

GERMANS HAVE STARTED A GREAT OFFENSIVE ON WESTERN FRONT

BRITISH AND FRENCH SAY ENEMY MADE LITTLE EFFECT ON THEIR STRONG LINES.

London, May 15.—The Germans last night took the offensive against the French over a wide front. Berlin claims gains made against the portion of the Hindenburg line held by the British near Bullecourt. Berlin also claims the capture of Manchy from the British.

The London war office statement says that all German attacks were repulsed with the exception of one point north of Bullecourt, where they were forced back a short distance. The British official report declares that all German assaults were repulsed with the exception of the loss of one small trench near Bullecourt.

Washington, May 15.—The Roosevelt division amendment will be written into the army conscription bill today. It authorizes two divisions at the call of the President to be raised by the volunteer system, presumably to be led by Roosevelt. Both branches of congress are expected to concur with conferees report, which will be ready tonight. Whether the President will authorize the Roosevelt division is doubtful.

NEIGHBORHOOD NOTES.

Kamrar News.

Mr. and Mrs. Howard Alexander have returned home after a ten days' visit in Chicago.

Mrs. F. P. McKay and baby son have returned home from Webster City.

The Willing Workers will meet Friday afternoon with Mrs. Nels Hanson. Everyone cordially invited to attend.

Miss Anna Tjabben has resigned her position as clerk at the O. L. Gilbert store.

Rev. Curless of Union held his regular services at the Christian church Sunday.

Della Waltermann visited at home over Sunday.

Prof. Mahuran was an out of town visitor over Sunday.

The extension to the electric light system is being built here now. D. R. Clime and linemen arrived Saturday to complete the work.

Miss Clara Brill has accepted a position at Ames and left Saturday to begin her work.

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Around Breeze Hill.

Mrs. R. B. Rutledge, who has been on the sick list, is much improved.

Mr. and Mrs. T. C. O'Connor and children visited at the J. B. O'Connor home in Jewell Sunday.

Mr. and Mrs. E. E. Cheever and son Raymond spent Sunday with Mrs. Cheever's parents, Mr. and Mrs. John Stevens, south of Webster City.

Mr. and Mrs. Ernest Moberly entertained a number of relatives from Cass township at dinner Sunday.

The board of directors of the Home Elevator company held their monthly meeting last Wednesday evening.

F. A. Gerber and family of near Kamrar spent Sunday at the H. R. Busing home.

The M. Seizer family motored to Clarion Sunday to visit relatives.

Mrs. M. J. Cleveland very pleasantly entertained the ladies of the Social Circle at dinner last Wednesday. The afternoon was spent in contests and social conversation.

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Ellsworth Notes.

Gertie Bergeson of Des Moines is spending a couple of weeks at the home of her parents, Mr. and Mrs. E. O. Bergeson.

Julia Johnson, who has been very ill the last three months, is able to be out again.

A. M. Lyders had the misfortune to lose a valuable horse recently.

Miss Millie Jacobson and niece, Alfa Satre, of Jewell, were callers in town Saturday.

Peter Gunderson, bookkeeper at the Farmers' bank, decided a change of climate would be beneficial to his health, so he resigned his position and has accepted a position at the State bank at Jewell. He will begin his new duties about the middle of this month.

The new barn on the O. M. Lyders farm is now ready for shingling. Ed Olson and his men are doing the work.

ter Holt, Henry

Thompson and O. H. Peterson were Webster City callers today.

Mr. and Mrs. John Thompson and son Martin were Jewell callers today.

Anna Lyders returned from Des Moines Friday to spend the summer at home.

Clifford Grund is home for a short vacation from his school duties at Highland Park college.

Mrs. Simpson and sister, Pearl Richardson, of Emmetsburg, were Webster City callers Saturday.

Emily Lyders leaves today for Tolley, N. D., to spend the summer at the home of her sister, Mrs. C. A. Owenson.

C. L. Peterson and family were down from Dows to spend Sunday at the Mrs. Lyders home.

B. H. Peterson was a business caller at Popejoy Monday.

Mrs. N. C. Omstead and son were Webster City callers Saturday.

Martin Thompson and family were visitors at Elde brothers' home, near Williams, Sunday.

O. H. Peterson was a Webster City caller Monday.

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Jewell News.

George Carroll of Eagle Grove spent Tuesday at the Eli Maland home south of town.

Miss Amy Harmon left Wednesday for a few days' visit at Churdan with her sister, Mrs. Claude Dalbey and family.

Mrs. K. K. Lear was a Webster City visitor Tuesday afternoon.

Mrs. Timme returned Wednesday to Coon Rapids, after a several months' visit at the home of her daughter, Mrs. George Bonner.

Mrs. Henry Gath was a Webster City caller Wednesday afternoon.

Mr. and Mrs. J. B. O'Connor drove to Alden Wednesday. On their return trip they stopped in Blairsburg for a short visit with their daughter, Miss Mildred.

Charlie McKay spent Tuesday afternoon in Webster City with friends.

Mrs. Joe Nelson of Montgomery spent a few days here last week with friends and relatives.

Charles Dalrymple attended a farewell reception at Belmont last Tuesday, given in honor of the boys who have enlisted, Mr. Dalrymple's brother being one of the number.

Miss Van Cleve, who has been trimmer in the Mrs. L. E. Cooper millinery store during the spring season, has returned to her home at Ida Grove.

Sterling Alexander of Drake came home Saturday evening for an over-Sunday visit with his parents.

E. J. Sella, night clerk at the Dutton hotel, went to Des Moines Saturday afternoon.

Bert Reade left Saturday for Omaha with a carload of cattle.

Miss Gertie Bergeson of Ellsworth spent a few days last week at the Oscar Johnson home.

Elmer Solberg and family of South Pekin, Ill., are here for a visit with his mother.

A musical recital was given last Thursday evening at the college chapel by the junior pupils of the music department. Next Thursday evening another recital will be given by the senior music pupils.

Antho Kallum of Eagle Grove came down Friday for a few days' stay.

Miss Clara Brill of Kamrar spent Saturday in town.

Rev. Dr. Telleen, a Lutheran missionary from Persia, delivered the baccalaureate sermon to the college graduates at the Lutheran church last Sunday evening.

Fred N. Taylor was a Webster City caller Saturday afternoon.

Arling Thompson, who has been attending school at Red Wing, Minn., the past year, is home.

Carl Queensland spent Friday evening with friends in Story City.

Sven Digeress, Carl Miller and Hans Lund drove to Webster City Thursday.

Oscar Christianson returned home Thursday morning from a trip to Chicago and southern Wisconsin.

The Jewell Gun club held the first shoot of the season last Friday afternoon at the park. The trap house has been moved and is now in a better location in the town park.

The Misses Marie and Rebecca Swanson of Story City spent a few days last week visiting at the Theodore Jacobson home.

Peter Sexy went to Stratford Tuesday noon for a visit with relatives.

Miss Mildred O'Connor, assistant principal of the Blairsburg school, who was taken suddenly ill Thursday evening with hemorrhage, was

brought home Saturday evening by her mother and Dr. Slater, and is resting easily at present.

Miss Eva McDonald arrived home from Cedar Falls Sunday morning. She is recovering from an appendicitis operation.

Mrs. Joe Lohrman and little daughter Norma Jean went to Lawn Hill Wednesday afternoon for a visit at the L. M. Crosley home.

C. A. Jerdeman, who lives east of town is suffering from an attack of stomach trouble.

A. A. Anderson was a county seat caller Wednesday afternoon.

Miss Jennie Christiansen of Williams spent Wednesday evening in Jewell.

The Jewell high school baseball team went to Stanhope Wednesday afternoon and played ball with the Stanhope high school team. The Jewell boys won the game by a score of 8 to 6.

Peter Gunderson, formerly assistant cashier of the Farmers' State bank of Ellsworth, has accepted a similar position in the State Bank of Jewell, to succeed Ed Foerster, who resigned recently to enlist in the army. Mr. Gunderson will take up his new duties here about the middle of this month.

The M. H. Porter family drove to Scranton Saturday for an over-Sunday visit with relatives.

Miss Bess Sidenstucker was a Webster City caller Saturday morning.

Miss Clara Berben went to Story City Wednesday afternoon.

Mr. and Mrs. J. G. Peterson of Randall are parents of a baby daughter, born Friday of last week. Mrs. Peterson was formerly Miss Sarah Omundson of Jewell.

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Williams Items.

E. P. Laude of Alden came up Friday morning and drove home the Reo touring car that he recently ordered through the Geo. G. Talcott agency.

The tent show Thursday night drew a large crowd and everyone seemed well satisfied with the performance given.

Donald and Wilson Caruth of Webster City were in town Saturday morning for a short visit with friends.

Mrs. Chaplinski has been quite ill the past ten days or two weeks. She is staying at the home of her daughter, Mrs. J. H. Murphy.

Quite a number went to the river Sunday on a fishing trip, but from the reports we venture to say that the fish were somewhat timid about the worms thrown at them.

Dr. P. O. Troelen bought one of those nobby Overland touring cars from the Caruth garage the latter part of last week.

John DeWitt was down from Webster City Monday on a business trip and giving a few prospective car buyers a ride in his Chalmers Six.

Col. C. W. Marvel and family of Webster City spent Sunday at the R. H. Marvel home, northwest of Williams.

Mr. and Mrs. F. Sheldon and daughter Lillian, and their chauffeur Geo. Smith, autoed to Dows in the former's car Sunday afternoon.

James O'Neill purchased a Ford for his sons the latter part of last week. Mr. O'Neill did not like the idea of seeing his boys out joy riding and daddy staying at home.

Mr. and Mrs. John Sloan, Sr., drove over from Iowa Falls Sunday to spend the day at the home of their son, John and family.

Mr. and Mrs. Frank Daniels motored to Sulphur Springs Saturday afternoon and returned Sunday evening.

Henry Bossenberger and daughters and J. E. Plymate visited at the Conrad Nolte home Sunday afternoon.

C. B. Holdeman of Webster City came down in his car Monday morning on a business trip.

Frank Counsel drove to Ames for a visit with friends Sunday.

Art Fear began painting the garage for John McCarley Monday.

The warm weather of the past two or three days caused the farmers to put on full steam in corn planting.

Dan Keane has ordered a roadster automobile and is looking for it most any day.

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Makes Big Catch.

A fishing party composed of Dr. Berg, C. H. Richeson, F. L. Malcolm, Harry Hotchkiss and R. E. Channer tried their luck at this sport today, going about seven miles south of town. The doctor was in luck, catching a big bass twenty-three inches long. By noon no other member of the party had caught a thing, however. All save F. L. Malcolm are still on the job and expect to stay by it until they also can bring something home.

Committees Meet.

The six committees whom Mayor Clark recently appointed to make arrangements for Memorial Day met last evening at the city hall. They will make their final arrangements within the next few days, when the details of the program for the day will be published.

REGISTRATION OF CITIZENS

Everybody Liable to Military Service Under Conscription Law Must Report and Register.

ELIGIBLES CANNOT BE EXCUSED

The War Department Has Made the Following Announcement Concerning It.

Washington, May 15.—The war department today made the following announcement regarding the registration of citizens liable to draft:

"The war department wishes to impress upon the people that there is only one day for registration. All males between the designated ages must register on the day set.

"The fact that five days were allowed for the placing of the necessary blank forms in the hands of registrars appears to have misled some headline writers. One day only—the day fixed in the President's proclamation—will be devoted to registration.

"One father, in offering to serve as registrar, writes:

"I have two sons in the guard and one in the regular army, but I want to do my little bit.' This is typical of hundreds of such letters. All such offers properly should be made to the governors, who are the heads of the registration machinery in their respective states.

"It should be clearly understood that no male resident of the United States between the designated ages is excused from registration unless

he is already in the military or naval service; that is, a member of the regular army or navy. The marine corps, coast guard service, or that part of the national guard now actually in the federal service.

"Registration is distinct from selective service. Registration is a necessary preliminary to the later process of selection.

"It is useless to ask registrars to excuse anyone from registration. The registrar has no such powers. No one can suspend the law requiring all to register.

"It is important that all shall understand the significance of registration, and it is hoped that the day will be approached in the spirit with which the government has appointed it. Democracy is its essence. No one can absent himself nor can the well-to-do man hire another to represent him on the occasion. The country's manhood will present itself on this day, and by so doing will say in effect: 'Here am I; take me.'

"Not only has the individual citizenry of the country made a remarkable response to the registration call, but the states through their official heads have indicated such zeal that there is great rivalry among some of the commonwealths for the honor of making the first complete registration returns.

"Many questions are asked daily at the war department concerning the registration of traveling men and other absentees. On the sixth day after the date of the President's proclamation anyone subject to registration who expects to be absent from his home on registration day should go to the clerk of the county where he may be staying. If he is in a city of over 30,000 population the city clerk is the official to whom to apply. The absentee will be told how to register and a registration card will be filled out. This card must be mailed by the absentee so as to reach the registrar of his home precinct by registration day. The clerk to whom the absentee applies is not empowered to issue the ab-

REV. KELLY DECLARES THAT HE IS INNOCENT OF MURDER CHARGE

sentee a registration certificate. This is issued by the registrar in his home precinct.

"Persons too sick to present themselves for registration must send a competent person to the county or city clerk on the sixth day after the date of the President's proclamation. 'The clerk will give instructions for registration.'

Walter Ferrell left yesterday afternoon for Des Moines, where he will attend the annual meeting of the One Hundred Thousand Dollar club of the Central Life Insurance company, of which he is a representative here, that convenes in that city today and continues tomorrow.

Mr. Ferrell will remain in Des Moines for the big annual convention of the Northwest Congress of Life Underwriters to be held Thursday and Friday of this week. The congress will draw insurance men from Iowa, Minnesota, North Dakota, South Dakota, Wisconsin and Nebraska to Des Moines.

The war and its effects upon life policies is a timely topic, and life insurance men are unusually interested at this time, as well as many young men policy holders who contemplate joining army organizations. Practically every phase of life insurance will come up before the meeting in addresses and talks by a number of prominent authorities in the insurance world. The convention will be an out and out business session, and entertainment features limited to the luncheon hour and evenings.

WHITE STAR STEAMSHIP BALTIC IS FIRED UPON BY A GERMAN SUBMARINE BUT ESCAPES.

Red Oak, May 15.—A formal plea of not guilty was entered by attorneys today for Rev. George Kelly, under indictment for murder. Kelly, accompanied by his wife, is held in the jail here and orders for his removal to Des Moines are being argued this afternoon by Attorney General Havner and Kelly's attorneys.

"I couldn't be guilty of such a terrible crime. I never even saw these poor people or killed them," Kelly told a United Press representative today.

Kelly's wife is penniless and was making an effort to comfort him.

New York, May 15.—A torpedo was fired by a German submarine at the White Star steamship Baltic, on April 19, and missed the great liner by only ten feet, according to reports received here today. This was the second attempt on the Baltic in two days. On the previous day the wake of an approaching torpedo was seen, in time to switch the Baltic from her course. On neither occasion was a submarine seen.

The Baltic rescued six sailors from a Danish sailing vessel after they had been afloat four hours. Travelers were also picked up from two other British ships sunk on April 23 without warning. Both ships had one American in their crews.

May Clearance!

For the next seven days, beginning Wednesday morning, you can buy at substantial savings many goods that you need. Final clearing in our Ready-to-Wear Department. All new 1917 styles

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| <h3>Ladies' Coats</h3> <p>\$12.50 to \$15.00 coats. Choice \$ 7.95 15.00 to 22.50 coats. Choice 11.98 25.00 coats. Choice 15.00</p> | <h3>Silk Shirt Waists</h3> <p>One beautiful lot of special values in Georgette and Crepe de Chine Silk Waists that sell for \$4.98, \$5.95, \$6.50, \$7.50 and \$8.95 each. Placed in two lots, choice \$3.69 and \$4.95.</p> | <h3>Extra Special Inducements</h3> <p>During this May sale 4 pieces 54 inch high grade all-wool dress goods, medium, light blue and two shades of gray, plain colors, specially suited for separate skirts, regular \$1.75 to \$2.50 yard. Choice, yard, 98c.</p> | | | | | | |
| <h3>Children's Coats</h3> <p>\$1.69 Children's coats. Choice \$.89 3.98 Children's coats. Choice 2.25 4.69 and \$4.98 Children's coats. 2.95 5.95 coats. Choice 3.69 6.50 and \$6.95 coats. Choice 4.25 8.95 coats. Choice 5.95</p> | <h3>Fine Wool and Silk Tailored Dress Skirts</h3> <p>Every one new 1917 style. All our \$5.50 and \$6.95 special skirt values, now each \$3.95. All our \$8.75 and \$8.95 special skirt values, now each \$4.98. All our \$9.50 and \$10.00 special skirt values, now each \$6.95. All our \$11.95 and \$12.50 special skirt values, now each \$7.75. All our \$12.95 and \$13.95 special skirt values, now each \$8.95. All our \$15 special skirt values, now each \$11.95.</p> | <h3>Summer Wash Goods</h3> <p>25 pieces fine wash goods from last year's purchase. Special quality and style for this season's wear and formerly sold for 29c, 49c and 75c a yard. Comes in stripes, figured, plaids and embroidery design. Placed in two lots, choice 15c and 29c a yard.</p> | | | | | | |
| <h3>Tailored Suits</h3> <p>Only a few left. Our \$25 and \$27.50 suits. Your choice for only \$8.95.</p> | <h3>Ladies' Silk Dresses</h3> <p>Only a few left. \$5.95 dresses, now for only 3.48 9.98 dresses, now for only 5.75 13.95 dresses, now for only 7.95</p> | <h3>BASEMENT BARGAINS</h3> <table border="1"> <tr> <td> <h4>Glassware</h4> <p>All kinds of useful styles now in demand, 10c and 15c values, for 6c each, or six for 30c.</p> </td> <td> <h4>Enamelware</h4> <p>3 lots of blue and white enamelware for kitchen use at money saving prices Choice 5c, 7c and 9c.</p> </td> <td> <h4>Children's Straw Hats</h4> <p>9c each or 3 for 25c. Men's and boys' big harvest hats, a 25c value, two for 25c.</p> </td> </tr> <tr> <td> <h4>Dishes</h4> <p>Bargain table of various styles you should have. Take your choice for 7c.</p> </td> <td> <h4>Embroidery</h4> <p>Big lot to choose from. Regular values up to 15c. During this sale, 5c yard.</p> </td> <td> <h4>Surprises</h4> <p>One big lot of surprises marked at how much am I offered? Snaps!</p> </td> </tr> </table> | <h4>Glassware</h4> <p>All kinds of useful styles now in demand, 10c and 15c values, for 6c each, or six for 30c.</p> | <h4>Enamelware</h4> <p>3 lots of blue and white enamelware for kitchen use at money saving prices Choice 5c, 7c and 9c.</p> | <h4>Children's Straw Hats</h4> <p>9c each or 3 for 25c. Men's and boys' big harvest hats, a 25c value, two for 25c.</p> | <h4>Dishes</h4> <p>Bargain table of various styles you should have. Take your choice for 7c.</p> | <h4>Embroidery</h4> <p>Big lot to choose from. Regular values up to 15c. During this sale, 5c yard.</p> | <h4>Surprises</h4> <p>One big lot of surprises marked at how much am I offered? Snaps!</p> |
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