

THE OMAHA DAILY BEE

THE WEATHER - For Iowa and Nebraska - Fair Wednesday and Thursday. Thermometer Readings: 5 a. m. 72, 1 p. m. 81, 6 p. m. 72, 10 p. m. 63, 7 p. m. 71, 3 p. m. 83, 8 a. m. 72, 4 p. m. 80, 9 a. m. 72, 2 p. m. 85, 10 a. m. 72, 6 p. m. 80, 11 a. m. 73, 7 p. m. 80, 12 m. 73, 8 p. m. 80

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REPUBLICANS SMASH SLATE GENERAL MANGIN DRIVES HUNS FROM HEIGHTS SOUTH OF OISE

MORE THAN 8,000 PRISONERS TAKEN BY FRENCH IN ADVANCE OF 2 1/2 MILES ON 15-MILE FRONT

SLOAN AND NORRIS IN TIGHT CONTEST; JEFFERIS GETS NOMINATION FOR CONGRESS; CLARK, SHOTWELL, SHRIVER ARE WINNERS

Carlepoint Captured and Poilus Only Two and One-Half Miles from Pontoise; Germans Fighting Hard Against Danger of Artillery Attacks by Further Retirement.

By Associated Press. With the French Army in France, Aug. 20.—The operation begun at 7 o'clock this morning by General Mangin's troops between the Aisne and the Oise, southeast of Noyon and northwest of Soissons, looks this evening to be a splendid success. General Mangin has taken from the Germans at Cuts and Mont De Choisy the last heights remaining south of the Oise in that region.

At Mont De Choisy the French troops are within two and one-half miles of the Oise at Pontoise, the direct road to which is now under fire of the French batteries.

Carlepoint, to the southwest, is also in the hands of the French tonight and from this place their guns command another road to the Oise at Sempigny, directly south of Noyon.

South of Roye the town of Beuvraignes has been occupied by the French after bitter fighting. ADVANCE STILL PROCEEDING. London, Aug. 20.—According to latest information received here, General Mangin's line now runs from La Quoentier, north of Bailly, to Champ De Merlier, to Petit Maupas, to Cuts, to Hill 160, to Vezaponin and to Valpriez farm, five miles northwest of Soissons.

The French have captured Vezaponin and are on the plateau east of Tartiers. From that point the line is uncertain, but the French are progressing towards Camellit.

The Germans are making stiff resistance at Hill 160, which is east of Le Mesnil. The advance is over most difficult ground but the attack is still proceeding.

BRITISH ADVANCE EAST OF ARRAS. East of Arras along the Scarpe river the British in sharp fighting have advanced their line slightly to the east of the village of Fampoux, while farther north, astride the Lys river the British have reached L'Epinette and north of Merville have captured the villages of Vierhoek and LaCouronne, according to Field Marshal Haig's communication from headquarters to night.

With the French Army in France, Aug. 20.—General Mangin, with his right solidly on the heights north to the Aisne around Fontenoy, is sweeping the Germans off the high ground south of the Oise, obliging them to retreat across the river or retire eastward. In either event the success of the movement will expose the region about Noyon to artillery attacks from the south, the southeast and the southwest.

Germans Fighting Hard. The Germans are fighting hard against this danger, relying principally upon machine guns as in the Thiescourt region, thus indicating that some of their artillery already is across or is on the way across the river Oise. The count of prisoners and an inventory of the booty taken still are incomplete.

One corps in this operation had counted 1,500 prisoners up to noon, and had immense quantities of captured war materials of all sorts. The artillery preparation, which was most violent, began yesterday morning and the enemy, anticipating an attack, hastened to reinforce his lines, sending up two of his best divisions which were held in reserve. These divisions arrived during the night in motor lorries.

An hour and a half after the order was given to attack, infantrymen were past Audincourt and Vassens and were followed immediately by batteries of three-inch guns. The first line of defense was then breaking.

Ravine Filled With Mustard Gas. The Germans on retreating filled the ravine with mustard gas. This, however, proved only a temporary trouble, the entire ravine being turned in a short time and the French troops progressing toward Blancourdelie, eight miles southeast of Noyon.

Farther to the right Tartiers, two and a half miles southeast of Morsain, was entered at 9 o'clock and columns of prisoners began to appear upon the plateau to the rear. The artillery reaction was very weak over this part of the front. French aviators, flying way down under the low lying clouds, kept the staff regularly informed as to the progress of the attack and harassed the enemy with machine gun fire. No German flyers tried to interfere with (Continued on Page Two, Column 1.)

TWO U-BOATS SUNK NEAR U. S. COAST

One Sent Down by British Tanker, Which Dodged Torpedo; Other Rammed by American Vessel.

An Atlantic Port, Aug. 20.—A 400-foot enemy submarine was sunk off the Atlantic coast by the gun crew of a British tanker, according to an officer of the tanker. The tale of the battle between the tanker and U-boat was told today by John Crosby, chief mate of the former, from his bed in a hospital where he is being treated for shock.

Crosby is said to be in a serious condition. A remarkable feature of the case is that he felt no ill effects during the engagement which took place last Friday, and was in good health until yesterday morning. Then, safely in port, he collapsed.

"The second mate was on the bridge about 3 o'clock in the afternoon," Crosby said. "There was never a sign of any craft around, but he caught the streak made by a torpedo coming toward the tanker. He yelled and the ship was thrown out of her course. The torpedo missed by a few feet. Everyone was on deck by that time, but we saw nothing of the U-boat."

Dodges Torpedo. "What we did see was another torpedo. We zig-zagged, dodging the missile just as prettily as could be. It went by us. Then the submarine came out of the water with her guns ready. She was all of 400 feet long and could make 17 knots an hour. Our boat was good for 11 1/2 knots, but we began to go with the U-boat coming behind. She opened up with her guns and the fight started.

"I was acting as spotter for the gunner, calling the shells as they kicked up the water about the U-boat. Our 26th shot took the submarine right. It did not blow up with a bang. What it did was to swing around slowly and drift broadside on. We did not slow down, but made for port as swiftly as we could travel. I am sure our shot destroyed the enemy craft."

Steamer Rams Sub. Washington, Aug. 20.—The Navy department announced today that the captain of an American steamer had reported that his vessel rammed and probably sank a submarine about 9:30 p. m., on August 17, near Winter Quarter shoal, off the northern Virginia coast. The captain stated the submarine was struck on its port bow, bringing it along side. The submarine crew hailed in strong German accents, saying they were friends, the captain said, but he replied they were no friends of his. He kept on his course, he said. The steamer is now in port with a badly damaged bow and a quantity of water in its hold. The captain thinks he sank the submarine.

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:

Advertisement for Omaha Bee Service Flag Coupon, listing various offices and a coupon for a service flag.

Returns From 213 Precincts in Nebraska Favor Republican Congressman; Morehead and Neville Lead.

BULLETIN. 450 precincts throughout the state out of 1848 give Senator Norris 7,165 votes to Congressman Sloan's 6,848.

Returns at 3 a. m. from 213 of the 1848 precincts in the state showed Congressman Sloan maintaining the lead for the republican nomination for United States senator over Senator Norris, in the Nebraska primaries. Sloan had 3,250 and Norris 3,079. Sloan was leading Norris in Douglas county by 148 out of 1,434 votes cast. The city vote throughout the state came strongly for Sloan from the start, but as returns from country districts came in, Norris showed a tendency to creep up.

Figures at midnight gave Ross Hammond 2,755 votes in 243 precincts. Madgett had 659 votes and Mercer 766 on the republican ticket. Returns of the vote for S. R. McKelvie, republican candidate for the nomination for governor, and of his opponent, Walter Johnson of Omaha, were not received, but there is no doubt of the overwhelming victory of McKelvie.

On the democratic side, Governor Neville was leading Charles Bryan for the democratic nomination for governor by approximately 2 to 1. 114 precincts outside of Douglas county gave Governor Neville 4,330 to Bryan's 2,265. Douglas county gave Neville 1,458 and Bryan 435.

Morehead trims Metcalfe. Despite R. L. Metcalfe's strenuous campaign on a platform of Americanism, at midnight he was trailing Ex-Governor Morehead, 2 to 1; 142 precincts outside of Douglas county gave Morehead 3,451 to Metcalfe's 1,745.

Douglas county figures were Morehead, 1,078; Metcalfe, 470. Attorney-General Reed was down in the race for the senatorial nomination, being a bad fourth with 1,060 votes for the 213 precincts tabulated. Edgar Howard was third in the race with 1,268 votes. Price received barely above one vote a precinct. Returns at midnight gave him 284 votes from 218 precincts.

Neville Beats Bryan. The same ratios on the democratic side were maintained in Lancaster county, according to returns at 12 o'clock. Governor Neville carried Lincoln by 2 to 1 over Bryan. Bryan lost even his own precinct, Precinct A, Ward 5, by a vote of 19 to 24. Ross Hammond was leading in the race in Lincoln for the republican nomination for senator with 234 votes, compared with 126 for Norris and 25 for Sloan. Hammond carried his home town of Fremont by 266 to 206 for Sloan and 70 for Norris.

Congressional Tickets. The probable nominees on the republican congressional ticket are as follows: First District—C. F. Reavis, incumbent, no opposition. Second District—A. W. Jeffers. Third District—R. E. Evans, no opposition. Fourth District—Adam McMullen, or C. H. Denny. Fifth District—William E. Andrews. Sixth District—Moses P. Kinkaid, incumbent, no opposition. The democrats leading in the congressional race follow: First District—S. P. Cresap. Second District—C. O. Lobeck, incumbent. Third District—Dan V. Stephens, incumbent, no opposition. Fourth District—W. H. Smith, or E. O. Kretzinger. Fifth District—A. C. Shallenberger, incumbent. Sixth District—Charles W. Pool.

Carey Choice of Wyoming Republicans for Governor. Cheyenne, Wyo., Aug. 20.—Returns from today's primary election in Wyoming were slow in coming in, but indications from the meager reports received tonight were that Robert D. Carey had been nominated for governor on the republican ticket. On the democratic ticket, William B. Ross, who was strongly supported by prohibition advocates, was leading Frank L. Houx, incumbent, in the race for the nomination for governor.

The race for the democratic nomination for United States senator appeared close. The supporters of John B. Osborne claimed his nomination over James W. Fisher and W. W. Sprout. Senator Francis E. Warren and Congressman Frank W. Mondell had no opposition on the republican ticket.

Son of Former President Grant Granted Divorce. Reno, Aug. 20.—Jesse R. Grant, son of General Grant, former president, was granted a divorce from his wife yesterday at Tonopah on grounds of desertion. She lives in San Diego. She did not contest the suit this time, although five years ago she had a decree at Goldfield set aside.

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Visit Italian Front. Rome, Aug. 20.—The American congressional naval committee, headed by Representative Lemuel P. Padgett of Tennessee, today visited the Austro-Italian battle front. King Victor Emmanuel received the members of the committee. After visiting the Venetian battle lines the Americans will start for Paris Wednesday.

Are You Reading Oh, Money! Money! By ELEANOR H. PORTER. Author of "Pollyanna" and "Just David." Today's installment on Page 8

Douglas County Returns

One hundred and sixty-two precincts of 168 in Douglas county give:

Table showing Douglas County Returns for U. S. Senator—Republican (Sloan 2,000, Hammond 1,893, Norris 1,792, Mercer 1,316, Madgett 408) and U. S. Senator—Democrat (Morehead 2,890, Metcalfe 1,132, Howard 450, Reed 431, Price 128).

Governor—Democrat. Neville 3,945, Bryan 1,158. Congressman—First District. Jeffers 4,842, Dodge 2,160.

Nonpartisan Ticket

Thirty-six precincts in Douglas county on the nonpartisan ticket give: OMAHA MUNICIPAL JUDGE. George Holmes 965, Arthur E. Baldwin 930, C. W. Peasinger 453, C. T. Self 264, Fred B. Cherniss 345, Perry Wheeler 781, Robert W. Patrick 681, William E. Lovely 510, Julius S. Cooley 552. COUNTY SUPERINTENDENT. J. E. Gibney 263, Mabel Johnson 720, Mary G. Keenan 449, M. A. Sams 383.

WATER BOARD. W. J. Coad 495, L. B. Johnson 352, Fred D. Wead 695, C. G. Carlberg 641. COUNTY JUDGE. Bryce Crawford (Unopposed).

Mississippi Returns Indicate Defeat of U. S. Sen. Vardaman

Jackson, Miss., Aug. 20.—Returns from the central and southern portions of the state showed Representative B. P. Harrison running far ahead of Senator James N. Vardaman in the democratic primary. E. F. Noel, a former governor, was third. Cardaman lost his home city, Jackson, and was beaten in his ward, 121 to 28. Warren county, in which Vicksburg is situated, gave Harrison 1,238, Vardaman 104.

Politicians expressed the belief that President Wilson's letter stating that he "could not regard Vardaman's election as a condemnation of my administration by the people of Mississippi" had a strong bearing on the vote.

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Smith-Howell-Dodge Combines Goes Up Against Knock-out in Effort to Rule Douglas.

The Smith-Howell-Dodge machine was badly wrecked in the county primary yesterday, with Jeffers leading off with a total of 4,842 in 162 out of 168 precincts, as against 2,160 for Dodge, a majority of more than two to one.

Jeffers ran like wildfire, carrying every precinct except one. Even in the Fifteenth precinct of the Ninth ward, where the primary election was held in Dodge's garage, Jeffers received 38 votes to an unalucky 13 for Dodge.

Clark, Shotwell, Shriver. The machine candidates for sheriff, county attorney and treasurer, as well as others, were defeated. Unofficial returns from 132 precincts gave Shriver 2,158, Grand 1,873 and Beisel 1,463 in the treasurer race.

In 100 precincts Shotwell was leading Palmer by 180 votes for the county attorneyship nomination, with Bouchette, the machine candidate, fifth or sixth in the list.

By the same token of unofficial returns Sheriff Clark leads Hollister, who was put in by the machine at the eleventh hour on filing day. Sloan Carries Douglas.

Sloan has a safe lead over Hammond and Norris in this county. Unofficial count of 75 precincts show Hoffeld and Pickett running closely together for the democratic nomination for sheriff, these totals being 758 to 754.

In the democratic county attorney race O'Hara leads Abbott by 100 votes in 60 precincts. Carlberg and Wead are in a close contest for the water board republican nomination.

For County Commissioner. The first county commissionership republican contest shows these figures from 28 of the 34 precincts in this district: McDonald, 491; Dunn, 477; Rogers, 324; Wiig, 309.

Albert W. Jeffers, successful republican congressional candidate, was pleased when he scanned the early returns.

"I can only thank my friends for what they have done for me," was all the comment he would offer. The total vote of Douglas county was light, estimated by election commissioner Morehead at 13,500.

When Bob Smith, Dodge's campaign manager, was told a week ago that Jeffers would win, he replied, "You don't know the forces that are working for Dodge."

The vote was exceptionally light. The First of the Fourth 31 votes were cast. This board were the first to bring in official returns, appearing at the election commissioner's office at 8:30 p. m., half an hour after the close of the voting.

The First of the Fifth, at Fifth and William streets, only 28 votes were recorded. In the Ninth of the Tenth, at Dundee school, 140 votes were cast.

A voter in the Ninth of the First wrote in the name of Jerry Howard for the water board. Jerry insists that he was nominated on the democratic legislative ticket.

Serious Wool Shortage is Threatened in United States. San Francisco, Cal., Aug. 20.—The army, navy and Red Cross require 900,000,000 pounds of wool and the country's production this year will be 280,000,000 pounds, consequently no wool will go into clothing for civilians this year, said Lewis Penwell, United States wool administrator, who arrived here today from Oregon.

Penwell addressed a gathering of wool men and declared that owing to the demand of ships for war purposes, no tonnage could be spared to bring to this country wool for civilians clothing.

Remains More Than Four Years in Ignorance of War. Montreal, Aug. 20.—Reaching civilization after an absence of five years among the Eskimos in Grant land, in the Arctic circle, Frederick Smithers has just learned that there is a war going on. Smithers is a fur trader. He is passing through Montreal today en route for his home in New York. He said he would enlist there in the United States army.



A. W. JEFFERIS.

Omaha Lumber & Coal Company Yards Burns With Half Million Loss

The lumber and coal yards of the Omaha Lumber & Coal company at Fortieth and Lake streets burned to the ground at 1 o'clock this morning with a loss of \$500,000. The officers of the company are President, J. C. Wharton; secretary, G. A. Wharton.

Illinois River Disaster Due To Negligence and Incapacity

Washington, Aug. 20.—The licenses of Herman F. Mehl and George T. Williams, master and pilot, respectively, of the steamer Columbia, which sank in the Illinois river near Peoria in July with the loss of nearly 100 lives, have been revoked, the steamboat inspection service announced today. Mehl is charged with inattention to duty and incapacity, and Williams of unskillfulness and negligence.

Allied Squadrons Attack Hun Airdromes and Grounds

London, Aug. 19.—The official statement of the air ministry on bombing and raiding activities, issued tonight, says: "On the night of August 18-19 our squadrons attacked hostile airdromes and landing grounds. Various ground targets were also attacked with machine gun fire. One of our machines has failed to return."

Print Paper Stocks Low

Montreal, Aug. 20.—Stocks of news print paper on hand at the mills in the United States August 10, were the lowest on record, according to the report of R. S. Kellogg, secretary of the news print service bureau of New York at its quarterly meeting here today.