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STRIKERS SHAKE VIENNA

BRINGS ON FOOD RIOTS

Germany and Hungary Agree to Send Austria Foodstuffs in Effort to Alleviate Critical Situation.

London, June 20. - More than 100,000 persons have gone on strike in the Volcan arsenal and the Warschalowski airplane works in Vienna, according to a dispatch from Zurich to the Exchange Telegraph.

The dispatch adds that riots have occurred at Favoriten, Margerethen, Ottakring and Brigittenay, suburbs of Vienna.

Mobs broke into a number of bakeries, stoned the residence of the premier and also one of the wings of the Hofburg palace, says an Amsterdam dispatch.

Cavalry is being rushed to the capital to restore order. It is probable, it is stated that martial law will be proclaimed.

The rioting was in protest against the reduction of the bread ration. Demand More Food.

in an all-night session, ending Thursday morning, adopted a resolution demanding that the bread ration be raised immediately and that until reached normal size greater quantities of other victuals be given the population, according to reports reaching Copenhagen and transmitted by the

Exchange Telegraph company. The council protested against the adoption of a policy of not summoning parliament and demanded that wages he raised and night work in the factories be limited, as the men and women are unable to do hard work, owing to the lack of food. Finally, the council requested the working people to prevent riots in the streets.

Germany to Send Supplies.

Amsterdam, June 20 .- Messages arriving here from Germany and Austroubles in the dual monarchy over

Seydler, in a statement to the press ney General Huston Thompson, in

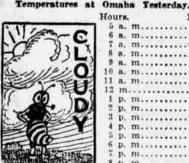
fraternal attitude in the alliance, he continued, but the supply in Austria was still so scanty as to make it impossible for the present to remove the restrictions on the bread rations.

had promised to send foodstuffs, especially considerable quantities of new

"The readiness of Germany and Hungary to assist," said the premier, (Continued on Page Two, Column Three)

The Weather

For Nebraska-Generally fair Friday and Saturday; cooler in east por tion Friday.



Normal temperature

Deficiency for cor, period, 1916..5.20 inches

Reports From Stations at 7 p. m. Temp. High- Rain 7 p. m. est. fall. 60 72 .40 Station and State other post routes.

Denver, cloudy......74
Dodge City, p't cloudy..98
Des Moines, clear.....84 North Platte, raining....76 naha, clear......87 neblo_cloudy......86 Rapid City, clear. Salt Lake City, cloudy .. 88 Santa Fe, raining 74

"T" indicates trace of precipitation.

L. A. WELSH, metereologist.

STATE PRESS PILOTS HAVE ROUND OF FUN AT THEIR ANNUAL MEETING

Secretary Lansing's Sisters Learn War's Horrors First Hand

With the American Army in France, June 20.—The Misses Emma and Katherine E. Lansing, sisters of Secretary of State Lansing, who have been members of the Red Cross in France since last September, have had a thrilling experience and learned the horrors of modern warfare first hand.

Recently when German airmen bombed a village near the front, where the Misses Lansing conducted a canteen, they were forced to live in a champagne cellar until they could close the canteen and leave.

Some correspondents were lunching today in a little town in the rear of the French-British front, when a chauffeur told them that two "nurses" had been talking to him and inquired if the Americans were coming there. They appeared to be lonely, said the chauffeur, and de sired to see some of their country-

They found the "nurses" were the Misses Lansing.

How Competition Was Suppressed, Bids Manipulated and Manufacturers "Double-Crossed."

Washington, June 20 .- Methods by which contingent fee contract agents in Washington suppressed competition in bidding on government war orders, inflated prices, manipulated bids and even "double crossed" their own clients by representing competing contractors were uncovered today by the Department of Justice in examining correspondence seized in raids on the contract brokers' offices.

Some manufacturers paid thousands of dollars for "purely imaginery sermake it clear that the latest vices" of the contract agents, who often turned over confidential inforthe food situation never have been mation of bids to other clients or equalled since the beginning of the used them to enter lower bids in their own names, said a review of the Austrian premier, Dr. von findings issued by Assistant Attorrepresentatives at Vienna, announces charge of the prosecutions. By repthat as a result of recent negotiations, resenting several competitive bidders German government declared at the same time agents sought to and Mexico, Senator Sherman said he tors. itself ready to advance to Austria a have manufacturers consider the certain quantity of grain, and, he add- brokers' offices branches of the maned, hundreds of wagonloans were al- ufacturers' business, and supply the of the Russian bolshevik government Germany had thus again proved its to represent the contractor direct. aternal attitude in the alliance, he "Some letters to favored clients, said the Department of Justice announcement, "contain promises not

to put bids for certain other concerns represented by the agents, nor The Hungarian government also put them in touch with the business if the favored client desired to bid. "Another favorite scheme was to get quotations or options from several manufacturers who were thus eliminated from direct government The agent with the advan-

this price knowledge, would then bid in his own name and, if awarded the contract, proceeded to fill it by exercising the option given

It was intimated today that a few

high officials of the company knew |

would be subject to the penalty of

for each offense.

SHERMAN WARNS AGAINST FURTHER WAITING POLICY

Intervention in Russia and Steps to Suppress German Propaganda.

(By Associated Press.)

ator Sherman of Illinois, republican.

Senator Sherman said Japan is anxious to enter Siberia because of the menace that a Germanized Russia would be to her, and desires American and allied aid because she cannot undertake the expedition alone.

Japan and ask her to attack the gova drive through Asia. The administ them here. tration and the senate must take the esponsibility for further delay."

great mistake to give out the impression that Japan wishes to intervene." He declared that Japan is no more anxious to invade Russia than is the United States or any of the allied governments, and added that he doubted that Japan would want to go in even with American and allied aid

Senator King of Utah, democrat told the senate that he knew from official sources that Senator Hitchcock was correct and that "four weeks ago Japan was opposed to sending an expedition unless for her own protection and that she was not then convinced that a military expedition would be to her advantage

More Watchful Waiting.

Discussing German agents in Mexco, Senator Sherman said vigorous steps should be taken against disturbing elements in this country, who, cohe said, enjoy close relations with Carranza officials.

Warning against what he termed the necessity of opposing the effort agent with letter heads and authority to assure recognition by the United States. The American government again in the den sandwich line. may be asked within 48 hours to recognize a bolshevik ambassador from Russia, he said.

Kansas and Oklahoma Hit By Wave of Intense Heat

Kansas City, Mo., June 20 .- A heat | wave of great intensity prevails over most of the southwest and, according to report reaching here tonight, damage already has been caused in the wheat fields of Kansas and Oklahoma. In Kansas City the highest June temperature since the establishment by the manufacturer who quoted the of the weather bureau, 103, was recorded. Oklahoma City reported 104.

Five Western Union Train Agents

Arrested For Violating Postal Law.

TRANSMITTED BY COURIERS

Washington, June 20 .- Transmis-, ered evidence, it is said, that thousion of "night letter" telegrams by sands of night letter telegrams have been carried by train between the train messenger instead of by wire eastern cities, and delivered to their between eastern cities is a practice of destinations with all the earmarks of long standing, it was learned today having been sent by wire. Fictiafter the Postoffice department had tious letters and figures ordinarily taken action to stop the traffic by indicating the identity of the telearresting five train agents of the graph operators at each end of the Western Union company, who had wire and the time of receipt were brief cases filled with night messages borne by the messages, which had which they were carrying between been typed in the offices where they New York, Boston, Philadelphia, Baloriginated. timore and Washington.

Reports reaching the Postoffice de-The messengers, four of whom were partment today after the seizures taken at New York and one at were that the system of sending Boston, will be called before a federal quantities of messages by train had grand jury. Those responsible for it been in effect for many years and will be charged with violating the law that since it often relieved wires algiving the government postal system ready overburdened and resulted in a monopoly of the transmission of delivery as promptly as if they had public communications by train or actually been telegraphed, the prac-

tice was considered justified. Postal authorities will refer their evidence to district attorneys in New of the practice. Upon conviction they York and Boston for prosecution, which, it is said, will be directed at \$500 fine or six months' imprisonment | the company offices or executives responsible for the system, rather than Postal inspectors who made the at the messengers, who acted only martial in accordance with the laws than those specified by the navy; that winter, only 775 pounds were con-July is as much a French holiday as seizures today had previously gath- as employes under instruction

Editors and Wives Given Day of Feasting and Entertainment in Omaha: Men See "Rum Bay."

Editors of Nebraska papers with heir wives were in the gayest society whirl last night. It was the opening Illinois Senator Declares for of the social session of the Nebraska Press association. Ye editors and their wives were the guests at just six affairs in their honor in the six hours intervening between 6 o'clock and midnight.

Two of these were for the editors only, being "pulled off" in the den of Ak-Sar-Ben, within the mysterious Washington, June 20 .- Japanese in- walls of which the foot of woman tervention in Russia and activity of has never trod. Two others were for German agents in Mexico in trying to the fair members of the party only, oment disturbances in this country, consisting of a theater party at the so as to retard prosecution of the war Rialto and a little chop suey afterwere discussed in the senate today ward at a Chinese cafe. At the other during a debate precipitated by Sen- two social affairs both the men and their ladies were present.

Hospitable Omaha.

The big night started at 6 o'clock with a dinner at the Rome hotel, given in honor of the visitors by the printers' supply houses of Omaha. J. O. Goodwin, manager of the Western "It is well understood," the senator Newspaper Union, introduced Frandeclared, "that the United States op-poses action by Japan. Great Britain chosen words," told the editors what and France favor it. We must trust great, good men they are, what a power for good they are in Nebraska. ernment that menaces her by making and how glad Ombaha is to have

C. B. Cass of Ravenna, president of the Nebraska Press association, Hitchcock Explains Japan's Attitude. responded, declaring that, among all Senator Hitchcock of Nebraska, Omaha's superior virtues, none is hairman of the senate foreign rela- more conspicuous than its hospitality. tions committee, in reply, said, "It is a -especially to editors and their families.

Wattles to Editors.

Gurdon W. Wattles, federal food dministrator for Nebraska, spoke on The Aims of the Food Administraion Its Accomplishments and How

Newspapers Can Best Help. He complimented the editors and press of the state in the highest terms. The great work of the food administration would have been impossible. he declared, had it not been for the whole-hearted co-operation of the press. He cited the wonderful things accomplished by the food administration in keeping down the price of staple foods and conserving supplies of exportable foods to ship to our

allies. The big dinner with its big program was finished on schedule time so that at 7:45 "Dad" Weaver was operating with like groups in Mexico, leading the masculine contingent to are planning violence in America at cars for transportation to the Ak-Sarthe instigation of German agents. Ben den, and Miss Doris Goethe was German officials and military officers, convoying the women and children in the direction of the Rialto.

At the den the full working crew was on deck for the perpetration of "watchful waiting" in Russia all the horrible horrors upon the edi-"The Camp of Rum Bay," and desired to awaken public opinion to "The Burning of Berlin," were presented before the editorial eves with great eclator something like that. And greater percentage of water or excess after the big show the editors ate

Women See Rialto Show. By the time all this was over, the ladies had seen "Believe Me, Xantippe" at the Rialto and had partaken of the Chinese viands at the neighboring cafe.

The better halves and the worse halves of the editorial partnerships met at the Fontenelle hotel about 11 o'clock, where the ball room was in readiness for the sixth social af fair of the evening, a grand dance. Today the giddy whirl of pleasure will be continued. The day begins with a short business session at the Hotel Fontenelle at 9 o'clock. Rev. Titus Lowe will talk of what he saw n France. Then the women will be

Shortly before noon all will take yards, they will be entertained at gubernatorial nomination. luncheon by the stock yards comand Mayor Smith will make an ad-

taken to see the Red Cross work-

cluding the Fort Omaha balloon

At 6 o'clock they will be entertained at dinner at the Chamber of Commerce. C. O. Talmadge, chairman of the bureau of publicity, will preside and John W. Gamble, chairman of the executive committee, will make the prin-

Austrian Prisoners In Italian Uniform Given Short Shrift

soldiers in Italian uniforms in order to throw them at a suitable moment into the entente allied lines in order to provoke panic and disorder.

All Catholic Hospital Nurses to Be Garbed In Washable Uniforms

Chicago, June 20.-Members of the Catholic Hospital association. including 500 mothers general and mothers superior, representing half of the hospital capacity of the United States and Canada, today voted to adopt a washable uniform with curtailed veil while attending the sick instead of the garments now worn by sisters. White washable gowns are now worn in clinical work, the veils having been declared undesirable by surgeons.

The change in the nursing gowns of the sisters will be made subject to sanction of ecclesiastical authorities and the gowns are to be in keeping with the spirit and traditions of the various orders.

The sisters condemned the custom of splitting fees by surgeons as "an unethical and nefarious practice," which they pledged themselves to "keep out or root out of our hospitals.'

Another resolution adopted called on all members of the association to become registered nurses and to establish training schools wherever possible. They pledged themselves to extend the system of case records, to improve laboratories and "to bring about as soon as possible the scientific training of our sisters as technicians of all kinds, anesthetists, dieticians, record keepers and social service ex-

LINCOLN STREET RAILWAY RULING GIVES HOPE HERE

Corporation Counse! Lambert Shows Bearing of Decision Against Raising Rates on Omaha Application.

from six for a quarter to 5 cents hope to Corporation Counsel Lambert, who is representing Omaha before the commission in a similar case. The Omaha & Council Bluffs Street Railway company has applied for authority to increase its rate from 5 to 6 cents and the city is resisting the application, led by Mayor Smith.

There are some points of contact between the Lincoln and Omaha cases," Mr. Lambert stated. "The Lincoln and Omaha companies were similarly formed out of constituent companies and both were capitalized just as the promoters cared to capitalize them, restrained only by economic limits, rather than by any regulatory supervision of public officials.

Holding in Lincoln Case.

In the Lincoln case the railway commission ordered that the company must account for dividends paid on can, relatively speaking, show a bomb. and if the commission elects to ascounter application which it will be required to consider.

"In this counter application we will ask that an order be issued denying in the future and requiring the company to account for and restore to the proper fund dividends which have been paid on both common and pre-(Continued on Page Two, Column Three)

Wheaton Retains Lead.

St . Paul, Minn., June 20 .- On recars for the South Side where, at Comstock of Mankato by 405 votes

Bruce McCulloch, editor of Lindberg in the republican race by 10 49 of their machines were brought down.

AUSTRIAN THRUST MEETS CHECK FROM ALPS TO ADRIATIC

Ground Recaptured From Invaders in Hill Region, While Balance Sways in Defenders' Favor Along Piave: Enemy's Bridges Washed Away and Large Number in Danger of Capture.

(By Associated Press.)

To all outward appearances the Austrian offensive in the Italian theater thus far has met with failure all along the front from the Venetian Alps to the Adriatic sea.

In the hill region additional ground has been recaptured from the invaders, while along the Piave river, where intensive fighting is in progress, at some points with fluctuating results, the balance seems to sway in favor of the Italians.

South and east of Asiago the French and Italians have retaken Pennar, Bertigo and Cosalunga, past which the Austrians had hoped to push their front and gain the Astico river valley. which leads to Vicenza, on the plains below.

MACHINE GUN **NESTS STORMED** BY AMERICANS

Positions in Front of Cantigny Swept Clean of Germans in Short But Deadly Battle.

(By Associated Press.)

June 20.-At dawn this morning The decision of the State Railway American troops stormed German throwing its armies across the stres commission in denying the Lincoln trenches and machine gun nests in Street Railway company its applica- front of Cantigny, in the Montdidier tion to increase the street car rate sector. Those of the German garrison who remained to fight and carry out straight offers a gleam of renewed their orders to hold the positions at any cost were killed by rifle and machine gun fire and bayonet. The Americans also took prisoners.

The American artillery put down a heavy box barrage on the rear of the enemy positions. A few minutes later the infantry swarmed over the top and the river for reinforcements hastily rushed the trenches. Some of the Germans tried to escape through the barrage crashing to their rear, but few of them got through, for numerous

German dead were found later. Prisoners captured declare that they had orders to hold on at all costs, and this was apparent by the desperate manner in which they fought, The battle was short, but deadly, for the enemy positions were swept clean of Germans. The official report says that great many Germans were killed.

One machine gun nest containing Cantigny for some days was blown up excess capitalization. We feel that we by a direct hit from a trench mortar

The enemy artillery has been more capitalization in our case. We are active on the Toul sector since the waiting for the commission to rule on heavy gassing to which the Americans the jurisdictional feature of the case, subjected them yesterday. The infantry action has been confined, however, sume jurisdiction in the Omaha case, to an attempted raid, in which only 60 then we will be prepared to file a men participated, in spite of the German official statement, which said that they had penetrated the American lines at Seichprey.

The Germans have thrown about dividends on at least common stock 6,000 shells along the American front in the Woevre.

835 German Airplanes

Destroyed Since January 1 London (Via Ottawa), June 20.-Eight hundred and thirty-five German airplanes have been destroyed since

turns from 2,869 precincts out of 3,- January 1, according to an official an-19 in the state, Fred E. Wheaton of nouncement just made, which tends Minneapolis is leading Judge W. L. to prove that the German communiques are not reliable when deal-Mr. Buckingham's well known stock in the contest for the democratic ing with losses of airplanes. The statement says that on June 2 the J. A. Burnquist is leading C. A. Germans lost 48, while on June 9 and Germans northwest of Chateau Thier-

At 2 o'clock the party will take automobiles for a tour of the city, including the Fort Owels hell. By "Reprocessing," Says Packer

New York, June 20 .- The special | which had been rejected, and that no examiner appointed by the federal ham had been sent out which he Wilson & Co., Chicago packers, supplied bad meat to the army and navy, today adjourned the hearing for a timony had been taken.

Chantland, who is conducting the inuiry into Wilson & Co.'s activities, Rome, June 20.-Italian military of- announced that the commission would ficials learned before the Austrian of next investigate charges that Morris fensive began, says a semi-official & Co. sold "old hens" camouflaged as note issued today, that the Austrians chickens, to mess officers of the had dressed Italian-speaking Austrian United States army near San Antonio,

> William W. Bowers, assistant general superintendent of plants for Wilson & Co., was the chief witness at he and Mr. Wilson had eaten hams | demned.

trade commission to sift charges that would have been unwilling to have flicted heavy casualties. The Assohis brother, who is in the army, eat. After quoting the navy inspector at Chicago as saying that a slight trace week or 10 days, after further tes- of mould would not affect the quality of a ham, Mr. Bowers asserted that standing the German claim. After the adjournment, William T. the best way to "sweeten" such hams was to wipe off the mould with dry salt and a brush and hang them in a smokehouse without smoke for 12

He opposed the method, suggested, he said by the navy inspector, that the hams be washed in tepid water and smoked for 36 hours because crevices would be opened and the water, soaking in, would carry the mould

Not alone were the positions regained, but more than 200 prisoners fell into the hands of the allied troops.

Quiet in Mountains. On their part over the entire mountain region, the Austrians have remained quiet, except when compelled to go on the defensive, and then their efforts to hold back their antagonists have lacked the stamina usual in men whose hearts are in their task. This condition has prevailed since the first onslaught of the enemy was su marily stopped by the fire of the British, French and Italian forces forming the barrier to the Venetian plains. More heart is being thrown into the work by the enemy along the Piave from the Montello plateau southward to the region lying east of Venice. pulses on various sectors, bent or

those forces that already have for t. Nevertheless, further setbacks the Austrians have followed those past days on the Montello, where the Italians are viciously disputing right-of-way to the plains. wise, near the famous Zenson loop farther down the stream, the ene heavy attacks have been held and under the impetus of the Italian counter blows, it has fallen back neare

Bridges Washed Away. Still farther south between Fos salta and Sandona Di Piave, the Italians have further pushed back the invaders and unofficial reports assert that they have recaptured the village of Capo Sile, lying on the dge of the marsh region some 20 miles east of

historic Venice. It is not outside the range of pe sibility that a large number of the Austrians are in a fair way to taken prisoner by the Italians, for a eight men which had been sprinkling large number of the ponton bridges which they threw across the Piave over the 14 1-2 mile front between the Conogliano railway bridge and the enson loop have been carried away on the bosom of the swollen stream. At any rate the loss of these bridges will necessarily seriously impede the reinforcement of the Austrians on the west bank of the stream and the re-

lenishment of their supplies.

Revolt in Vienna. Meanwhile the food situation and he war-weariness of the people withn the dual monarchy again are mak ng trouble for the authorities Troublous times also seemingly are in store for the German government owing to the lack of bread. In Vienna mobs are reported to have raided bakeries and stoned the residence of the premier and even to have attacked one of the wings of the imperial palace. Troops had to be called out to

restore order. Little fighting is in progress on the battlefields in France and Belgium. though the artillery duels continue violent on various sectors. The Americans again have forced back the ry in the Marne region, this time with-

out the enemy offering resistance, The Americans heavily shelled a desired sector of the Belleau wood and when they finished this and started forward they found the Germans had fled, bag and baggage. The Am-

ericans advanced their lines more than half a mile, The German official communication said the Germans penetrated American positions at Seicheprey, in Toul sector east of St. Mihiel, and inciated Press correspondent with the American army in this region says the infantry activity has been con-

fined to an attempted raid, notwith-

French Plan to Celebrate

Glorious Fourth American Style Paris, June 20 .- If preparations already under way be taken as a criterion, the coming Fourth of July may be celebrated by the French in a manner which is unprecedented. Maurice Damour, a member of the Chamber of Deputies, has written a long article for the Journal, calling Captured Austrians so garbed were today's session. He testified that Wilexecuted after a drum head court- son & Co. tried to supply better hams which had been "reprocessed" last celebration. He says the Fourth of American. It is a world holiday