

FOOD CRISIS ROCKS AUSTRIA

EMPEROR CHARLES LEAVES FOR FRONT TO DIRECT ATTACKS

Increased Activity Along Austro-Italian Lines Announced From Vienna; Rome Statement Records Only Intensive Aerial Operations; German Offensive Still Held Up; Allies Strengthen Defense.

(By Associated Press.)

Vienna dispatches have reported Emperor Charles leaving for the front and have announced greatly increased activity along the Austro-Italian lines, where a renewal of the Teutonic offensive has long been threatened. The Rome official statement does not give a like picture of the front line activities, but records intensive aerial operations with the entente airmen evidently having the better of the encounters and bringing down fourteen enemy machines.

The German offensive in Flanders has been held up now for virtually five days since the enemy waves last dashed against the rock-ribbed defense of the British and French early last week and the Ypres line stood firm under the attack. General von Arnim evidently has been forced into this inactivity by the severity of his losses and the time necessary to marshal new forces for a fresh blow.

RESERVES READY.

Concededly, however, the enemy has fresh troops for a thrust of even greater power, if he thinks it advisable to employ them here, and there have been indications for the last day or two that he was preparing to do so.

One such hint of an impending thrust developed Saturday morning, when the German artillery began violently to pound the Franco-British line from Loivre to the south of Ypres, where his main effort of April 29 was made. The bombardment was not speedily followed up by an attack, however, as was the case last Monday.

PREPARE FOR BLOW.

Meanwhile there has been a strengthening of the allied defense at important points along the northern and southern sides of the Lys salient. The French have thus operated successfully in the Loivre region, one of the main objective points of the Germans as an approach to Mount Rouge, and the British Friday night strengthened their lines in the vicinity of Hinges, northwest of Belgium.

The official report from German general headquarters last night says: "French counter attacks against Kemmel and Baillet failed under heavy losses."

Big Guns Booming.

The Somme front has been threatening to break out into its former furious activity for several days past, but aside from the recent thrust by the French, which gained them commanding ground in the Avre sector, southeast of Amiens, and similar operations by the British around Villers-Bretonneux, just to the north, the fighting has been left almost entirely to the artillery. The big guns are still booming threateningly in the Avre region and elsewhere around the great Montdidier salient, however.

Turks Beaten in Palestine.

In Palestine the British have again met and defeated the Turks in engagements in the vicinity of the river Jordan. Attacks by the Ottoman troops on two successive days were beaten off with heavy losses to the enemy and in the fighting the British took more than 300 prisoners. Dispatches from Paris announce that another of the German long range guns engaged in bombarding the Paris capital has been put out of action through a direct hit by the French artillery.

U. S. Takes Over 3,000 Shares German-Owned Coke Stock
Washington, May 4.—Three thousand and German-owned shares in the H. Koppers company of Pittsburgh, Pa., were taken over today by the Alien Property Custodian Palmer. The company manufactures coke and gas ovens.

The Weather

For Iowa and Nebraska—Fair and continued warm Sunday; Monday, partly cloudy and cooler.

Temperatures at Omaha Yesterday.		
Hourly.	Deg.	Deg.
5 a. m.	65	65
6 a. m.	65	65
7 a. m.	65	65
8 a. m.	64	64
9 a. m.	64	64
10 a. m.	64	64
11 a. m.	64	64
12 m.	64	64
1 p. m.	64	64
2 p. m.	64	64
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11 p. m.	64	64
12 m.	64	64

OMAHA WINS FIGHT FOR ARMY DEPOT

War Department Quartermaster, on Col. Grant's Fighting, Decides Store Shall Remain Here.

The army quartermaster's depot, recently transferred from Omaha to Chicago, has been re-established in this city.

The depot was taken from Omaha and located in Chicago a week ago. The news of the change was not officially announced and only members of the quartermaster's corps knew of it.

Colonel F. A. Grant, commanding officer, was called to Washington last week to confer with the War department heads. He is a veteran soldier and experienced in handling and transporting supplies for the army. His opinion counted with the army authorities in Washington and it was due to his efforts that the depot is to be brought back to Omaha.

Vast Supplies Handled.
More than a million dollars worth of supplies are handled by the quartermaster's corps every month.

The depot at Twenty-second and Hickory streets has been greatly improved and enlarged during the last year. Fire alarms, new fire fighting equipment and a new lighting system have been installed. A new building of concrete and iron, especially adapted for storing enormous quantities of bacon, has been completed.

The depot is guarded by 37 enlisted men from Fort Crook.

An Epitome of Efficiency.
The place is the epitome of efficiency. Military men and inspectors from every part of the country have praised the work at the depot. The employees take personal pride in the depot and permit nothing to interfere with the sending of supplies to the soldiers. Troops at home and overseas are supplied from the Omaha depot.

The importance of the depot to Omaha cannot be over-estimated. Robert Manley, commissioner of the Chamber of Commerce, said: "Probably no one man ever did more for our city than Colonel Grant has by helping the depot in Omaha."

A telegram from Washington confirming the re-establishment of the depot in Omaha was received by Mr. Manley Saturday night. It is probable that the depot will be enlarged.

Thousands of Doctors Wanted; Nebraska's Quota 200, Iowa's 350

Washington, May 4.—Thousands of doctors and surgeons throughout the country will be urged to enroll for service to meet the growing demands of the army and navy under a plan decided upon today at a meeting here of practically all state committees of the general medical board of the Council of National Defense. It is expected that 7,000 will respond to the call by July 1 and 5,000 more before the end of the year. Medical men who decline commissions will be called on by the state committees for an explanation. Major John D. Milner, secretary of the general board, in announcing the state quotas, which are to be apportioned among counties by the state committee, said that the cities must

Going Through



CANDIDATES SHOW SPIRIT AS ELECTION DAY APPROACHES

Street Meetings Held in Omaha From Boundary to Boundary; Allies Shout Answers to Mayor's Charges and Dahlman Men Not Backward in Delivering Broad-sides.

Candidates and spellbinders managed to put a little pep into the end of the local campaign, bringing the week to a close with a dozen meetings, most of them at street corners, from Twenty-fourth and Fort streets on the north, to Thirty-sixth and Harrison streets.

Jim Dahlman's ticket held forth at Mecca hall, Twenty-fourth and Grant streets, and Turner hall, Eighteenth and Vinton streets. The allied candidates threw a few verbal grenades in a hall at Twenty-fourth and Fort streets, where A. L. Sutton and Mrs. G. W. Covell assisted in the battle of the ballots.

Ed P. Smith, after addressing a crowd at Twenty-fourth and N streets, told a newspaper man that he did not expect to make any more talks, believing he had made his case, as the lawyers say, and would abide by the verdict of the voters on Tuesday.

Make Wide Circuits.
Thomas Falconer spoke at four street meetings and Mayor Dahlman made a circuit which covered a wide area.

F. S. Howell, speaking for the allied candidates, made this statement: "There are two things Dahlman should do: We should either prove his charges against Ed P. Smith and send Smith to the penitentiary, or plead guilty himself and go to the penitentiary himself." Just what Howell believed should happen to Dahlman if he did not do either, would not "look pretty" in print.

This bon mot was presented by L. J. Quinby last night at an Ed P. Smith meeting: "We should have a man for whom we need not apologize. We do not want for mayor a man who has no better qualifications than to vilify his political opponents."

Government is Wasteful.

At the Twenty-fourth and N streets meeting Mr. Smith said: "I want to tell you why I am in this race. All I am and expect to be I owe to Omaha. I have investigated and find that Omaha should be placed on a higher level of efficiency and I am willing to devote three years of my life to that service. The people are paying too much for what they get in."

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Meetings Today

Jim Dahlman's Ticket: Bohemian National hall, Twenty-first and N streets, 2:30 p. m.; Metz hall, Thirtieth and William streets, 3 p. m.; Polish hall, Twenty-sixth and Walnut streets, 4 p. m.; Italian hall, Sixth and Pierce streets, 8:30 p. m. Swedish auditorium, Sixteenth and Chicago streets, Harry B. Zimman and allied candidates, under auspices of Harry B. Zimman for Commissioner club, 2:30 p. m. Volk's hall, Twenty-fourth and Charles streets, 8 p. m. Harry B. Zimman and allied candidates. Edward Simon will speak this afternoon at the Swedish auditorium in behalf of Thomas Falconer. Columbia hall, Twenty-second and Pierce streets, 3 p. m. Frank L. Weaver and allied candidates. J. Dean Ringer will speak tonight at Walnut Hill Methodist church.

19-Year-Old Boys Called For Service in Canada

Ottawa, May 4.—Canada has lowered the age limit for military service registration from 20 to 19 years. A proclamation calling upon all men 19 years of age to enroll will be issued shortly and will provide for registration before June 1, though none of the registrants will be called to the colors before July.

Sergeant Baldwin to Speak Monday

Sergeant Harold Baldwin, late of the Canadian forces and author of the war story "Holding the Line," will tell of his experiences at the Brandeis theater at 8:30 p. m. Monday. Following a trench raid the lecturer lay helpless for a day and a half in a shell hole. When rescued his leg was amputated. The proceeds will go to the Omaha chapter of the Red Cross.



Sergeant Baldwin

POPULAR WAR CREDIT HEAVILY OVERSUBSCRIBED

Official Reports Show Total of \$3,203,655,400; May Be Swollen to Four Billions by Last Minute Pledges.

Washington, May 4.—For the third time within a year the American people have heavily oversubscribed a war credit.

As the third liberty loan was closing tonight the treasury announced the campaign had been an "overwhelming success." Although \$3,000,000,000 was the formal goal, official reports, including only a small proportion of today's avalanche of pledges, showed the total as \$3,203,655,400, and there were indications that the aggregate would be increased to nearly \$4,000,000,000 next week when banks have time to tabulate the multitude of last minute applications. The exact result of the campaign probably will not be known until late in the week.

Honor Roll Grows.

Official estimates placed the number of subscribers at between 12,000,000 and 15,000,000—far above the 10,000,000 of the second loan or 4,500,000 of the first—and some officials expressed belief that the roll of buyers would be even greater. To them this was one of the most encouraging features of the loan.

All twelve federal reserve districts which were the largest campaign units oversubscribed, and a majority of the states made the same record. Delaware doubled its quota.

Bond selling continued actively in many cities up to a late hour tonight and banks stayed open in a final effort to roll up more subscriptions than the \$4,616,000,000 of the second liberty loan last October.

Money Comes From Masses.

Messages reaching Washington tonight indicated, however, that the big subscriptions from corporations and business interests which were features of the last hours of the second campaign were lacking, owing to the imminence of income and excess profits tax paying time in June, when more than \$3,000,000,000 in war levies will have to be paid to the government. The success of the campaign, even without big individual subscriptions, demonstrated that the loan was "popular" and that bonds will be widely distributed among all classes and localities.

The headquarters' review tonight described the final roundup in New York "as probably the most striking feature of the last day's campaign." Within a few hours, \$129,000,000 subscriptions were recorded, sending the city and state of New York over their quotas.

U. S. Loan Breaks Records of All Nations For Number of Subscribers

Washington, May 4.—The third Liberty loan breaks the records of all nations for number of subscribers, with an estimated roll of between 12,000,000 and 15,000,000 bond buyers, but total subscriptions are less than Great Britain's largest war loan, and even of the American second Liberty loan. Figures on leading loans of the principal belligerents were given out today by the treasury as follows: British Victory loan early in 1917, 5 per cent; subscriptions \$5,096,254,320. United States second Liberty loan, 4

GAG RULE INVOKED TO HUSH CRITICISM OF GOVERNMENT

Emperor Directs Premier to Adjourn Parliament and Prevent Resumption of Its Activities; Dr. Von Seydler Admits Food Situation Is Very Serious, But Assures Party Leaders of Final Victory.

(By Associated Press.)

Austria-Hungary supplies some of the most important items of the current news, with a critical economic and political situation officially conceded to be developing at home just as her armies at the front are apparently about to be launched in a new attack on Italy.

The crisis in Vienna is marked by the dismissal of the Austrian parliament by the emperor's order and the declaration that forcible measures would be taken to make a resumption of its sessions impossible.

DESIRES FREE HAND.

A statement issued makes it clear that the government was embarrassed by the divisions in the legislative body over the grave food situation, and the various racial grievances in the Austrian body-politic and desired a free hand in the next few months.

Such drastic action, taken in the face of the unrest throughout Austria-Hungary as the result of the war's privations and the ever-recurring racial differences, will cause the development of the situation in the dual monarchy to be followed with the keenest interest.

ONE-THIRD OF TRAINS TO BE ELIMINATED

Traffic to Pacific Coast to Be Divided Between Four Lines; Travelers Will Have No Choice of Routes.

(By Associated Press.)

Chicago, May 4.—One-third of all the passenger trains between Chicago and the Pacific coast will be eliminated after June 1, according to word received from Washington by railway officials tonight. This step, it was said, would save approximately \$12,000,000 a year and cut off 11,728,000 miles of train haul.

R. H. Ashton, regional director of the western railroads and assistant to W. G. McAdoo, director of railroads, said that such a plan had been under consideration and has been worked out. He added that he had not been officially informed that it was to be put into effect on any certain date.

No Choice of Routes.

Under the revolutionized plan of handling traffic, passengers would no longer have a choice of routes. Traffic to the west coast and intermediate points would be divided between four lines, as follows:

To Los Angeles and junction points by Santa Fe.

To San Francisco and junction points by Union Pacific.

To Seattle and junction points by Chicago, Milwaukee and St. Paul.

To Portland and junction points by Northern Pacific.

The cut in service would take off three through trains from Chicago to Los Angeles, two to San Francisco and three to Seattle and Portland.

More than 40 local trains would be dispensed with also.

It was expected that the Chicago-Kansas City, St. Louis-Kansas City and Chicago-Omaha traffic would be given consideration next week when officials take up reduction of service from the Missouri river to Texas and the southwest.

Food Heads Change May 1 Ruling on Dried Fruits

Washington, May 4.—Contracts for the sale of dried peaches, apples, prunes or raisins from new crop fruits cannot be made before June 1 under a ruling today by the food administration.

The administration originally ruled that dried fruits could be sold by May 1 of the year in which the crop is produced.

The change was made to allow the various interests affected voluntarily to agree upon a reasonable basis on which business could be done, protecting the producers, manufacturers and consumers.

per cent; subscriptions \$4,616,000,000. Eighth German war loan, 4 1/2 per cent and 5 per cent; subscriptions \$3,600,000,000. French war loan of 1915, 5 per cent; subscriptions \$2,261,864,409. Austrian seventh war loan, 5 per cent; subscriptions \$1,150,000,000. Italian fourth war loan, 5 per cent; subscriptions \$1,000,000,000. Hungarian seventh war loan, 6 per cent; subscriptions \$600,000,000. Canadian Victory loan, November, 1917 5 1/2 per cent; subscriptions \$418,000,000.

ADJOURNS PARLIAMENT.

Amsterdam, May 4.—Emperor Charles of Austria has empowered the Austrian premier to adjourn parliament and forthwith inaugurate measures to render impossible the resumption of its activities, a Vienna dispatch says.

A statement published in Vienna indicates that the closure of parliament is due to the seriousness of the food situation. The statement says: "The government will devote its entire strength to the economic problem and will try to create conditions required to enable the population to hold out."

LEADERS CONFER.

A Vienna dispatch says that the Austrian premier, Dr. von Seydler, speaking at a conference of party leaders, declared that the serious economic and food conditions made it imperative for the present government to be spared parliamentary criticism.

He, therefore, demanded that the proposed sittings of parliament be postponed, adding that unless the party leaders took this step the government would prevent the sessions forcibly. He said that the date of which is not given, was held before the emperor acted.

SOUNDS WARNING.

During the discussion of revising the constitution on the basis of national autonomy Premier von Seydler announced that in Bohemia the government would speedily issue regulations providing for the appointment of administrators for districts inhabited by distinct nationalities.

Premier von Seydler sounded a warning against inciting nationalities against each other. He then said:

CLIMAX REACHED.

"Our entire military and political situation has reached a climax. I am firmly convinced the decision on the battlefield will be in favor of Austria and her allies.

"Our economic, especially our food, conditions are very serious, but they are not at all desperate. To hold on now to a final, happy decision is the vital question for the state. It, therefore, is necessary that, unhampered by parliamentary confusion, the government be left in a position to devote all its strength to these tasks."

The premier then recommended the postponement of parliament.

Deep in Difficulties.

Austria has been deep in difficulties, both political and economic, for more than a year, and it has been an open secret that Emperor Charles was desirous of bringing about peace, his efforts in this direction having occasionally aroused criticism in Berlin.

In the last few months there have been insistent reports that the food situation in Austria is growing desperate. It has been represented that, except for the favored classes, the people were receiving barely more than enough food to avert actual starvation.

Fire Alarm Proves Useful Even for Political Purposes

During a meeting of the allied candidates at Fifteenth and Farnam streets last night, while Tom Hollister was speaking, an alarm of fire was turned in from telephone Tyler 300, which is a World-Herald telephone. It happened that a few minutes before the fire apparatus came clattering down the street Hollister had been arranging the mayor and Senator Hitchcock's publication. While the fire apparatus was returning from a real alarm, sent in from the Pavidge block, Eighteenth and Farnam streets, the false alarm was sent in. Chief Salter was piqued when he learned of what had happened. The identity of the comedian who sent in the alarm from Tyler 300 was not disclosed.