a valuation that many of us regarded as grossly excessive, but notwithstanding that, our water board has been able to provide for the payment of the bonds we voted and has reduced our water rates approximately 50 per cent. With equally efficient management I believe gas bills, under municipal ownership, could be correspondingly reduced.

"We owe it to every household in Omaha to use our best efforts to accomplish that purpose. The Gas company's franchise will expire with the year 1918. It will then have no legal right to use our streets and alleys for the purpose of carrying on its business. There will then be no 'good will,' 'franchise,' or 'going concern value' to be paid for.

"There should be no extension of that franchise. Until actually taken over by the city arrangements should be made to continue the service without a franchise and without prejudice to the city's rights. The argument that gas will soon be obsolete for heating and cooking purposes is the argument of those who are opposed to municipal ownership under any conditions.

Dean Ringer, speaking at a big meeting of packing house men, attacked Mayor Dahlman for his statement concerning Ed P. Smith as a member of the district appeal board.

"These are some of the same old dirty politics that have been played in Omaha through so many political campaigns," said Ringer. "The character and service of Ed P. Smith are so high in this community that nobody of intelligence is deceived by the mayor's frantic efforts to perpetuate himself in office. To real patriots it is inconceivable that any man should stoop to such tactics as Mayor Dahlman did when he charged that Ed P. Smith was unfair in some of his decisions as a member of the district appeal board. One of Mr. Smith's sons is a soldier in the United States army and that fact alone is sufficient to refute the mayor's statement. Things are coming to a mournful pass when a citizen who is giving his greatest patriotic service, both in his own time and in sending his own son to the army, can be assailed by a mere office seeker."

Ringer's remarks were greeted with cheers by a large audience of men which assembled in spite of the rain. Roy N. Towl, Harry B. Zimman and Henry T. Wulf spoke briefly on the economical administration of the city funds, declaring that the people's money will buy many more improvements than it has under the present administration.

On the plain, practical basis of saving the city money, Roy N. Towl is seeking election as city commissioner. Mr. Towl as a civil engineer has attained extraordinary success in his profession. "As a civil engineer I can see tens of thousands of dollars being wasted in public works every year in Omaha," he said. A practical civil engineer in the city council is a necessity to get full value for the money that people spend on public works. In the big cities of Europe, this work is always in charge of the civil engineer instead of a politician."

Fatherless Children of France Given Benefit at Harlan

An interesting program was given in Harlan, Ia., by Omaha and Council Bluffs musicians for the benefit of the fatherless children of France. Mrs. R. L. Osborn, assisted by some of the prominent women, and Miss Ruth Lewis, who is at the head of the Surgical circle of the entertainment, which centered around an address given by Madame August Borglum on "The Fatherless Children of France." Madame Borglum played the "Marseillaise," the national hymn of France. "The Star Spangled Banner" was sung by V. H. Byers and chorus, the audience also joining.

The opening address was delivered by Rev. George Chambers and the address by Monsieur Viviani at the tomb of George Washington was read by Miss Schell. Miss Marie Swanson, harpist, Omaha, sang several solos, by French, Italian, Russian, English and Irish composers. Miss Eva Allen of Council Bluffs sang several numbers, in which she was accompanied by Miss Swanson. The proceeds of the entertainment netted \$50 and several individual subscriptions for French orphans.

Miss Nevill Lectures on Practical Christianity

Interest in the theme of "Practical Christianity" was manifest to the extent of completely filling the Assembly hall of the City National bank building to hear the opening lecture by Miss Kate M. Nevill Sunday morning. Miss Nevill is field lecturer of the Unity School of Practical Christianity, Kansas City, and is appearing under the auspices of the Omaha Unity society. This is Miss Nevill's third annual appearance in Omaha and her opening address Sunday covered the general points of practical Christianity, and why it should be applied in all departments of life, from the spiritual to the material.

Lectures will be continued Wednesday nights at 8 and Sunday mornings at 11 o'clock. Talks on propriety will be held every day at noon, except Saturdays and Sundays and meditation classes will be conducted Tuesdays and Thursdays at 3 o'clock in the Assembly hall, City National bank building.

Assistant to Hoover Will Speak in Omaha Friday

J. W. Hollowell, assistant to Food Administrator Hoover, will be in Omaha Friday, representing the national food administration. He will be entertained by the Chamber of Commerce at a public affairs luncheon and will make the principal address.

Advertisement for Bevo beverage. Features a large illustration of a man in a military-style uniform holding a glass of Bevo. Text includes: 'Bevo THE BEVERAGE', 'An All-year-round Soft Drink for the Bluejackets', 'Our boys in the navy enjoy their Bevo. The esteem in which it is held by the entire Navy Department is clearly indicated by the fact that it is sold and served on all U. S. vessels and in training camps. Afloat or ashore, you will find Bevo unusually refreshing, good and healthful. Soft in the strictest sense, but a thoroughgoing man's drink. Try it by itself, or with a bite to eat. Served everywhere—families supplied by grocer. Manufactured and bottled exclusively by Anheuser-Busch St. Louis.'