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THE WEATHER: Unsettled; probably local thunder showers in east. Temperatures at Omaha Yesterday. 5 a. m. 64, 6 p. m. 82, 7 a. m. 67, 7 p. m. 84, 8 a. m. 68, 8 p. m. 85, 9 a. m. 70, 9 p. m. 87, 10 a. m. 72, 10 p. m. 88, 11 a. m. 75, 11 p. m. 89, 12 m. 78, 12 p. m. 84

DEFIANCE HURLED BY HERTLING

German Chancellor Tells the Reichstag There Will Be No Change in War Policy of Government.

By Associated Press. London, July 12.—Debate on the general political situation was opened in the reichstag Thursday by Imperial Chancellor von Hertling, who discussed the retirement of Dr. Richard von Kuehlmann, the German foreign secretary, the policy of the government and economic problems arising from developments in the east. According to a German official wireless message the imperial chancellor said: "I maintain the standpoint of the imperial reply to the peace note of Pope Benedict. The pacific spirit which inspired this reply has also inspired me. At the time I added that this spirit must not give our enemies free conduct for an interminable continuation of the war."

"What have we lived to see, however? While for years there has been no doubt whatever of our willingness to hold out our hand toward an honorable peace, we have heard until these last few days inciting speeches delivered by enemy statesmen. President Wilson wants war. Balfour, the British secretary for foreign affairs, has said must really drive the flush of anger to the cheeks of every German. "Will Hold Out. "We feel for the honor of our fatherland, and we cannot allow ourselves to be constantly and openly insulted in this manner, and behind these insults is the desire for our destruction. As long as this desire for our destruction exists, we must endure together with our faithful nation. "I am also convinced—I know it—in the widest circles of our country, the same serious feeling exists everywhere. As long as the desire for our destruction exists we must hold out and we will hold out, with confidence in our troops, in our army administration and our magnificent nation, which bears so wonderfully these difficult times with their great privations and continuous sacrifices. "In the direction of our policy nothing will be changed. If, in spite of these hostile statements by these statesmen, any serious efforts are to show themselves anywhere, then quite certainly we would not adopt a negative attitude from the very beginning, but we would examine these seriously meant—I say expressly, seriously—efforts immediately with scrupulous care. "Discussions Possible. "Naturally it is not sufficient when some agent or other approaches us and says to us, 'I can bring about peace negotiations, then and there.' But it is necessary for the appointed representatives of the enemy powers, duly authorized by their government."

American Soldiers "Only Cannon Fodder," Says German Writer

Amsterdam, July 12.—The military contributed to the Norddeutsche Allgemeine Zeitung, evidently writing from official inspiration, discusses Secretary Baker's announcement on troops overseas. "We are unable to verify the accuracy of Secretary Baker's figures," says the contributor. "However, they are only intended to throw dust into the eyes of the world. The large number claimed for the last three months seems to us quite impossible in view of the shortage of enemy tonnage. "Let us assume that Secretary Baker's figures are correct," he continues. "We need not be alarmed. A nation which has fought a world of enemies four years cannot be frightened by the American bogey. We are unimpressed. They are only cannon fodder and not the equals of our war-proved, unconquerable troops."

Dr. Rumely Seeks Probe by Senate of N. Y. Mail Charge

New York, July 12.—Dr. Edward A. Rumely, former publisher of the Evening Mail, arrested on charges of perjury in connection with the question of ownership of the newspaper, which the government alleges was bought in the interest of the German government, announced today that if the senate would make an investigation into the affairs of the newspaper he would waive immunity and place all the facts in the possession of the government. Senator William H. King of Utah proposed a senatorial inquiry into the Evening Mail case. "Swiss Protest Teuton Plan To Build Dams on Waterways. Washington, July 12.—Germany's plan to establish on the Rhine, between Basle and Strassburg, a series of dams which would interfere with the free waterway between Switzerland and the sea, is causing much adverse comment among the Swiss. A dispatch from Berne today says the federal council has been called upon to open diplomatic negotiations with the German government in order to prevent the work.

FRENCH BREAK THROUGH ENEMY'S FRONT RANKS SOUTHEAST OF AMIENS

GOOD AND BAD IN ROADS OF THIS COUNTY

Automobile Tour Made by Omaha Men Who Inspect Conditions and Possibilities of Highways.

Ten automobiles skimmed and bumped over nearly 100 miles of Douglas county roads yesterday afternoon. They skimmed when they were running on brick, tarvia and some of the dirt roads, and they bumped when they were going over some of the ruins of macadam roads and some of the undrugged dirt roads. Representatives of the Chamber of Commerce, Manufacturers' association, Auto club, Rotary club and some of the city and county commissioners were in the party while a Murphy-O'Brien automobile carried the representatives of the press. W. B. Check, president of the Auto club, led in the pilot car. The route went through Florence, Irvington, Elk City, Valley, Waterloo, Elkhorn, Millard and back through the South Side. Brick Stands Test. Considerable stretches of the military road, Lincoln highway and O-L-D road were found in fine condition, but other parts of the route were in very poor trim. Especially good as an object lesson in permanent road building is the brick strip on the Lincoln highway near the peony farm. This is 25 years old and in that time there has been almost no expense for its upkeep. L. A. Higgins of the Motorist, who knows every mile of highway in the county, pointed out the good and bad points of the roads. The macadam, some of it only three or four years old, is in very bad condition in many places, due to the devastation of speeding automobiles. Several county grading gangs were met on the trip, working with tractors and machinery. However, not a single main road from Omaha will be in first class shape throughout its length in the county this summer. And with increased truck traffic there has never before been such a need for good roads. The county commissioners only recently decided how to spend the federal aid money and they are now using all the \$157,000 in grading five of the main roads out beyond the macadam. They have delayed decision a year, so long that the money will not be available until late this fall or next spring. Common labor, a very large factor in the cost of grading, was 30 cents an hour last fall and is now 40 and 50 cents. One thing that the tourists decided was that the Douglas county roads are extremely dusty. When the party arrived back in town after five hours, they were thickly covered with the dust. At Valley W. G. Whitmore provided refreshments for the visitors. The committee in charge of the tour consisted of J. S. White, W. B. Check, Clarke Powell and L. A. Higgins.

Hun Government Plans To Convert Belgium Into Federal State

Amsterdam, July 12.—Gen. Baron Friederich Von Falkenhausen, the German governor general of Belgium, has decided, says the Hamburger Nachrichten, that Belgium shall be turned into a federal state on the lines of Austria. Flanders and Walloon, the newspaper adds, will live under one king and a president under German control. "People cannot understand, the officer said, why the successful German submarine warfare announced by the Reichstag is unable to prevent 1,000,000 Americans landing in France. The Germans, he added, are learning the truth only through foreign newspapers. New Fires Start. Missoula, Mont., July 12.—New forest fires in the Clearwater forest have spread to serious dimensions, according to reports received by district forest service headquarters here today.

German Intelligence Officer Admits Valor of U. S. Troops

Washington, July 12.—General Pershing transmitted in his communique today the formal report, recently captured, of a German intelligence officer on the operations of the American marines which resulted in the capture of Belleau woods. The conclusions follow in part: "Fighting value: The second American division may be classified as a very good division, perhaps even as assault troops. The various attacks of both regiments (fifth and sixth) on Belleau woods were carried out with dash and recklessness. The moral effect of our arms did not materially check the advance of the infantry. The nerves of the Americans are still unshaken. "Value of the individual: The individual soldiers are very good. They are healthy, vigorous and physically well developed men of ages ranging from 18 to 28, who at present lack only necessary training to make them redoubtable opponents. The troops are fresh and full of straightforward confidence. A remark of one of the prisoners is indicative of their spirit: 'We kill or get killed.' "Morale: The prisoners in general

Hun Offensive Is Snagged By Serious Obstacles, Now Opinion at Washington

Washington, July 12.—The conviction is gaining ground here that the German high command has encountered serious obstacles in pressing the offensive on the western front. They cannot believe the attack would be deferred voluntarily when it is obvious every day's delay works against success. Secretary Baker said today nothing definite is known here as to the reasons that compelled the German delay. He made it clear that the failure of the enemy to repeat against repeated successful local counter attacks was accepted as conclusive evidence the German offensive was being held in check by some consideration other than the purely practical one of preparing the storm troops. The pressure of local operations by the allies from Ypres to Rheims continues. Not a day has passed for more than a week in which some territory has not been wrested from the enemy. It is reported nearly 6,000 prisoners have been taken. The similarity of the tactics employed by both the French and British armies is taken here to indicate that the "nibbling" process is part of a definite plan being carried out by General Foch. INTERNAL TROUBLES ONE CAUSE OF GERMAN DELAY. Opinion varies as to the possible causes of the German delay. Beyond doubt the collapse of the Austrian offensive in Italy and the disastrous results to the Austrian army have great bearing. The flood of reports of hunger, dissatisfaction and even mutiny in the Austrian army, coupled with civil food riots at various points, the upheaval of the ministry of the dual monarchy, the further confusion in Russia and the fact that Germany itself is passing through a ministerial crisis are pointed to as justifying the assumption that internal conditions are holding up the German drive. If these are the only considerations, it is argued, and there is no shortage of man power or munitions to be dealt with, it is obvious that the internal situation of the central powers is serious. "PATIENCE," SAYS HINDENBURG IN LETTER TO PARTY LEADER. Amsterdam, July 12.—Field Marshal von Hindenburg recently wrote a reassuring letter concerning the war to General von Recht, president of the Fatherland party at Naumburg, according to the Cologne Gazette. "Things are going well," von Hindenburg wrote; "only our friends, the arm-chair strategists, must allow us a breathing space, which cannot be dispensed with nowadays when battles last eight days or longer, when the entire army can no longer be concentrated on a single battlefield and when both great powers of the world are able to produce artillery which can enter into action with full force simultaneously on the entire front. "Therefore patience."

AMERICAN ARMY PUTS FEAR INTO KAISER'S HEART

Anxiety Manifest at German Imperial Headquarters Over Assistance Which U. S. Is Giving to Allies. Geneva, Switzerland, Thursday, July 11.—The military critic of the Tribune de Geneve says he recently met a high German officer who declared that the great aid being rendered by the Americans to the entente allies is causing much anxiety at German imperial headquarters. "People cannot understand, the officer said, why the successful German submarine warfare announced by the Reichstag is unable to prevent 1,000,000 Americans landing in France. The Germans, he added, are learning the truth only through foreign newspapers. New Fires Start. Missoula, Mont., July 12.—New forest fires in the Clearwater forest have spread to serious dimensions, according to reports received by district forest service headquarters here today.

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W. J. Thomas' Machine Turned Completely Around and Two Occupants Thrown Out; One Injured. Three automobiles were completely wrecked and one man slightly cut about the head and suffered a sprained shoulder about 5 o'clock Friday afternoon at Fifty-second and Dodge streets. The greatest severity is being maintained by the drivers of the cars and their occupants concerning the accident. W. J. Thomas, 2565 Spalding street, was returning from a trip when the accident happened. He was driving east and was struck by another car driving north, turning his car completely around and throwing his passenger and himself from the car, according to the report he made to the police. His companion was the only person known to be injured. After striking his car the northbound car was in turn struck by a westbound car bearing a Wyoming license number and was demolished. The Wyoming car was wrecked. Police have been asked to determine which driver was violating the rules of the road and from the scant evidence received say road rules were violated by each of the drivers.

General Pershing Asks Churches to Send Best Ministers "Over There"

New York, July 12.—The federal council of the Churches of Christ in America, which sent greetings to General Pershing and the American army in France through the Rev. Dr. Charles S. MacFarland, received a cable message from Dr. MacFarland today, saying that General Pershing asked the churches "to send over their very best ministers or chaplains." General Pershing says, the clergyman cabled, that ministers "are very important influences in the highest efficiency of the army. The men need them for all kinds of help. They sustain the men especially at the most critical times." Dr. MacFarland said further that he was "impressed with the fine Christian spirit" of General Pershing and that it was a "great thing to have such a man in charge of our boys." The American commander had been deeply touched by the message of the churches.

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JAPANESE RED CROSS ENVOYS TARRY IN CITY

Prince Takugawa and Party Met at Station by Omaha Delegation; Soon to Visit France.

Prince Yoshihisa Tokugawa, head of the Japanese Red Cross mission, composed of 10 prominent Red Cross workers from the Orient, passed through Omaha at 9:20 o'clock last night, en route to Washington. After a short stay in eastern cities, they will sail for Europe and visit the battle fronts in France, Italy and Belgium. Dr. S. Ninagawa and Dr. S. Sawamura will investigate conditions from a medical standpoint for the Japanese organization. Other members of the mission, all of whom hold responsible positions with the Red Cross in Japan, are: Waito, Kageyama Yoshida, M. F. Urisowa, M. Kawakami and Count Katsu. William Lawrence Keane, representing the American Red Cross, accompanied the party from San Francisco. Mr. Keane was engaged in business in Japan for 25 years, and is personally acquainted with the members of the mission. He was a member of the American chapter in Japan, and tendered his services to the American society at the outbreak of war. He was spending a vacation in this country at the time. For nearly a year he has been connected with the Fourteenth Territorial and Insular division of the Red Cross, having charge of exports and imports. Reception in Omaha. The party was greeted in Omaha by Randall Brown, Frank Judson and other officers of the Nebraska and Omaha organizations. Mrs. Luther Kuntze had charge of two units of canteen workers, in charge of L. J. Healy, and the Press club unit, in charge of Elizabeth Kern, were on the reception committee. Prince Tokugawa made a short talk from the step of the car occupied by the mission to the Omaha Red Cross workers. "I am deeply affected by the demonstrations I have received at the hands of the American people," he said. "The part your country is playing in this conflict is a noble one. You are fighting a battle for humanity and freedom with no desire for indemnity or territory, but to advance the ideals expressed by the Red Cross. "We are proud to be allies with America in a cause so just. Your ideals as I see them expressed are not only of winning the war, but to extend a service to humanity. I wish you God speed in your endeavors to make the world a safe place for humanity."

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Sweep Germans Back More Than Mile Along Front of Three Miles; Allies in Albania Continue Flanking Move Against Bulgars

By Associated Press. Striking the Germans on a front that has been quiet for the past six weeks, the French have broken through and advanced their lines. The blow was launched between Castel and Mailly-Raineval, in the Picardy sector southeast of Amiens. The attack was along a front of approximately three miles. It swept the Germans back out of the village of Castel and the Anchin farm, about a mile to the south, and cleared out a number of strong enemy positions. The French penetrated the German lines to a depth of more than a mile. FRENCH ATTACK BETWEEN AMERICANS AND ANZACS. The American attack on Cantigny some time ago advanced the line materially at that point, while the Australians and Americans on July 4 and 6 cut deeply into the German lines at Hamel and Villers Bretonneux, south of the Somme. The French attack was launched at a point between positions of the Americans at Cantigny and the Australians, further north. The French lines south of Castel have been parallel to and westward of the Avre river. The success gained there carried the French up to the hills to the west of the river and into positions which appear to dominate the villages of Morisel, on the west bank, and Moreuil, on the east bank of the river. If the attack should continue successfully, the French may be able to press the foe across the Avre and thus have an admirable defensive position. OFFENSIVE CONTINUED; LONGPONT CAPTURED. Between the Marne and the Aisne the French have continued their offensive operations. It is reported the village of Longpont, south of Corcy, the capture of which was reported on Thursday, has been taken by General Petain's men, who have also made progress north of Corcy, at the Chavigny farm. East of Faverolles, the lines have been advanced. On the British front there has been spirited fighting, according to the German official statement, which indicates that from Ypres around the Lys salient and down in the Picardy sector as far as Albert, there have been scattering attacks made by the British. One strong position was captured southwest of Merris. For some time, the British in this sector have had complete control of No Man's Land and the Germans hardly have dared show their heads. Prisoners said some older men of the fourth Bavarian division refused to go into the line again. It appears that Prince Franz had made them disgruntled by several severe lectures because they had allowed the British to capture so many prisoners. Local engagements have been fought in the region of Rheims. ITALIAN AND FRENCH ADVANCE TOWARD REAR OF BULGARIANS. The French and Italians in Albania have carried their lines steadily northward. The town of Berat, the most important point in southern Albania, has fallen. It is reported large quantities of supplies were destroyed by the retreating Austrians. Official reports would appear to show that the advance of the French and Italians is reaching further and further east into the mountains and toward the rear of the Bulgarian positions around Monastir. Serbian positions near that city have been savagely attacked by the Bulgarians, who, after gaining a momentary foothold on the Serbian trenches, were driven out. There have been local actions in the mountain sectors of the front in northern Italy, one Austrian attack having been repulsed with heavy losses. A revolt of Austrian troops in Serbia is reported from Italian sources. The mutiny was suppressed only after hard fighting. Athens reports a similar state of affairs in a Turkish garrison in Asia Minor, where it is said German officers were murdered by Turkish soldiers.

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