

**BRIEF  
BRIGHT  
BREEZY  
BITS OF NEWS**

# THE OMAHA DAILY BEE

**THE WEATHER:**

For Nebraska: Fair Thursday; fair and warmer Friday and Saturday.

Hour	Temp.	Wind	Clouds	Vis.
5 a. m.	48	W	100	10
6 a. m.	49	W	100	10
7 a. m.	50	W	100	10
8 a. m.	51	W	100	10
9 a. m.	52	W	100	10
10 a. m.	53	W	100	10
11 a. m.	54	W	100	10
12 m.	55	W	100	10
1 p. m.	56	W	100	10
2 p. m.	57	W	100	10
3 p. m.	58	W	100	10
4 p. m.	59	W	100	10
5 p. m.	60	W	100	10
6 p. m.	61	W	100	10
7 p. m.	62	W	100	10
8 p. m.	63	W	100	10
9 p. m.	64	W	100	10
10 p. m.	65	W	100	10
11 p. m.	66	W	100	10
12 m.	67	W	100	10

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# WANKS UNITALIAN BATTLE; 33,000 AUSTRIANS TAKEN

## MORE THAN 100 TOWNS LIBERATED BY ALLIES' DRIVE

### Fighting Extends Practically Along Whole Course of Piave River and Enemy Forces on Lower Stream in Danger of Being Cut Off; Left Wing Retreating in Disorder.

**BULLETINS.**  
Vienna, Thursday, Oct. 31.—(Via London)—"In view of our desire for peace, our troops on Italian soil are evacuating occupied regions," says an official statement issued late tonight.  
Saloniki, Oct. 30.—Serbian cavalry has reached the Danube east of Semendra, 24 miles southeast of Belgrade, and occupied Pozharevat, headquarters announces today.

Washington, Oct. 30.—Thirty-three thousand Austrian troops, including 802 officers, hundreds of guns and innumerable machine guns have been captured by Italian and allied forces on the Italian front, said an official dispatch today from Rome. The Three Hundred and Thirty-second American infantry regiment has gone into action and the fighting now extends practically all along the course of the Piave river.

## BRYAN SLATED AS PEACE ENVOY BY PRESIDENT?

The Three Hundred and Thirty-second United States infantry is composed of men from Ohio and some Pennsylvanians. The Americans reached Italy late in July and were warmly greeted by the king and the ministers and the populace generally.

Friends in New York Hear Place Pledged by Willson to Former Secretary.

(From New York Tribune.)  
New York, Oct. 30.—(Special Telegram)—William J. Bryan as one of the commissioners from the United States to frame the final peace terms at the conclusion of the war. This is the "consolation prize" said to have been promised Mr. Bryan for so gracefully stepping down and out as secretary of state early in the great war.

## John F. Bloom Dead

John F. Bloom, 918 South Thirty-third street, one of the leading monument erectors, in Omaha and founder of John F. Bloom & Co., 1702 Cuming street, died Wednesday afternoon at his residence after a short illness of influenza.

## Talked Among Friends.

The news that Mr. Bryan is slated for this conspicuous honor is circulating among Presbyterians and Methodist clergymen whose activities in this question were dry federation movement; of which Mr. Bryan is the head, have placed them in a natural relation to receive the confidences of Mr. Bryan.

## Surrender and Indemnity, Melbourne Council Demand

Melbourne, Australia, Oct. 30.—(Via Montreal)—The people of Australia will not be satisfied unless Germany surrenders unconditionally, it is declared in a resolution unanimously adopted by the city council at Melbourne. The resolution requests that Great Britain insist on an adequate indemnity for Australia, the British navy not to permit the German flag on any occasion until such an indemnity is paid.

## Lille Coming Into Its Own; Food Prices Take Big Drop

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## Little Black Crosses Dot Scene of Four Years' Battle

Belgian Army Headquarters in Flanders, Saturday, Oct. 26.—(By Associated Press)—That part of Belgium just liberated by the armies under command of King Albert has suffered little in comparison with other parts of the little kingdom and northern France. Western Flanders virtually is intact south of the Lys and east of the old battle line.

## Kaiser Tells Reichstag He Would Abdicate, But the Moment Has Not Yet Come

London, Oct. 30.—"If the moment comes when the interests of Germany demand it, I should abdicate without hesitation; but the moment does not seem to have come."  
Emperor William is quoted as having said this in an address to a number of members of the German Reichstag, according to a dispatch to the Exchange Telegraph from Amsterdam, quoting advices from Berlin.

## JOHNNY LYNCH QUILTS WORKING FOR UNCLE SAM

Released From Service at Camp Dodge and Everything Referred to Omaha Exemption Board

Johnny Lynch, former county commissioner, is no longer connected with Uncle Sam's army, Chairman Sunblad of exemption board No. 4 last night received a telegram from the adjutant's office, Camp Dodge, stating, "October 31, Lynch will be released from the service, and all papers in his case will be sent to exemption board No. 4, Omaha."

## Von Kuehlmann to Represent Germany At Peace Conference

Copenhagen, Oct. 30.—The Berlin Lokal Anzeiger, a copy of which has been received here, says Dr. Richard Von Kuehlmann, former German secretary of foreign affairs, will be one of Germany's representatives at the peace conference.

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## Hun Troops Ordered By Commanders to Contaminate Wells

Washington, Oct. 30.—Documents quoting orders issued by German commanders for the methodical destruction of property and for the poisoning of wells during the recent evacuation of Belgium and French territory have reached Washington. Among them is an order taken from a prisoner, issued by the commander of the One Hundred and Eighth infantry brigade of the German army September 5, directing specifically that certain villages be destroyed by the rear guard.

Designated units are assigned to the destruction of villages named and in addition the order states, "It is the duty of every one to participate in these destructions," which are to be carried out "with more method and less haste." The order, which is signed "Weick," presumably either the brigade commander or his chief of staff, says: "It is recalled that wells are to be contaminated."

## REPUBLICANS PLAN MEETINGS FOR SATURDAY

McKelvie, Jefferis and Others to Speak at Various Places Beginning at 7 O'Clock.

The republican county committee has arranged for a series of street meetings to be held on Saturday night, with Samuel R. McKelvie and Albert W. Jefferis on the program together with other able speakers.

## Sam McKelvie, republican gubernatorial candidate, wrote the following statement:

"This Saturday night Farnam street talk will give me an opportunity to make good on one promise I have made to the people of Nebraska. I have traveled throughout the state, speaking against the Hitchcock-Mullen-Gooch machine. I have said that I would carry my message to the people of Omaha and deliver it within the shadow of the home of that machine—the World-Herald building. I'll make good on that promise and I will not mince words in handling my subject."

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## AGREEMENT OF ALLIES ON PEACE TERMS IN SIGHT

### Differences of View Largely Reconciled Under Friendly Examination in Conferences at Paris; Supreme War Council Not to Meet Until Full Understanding Has Been Reached.

Amsterdam, Oct. 30.—"The German people shall be the freest people in the world." This declaration was made by Emperor William in addressing the new state secretary October 21, according to a Berlin dispatch printed in the Rheinische Westfalische Zeitung, of Essen.

Paris, Oct. 30.—The heads of the allied governments and Col. E. M. House, special representative of the United States government, with the military and naval advisers of the respective countries, continued their informal meetings today.

## BERLIN SENDS ANOTHER NOTE TO WASHINGTON

Peace Move Believed Beyond Military Party's Control and Government Being Driven by People.

Washington, Oct. 30.—The general opinion among officials and diplomats here is that the German proposal for an armistice and peace, while having its origin in a plan to gain time for strengthening the army and restoring its shattered morale, has now got beyond the control of the military party, and that the German people are the force which is driving the German government to make a move for ending the war.

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### LEADVILLE APPEALS FOR MORE GRAVE DIGGERS.

Denver, Oct. 30.—State health authorities failed to find any signs of a decrease in the epidemic in reports made to the board today, the totals of 921 new cases and 65 deaths varying little from the average of the last several days. In Denver the figures were not encouraging for hopes of an early lifting of the closing ban.

### CURE FOR PNEUMONIA FOUND AT CAMP FREMONT

San Jose, Cal., Oct. 30.—Headquarters of the base hospital, Camp Fremont, announced today the discovery of what the medical officers assert is a positive cure for the pneumonia, which follows Spanish influenza and which always has been the fatal stage of the disease. The treatment consists of intravenous injections of coaguiline and has been found, it was announced, to prevent hemorrhages of the lungs, which characterizes this new type of pneumonia. Three hundred cases have been successfully treated at the base hospital.

### GIRL KILLS SELF WHEN BOYS STONE JEWISH FLAG.

New York, Oct. 30.—Police reserves guarded house-tops and fire escapes in Harlem today to prevent an outbreak of violence among thousands of persons watching the funeral cortege of 13-year-old Sadie Dellon, who killed herself Saturday because boys had stoned a small Jewish flag which she displayed in honor of her brother, serving with the American expeditionary forces.

### ROCKEFELLER TURNS HOME INTO DORMITORIES

New York, Oct. 30.—John D. Rockefeller, sr., has turned his three upper floors of his city home into dormitories for women taking the special courses in recreational work, to be started here November 29 by the war work council of the Y. W. C. A., according to an announcement tonight. The house has been closed for several years and Mr. Rockefeller was persuaded to donate the use of the rooms by his daughter-in-law, who, as chairman of the war work council, is interested in training women to provide recreation for girls engaged in war industries.

### PEOPLE ON COAST OF WHITE SEA STARVING

Washington, Oct. 30.—Red Cross workers, who recently returned to Archangel, from a trip to isolated towns along the coast of the White sea, report the inhabitants on the verge of starvation and some of the villages without flour and sugar for two years.

### HUGHES FINDS MONEY WASTE IN PLANE BUILDING

Plans and Results Achieved Generally Commended, However, in Report of Investigation.

Washington, Oct. 30.—Government plans for turning out quantities of airplanes and results achieved through co-operation of manufacturers are generally commended in the report of Charles E. Hughes on the aircraft investigation to be sent to President Wilson tomorrow by Attorney General Gregory and made public then. A number of specific acts and plans involved in the big task of preparing the nation for warfare in the air are declared subject to criticism, but in the light of later developments, some of these are held to be excusable.

Officials, who have been in touch with the investigation, emphasized today this is not to be interpreted as meaning blanket approval of the way the program has been carried out is given. Plenty of evidence of inefficiency of money and time is presented, they said, indicating that execution of the government's plans might have been much better by government agencies and contractors for airplanes.

### Paris Honors Red Cross.

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