



HUNS REPULSED AT AMIENS

2,000,000 RAIL MEN GET RAISE

McAdoo Announces \$300,000,000 Increases, to Begin Saturday, Retroactive to First Day of January.

(By Associated Press.)
Washington, May 26.—General pay increases for nearly 2,000,000 railroad employees were announced today by Director General McAdoo, effective next Saturday and retroactive to last January 1, carrying out substantially the recommendations of the railway wage commission. The aggregate of the increases probably will be more than \$300,000,000 a year, half of which will be distributed within a few weeks as back pay in lump sums ranging from about \$100 to nearly \$200 each.

The director general departed from the wage commission's recommendations in the following particulars:

The principal of the basic eight-hour day is recognized, but owing to the exigencies of the war situation, hours of employment are not actually reduced and overtime is to be paid pro rata; future adjustments of pay are to be made on the basis of eight hours.

In addition to the ordinary scale of increase, day laborers, employed mainly on track work, are to get 2½ cents an hour more than they received last December 31.

55 Cents in Shops.
A minimum of 55 cents an hour is established for the shop trades, including machinists, boiler makers and blacksmiths; and

Women are to receive the same pay as men for the same work, and negroes are to get the same as white men for similar employment.

To work out a multitude of inequalities of pay among employees doing similar work in different localities and other injustices caused by varying rules of employment and condition of organization, the director general created a new board on railroad wages and working conditions, consisting of three labor representatives and three railroad executives, which will conduct extensive investigations and recommend wage and other employment changes.

Increases on Percentage Basis.

All increases now ordered will be determined according to a percentage scale based on pay received in December, 1915, and any increases which have been allowed within the time will be deducted. In many cases raises in pay in the last two and one-half years are about equal to the increases now approved and consequently those employees will get little or no more. To correct just such situations when injustices appear will be one of the principal duties of the new wage board, whose creation was suggested by the railroad wage commission. In no cases are wages to be reduced.

Men working on the monthly, daily, hourly, piece work and train mile basis will benefit by the new allowances, and members of the four leading railroad brotherhoods whose pay was raised through operation of the Adamson act are to receive from 10 to 40 per cent additional, a smaller increase than they had asked of the railroad shortly before the government took control.

Applies to 164 Roads.

The wage order applies to all employees of the 164 roads now under federal management, but not to the so-called short lines, unless they are retained by the government after July 1. It affects employees of terminal, union station and switching companies, lighters, ferries and tugs owned by the railroads, but no employees of railroad boat lines on the lakes, rivers or coastwise traffic. (Continued on Page Two, Column Four.)

The Weather

For Nebraska—Showers and continued cool Monday, probably followed by clearing with rising temperature Tuesday.

Temperatures at Omaha Yesterday.

Hour	Deg.
5 a. m.	64
6 a. m.	64
7 a. m.	63
8 a. m.	62
9 a. m.	63
10 a. m.	65
11 a. m.	65
12 m.	64
1 p. m.	65
2 p. m.	66
3 p. m.	66
4 p. m.	67
5 p. m.	67
6 p. m.	66

Comparative Local Record.

Official record of temperature and precipitation compared with the corresponding period of the last three years.	1918.	1917.	1916.
Highest yesterday	67	62	81
Lowest yesterday	64	53	64
Mean temperature	64	59	72
Precipitation	.08	T.	.00
Excess for the day	.08	inches	
Total rainfall since March 1, 1918	3.24		
Deficiency since March 1, 1918	.53	inches	
Excess for the year	1.17	inches	
Excess for the period, 1917-18	.60	inches	
Excess for the period, 1916-18	.32	inches	

L. A. WELSH, Meteorologist.

Taft and Roosevelt Have Friendly Chat At Dinner in Chicago

Chicago, May 26.—Former Presidents Theodore Roosevelt and William H. Taft exchanged friendly greetings and held their first extended conversation since the republican national convention of 1912 here tonight.

The meeting took place in the dining room of a local hotel and the diners cheered.

The two former presidents sat down at the same table and talked for about half an hour.

"Mr Taft heard I was here and immediately came to see me," said Colonel Roosevelt afterward, with a smile. "We had a very enjoyable half hour's talk and I am very happy to see him again."

"I heard the colonel was here before I saw him," said Mr. Taft. "I missed the opportunity of seeing him at the time of the dinner to Joffre in New York. I was very glad to see him this time."

An hour after the meeting, Colonel Roosevelt left for Des Moines on his western speaking itinerary for the National Security league.

OMAHA \$350,000, STATE \$2,500,000 FOR RED CROSS

Sunday Comes as Welcome Day of Rest to Army of Workers; Drive Closes Monday Night.

Sunday was a welcome day of rest for the army of Red Cross which had finished a week of the most strenuous kind of work. It was observed as a rest day by most of the workers. Chairmen of the city drive and Judson of the state drive were at their offices for a time but the machinery of the great drive was comparatively silent.

Totals are estimated around \$350,000 for the city and around \$2,500,000 for the state drive. Both of these are nearly double the quota assigned to city and state by the national drive committee.

Standing of Omaha and State.

And now the interest centers on how Nebraska and Omaha will stand compared with other states and cities. That both will stand very near the top is certain. Some even predict that Nebraska will stand at the head of all the other states with the amount of her oversubscription and that Omaha will have a similar proud distinction among the cities of the land.

The drive isn't over yet. Today is the last official day, and it ends officially tonight. But the returns will continue to pour in from remote districts and from belated subscribers for days to come.

Chairman Judson's Statement.

"We don't intend to let down just because the date set for the end of the drive has arrived," said State Chairman Judson. "We certainly are proud of our state and our generous people."

"We won't refuse to accept subscriptions to the Red Cross war effort even if they come in late," said City Chairman Buckingham. "We certainly are proud of our people, rich and poor alike. They have demonstrated magnificently what stuff their hearts are made of. And the workers have done wonders. They are beyond praise."

General Pershing Attends Great Work.

Chairman H. P. Davison of the War Fund Council, American Red Cross, has just received the following cablegram from General Pershing, and has wired this information to Omaha:

"H. P. Davison, Chairman War Council American Red Cross, Washington: Our people may be well proud of the record of the Red Cross. It could best be told by the widows and orphans of our gallant allies and by the mutilated soldiers to whom it has ministered in giving prompt and efficient relief. The Red Cross has won the eternal gratitude of millions of people. The armies of France, from commanders down, testify to the great good it has accomplished with our own rapidly increasing forces in France. The care of our own men now becomes the most important object of our solicitude in this great work. The Red Cross is indispensable."

"Pershing."

Omaha Belgian Grets Comrades Here From Devastated Country

The advent of the Belgian soldiers to Omaha Thursday afforded a rare treat to R. Bogard, 511 North Thirty-first street, who left his home in Belgium and came to America 19 years ago, and, since that time, has seldom seen any of his countrymen.

He talked with the brave men from his native land and listened sadly to their stories of the Hun devastation of the fair country. Among the soldiers was one from Wafethem, Belgium. It was here that Mr. Bogard spent his childhood and the soldier brought him word of the people he had known in the quaint little town. It was like a journey into the past. Names and persons he

HOOVER BARS WHEAT UNTIL HARVEST DUE

Food Situation Leads to Strong Appeal From Washington, Heralded From Pulpits; Meat Ration Cut.

Omaha and Nebraska heard another war call yesterday. "Use no wheat until next harvest!"

From hundreds of pulpits throughout the city and state, at morning and evening services, Gurdon W. Wattles, federal food administrator for Nebraska, heard this message Sunday through the medium of ministers of every creed and denomination.

Food must be kept flowing in endless shipments, to the American troops in France and for the allies fighting side by side with the United States.

To this end, Herbert Hoover, the United States food administrator, is calling upon the American people to abstain from the use of wheat or wheat products until the next harvest.

Hoover's Urgent Message.

The message of the food administration, as read from Omaha pulpits, urges all organizations and communities in Nebraska to join in the plea for no wheat until next harvest.

"The confidence of the United States food administration," the message continues, "that the people of the country would respond enthusiastically and wholeheartedly, upon presentation of the facts, to any necessary request for reduction of food has been fully justified. We have demonstrated our ability not only to think together, but to act together. This response of the people is the reason for the present appeal."

"Our work is not yet complete. In spite of the encouraging results of our efforts, in spite of the fact that our exports of foodstuffs are constantly increasing and are approaching the minimum requirements abroad, the need for renewed devotion and effort is pressing."

An Inequitable Division.

"While all of the requirements of the food administration should be constantly observed, there are certain matters which I desire to present at this time."

In the case of meat products, the (Continued on Page Two, Column Four.)

GERMAN CRUISER SUBMARINE SUNK BY BRITISH BOAT

London, May 26.—A German submarine of the cruiser type was sunk May 11, in the latitude of Cape St. Vincent by a British Atlantic escort submarine, the admiralty announced tonight.

"A heavy sea was running at the time, the statement adds. "There were no survivors."

Shortly afterward another enemy submarine was sighted, but by swift diving it escaped the fate of its consort.

"This being the first cruiser submarine destroyed, it has been decided to depart from the usual rule of not announcing the destruction of individual enemy submarines."

Cape St. Vincent is on the southwestern extremity of Portugal.

Madrid, May 25.—The German submarine U-56, which entered the port of Santander Friday, was forced to come into the harbor because the acrobatic maneuvers of the vessel had been damaged.

A Spanish gunboat has been sent to Santander to convey the U-boat to Ferrol for internment.

24 Austrian Planes Destroyed On Italian Front in Week

London, May 26.—Twenty-four enemy airplanes have been destroyed by the British in air fighting on the Italian front since May 18, it was officially announced today in a summary of recent operations by the British forces in Italy. Not a British machine was lost in this period.

"The situation generally is quiet," the statement says. "We successfully raided enemy outposts both day and night. The hostile artillery occasionally has been slightly more active."

had almost forgotten were recalled. Waerethem was only a small village and Mr. Bogard and the soldier both knew practically all of the persons who lived there. The town is now devastated, many of the inhabitants have been killed, others have been deported. The men who are still living are in the army to avenge the crime against their country.

The two Belgians met in Omaha, thousands of miles from the home of their childhood, and talked of the tragedy of the war.

Many other Belgians in Omaha found someone from their native village among the hundreds of soldier heroes who visited Omaha Thursday.

Von Hindenburg Down With Typhoid Fever in Strassburg Hospital

Geneva Switzerland, May 26.—Field Marshall Von Hindenburg, chief of the German general staff, is in a hospital at Strassburg, suffering from typhoid fever, according to reports from that city.

These advices states that the report of Von Hindenburg's death is incorrect, but that his condition is critical.

Typhoid fever is said to be spreading rapidly in the German army.

The train bearing the Austrian emperor and empress from Constantinople, where they had been, on a brief visit, reached Vienna yesterday in a dilapidated condition.

The train came by way of Sofia and was stoned by Bulgarian troops. Even some rifle shots were fired and several members of the royal entourage were injured by glass broken from windows.

Not a cheer was heard when the Austrian royal couple passed through Bulgarian stations.

U. S. NAVAL FORCE BRAVES MINES TO SAVE 34 ON SHIP

Lieut. Haislip Rushes Vessel Through Exploding Wreckage to Relief of Crew of Blazing Florence H.

Washington, May 26.—Stories of the heroic daring of American naval forces and men in rescuing 34 of the 75 members of the crew of the American munitions ship Florence H. which caught fire and broke in two in French waters April 17, are told in the report of Rear Admiral Wilson, commanding American naval forces in France, made public tonight by the Navy department.

Lieutenant H. D. Haislip, of San Mateo, Cal., who, at the risk of detonating his depth charges and destroying his vessel, promptly charged his destroyer through the mass of blazing and exploding wreckage covering the water in which survivors were struggling, is recommended for commendation.

Recommended for Medals.

Gunner's Mate F. M. Upton, of Denver, Col., and Ship's Cook I. W. Covington of Durant, Okla., are recommended for congressional medals of honor and gold lifesaving medals. They leaped into the sea and rescued a man who, exhausted, was in the midst of exploding powder boxes.

Six officers who commanded the wreckage to rescue men who were being badly burned about the head and arms, two surgeons and a chaplain and 48 seamen who were with them are mentioned for commendation.

Admiral Wilson's Report.

Admiral Wilson, in describing the situation, said:

"The sea to the leeward of the wreck was covered by a mass of boxes of smokeless powder which were repeatedly exploding and amongst this wreckage were a number of survivors. The wreckage was so thick that small boats were unable to reach the men. The heat from the burning vessel in the vicinity was so intense that the converted yachts present, with wooden upper works, could not safely penetrate the wreckage."

"Under these conditions, Lieutenant Haislip took his vessel at high speed into the midst of the wreckage, at considerable risk of detonating the depth charges carried on his vessel and made lanes through which the small boats towed by his and other vessels could reach the survivors."

"The dash, initiative and courage shown by Lieutenant Haislip on this occasion are in accord with the best traditions of our service, and it is recommended that he be commended by the Navy department."

Public Hearings to Be Held For U. of Nebraska Instructors

Lincoln, Neb., May 26.—The Board of Regents of the University of Nebraska have decided on a plan of holding public hearings for the 12 instructors against whom charges of disloyalty have been brought by the State Council of Defense. The Board of Regents will act as judge and jury, with its president E. P. Brown, presiding.

Several Persons Injured By Tornado in Kansas

Topeka, Kan., May 26.—Several persons were injured, some of them seriously in a tornado which struck Bern, near Sabetha, tonight, according to reports received here.

Two Killed by Blast.

Basin, Wyo., May 26.—A message from Elk Basin says that the explosion of 90 quarts of nitroglycerine in the magazine of the Independent Torpedo company killed G. B. McElhenny of this place and John Glenn of Casper. The men were preparing to use the explosive in shooting a well for the Colony Oil company.

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

ROSS HAMMOND ANNOUNCES CANDIDACY FOR U. S. SENATE

Republican Editor of Fremont Presents Platform and States Where He Stands on Public Questions.

Fremont, Neb., May 26.—(Special.)

—Ross L. Hammond, Fremont editor, business man and prominent in republican political circles, has decided to enter the race for the nomination for United States senator. Mr. Hammond's statement follows:

"It is my purpose to stand as a candidate at the August primaries for United States senator. To that end I have filed my name to appear upon the republican ticket. For 35 years I have participated in that party's councils and supported its nominees. Its long and creditable record of achievements is its guarantee of future service. I believe its present leadership and its rank and file are such as to constitute it the most capable of all political parties. As a party adherent, I have been bound by republican platforms in the past and I have no doubt they will in the future approximately voice my political convictions. But we are now living under such abnormal conditions that all old-time political issues have been practically submerged. We are in an age of violence and a world at war. For the present we have one supreme duty to perform. We must make every sacrifice to win this war. Every other thought, every other obligation, pale beside this. The leader of this nation, the commander-in-chief of the American army and navy shall continue to have my loyal support, either in private or official life, whichever may be my lot. I cannot conceive of any partisan temptation that could lure me from such a path of duty, for the highest purpose of every true American is to preserve his country and make sure the world is kept a fit place for freemen to live."

Foresaw the Conflict.

"Before our nation became involved in war I foresaw the conflict and urged a vigorous defense of American rights and American ideals. As evidence multiply of Prussian purpose to overrun the world and to crush the spirit of liberty among men, I have hesitancy for any reason whatever in denouncing the dastardly acts of the common foe. It was plain that autocracy and democracy could no longer dwell together in the world and that the privilege of mustering the final force that is to strike dead the hateful autocracy that menaces human welfare. I have recently seen the ghastly and bloody work of the war-mad enemy. I have been up and down the battle fronts in Belgium and in France, and in the first line (Continued on Page Two, Column One.)

FULTON MATCHED TO BOX DEMPSEY 20 ROUNDS JULY 4

Minneapolis, May 26.—According to a telegram received here today from Mike Collins, who is in California, Fred Fulton, Rochester, Minn., heavyweight fighter, has accepted an offer to fight Jack Dempsey 20 rounds at Danbury, Conn., July 4. The message also announced that Fulton will fight Willie Meehan in San Francisco Friday night.

Two Men Arrested for Alleged Theft of Car

Joe Murphy, 2436 Taylor street, and Carmen Boyle, 324 South Twenty-sixth street, were arrested Sunday night by Policemen Hays and Hogg of the Central station. They are charged with grand larceny.

The officers were at King park looking for stolen automobiles and found a car reported stolen by S. E. Gilinski from his home at Thirty-seventh and Jones streets about 9 o'clock last night. They "planted" in the vicinity and when Murphy and Boyle, accompanied by two women, returned to the car they were arrested.

Physicians Abandon Hope For Recovery of Anna Held

New York, May 26.—Physicians have abandoned hope for the recovery of Anna Held, the actress, who has been ill at a hotel here for several weeks, according to a bulletin issued tonight.

Miss Held is suffering from multiple myeloma, a disease which attacks the bones and bone marrow, and which a transfusion of blood three weeks ago failed to check.

"Girl Patriots of Omaha" Name of New War Organization Under Way

Young women war workers will organize a patriotic club tonight in the city hall. The club will be composed of young girls who want to help in all kinds of war activities. It will have as its foremost purpose the helping of recruiting in both the army and navy.

"Enlist or get another girl," is the sentiment the members hope to foster among the girls of the city.

"We hope to instill patriotism in the girls who whisper to their civilian sweethearts, 'I couldn't bear to have you enlist and go away to war.' We want to teach them to be brave enough to insist, 'I can't bear to have you be a slacker,'" explained one of the charter members.



ROSS L. HAMMOND.

PERSHING'S MEN TAKE BIG TOLL OF HUN PILOTS

American Aviators in Toul Sector Have Unusual Results and Germans Regard Line as Dangerous Zone.

With the American Army in France, May 26.—The activities of the American air squadron operating in the sector northwest of Toul seem to have had results even more effective than was anticipated. When it first began its work there were between 30 and 50 summonses to activity coming in to our aviators daily. Gradually the number of calls has dwindled until for several days the average has been only two a day.

From a strictly technical, military standpoint, the operations of the American air men have two objects. The first is to kill off the opposing aviators, while the second is to keep the enemy from flying his machines on the American side of the line and thus preventing him from taking photographs, regulating artillery fire, or in any way securing information. The American aviators have done much toward accomplishing both objects.

Take Many Enemy Pilots.

The record shows that the new squadron has already taken a creditable toll of enemy pilots and observers, while for a German airplane to come over the American line is a rare occurrence. This situation contrasts sharply with that which prevailed when these aviators first started operating. It was a rare occasion then when one or more enemy airplanes was not circling over or behind the American lines, operating with almost complete freedom.

Moreover, according to information obtained from a German officer aviator brought down within the last few days, fear of the American aviators has been instilled into the German flying corps. This prisoner furnished the information that the line from St. Mihiel to Pont-A-Mousson, within which the American aviators are operating, had come to be regarded as a dangerous place for German pilots. Our fighting aviators could not possibly have heard a more welcome tribute.

Patrol Routs Enemy.

An American patrol had an engagement last night in the Luneville sector with a German patrol carrying light machine guns. Several of the enemy in a sharp fight. Several of the Germans were killed, their bodies being dragged back by their comrades. There were no American losses.

On the same sector a German sergeant crept into the American lines, holding up his hands and shouting "kamarad," he said he had had enough of fighting for the kaiser and von Hindenburg. He was sent to the rear.

Ten Hours, 45 Cents Hour, Day's Work in Wheat Fields

Salina, Kan., May 26.—Ten hours will constitute a day's work in the Kansas wheat fields and the standard wage scale will be 45 cents an hour, with no extra pay for overtime, according to the decision reached by Kansas wheat growers in session here today.

The club will be known as "The Girl Patriots of Omaha," and any young girls who wish to help America win the war are eligible and are urged to attend the meeting tonight.

The first drive will be for navy recruits. Some of the members will wear the navy regulation dress and patriotic speeches and demonstrations will be held on the streets. Later the girls will make a campaign to stimulate enlistments in the army.

A patriotic song, written and copyrighted by one of the members, will be used as the club song.

In addition to helping recruiting, the girls will knit and participate in various other forms of war work.

ARTILLERY DUEL WON BY FRENCH

Americans Carry Out Successful Raid and Italians Push Back Austrians; Hindenburg Drive Delayed.

(By Associated Press.)

Paris, May 26.—An artillery duel of considerable intensity took place last night along the French front south-east of Amiens, in the region of Hangard wood and below the Aves, the war office announced today. The Germans attempted a raid on French posts in the Orvillers-Sorel sector between Montdidier and Lassigny, but failed of their purpose, as they did in similar attempts in the Champagne and in the Vosges region. Prisoners were taken by the French during patrols in various sectors.

Still another week has passed and the Germans have not begun their expected new offensive against the allied forces in Flanders and Picardy. And, as yet, there is nowhere any indication that it is the early intention. It is not improbable, however, that the blow will be launched at any moment. Aviators in reconnaissance behind the German lines still report a continuation of bringing up fresh troops, guns and stores for what it is believed everywhere will be their greatest attempt to win a decisive victory.

Meanwhile the allies are not idle. Every hour is being utilized to strengthen strategic positions and every hour finds them the better prepared to withstand an enemy onslaught.

In the work of strengthening the battlefield, the Americans are playing no secondary role. The steady stream of khaki-clad lads from overseas to the line has served greatly to reassure the British and French contingents that have heretofore so valiantly held their own against tremendous odds. Those of the Americans already in the trenches have given and are still giving a good accounting of themselves, harassing the Germans with their artillery and outgunning them in combats in the open.

Aware of American Strength.

Even the Germans at home, previously adopting the tactics of sneering at the Americans, now are becoming aware of their strength and virility. No less an authority than the semi-official North German Gazette is remarking on the "maturing" American reinforcements behind the allied line and wondering "how the lightning-trained yankee will hold his own against the German lads who have had military training from their youth."

Nowhere along the battlefield has there been fighting of any great moment. Several new raids have been carried out successfully against German positions by the Americans, British and French forces and some similar attempts by the Germans promptly put down. Heavy artillery duels have been in progress on various sectors between the Germans and the British and French.

Americans in Silent Raid.

The Americans in the Montdidier sector have carried out another successful raid, leaving their trenches without artillery support and overwhelming an enemy trench. Six Germans were killed and one soldier was made prisoner by the Americans, who returned to their own lines. The British near Bucquoy in a similar adventure captured 14 Germans and two machine guns and in two other raids took 15 prisoners and a machine gun. In the Ailette river region the French also brought in captives.

There are still considerable activities going on behind the battle line, and numerous fights in the air occur daily.

In the Italian theater the Austrians have essayed several rather strong attacks against the Italians in the mountain region of the north, but everywhere have met with repulse. Along the Piave river and in the Tonale region there have been intensive artillery duels.

Dr. L. A. Merriam Seriously Hurt by Unidentified Autoist

Dr. L. A. Merriam, with offices in the Bee building, was thrown 15 feet and badly bruised about the head and limbs when an automobile driven without headlights struck him as he was about to board a street car at Twenty-fourth and Valley streets about 9 o'clock Sunday night. The driver of the car did not stop, and his identity has not been learned. Dr. Merriam was taken into the home of Dr. Capell, 3507 South Twenty-fourth street, with whom he had been visiting. His injuries were attended by Dr. Shannahan.

Allies Destroy Liege Station, Killing 26 in Air Raid

Amsterdam, May 26.—The Rotterdam Maasboord reports that an enemy allied raid has been carried out over Liege. The Longdoz railway station was destroyed and 26 persons were killed.

Gunboat Strikes Rock.

Shanghai, China, May 26.—An American gunboat proceeding to Chung King struck a rock 10 miles from Ichang. Although badly damaged it succeeded in returning to port.