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All Together to Win The War

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THE WEATHER:

For Nebraska—Warmer and partly cloudy.

Thermometer Readings: 5 a. m. 69, 1 p. m. 77, 4 a. m. 69, 2 p. m. 78, 7 a. m. 69, 3 p. m. 80, 8 a. m. 70, 4 p. m. 80, 9 a. m. 75, 5 p. m. 82, 10 a. m. 78, 6 p. m. 83, 11 a. m. 78, 7 p. m. 84, 12 m. 77

ITALIANS SWEEP BACK FOE

RIVER WRECK DEATH TOLL EXCEEDS 100

Pekin Folk, Excited by Harrowing Experiences, Make Threats Against Ship's Officers.

By Associated Press. Peoria, Ill., July 6.—With 63 bodies recovered and the total number of dead tonight estimated at 100 to 150 persons, government, state and county officials began searching inquiries into the cause of the wreck of the excursion steamer Columbia Friday night.

Survivors have charged that the big steamer, carrying 500 passengers on a return trip from Peoria to Pekin, Ill., was driven against a sandbank scarcely 10 feet from shore and about five miles south of Peoria, during a heavy fog. First reports were that the craft had struck a snag or submerged log.

While the orchestra continued to play on the dance floor, which proved a death trap to scores of the 200 dancers, the vessel, it was said, backed into deep water, where it suddenly broke in two and immediately settled on the bottom of the river with only the pilot house and part of the superstructure appearing above the water.

Conviviality Ran to Extreme. Harry Smith, chief of police of Pekin, said: "Reports have come to me that the drinking on board the Columbia the night of the tragedy was carried to extreme. This phase of the case will receive rigid attention after we have buried our dead. The results may be amazing."

The Columbia was condemned eight years ago just before it was purchased and repaired by Captain Mehl, according to R. V. Downes, federal inspector of hulls of St. Louis, and his assistant, G. R. Bowers, who have begun an investigation of the accident.

It was on the return trip to Pekin from Peoria Friday night that a faint jar extending from stem to stern gave the first intimation of the on-rushing tragedy.

The disaster came without warning when the 500 merry-makers aboard, after a night's outing at Al Fresco park, in Peoria, were ending the evening's entertainment with dancing and concerts by the orchestra.

After the survivors had been cared for, it was found impossible, because of the darkness, to continue the search for bodies and this was halted until daylight. At sunrise scores of volunteer workers hacked at the wreckage while two divers began bringing out the bodies.

Ship's Officers Menaced. Pekin, Ill., July 6.—After a day spent in collecting the dead from the wrecked excursion steamer Columbia, many citizens, excited by the harrowing scenes tonight gathered in saloons and other places and threatened to wreak vengeance on any of the ship's officers whom they should find in any way at fault for the sinking of the ship with the loss of a hundred or more lives.

Precautionary measures against mob violence were taken by the city police. Extra patrols were thrown about the streets, and the closing of saloons was threatened if any untoward actions were started.

Although no official inquiry has been made to determine whether the fatal accident was due to negligence of the navigator of the large steamer or hearing some 500 persons down the Illinois river, relatives of those lost and others loudly condemned members of the crew as responsible for the large loss of life.

"We have sensed trouble and made" (Continued on Page Two, Column One.)

Dahlman Returns From East; Admits Lightning May Strike

A group of politicians and business men at luncheon on Saturday were discussing the story that James C. Dahlman, formerly mayor, might be in line for a federal position which would enable "Jim" to buy all of the gasoline needed for his new super-sax.

"There is more than smoke in that story," said one of the group. "Listen; I have heard that Postmaster Manning is getting tired of his job and that Dahlman will get the place. That pays \$6,000 iron men a year and is not so bad, not so bad," another member of the party vouchsafed.

Mr. Dahlman returned Saturday from his trip to the east and the south. He admitted that certain democratic influences were working in his behalf.

"There is nothing certain about this proposition, but the lightning may strike me. I know that Senator Hitchcock, for one, has my name and address," said the former mayor.

"Kill! Kill!! Kill!!!---" British Experts Din in Ears of Americans

By Associated Press. With the British Army in France, July 6.—All the traditions of the United States army for valor were brilliantly sustained yesterday in the successful attack made against the Germans south of the river Somme, when for the first time American infantry men took their stand beside their British cousins and fought shoulder to shoulder with them against the common foe.

It was a baptism of fire for the Yankee soldiers on this front, staged on Independence day, and they came through with flying colors—fitting comrades for the famous Australian warriors, whom they were assisting.

The Americans went over the top with the Australians, behind big tanks, as though they had been doing the same thing all their lives. Then came the clash with the enemy infantry among the shell hole defenses and trenches under the gray light of the early dawn.

There was no hesitation. For a week past the British experts had been dinning into the ears of the Americans the words "kill, kill, kill." It is the cardinal slogan of the fighting man, and while it is not pleasant to dwell upon, yet that is what war is.

The Americans had learned their lesson well. The British officers spoke of this after the affair was over. No drillmaster ever got better returns for his talks than the one who taught these Americans this hardest lesson of all. A great number of Germans paid the supreme price yesterday and the men from the United States exacted a very heavy toll.

The Americans were naturally happy last night over the success of the operation in which they had played a creditable part, and the Australians were no less pleased with their new found pals.

MEN FOR BALLOON SERVICE WANTED AT FORT OMAHA

Permission Given for Those From Eighteen to Forty Years to Enlist; To Enlarge School.

Nebraskans and Iowans from 18 to 40 years old, who are desirous of entering one of the preferred branches of army service, will be permitted to enlist in the balloon service at Fort Omaha, the largest school of instruction in aeronautics in the world.

Men of draft age, who are registered, and who have not yet been called also are privileged to enlist in this service.

Authority has just been received to enlist in the balloon service a limited number of men having special qualifications for this branch of the service. During the next few days, (Continued on Page Two, Column Four.)

Thirty-Four Dollars for The Milk and Ice Fund

Thirty-four dollars and 50 cents was given to The Bee's milk and ice fund in volunteer donations at the Pesek-Peters wrestling match at the Auditorium last night.

Between falls of the wrestling match Mogy Bernstein mounted the stage of the wrestling ring and made an unsolicited plea for the fund.

The wrestling fans were spontaneous in their response. Nickels, dimes, quarters, half dollars and even dollars began to fall into the ring in a shower.

Mogy carefully recovered the money and turned it over to The Bee last night. This brings the total of The Bee fund to \$264.25.

THE BEE LEADS at the HALF YEAR MARK IN AUTOMOBILE DISPLAY

ADVERTISING

and is the only Omaha paper showing a gain for the first six months of 1918 in this classification

Here Are the Figures in Inches (Warfield Adv. Agency Measurements for 1917) (Haynes-Adv. Company Measurements for 1918)

Table with 2 columns: Newspaper Name and Advertising Figures (1917, 1918). Rows include BEE, World-Herald, and News.

BEE GAIN - 69 Inches World-Herald Loss..... 14 Inches News Loss ..... 3,577 Inches

The Automobile Dealers have learned from experience that The Bee is the Omaha paper which reaches the real buying power of the community. That's why The Bee heads their advertising lists.

KEEP YOUR EYE ON THE BEE Improving Every Day

WILSON TO VETO WHEAT PRICE OF \$2.40 A BUSHEL

Rate Fixed by Compromise Between House and Senate Would Raise Cost of Flour \$2 Barrel.

Washington, July 6.—President Wilson will veto the annual agricultural appropriation bill because of the rider agreed to by both senate and house today fixing the government minimum guaranteed wheat price at \$2.40 a bushel. This information was transmitted to Chairman Lever of the house agricultural committee today, through Postmaster General Burleson just before Speaker Clark had signed the bill preliminary to sending it to the White house.

Officials estimated that if the \$2.40 price for wheat is approximated, the price of flour would be increased by approximately \$2 a barrel, with an increase of from 2 to 3 cents in the price of a loaf of bread. With \$2.50 as the basic price, wheat probably would sell in New York at \$2.75 a bushel, it was said.

Should the president veto the bill the \$28,000,000 annual appropriation for the Department of Agriculture would be tied up until congress reconvenes. The department, however, would not be without funds as congress today adopted a resolution continuing last year's appropriation until the appropriation bill finally is enacted.

Agreement Reached by Compromise Representative Sloan, in explaining the position of the house, said: "The senate price of \$2.50 at local markets, which has been in conference between house and senate for several weeks, (Continued on Page Two, Column Three.)

Balloonacy



HOUSE STOPS SENATE PLAN OF VACATION

Upper Body of Congress Adopts Resolution for Recess Without Acting on Wire Control Proposal.

By Associated Press. Washington, July 6.—Plans for an immediate recess of congress were upset late today when the house adjourned until Monday without acting upon a concurrent resolution adopted by the senate, providing for an adjournment until August 12, subject to an earlier call by the president.

The senate also adjourned until Monday. In spite of President Wilson's request, emphatically reiterated today, that the resolution authorizing him to take over and operate during the war telegraph, telephone, cable and radio systems be passed before the recess, the senate was ready to begin its vacation, when the house suddenly blocked the plans of the leaders.

Senate Leaders Irrate. Senate leaders, indignant over Mr. Kitchin's action, said congress would be held indefinitely and that vacations, even for a brief time, would not be taken. Arrangements were made for consideration in the senate of the telegraph-telephone resolution, with extensive hearings, not later than July 15.

"This means," said Representative Kitchin, after the house adjourned, "that the recess program is off for good unless the senate passes immediately the resolution giving the president authority to take over the telegraph and telephone resolution."

Martin Urges Recess. Senator Martin of Virginia, majority leader, announced today in the senate that the consensus of opinion in both houses was to have congress recess tonight until August without action by the senate on the house resolution authorizing the president to take over telegraph, telephone, cable and radio lines.

Cards Ready Monday For Alien Enemy, Women

Julius Mansfield, who has been registering the alien enemy women in the city council chamber, under the direction of the United States Department of Justice, states that registrants may call any time beginning Monday for their cards. These are official cards which must be carried for identification purposes.

Struck by Motorcycle

Miss Josephine Kelly, saleswoman for Orkins Brothers, who lives at the Colonnade, Twenty-sixth and Douglas streets, was struck by a motorcycle ridden by John Merten, of 2215 South Fifteenth street, at Seventeenth and Jackson streets at 12:30 p. m. Saturday. Her left leg and hip were badly bruised and she may have sustained internal injuries.

Benet Succeeds Tillman

Columbus, S. C., Christie Benet, an attorney of Columbus, was appointed by Governor Manning today to serve the next six months of the unexpired term of the late Senator Tillman.

Nominations Confirmed

Washington, July 6.—Nominations of eight brigadier generals to be major generals in the national army and of 41 colonels to be brigadier generals were confirmed tonight by the senate.

BAN PLACED ON DISLOYALTY OF NONPARTISANS

Literature Condemned by Council of Defense to Be Withdrawn and Outside Organizers Prohibited.

From a Staff Correspondent. Lincoln, July 6.—(Special Telegram.)—The hearing of the Nonpartisan league suit against the Council of Defense came to a sudden end late this afternoon when after a five-minute recess an agreement was reached in which the league dismissed the suit against the council and agreed to the following:

Withdrawal of all literature from the state declared by the State Council of Defense as disloyal.

Withdrawal of all paid organizers from outside the state, including State Manager O. S. Evans and the conducting of the affairs of the league by local men.

Raps League Literature

Mr. Metcalf insisted in the hearing today that the league was wrong in attempting to strengthen its organization by the use of literature which showed it was not in harmony with the council's ideas of standing behind the government. He told the court, after reading many extracts from the literature of the league, that it was wrong at this time for men to come into the state and carry on any kind of work which was antagonistic to the war program as carried out by the people of Nebraska or the nation.

Mr. Metcalf and Mr. Manahan could not agree on distinguishing between the profiteers and the wealthy men of the country. The former insisted that a large number of wealthy men were doing big things in war work and in financial assistance rendered the government, while the latter appeared to place them all in the profiteer class. It was on this point that Mr. Metcalf attempted to convince Mr. Manahan that he was wrong and that at this time especially there should be no attempts made to array one class against another.

300,000 MEN TO BE CALLED IN AUGUST

American Program Rushed to Meet German Menace of New and Heavy Blows in France.

By Associated Press. Washington, July 6.—The present delay of the Germans in pressing attacks in France means only that they are preparing new and heavy blows, General March, chief of staff, said today in his weekly conference with the newspapermen.

"It is perfectly evident," he said, "that this delay is preparatory to a heavy assault in force by the German high command. The present condition of affairs does not mean anything but that. They are reorganizing their troops, filling up losses, and preparing to try it again."

"With reference to the American program, we have embarked 1,000,000 men and now we are going after the second million."

Another indication of the pressure under which the American program is being rushed to meet the German menace came from the provost marshal general's office today when orders were issued to local boards to speed up physical examination of the new class one men and have them ready for call in August.

Statements of the draft program made public in congress indicated the purpose of calling out at least 300,000 men during August, although subsequent calls during the year were not expected to exceed one half of that figure monthly.

Wage Increase Granted

Manchester, N. H., July 6.—The strike of operatives in the Amoskeag and Stark cotton mills was settled today on terms similar to those of the Lowell strike yesterday, the manufacturers agreeing to pay the increase of 15 per cent in wages demanded by the strikers. The increase will be paid from June 17. Union leaders guaranteed not to call another strike during the war.

Marines in Forced March One Hundred Miles to Get in Chateau Thierry Fray

By CASPAR WHITNEY. (Copyright 1918 by The Tribune Association.) Paris, July 6.—(Special cablegram to New York Tribune and Omaha Bee.)—That in America our people shall further and more fully apprehend the rapidly developing competency of their army in France, a chapter concerning the efficient work of the service, of supplies, and of the transportation should be written describing the fine showing of our soldiers in the battleground around Chateau Thierry, and the particulars which I have been privileged to acquire but not to report in detail.

I can say, however, that the American division which made such a persistently gallant and successful attack in capture of Belleau, had not been expected to be wanted in that direction. They were camped 100 miles distant, where another campaign was planning and where all supplies of munitions and food had been sent and installed.

On a few hours' notice they were called to Chateau Thierry and in an equally short period they had responded, not only by reaching the menaced ground in season to help thwart the boche intent to drive west through this important point, but by bringing up ample provisions of munitions and rations notwithstanding the difficulty of transportation which was rendered doubly embarrassing by the big movement on the road.

INVADERS ROUTED IN HOT FIGHT

Austrian Resistance Broken in Area Close to Adriatic; Austrians Advance on Amiens Front.

By Associated Press. The Italians have succeeded in clearing the Austrians out of a very considerable part of the terrain the enemy had been clinging to near the mouth of the Piave, between the new and old beds of the river.

In hard fighting the Austrian resistance was broken in the area close to the Adriatic, General Diaz's troops moving the invaders across the new bed from Grisolera to the sea, approximately five miles. Four hundred were taken prisoner. Vienna admits a loss of ground here.

In the northern part of this low-lying sector northeast of Capo Sile, where the Austrians are still west of the new stream, they rallied their forces and counter attacked. General Diaz's troops stood their ground and repulsed the enemy.

The Australian troops advanced their line on the Amiens front northeast of Villers-Bretonneux on a front of 2,000 yards, according to Field Marshal Haig's report from British headquarters in France. A successful raid was carried out by Lancashire troops near Hinges, in which several prisoners were captured, the statement adds.

Americans Win Praise

There are nothing but compliments for the Americans upon the occasion of their first appearance in an attack side by side with British troops. To the Australians who formed the major portion of the force which carried out the brilliant Fourth of July attack on the Amiens front, northeast of Villers-Bretonneux, is conceded the larger part of the glory. The hitherto untired American troops are coming in for the highest praise for the part they took in the fighting through Hamel.

Details of the Americans' behavior indicated that in fighting spirit and effectiveness in pushing back the enemy they were not excelled even by the traditionally gallant, seasoned veterans in whose company they received their baptism of fire. Their losses are reported to have been extremely light.

Noted Bohemian Woman Is to Visit Friends in Omaha

Miss Olga Masaryk, daughter of Professor Masaryk, president of the revolutionary republic of Bohemia, will be in Omaha on July 23, accompanied by Charles Pergler, secretary of her father.

Vaclav Buresh, who received the information Saturday, states that Miss Masaryk is one of the best informed women on present-day affairs in Bohemia. She has been in this country since last May and is a fluent speaker in English.

A series of meetings will be arranged in Omaha for the distinguished visitor.

Professor Masaryk is now in Washington, D. C., in a diplomatic capacity. He visited Omaha 10 years ago when he was a guest of Mr. Buresh.

Alice Masaryk, Olga's sister, suffered a year's imprisonment in Prague on account of her father's attitude toward the central powers. She was rescued by the intervention of American women.

British Royalities Celebrate 25th Wedding Anniversary

London, July 6.—Today is the 25th anniversary of the marriage of King George and Queen Mary. The popular rejoicing with which such an event ordinarily would be celebrated was refrained from in consequence of the war and the only public ceremony commemorating it in which the royal party participated took the form of a special thanksgiving service in St. Paul's cathedral. This was followed by a visit to the Guild hall where a congratulatory address and a gift from the city of London were received.

Roosevelt Asks Return of Nobel Peace Prize Fund

Washington, July 6.—Theodore Roosevelt today asked congress to return to him the Nobel peace prize fund which he donated to assist in promoting industrial peace and which has never been used. He said he proposed to expend it in war relief work through the Red Cross. Y. M. C. A., Knights of Columbus, Jewish war fund and other relief organizations.