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**It's the Strenuous Life**

War News and World News Are Absolutely Essential Now to Keep Abreast of What Is Happening All About Us. All the News in The Bee.

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# ALLIES GAIN MASTERY IN AIR

## CARRANZA AIMS BLOW AT U. S. IN BREAK WITH CUBA

**Suspension of Diplomatic Relations With Island Government Regarded at Washington as Indirect Action Against This Country and Forerunner of Interruption of Friendly Intercourse.**

(By Associated Press.)

Washington, May 25.—In Mexico's sudden breaking off of diplomatic relations with Cuba is seen an indirect action against the United States. Those here most familiar with Latin-American affairs profess to see in it the forerunner of more direct action, possibly an interruption of intercourse between the United States and Mexico.

Although without official information of a detailed character, it is understood here that Mexico's real grievance against Cuba is the recent incident in which the Mexican minister to Argentine, Senor Ysidro Fabela, was delayed in Havana, while some official, ostensibly a Cuban customs inspector, searched his baggage, and probably removed some papers said to be of an international character.

This incident is believed here to be the real cause of the break, and those who entertain this belief are firm in the conviction that Mexico was responsible for the incident.

When Senor Fabela's luggage was searched it was maintained by some that the person who did it was not a Cuban official at all, but some other agent in the disguise of a Cuban inspector or gendarme. Later, however, it seemed to have been satisfactorily established that the man really was a Cuban inspector.

**Gives Cuba Free Hand.**

A break between Cuba and Mexico, it is felt, disrupts practically nothing but a long standing friendly relation. In the opinion of those in close touch with the subject, it may actually give Cuba a free hand, as the Mexican foreign minister says in his announcement, but, perhaps, not in the manner suggested. American agents for some time have been reporting German agents operating in Cuba, some of them crossing frequently to the United States as Cuban citizens or Mexican citizens. A severance of diplomatic relations probably would leave the Cuban government feeling more at liberty to investigate their activities.

When first class powers are concerned, a break in diplomatic relations inevitably has been followed by war. Between lesser powers this rule often fails to hold good.

**Break Denied at Havana.**

Havana, May 25.—The exact situation with reference to the diplomatic relations between the Cuban and Mexican republics is difficult to define in view of the wide divergence of interpretations placed upon the departure of the Mexican charge d'affaires from Havana who, before sailing, paid a courteous and friendly visit to President Menocal.

Apparently his departure had no more significance than that of any other diplomat returning home to make a report to his government. That the Cuban charge in Mexico has been recalled recently is merely a coincidence and not connected with any question pending with Mexico.

Sub-Secretary of State Patterson stated to the press that the reports that diplomatic relations have been broken off were groundless and showed a dispatch from the Cuban charge in Mexico, Senor Santamaria, stating that the latter had been informed by the Mexican minister of foreign relations that the recall of the Mexican charge does not constitute a rupture of diplomatic relations.

## TEN ARRESTED AS VAGRANT IN NIGHT RAID ON CABARET

The morals squad, headed by Sergeant McDonald and Sergeants Wheeler and Samuelson, swooped down on the Orpheum gardens, conducted by Peter Loch, Saturday night about 11:30 o'clock. Ten inmates of the Harney street cabaret were arrested as vagrants.

This raid was the largest since the inauguration of the vice crusade by Commissioner Ringer. All inmates were examined for disease under the recent city ordinance and in conformity with the agreement with federal officers.

## Packers' Employees Move for Readjustment of Hours

Employees of the four big packing plants in South Omaha have joined in a general movement among the large packing centers of the company in asking a readjustment of working hours.

In the department where the men are worked in single shifts, the men are asking that their day's work begin at 7 a. m. and close at 3:30 p. m., with half hour off at noon.

Under the present system the men are called to work at whatever hour they are wanted and then worked through an eight-hour day. The cutting and killing gangs complain that on some days they are not called to work until noon.

Packing house officials and union leaders will present the matter to Judge Altschuler, arbitrator, Chicago.

## THIRD SPOUSE TURNS UP IN VAMPIRE CASE

**Another Omaha Man Brings to Light More Details About Checkered Career of "Roberts" Woman.**

John N. Hansen, shipping clerk at the Baum Iron store, who claims to be the rightful husband of Fannie Hansen, alias Mrs. Ruth Roberts, alias Mrs. Harvey Zellmar, army vampire and self-confessed bigamist, is seeking a divorce from his much married wife, alleging desertion and extreme cruelty.

Mrs. Hansen, who has had as varied a matrimonial career as Nat Goodwin, has another husband in France, fighting on the western front, and another in the military prison at Leavenworth. There is a suspicion that there are a couple more civilian husbands lying around loose somewhere waiting to be identified.

Mrs. Hansen is of French-Canadian birth and her maiden name, according to her story to John N. Hansen, was Fannie Bettencourt. She is a woman of strangely fascinating personality and has a peculiar lure for susceptible men.

**They Meet at Fall River.**

He met her at Fall River, Mass., where she represented herself as a single person, and he fell in love with her and proposed marriage. She accepted and they plighted their troth, being wedded in the fall of 1909. Shortly after the marriage she produced a son, whom she explained to the astounded groom, was her son by a former marriage. The lad, now about 13 years old, is with his grandparents at Ware, Mass., where she also has two brothers living.

A year after the marriage the couple came to Omaha and here, Mr. Hansen declares, his real grief began.

His wife began playing Theda Bara roles in real life, is his allegation, and she had numerous affairs with men, abandoning him and her home, to return only when she got into serious trouble.

**Variety of Charges Made.**

He alleges that she is well known to several Omaha detectives because of her penchant for forging checks and passing them on department stores. He says he had to straighten several of these matters out. He also says that she purchased a bill of furniture from one of the large installment outfitting houses of the city and disappeared.

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## Jazz Band Creates Stir as Woman Mistakes Players for Auto Thieves

"Police!" "Automobile thieves!"

A woman, excited and angry, calling at the top of her voice, attracted a large crowd to the mouth of the alley on the south side of Sixteenth street, between Farnam and Harney streets, shortly before noon Saturday.

A negro was at the steering wheel in a car and four others were engaged in trying to push the machine backwards out into the street. When the excited woman began to yell the negro at the wheel tried to get out of the car, but the woman, belligerent and determined to the core, ordered him back into the car, and told his companions to remain



## OMAHA NIGHT IN AK-SAR-BEN DRIVE FIXED FOR JUNE 3

**Hustling Committee About 200 Ahead of Record at This Time Last Year in Membership Campaign.**

**SHOW SCHEDULED FOR DEN. June 3—Omaha night.**

June 10—Stock yards and packing houses night.

June 17—Seward, Neb., night.

June 20—Nebraska State Editors' night.

June 24—Nebraska City and Plattsburgh night.

July 1—I-M-I-N-K Trap Shooting association night.

"Dad" Weaver, chief factotum of the kingdom of Quivera, reports that his loyal knights of the hustling committee are getting along fine in the Ak-Sar-Ben membership campaign, and that they are about 200 ahead of the record at this time last year.

The big drive that was scheduled for Tuesday, May 28, on account of the Red Cross work and other activities which have concentrated attention for the last week, has been postponed to June 3, the night of the opening show, combined operetta showing the beauties of the land of "Rum Bay," circus and the great spectacle of the burning of Berlin.

Those who join the Ak-Sar-Ben on or before May 30 will be free from the terrors of initiation and it will be worth hustling in that \$10 initiation fee to be munime from the ordeal. Those who have deferred taking out membership are urged to do so at once.

There will be a rehearsal Monday night at 8 o'clock, and all members of the initiation crew are urged to be on hand. Recruits are also wanted to fill out the remainder of the cast.

Members of the initiation crew say that the show this year will be the biggest "scream" ever, eclipsing any other show held in former years. It is full of concentrated pep, tobacco and forty-rod-lightning.

## Mrs. Ward Burdick Parker Dies After Long Illness

Mrs. Ward Burdick Parker, aged 23 years, wife of W. B. Parker and daughter of Mr. and Mrs. R. E. Scrimigree, died Saturday, after a long illness, at her home, 4720 North Twenty-seventh street. Funeral notice later.

## Hubard Held by Police; Accused of Threats on Wife

L. W. Lamb giving his address as the Windsor hotel, was arrested Saturday night on complaint of his wife, Kate Lamb, 1112 South Tenth street. He is charged with threatening to kill his wife. Mrs. Lamb alleges that her husband for some time has been living in Casper, Wyo., and that he just returned. She remonstrated with him for drinking and she says he threatened her with a gun.

**Harry Lauder's Own Story of War Zone Experiences Will Be Found on Page 5, Section D.**

## Quota Now Reached; Whirlwind Finish

Washington, May 25.—With subscriptions to the American Red Cross second war mercy fund estimated now at more than the minimum quota of \$100,000,000, workers in the campaign rested tonight in preparation for a strenuous closing day Monday. Officials expect a big outpouring of dollars at the finish and expressed confidence tonight that the fund would be heavily oversubscribed.

A message from King Albert of Belgium to President Wilson, thanking the nation for its aid to the stricken people, and another from General Pershing commending the Red Cross work in France were received today and were expected to give impetus to the war fund drive.

## CHARGE ENEMY IN FACE OF FIRE OF MACHINE GUNS

**Americans Victorious in Thrilling Hand-to-Hand Encounter With Germans in No Man's Land.**

(By Associated Press.)

With the American army in France, May 25.—An American reconnoitering party commanded by Lieutenant A. P. Craddock of Lynchburg, Va., had a thrilling hand to hand encounter with Germans in No Man's land, in Picardy last night. In the face of a continuous fire from two machine guns they charged the enemy. Although Lieutenant Craddock and several of his men were seriously wounded they continued fighting and drove off the Germans.

One of the Americans was shot in the head and body, and lay on the ground stunned. When he came to, he found a German holding him by the shoulder. He whipped out his pistol and killed the German.

Another American detachment during the course of the night penetrated enemy organizations in the Bois Alloué, attacked a German post and killed five Germans and took one prisoner. The prisoner told the same story as thousands of others who have been taken by the British and French—that he would give anything to see the war ended. He apparently knew nothing regarding future German movements.

American troops carried out a silent raid in the Picardy sector Friday, inflicted a number of losses on the enemy in killed and brought back prisoners, according to an official statement issued by the American headquarters tonight.

## CONGRESS GIVES UP VACATION

**Republican Leaders Reject Program Mapped Out by President Wilson. MUST SOLVE TAX PROBLEM**

(By Associated Press.)

Washington, May 25.—Prospects for a postponement of revenue legislation and an early adjournment of congress again appeared to have vanished tonight when democratic and republican leaders failed to agree on a program presented by President Wilson for a special session after the November elections.

The republicans, according to administration spokesmen, blocked the proposal by refusing to give assurance that a bill along lines proposed by the president would be passed within a definite time.

Tonight democratic leaders prepared to go ahead with the framing of a bill.

The republicans gave out a statement declaring they were ready to go ahead with the legislation at any time the administration desired and aid its passage "without unnecessary delay."

## HALF OF WHEAT FLOUR IS SAVED FOR WAR USES

**Supply Sufficient Without Further Restrictions by Continuing Use of Substitutes in Same Ratio as Now.**

Minneapolis, May 25.—Food administrators of six northwest states meeting here today in executive session declared that one-half of the normal consumption of wheat flour is being saved for war purposes, made possible by government restrictions calling for an equal amount of substitutes with each flour purchase and the six-pound monthly ration.

Although some administrators asserted that their state were ready to go on a wheatless basis for the summer, A. C. Loring, representing the milling division of the food administration, declared that such a step would be unnecessary. General observance of restrictions has improved the wheat situation said.

In line with the government's order that wheat must be marketed by May 15, reports were made showing that 98 per cent of reserves have been disposed of.

Montana, North Dakota, South Dakota, Iowa, Wyoming and Minnesota were represented at the meeting. The administrators left tonight for Washington, where they will attend a national conference.

**No Further Restrictions Required.**

Washington, May 25.—Further restrictions on the use of wheat are believed by some officials of the food administration to be unnecessary. Food administration figures today show that on May 4 there were 45,000,000 bushels of wheat on farms, and 37,000,000 bushels in elevators. About 23,000,000 bushels of wheat, its equivalent in flour, is held by dealers.

The allies have asked that during May, June and July 16,000,000 bushels a month be shipped. This will leave an approximate balance of 57,000,000 bushels to meet domestic demands.

## REPUBLICAN CLUB LISTENS TO SPEECH ON AMERICANISM

An enthusiastic meeting of the members of the Douglas County American Republican club was held at its quarters in the Omaha National building Thursday night.

The club now has more than 100 members, although it has been organized only a few weeks. W. F. Gurley made an address, in which he pointed out the necessity for republican organization because of the war.

He spoke also of the necessity of republican organization in the city and county to guarantee good local government.

E. A. Benson also made a talk, in which he called attention to the patriotic action of the republicans in congress, who, in the interest of domestic harmony, have cast partisanship aside in their support of President Wilson in his desire for almost autocratic power.

**Ten-Year-Old Negro Boy Drowns in Missouri River**

Willie Brooks, 10-year-old negro boy, was drowned in the Missouri river, near the Acetylene Manufacturing company's plant, East Omaha, shortly after noon Saturday.

The lad had been in swimming with a number of companions and ventured too far out, getting caught in the swiftly moving current. The body was recovered soon after the accident by a watchman at the Acetylene plant.

The boy is believed to be the son of Mrs. Zethor Brooks, 2216 North Twenty-fifth street. Mrs. Brooks' son has been missing since early morning.

## BOMBING ON HUGE SCALE INTERFERES WITH HUNS' PLANS

**German Army Blinded Through Losses of Airplanes in Battles and Movements of Troops and Supplies Hampered by Repeated Aerial Attacks on Military Positions Behind Front Lines**

(By Associated Press.)

No signs are observable, according to correspondents at the front, of the enemy's intentions as to the time and place of the delivery of his expected stroke. The artillery activity, indeed, seems less marked than for some days past, while the aviators have been obliged to let down in their intense labors by the advent of less favorable weather.

It seems not improbable, however, that the magnificent work of the allied airmen has had much to do with the slowness of the enemy in putting his offensive in working order again. They have established themselves as masters of the situation to such an extent that the Germans have been forced to keep well back of their own lines.

## RICH AND POOR GIVE \$350,000 TO RED CROSS

**Omaha People Profligate in Their Offerings to the Greatest Mother in the World.**

"It is more blessed to give than to receive."

Omaha and Nebraska tested this maxim of the Christ last week and found that it was true.

Never before had there been such a week of giving in Omaha and Nebraska and, indeed, in the United States.

Rich and poor alike poured out their money into the treasury of the Red Cross with a generosity that astonished those who did the work of receiving it.

The blessedness of giving was felt as it had never before. Many told of the feeling of duty done that filled their hearts when they had given to help the boys "over there," to help the people of devastated countries, to help little children, to clothe the naked, feed the hungry and minister to the sick.

"It is simply astonishing," said Everett Buckingham, chairman of the drive in Omaha. "Why, when the first Red Cross drive was put on people looked at solicitors as though they were asking something almost impertinent. Today all is changed. People not only respond generously to requests for contributions but they send their money or bring it to headquarters."

**Make Sacrifices to Give.**

"And one of the finest things about it is that the people of small means are denying themselves in order to give. When packinghouse and smelter laborers and paving and grading gangs give a day's pay to the Red Cross, earned by the sweat of their brows, it is a sublime spectacle."

Last night predictions were made that the city will go over \$350,000 in place of its quota of \$200,000; and that the state will go to \$2,500,000 in place of its quota of \$1,300,000.

Actual tabulation of returns from 75 counties outside of Douglas last night amounted to \$1,011,598.77 and the counties are still going.

**Omaha is Still Going.**

The city is also "still going." Monday is included in the drive and many

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