

LOAN OF SIX BILLIONS IS ANNOUNCED!

BURNED FAT-ALLY LIGHT-ING STOVE

Mrs. Wm. Meekins, While Lighting Gas Stove, Accidentally Sets Clothes Afire.

BODY BURNED CRISP
Rushed to Hospital, Where She Passed Away This Afternoon.

While trying to light a gas stove with a newspaper this morning, Mrs. Wm. Meekins, 914 Water street, accidentally set her clothes on fire and was fatally burned. She was alone in the house and after frantic and unavailing efforts to extinguish the flames, she rushed screaming into the yard, a veritable human torch, where she fell exhausted and fainting. Mrs. Guy Stebbins and other near neighbors, attracted by her screams, came to her help and smothered the flames by throwing wet blankets over her. Her clothing was practically all burned off her, however, and her body from head to foot burned to a crisp in most places. Medical aid was summoned and Mrs. Meekins was hurried to St. Joseph's Mercy hospital.

Clothes Burned Off.
The accident happened about 9 o'clock. Mr. Meekins and their daughter, Lois Carson, who works at the Singer sewing machine offices, had left the house some time before, as also had Mrs. Carson's son, Franklin, who had gone to school. Mrs. Meekins had on a woolen jacket and had gone into the kitchen to light the gas stove. She used a newspaper, first lighting the paper with a match. In attempting to light the stove from the paper, her clothing caught fire. Frantically, she tried to put out the flames and, finding herself unable to do so, she rushed screaming into the yard, where she fell exhausted. Mrs. Guy Stebbins, a neighbor, heard her and rushed to her assistance. Mrs. E. B. Spielman, Frank J. Greenwood, M. J. Mattice and others also hurried to help. Wet blankets were thrown over the suffering woman, but her clothes were practically burned off her and what were left had to be cut away, for practically all of Mrs. Meekins' body was burned to a crisp.

Died This Afternoon.
Medical help was called and the injured woman taken to St. Joseph's Mercy hospital, where it was found that her worst burns are about the shoulders, neck, upper part of her body and about the ankles. Mrs. Meekins died shortly after 1 o'clock this afternoon. Mrs. Meekins has been in poor health for a number of years. Only a short time ago she returned from a sanitarium in Des Moines, where she was taken to recover from a nervous breakdown. She returned home improved and was able to be up and about the house, but was still weak and extremely nervous.

The whole community is shocked by the terrible and tragic death of Mrs. Meekins.

Using too Much Dynamite in Russia!

Tokio, Sept. 23.—The output of gold from mines in Korea for the first half of 1918 was only \$1,000,000, a reduction of \$300,000 from the same period of last year. The big American and European mines at Unsan, Sunan and Chicksan maintained their usual rate, making their total output \$1,510,000. The reduction came entirely from the mines managed by Japanese and Koreans. Their smaller mines have been faced not only by an unchanged selling price for gold, but with increased mining costs, owing to a rise in the cost of dynamite, quicksilver and chemicals, and by the dearth of hands owing to the high wages paid by the prosperous factories on the peninsula.

FRENCH CAPTURE FORT NEAR ST. QUENTIN

TWO IOWANS KILLED WITH THE CANADIANS

Ottawa, Ontario, Sept. 23.—Two Iowans—P. J. O'Neill of Sioux City and E. A. Best, Des Moines,—both killed in action, were among the Americans mentioned in today's Canadian casualty list.

BIG DRAFT LOT-TERY MAY COME OFF THIS WEEK

Washington, D. C., Sept. 23.—Americans greatest draft lottery to determine the call for duty for more than 13,000,000 men will be held very soon, possibly this week. It was officially announced today.

TRAIN OF WAR TROPHIES ON LAST LEG TRIUMPHAL SWING

Chicago, Sept. 23.—Thousands of war trophies gathered from the battlefields, loaded on two special trains, were today on the last leg of their triumphal swing through Iowa, Indiana, Illinois and Wisconsin in the interests of the Liberty loan committee of the seventh federal reserve district.

Practically every large town in the four states and numerous small towns were included in the itinerary. The exhibits were taken from the United States government war exposition in Chicago and started on the tour Sept. 18. Each train was composed of three flat cars, one box car and a Pullman. Additions were made to the exhibits by the government in the shape of new 14-inch shells, depth bombs and like articles. Each train was gaily decorated, the Pullmans sporting streamers of colorful bunting and the box cars camouflaged according to the latest mode at the front. In many towns it was impossible for the trains to linger for more than one or two hours, as the large list precluded many lengthy stops.

One train pulled out of Chicago for a fast trip through 56 cities in Iowa, the first stop being Waukon. Other Iowa cities on the list were Charles City, LeMars, Fort Dodge, Webster City, Waterloo, Dubuque, Clinton, Iowa City, Davenport and Des Moines and Burlington. This latter city will wind up the tour Sept. 29th.

The other train made its first stop at Clinton Junction, Wis., and thence through a list of 46 cities including Madison, Marietta, Green Bay and Milwaukee. The Wisconsin tour ends in Milwaukee Sept. 26th. Illinois and Indiana were receiving less attention, as the committee figured people from these states had ample opportunity to view the exhibition in Chicago.

HALF HOLIDAYS ALLOWED MEN AT CAMP DODGE

Camp Dodge, Iowa, Sept. 23.—The new half holiday orders are in working shape now and affect both officers and men alike. During the fall and coming winter the men will be given one afternoon off each week, but must be back in their barracks at midnight of the same day.

The half holiday passes are issued by commanding officers of the various units to such men as are considered worthy of the pass, which lets them out of drill or other work on the afternoon the pass is issued.

When the order was first issued thirty-five men including a number of officers were hailed by the guard as they entered the reservation after the midnight hour had been tolled. Now there are few victims for the guard house.

NON-ESSENTIAL EMPLOYEES TO BE LISTED UP

State Council of Defense To Force Every Man Into Army or Some Essential Work.

LISTED AS SLACKERS

Clerks, Office Help, Etc., Included in Most Drastring Order.

Des Moines, Iowa, Sept. 23.—The most drastic order regarding the interpretation of the work or light order in Iowa was announced this morning. The state council of national defense declared that this order will force every man in non-essential industries to secure other work or be listed publicly as a slacker.

To List Employees.
The order instructs county chairmen to secure a list of non-essential employees holding jobs that could be held by women. This is expected to force the hand of non-essential businesses, where employers, having employees engaged in non-essential work, have failed to meet the measure squarely. The board interprets the order to mean clerks, office help, ticket sellers, attendants and similar occupations.

RAINBOY BOYS WERE IN ST. MIHIEL FIGHT

Washington, D. C., Sept. 23.—That the Rainbow division was in the recent St. Mihiel drive and played a gallant part has become known here. It is supposed the Iowa troops were included.

The division went over the top at 5 o'clock Thursday morning at Seicheprey, advanced to the edge of Thiaumont wood in several hours and then, having reached their objective, dug in for the day. The next day they went into Thiaumont. They advanced eleven miles in two days, took 1,000 prisoners and did magnificent work.

It is stated, it was like taking candy from children, compared with the fighting in the Chateau Thierry region.

Ames is Ready For The Student Army

Ames, Iowa, Sept. 23.—When the students' army training corps arrives here next month for its instruction it will find the State college nearly set and ready for it.

The building of structures for the housing and feeding of the coming soldiers is being rushed and when the mess hall is complete it will seat close to 4,000. The barracks being erected will take care of nearly that many boys.

Just how many youths will be enrolled in the local school is not known but the authorities say they'll be able to take care of more than 3,500.

When the war time college year begins the institution will be ready, according to the authorities today.

Remodel Buildings For Student Army

Iowa City, Iowa, Sept. 23.—Work of getting buildings remodeled and new ones erected for the students army corps which comes here October 1 was under full swing today.

The barracks and mess halls are nearly ready and it is expected there will be little delay in taking care of all the men assigned to the Iowa state university here, or those who enroll for the military course.

EMERGENCY POWER BILL FACES A SHARP FIGHT

Washington, D. C., Sept. 23.—The administration emergency power bill up in the house this week faced a sharp fight today.

Members of the house from western states declared that the government water power supercedes the big water power bill already passed by the house and now before the senate.

DEFEAT OF TURKS BY BRITISH WAS OVERWHELMING

Two entire Turkish divisions have been wiped out in Palestine. The seventh and eighth armies have virtually ceased to exist, according to an official statement from General Allenby received in London today.

That the rout is complete is indicated by the fact that the last passage across Jordan has been seized. British and Indian cavalry now stretch between the two natural barriers—the Jordan and the Mediterranean and from the Sea of Galilee west to the Mediterranean and west to Famora.

Such few Turks as have been missed by the British and the French will be seized by the Arabs.

London, Sept. 23.—Two entire Turkish army corps have been practically wiped out in Palestine, it was officially announced today.

The seventh and eighth have virtually ceased to exist, the statement said. More than 25,000 prisoners and 200 guns have been counted up to 8 o'clock Sunday evening. Many are still uncounted.

The last avenue for the escape of the Turks west of the Jordan was closed through the capture of the fort at Jasereddair, the official announcement declared.

Allied forces operating in Palestine in wiping out practically two Turkish army corps, captured 18,000 prisoners and Nazareth (where the angel Gabriel appeared before the Virgin Mary at the inception of the birth of Christ.) British cavalry is in pursuit of the fleeing remnants of the Turkish army.

At the same time Uskup-Salonki was captured during a battle at Demir Kapan pass, thirty-six miles from Prolup. This is the line of communications which supplies the Bulgarian army in the Dorian lake region.

Famous Chef Killed In Making Charge

Paris, Sept. 23.—Psychology sharks who argue that environment makes or unmakes the man should listen to the case of Serg. Joseph Simard. Before the war Simard was a famous chef in the kitchen of the Russian embassy, which he made famous among epicures by setting up the most delicate dinners in Paris. A few days ago Simard was killed while charging a German machine gun emplacement. He had won seven citations for conspicuous bravery and had been wounded 12 times during the war.

Major College Work Open to Army Boys

Ames, Iowa, Sept. 23.—Every major line of work offered by Iowa State college will be offered to the men who enlist in its unit of the student army training corps. "That includes agriculture as well as engineering, industrial science and veterinary medicine," says Dr. E. W. Stanton, acting president. "A good many rumors from over the state have come to us to the effect that the young man in the student army training corps could not get instruction in agriculture as part of his education. Those rumors are not true. The war department has definitely classified agricultural subjects as such technical subjects as may be elected by the soldier in the college."

FT. VENDHUILE SOUTH OF ST. QUENTIN FALLS

British Troops Make Progress Northeast of Arras, Reports Marshal Haig.

AMERICANS ACTIVE

Allied Troops Cut Railroad Furnishing Supplies to Bulgars.

Paris, Sept. 23.—Allied troops have captured twenty-five additional towns in the last twenty-four hours, according to dispatches from the Saloniki front today.

Paris, Sept. 23.—The capture of the village and fort of Vendhuile, nine miles south of St. Quentin, was reported by the French war office today. North of Fontaine, two miles northwest of Vendhuile, French troops penetrated the wood at Hanecourt, north of Fontaine.

"Our troops penetrated the wood at Hanecourt," the communique said. "We captured the village and fort at Vendhuile and pushed forward as far as the Oise."

British Progress.

London, Sept. 23.—British troops progressed on a front of about three-quarters of a mile east of Gravelle, five and a half miles northeast of Arras last night, Field Marshal Haig announced today.

The Germans temporarily penetrated the British lines at Berthaucourt, four miles northwest of St. Quentin, early in the evening, but were driven out by a counter attack. The British also made progress at Vendhuile, taking a number of strong points and some prisoners.

Americans Make Raids.

By FRANK J. TAYLOR.
With the Americans on the Metz Front, Sept. 23.—American troops made three successful raids on this front Sunday, taking thirty prisoners and inflicting further losses.

The principal raid was made at Hamont, five miles north of Thiaumont. The American artillery threw up a barrage close about the village, cutting off the enemy's escape. Our infantry dashed into the box thus created, where they encountered a number of Boche, killing and wounding many and in addition brought back some prisoners, after severe hand to hand fighting in the streets.

Berlin Statement.

Berlin, Sept. 23.—The repulse of strong American attacks on a five mile front between Haumont and Rembercourt was reported by the German war office today.

Artillery fighting was intense on a wide front, on the Lorraine heights and on the Moselle. Afterward the Americans advanced in strong numbers at Haumont and Damitvoux, a mile east of Haumont and at Rembercourt, five miles east of Haumont.

They felt their way to the German positions, where they were repulsed. German troops advanced slightly just west of Moselle.

Cut Bulgar Railroad.

London, Sept. 23.—Allied troops have cut the railroad at Gradsko-Prelup, according to the Serbian official communique today. The Uskup-Salonki railroad also has been cut, stopping the sending of supplies to the Bulgars.

The Allies are operating along a sixty-five mile front from Prelup eastward to Lake Dorian. Up to Saturday

LOADED COAL EXCEEDS DEMAND IN WEST

Chicago, Sept. 23.—Coal loaded in the central west region in June, July and August exceeds the demand, according to a report made public today. In June 202,549 cars were loaded, in July 220,701 and in August 304,549.

IOWA SOLDIERS IN FRANCE WILL BE ABLE TO VOTE

Des Moines, Iowa, Sept. 23.—Iowa soldiers in France will be able to cast their ballot for state officials in the November election, Attorney General Havenner announced today. He said that Governor Harding will name a commission to go after the ballots.

AMERICAN TRAWLER CAPTURED BY AN ENEMY SUBMARINE

Washington, D. C., Sept. 23.—The American steam trawler, King Fisher, reported torpedoed off Halifax, was captured by an enemy submarine at 9 a. m. Sept. 20, the navy department announced today.

The crew, which was landed at Quoddy, Nova Scotia, reported that they did not see their ship sunk, but heard an explosion after they were out of sight.

The vessel was a straight bow craft and carried two 6-inch guns and four 4-inch guns. They were located on the bridge as well as in the coning tower.

Crew Landed.

Washington, D. C., Sept. 23.—The navy department reports on the sinking of the trawler, King Fisher, show that the crew has been landed. Rumors that it had been mined were not borne out in the official reports.

PROHIBIT FRAUDULENT SALE OF LIBERTY BONDS

Washington, D. C., Sept. 23.—The house today agreed upon the conferees' report of the Liberty loan bill when Secretary McAdoo declared that it was necessary that the amount of the next loan be announced.

The bill as it passed the house originally gave the president the power to prohibit transactions in Liberty bonds. The clause was struck out and limited to fraudulent transactions, while not prohibiting the legitimate sale of bonds.

Other provisions remain the same.

Strides in Chemistry are Made

New York, Sept. 23.—The fourth national exposition of chemical industries opening here today reflects strides made by chemists of America during the past year in replacing the "made-in-Germany" chemical business. Coincident with the annual show, various conventions of American chemical and technical organizations are being held there.

The allies had advanced a distance of more than forty miles. Certain infantry units had advanced as much as twenty-five miles in a day.

British Drive On.

By LOWELL MELLETT.
With the British Armies in France, Sept. 23.—Regardless of heavy rains, British and German troops continue local fighting today between Cambrai and St. Quentin.

South of Oppy, the British last night advanced 600 yards on a 1,100 yard front, taking prisoners. At 10 o'clock British troops advanced near Epehy, driving the enemy out of sections of trench elements protecting the Hindenburg line.

LOAN QUOTA FOR COUNTY \$1,356,000

Announcement is Made That Fourth Liberty Loan is to be Six Billions of Dollars.

\$147,900,000 THIS STATE

Committees Here Will Apportion Loan and Raise it by Noon.

A telegram from state headquarters in Des Moines today notified Chairman H. M. Sparboe of the Hamilton county Liberty loan committees that Hamilton county's quota in the fourth loan has been fixed at \$1,356,000.

The total loan is six billions of dollars and Iowa's quota has been fixed at \$147,900,000.

The allotment made Hamilton county is approximately \$200,000 larger than the local committees had expected, but the amount will be raised. Hamilton county is willing to do her full share in backing up the boys "over there," and every man on the committees over this county is determined that the full quota will be met in the fourth loan.

Hamilton county went over her quota in the third loan. The quota was but \$518,000 and \$942,000 was subscribed. However, on the first and second, the county fell far behind and on the total for the three loans, is still behind.

Loan committees will get together at once and make plans for apportioning the loan in this county. The drive opens Saturday and the plan is to finish by noon.

Life Young, Jr., Is Off to West Front

Des Moines, Iowa, Sept. 23.—Life Young, Jr., is in New York City and expects to sail this week with a party of about fifteen American newspaper men. The party so far announced is as follows:

- H. V. Jones, Minneapolis Journal.
- E. H. Butler, Buffalo News.
- F. P. Glass, Birmingham News.
- W. Patterson, Western Newspaper Union.
- F. G. Bonifis, Denver Post.
- Life Young, Jr., Des Moines Capital.

M. E. Foster, Houston Chronicle. George G. Booth, Detroit News. Col. Charles A. Rook, Pittsburgh Dispatch. Frank R. Kent, Baltimore Sun. John A. Steicher, Leslie's Weekly. Edgar Piper, Portland Oregonian. Ed W. Barrett, Birmingham Age-Herald.

Naval Section at Iowa University

Iowa City, Iowa, Sept. 23.—One hundred bluejackets will add color to the olive drab ranks that are to transform the University of Iowa into a training camp for war this year. The only naval section of the S. A. T. C. in Iowa has just been granted to the university. Seventy-five other institutions of higher education throughout the country will also have navy boys.

Mennonites Must Buy Liberty Bonds

Des Moines, Sept. 23.—The Iowa state council of national defense refused to consider the proposal of a delegation of Mennonites from Johnson county that they be permitted to donate certain sums to the Red Cross and other relief organizations instead of buying Liberty bonds.

The Mennonites based their request on conscientious objections both to fighting and contributing to the expense of fighting.