



ALLIES WARD OFF HUN BLOWS

GERMANY TAKES FIRMER GRIP ON DUAL MONARCHY

Austria-Hungary to Be Practically German Colony as Result of Agreement Between Rulers; Charles Does Penance for Peace Letters and Promises Wilhelm Not to Offend Again.

(By Associated Press.)

London, May 14.—The meeting of Emperor Charles and Emperor William at German great headquarters has aroused keen speculation which the official account of the conference has done little to satisfy.

There is an inclination, however, to take it for granted that the meeting resulted in giving Germany a firmer grip on Austria-Hungary and the dual monarchy's internal and external policies; in fact, that from now on Austria-Hungary will be little more than a German colony.

BENDS TO KAISER.

Emperor Charles is pictured as doing penance for his peace letters to France and as promising not to offend again. Emperor William and his military advisers are seen as having accepted this promise at its face value, but as taking in the way of security for its fulfillment more active control of Austrian affairs, to save them from anarchy, in the interest of the ruling German minority.

The fact that Germany has taken control of the Bohemian food supplies indicates the Austrian government is not adverse to German interference in its internal affairs.

Old Alliance Strengthened.

Amsterdam, May 14.—Austrian newspapers publish a statement said to have emanated from an authoritative source to the effect that the conference between Emperor William and Emperor Charles at German great headquarters last Sunday was intended to strengthen the old alliance which was concluded as a defensive measure against Russia and to which added weight was given by the developments of the war.

"We were attacked and were obliged to defend ourselves against a world of enemies," says the statement. "Therefore, we must adhere to the defensive alliance and extend and deepen it. This defensive alliance fits well into the alliance of peoples which, as alleged, is the aim of the entente. The alliance of peoples is meant to be protection against future wars. The dual alliance has no aim in view other than protection against future wars."

COMMITTEE ASKS BOARD TO PLACE BAN ON GERMAN

The teachers' committee of the Board of Education at a meeting yesterday afternoon decided to recommend to the board that teaching of German be eliminated from the curriculum of the Omaha public schools next year.

Teaching of German was ordered stopped in the elementary schools last summer and the board probably will decide to extend the order to the high schools following the recommendation of the teachers' committee.

The German class in the Commercial high school was disbanded three weeks ago upon the refusal of the students to study the language. German classes in the Central and South Side high schools have shrunk more than 50 per cent. French and Spanish are being substituted for them.

The Weather

For Nebraska Generally fair Wednesday; cooler in northwest portion; Thursday unsettled and cooler, probably showers.

Temperatures at Omaha Yesterday.

Table with columns for Hour, Deg., and Comparative Local Record. Shows temperatures from 1 p.m. to 8 p.m. and records for 1918, 1917, 1916, 1915, 1914, 1913, 1912, 1911, 1910, 1909, 1908, 1907, 1906, 1905, 1904, 1903, 1902, 1901, 1900.

Reports from Stations at 7 P. M.

Table with columns for Station and State, Temp., High, Rain-fall. Lists weather reports for various locations including Cheyenne, Denver, Des Moines, Dodge City, Grand Island, Hastings, Kearney, Lincoln, Omaha, Rapid City, St. Joseph, Valentine, and Yutan.

WOMAN LEADS SOLDIER HUSBANDS MERRY CHASE; HANDS ONE BACK TO ARMY

Wedded to Omaha Man Now in France, Mrs. Ruth Roberts Gives Up Harvey Zelmer to Federal Authorities, Declaring He Said He Was German-Born, a Spy and Deserter.

Because he yielded to the Vampire Who Lures Boys In Khaki.

Circe-like blandishments of an army vampire, Private Harvey Zelmer, formerly of Fort Omaha, is now serving a sentence at the military prison at Ft. Leavenworth, having been found guilty by court-martial of desertion. The woman he married, Mrs. Ruth Roberts, turned him over to the federal authorities at Ogden, Utah, as a deserter and a German spy.

DIVORCED BY AGED MAN.

Mrs. Roberts has had a strange matrimonial career. She came to this state some years ago from Massachusetts, and, according to the story she told at Ogden, she was married to an old man in Omaha, shortly after her arrival here. She said that she was in poor health and one day her aged husband said to her: "I am tired of this; you are not so much of a wife as you are a patient," and he procured a divorce.

HUSBAND IN FRANCE.

Shortly afterwards she met Frank Roberts, a tailor who had been employed by Dresher Bros. for some years, and she married him. Roberts was one of the first men in Omaha to be drawn in the draft. He went to Camp Funston, leaving his wife here, and he is now somewhere in France. It is alleged that while he was at Funston, Mrs. Roberts met a farmer living near Red Oak, Ia., named Haas. He was a widower with two children and she represented that she was procuring a divorce and would marry him when it was obtained. It is alleged that under these representations she procured \$400 from him.

Married to Zelmer.

About this time she met Zelmer and they were married. The couple went to Council Bluffs and were wedded by the same pastor who had performed the ceremony making her Mrs. Roberts.

Zelmer deserted from Fort Omaha, taking with him the woman who already had a soldier husband in France, from whom she was receiving allotments. They went to San Antonio, Tex., thence to Salt Lake, where she left him, going to Ogden, where her rightful husband's sister, Mrs. Roth, lived.

Zelmer followed her there and, tired of him, and hearing that a reward was offered for his capture, she informed the federal authorities of his whereabouts and also gave information that he had confided to her he was a German born and a spy in the American army.

The woman was held by the police for the federal authorities, but in compensation for the service she had rendered in informing on Zelmer she was released and shortly afterward entered a hospital at Ogden.

Once Made Threats.

She told the federal authorities that Zelmer forced her to marry him and that once he caught her and told her that if she did not love him he would fix her so that she could love no other man and tried to compel her to swallow poison which he held to her lips, and which burned her mouth and left a scar.

LANDON HEADS AIR PRODUCTION FOR U. S. FLIERS

Washington, May 14.—Archer A. Landon of Buffalo was today appointed director of the division of production of the aircraft board.

Mr. Landon has been vice president of the American Radiator company. "It is felt that Mr. Landon's wide experience and great ability will materially advance the production of aircraft," said an announcement by John D. Ryan, director of aircraft production.

51,600 MORE MEN CALLED TO ARMY CAMPS IN MAY

Swells Total Number Summoned This Month to 366,600; New Quota to Come From 24 States.

(By Associated Press.)

Washington, May 14.—Twenty-four states and the District of Columbia were called upon tonight by Provost Marshal General Crowder to furnish for the national army 51,600 more men qualified for general military service.

Movement of drafted men to the camps under this call is to extend over two periods, from May 20 to 24 and from May 29 to June 2. These dates were fixed because during the five days beginning May 25 approximately 233,000 men called for recently will be moving to the camps.

Hasten Men to France.

Tonight's call marks further development of the government's plans for hastening men to France and replacing them as rapidly as they vacate the training centers. In all 284,600 draftees will be journeying from their homes to military camps between May 20 and June 2. Including numerous calls for technical and specially qualified men, the total number summoned during May is 366,600, nearly half of the 800,000 expected to be called this year.

Neither Nebraska or Iowa is mentioned in the draft call.

AMERICAN FRONT LINES ARE SWEEPED BY MACHINE GUNS

With the American Army in France, May 14.—An American patrol in Picardy met and routed a German patrol of 20 men last night.

In this part of the front the Germans are using searchlights and trench mortars occasionally, although the artillery fire is under normal. The American front lines are swept by enemy machine guns, but there have been no casualties.

There is considerable activity back of the German lines.

The Toul sector, where American troops are stationed, has been exceedingly quiet during the last 24 hours. The artillery fire has been at a minimum and there is little aerial activity until late in the day.

Wants Congress to Call Creel Upon the Carpet

Washington, May 14.—Representative Treadway of Massachusetts introduced a resolution today instructing the rules committee to investigate statements reflecting upon congress alleged to have been made by George Creel, chairman of the committee on information, in a speech at New York. It was referred to the rules committee.

BROWNS CAPTURE CAMP CODY

Nebraskans Take Part in Battle Where Defenders Are Outnumbered.

FOLD WINGS LIKE JACKKNIFE

Camp Cody, N. M., May 14.—(Special Telegram.)—Outmaneuvering the "defenders and theoretically folding back their right and left wings like a jack-knife, the Brown army, composed of the 67th brigade, 133d and 134th infantry and 126th machine gun battalion, General Hubert A. Allen of Cedar Rapids, Ia., commanding "captured" Camp Cody from the White army, the brigade, commanded by Colonel Earl D. Luce of Minneapolis, but without firing a shot, and returned today to former sections in the big camp, after a week's hike along the Mexican border, near Columbus. The defenders had been silver on imaginary railroad trains from Silver City and met the attackers at the polo field southwest of Deming, where they figuratively acknowledged they were beaten for the present and then fraternized with the visitors on strategic points. The Browns were commanded by Colonel W. E. Bartley, Iowa, and H. J. Paul, Nebraska. Major J. Lund headed the machine gun outfit, Major Higbee and Colonel W. T. McMillan commanded the 135th and 136th Minnesota regiments and Major H. C. Bates the South Dakotans in the 127th machine gun battalion. Lieutenant Colonel A. H. Hollingsworth, Nebraska, was provost marshal during the hike, and Colonel N. P. Hyatt, Iowa, was in command of the trains. Monday probably will be the day for the hike of the Minnesotans and South Dakotans to the border at Camp Furlong. The men of the other brigade came stepping into camp like fighting cocks, even under full equipment and a hot sun.

TEUTONS TAKEN BY SURPRISE IN RAID AT OSTEND



MRS. RUTH ROBERTS.

No Shots Fired From Shore Until Motor Boats Blow Up Piers; Vindictive Sunk Under Heavy Fire.

(By Associated Press.)

London, May 14.—The admiralty has issued a graphic story of the Ostend operation in which the old cruiser Vindictive was sunk in the channel to bottle up the German submarines in that harbor.

"Four minutes before the Vindictive arrived and fifteen minutes only before she was due at the harbor mouth," the account says, "the signal for the guns to open was given. Two motorboats under command of Lieutenant Albert L. Poland dashed in towards the ends of the high wooden piers and torpedoed them. There was a machine gun on the end of the western pier and that vanished in a roar and leap of flames.

"Over the town a flame suddenly appeared high in the air and sank slowly earthwards—the signal that the airplanes had seen and understood. Almost coincidentally with their first boats came the first shells, whooping up from the monitors at sea. The surprise part of the attack was sprung. The surprise, despite the Germans' watchfulness, seems to have been complete. Up until the moment when the torpedoes of the motor boats exploded there had not

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Mrs. A. M. Jenkins Killed By C. B. Liver Auto Yesterday

Mrs. A. M. Jenkins, 1312 Sherman avenue, was killed by an automobile driven by C. B. Liver, 1510 Capitol avenue, at Sixteenth and Davenport streets, about 5 o'clock yesterday afternoon. She was taken to St. Joseph's hospital by Police Surgeon Romonek who attended her, but the shock received soon proved fatal. Liver was arrested and released later on bonds.

Mrs. Jenkins was 68 years old.

Two Fugitive Convicts Caught Near Greenwood

Lincoln, Neb., May 14.—Peter Green and Thomas Suppa, convicts, who escaped from Nebraska state penitentiary here early Monday morning, were captured tonight near Greenwood, Neb., by Deputy Sheriff George Roth of Lancaster county. The men, who were both trustees, were sentenced from Douglas county, on charges of assault.

Graft Case Defendant Indicted in Iowa for Stealing Watermelon

Chicago, May 14.—Indictment is not a new experience for Francis A. Becker, former republican state committeeman, who testified today in his own defense in the graft trial that he had received "contributions" in his ward for political purposes. He said he was born in Iowa and was graduated from Notre Dame university. Under examination by the prosecution he admitted he had once before been indicted in 1885 in Iowa "for stealing a watermelon."

FREEDOM OF WORLD AIM OF POLAND

Prince Poniatowski and Countrymen Cheered by Thousands at Omaha's Big Reception.

Freedom of Poland was the keynote of addresses last night by members of the Franco-Polish mission to an audience of more than 3,000 people at the Auditorium. Enthusiastic acclaim greeted forecasts of the coming restoration of that once great nation to its former dignity and power.

TO REPAY AMERICA.

Lieutenant Prince Poniatowski thanked the city administration for the honor it had bestowed upon the flag of Poland by flying it on the same mast with the Stars and Stripes.

"And when we have won the victory," he said, "we will repay the compliment in Warsaw by placing the American flag with that of our dear Poland."

Fight All Germans.

"It is not the kaiser alone we are fighting, but the whole German people, one by one. It is not German autocracy which perpetuates the awfulness and frightfulness, but German brutality in the common soldier. There is no way I can express their unspeakable depravity but by saying that if we should turn hell upside down we would find 'made in Germany' on the bottom of it.

"Every man in the allied armies is fighting for Polish freedom and you Poles in America must help them. The Germans will not get through. The French will hold; the British will hold, and the Americans are coming. If they fight as I have seen those who are already there fight, not one boche will get through."

Talk in Polish Tongue.

Major Joseph Koslowski and Captain Paul Kleczkowski, addressing the crowd in Polish, urged all Polish young men who were unable, through lack of citizenship or some technicality to fight for Uncle Sam to enlist in the army of Poland. The innovation of the evening was the splendid vocal rendition of the French national air by Captain Kleczkowski. He was given a great ovation at the close of the number.

Resolutions commending President Wilson for his stand in championing the cause of Polish freedom were passed and a copy of them sent to Washington. Resolutions were introduced by Clement Chase and signed by John L. Kennedy, H. H. Baldridge, Father Gluba, Father Kalamaja, Thomas Koziol, Frank Madura and Clement Chase.

Lieutenant Governor Howard, on behalf of the state, welcomed the visitors.

Mayor Smith, in a short address, was the recipient of applause when he said that America's sword would never be sheathed until Belgium had been restored, the flag of Poland honored, and the Stars and Stripes planted in Germany with the boys in khaki playing the Star Spangled Banner.

Rev. Theobald Kalamaja, in urging Omaha boys to come to the colors, stated that there were thousands of their young men who for technical reasons could not serve America and who are anxious to do their share in this great war and to help realize the hopes of Poland.

The choir from the Immaculate Conception church sang several numbers in both English and Polish.

TEUTON THRUSTS REPULSED WITH SEVERE LOSSES

Australians Quickly Recapture Position Near Morlencourt Penetrated By Enemy; Germans Hard Pressed By French After Gaining Footing On Hill 44; Heavy Artillery Duels Raging.

(By Associated Press.)

While the Germans continue to reconstitute with fresh elements their units shattered by the allies during the recent big offensive they are keeping up intense bombardment against the British and French positions on various sectors of Flanders and Picardy.

They also have become embroiled with the French in heavy artillery duels in Champagne and in the Vosges mountains.

HURL HUNS BACK.

Nowhere on any part of the line from the North Sea to the Swiss frontier has there been an infantry engagement of great importance. Near Morlencourt, which lies to the south of Albert, the Germans delivered an attack against the British on a front of nearly a mile and at one point penetrated a British position. The Australians in a counter attack almost immediately recaptured the ground and the enemy suffered heavy losses and was repulsed on the other parts of the front.

HILL 44 HOTLY CONTESTED.

A similar operation was attempted against the French on Hill 44, the scene of many previous bloody encounters in the Kessel sector. Unofficial accounts say the enemy gained a foothold on the rugged slopes, but that the French were pressing them hard, while Field Marshal Haig, in his latest communication, asserts that an attack north of Kemmel (which might include Hill 44), was repulsed. North of Robecq, in Flanders, the British took the initiative into their own hands, and in an attack inflicted casualties on the enemy and captured prisoners. On the Amiens sector the French carried out a similar maneuver with like results. Wherever the Germans escape a chance, except near Morlencourt and Hill 44, they met with almost instant repulse at the hands of the allies.

Preparing to Resume Drive.

Although the Germans everywhere are remaining in comparative quiet except for their artillery work, it is realized behind the allied lines that this state of affairs will not last long, for the enemy is known to be preparing methodically for a resumption of hostilities. The strengthening of the line is being made from front to rear, and in reconstituting regiments that were shot to pieces by the allied guns during the big drive the Germans are bringing up men who have had no part in the great struggle.

When the blow is to be delivered apparently is beyond the realm even of surmise, but it is highly probable that it will not come until the enemy is fully prepared in every way to give mighty battle to gain his objective—the separating of the British and French armies and the opening of a fairway to the channel ports.

Italians Retain Monte Corneo.

In the Italian theater considerable fighting continues around Monte Corneo, which commands the approach to the valley leading from Trent to Rovereto. Here the Austrians have renewed their attacks to regain the ground captured by General Diaz's forces last week, but the Italians have successfully warded off every blow. Attempts by the invaders to retake positions on several other sectors of the front also met with repulse.

The British weekly casualty report, issued Tuesday, gives further proof of the sanguinary character of the fighting that has been going on since March 21. The latest list aggregates 46,612 of which number 501 officers and 5,065 men were killed or died of wounds. The report of last week showed 40,004 casualties and that of the previous week 38,691, or a total for the three weeks of 120,307 men killed, wounded or missing.

BUSINESS MEN OF OMAHA'S HOME GUARD OUT FOR DRILL

Prominent Merchants and Professional Men on Dundee School Field Go Through Military Evolutions Just Like Sure Enough Soldiers; More Companies To Be Formed.

Citizens: Take off your hats to Omaha's Home Guard—150 strong, comprising a staunch body of the city's most efficient business men, fully alive to the patriotic needs of the hour.

Under the captainship of A. G. Elick, chosen unanimously, the Home Guard soon will become paramount in military courtesy, and will even don natt uniforms and shoulder guns in defense of their principles at home, if need be.

Following the organization of the Home Guard recently, one company of picked men has volunteered to spend two evenings each week in drill on the playgrounds of the Dundee school. H. W. Pierpont was elected first lieutenant, Lawrence Brinker, second lieutenant.

Drill is in charge of Lieutenant Boughton and First Sergeants Gray and Steiner, all of Fort Crook.

Many prominent business men have joined the Home Guard and it is hoped before several weeks a Home Guard regiment may be formed.

L. V. Nicholas, president of the Nicholas Oil company, learned the art of "hand-salute" so well his companions grew envious.

Clarke Powell took well to the "Squads, right-march" maneuver, but lost the rubber heel of his left shoe in an effort to counteract the movement when he thought he was in the way of Banker W. E. Rhoades. "Bill" Helen, "Jim" Richardson, W. H. Taylor, Joseph Barker, George McIntyre, Benjamin Warren, Harley G. Moorhead and Ed Creighton divided honors for the most efficient squad, and solicited the undivided attention of the others while they demonstrated various squad movements.

More interest was taken in the command; "at rest" than in any other.

MILITARY LAW IMPOSED UPON AUSTRIAN CITY

London, May 14.—A state of siege has been declared at Smichov, a suburb of Prague, Bohemia, and the troops there have been sent away, an Exchange Telegraph dispatch from Amsterdam reports.

One hundred and fifty women are said to have been arrested on account of demonstrations. The burgomaster has resigned.

The ferment is extending through Bohemia, according to the dispatch. Trouble broke out Sunday when several hundred women assembled outside the residence of the burgomaster of Smichov and began smashing windows. Nineteen of the demonstrators were arrested and taken to Prague, whereupon 150 women marched to the city and demanded the release of the prisoners. They were immediately arrested and sent to prison for 14 days without trial.

Barge Canal Open.

Albany, N. Y., May 14.—The new state barge canal, completed at a cost of more than \$150,000,000, will be opened to through traffic between the Hudson river and the Great Lakes tomorrow.