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THE WEATHER

TORNADO CLAIMS 12 LIVES

ARE RAZED

Fury of Storm Strikes North of Bloomfield: Twenty-five Hurt, Some Dangerously: Damage in Thousands.

Bloomfield, Neb., May 19 .- (Special Telegram.)-Twelve persons killed, mostly children, and 25 injured, some dangerously, is the human toll of the tornado that swept this portion of Nebraska last night.

The dead: MRS. HERMAN HAGGES and

one child,
MR, and MRS. AUGUST FREDRICKSON and two children. Five children at the Spinner place. One child at the Pieper farm. Seriously injured: John S. Chmeckpeper.

ONE CHILD SURVIVES.

Mrs. August Frederickson and one old died Sunday afternoon. One child 7 years old is the only survivor of the family. Every bulding on the farm was completely demolished. Five Spinner children were in-

stantly killed and their father's legs so badly mangled that it was necessary to amputate them. Both legs were broken in several places and a scantling driven through one leg. FARM HOUSES RAZED.

Details are yet meager, due to the conditions of wires, but enough has leaked through to show that the storm left scores of demolished homes. barns and other buildings in its wake, and that the loss in live stock killed by falling buildings and timbers soared into many thousands of dol-It is feared later details will swell the death list. G. H. Liddell of Bloomfield re-

cords some of the damage to property in the vicinity as follows: Fisher farm, south of Bloomfield. Barn demolished and 20 head of cat-

tle and horses killed.

Injured by Flying Timber.

John Schmeckpeper's residence and large barn were wrecked, as well as a number of other buildings in the neighborhood. Mr. Schmeckpeper, in fleeing to a cave, was injured in the head and back by flying timbers and is in a dangerous condition.

At the Herman Luellemann farm the barn was wrecked and 60 head of hogs and othel live stock were killed. William Milligan's residence, was blown across the road and wrecked. Rudolph Koll's residence was demolished and several head of live

stock killed. All buildings on the Southwick

place were wrecked. Woman and Child Killed.

Mrs. Herman Hagges and one child were killed in the destruction of the

residence of Herman Hagges. The buildings of Barney Juedden were destroyed.

The Pieper place was demolished and one member of the family (name not given) killed.

The tornado was accompanied by hail and heavy rains.

Second Tornado in Iowa

Davenport, Ia., May 19.-Two persons were killed and two injured, one seriously, tonight in the second tornado within 10 days to strike the farming district five miles north of

The twister uprooted a large tree and hurled it across an automobile, dealing death to Bernard M. Hofsrud, manager of the National Biscuit company's branch here, and his son, Roy, and injuries to Mrs. Hofsrud and her 8-year-old daughter.

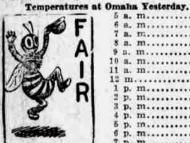
The storm tore down trees and outbuildings and followed nearly the same path the recent tornado which club and the caused one death and injury of 21 persons at Eldridge, Ia.

Turks Resume Activities

Against Jews in Palestine The Hague, May 19.- Reports of a fresh outbreak of Turkish atrocities on the Jews in Palestine have received official confirmation, according to the Jewish correspondence bureau.

The Weather

For Nebraska-Generally fair Monday; Tuesday probably showers; no decided change in temperature.



4 p. m..... 6 p. m..... 6 p. m.... Compartive Local Record.

1918, 1917, 1916, 1915.

Highest yesterday ... 77 84 58 45

Lowest yesterday ... 70 62 50 39

Mean temperature ... 74 73 54 42

Precipitation ... 18 00 .12 54

Temperature and precipitation departures from the normal:

BUILDINGS ISLAND OF BJORKO LESS BREAD RED CROSS ORATORS IN GULF OF FINLAND FOR PEOPLE SEIZED BY GERMANS OF GERMANY

Purpose to Occupy Russian Capital Indicated by Operations Northwest of City; Baku Scene of Bloody Battle: British Capture Position of Strategic Value on Amiens Sector.

(By Associated Press.)

Although the Germans in Flanders and Picardy are keeping up incessantly their preparations for a resumption of their spring drive, there is as yet no indication that an attack on a large scale is immediately imminent.

on various sectors and here and there small bands of infantry leave their trenches in raids or small attacks with the object of capturing pieces of terrain which may be of strategic value when the big fight begins.

POSITION CAPTURED.

has been successfully carried out by the British in the capture of the village of Ville-Sur-Ancre, on the child were instantly killed. Mr. Amiens sector. Not only was the Frederickson and a baby 7 months position taken, but with it 360 prisoners and 20 machine guns. Field Marshal Haig's casualties were slight. In raiding operations northwest of Albert and near Hamel, the British also were enabled to take additional prisoners and machine guns. That the Germans have the cap-

ture of Petrograd in prospect seems evident from their latest operations in the Gulf of Finland. Here they have taken the Island of Bjorko, which lies only 30 miles northwest of the Russian capital.

2,000 Killed in Baku Battle.

were killed and 3,000 wounded, while cessful encounters. in Persia the Turks have occupied The operations in Persia may indicate that it is the purpose of the Ottoman forces to harass the British line of communication along the Tigris river. Advices from Amsterdam say that 14 persons were killed and a large number injured in the bombardment carried out by allied aviators on

German East Africa

Cologne last Saturday.

Forces Suffer Defeat

flicted heavy losses on the Germans. it is officially announced.

The engagement began when a small body of British African riflemen surprised an important German camp and set the huts on fire,

Americans in Canada on

Toronto, May 19 .-- Americans and other foreigners more than 18 years succeeded in returning safely to his old residing or traveling in Canada on and after June 22 must register with the Canadian authorities, the Peters attacked a two-seated machine Canada registration board announced Kills Two at Davenport today. Draft or other registration Mihiel. cards will not absolve Americans scended, apparently faling in a nose from the provisions of the new order, dive." it was said.

Two Men in Kansas City

killed D. J. Hargreaves, a grocer of northwest of Toul.
Chanute, Kan., and wounded danger- Immediately under the pilot's seat,

Meanwhile the big guns continue to roar in mighty duels

The latest of these small affairs TWO HUN RAIDS where a bit of ground was required, ON AMERICANS ARE REPULSED

> Pershing Reports Feat of Rickenbacker in Downing Hostile Plane and Returning to Lines.

Washington, May 19.-General Pershing's communique issued to-Dispatches from Russia show that night by the War department anagain that there is considerable nounces the repulse of enemy raids activity in trans-Caucasia and in Per- last night in Picardy and in Lorsia. At Baku, on the western shore raine and the repulse of another toof the Caspian sea in trans-Caucasia, day in the Lorraine sector. In the the Musselmans and bolsheviki have Wouvre, it says, there has been confought a battle in which, according tinuous aerial activity and American to Moscow newspapers, 2,000 persons planes have engaged in several suc-

Air fights of Lieutenant Rickenseveral towns south of Lake Urmia. backer, Captain Peterson and Lieu-Chambers, previously detenant scribed in press dispatches, are recorded in the communique.

Pershing's Statement.

The official statement follows: "In Picardy and in Lorraine hostile raids were repulsed with loss to the enemy in killed and wounded. In the Wouvre there was continuous aerial activity, our planes engaging suc-

cessfully in several encounters. "Early this morning in the Lorraine section a strong enemy patrol London, May 19.-British troops of 20 to 25 men attempted a raid on campaigning against the German one of our advanced posts. The raid East Africa forces have won another was a complete failure and the enemy success, after heavy fighting, and in- in retreating left one of their number

dead in our trench.

Feat of Rickenbacker. "Last evening north of Toul, Lieutenant Rickenbacker, flying at 5,000 meters, was pursuing an Albatrosse type plane when a second machine came between them. Lieutenant Rickenbacker struck the tail of the second machine, taking it off and ap-June 22 Must Register parently forcing the hostile plane down out of control. Although his own machine was badly damaged, he

own lines. "At about the same time, Captain signalled to him in the vicinity of St. The enemy machine de-

Tribute to Captain Hall.

With the American Army in France, Friday, May 19.-The air-Clubrooms Shot by Bandits plane driven by Captain James Norman Hall, which fell when Captain Kansas City, May 19 .- Two men Hall was flying within the German who attempted to hold up the Theat- lines a few days ago, bore the numrical Mechanics' association club ber "17." Now a new "No. 17" has rooms here early today, shot and appeared on the American front

ously James Blake, manager of the club. About thirty men were in the club. About thirty men were in the club and the robbers took money from Several.

Ansterdam, any 10.—The beginning the plant. The country of the cargo of bar-level ship Cole, with a cargo of bar-level

American Embargo on Foodstuffs to European Neutrals Cuts Into the Supplies Going to Germans.

(By Associated Press.)

Washington, May 19.-Further re duction in food rations have been ordered it. Germany, dispatches received today by the food administration said, Bread allowances have been cut from eight to five ounces a day and meat from seven to five ounces a week. American embargoes on foodstuffs

to the European neutrals have had an effect on Germany's meat supply. Soldiers on Short Rations.

With the British Army in France. May 19.-The German soldiers have been put on reduced bread rations. They were promised that the offensive which began March 21 would bring them into a country yielding additional quantities of food. The capture of some British canteens and transport wagons containing supplies tended to confirm this promise and whetted the appetites of the men for a square

The meager spoils of the first drive, however, were speedily axhausted and since then the troops have had to subsist on what rations could be brought through the British barrage. On the whole they have not been starved, but there is great discontent owing to the failure to improve their

During March the bread allowance was reduced from 1,500 to 1,400 grammes for each man, making the daily ration half a loaf of only 700 instead of 750 grammes. Despite repeated protests this has not been increased. The men have been told they 'must economise.'

Crisis in France Passed.

Paris, May 19.-Victor Boret, French food minister, was asked today by the Associated Press what effect the first three meatless days terminating vesterday had upon the situation in France. He replied: "It means that our and your brave boys at the front henceforth will re- ter. Mrs. Frank Ellick, assistant chairman. ceive all the meat necessary to

strengthen them for the arduous task of beating the Germans. "The threatening crisis has been safely passed. The savings in meat in the last three days will enable me to breathe easier and to feel sure that

for nothing.' Petrograd Without Bread.

the fighting men at the front will want

Moscow, May 19.-The food situation in Petrograd and other large cities of Russia is constantly growing The bread ration in Petrograd,

which had been one-tighth of a pound weekly, now is totally exhausted. Other products are scarce. Conditions in the country gen-

erally do not promise an improve-

GRACE LUSK WILL TELL RELATIONS WITH DR. ROBERTS

Waukesha, Wis., May 19.-Grace Lusk's fate rests on the story she will tell from the witness stand probably late this week at her trial for slaying Mrs. Mary Newman Roberts, attorneys in the case admitted tonight. "She will reveal every detail of her relations with Dr. David Roberts which led up to the tragedy" persons close to the woman who has been accused of having pursued him, declare, At the opening of court tomorrow morning Dr. Roberts will resume the witness stand to face cross examina-

Relief Ship Wrecked.

Amsterdam, May 18 .- The Belgian

FOUR AIRPLANES POWDER BLAST VICTIMS BLOWN TO FRAGMENTS

Known Dead as Result of Oak- Attack Made on Large Scale land Explosion, 56; Injured, 94; Missing, 31; Fumes Impede Search.

me nare known to be dead; 94 in- planes were brought down in an air jured and in hospitals and 31 em- raid last night over eastern England, ployes of the Aetna Chemical com- says an official communication just pany are missing as a result of the issued. nine explosions yesterday that wrecked this company's explosive manufacturing plant at Oakdale, 16 miles from this city.

today men were extinguishing fires been brought down. in the debris and bringing out remnants of human bodies. In most cases there was nothing to indicate ber of bombs were dropped. the identity of the victim.

All day a blue-brown smoke continued to hang over the ruins, impeding the work of the searchers. Its deadly fumes are feared by the residents. Thousands of persons streamed

to view the gruesome finds from the ruins. The country is desolate for sev-

RAIDING LONDON **BROUGHT DOWN**

and Many Bombs Dropped; No Details of Casualties Yet Available.

Pittsburgh, Pa., May 19.-Fifty-six | London, May 20.-Four enemy air-

The communications says:

"Reports show that four of the enemy airplanes which raided London Throughout the night and all day and the southeast last night have "The raid appears to have been on

a large scale. A considerable num-"No details of casualties or damage are yet available."

Six Burned to Death.

Silver City, N. M., May 19 .- Five children of as Pinson, a ranchinto the temporary morgue all day man living five miles east of here were burned to death late last night in a fire which destroyed the Pinson home. Of six children alone in the is believed to have caused the fire.

> "A Minstrel in France" Tells His Personal Experiences on the Western Fighting Front.

Harry Lauder in the War Zone -:-

In Australia When War Breaks. landed in Sydney. Soon I went to cheers and tears, and everywhere we made new friends, and sometimes found old ones of whom we had not

heard for years. And I was thinking all the time, now, of my boy. He was on his way. He was on the Pacific. He was coming to me, across the ocean, and I could smile as I thought of how this the papers so carefully as we might thing and that would strike him, and would come into his eyes at the sudden sighting of some beautiful spot. Oh, aye-those were happy days from the normal:

On, aye—those were nappy days in Australia they were far from when each one brought my boy near-danger; that they were far from

and death and bitter sorrow, that we Need we fash ourselves about him?

And so we read, and were sorry, work. Everywhere my audiences a little, for the puir lady who sat beshowed me that that great and won- side the Archduke and was killed with John derful reception that had been given to me on the day we landed had been only an earnest of what vas to come. They greeted me everywhere with so many hundred miles nearer to me. I'm on ave from the summer train-And at last he came. We were in ing came now to make this trip." Melbourne then, it was near to the end of July.

We had much to talk about-son. and his mother and I. It was long months since we had seen him, and we had seen and done much. time flew by. Maybe we did not read have done. They tell me, they have of the smile that would light up his told me, since then, that in Europe face now and the look of joy that and even in America, there was some warning after Austria moved on Serbia. But I believe that down there in Australia they did not dream of

mind it now! but then we read, and real war. Germany had attacked extras. And we were still at lunch his chum went down together and he wondered how that outlandist name France and Russia. She was moving when the hall porter came in from It was the 29th day of March, in might be pronounced. A foreigner troops through Belgium. And every that year of 1914 that dawned in was murdered—what if he was a Briton knew what that must mean. peace and happiness and set in blood prince, the Archduke of Austria? Would Britain be drawn in? There troops through Belgium. And every and over. John beckoned to him, was the question that was on every and he handed my laddie a cableman's tongue. "What do you think?" I asked

> My boy, two years before, had joined the Cerritorial army. He was of his were seeing distant things. My a second lieutenant in a Territorial heart was sore within me, but I was

> land Highlanders. It was much as if he had been at officer in a National Guard regiment in the United States. asked me, when I had read the order. The territorial army was not bound that it would, and gladly. As it did er was very pale. -to a man, to a man.

But it was a shock to me when John said that. I had not thought that war, even if it came, could come home to us so close-and so soon.

outside.

Just two words there were, that had come singing along the half way around the world.

"Leftenant Lauder!" he called, over

"Mobilize. Return." John's eyes were bright. They were shining. He was looking at us, but he was not seeing us. Those eyes battalion of the Argyle and Suther- proud and happy that it was such a son I had to give my country.

I think I was gruff because I dared to serve abroad-but who could doubt not let him see how I felt. His moth-

"This is no time for thinking, son, I said. "It is the time for action, You know your duty." He rose from the table, quickly,

"I'm off!" he said.

came back smiling triumphantly. "It's all right, Dad," he told me. "I go to Adelaide by train and get

the steamer there. I'll have time to

see you and mother off-your steamer goes two hours before my train." We were going to New Zealand And my boy was going home to fight for his ocuntry. They would call me too old, I knew-I was 44 the day Britain declared war.

What a turmoil there was about us!

So fast were things moving that there seemed no time for thought. John's mother and I could not realize the full meaning of all that was happening. But we knew that John was snatched away from us just after he had come and it was hard-it was cruelly hard But thoughts were drowned in the great, surging excitement that was all about us. In Melbourne, and I believe it must have been much the same elsewhere in Australia, folks didn't know what they were to do. how they were to take this war that had come so suddenly upon them.

STIR 50,000 PEOPLE IN PARK AND CHURCH Omaha Red-Blooded Leaders BAND CONCERTS In New Red Cross Uniform **WAR FUND DRIVE**

Message From No Man's Land Heard in Open Air: Proclaimed in Pulpits on Eve of Campaign.

By EUGENE TRAVIS. Fifty thousand men, women and children heard the call from No Man's land yesterday -a message from "over there," proclaimed in Omaha parks and sounded from Omaha pulpits.

It was the occasion of Greater Omaha's greatest Red Cross celebration-a glorious preliminary to the drive for \$200,000 that formally will be launched in Douglas county early today as a part of a second national campaign for \$100,000,000 under the auspices of America's official mercy organization.

The day was ideal for this spontaneous demonstration of Omaha patriotism and the outburst of Douglas county's war spirit. Early morning showers laid the dust, cooled the atmosphere and sent spring buds shooting forth with renewed vigor.

Right, Mrs. Frank. W. Carmichael, chairman Red Cross Beautiful Park Scenes. Thousands were attracted to half a dozen public parks for the real heralding of a fast approaching summer. Trees and shrubery were in luxuriant development and the perfume of flowers was wafted on the public workshop; left, Mrs. Lee Huff, assistant chairman; cenwestern zephyrs. A kingdom of birds

came out upon dress parade. Bands broke forth in the afternoons with strains of martial music and again a patriotic people arose to pay homage to the stirring tune of

Young women and children lent their voices toward sounding the tocsin of liberty and participated in patriotic exercises in the parks.

Omaha business men strode into bandstands and delivered the message of the American soldier in France-"stand behind us!" A dozen or more reiterated the importance of this second Red Cross call upon city and country.

In Omaha Churches.

"In the Cross of Calvary we see Justice and Mercy meeting," was the burning message of Rev. J. M. Wilson, in the North Presbyterian church. In the morning there was a special Red Cross service at the Hanscom Park Methodist church. In churches throughout the length

and breadth of Greater Omaha patriotic fervor commingled with religious Pastors joined in the movement to

make the Red Cross drive this week the momentous success it is certain to be. Their sermons reflected the sentiment of loyalty in war and touched upon President Wilson's declaration of "the discovery of new opportunities of helpfulness under conditions which translate oppor-tunity into duty." They told of tunity into duty." France, the land that has suffered most from Prussian barbarity.

On the Job in Omaha. Early today 2,000 workers, young and old, were ready to blaze new trails and tread again beaten paths in another

campaign that has for its sole object the alleviation of pain upon the battlefield, the comfort of "our boys" as they fight for world democarcy. An intensive campaign of one week to obtain funds necessary for the maintenance and expansion of a great system of relief work overseas and at These 2,000 forces in Omaha and

Douglas county are only a part of a vast army of 20,000,000 of Red Cross workers in the nation who, today, will set in motion a human machine that operates as a bulwark of courage (Continued on Page Two, Column One.)

Texas Flyer Seriously Hurt In Airplane Crash in Texas

Hempstead, Tex., May 19.—Ser-geant Richards of Weatherford, Tex., was seriously injured when a practice plane from Ellington field, which was piloted by Lieutenant E. D. Jones, caught in a side swing and crashed to the ground from a heighth of 150 feet at Hempstead today. Jones escaped with minor bruises. The machine was virtually demolished.

Flyer Injured in Kentucky. Fulton, Ky., May 19 .- Lieutenant Joseph Dawson of Park Field, near Memphis Tenn., was severely injured here late today when he fell 1,500 feet