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THE WEATHER-Fair and slightly warmer Sunday, Monday cooler.

BRAY CAPTURED BY BRITIS MERICANS ENTER BATTLE

AIRCRAFT PROGRAM LAGGING

Of 350 Squadrons Needed to Win War Only 13 Are Now in France; Pilots Waiting for Planes.

By Associated Press.

America's aircraft program for cons of planes, and the man part of the program already is ahead of schedule, with 3,000 of miles around to see this greatest pilots trained.

This information, given by Major General Kenly, chief of the division of military aeronautics, and many other facts hitherto held secret were disclosed today when the senate military committee made public testimony taken behind closed doors during three months of investigating by the aviation subcommittee headed by Senator Thomas of Colorado.

273 Machines in France.

there are now 13 American airplane enemy. squadrons of 273 machines now in Among squadrons.

rector of airplane production, said merce either Friday or Saturday General Pershing had called for noon. Some of the party will make 25,000 planes by July 1, 1919, and had been told it was hoped to deliver Maj. C. K. Rhinehardt is in combeen told it was hoped to deliver Maj. C. K. Rhinenards is mand of the party, which consists of two British and about a dozen two British and about a dozen Accompanying

the field.
C. W. Nash, former president of the and production, gave it as his opinion that nothing but De Haviland machines could be delivered before next January and if 10,000 airplanes were delivere by next July it would be "almost a miracle."

Witnesses Speak Plainly.

General Kenly and other officers—in fact all of the witnesses—apparently gave their statements with what Senator Reed characterized at one stage as "brutal frankness," all being examined secretly and apparently without considering the possibility of the publicity now given. Personal criticisms were voiced with freedom. eral Pershing's calls for airplanes. In response to questions General Kenly spoke of what he would do if he were charge at home and abroad, and "If you look over the cables you

countermands it."

models forwarded.

In outlining next year's program, sent in by General Pershing, wit-nesses told the committee that General Pershing was advised that in trying to get 18,000 or 20,000 machines delivered by next July the authorities

"are aiming rather high." A squadron in the aviation service, it was explained, normally consists of 18 flyers, but they usually have 21.

During Secretary Baker's examination he was sharply questioned regarding airplane photographs disinformation with what the secretary awaiting the reaper. conceded were "exaggerated" captions. During the tilt, Senator Reed of Missouri referred to Chairman George Creel of the information committee as "a licensed liar," intending to mislead the public.

Nebraska Slow to Approve

Increase in Express Rates Washington, Aug. 24.-Modifications of express charges for short hauls within the so-called "first zone" now being worked out by the rail-

The 10 per cent general advance in express rates recently approved by Cohman, who was Bellevue college the Interstate Commerce commission football captain in the fall of 1914 a match for a year," he writes to his now has received the sanction of and who made an enviable record in mother, Mrs. Bonnie Ohman, 2404 public service commissions in all other branches of athletics during his Davenport street, "or perhaps my Nebraska and Iowa. Reports here and coach of the football team at bed all the time and I guess all hope indicate that the commissions of North Platte high school. He apthese states will act shortly.

Famous Army Aviators to Thrill Omaha by Flights Over City Next Saturday

Commissioner Manley of the Chamber of Commerce will go to Kansas City tonight to make final arrangements with the British and American aviators who will be in Omaha next Saturday to do all sorts of stunts in their big machines.

The aviators are making a tour of the central cities of the United States to give the people a knowledge of the different types of airplanes used and the kind of tactics used in air battles. They will make flights in Kansas City Monday. Thence they will fly to Des Moines, where they will give exhibitions Thursday. Then they will rise and fly to Omaha in an hour or Washington, Aug. 24.— two of time, alighting on the Field club field probably Friday morning. The appearance of a dozen or

the great army that is counted sorts of thrilling maneuvers will ocupon to win the war next year cur next Saturday and will be the calls for 350 complete squad- greatest and most spectacular sight, it is said, that Omaha has ever wit-

People will be here from hundreds of "free shows."

The flights here will be designed to show what sort of work, bombing planes, battle planes, scout planes and others do in the air. One of the wonders will be a squadron of six planes of the type I. N. 6H (whatthe city in battle formation, controlled by wireless from the ground. There will also be acrobatic flights by small planes, illustrating the "stunts" performed by fighting pilots General Kenly told the committee when in immediate contact with the

France, whereas there should be 175 ranged for the distinguished airmen of the party will be a public affairs William C. Potter, assistant di- luncheon at the Chamber of Com-

American aviators. Accompanying the party as guest of honor will be Nash Motor company and now as-Brig.-Gen. Charles Lee, a veteran sistant to Mr. Ryan in engineering British aviator, now head of the British Aviation mission to the United surgeon of the British-American "fly-States. He will fly around in his own machine and will be accompanied by from Indianapolis to St. Louis, was on occupational grounds would be reone or two members of the staff, also killed when an airplane piloted by

in British planes. Major Rhinehardt is one of the coungest majors in the air service. (Continued on Page Two, Column One.)

Automobile Accidents Cause Injuries to Two

Just after he had alighted from a An example is found in General Kenly's examination concerning General Pershing's calls for airplanes. In street, was struck by an automobile operated by Max Osler, an automechanic, 1618 North Twenty-fifth street. Dixon's right arm and hand were severely cut and he suffered rain and wind storm which caused painful bruises about his body. He will find a caple from overseas for was taken home. Osler tried to drive one thing one day and the next coun- away after the accident, Military Potermands the order, and the next day liceman William Sheppard said, and machines landed safely just outside asks for it again, and a week later he had to employ force in order to of Marshall, Ill., about 40 miles west take him. Osler was charged with

There is no real friction between the army and navy, General Kenly told the committee, "except a very strong feeling that the navy sometimes is getting more than its night when he was run down by an automobile operated by J. J. Troxall, North Twenty-fourth street. General Kenly and other officers Christensen was riding a motorcycle confirmed reports that General Per- east on Capitol avenue near Twentyshing stopped manufacture of Spad fourth street. He was taken to the tiachines last year and recently had police station, given surgical attencriticised several of the De Haviland tion by Police Surgeon Edstrom, and taken to his home.

Need Two Thousand Men In Dakota Harvest Fields

Two thousand harvest workers are Temperance Union Will needed at once in North Dakota. The wage is from \$45 to \$50 a

month with board and room. This message comes to the government employment bureau. Examiner Grand Forks or Devils Lake, where are requested to come early, bringtributed by the committee on public they will be directed to the fields ing needle, thimble, thread and a



MAJ. C. K. RHINEHARDT.

KILLED BY FALL

Was Formerly Practicing Physician at Walthill. Neb .: Fatal Plunge Due to Stalling of Engine.

St. Louis, Aug. 24.-Major William R. Ream, of San Diego, Cal., flight ing circus," which started early today Lieut, Wesley Benner, of Metuchen, N. J., fell 150 feet at Effingham, Ill., at 10 a. m. Lieutenant Benner suffered a compound fracture of a leg and internal injuries. His condition is reported serious.

Other airplanes are reported to have landed safely near Effingham, 101 miles east of St. Louis, after Men Saturday Night St. Louis today were abandoned. the accident. Attempts to reach

According to information received one mile out of Effingham, when his engine apparently stalled and his plane did a nose dive to earth. It was reported the flyers ran into a severe Lieutenant Benner to attempt to land. Two machines previously had made a safe landing in the field. Four of Terre Haute, and one landed at Martinsville, Ill.

Major Ream's death was the second (Continued on Page Two, Column One.)

Special Service for Women

Rev. F. W. Leavitt will give a commissionary service at the First South Twenty-third street, who leaves in the near future for Peking, China. She will be an instructor in natural science at the woman's college in that city,

Quilt for Belgian Relief

The North Side W. C. T. U. will meet at the home of Mrs. C. J Schmidt, 3342 Larimore avenue, Robert P. Samardick advises that Wednesday, to make a quilt for the men who want this work go to Fargo, Belgian relief. Members and friends bundle of quilt pieces.

Former Bellevue Star in Hospital at Great Lakes

months to enlist in some branch of he tried to enlist in the balloon school school student and former Bellevue branches of the service, but was recollege athlete, underwent a special jected everywhere because of his operation for hernia in order to enter physical defect. the navy. He was accepted, only to A special operation at North Platte road administration probably will re- be forced to enter the navy hospital remedied his trouble, and he was acsult in increases in rates on fruit, at Great Lakes, Ill., within two weeks cepted for the navy. But unaccusproduce and other materials shipped after he arrived there. For the last tomed strain shortly after he reached

states except Utah, South Dakota. college career, was teacher of science fork to my mouth. They keep me in

After trying vainly for fifteen | ficers' training camp at Fort Snelling, the service, Paul Ohman, Omaha high at Fort Omaha and tried other

into cities from adjoining localities. month he has been confined to a Great Lakes broke open his wound

plied for admission to the first of some months is past."

MAN POWER BILL PASSED BY 336 TO 2

Final Effort to Place 19-Year-Old Boys in Deferred Class Defeated by Vote of 191 to 146.

Washington, Aug. 24.-The new man power bill extending the selective draft to all men between the nor changes in the original draft of the War department.

On the first roll call only two negative votes were cast-by Representative London of New York, the socialist, and Representative Gordon of announced as 336 to 2.

chief contention was an amendment to defer the calling of youths from living Germans may be captured there shortly.

FALL OF RAPALIME been summoned.

A final effort was made by Chairmilitary affairs committee with instructions to incorporate that amendment was lost, 191 to 146.

Goes Now to Senate.

The bill now goes to the senate, zone. where leaders tonight predicted it Congressional leaders hope to send the measure to the president by the

latter part of next week. The senate soon after convening evening. unexpectedly abandoned plans for a vote today and adjourned until Mon-

An attempt in the house to insert a work or fight amendment by which those exempted from military service quired to remain at their civil tasks failed, 52 to 91. The amendment was acterized by officials of the American Federation of Labor as a conscription of labor.

Congressmen Excepted.

The house today reversed its action of yesterday in voting to include members of congress in the draft, By a rising vote, 89 to 143, it defeated an amendment by Representative Gregg of Texas, which would make members of congress, state legislatures and federal and state executive officers liable to draft.

An amendment by Representative Smith of New York to exempt police officers in cities of more than 500,000 population and designed to relieve the situation in New York, where a shortage of police officers is said to be coming to look upon the war now threatened, was defeated.

An amendment by Representative ferred classification as a means of continuous forward movement. further combining the deferred classes Entering Missionary Field for additional men for active service.

McKenzie amendment, which was debelieved the amendment wauld seriously impair the ability of the ways and means committee to get the men in accordance with the military pro-

More Than Two Hundred Omaha Boys Register

For Military Service More than 200 men who have attained majority since June 5 registered for military service in Omaha

The men were given their questionnaires immediately after regis-tering. Only a few of the registrants claimed exemption. Some of them are married and some support one or both of their parents. Exemption board members say

that more than half of the registrants will make soldiers. About 150.000 21-year-olds registered in the United States Saturday and, it is estimated, that 75,000 of them will be inducted for general

military service.

Are You Reading Oh, Money! Money! By ELEANOR H. PORTER

Author of "Pollyanna" and "Just David"

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GERMANS RATTLED BY STURDY BLOWS OF HAIG'S ARMIES

Staggering Enemy in State of Confusion as Result of Loss of Important Positions in Thiepval Salient: British Mow Down New Divisions Thrown Into Fighting; Continue Victorious Advance.

By Associated Press.

With the British Army in France, Aug. 24.-Field Marages of 18 and 45 years was passed shal Haig's fighting armies achieved further victories today. by the house tonight with only mi- They delivered blow after blow to the staggering enemy, who in some places, such as the Thiepval salient, was reported to be in a state of great confusion.

Thiepval itself, a mighty position atop a high hill from have advanced as far north as which the surrounding country for miles is under observation, has been occupied and the British line has been straightened Ohio, democrat. The final vote was between Grandcourt and La Boisselle.

Miraumont, that boche position which has held out for cording to the war office an-The final vote was preceded by days in the center of the battle front, is gradually being sur- nouncement tonight. hree days' debate, during which the rounded. The town is choked with German dead and many

FALL OF BAPAUME IMMINENT.

In the advance on Rapaume village the village of Avesnes- Thiepval, northeast of Albert. man Dent today to place the 18-year- les-Bapaume, just at the edge of the larger town, has been on the Ancre front, was entered old boys in a deferred class, but a reached. It seems certain that Bapaume will fall, but more today by British forces in the motion to recommit the bill to the heavy fighting is expected. British troops have advanced to a point north of Morey and have also entered Croiselles, which teeth of much machine gun and is some miles east of the Arras-Bapaume road and probably rifle fire. Bray also was capmarks the peak of the advance eastward in the northern battle tured by the British.

There has also been fighting north@ passage early next week. The senate of the river Scarpe and the British plans to substitute the house bill for the measure favorably reported by the military committee of that body line for more than 500 yards. The the military committee of that body line for more than 500 yards. The and thus expedite its final enactment. British attacked Givenchy and recovered the old front line from which they retired during an attack last

Every Yard Contested.

While Field Marshal Haig's men pressed forward with mighty strides on the main battle front today, they had to fight for every yard of ground. Considerable numbers of guns and prisoners have been captured all directed against strikes and was char- all along the line and the British have again inflicted the heaviest possible casualties on the enemy. The ground over which the battle has been fought was invariably littered with dead Ger-

> mentioned recent reverses, and especially the defeat which is now being suffered and said that Germany was willing to give anything for peace.

> These statements are of value only going aginst them.

Treadway of Massachusetts, which arrive in the zone, only to be stood up rayed against this. was adopted, provides for the ap-pointment of special examiners in moved down. While they have been would seem to warrant such conlocal conscription districts for the able to check, in a measure, the allies, re-examination of men placed in de- they have been unable to stay their

There are stories of less than a Chairman Dent of the house mili- German companies which have partary committee read a letter today ticipated in the recent fighting. Solto participate in the battle.

WITH EAST UPON MAN-POWER BILI

Nebraska on Measure: Reavis Expresses Himself On Exemptions.

Washington Bureau of The Bee, Washington, D. C., Aug. 24.—(Special Telegram.)—On the motion to recommit the new draft or man-power bill to the committee on military af-Still fighting a losing battle, the fairs of the house with instructions Germans are unquestionably becom- to create one deferred class in the bill ing disorganized and rattled. Officers from 18 to 19, the Nebraska delegawho have been taken prisoner have tion exclusive of Sloan, absent, and with the single exception of Lobeck, voted in favor of recommending the

Lobeck split with Shallenberger and Stephens, his democratic brethren, for two reasons, probably. First little north of Grandcourt, the fightas showing how the German army is because the administration wanted a ing has been of great intensity, and free hand in handling the draft in its own way, and, second, because the New German divisions continue to industrial centers seemingly were ar-

Keep Boys Where Belong.

dozen men being left in some of the the Madden amendment to the manpower bill prohibiting any employe in the executive departments of the Central Congregational church Sun- fom Secretary Baker in which the lat- dier prisoners captured today ex- government boards or commissions day for Miss Anna Lane, 4314 ter set forth his objections to the pressed themselves generally as hav- from being exempt or given deferred ing lost faith in the higher command, classification, by reason of such emfeated yesterday and which provided while noncommissioned officers at- ployment, from military duty said for deferring the call of youths from tributed the defeats to the inefficiency that the house, in his judgment, was 18 to 20 years. Mr. Baker said he of the German air service, and more getting itself into a more or less abespecially to the presence of many surd position, by stating last night untrained recruits in the older divis- that a congressmen should not be exions. Some are said to have de- empt. He thought such a course serted while on the way to the front would put the membership of the (Continued on Page Two, Column Three.)

Splits With Delegation From

Congressman Reavis in opposing

American Gunners Rush Into Battle When Under Orders to Remain in the Rear

ment of American machine gunners dians. managed to take part in the recent

regarded the Americans as insuffi- this. ciently trained for participation, ssued peared in the thick of the fray on the right flank. They had been left the colonel. behind, according to orders, but remained only about two minutes and stayed with us throughout the next then took matters into their own two days. One of them is in line for hands. As soon as the first wave had a decoration."

London, Aug. 24.-How a detach- gone over they followed the Cana-

"One of the first officers they encountered on the other side of No fighting on the British front is told in Man's land was the colonel who had letter from an officer commanding a commanded them to remain behind; anadian machine gun section. The but he was too busy to do much more in Omaha and was accompanied back "We had a large number of Amer- their presence on the ground that than frown at them. They excused to Camp Funston by Sergeant Cook. can machine gunners attached to our they thought they could prove useful section for instruction. When orders in escorting back prisoners, and the for the attack came, our colonel, who colonel gave them permission to do

"But some hours afterward I saw strict orders to the Americans to re- them again, well up in the front of main behind during the attack. We the attack, close behind our cavalry. were well across into German terri- and very busy firing their guns, which tory when suddenly Americans ap- they must have kept concealed somewhere during their interview with

"They worked like veterans and

Bapaume Expected to Fall Soon, but Not Without Severe Fight; French Closing on Noyon.

By Associated Press.

Paris, Aug. 24.- The American troops in the Fismes sector the Soissons-Rheims road, on a front of about 800 meters, ac-

British Headquarters in France, Aug. 24.—The town of

London, Aug. 25 .- "New Zealanders, striking in the direction of Bapaume, have captured Cojeul with trresistable dash," says an official statement issued by the war office shortly after midnight. The only Cojeul appearing on the maps is the Cojeul river, nine miles north of Bapaume, but it is possible that there is a small village of that name

near Bapaume. Without pause the British forces battling against the Germans are moving forward in the direction of Bapaume. The fighting has been ex-tremely heavy, but there has been no stopping Field Marshal Haig's men and the latest report from British headquarters says that they are making progress along the entire front of the British attack.

Important Towns Taken.

The important towns of Bray, Thiepval and Grandcourt, together with several smaller places, have been captured, and more than 2,000 prisoners have been taken. Around Miraumont, which lies &

this place apparently has fallen, as Haig's report says that "the enemy held out until outflanked by advancing columns. British detachments have reached Avesnes-Les-Bapaume, which lies very close to Bapaume, whose cap-

ture is expected at an early date but not without severe fighting. Pass Beyond Bray. Nearer the Somme, however, the Germans have not been so suoc ssful. Bray has been captured by the British who are said to be to the east of that town. Bray is important because it stands on high ground and

dominates a large amount of territory on each side of the Somme. There are few details of the progress of the fighting south of the Somme. The capture of cannon is reported from this region, but there

Jess Eckford Goes Back to

(Continued on Page Two, Column Three.)

Regiment at Camp Funston Jess Eckford, who was arrested during the slacker raid last Thursday. returned to Camp Funston, Kan., last

Eckford was arrested by a military policeman upon suspicion that the army uniform Eckford was wearing was "camouflage," and local police

confirmed that suspicion. Investigation, however, proved that Eckford is a United States soldier stationed at Camp Funston, and that he had been there for more than two months. He was absent without leave

Great Lakes Naval Band To Lead Labor Day Parade

The Great Lakes Naval band will ead the Labor day parade in Omaha. Arrangements have been made by Ensign Condict of the local naval recruiting station for a concert on the

street Saturday night. The band will also play at the Fort-Dodge-Navy ball game at Rourke park Sunday next. The band is to leave Tuesday morning for the