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THE WEATHER: Nebraska: Cloudy, warmer; unsettled west portion. Thermometer readings: 5 a. m. 56 p. m. 6 a. m. 55 p. m. 7 a. m. 57 p. m. 8 a. m. 59 p. m. 9 a. m. 62 p. m. 10 a. m. 67 p. m. 11 a. m. 65 p. m.

PREPARE TO RESUME DRIVE

60 KILLED, 129 HURT IN WRECK

Victims Wallace Hagenback Circus Folk in Cars Smashed by Troop Train; Crash Followed by Fire.

Gary, Ind., June 22.—Sixty persons are known to be dead and 129 are in hospitals in Gary and Hammond tonight as a result of a rear-end collision at dawn today between an empty troop train composed of Pullman cars and a Wallace Hagenback circus train on the Michigan Central railroad, five miles west of Gary. Virtually all victims were members of the circus.

Thirty-eight bodies, all except one charred beyond recognition, have been placed in Gary undertaking establishments tonight. Twenty-one bodies have been taken to Hammond. Identification of all except a few bodies was not attempted today. Those who died of injuries in hospitals were known, but the effort of giving names to the burned, mutilated bits of humanity taken from the wreck was reserved for tomorrow.

Three Coaches Demolished. The empty troop train, traveling down a straight stretch of track, totally demolished three of the flimsy circus coaches and badly damaged a fourth.

According to reports to local authorities, the circus train which carried four sleepers, five stock cars, 15 flat cars and a caboose, pulled part way into a switch and stalled there. A flagman set fuses as a warning. The circus train was in this position when the troop train plowed into the sleepers, reducing them to a pile of tangled steel and timbers. Fire, engendered by the gas lighting system of the circus train, broke out almost immediately, and when rescuers reached the scene the entire wreckage was in flames.

Clowns, bareback riders, trapeze performers and acrobats, many of them veterans in the circus world, perished in the first great crash. Other victims were suffocated and burned.

Clown Loses Wife and Babies. Attempts of the Gary fire department to curb the flames and make possible quick access to the imprisoned victims were unsuccessful because of lack of water supply in that outlying district. Survivors struggled about the wreck, screaming for relatives or friends and only force prevented two or three men from rushing into the blazing wreckage.

Hours after the crash bodies charred black were still being recovered as the derricks of wrecking trains thinned out the pile of debris. There were many pitiful scenes at the wreck and later in the hospitals. Joe Coyle, a clown, cried as he lay on a stretcher and told how his wife and two babies had joined him only recently after months of absence and how all three had been crushed to death at his very side.

The kiddies had been so glad to see their father home.

Mayor Will Permit No City Employee to Make Race for Office

Mayor Smith has announced that he will not permit any city employee within the jurisdiction of the public affairs department, over which he has charge, to be a candidate for a public office and at the same time remain on the public payroll.

He had particular reference to I. L. Beisel of the city clerk's office, who has filed for the republican nomination of county treasurer, and he made his policy to apply to any others who may be contemplating filing for office.

Ex-Emperor Nicholas Removed to Moscow From Ekaterinburg

Berne, Switzerland, June 22.—Ex-Emperor Nicholas has been transferred to Moscow from Ekaterinburg, which was no longer safe, owing to the movement among the Czech-Slovaks, according to the Zeitung Am Mittag of Berlin.

Germans Set Thirty Long-Range Guns to Bombard Paris, Report

Paris, June 22.—Premier Clemenceau and Leon A. Brame, under-secretary for effectives and pensions at the war office, had a lengthy hearing before the senate army committee today on the question of effectives. It has been widely rumored that the Germans have placed a number, varying from eight to 30, of long range cannon for the bombardment of Paris. Several questions were put to Premier Clemenceau, most of them concerning this rumor, but he treated it as idle gossip.

SEE MYSTERY IN ARREST OF EARL BEAVER

Man Seized at St. Joseph Thought to Be Brother of Logan Billingsley, Oklahoma Bootlegger.

An element of mystery surrounds the arrest of Earl Beaver, alleged bootlegger, by federal authorities at St. Joseph, Mo., Saturday.

Beaver, it is alleged, was arrested on information given by a woman from a roadhouse near St. Joseph, and when he was seized by the officers he was in a big Cadillac car, which was loaded with liquor.

Earl Beaver is alleged to be none other than Earl Billingsley, a brother of Logan Billingsley, king of the Oklahoma bootleggers, and who, with other members of the gang, are now serving sentences in federal prisons for selling liquor to Indians.

Beaver, as he is called, came to Omaha last fall about the time that Logan Billingsley arrived here.

Billingsley was arrested by police on complaint of Rome Miller, who alleged the Oklahoma man was using the rooms he occupied in the Rome hotel for the illegal sale of liquor.

Billingsley threatened to file suit for \$50,000 damages against the hotel keeper for causing his arrest. Later Billingsley was again arrested and was being held in central station for the authorities of the state of Washington, but he was released on a \$500 bond, which he forfeited.

After his departure from Omaha the accident which occurred to Jess Eckford, in which May Nace, an Omaha girl, was hurt by the overturning of a bootlegging car, January 12, near Shenandoah, Ia., developed the fact that there was a regular fleet of bootlegging automobiles plying between St. Joseph and Omaha and it was alleged that Beaver was the principal of the gang.

He was sought by local officials and some months ago former Special Prosecutor McGuire received a card purporting to be from Earl Beaver, and which was sent from a Canadian city, stating that he had enlisted in the Canadian forces and would soon be on his way to France.

Several Trips to Omaha. Since that time the man known locally as Earl Beaver has made several trips to Omaha and has been recognized by acquaintances.

On June 11 Bryan Van Dyke and wife, with James Cosgrove, were arrested and held at the central station for the wife on a charge of "investigation." Van Dyke, it is alleged, was known to James Cosgrove as Earl Beaver. The latter had on his person, it is alleged at the time of his arrest, a registration card giving his description, his registry number and all the requirements of the draft law, under the name of Van Dyke.

The question now arises, Is there a man serving in France under the name of Earl Beaver, who is really Bryan Van Dyke, and with whom Van Dyke traded registration cards, or was the man arrested here really Bryan Van Dyke and is Earl Beaver serving in France?

There was no evidence which could prove that Jess Eckford or Earl Beaver sold whiskey in Omaha at the time the cases against the two men were brought up last winter, and the federal authorities who arrested Earl Beaver at St. Joseph will give out no information as to the charges filed against him nor will they permit the prisoner to be interviewed.

What is True Americanism?

What does it mean to you to be an American? For the best answers The Bee is offering 12 prizes. For the best answer the prize will be \$5, and for the next 11 best, each a good book. Observe these rules: 1. Subject, "True Americanism and What It Means to Be an American." 2. Limit answers to 300 words or less. 3. Contest open to all, but ages of competitors will be taken into consideration, so state your age if you are under 21. 4. Every answer must be signed with full name and address. 5. Address, Americanism Contest, The Omaha Bee, so as to reach this office on or before June 30. The judges will be announced later.

Hot Weather Pastime in Omaha



AUSTRIANS KILL CZECHS-SLOVAKS TAKEN PRISONER

Legioners From U. S. Serving Under Arms for Italy Shot by Firing Squads When Captured.

Vienna, June 22.—The Austrian official war statement tonight says that among 40,000 prisoners taken in Italy were 15 Czech-Slovak legioners who were immediately subjected to the treatment prescribed by martial law.

The "treatment prescribed by martial law" referred to in the Austrian official report, is death at the hands of a firing squad.

There are many thousands of Czech-Slovak soldiers in the Italian army. The newspaper Roma, published in Rome, declared in May that 20,000 Czech-Slovaks who formerly lived in the United States were now serving under arms for Italy.

Many Bohemian troops, according to the London Daily Mail, have joined the Italian colors against Austria. These detachments belonged to a Czech-Slovak army which is being formed in many centers from former subjects of Emperor Charles. Their defection to Italy has caused much anxiety among the Austro-Hungarian command troops, who fear the effect on their Slav troops.

Former Government Man Impersonates U. S. Officer; Fined \$1

W. O. Banks, 19 years old, of Baltimore, was fined \$1 in federal court Saturday by Judge Woodruff on the charge of impersonating a United States officer and obtaining money under false pretenses from Manager Kitchen of the Paxton hotel.

Banks said that he had just left the federal employ at Baltimore and was on his way to Portland, Ore., to obtain a similar position there, when he became stranded in Omaha without any money. He told the judge that Manager Kitchen had refused to cash a check for him, but had given him \$10 on his representing himself as a government employ, when he had really ceased to be one several days before.

Harry Pearce Shows His Office Has More Business

Henry Pearce, register of deeds, shows 106 deeds and 273 instruments were filed in his office, total considerations of \$397,812.84. During the corresponding week last year there were 141 deeds and 317 instruments filed whose considerations amounted to \$214,548.

Y.M.C.A. LEADERS IN CITY ON TRIP THROUGH WEST

George W. Perkins and Others Explain Program for Raising New War Fund of Hundred Million Dollars.

John R. Mott, general secretary of the Young Men's Christian association, and George W. Perkins, chairman of the campaign committee, passed through Omaha Saturday afternoon en route to San Francisco and the west for conferences with business men in these sections of the country to prepare for the second Young Men's Christian association war fund, which has for its goal a total of \$100,000,000.

"America's best men, composing the cleanest army ever known in history, are being rushed over in the world's greatest ships, some of which carry 15,000 or 14,000 persons," said Dr. Mott, who is rated as one of the world's best known men, traveling on every continent and having visited the front five times. "It is a critical hour of the human race. The ball is in Germany's hands on the firing line, but we will win."

"At night time the boats start out of the ports loaded to the limit with fighting men. They sleep the men in relays in the bunks in order to get more men aboard. During my varied trips to the front I have never seen an American soldier under the influence of liquor."

Gives Nebraska's Quota.

"Nineteen Nebraskans, with over 500 other men from the 14 states comprising the central United States army department, Friday heard why this country must raise, some time next fall, at least \$100,000,000 for the Young Men's Christian association work among the soldiers and sailors of this country and our allies. Before the close of the meeting these Nebraskans joined with others in raising the amount needed is at least \$112,000,000."

"Nebraska's quota, based on the percentage set by the last Liberty loan quota, will be, in round numbers, about \$11,200,000. Omaha's share is expected to be between \$250,000 and \$500,000. Iowa's share will be about \$2,800,000; \$340,000 for South Dakota, and \$300,000 for North Dakota. These (Continued on Page Thirteen Column Six.)

Mail Carriers Form Twenty War Savings Stamp Societies

"Charity begins at home" is the motto that the Omaha mail carriers have adopted in their War Savings stamp drive. Twenty War Savings societies have been formed by employees of the different departments. An outdoor meeting will be held Friday on the north side of the federal building as a big windup for the drive. It is hoped that by Friday every person in Omaha will have become a member of some War Savings society. It is said that Nebraska must have 10,000 War Savings societies by Friday in order that it may maintain its record made in former war drives.

The public is invited to be present at the meeting by the postoffice Friday. The postoffice band will play and prominent speakers will speak.

Stanton County Is First Over Top in Stamp Drive

Stanton county, Nebraska, already has gone "over the top" on its War Savings stamp drive without waiting for the national campaign to begin. Stanton county has passed the 100 per cent mark. Reports have come from other counties that the drive is proceeding nicely. Cheyenne county hopes to be 100 per cent by Friday.

PLAN TO LAUNCH 89 VESSELS ON FOURTH OF JULY

American Ship Yards Will Celebrate Independence Day in Way That Will Help Win War.

Washington, June 22.—Celebration of July 4 this year will be made notable for all time by the launching from American ship yards of the largest number of ships of the greatest aggregate tonnage ever put into the water in one day. Independence day's contribution to the merchant fleet will be at least 89 vessels with a capacity of 439,886 deadweight tons. Workmen are straining to complete six other hulls in time, which would make the total tonnage 470,886.

The conservative estimate of launching to take place on the day Americans venerate more than any other, is one-third more than the entire production of sea-going tonnage in United States yards in the fiscal year of 1915-1916 and exceeds by 42,050 tons the launchings of 1901, the record pre-war year in American shipbuilding. The shipping board's banner construction month of May will be eclipsed in one day both in number of ships and in tonnage.

Thirty-seven of the hulls expected to be launched will be steel, with a tonnage of 254,686.

Vessel Built in 78 Days.

Washington, June 22.—Completion of the 8,800-ton cargo ship, West Anam in 78 days by the Skinner & Eddy company of Seattle, giving that company the honor of having turned out six of the ten fastest built vessels of the shipbuilding program, was announced today by the shipping board. Chairman Hurley telegraphed the company:

"You are splendidly maintaining your characteristic pace and I trust that your July launching and deliveries will set new records for your organization. Again accept congratulations from Mr. Schwab and myself and kindly let your employees know that we deeply appreciate their achievements in the shipping program."

National League to Use Amateurs, Says Heydler

New York, June 22.—That the national league would complete the present season's playing schedule even though it became necessary to secure amateurs to fill the depleted ranks, was the assertion made today by Secretary John J. Heydler. Secretary Heydler stated that despite handicaps caused by the draft owners were a unit in the opinion that there was no reason for cancelling or curtailing the schedule.

Germany Urged to Commandeer Clothing of Deceased Persons

London, June 22.—Clothing in Germany has now become almost as scarce as food. Perhaps nothing could more graphically reveal the clothing plight of Germany than a proposal just put forward by Justizrat Otto Feig, a prominent Berlin lawyer, that the government should forthwith enact a law making it compulsory for the heirs of dead people or the administrators of their estates to turn over to the state all the clothing left by the deceased persons. He points out that the German death rate, owing both to casualties

Sugar Restrictions Drawn Much Tighter By New Regulations

Washington, June 22.—Restrictions on the use of sugar by manufacturers will be drawn much tighter by new regulations, effective July 1, announced today by Food Administrator Hoover. The new measures are expected to prevent any serious scarcity of sugar for home consumption, and at the same time to put the nation as a whole on a three-pound per capita monthly ration.

Sugar allowed ice cream manufacturers after July 1 will be decreased to 75 per cent of the normal consumption.

SENATORIAL CANDIDATES GUMSHOEING

Editorial Association Meeting Causes Candidates for Senate to Visit in Gate City During Conclave.

The Nebraska editors were in Omaha this week, purely on pleasure bent, but there was a lot of political medicine mixing on the outskirts, just the same.

Ross Hammond and Edgar Howard were in attendance, of course, as members of the press association, without a thought of their ambitions to capture their respective party nominations for United States senator, and ex-Governor Morehead dropped in wholly by accident, in complete ignorance of the prospect of bumping into his competitors for that same job.

Sloan and Norris Absent. On the republican side neither Sloan nor Norris happened to be editors, but they too, were represented by trustworthy emissaries carefully spying out the land. One question which remained unanswered was, why had Senator Norris been so slow to file re-election? Speculation, perhaps borne of the hope, turned on what might happen if he should finally flunk and leave Hammond and Sloan to fight it out among themselves. Will there be other entries in the republican primary contest for the senatorship, was still another question, asked more than once, and left unanswered.

This democratic senatorial melee resolves itself largely into a contest between the Hitchcock-Mullen forces and the Bryan mourners. Lieutenant Governor Howard took occasion to read into the records a position statement that he would rather go down to an ignominious defeat than to sit in the councils of the mighty at Washington and wear a brass collar bearing "G. M. H." thereon. He catalogued Morehead, Reed and Price as "personal and political" friends of Hitchcock, with the cards running in favor of Morehead for the Hitchcock blessing.

Bill Price got into the democratic senatorial free-for-all with patriotic motives, according to a confession he made at Lincoln a few days ago. He proceeded to explain that Morehead, Reed and Howard are wasting good time and money, while he, the new Moses, entered at the psychological moment.

Morehead Optimistic.

Mr. Morehead, formerly governor and now charged with being the Hitchcock-Mullen senatorial candidate, although he denies the allegation, was optimistic, but agreed that the votes would have to be counted before the nominee could be determined.

"I really believe that I have a good chance, but it is hard to tell this year, when the people seem to be a great mass of independent thinkers," he said. "I recall that in 1912, when Reed was making a senatorial primary race, he met me in the Rome hotel, called me into a back room and confidentially imparted to me the information that he had the best little organization that ever was organized, and that there would be nothing to it. When the votes were counted, there was nothing to it as far as Reed was concerned. So you see, you can't always tell by the looks of a frog which way he is going to jump."

As for Willis Reed, the debonair little attorney general of the Antelope state, he keeps milling around, shaking hands and smiling and talking about Washington, D. C., with a familiarity that makes some of his democratic brethren sit up and look twice.

GERMANS RUSH MEN TO ITALY

Second Phase of Offensive Is Expected to Begin Any Day; Americans Keep Up Intense Activity.

Blocked in their advance across the Piave river by the Italians and British and with their line of communications threatened by the rising waters of that stream, the Austro-Hungarians apparently have closed the first phase of their offensive against Italy.

Viewed after a week of fighting, the offensive has been little more than a demonstration in force over a battle line more than 90 miles in length. It has gained none of its objectives and has cost the Austrians very dearly.

From the first day of the attack it was seen that the Italians were not called upon to meet a tremendous onslaught on some strategic key to their position, such as was launched at Caporetto last October. They had rather to defend their lines over a wide front against attacks which were launched seemingly without sufficient power to penetrate more than some of the advanced posts of the Italians and their allies.

Troops Massed in Mountains. The second phase of the offensive is expected to begin at any time. It is not believed that the Austrians will be willing, nor will they be permitted by Germany, to end their drive against Italy with the results indicating an almost total failure. There have been intimations that Germany would assist in the attack, which is coming, and which may be launched against the mountain sector of the front. Large bodies of men have been assembled there.

Austria Torn By Riots. The serious food shortage in Austria-Hungary has given rise to sensational rumors. One of these, from Amsterdam, says an attempt has been made on the life of Emperor Charles. This rumor lacks confirmation. There is little doubt conditions in Austria are near a crisis. Little of the true status of affairs can be learned, but the little news that filters through neutral countries shows that the Austrian people are on short rations, that serious rioting has occurred and that general strikes are feared. In a clash between police and strikers at Budapest, 45 persons are reported to have been killed or wounded.

Bulgaria War Weary.

A Bulgarian commission has arrived in Vienna, according to dispatches from The Hague, for the purpose of negotiating with the Austrian government concerning a change in relations with Germany. This, coupled with the fact that the present premier of Bulgaria was opposed to an alliance with Germany before Bulgaria entered the war, and the known war-tiredness of the Bulgarian people, may be significant.

Since the abortive attack on the Rheims front early in the week the western front has been quiet. There have been patrol encounters and the usual operations along the fronts where great battles were being waged during the recent past, but nothing resembling a new drive by the Germans at the allied line has been reported. Berlin officially reports the presence of Italian troops in the Rheims sector.

Americans Push Lines Forward.

American forces have continued their intense activity on the fronts where they are holding positions. Northwest of Chateau Thierry they have pushed their lines forward once more and east of the city have bombarded bodies of German troops. It is reported that Nicolai Lenine, the bolshevik premier of Russia, has decided to resign, in spite of a vote of confidence given him by the soviet committee. The Czech-Slovak movement has become so menacing east of the Ural mountains that Nicholas Romanoff, the former Russian emperor, has been removed to Moscow.

First American "Ace" Recovers From Injury

San Jose, Cal., June 22.—Lt. Douglas Campbell, son of Dr. W. W. Campbell, director of Lick Observatory, is out of the hospital in France, where he was confined after an injury sustained just after he became the first American "ace."

Wheaton Is Nominated.

St. Paul, Minn., June 22.—Fred E. Wheaton of Minneapolis was nominated for governor on the democratic ticket at the primary election Monday by a margin of about 400 votes over Judge W. L. Comstock of Manakato. Practical complete returns, including official corrections, gave Wheaton 15,743 and Comstock 15,330.