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STORMS HIT CENTRAL IOWA

GERMAN LINES BENT BACK AT 4 POINTS

Germans Show But Little of Habitual Fighting Spirit Under Vigorous Blows by Allied Armies. Striking viciously at the enemy at various points along the western battle front...

With the knowledge that the passing of each day brings new American legions to help crush the next German offensive the allies are finding satisfaction in the fact that the Germans have as yet been unable to launch a new blow in the struggle which Berlin had expected to be the decisive one of the war.

Capture Strategic Ground. The attack by the French near Loere, on the northern side of the Lys salient, and of the Australians before Amiens appear to have been more successful than was at first understood.

American Artillery Active. On the American front there has been the usual lively exchange of artillery fire, but no infantry fighting. The same is true of the situation in the Italian theater.

The Weather. For Nebraska--Generally fair Wednesday and Thursday, cooler in southeast portion Wednesday, warmer Thursday.

Table with weather data for various stations including Omaha, Des Moines, and Lincoln. Columns include station name, date, and weather conditions.

MAIL PILOTS BATTLE WITH WIND AND RAIN

Washington, May 21.--Airplane mail pilots today had their first battles against storms. Soon after leaving Belmont field, Long Island, Lieutenant Bonsal ran into an electrical disturbance, wind and rain and was forced to return, the mail being forwarded by train.

OMAHA REACHES \$50,000 IN GREAT RED CROSS DRIVE

Nebraska Reports Half Million Dollars in Hand, While Many Counties Are Giving Over Quota.

Omaha and Nebraska are continuing the liberality shown in former drives for war funds in the second Red Cross campaign. No fear is felt by the directors but that the quota assigned will be over-subscribed.

State Has Half Million Cash. F. W. Judson, state director of the Red Cross, at a late hour said it was impossible to give actual figures on the amount of money pledged in the state to the Second Red Cross drive.

Everett Buckingham, chairman of the Red Cross war fund committee for Omaha, late Tuesday night announced a list of the larger contributions of Omaha firms and individuals. "These contributions are only samples of what are yet to come," said Mr. Buckingham.

Churches and Clubs Active. At the Burgess-Nash store 75 chickens, a hen and a rooster were auctioned off. They were given by A. D. Peters from his chicken ranch.

LEIBERMAN WINS BRAIN TEST FOR WORLD'S SPEED RECORD

Charges of reckless driving and exceeding the speed limit against E. Leiberman, 2608 Franklin street, resulted in conviction in police court Tuesday. Leiberman was ordered to appear before an examining board of physicians for a mental test to determine the extent of his sanity.

Colonel William Hayward's Fighters, Old Fifteenth New York Ethiopians, Now in First Trenches in France

GRACE LUSK TO TELL HER STORY TODAY

Woman's Letter, Frankly Relating Her Relations With Dr. Roberts Completes Evidence for State.

Waukesha, Wis., May 21.--Grace Lusk will take the witness stand tomorrow to reveal every detail of her relations with Dr. David Roberts at her trial for slaying his wife. This was announced by attorneys for the defense late today, after the prosecution had completed the presentation of its evidence against Miss Lusk.

Letter by Miss Lusk. "When your husband first came to me, it was for business," the letter read, "at least, that was his excuse. He did all of the pursuing, I thought it was all quite a good joke, and, in fact, it would never have occurred to me to take the situation seriously if one night at the Baptist church affair you had not come up to us when we were talking in the most innocent fashion imaginable and rushed him away. You did not do it in a courteous manner--well, not rather, I vowed thereupon to get even with your discourtesy, and I have. Only I have hurt myself in doing so."

Eternal Triangle Repeated. "It seems to me," the letter said, "that if you loved your husband unselfishly you would want him to be happily married, even if it were a sacrifice to you in some respects. It is not an unheard of thing for a husband or a wife to give up voluntarily the mate whose love has been lost. Did you ever hear the story of Ruskin, or more recently, of James K. Barrie. In the eternal triangle the only solution of the problem is the elimination of one character, the two who should remain are those whose affections are mutual."

Wrote Directions for Her Funeral. "Open in case of accident only," gave directions for her funeral, which she desired to be without "much fuss." She also directed that she be dressed "in the little new gray frock," which she wrote would "be ready for my last party."

Dr. Roberts was recalled to the witness stand for cross-examination by the defense early in the morning session to answer a series of questions regarding the defendant's mental condition. He testified that she appeared normal except when she was angry, when she occasionally lost control of herself.

Police Judge Madden Sends First Victim to Psychopathic Board for Examination

Principal thoroughfare of the city, swerving from left to right just as he saw fit to enjoy himself in his mad desire to get somewhere in general, though nowhere in particular. Leiberman is the first victim of the judge's warning to automobile speeders and reckless drivers that they will be taken before an examining board of physicians given a test to ascertain their mental capacity.

Former Nebraskan Wires Graphic Description of Battle Where Unseen Guns Roar.

Colonel William Hayward, well known in Nebraska and son of the late Senator M. L. Hayward, formerly residing in Nebraska City, is now in command of the 369th United States infantry "somewhere in France." The following graphic description of American soldier life in the trenches is taken from a letter addressed to his uncle, Major E. B. Hayward of Davenport, Ia., whom Colonel Hayward asked to distribute copies to his friends:

By COLONEL WM. HAYWARD. Headquarters 368th United States Infantry in France, April 12.--This letter is principally to say that the "Fighting 15th Heavy Ethiopian Foot" (New 369th United States infantry) is at last in the trenches, and what is more to the point, in the front line trenches, and has had his baptism of fire, at least one battalion of it is and has, and the battalions are successively rotating each other in our tiny sector, when considered as part of the great battle front from Switzerland to the sea, but by no means tiny when the responsibility of holding it is contemplated. Of course, I was under fire a couple of weeks ago with about a hundred of the men up north, but it was long range stuff, and not much to it.

I put the Brooklyn battalion, commanded by Major Morris, in night before last. I have often told these boys I would never ask them to go anywhere I did not go myself, so I went up to spy out the ground and get our last instructions. This regiment has broken so many records that I hoped we might go into the trenches by sunlight on a clear day and thus prove all the stories told previously of outfits going in in the drizzling rain, etc., did not necessarily describe the universal situation. But not at all. We left the regimental camp in the conventional drizzle, the rain being driven in our faces by a very raw north wind, and went sloshing up the road toward the big noises and big flashes. We camped the night before and made final preparations. These consisted of baths and clean clothes for all the men, as well as hair cuts, to make the gas masks fit tighter, and also to deprive Friend 'Toto' (our boys say 'Sean Squirells') as much as possible of any of their favorite roosting (Continued on Page Five, Column One.)

AVIATOR HALL OF IOWA PRISONER IN GERMAN HOSPITAL

With the American Army in France, May 21.--Captain James Norman Hall, of Colfax, Ia., who has been missing since May 7, is wounded and a prisoner in a German hospital. Captain Hall, who is attached to the American aviation corps, disappeared after an aerial engagement, near the German lines.

2 DEAD, SIXTEEN SOLDIERS HURT IN TRAIN CRASH

Texas, Ark., May 21.--Troop train No. 551, northbound, was wrecked near Garland City, Ark., today, the engine and four coaches being overturned. The engineer and fireman are reported to have been killed and 16 or more soldiers injured.

Disloyal Farmer Given Tar-and-Feather Coat

Sioux Falls, S. D., May 21.--Hart Duxbury, a wealthy farmer living five miles north of Spencer, S. D., today was tarred and feathered by a crowd of fifty farmers after he had been taken from his farm and brought to the city jail at Spencer, where the coat was applied.

Swiss Painter Dead

Berne, May 20.--Ferdinand Hodler, a leading Swiss painter, is dead here at the age of 65.

Harry Lauder's Own Story of War Zone Experiences Will Be Found On Page 4.

R. R. HEADS ARE OUSTED BY M'ADOO

Director General Will Appoint Federal Director for Each Line, Responsible Only to Administration.

Washington, May 21.--Every railroad president was relieved from active duty as executive manager of his road today by Director General McAdoo, who will appoint a federal director for each road, responsible only to the railroad administration. In many cases the president of the railroad may be named federal director. To safeguard the interests of stockholders and maintain the individuality of each railway, federal directors, whenever possible, will be appointed from among the operating officers of the property, the director general announced. This will avoid disrupting any road's working organization unnecessarily.

Creates Two New Districts

As another step in the reorganization of railroad management, the director general ordered the creation of two new operating districts--the Allegheny region, consisting of the principal trunk lines east of Pittsburgh, excluding the New York Central, managed by C. H. Markham, now regional director for the south, and the Pocahontas district, consisting of the east and west trunk lines terminating at Hampton Roads.

Failed to Obey Orders

The first act of the director-general today in executing this new policy was the removal of C. W. Huntington, president of the Virginian railway, as chief operating officer, on the charge that he failed to carry out promptly the railroad administration's instructions regarding the repair and maintenance of his line.

Salaries Will Be Reduced

Consequently their salaries will be paid by the government, and they can receive no pay from the railway corporation. As an indication of what salaries they may expect, it became known tonight that most of Mr. McAdoo's principal assistants of the railroad administration will receive no more than \$15,000 a year.

Smuggled Satsuma Teacup, 100 Years Old, Is Given Red Cross

A teacup of genuine Satsuma ware, smuggled from Japan by a seafaring ancestor more than a century ago, when Nippon was the true "hermit empire," has been donated to the salvage department of the Red Cross, 1409 Harney street, by Mrs. A. E. Aronson, of Florence. The teacup was brought by Mrs. Aronson from Sweden. It was an object that a connoisseur or collector would go into ecstasies over, and must possess great value because of its rarity and its beauty and delicacy of fabrication. The landscape and flower decorations on the bowl are beautiful in

CALVIN HAS NOT HEARD OF M'ADOO ACTION

President E. E. Calvin of the Union Pacific railway, at a late hour last night had received no information regarding the change in officers of the railroad and his deposition as head of the system. "This is the first information I have had of the proposed change," said Mr. Calvin. "I cannot say whether I will be appointed a federal director or not."

FUNSTON BOYS ABOUT TO START TO BATTLE FRONT

Camp Scene of Great Activity as 89th Division Entrain; Details of Movement Not Disclosed.

Camp Funston, Kan., May 21.--(Special Telegram)--Passed by the (Senator).--The Funston boys are going "over there." Where they go from here or when and how they leave are points of information that cannot be made public.

MOTHER AND BABE KILLED

Reports from Boone after midnight declared some of the injured might die. The killed were Mrs. Frank Roberts, her 6-year-old son, a laborer, and a baby.

Mrs. Mildred Allee Dead; Struck by Car

Los Angeles, May 21.--(Special Telegram)--Funeral services for Mrs. Mildred L. Allee, former president-general of the Daughters of the American Revolution of Nebraska, who was struck and instantly killed by a Pacific electric car yesterday, will be conducted in Columbus, O., to which city the body will be sent either tomorrow or Thursday.

German Women in U. S. Required to Register

Washington, May 21.--German women in the United States are required to register with chief of police or with postmasters between June 17 and 26 under regulations issued today by the department of justice.

Ten Killed in Kansas

Hays Kan., May 21.--Ten persons were killed, two probably fatally injured and dozens of others less severely injured in a tornado which swept across northern Ellis and southern Rooks counties last night.

Wisconsin Village Wiped Out

Madison, Wis., May 21.--Lone Rock, a village 30 miles north of Madison, was practically wiped out by a tornado tonight, according to reports received here.

Rumor of Hindenburg's Death Generally Current

With the British Army in France, May 21.--The rumor that Field Marshal von Hindenburg died recently, has become current very generally among the enemy in the back areas, as well as among civilians. What basis, if any, there is for this rumor is not known here.

TORNADOES KILL 17 IN 2 STATES

Four Dead and 50 Injured in and Around Boone; Toll of Ten Taken in Kansas.

Des Moines, May 21.--Tornadoes in central Iowa late today caused the death of at least seven persons and injured approximately 65 others, reports received here late tonight showed. Property damage was estimated at \$750,000.

The casualty list, incomplete at midnight, gave four dead at Boone and 50 injured; two dead at Newton, and one killed and two injured near Denison.

While the storm area extended from Denison, Crawford county, east about 150 miles through Jasper county, serious damage was reported only in the district near Denison, Boone and Newton counties, although details from some sections were lacking because of crippled wire communication.

PROPERTY LOSS \$500,000. Boone was most seriously affected. Property damage in the city is estimated near \$225,000, while the loss in the surrounding country will bring the total to \$500,000, it is feared. Newton's loss exceeded \$100,000, principally born by three washing machine manufacturers there.

Newton, Denison, Emmet Fling was killed when a farm building crumpled upon him and two others were hurt, one seriously. The farm residence of Frank Houlihan was entirely demolished, but a newborn baby and its mother escaped unscathed.

Newton's two dead were employees of the factories. It was said that several of the injured were in a serious condition. Injured preceded the tornado there, causing much damage to gardens and early crops. Many houses were unroofed and smaller buildings wrecked.

One family of five had a narrow escape from death, entering their cellar just before their home was entirely destroyed.

Twenty-five houses in Boone were damaged by the twister, six or seven of them being crushed to kindling. The Chicago and Northwestern railroad's Iowa division shops there, valued at \$1,000,000, were damaged \$250,000, it is estimated.

An Illinois Central train narrowly escaped the funnel cloud traveling along the Boger river valley, according to report of passengers arriving in Omaha last night.

The little town of Codell, in Rooks county, was practically annihilated. All the churches, schools, buildings and larger business houses and residences were demolished.

The tornado started 15 miles northwest of Hays and swept a strip a mile wide for a distance of 35 miles. Only meager reports have been received and the death list may be augmented when the full details are learned.

The list of dead and fatally injured as far known follows: Mr. and Mrs. Alexander Geist and three children, living near Hays. Mrs. Walter Adams and baby of Codell.

Two children of Frank Jones of Codell. Mr. Turan of Codell. Injured, probably fatally: Anton Bungardle, of Hays. Frank G. Huber.

Hundreds of head of horses and cattle were killed and much damage was caused to growing crops by hail.

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