

SMASH ALL THE SLATES! BE SURE TO VOTE ONLY FOR THE BEST MEN AT THE PRIMARY

# THE OMAHA DAILY BEE

THE WEATHER—

Nebraska—Unsettled Tuesday, probably Wednesday.

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# ENEMY WEAKENS AS ALLIES BEAT WAY PAST OLD LINES

## HUN U-BOAT SUPPLY BASE ON U. S. SOIL GERMANS RETREAT BEFORE HOT FIRE ACROSS PICARDY

### SUB CREW MAY HAVE ENTERED NEW YORK

Thought Possible by Officials Following Recent Discoveries; Undersea Craft Busy Off Nantucket.

By Associated Press.

Washington, Aug. 19.—Information furnished by officers of vessels attacked by German submarines along the American coast has strengthened the belief held by many officials that the enemy raiders have had communication with persons on shore and may even have landed members of their crews to secure information. The Navy department, officially, refused tonight to endorse this belief though admitting the possibility.

Positive claim that he met an officer from the submarine that sunk the oil tank steamer, O. B. Jennings, in a New York saloon, is made by the first officer of that vessel, according to a story reaching the department. The recognition between the American and German is said to have been instantaneous, the latter making his escape when the American appealed to a brother officer accompanying him for confirmation of his belief.

Other instances have been heard, not so well substantiated, of the discovery of evidence that German submarines have been in close touch with the shore. One story along this line was that the captain of a coastwise vessel, being ordered to the submarine with his papers, saw on the commander's desk New York newspapers of the same date.

**Increase Precautions.**

Communication between the raiders and the main land is possible at scores of places along the Atlantic shore, naval officials believe, the irregularity of the American coasts at certain points making such possible.

Recently the precautions taken by the authorities to prevent such communication have been greatly augmented both by shore patrol and other methods which cannot be discussed. No official report has been made giving any definite evidence of an enemy boat having landed.

From authoritative sources it was learned there is reason to believe three German submarines have been operating on the American coasts at three separate points. Two of these have recently "ceased operating" either because their stores have become exhausted or as a result of damage received in contact with the patrol.

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### Death Takes Three Members of Pundt Family in 3 Weeks

The swift reach of the grim reaper has taken three out of one family within three weeks according to information from St. Louis of the death there on Sunday of Mrs. Doris Pundt, widow of Henry Pundt, following the death of her eldest daughter, Miss Emma Pundt, the day before and that of her son, George W. Pundt, whose remains were interred here in the family plot in Prospect Hill week before last.

The Pundt family was among the pioneer residents of Omaha, having come here in 1856 the name being long attached to the leading grocery establishment of the city. After the death of Henry Pundt, the family had removed to St. Louis, where it operated a grocery there conducted by the sons. The daughter, Miss Emma Pundt, had been in poor health for several years, most of the time in a sanitarium, and Mrs. Pundt, in her advanced years, had also been feeble for some time.

The sudden death of the mother immediately following that of the daughter has changed the funeral arrangements so that the remains of both will be brought here for interment Wednesday morning and will be accompanied by the only surviving member of the family, Miss Ida Pundt, and a cousin, J. W. Peckson.

**Two Hundred and Fifty Thousand Lack Proper Food**

Hongkong, Saturday, Aug. 17.—Five thousand persons are homeless and 250,000 are without proper food as a result of a flood in the Tung-Kiang river. The American Red Cross is providing temporary relief.

### Referendum Petition Bars Women From Votes Today

From a Staff Correspondent.

Lincoln, Aug. 19.—(Special).—Owing to the fact that referendum petitions involving the measure temporarily suspended it, Nebraska women will be unable to take advantage in the primaries Tuesday of the partial suffrage law enacted by the 1917 legislature. No provision has been made for receiving or counting women's votes, Secretary of State Pool being enjoined from certifying the referendum proposition to county clerks for the November election, until the matter is decided in the courts.

### NO DECISION YET ON PROVISIONS OF REVENUE BILL

Disagreement Bobs Up Between Treasury and House; How to Reach Excess Profits Problem.

By Associated Press.

Washington, Aug. 19.—Disagreement arose again today between the Treasury department and the house ways and means committee as to provisions of the new revenue bill. The treasury has submitted a letter protesting against increases in the excess profits tax rates of the present law.

The committee and the treasury have reached an agreement as to an 80 per cent war profits tax based on pre-war earnings, but have been unable to arrive at a common standing on the method of reaching excess profits, which classification it has been estimated will affect only about 10 per cent of the total corporations to be taxed.

The treasury asked that the present excess profits law be included in the new bill with an alternative war tax of 80 per cent. The committee submitted its decision to the treasury for its views. The treasury today in its letter, which was not made public, stood firm in its position in opposition to increase of excess profits tax.

**Kitchin's Statement.**

It was originally in favor of a 10 per cent deduction and it may return to it by some compromise action. Chairman Kitchin authorized the following statement at the close of today's session:

"The committee spent the entire day considering the provisions of the bill and reached no agreement. The stamp tax schedule of the present law was left intact except that the committee increased the tax rate on playing cards from seven cents to eight cents a pack."

The committee considered a tax on opium and narcotics and it expects to frame a schedule which will yield approximately \$4,000,000.

The committee tomorrow will pass upon Secretary McAdoo's plan for a three per cent differential on unearned incomes. The treasury has recommended a normal tax of 12 per cent on earned, and 15 per cent tax on unearned incomes.

### New Orders Received for Draft Classifications in Draft

Producers are to keep producing, railroads are to be operated and dependents are to be cared for, according to new instructions to draft boards in regard to the classification of registrants for war service.

### SERVICE FLAGS FOR ALL Nearly Every House Is Now Entitled to Fly a Service Flag

The Bee has secured a limited supply of handsome paper service flags in correct colors, 11 by 18 inches, with from one to five service stars, to be pasted on the window pane. They are of the same quality and workmanship as the American flag which we distributed and they may be had at any of our offices by our readers at nominal price in exchange for attached coupon.

**Omaha Bee Service Flag Coupon**

Good for one service flag when presented with 3 cents at any of the following offices:

Omaha Office, Bee Bldg., Ames Office, 4110 N. 24th St., Lake Office, 2516 N. 24th St., Walnut Office, 219 N. 10th St., Park Office, 2615 Leavenworth St., Union Office, 16th and Union Sts., South Side Office, 2218 N. 8th St., Omaha Office, 11 N. Main St., Benson Office, Military Ave. and Main St.

If to be sent by mail enclose 5 cents to include wrapping and postage.

### Reporting Casualties From France Involves Magnitude of Details

By Associated Press.

With the American Army in France, Aug. 19.—The recent Marne fighting has illustrated the difficulties in prompt reporting of casualties.

The system of keeping track of every member of the American expeditionary forces is simply organized, but it is gigantic. Facts concerning every casualty are rushed by courier to the central records office where a check is made against his name and record to prevent confusion and to identify him. Then a message is prepared and checked back and then cabled to Washington.

In trench fighting and in small operations it is possible to make almost immediate casualty reports, but in encounters such as the Marne battle the task becomes difficult and slow, despite the best efforts of the authorities.

The regulations require that every case of killed, wounded or missing must be established beyond a doubt. Units moving forward for hours under heavy fire losing men on the way, cannot pause to check casualties. These must come later from dressing stations, hospitals or burying parties operating in the wake of the advancing lines.

Frequently records and reports are destroyed or lost in action. At Seicheprey a certain American unit was isolated for nearly two days by a heavy German barrage. Several members of the unit sacrificed their lives in an effort to penetrate the wall of fire. Finally, a German raiding party captured and made off with the organization's records. On another occasion, a statistical unit was bombed out of its position and its carefully prepared casualty reports were scattered over the landscape.

Again, replacement troops may be thrown into action with some organization being reformed for a task, the unit commander having no knowledge of who they are. Thus if the records are lost or destroyed by shell fire or bombing, it becomes almost impossible to make accurate casualty reports for days, perhaps for weeks.

American wounded often find their way into French or British dressing stations and are sent on to French or British hospitals. They are carried on their own rolls as missing, until finally they find their way back to their own units or are officially reported at home as missing.

### 'SMASH SLATES,' VOTERS' SLOGAN FOR PRIMARIES

Knights Supreme Thought Now Loyalty to Nation, but Carrying Out Central Idea of Organization.

Polis Open at 8 o'Clock, When Electors of All Parties May Have Chance to Pick Tickets.

Voting places will be open on Tuesday from 8 a. m. to 8 p. m. "Smash the slates!"

Remember that good intentions will not count for Congressman Sloan, Albert W. Jefferis and other 100 per cent Americans. You must cast your ballots for these men if you would have your good intentions realized.

**At the Wind-up**

The Smith-Howell-Dodge machine is going around in circles, with lights out and the cut-out wide open.

As a political observer remarked, "It may have been a good wagon, but it done broke down."

Putting all levity aside, the machine is unloading its excess baggage to save Dodge out of the wreck, all of which recalls a bit of local political history. This machine, in its inception, was assembled with Dodge and Howell as the head and front, other candidates having been added from time to time.

A legislative slate was filled in and selection made for lieutenant governor, county attorney, sheriff and two police judges. That was to have been the political bouquet which the bosses of the machine intended to conjure with on primary day.

As it became necessary to unload some of the ballast the "slate" began to go to pieces. One of the legislators (Continued on Page Two, Column Five.)

### JEFFERIS MAKES PATRIOTIC TALK AT KING'S DEN

"Not to subjugate, but to liberate, shall we carry on the Stars and Stripes until we attain a just peace," said A. W. Jefferis, candidate for congress, as he addressed the large audience at the Ak-Sar-Ben den Monday night.

"Ak-Sar-Ben was originally conceived in a time of stress to boost for Omaha and for Nebraska. The same lessons of loyalty to city and nation that Ak-Sar-Ben inculcated in this old den then it is teaching today, but for a greater cause and a greater nation. And Ak-Sar-Ben and Omaha and Nebraska and the nation shall carry on until a just peace is won for the rights of man."

Mr. Jefferis' speech was delivered in vigorous and incisive fashion and was applauded to the echo by the civilians and soldiers and the French officers from Fort Omaha who were present as guests of the evening.

Delegations from Blair, Herman and Tekamah and a contingent of Fort Omaha soldiers boys made up an appreciative audience for a snappy and well-staged performance of the "Camp at Rum Bay" and the "Burning of Berlin."

The question of whether to hold a coronation ball this year, which was to be decided at the meeting of the board of governors of Ak-Sar-Ben held earlier in the evening, was again postponed for later discussion. Chester R. Campbell, representing the allied war exhibit, to be presented in the city the week of September 30, was a guest at the meeting of the board, as were several members of the group of French officers at Fort Omaha.

Lincoln men will be entertained at the den next Monday evening. No show will be given the evening of Labor day, September 2, it has been announced, and the last performance of the season will take place September 9 for the entertainment of visitors to Merchants' Market week.

### PREDICTS U. S. VICTORIOUS DURING 1919

General March Tells Senate War Should Be Ended Next Year; Man Power Bill Is Explained.

By Associated Press.

Washington, Aug. 19.—Congress prepared today to enact quickly the new man power legislation, extending the draft age limits to 18 and 45 years. General March told the house military committee the program should win the war in 1919.

Predicting that the war will be won or lost on the western front, regardless of what happens elsewhere, General March told the committee that with 80 trained American divisions of about 45,000 men each, in France, under an American commander, victory ought to rest on American arms next year.

Reiterating his belief that such a force could go through the German lines at will, General March went further and electrified the committee, by drawing such a force "should bring the war to a successful conclusion in 1919."

**Baker Talks.**

57 senators, 29 republicans and 28 democrats answered today's roll call. As soon as it was found that a quorum was present, Senator Chamberlain asked that the recess agreement be vacated and there was no opposition. He then announced that he would bring up the man power bill Thursday. Upon the motion of Senator Nelson of Minnesota, the ranking republican present, the senate at once adjourned out of respect to the late Senator Gallinger.

In extending the draft ages Secretary Baker was against exemption of college students as a class as "thoroughly undemocratic."

Scientifically trained experts, however, are needed, and education of such men must be continued to an extent.

On the question of volunteer enlistments, which some committee members said should be discontinued for the navy and marine corps as well as the army if the new bill is passed, Mr. Baker said the navy opposes prohibiting volunteer enlistment, and he had withheld an expression of opinion. He pointed out, however, that the bill would place every man between 18 and 45 under control of the War department and that it would be possible for him and Secretary Daniels to work out in harmony a program to supply men for the navy for the fighting branch and also the merchant's ship service.

Turning to the Thomas "work or fight" amendment, added to the bill (Continued on Page Two, Column Three.)

### Democrats Try Their Hand At Eleventh-Hour Slate

Democratic workers in Douglas county have given the tip, so it is said, to pass out the word today to work for the following slate as being the expressed wish of the high machine men: Senator, Morehead; governor, Neville; lieutenant governor, Banning; secretary of state, Gatehead; auditor, Mumford; attorney general, Campbell of Lincoln; railway commissioner, Eyear.

### Bergson to Replace Metin On French Economic Mission

San Francisco, Aug. 19.—Reports that M. Henri Bergson, French philosopher, had been tendered the post of civilian head of the French economic mission to Australia, to succeed M. Albert Metin, deceased, were confirmed here today by M. Andre Siegfried, secretary of the mission.

Camp Cody, Deming, N. Mex., Aug. 19.—(Special Telegram).—The Thirty-fourth Division, General John A. Johnston commanding, stood on the plain west of this camp today on a ground design or crest representing the head of a buffalo, while a government photographer took the picture. The lights and shades of the design were formed by soldiers in different colored clothing.

In a circle around the design soldiers formed the division motto: "Duty, Honor, Country," spelled by men dressed in blue, white and khaki. Moving pictures were taken when the division marched to quarters.

General Johnston, who served with Colonel Cody as a captain, was de-

### GERMANS RETREAT BEFORE HOT FIRE ACROSS PICARDY

New Gains by British Around Roye and French Advance From Lassigny to Oise Valley Place Huns in Bad Predicament; Americans Blazing Away at Aisne.

By Associated Press.

Washington, Aug. 19.—The battle has now extended to both banks of the Oise and the enemy, hitherto fronting on the west, is now menaced on his southern flank. General Mangin's whole objective has been attained along the entire front of 10 miles. The enemy, although he seems to have been aware of the coming attack, has again miscalculated the date and was in effect taken by surprise on a weakly held front, the German commanders apparently having no reserves within call.

The allies now command the valley along the whole of its length. The enemy must accordingly withdraw all but his immediate fighting line behind the plateau on his side of the valley.

**BULLETIN.**

With the American Army on the Vesle Front, Aug. 19.—The Americans and French increased their grip on their holdings north of the Vesle river at several points early Monday morning by slight infantry advances. The maneuvers were carried out without encountering any Germans.

The French and Americans Sunday began operating the biggest guns they have used since they reached the Vesle. These heavy guns are blazing away at the Aisne river region and beyond it, where aerial observers have reported that the Germans are concentrating supplies.

**(By Associated Press.)**

German on three important sectors north of the western battle front have been compelled to give up positions of great strategic value under the onslaughts of the British and French troops.

In the Lys sector, west of Armentieres, the enemy has retreated over a front of nearly six miles, leaving the town of Merville in British hands. Between the Matz and Oise rivers the French have fought their way to the western outskirts of the dominating position of Lassigny and farther south in this hill and wooded region have deloused from the Thiescourt wood and also captured the town of Pimprez, situated in the Oise valley on the Noyon-Compiègne road.

### LASSIGNY WILL SOON FALL INTO HANDS OF FRENCH

Massive Blows Against German Lines From Somme to Soissons Bring Battle to Crucial Point.

By Associated Press.

With the French Army in France, Aug. 19.—Successive blows delivered against the Germans since August 10, all along the line from the Somme to Soissons, appear to have brought the operations to a crucial point. After yielding in the early operations the enemy has been making a desperate stand at critical points, but his resistance has failed to overcome the steady pressure around Lassigny and Roye.

The French third army made further progress today in the region of Lassigny and the Thiescourt hills. They have occupied the greater part of Beuvraignes and are forging nearer Lassigny from the south of Fresnoy and the Canny woods and also are pressing northward toward Lassigny by forcing an exit from the Thiescourt wood.

These gains were made during the most severe fighting. Lassigny is likely to fall any moment.

### Photo of Camp Cody Troops Taken In Odd Formation

It is said that the men remember the activities of the veteran plainsman and spoke to the troops of the late scout's exploits in the old Indian days.

Selective draft men from several states, only a week to a month in uniform, are being used to fill the original regiments here from Minnesota, Iowa, Nebraska and the Dakotas, many men from which have gone overseas.

The casual camp here is being filled with the August draft and Deming residents say that another division will be trained here when the "Sandstorm" division leaves. Many thousands of dollars' worth of improvements are being made.

**Back Across Picardy.**

Under the new gains of the British around Roye and particularly those made by the French from Lassigny to the Oise valley and northwest of Soissons, the Germans now are in a bad predicament. Here their positions are dominated by the allied guns from the west, southwest and south for many miles and apparently retreats eastward across the plains of Picardy and over the Somme and even from the western Aisne will be necessitated.

The latest German communication asserts that French attacks between the Oise and Aisne, delivered over a wide front, failed, but the French statement is specific in announcing the penetration of the environs of Lassigny, the cutting of a passage way through the Thiescourt wood and the capture of Pimprez. That there has been hard fighting is indicated by the British statement, which says that northwest of Chaumes the Germans succeeded in penetrating the British lines at several points but later were driven out.

On the other battle fronts there is little activity except in the nature of artillery duels and patrol encounters.

Additional American troops arrived in Vladivostok to aid the other international troops in their operations against the Bolshevik and German forces in Siberia.