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LOCAL NEWS ITEMS

Will Karr visited over Sunday with his brother, Jerome, at Bloomfield.

L. D. Wareham, manager of the Nelson Cloak Co., left Sunday night on a buying trip to New York City.

Mrs. Margaret Akers of Eddyville is very ill with pneumonia at the home of her daughter, Mrs. W. E. Prewitt, 101 North Willard street.

Mr. and Mrs. Clayton Smith, South Willard street, have returned home from a short visit near Belknap.

Mr. and Mrs. Drew Collingwood have returned to Des Moines after visiting the former's parents, Mr. and Mrs. Joseph Collingwood, 138 North Willard street.

AGENCY.

Miss Helen Hancock, who has been visiting at the Fred Fink home, has returned to her home in Eldon.

Born, Friday, April 20, 1917, to Mr. and Mrs. Reuben McCarrroll, a daughter.

Miss Delia McReynolds spent the week end with relatives near Farson.

J. M. Sirles was a business caller in Eldon Saturday.

Morris Williams and family of Ottumwa visited with relatives here Sunday.

Miss Fara Groves spent several days recently at her home at New Sharon.

Mrs. J. F. Newell has returned to her home in Matfield Green, Kas., after spending a few days here with relatives and friends.

Mr. and Mrs. Sam Baker and daughter Marjorie and Mrs. Clara Davis of Highland Center visited at the John Giltner home Sunday.

Mr. and Mrs. J. D. Newell visited with relatives in Eldon Sunday.

Mr. and Mrs. Delmer Cooper have returned from Sioux City where they were recently.

Mr. M. L. Chamberlin has returned home after spending the winter with relatives in Kansas.

Mrs. Mary Cook of Batavia visited here one day last week.

Miss Winnie Gillis spent Sunday in Batavia visiting with her parents.

LADS COMPEL MAN TO FLY OLD GLORY

Alden, April 23.—The present status of war was forcibly brought to the attention of Fred Reike, a German living in Alden, by a bunch of the young men who have enlisted for service.

The boys placed a flag on Reike's porch.

He had been sympathizing with the German nation quite openly, so when he arose next morning and found "Old Glory" fastened to his house, he tore it down.

In a short time some fifty citizens called at Mr. Reike's home, requested him to fasten a flag on the house, salute it and leave it there.

VETERAN BRIGADE TO MEET MAY 9 AND 10

Knoxville, April 23.—By special order from D. J. Palmer of Washington, W. C. Jacob of Knoxville has been made president of the Eighth Iowa Infantry Reunion association and Frank Weller, also of this city, has been made secretary by the same order.

Secretary Wells has announced that the thirteenth reunion of the civil war veterans' organization known as the Hornets' Nest Brigade, will be held at Maxwell on Wednesday and Thursday, May 9 and 10.

The brigade consists of the Second, Eighth, Twelfth and Fourteenth Iowa regiments which took part in the war of the rebellion.

ELDON

Mrs. H. C. Chumley of Trenton, Mo., has arrived for a short visit with her parents.

Mr. and Mrs. J. C. Pearson, Mrs. A. W. Craig and Mrs. Elmer Weber went to Ottumwa Friday to visit Mesdames A. Ropp and E. C. Wright, who are in the Ottumwa hospital.

Miss Violet Roberts spent Friday in Unionville with friends.

Mrs. Wm. Smith and daughter, Miss Alice Marjorie were called to Pella by the illness of Mrs. Smith's sister.

Grand Hope chapter No. 66 Order of Eastern Star will hold its regular meeting this evening for initiation.

The Catholic ladies' bazaar and supper at the Moose hall was quite a success.

Mrs. Townsend of Centerville has arrived for a visit with her daughter, Mrs. C. M. Stanton.

FLORIS.

Mrs. Francis Mutchler of South Dakota and daughter Ella who is attending school in Nebraska, were called here by the death of Mrs. Mutchler's mother, Mrs. Christina Christy. They left Friday for their homes.

Miss Emma Robbins of Bloomfield spent Friday night with relatives here.

DAVIS COUNTY IS PATRIOTIC

BLOOMFIELD HAS BIG CELEBRATION PLEDGING LOYALTY TO THE NATION.

Bloomfield, April 23.—Davis county people showed their patriotism in a whole hearted manner in the big celebration held here Saturday night. The loyalty to the nation in the present international crisis and Iowa's ability to assist in its agriculture were emphasized. This county expects to do its share in growing a bigger and better crop than has ever been raised here.

The big parade began at 4:30 and flags were in evidence everywhere about the city. Beginning in the school yard the line of march led to the public square, headed by the Bloomfield Concert band, and the following organizations participated:

G. A. R. veterans, W. R. C. float representing a cannon, city officials, county officials, life and drug corps, Bloomfield high school, followed by 600 school children, Uncle Sam float, Miss Columbia float, Southern Iowa normal, float of the Altz Lumber Co.

The veterans of the civil war were seated around the band stand and America was sung by all present. Short but stirring speeches followed with Comrade Newton Batton, Prof. H. C. Brown, Comrade A. L. Powers, Mayor Benzenberger, Capt. Raggin, Buel McCash and Ellsworth Rominger as speakers.

At 7:30 o'clock a patriotic entertainment by the high school club girls was held in the court house and speeches were made by Mrs. H. C. Taylor and Prof. Brown on Patriotism and by Prof. R. K. Bliss of Ames on Iowa's Part in the Present War.

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HAIIG LAUNCHES NEW ATTACK ON GERMANS

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killed. The machine fell into our hands."

ARTILLERY IN FIERCE DUEL.

Berlin, April 23.—"Between Loos and the Arras-Cambrai railway artillery firing continued Sunday," says the official statement issued today by the German army headquarters. "Northwest of Lens English thrusting troops penetrated our first line trenches on a width of 500 yards but were driven back by a counter attack. The fire remained strong during the night. Early this morning infantry fighting recommenced on a wide front."

"Along the River Aisne the artillery fire increased in violence from the afternoon onward. The Germans set fire to eleven balloons and brought down eleven airplanes on the western front."

"Twelve killed in raid. Paris, April 23.—German destroyers threw 100 shells ashore in the region of Calais, killing some civilians and wounding twelve."

"Seeks national union. Amsterdam, via London, April 23, 8:55 a. m.—A semi-official Bulgarian statement which has been received here, referring to the manifesto of the Russian provisional government of April 10, says:

"The Bulgarian government is always ready to support steps calculated to secure peace. On the other hand, it is firmly resolved, in union with its allies, to continue the war to a termination which shall guarantee to Bulgaria the complete union of all her nationalities."

"No offer of aid. Washington, D. C., April 23.—Sinking of an unnamed allied freight steamer by a German submarine and the narrow escape of six American citizens was today reported to the state department. One life boat containing ten men, one an American, has not been accounted for.

"The sinking occurred April 16—the crew took to the boats under shrapnel fire and with the shells bursting near them.

"According to official reports the submarine neither signaled the vessel nor offered assistance to the survivors."

BRITONS PICK PATH AMONG GERMAN DEAD

British Headquarters in France, April 23.—(From a staff correspondent of The Associated Press.)—In their best fighting the British have captured the town of Gavrelle the last part of the defenses of the Hindenburg north of the Scarpe. They also have taken the village of Guemappe, south of the Scarpe.

The lull in the last week on the British front was broken by attacks which spread along a wide front.

A big push was made opposite Croisilles, and from that sector of the front came the report that more than 1,000 prisoners were taken. The British also made progress in the region southwest of Lens, the German garrison of which town daily is facing a more critical situation.

Weather is favorable. The fighting today was under fine weather and a chill northeast wind. The latter, however, dried the ground and gave the attacking troops the best going they had enjoyed this year.

The bombardment of those German positions which had been going on steadily for two days increased in intensity last night.

Airplanes fairly filled the air over the battle lines today, directing the artillery and cooperating with the infantry.

Enemy's Dead Strew Field. The first phase of the battle of Arras, which began Easter Monday, ended with the British in possession of Monchy-le-Preux, which, however, remained a distinct salient until today's fighting. Monchy, situated on a hill, commands the country for forty miles eastward. During the last ten days, the Germans delivered at least a score of counter attacks against that position. Monchy has been one of the bloodiest spots the Germans have known and when the British advanced from

WAR'S END NOT NEAR; AMERICA MUST FIGHT

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with Japan unless the Japanese can dominate to the extent that they will have their own way on the Pacific as far as Russia is concerned.

Russia is composed of many different peoples, and it is questionable whether they can conduct a republic without soon getting into a condition similar to that of Mexico.

Germany is Not Through. The following excerpt from an editorial in the Washington Post reflects the view of men who are devoting their entire time and energies to study of the situation:

"Behind the scenes are energies equally potent for good and evil, unleashed and feverishly at work. The armies and navies are in view, but the secret influences that move and countermove are not before us. There are two battle grounds, one terrible to sight and another where fate is weaving an invisible web. Who knows what is going on in Russia? What of the plotting by Germany to win peace in the east by a cunning admixture of bribery, seduction and intimidation? What of the growing discord between Germany and Austria? What are Germany doing among the nations against the United States? What plots and plans and maneuvers are under way, aimed at the consummation of combinations which will give Germany an advantage on the open stage of war?"

"Great Britain and France are doing gloriously. They are delivering staggering blows. But the blows are not where Germany has at least 10,000,000 men under arms. The fighting on the western front, although on an unprecedented scale, may not decide the war. If strong thrusts had spelled success in this war, Germany would be permanent master of Belgium, France, Serbia and Rumania, and dictator of Austria, Bulgaria, Greece and Turkey. We all confidently believe that Germany is merely a temporary occupant of invaded territory; that some or all of her allies will leave her; that her own people will call a halt upon her headlong course toward destruction. BUT WE DO NOT KNOW."

"The mistake that Americans should guard against is the assumption that the war will soon end by the triumph of the allies in the west—that the end of the war is in sight.

"While the German autocracy is supreme, with 10,000,000 men in the field and pirates operating under sea, it is folly to assume that the end is near. Fate may have been disappointed in store for those who fondly suppose that our allies are not fighting the war. Russia may collapse into civil war, or the unscrupulous elements in its emergency government may betray it to Germany. The naval situation may change in the twinkling of an eye. The mailed fist may be suddenly reinforced by the release of armies in Poland or Rumania, or by the emergence of sea power."

End Not in Sight. The Mexican situation is growing more serious for us all the time, and no one seems to know how to settle it.

It is not probable that anyone can reach the conclusion that the termination of the war is in sight. The central powers are fighting in the territory of their enemies and they are not likely to ask for peace until they are driven within their own boundary lines, and that will take some time.

CHARITON.

Mrs. Sam Morgan went to Ottumwa yesterday to visit her husband who is in the hospital there. Her finger amputated a few days ago. Mr. Morgan who is employed at Central mill No. 1 got his finger scratched several weeks ago with a rusty wire.

Blood poisoning developed later, and it was finally decided that amputation was necessary. He is now reported as getting along nicely.

Mrs. Anna Hopkins and Mrs. J. A. Littleton visited friends in Russell yesterday.

Lewis Newman left Monday for Des Moines where he enlisted in the navy. Mr. and Mrs. John J. Griffiths, Mrs. J. T. Evans and little daughter, were the former's uncle G. T. Griffiths of Columbus, Ohio who has been visiting here, went to Lucas yesterday to spend the day with relatives.

Clark Hervey has gone to Council Bluffs to spend a few days with his sister Mrs. Harry Edison and brothers, James and George Hervey.

Mrs. F. M. Swim and mother Mrs. R. Weaver, and little Miss Mildred Kissinger went to Albia yesterday to visit Mr. Weaver who is in the hospital there receiving medical treatment.

Mrs. Claude Sparks of Albia was visiting friends in this city yesterday and attending the concert at the Presbyterian church last evening.

D. H. Watkins of Hiteam returned home after a few days' visit with relatives here.

Mr. and Mrs. Burke Giltner are the parents of a daughter born Monday evening April 15.

Edgar Wyland of Des Moines is visiting in this city with his father J. B. Wyland and sister Mrs. Dora Mc-

Mrs. Tom Martin of Absarokee Mont. formerly of this city, died at this place Monday night at the home of her daughter Mrs. Fred Anderson. She came here about a week ago for a visit and was taken ill with pneumonia, which terminated in her demise. Arrangements for the funeral have not been completed as yet, the arrival of her husband and other relatives from a distance being awaited. The family resided in this county until a few years ago when they moved to Montana.

The county clerk issued a marriage license yesterday to Clarence Riddle, 18, of Lacona, and Clarice J. Clingman, 18, of English township.

It in today's early dawn they had to pick their way over thousands of dead men in gray uniforms. It was estimated that 2,500 Germans were killed in one day's counter attacks there.

APPLE MEN TO BEGIN SPRAYING

EXTENSION DEPARTMENT AT AMES EMPHASIZES IMPORTANCE OF STARTING SOON.

Apple growers in Wapello county are being advised by the extension agriculturists at Iowa state college, Ames, that now is the time for the first apple spray.

From the present indication of bids, it is said, that the amount of apple bloom in Iowa this year will not be large. This, however, does not have to mean that Iowa will have a poor apple crop. If the trees are properly sprayed the authorities claim, this light bloom will result in a full crop.

Horticulturists assert that the first cluster spray should be applied at once and then follow up in intervals of a few days. Eight quarts of lime sulphur and three pounds of lead arsenate to fifty gallons of water can be used for the spray which is very important in controlling apple scab and early leaf eating insects.

BRITISH FLAGS DECK STREETS OF CAPITAL

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British foreign minister smiled broadly.

Crowds Cheer Briton. The president's reception of Mr. Balfour was quite extraordinary. It lasted three quarters of an hour and white house grounds a wild west show parade was passing with a steam calliope screeching "God Save the King" and the "Marseillaise." Somebody in the crowd proposed three cheers for Mr. Balfour and the crowd roared a willing response while the British minister smiled and bowed.

Other members of the commission also had their own calls to pay—Major General Bridges on Secretary Baker; Sir Dudley De Chair on Secretary Daniels; Lord Curcliffe, governor of the Bank of England on Secretary McAdoo. Tomorrow evening there will be a reception by Secretary Lansing at the Pan-American building for the noted visitors, preceded by dinners of cabinet members to their special guests.

Honors For Visitors. Tomorrow the visitors will be entertained with all the honor the nation can show to guests of such high rank, on a mission of such tremendous significance and then will come a series of official conferences for the exchange of counsel on America's part in the world war.

Washington's welcome to the British party on their arrival yesterday afternoon was quiet in harmony with the serious nature of their mission, but warm and enthusiastic. There were no bands, but American flags, British union jacks and French tri-colors fluttered from thousands of residences and mastheads as Mr. Balfour and his party accompanied by Secretary Lansing and other high American officials, were driven from the union station through the green avenues of Washington to their temporary residence. Two troops of cavalry escorted them and thousands of persons lined the streets and cheered.

All afternoon a stream of motorists and promenaders, drawn out partly by the perfect spring day, filed past the mansion occupied by Mr. Balfour and most of the automobiles flew flags of the United States and Great Britain.

Subjects For Discussion. Here is a list of the subjects to be discussed by the British commission with President Wilson and subordinate officials:

Shipping; naval cooperation; food supplies; finance; military cooperation; blockade; blacklist; mail censorship; policy toward neutral states; Monroe doctrine; eventualities with reference to Russia; peace.

American Policies To Rule. Formal recognition of distinctively American policies will result from the conferences.

The administration confidently expects that by the time the conferences close the allies, in return for the hearty financial, economic and naval and military support this nation will give them, will agree to announce their entire sympathy with and purpose to fight for the extension of democracy; to respect the doctrine of nationality; to aid in the movement to establish a league of world peace; and to declare their acceptance of and respect for the Monroe doctrine.

Wilson's War Aims. It is said President Wilson intends to offer voluntarily his assurances that the United States will make no separate peace with Germany.

The president will state to Mr. Balfour that the United States intends to fight until it achieves these three objects:

The recognition of the rights of Americans on the high seas.

The destruction of the Russian autocracy, deemed a menace to democratic government and the permanent peace of the world.

The security of the United States and other American republics from attack by the German government and from the plots of imperial agrardizement engineered by Berlin.

SERVES DINNER AT AGE OF 87.

Williamsburg, April 23.—Mrs. Esther Blazier at the age of 87 served a five course dinner, all prepared by herself, to a number of guests on her birthday. She also baked her own birthday cake. Mrs. Blazier cared for her children and tended the farm on a lonely prairie while her husband fought in the civil war.

"DO YOUR BIT" WITH POULTRY

AMERICAN ASSOCIATION IS URGING LOCAL FANCIERS TO CONTINUE THEIR WORK.

Complying with instructions from E. E. Richards, president of the American Poultry association, members of the Ottumwa Poultry organization are urging every citizen with a flock of poultry in the back yard and every farmer with his flock of turkeys, ducks, geese or chickens continue his hatching during the months of May and June.

"Let each of us do our bit," is the advice of Mr. Richards, a copy of whose appeal has been received by the local poultry organization. We must produce more poultry meat than ever before to help supply the great shortage of food that seems inevitable," he states. Continuing, he says:

"With poultry, we have a means of supplying the most desirable—the cheapest and quickest meat product of any other source of meat supply.

"The wonderful agricultural resources of the United States, in these war times is going to be taxed to the utmost, for in addition to supplying our home demands, we shall be called upon to aid in supplying food to millions of suffering humanity in the world's torn and stricken war zone."

OFFERS COLLEGE CAMPUS.

Mt. Vernon, April 23.—The Cornell college authorities have offered their sixty acres of campus to the government for use as a military camp. It having been reported that the war department will use camps at various places through out the country for Reserve Officers Training Corps.

JUDGE WADE HEARS DRAINAGE ACTION

Iowa City, April 23.—Judge Martin J. Wade of the United States court has returned from Keokuk where he tried a case involving a fight over a drainage contract involving twenty-five or thirty miles of territory, 30,000 acres, and \$50,000 in money. Judge Wade will take the big battle under advisement. Tuesday he will open court at Davenport. May 5 he will deliver an address before the State Bar association of Oklahoma at Oklahoma City.

MANUFACTURERS OF IOWA TO HELP

Des Moines, April 23.—Iowa manufacturers are going to prove their loyalty to the government in this time of strife by selling their products to their country at a minimum figure which will be the cost plus a very small profit. Notice of this will be submitted to the government after the state convention at Clinton on May 23-24 by George Wrightman, secretary.

Mr. Wrightman says that many of the large firms have offered to sell the government their products at cost, but as this would be unfair to some of the smaller firms which could not do the same, a small profit will be added.

WANTS AVIATION CORPS.

Waterloo, April 23.—Waterloo is to be the prime mover in securing funds for an aviation corps, to be used in conjunction with the Iowa national guard. It is estimated \$50,000 will be necessary to provide three aeroplanes of the latest military type and all accessories and equipment for training twenty-five men.

H. B. Thomas, a designer and builder of aeroplanes, is fathering the movement.

STABS SIX PERSONS.

Des Moines, April 23.—Hoyt Wilkins, 33, is held under \$5,000 bonds, charged with assault with intent to kill. Six persons stabbed by Wilkins Friday night are in a local hospital in a serious condition. The wounded include Wilkins' wife, her father, mother and sister, and two children. A domestic quarrel started the trouble.

EDUCATORS TO MEET.

Announcements of the annual meeting of the National Educational association at Portland, Ore., July 7-14, have been received by local superintendents and teachers.

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