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ALLIES WILL CELEBRATE LIBERTY DAY

American Declaration of Freedom to Be Commemorated in Britain, France, Italy and Other Lands.

By Associated Press.

Washington, July 3.—American Independence day will be observed tomorrow as never before.

In this country the day will be the occasion of a renewal of allegiance by the foreign born and President Wilson will be the honor guest of a committee representing 30 nationalities on a pilgrimage to the home and tomb of George Washington.

Celebrations Various. Patriotic celebrations have been arranged in virtually every city and town in the country in which native born and foreign born will join, while the day will be made a gala one at all army and navy training camps and stations.

Britons to Celebrate. In Great Britain exercises will be held in London, Liverpool and other cities and American soldiers and sailors will be guests of the municipalities at dinners and entertainments.

Messages to the American people were sent tonight by General Pershing, Secretary Daniels, Secretary Lansing, Secretary Wilson and Lord Reading, the British ambassador.

General Pershing said: "On this anniversary of our independence the officers and men of the American expeditionary forces in battlefields of France renew their pledge of loyalty and devotion to our country and our people."

For Nebraska—Generally fair on Thursday; cooler west and north portions at night in southeast portion; Friday generally fair; cooler in east.

Table with columns for Hour, Fair, and other weather indicators.

Table with columns for Comparative Local Record, showing temperature and precipitation data for various years.

Table with columns for Reports from Stations at 7 P. M., showing temperature, wind, and precipitation for various locations.

2,170,400 Men in U. S. Army; Half of Them Already Across

Rapid Growth of War Forces Reviewed by Secretary Baker, Who Says Troops are Eager for Service.

By Associated Press.

Washington, July 3.—Supplementing President Wilson's announcement that more than a million American troops have embarked for Europe, Chairman Dent of the military committee laid before the house today a review of war preparations during the 15 months of war, prepared by Secretary Baker.

The statement shows that 286 combat airplanes had been delivered up to June 3, and that the production rate of this type then was 80 per week. More than 2,000 Liberty motors have been delivered and the weekly production rate was 115 during the first week in June.

Brownings Being Produced Rapidly. More than 900 heavy Browning machine guns were delivered during May and the deliveries for that month of light Brownings totaled 1,800.

"Sufficient rifles are now being received," the statement says, "to equip an army division every three days. More than 1,300,000 rifles had been produced and delivered up to June 1."

Speaking of the morale of the army in France, the statement says: "In France it was necessary to change the name of the zone behind the armies from the 'service of the rear' to 'service of supply' because of the difficulty in getting men to serve in a region having the shellproof designation, 'rear.'"

Seek Hazardous Service. Mr. Baker said the committee on classification of personnel reports that "a surprisingly large number of rerrats ask to be placed in the most hazardous branches of the military service," and added:

"If a reply is needed to those who say that the men of the national army are in camp only because they have to be, it is this: That those men are going over the top because they want to go."

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Another State Bank Is to Be Launched in Omaha in Few Weeks

The Great Western State Bank is the name of a new financial institution which the promoters state will make its bow to Omaha within a few weeks.

The temporary office is at No. 501 Securities building, and an optional lease has been obtained on the ground floor corner rooms of the Woodmen of the World building. Plans have been drawn for the bank offices.

Jens Nielsen, organizer, is a former member of the legislature, and has been identified with local democratic politics. He stated that he has sold \$200,000 of stock, which represents the capital. It is expected that the directors will meet within a week to elect officers and file articles of incorporation.

The personnel of the present directory is: George E. Hall, state treasurer; Jens Jensen, Alva Smith of South Side, James C. Juhlman, W. H. Hyland of Stanton, Gilbert Eachor of Albion, and F. C. Embree of Merna.

Where Patriotic Omahans Will Celebrate the Day

Outline program for Americanization Fourth of July celebrations in Miller, Riverview, Elmwood, Mandan, Krug, Hanscom, Fontenelle and Kountze parks. All programs begin at 7:30 o'clock.

Reading special Independence day message of President Wilson by the chairman. Band music. "Star Spangled Banner," sung by audience.

Ceremonial pledging allegiance to the American flag by the whole audience. Reading of Declaration of Independence with brief explanation of the causes and conditions of its origin. "Battle Hymn of the Republic," sung by audience.

Address of 15 to 20 minutes by an American citizen of foreign birth. Band music. Reading of Lincoln's Gettysburg address.

Address of 15 to 20 minutes by native born American citizen. "America," sung by audience. Chairmen, speakers, musical directors, bands and singers at the various parks: Elmwood Park. Chairman—John Whisler. Musical Director—J. E. Carnal, as-

Seem' Stars



DOUGLAS COUNTY NONPARTISANS NAME DELEGATES

League Withholds Personnel of Delegation, Promising to Make Names Public at Saturday's Meeting.

Members of the Nonpartisan League of Douglas County have elected delegates to the state convention to be held at Lincoln on next Wednesday, but the officers are not ready to announce the personnel of their delegation.

At a meeting held in the Castle hotel, presided over by Chairman Hughes of McArdle precinct, the following resolution was adopted:

"Resolved, that we, the delegates assembled in Omaha, representing Douglas county farmer and labor members of the National and City Nonpartisan league, do hereby pledge our unrestricted loyalty and our unlimited efforts in support of our government in the further prosecution of the war to a successful conclusion."

Secretary Boettger stated that he had been advised not to divulge the names of the Douglas county delegates at this time.

INDEPENDENCE DAY PROGRAM.

- 9:00 A. M.—M-I-N-K-S Handicap Shoot, Omaha Gun club. 10:00 A. M.—Playground Program—Kountze park. 12:00 M.—Flag raising, Fontenelle park, Ray J. Abbott, speaker. 2:00 P. M.—Wrestling Match, Rourke park, Charles Peters against John Pesek. 2:30 P. M.—Patriotic Speech, Harry B. Fleharty, Fontenelle park. 2:00 P. M.—M-I-N-K-S Handicap Shoot, Omaha Gun club. 2:00 to 5:00 P. M.—Folk dances, pantomimes, games, children's drills, athletic exercises at Miller, Riverview, Elmwood, Hanscom, Fontenelle, Florence, Mandan and Spring Lake park playgrounds and at Gifford and Clearview playgrounds. 5:30 P. M.—Basket picnics at Miller, Riverview, Elmwood, Mandan, Hanscom, Fontenelle and Kountze parks. 6:30 P. M.—Concert by Polish band, Hanscom park. 7:30 P. M.—Americanization Fourth of July celebration and programs at Hanscom, Fontenelle, Kountze, Miller, Riverview, Elmwood, Mandan and Krug parks. 7:30 P. M.—Playground exhibition, Benson playground. All Day—Special patriotic golf tournaments at all golf links.

FOIL ATTEMPTS TO WRECK TRAINS BEARING TROOPS

Obstructions Are Scientifically Placed at Three Points Near River Sioux, Iowa, on Northwestern.

An attempt to wreck a Northwestern passenger train was prevented Tuesday afternoon by the alertness of the track inspectors, who discovered the obstructions just in time to signal the approaching train, running at a speed of nearly 60 miles an hour, between River Sioux and Blencoe, Ia. Indications point to an attempt to wreck a troop train.

At the point designated the Northwestern has several miles of new rails strung along the track to replace the old steel, but no track workers are engaged in the immediate vicinity. Inspectors equipped with track meters patrol the line, making a round trip of the assigned territory once in two hours. They had passed the point two hours previously and found the track clear, but on the return they ran upon a series of obstructions placed with criminal cunning. In three places two of the loose rails were placed on the track with the ends crossed so that the other ends would not contact with the opposite track rail. If the rails had been placed across the track they would have short-circuited the block system and displayed red signals at both blocks.

GROUND IS PILED WITH DEAD AFTER GERMAN ATTACK

Perfect Hail of Bullets Let Loose in Ranks of Enemy at Close Range With Deadly Effect; Americans Hold Every Foot of Ground Gained in Vicinity of Vaux.

By Associated Press.

With the American Army in France, July 3.—A heavy German counter attack against the American positions at Vaux, launched at 1 o'clock this morning, was repulsed, the enemy losing very heavily. Not a foot of the ground won by the Americans in their attack on Monday night was lost.

The counter attack developed after the Germans had heavily bombarded Vaux and De La Roche. When the German infantry leaped from the trenches the troops came over in close formation. In some cases whole companies were allowed to approach close to the American line, then the American machine gunners from their hidden nests let loose a perfect hail of bullets, mowing down the enemy ranks and piling the dead all over the ground where the Germans were trying to advance.

ITALIANS TAKE 1,900 PRISONERS IN PIAVE ATTACK

Advance Effected Over Difficult Terrain Near River's Mouth; Austrian Attack in Grappa Region Foiled.

Rome, July 3.—Italian forces along the lower Piave delivered a number of hard strokes at the Austrian defenses yesterday, fighting their way forward against desperate enemy resistance, the war office announced today. The advance was over the difficult terrain near the river's mouth, which is partially flooded.

The Italians captured approximately 1,900 Austrians, together with trench guns, machine guns and war materials.

The Italians successfully withstood an Austrian counter attack at the head of the San Lorenzo valley, in the Grappa region, where they had taken important positions in the fighting of the day previous. The new positions have been consolidated. The number of prisoners taken here has reached 671, while 22 machine guns and quantities of war material also were captured.

French troops were active today on the Italian front carrying out brilliant raids from their positions on the Asiago plateau, as the result of which prisoners were taken.

Vienna Denies Crossing. Vienna, July 3.—Italian troops, supported by naval forces, attempted to cross the Piave near its mouth yesterday, says today's war office statement. The attempt was a failure, as was another effort by the Italians to effect a crossing of the river further north, near Zenson, it is declared.

The Italians succeeded in effecting a slight gain of ground near Slesianuova, northeast of Capo Sile.

The futile attempt of the enemy to land his infantry on the easterly side of the Piave was made near Revodoli, close to the Adriatic.

Wed in Ireland. Cork, Ireland, July 3.—Lt. B. Wyatt, United States navy, and Camille Palmer, granddaughter of Judge Moore of San Jose, Cal., were married here last Saturday.

ON THE RAIL AND SPEEDING UP

In Local Display Advertising For the first six months of 1918.

THE OMAHA BEE

Showed the greatest gain. Here are the figures in inches. (Warfield Measurements for 1917.) (Haynes Measurements for 1918.)

Table comparing advertising gains for The Omaha Bee, World-Herald, and News in 1917 and 1918.

Results that Count, Is the Answer. KEEP YOUR EYE ON THE BEE

Improving Every Day

The American artillery lent efficient aid in completely breaking up the enemy attack, which was launched with fresh regiments of storm troops. The number of prisoners taken by the Americans in the operations near Chateau Thierry was increased today without the American infantry operating except as skirmishers.

Enemy Fire Intense. German shells have been raining on the new American positions and the enemy has been answered by the American guns. The American line was the target of projectiles of all calibers, gas shells being mixed with high explosives missiles. The shells have been falling heavily in the areas behind the battle line. The enemy fire, particularly on the right flank of the new positions at Vaux, was most intense for hours.

At last reports the American machine gunners were holding their ground and repulsing small but desperate efforts of the Germans to regain the ground wrested from them. The Americans are reported to be well protected by their temporary trenches and are not exposing themselves needlessly to the storm of flying steel from the bursting German shells.

Pay Highest Cost Possible. The German loss in killed is unknown, but prisoners say that their orders were to drive back the Americans at all costs. They have paid the highest cost possible, but have failed to perform the task entrusted to them.

From general conditions along the battle line, it appears that further attacks by the Germans are likely to develop. The Americans, however, are just as ready for what is coming as they were for what has passed and are just as confident of the outcome.

The enemy artillery this afternoon increased the intensity of its fire in the Vaux region. The crash of exploding shells swelled to a roar while the ground and air throbbled with the concussions of shells. But the American guns answered the German challenge, shot for shot.

Steady Stream of Explosives. The American gunners, stripped to the waist, stood in the gun pits and on gun emplacements, feeding shells as fast as they could handle them into the guns and a steady stream of steel explosives swept through space onto the enemy lines.

At 5 o'clock this evening the gun fire showed no sign of abating, the enemy artillery work, if anything, evidencing more ferocity than ever. The American aviators, keeping vigil over the fighting zone, found the ground completely obscured at places by the smoke of guns and shells.

Among captured material thus far counted are six heavy machine guns, 18 light machine guns, six trench mortars, two grenade throwers, 200 rifles, one motorcycle machine gun and large quantities of ammunition and equipment.

Quentin Roosevelt is Flyer. During the aerial fighting today four more enemy machines were brought down. Victories are claimed for Lieutenants J. H. Stephens, New York; K. L. Porter, Dowagiac, Mich.; Ralph O'Neill, Denver and Maxwell Perry, Indianapolis.

All told, on Tuesday and Wednesday the patrols from American pursuit squadrons in this sector engaged in about 20 combats, bringing down seven enemy planes. Two American aviators were lost and one was seriously wounded.

Among the airmen engaged in the fighting today was Quentin Roosevelt, youngest son of Colonel Theodore Roosevelt.

German Claim Air Success. Berlin, via London, July 3.—The German war office today announced that four machines attacked an American squadron of nine, and four were shot down. Lively fighting is also reported south of Arras, northwest of Albert and between the Aisne and Marne rivers.

Dutch Cabinet Quits. Rotterdam, July 3.—The Dutch cabinet will place the resignation of its members in the hands of Queen Wilhelmina tomorrow, says the Nieuwe Rotterdamse Courant.