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THE WEATHER.

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56 U. S. SOLDIERS MISSING  
AFTER SHIP IS TORPEDOEDARTILLERY FIRING  
INCREASES IN FURY  
ON WESTERN FRONT

Remarkable Aerial Activity Continues, With Both Sides Acting on Offensive; American Airmen to Aid in Defense of Paris; Germans Shift Forces in Toul Sector.

In the battle zones in France there have been numerous local engagements, particularly in the Somme sector. The Germans under cover of a heavy artillery barrage made a raid on the British lines at Bucquoy, on the line to the southwest of Arras, and captured prisoners.

In the Kemmel region on both sides of the Lye river, in the Flanders battle field, there has been heavy artillery fighting, while on the Scarpe river, in the region of Arras and south of the Somme, between Moresuil and Montdidier, the big guns have been in action, according to the official statements.

AIR FIGHTING INTENSE. The remarkable aerial activity along the western battle front continues with both sides initiating air fighting and bombing operations. If the Germans repeat their attempts to bombard Paris from the air, Americans will feel a keen interest in the attacks because American aviators now are aiding in the defense of the French capital.

Troops Facing Americans Shifted. The German troops that faced the Americans along the lines of the Toul sector have been replaced. For some time the Teutons there were units which had been withdrawn from Russia. These now have been replaced by Bavarian reserve regiments. It is probable that the men withdrawn have been hurried north to participate in the coming renewal of the great German offensive in Picardy and Flanders.

In spite of Berlin's promise that the German forces would not penetrate further into Russia, a large Teuton army is reported to within 25 miles of Kursk, in the Dnieper-Don region.

**SON-IN-LAW OF  
PACKER SWIFT  
IS IMPRISONED**

Chicago, May 24.—Interment of Count James Minotto began this afternoon at Fort Sheridan, when Judge Baker, in the federal court of appeals, declined to continue the \$50,000 bond on which the count has been at liberty and ordered him held until the court hears the case June 12.

Count Minotto tonight was started, in the custody of army officers, for Fort Oglethorpe, Ga.

**Wilson Refuses to Do More  
For Woman Suffrage Cause**

Washington, May 24.—Woman munition workers in Washington who joined the National Woman's party headquarters in urging President Wilson to give further support to the federal woman suffrage amendment were informed in a letter from Secretary Tumulty today that nothing they could say could increase his interest in the matter, and that he had done everything he could with honor and propriety do in behalf of the passage of the amendment.

The Weather

For Nebraska: Unsettled and cooler Saturday, probably showers. Sunday warmer in west portions.

Temperatures at Omaha Yesterday.

Hour.	Dec.	Jan.	Feb.	Mar.	Apr.	May
6 a. m.	65	65	65	65	65	65
7 a. m.	65	65	65	65	65	65
8 a. m.	65	65	65	65	65	65
9 a. m.	65	65	65	65	65	65
10 a. m.	65	65	65	65	65	65
11 a. m.	65	65	65	65	65	65
12 m.	65	65	65	65	65	65
1 p. m.	65	65	65	65	65	65
2 p. m.	65	65	65	65	65	65
3 p. m.	65	65	65	65	65	65
4 p. m.	65	65	65	65	65	65
5 p. m.	65	65	65	65	65	65
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Comparative Local Record.

Hour.	Dec.	Jan.	Feb.	Mar.	Apr.	May
Highest yesterday	1918. 1917. 1916. 1915.	1918. 1917. 1916. 1915.	1918. 1917. 1916. 1915.	1918. 1917. 1916. 1915.	1918. 1917. 1916. 1915.	1918. 1917. 1916. 1915.
Lowest yesterday	61 48 64 62	61 48 64 62	61 48 64 62	61 48 64 62	61 48 64 62	61 48 64 62
Mean temperature	73 61 66	73 61 66	73 61 66	73 61 66	73 61 66	73 61 66
Precipitation	.43 .00 .00	.43 .00 .00	.43 .00 .00	.43 .00 .00	.43 .00 .00	.43 .00 .00
Temperature and precipitation departures from the normal:						
Normal temperature	65					
Excess for the day	8					
Total excess since March 1	384					
Total precipitation	15 inches					
Excess for the day	30 inches					
Total rainfall since March 1	3.44 inches					
Deficiency since March 1	.43 inches					
Excess for cor. period, 1917	.22 inch					
Deficiency for cor. period, 1916	.98 inches					
Reports From Stations at T. P. M.						
States and States						
Highest. Rainfall.						
Normal. Weather.						
Davenport, part cloudy	80	82	82	82	82	82
Des Moines, cloudy	82	84	84	84	84	84
North Platte, cloudy	94	94	94	94	94	94
Omaha, cloudy	84	85	85	85	85	85
Pueblo, cloudy	84	84	84	84	84	84
Rapile City, cloudy	72	74	74	74	74	74
Shreveport, cloudy	56	64	64	64	64	64
Brown City, pt. cloudy	84	84	84	84	84	84
Valentine, pt. cloudy	84	86	86	86	86	86

T indicates trace of precipitation.  
L. A. WELSH, Meteorologist.

## Bee Sunday Features

The very best way to top off Sunday breakfast is by reading The Sunday Bee. Tomorrow's issue will be brimful of entertainment and real interest substance. If not a regular subscriber, order your copy today.

TRAPPING WILD ANIMALS IN NEBRASKA—A staff writer will tell you some surprising facts concerning Omaha's importance as a fur market and what it means to the west.

WOMEN IN WAR TIME—Our corps of brilliant women writers will present a budget of good reading well worth preserving by any woman in Nebraska. There will be a display of original Red Cross art pictures of unusual local interest.

HARRY LAUDER IN THE WAR ZONE—That lovable fellow, delightful comrade and international favorite, who dispels gloom and chase dull care, continues his splendid war story.

OMAHA FOUNDERS WERE WISER THAN THEY KNEW—Here's a carefully prepared article about Omaha that will be pleasing to every home owner and real estate investor in the city.

THE SPORTING WORLD—Tomorrow's Bee will offer three pages of live sport news and features—the biggest and best sporting section west of Chicago.

THROWING HAND GRENADES AT FORT CROOK—How the soldiers at an Omaha fort are training to fight the Hun is graphically told by a clever girl writer on The Bee staff.

OUR COMIC HEAD-LINERS—The Bee's comic section is incomparable. Tomorrow, Little Jimmy, the Katzenjammers, Bringing Up Father, and last, but not least, Happy Hooligan.

The Sunday Bee is one of the Sunday essentials. Don't miss it.

KING VICTOR EMMANUEL CABLES HIS REPLY  
TO PRESIDENT WILSON'S GREETINGS TO ITALY

(By Associated Press)

Washington, May 24.—A reply from King Victor Emmanuel to President Wilson's greetings to Italy on the occasion of the third anniversary of Italy's entry into the war, made public today by the State department, said:

"On the occasion of the celebration of the anniversary of Italy's entrance into the war, which is being held in the United States, I am pleased to send you, Mr. President, and to the American people, my own warmest greetings and those of the Italian people.

"Three years ago Italy took up arms for the same ideal causes to which the powerful American republic later gave her moral and material support. The national conscious-

ness, rebel to every attempt of violence from whatever side it might come, leagued Italy with the nations fighting for the sacred principles and rights which we want completed with the liberation of our oppressed brothers from the foreign yoke and with the vindication of our legitimate safety and existence, without which no sound peace can be assured.

"Today on the battlefields of France is being concentrated the brotherhood in arms of America and Italy. May this concentration be the happy omen of an even more close co-operation between the two nations in the future in the field of progress and civilization."

RAISING OF ARMY  
ENLISTMENT AGE  
LIMIT PROPOSED

Men Between 40 and 55 Would Be Available in Non-combatant Branches Under Baker's Plan.

(By Associated Press)

Washington, May 24.—Another move toward full utilization of the country's man power was made today when Secretary Baker sent to Congress the draft of a bill proposing to raise the maximum age limit for voluntary enlistment in the army from 40 to 55 years. All men over 40 so enlisted would be assigned to non-combatant service.

In a letter to Speaker Clark asking that the bill be pushed Secretary Baker said:

"Every man above the age of 40 years who is enlisted in noncombatant branches of the service will make available for duty with the line troops a man within the prescribed age limit for all troops."

Many men whose long experience as mechanics and artisans will make them particularly valuable to the various staff corps and departments may be thus secured instead of younger men without such experience and the efficiency of the staff corps and the departments thus will be increased."

Thousands Have Applied.

There probably are 7,500,000 men between the ages of 40 and 55 and many thousands of them already attested their desire to serve by bombarding the department with application. While the great majority of the men in this class undoubtedly will be restrained from enlisting by family and business ties, the number at liberty to join the colors is expected to be more than sufficient to meet the purpose in view.

Staff corps positions include many duties behind the front. Every headquarters unit includes a number of positions for which the older men will just as well suited as the present occupants who under the new plan would be released for line duty.

Official estimates are that a modern army to be maintained as an efficient unit must have between 40 and 45 percent of its actual strength on duty behind the fronting line. This means that the first 1,000,000 men sent to France 400,000 serve along the line of communication, in hospitals or at the various headquarters and debarkation bases.

Costa Rica Declares  
War on Central Powers

San Juan Del Sur, Nic., May 24.—The government of Costa Rica has declared war on the central powers, according to advices received here.

ITALIAN BANNERS  
RAISED AT FORTS  
OMAHA AND CROOK

Nation Honors Ally as Local  
Italians Celebrate Anniversary  
of Their Motherland's Entry Into War.

New York, May 24.—Secretary of War Baker announced in an address tonight in celebration of Italy day that American infantry, American machine gun units and American artillery soon would be fighting shoulder to shoulder with the Italians on their front.

Local Italians Patriotic.

For the first time in the history of Omaha army posts, the Italian flag was flown Friday beneath the stars and stripes on the federal building. Throughout the business section of the city red, white and green, Italy's national colors, were displayed.

Patriotic exercises attended the raising of the Italian flags at Fort Omaha and Fort Crook. A large Italian flag was also flown from beneath the stars and stripes on the federal building. Throughout the business section of the city red, white and green, Italy's national colors, were displayed.

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