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TALLY HITS ENEMY LINE

AMERICAN LINE GETS GAS BATH

Huns Break Loose With Storm of Shells, but Without Effect, for United States Troops Hold Lines.

With the American Forces on the Marne, June 17.—The Germans today began using gas to a greater extent along this front than they have done heretofore.

PATROL RETURNS. An American patrol crossed the river Marne last night east of Chateau Thierry and at once established contact with the Germans.

There has been an increase in the artillery and aerial activity along the Marne front, but the infantry has not been engaged in the last 24 hours.

The enemy artillery fire in the section east of Chateau Thierry has been increasing for some time and the American fire has increased proportionately.

Right Back at Them. To the west the Germans have taken to drenching certain localities with mustard gas.

German Losses Heavy. With the American Forces on the Lorraine front, June 17.—The Germans failed to renew their attacks on the American front northwest of Toul yesterday.

None in Italy. Washington, June 17.—There are no American combat troops in Italy now, with the exception of "observing missions."

French Aviator Missing. Paris, June 17.—Adjutant Quette, the French aviator, who has a record of having downed 10 German airplanes, has been missing since June 5.

The Weather. For Nebraska—Generally fair Tuesday and Wednesday; continued warm.

Table with weather data for Omaha, including temperature, precipitation, and wind speed for various times of day.

Table with comparative local records for weather in Omaha, including highest and lowest temperatures and precipitation.

TERRIBLE DEATH FOR GERMAN CREW OF SUBMARINE OFF ZEEBRUGGE MOLE

M'ADOO PAYS SHORT VISIT TO OMAHA

Secretary of Treasury and Wife on Way to "Big Woods in Mountains" Stop Brief Time.

William G. McAdoo, secretary of the treasury and director general of the railroads of the United States, passed a half-hour in Omaha Monday afternoon while on his way to Denver.

"I am only going to the Rocky mountains for a test for two or three weeks," said Mr. McAdoo, "and I am combining a general inspection of the railroads with my trip.

Going Beyond Reach. "No, I can't tell you just where I am going, because the doctor says that I must go somewhere where nobody can reach me and nothing can disturb me."

Greetings to Rosewater. "Give my regards to Mr. Rosewater," he said as the train departed.

Unidentified Man Drowns in Cutoff Lake Near Beach. An unidentified man about 25 years old, was drowned in Cutoff lake near the Illinois Central trestle on the Iowa side about 9:30 o'clock Monday night.

Burnquist Leads in Race for Governor of Minnesota. St. Paul, June 17.—Primary election returns from about one-fourth of Minnesota's precincts, tabulated early today, gave for the republican candidate for governor:

Body Louse Germ Carrier. Sixty-Six Volunteers Submit to Test and Medical Men Make Discovery.

SPREADER OF TRENCH FEVER. Washington, June 17.—Through tests conducted upon 66 volunteers from American hospital and ambulance organizations in France, medical authorities have been able to determine that trench fever, one of the most baffling diseases affecting the troops on the western front, is spread by germs carried by body lice.

Spread of Trench Fever. The details of the test and the story of the bravery of the American volunteers who risked their lives in order that the mystery of yellow fever might be solved, is told in a report received from General Pershing and made public tonight by the War Department.

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38 HUNS DIE IN U-BOAT AS LUNGS BURST

Compressed Air Forces Men to Surface, When Twenty of Them Sink Like Stones.

London, June 17.—Details of the destruction of one of the largest German submarines are given in a dispatch from a neutral correspondent.

The U-boat struck a mine and out of the crew of 40, only two survived on reaching the surface after a struggle with death for an hour and a half, 20 fathoms below the surface.

The attention of a British trawler was attracted and it hastened to the rescue. The condition of the survivors showed that their experiences in the submarine had been of a dreadful character.

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GERMAN EDITORS PREDICT BLOWS BY AIR ON U. S.

Washington, June 17.—Boasting and threatening comment of the German newspapers on the appearance of submarines off the American coast is summarized in a statement issued today by the State department.

There will be scenes in the United States that will make the marrow in Wilson's bones run cold." Another said: "The Americans are already trembling in fear of German air attacks, and the time may not be far distant when American ports will be bombarded."

Referring to the "submarine obstruction to transportation of American troops to France," the German editors failed to mention the character of vessels attacked by the raiders, or the fact that the movement of troop convoys has not been interfered with in the slightest degree by the U-boats.

SCHEME TO ROB UNCLESAM IS NIPPED IN BUD

Manufacturers, Contractors and Agents Enter Into an Agreement to Divide Profits Accruing.

Washington, June 17.—A nationwide conspiracy between manufacturers and contractors' agents in Washington to solicit government war orders under an agreement to pay commissions illegally to the agents, was disclosed today by the Department of Justice.

Simultaneously with the announcement, raids were made on hundreds of manufacturers' business offices throughout the United States in search of papers showing the scope of the illegal practice.

Even before the results of the raid were fully reported, officials indicated they had evidence that scores, perhaps hundreds of contracts have been made with manufacturers who were under pledge to turn over to contract commission agents in Washington, New York and elsewhere, a percentage of their profits.

Claim Special Influence. Officials said the manufacturers were led to enter into the agreement by assurances of the agents that they had special influence with army officers or others in charge of letting contracts and under threat to use that influence against the manufacturers.

Prosecutions to Follow. Eleven offices in Washington were raided and a great mass of papers of contract agents carried away.

Other cities in which raids were made include New York, Boston, Washington, Chicago, Brooklyn, San Francisco, Jersey City, Philadelphia, Pittsburgh, St. Louis, Cincinnati, Cleveland, Toledo, Columbus, Detroit, Milwaukee, Minneapolis, Providence, Buffalo and Danbury, Conn.

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Austrians, Disregarding Heavy Losses, Continue Efforts to Cross Piave River, but Are Held Back.

(By Associated Press.) At several points along the front, the Italian statement says, the Austrians disregarding their losses, continued their endeavors to cross the Piave river, but the Italians are bravely holding their positions.

More than 4,500 Austrians have been made prisoners by the French, British and Italians. The text of the Italian statement reads: "On the Asiago plateau and on Monte Grappa the enemy, who had on June 15 suffered heavy losses, limited his action yesterday to hindering with intense fire the counter offensive push of our own and allied troops, who, however, were able at several points to gain partial successes and to rectify our line."

Along the Piave the battle went on with extreme violence. The enemy, heedless of his losses, continued his powerful pressure in order to extend his occupation on the Montello and open the way to the plains. Our troops have strongly engaged the enemy on the line of Ciano, the Montello crest and St. Andrea.

ALLIES WIN LOST GROUND. Counter attacks in the hill country in the north at several points have resulted in the occupation by the allies of ground won from them in the initial onslaught and the rectification of their lines, while a stiffening of the front along the Piave river has made impossible further fording of the stream by the enemy.

Hard fighting still is in progress, with the Austrians bringing pressure against the allies, on both northern and eastern parts of the battlefield in an endeavor to gain access to the plains.

The strokes of the enemy are particularly violent on the Montello plateau, the highest bit of ground along the middle reaches of the Piave, the capture of which would give him command of the roads leading through Treviso to Venice and a fairway westward through the province of Treviso. The Italians are inflicting heavy casualties on the troops of Emperor Charles which crossed the river at this point.

Italians Holding Line. To the south from St. Andrew to Fossalata, respectively, the northern and southern flanks of the famous Zenson loop, where last year the Austrians effected a crossing of the Piave, only later to be driven back with sanguinary losses, and from Fossalata to San Dona Di Piave the fighting also is of a violent character, with the Italians heroically and successfully, according to the Rome war office, holding the line of the river.

Between Candulu and the Zenson loop, where the Austrians crossed the Piave in Saturday's fighting, the Italians have driven them back to the river bank and are endeavoring to push them across the stream.

The latest Austrian official communication records the gain of additional ground west of San Dona Di Piave and the capture of the village of Cape Sile, on the eastern edge of the lagoon region in the province of Venetia, about 20 miles from the city of Venice itself.

Heavier Fighting to Come. Thus far the Italians, British and French troops have made prisoner of more than 4,500 Austrians. The Austrian war office asserts that 12,000 prisoners have been taken by the Austrians.

Although the fighting has died down considerably in the mountain region, it is expected soon again to be resumed with increased violence. Emperor Charles is reported to be at the front and thousands of reinforcements for the armies are said to be moving southward.

John Elliott, Banker Goes to Penitentiary. Decatur, Neb., June 17.—John Elliott, convicted cashier of the Bank of Decatur, is in the penitentiary, where he is to serve a term of one to 10 years.

Elliott had been convicted of converting the funds of the bank to his personal use. He appealed to the supreme court, where the case is pending. Saturday, June 8, he went to Lincoln and there surrendered himself to the penitentiary authorities. This was with the understanding that the other charges against him in connection with the bank affairs would be nolle.

Briggs' Sister Injured. Cap. Briggs, chief of detectives at the central police station, was called to Cedar Rapids, Ia., Monday. His sister was injured in an automobile accident.