

Allies Drive Germans Back on a Wide Front

British Front in France, via London, April 16.—With the hot flames of war raging along the entire western front, British and French alike, each detail of the offensive plans has been worked out at prolonged conferences between General Villie and Field Marshal Haig, and the war councils of France and England.

The part to be played by each belligerent has been definitely agreed upon, and a schedule has been arranged for the great cohesive force. Various tasks have been precisely allotted along the wide reaching battle lines, and the results, thus far attained, justify the conclusion that the supreme military test of the war is near at hand.

It was planned the British should strike from Arras, while the French guns were still roaring preparation for infantry hostilities along a wide front further to the south. The successes gained in the first stages of the British advance, have given the French great confidence in the inauguration of their own enterprises.

The whole struggle in the western theater promises to be a titanic one. The allies are prepared as never before, in material and personnel, and are co-operating with a smoothness which comes from a complete understanding, and through appreciation of the work in hand. The Germans have more divisions on the western front than would have been thought possible a year ago, and however much of an "easterner" Field Marshal von Hindenburg may have been in the past, he will have to devote his entire attention to western events for some weeks to come.

Already a half score of Germany's best divisions have been smashed to pieces by the British onslaught and their own unsuccessful counter attacks. The Bavarian divisions were sacrificed first, but the Prussian guard divisions, thrown in to stem the British flood tide, have been suffering such casualties in the last few days that they will have to be relieved.

Caught within the meshes of this wire, the German guardsmen screamed for help and guidance. Some, like trapped rabbits, scurried up and down the outer barrier, searching for openings. The British troops, meantime had the greatest opportunity for open field rifle shooting since the battle of the Marne. Lying flat upon the ground, they poured bullets into the panic-stricken gray-coated Germans until each man had fired a full 100 rounds.

While this was going on, the British field guns came into play with a shrapnel barrage, which completed the demolition of the entrapped enemy.

It was little wonder that later, 1,500 German dead could be counted, and that four guardsmen surrendered with upthrust hands and emotional cries of "Kamerad."

Their efforts to dig in everywhere and seek the shelter of fortified lines do not tend to corroborate the oft-stated German hopes that the warfare might become open again. In fighting these retarding actions, the Germans are sacrificing their picked troops as they did during the rear guard engagements in the recent retirement on the Somme. The character of the troops selected for these engagements is considered the best evidence of the importance the Germans attach to what appears to be their desire to avoid decisive battles just at this time.

ZABEL HAS ROUGH RIDER

Judge Zabel, who presides over his court in the basement at the city hall with much dignity, appeared in another role Saturday when he secured a new Ford and did the demonstrating himself. He did not try to derail a street car, but disregarded sidewalk ordinances and minor legal formalities. By using all the levers at once the product of Henry reared and bucked until two tires were thrown and the inner tubes exploded with a riotous bang. The effect was the same as a riot call. Help and advice arrived on the scene, and the judge was made comfortable both physically and mentally. We wonder if the popular justice will impose a fine upon himself for disturbing the peace.

FATHER DIED MONDAY AT HIS CALIFORNIA HOME

C. O. Easton received word Monday that his father, Ole Easton, died at Stockton, Cal., Monday morning at 6 o'clock.

The late Mr. Easton was a former resident of Valley City, removing to California about three years ago. He was 75 years old at the time of his death. The funeral arrangements have not been made, and it is not yet known whether he will be buried there or brought here.

Major Frank White went to Fargo Sunday afternoon to attend the meeting of the business men of the state, called for that point, and from there will go to Grand Forks and Bottineau to attend meetings of the board of regents.

Bankers Wesley C. McDowell, of Marion, A. P. Hanson and E. H. Headland, of Litchville, were in the city Saturday evening and went to Fargo Sunday to attend the bankers' meeting.

Misses Ruth Witter and Elsie Stenshoel have returned to their school work at Litchville after spending a couple of weeks with their parents in the city.

Miss Hopkins and Miss Stenshoel, teachers of the Litchville public school, were in the city Sunday.

THOMPSON YARDS ARE LOCATED IN NEW OFFICE

The Thompson Yards, Inc., have moved into their new offices. The offices are located in the west end of the new bungalow shed. They are modern in all respects, with hardwood floor, walls paneled in fir and stained dark oak.

Straus Clothing Store Will Entertain Friday

The Times-Record has referred several times to the work that was under way for a couple of months at the Straus Clothing Co., by which they undertook to transform their big store into a modern clothing store, with everything in the way of light and window display that could be desired. Their purpose has now been accomplished and they invite the people of Valley City and Barnes county to view the results Friday evening.

Their spring style exhibition Friday evening will also serve as their grand opening. They will do it up in just the proper style. There will be beautiful favors for guests, and Haering's orchestra will add to the pleasure of the occasion by its music. No goods will be sold, as it is just a sight-seeing event.

The Straus label has stood for quality in men's furnishings for many years. Its reputation is not going to suffer under the management of Herman Stern. An exceptionally able business man, he is demonstrating in the Commercial club, the lodge room and the Chautauqua that his word is as good as his bond and that "Progress" is his middle name. The Straus Clothing Co. is going to loom large hereafter in the affairs of city and county.

The force of salesmen bear an important part in the conduct of a store and in this the Straus store measures up well. Andrew Anfinson has been there 20 years, has an interest in the firm and is a good citizen in every way. Always jolly and good-natured, he has a host of friends. Cliff McDonald has been there three years, is capable and reliable, as well as popular. Edwin Bloom is a newcomer, but is rapidly making friends. He is the window dresser, ad. writer and show card writer. He is going to be a popular member of the force.

Under the rearrangement the store has a floor space of 50x120 feet, which is filled with men's clothing and furnishings in the latest racks and cases. The prism glass above the show windows floods the room with light from above, just where it is needed for the careful selection of goods by critical customers. Entrances on the south, west and through the kindred lobby give easy access from Front street or Fifth avenue.

Of course the prime object of the recent rearrangement of the store was the show windows. A store of this kind depends upon its windows about equally with its newspaper advertising. The new windows were designed by the head window trimmer of the Palace store in Minneapolis, one of the big concerns of the northwest. With their plate glass fronts and old oak finish they are the very latest in show windows, their depth giving space for the most elaborate arrangement. As an evidence of their value we may say that the Straus store has more display space in these windows than any other clothing house in the state.

If you want to verify all these statements before Friday evening the salespeople will be glad to have you drop in, but if you do so they want you to come back Friday evening and bring a friend who has not seen them. It's going to be a pleasant affair and you will enjoy the nice things displayed by the best looking young men of this city who will serve as models.

To Call Election After Seeding

Bismarck, April 17.—Governor Frazier will not call the special congressional election in the first district immediately. This became known when he returned from New York this morning.

He holds that it would be an injustice to the farmer to hold the election immediately as the farmer is busy seeding. Also that there is no great rush in the matter and that the seeding is more important at present than the naming of a new congressman.

"I expect to call the election in the near future, but not immediately," he said today. "The farmers at this time could not very well go to the polls because they are busy seeding. I believe that the seeding is more important at this time than the election of a new congressman."

The governor would not state definitely when he would name the date for the election. In the meanwhile he is investigating the law relative to the election and whether a primary, convention or petition system should be used.

Dr. Effie McCullum Jones went to Enderlin Saturday evening after a day or two spent in Valley City. Dr. Jones was very favorably impressed with our city and says her stay here was the most pleasant of any in the state thus far.

Mr. and Mrs. Kuntz, of the Nester farm, spent Sunday in Sanborn.

Red Cross Auxiliary Formed for Valley City

The Daughters of the American Revolution auxiliary of the Barnes County Red Cross was organized Friday evening at the regular monthly meeting of the D. A. R. Mrs. John Tracy was elected chairman, Miss Vida Austin secretary and Mrs. Floyd Tenney treasurer. This is the first auxiliary to be formed in Barnes county and among the first in the state.

The membership of this organization is not limited to members of the D. A. R. Other ladies who desire to assist in this work will be welcome and may give their names to Mrs. Tracy.

The preparation of Box No. 4 as outlined by the National Red Cross society was accepted as the definite work to be accomplished by this auxiliary.

Explosion of a Stove Kills Martin Kjelland

Word was received at the Times-Record office just before going to press Tuesday that Martin Kjelland, son of Ole Kjelland, of Hastings, was dead from the effects of a stove explosion.

The accident occurred at the Kjelland farm, 13 miles southwest of Valley City. It is unknown how the accident occurred. Neighbors who called at the place soon after breakfast time found him unconscious with every evidence of a terrific gas explosion which had shattered the stove and disarranged the room. Medical aid was summoned, but the young man died without regaining consciousness. In the report by telephone particulars were meager, and further information may throw some light on the cause of the sad fatality.

"Loyalty Day" Features Are Outlined by Mayor

NO WONDER HE BOOSTS

Chas. Peterson has a warm spot in his heart for his former home town, St. Paul, and pulls for their baseball club to win. Our attention was called to a picture of one of their players printed in the St. Paul Dispatch which is an exact likeness of Charley. It was a picture of the famous Lefty Lofeld, former Pittsburg star.

Arrangements are being completed for the two meetings on Thursday, Loyalty Day. The first will be afternoon parade of the school children of the city and the students of the Normal school. Parade will be formed as follows: The Valley City Municipal band will assemble at the Normal foot bridge at 3 sharp. Students of the Normal school will here fall in. The parade will be led by mounted police and military guard, followed by auto containing Gen. Beal and members of the G. A. R. displaying their banner and flag, the Valley City Municipal band following at the head of the schools. From the Normal bridge the procession will march to the west side of the Lincoln school, where the scholars of the Lincoln will join the parade, thence on to Main street and west to Fourth avenue, thence to Fifth street and west to Fifth avenue, where the high school and Ritchie school students will fall in. The line of march will then be down Fifth avenue, crossing the Normal bridge, proceeding to the Normal auditorium, where a short program will be enjoyed. Capt. Ritchie will speak to the assembly.

The evening meeting will be held at the Armory called at 8 sharp. The Valley City Municipal band will render patriotic music and the assembly will sing loyalty songs. Special singing, and camp fire scenes by Company G. Hon. Lee Combs will speak. Patriotic readings and recitations will be on the program. Let every loyal citizen of Valley City witness the parade and come to the evening meeting Thursday. Show your colors. Let every business place and every dwelling in the city be decorated with flags or bunting of red, white and blue. Show the people you are proud of your citizenship and love the flag of our country.

Former Valley City Girl a Sunday Bride

A charming wedding which will be of great interest to Valley City people occurred at high noon April 15 in Ferguson Falls, Minn.

The bride, Miss Jessie E. Thorkelson, who is a daughter of Mrs. Bertha C. Thorkelson, is truly a Valley City girl, having spent the greater part of her girlhood in this city.

The groom, Clayton E. Marvin, is associated with the Missouri Slope Land and Investment Co., of Glendive, Mont., and in that city has prepared a lovely home for his bride.

The full Episcopal ring service was used by the Rev. Headland and it was as beautiful as it was impressive, being read beneath a great white wedding bell before an altar of spotless white.

Pink tulle stretched from basket to basket of tulips made a flowery pathway across the living room to the improvised altar which was decorated with smilax and Killarney buds.

The wedding march was played by Miss Constance McPherson, of this city, who also accompanied Ralph Sheperd when he sang, at the close of the service, "I Love You Truly."

Mrs. Marvin wore a handsome suit of rouge brown, her hat being an exquisite creation from Gage. The beauty of her costume was enhanced by a corsage bouquet of pink rosebuds and a string of pearls, both gifts of the groom.

A. C. Thorkelson gave the bride away and her sisters, Miss Bertha and Miss Shelmah, accompanied her as bridesmaids.

A particularly pretty feature of the bridal procession was the little ring bearer, Miss Doris Louise Thorkelson, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. A. C. Thorkelson, of our city, who led the way carrying the ring in the heart of an Easter lily.

John Bonneville, of La Crosse, Wis., supported the groom.

After the ceremony a short reception was held for a few intimate friends and Mr. Sheperd again added to the beauty of the affair by a solo, "O Promise Me."

A six-course luncheon was served in the dining room, where the color scheme of pink and white was followed out as in the living room.

A mound of pink Killarney rosebuds formed the center piece beneath a white wedding bell from which floated streamers of pink tulle and smilax. Covers were laid for 20.

The newlyweds left on the 4:35 train and never escaped a grain of rice or an old shoe, with which their well-wishers were amply supplied.

The out-of-town guests were Oscar Suennes, La Crosse, Wis., Paul Redpath, St. Paul, Mr. and Mrs. A. C. Thorkelson and daughter, Miss Doris, of Valley City, and the Misses McPherson and Nelson, also of Valley City, John Bonneville, of La Crosse, and Mrs. B. O. Thorkelson, of South Harts, N. D.

Mr. and Mrs. Marvin will be at home after May 1.

Examination Saturday for Postmaster at Hastings

Ray P. Colburn, editor of the Hastings Times, and Peder Strinden, also of Hastings, took the civil service examination here Saturday for the office of postmaster at Hastings. A. J. Salt-hammer has been postmaster at that thriving village for some years, but when he sold his store he desired to give his time to the farm and has been trying to let go. Some months ago an examination was held, but the successful man later refused to go in and the job is open again, hence the examination Saturday. Vernon T. Gale, secretary of the local board, conducted the examination and it is expected that the result will be made known from Washington in a very short time.

Dr. and Mrs. H. T. Perry and Mr. and Mrs. J. H. Lubbehusen were visitors in the city Sunday from Litchville. Mrs. Perry will be remembered here as Miss Isabel McGillis, of the Normal school. They were guests of Mr. and Mrs. Clemens, of the Sheyenne apartments.

L. E. Hedstrum, who has been visiting with his daughter, Adolpha, at Minneapolis during the past week, returned to the city Tuesday morning. Mrs. Hedstrum, who accompanied him, will remain with her daughter for a longer visit.

Mr. and Mrs. E. L. McGee have started from Long Beach, Cal., where they have been spending the winter months. They are expected to reach Valley City some time this week.

Mr. and Mrs. Henry Nelson, of Dazey, were business callers in the city Saturday. They made the trip by auto.

Duty Combined With Opportunity

It is the Duty as well as the Opportunity of our farmers this season to do their very best work, and duty is best performed when stimulated by opportunity. Neglected opportunities bring nothing but regret.

Our duty as bankers consists in rendering the necessary financial assistance to carry on the farmers' work. Those in need of seed, feed, horses, cows, hogs, implements or business advice of any kind, are urgently invited to call on us.

This bank is mobilized with ample credit resources and business experience to do its duty and will not shrink it; on the contrary, it welcomes an opportunity to perform it.

BANK OF VALLEY CITY

ENTERTAINED FOR GUEST

Mrs. A. Beecher Cox entertained at two tables of 500 Saturday in honor of her guest, Miss Julia Swanson, of Jamestown. Mrs. Paul Featherstone was winner of the high score, and there was also a gift for the guest of honor. The hostess served a very nice luncheon at the close of the evening. Miss Swanson spent Saturday and Sunday with Mrs. Cox.

"HAM" TO BISMARCK

Rudolph Hammerud, sometimes called "Rudy," and sometimes "Ham," went to Bismarck Monday evening to hold down a chair in the office of the Bismarck Gas Co. This time he went to the high line depot to take No. 1 instead of standing at the downtown depot with a new ledger under his arm as on a former occasion, when absent-mindedness caused him to think the limited ran through town.

Fred Carlson, who has been connected with a big drug establishment in St. Paul during the past seven years, arrived in the city Friday of last week and has accepted a position with the Dakota Drug company, taking the place of Clarence Issacson, who has accepted a position at Minot. Mr. Carlson's old-time friends are glad to welcome him back to the city.

Dr. and Mrs. Geo. H. Hansen are spending two weeks with friends and relatives at La Crosse, Wis. Upon their return to the city, Dr. Hansen will open up his offices over the City drug store, on Main street.

Gust Spencer, hardware merchant of Litchville, spent Sunday and Monday in the city, being en route to Fargo.

Mr. and Mrs. B. L. Cheney went to Fargo Sunday afternoon on No. 4 and returned Monday, bringing back a new Glide automobile.

Bankers Are Ready to Finance 1917 Crop for the Northwest

Fargo, April 16.—Nearly 100 bankers from all sections of the state attended Sunday's conference on the question of furnishing seed grain for North Dakota. Chairman John H. Rich, chairman of the ninth district federal reserve bank at Minneapolis, brought assurances that the national reserve banks would provide the country banks with plenty of money to finance the farmers of North Dakota in their farming operations and also guarantee plenty of help to harvest the crop. Sessions were held at 10 in the forenoon and 2:30 in the afternoon.

During the morning session resolutions were adopted pledging the bankers of the state to extend all necessary aid to the farmers to put in a large grain acreage. A committee was also appointed to look after the transportation of seed to North Dakota. This committee consists of E. Y. Saries, of Hillsboro; E. J. Weiser, of Fargo, and A. I. Hunter, of Jamestown. Farmers who have ordered seed from other states or Canada and are having trouble in getting it delivered are urged to notify this committee. These men will take it up with the railroads and see that the seed is rushed to its destination.

Among the speakers at this session were E. W. Decker, president of the Northwestern National bank of Minneapolis; John H. Rich, chairman of the ninth district reserve bank in Minneapolis; Dr. E. F. Ladd, president of the North Dakota Agricultural college; Thomas Cooper, head of the extension department of that school. These two men told of their plan of having the field agents personally interview 23,000 farmers in the state in the next few weeks.

Other speakers were F. M. Prince, chairman of the executive committee

of the First and Second National bank of Minneapolis; Geo. H. Prince, chairman of the board of directors of the Merchants National bank of St. Paul; Curtis L. Mosher, assistant federal reserve agent; Lewis F. Crawford, of Sentinel Butte; W. L. Richards, of Dickinson; A. P. Hanson, of Litchville; R. S. Lewis, of Fargo, and A. B. McMillan, of Hannah.

A motion was adopted authorizing the chairman to appoint an executive committee. Mr. McDowell will do this shortly and call a meeting of the body some day this week. The resolutions committee was also appointed to report at the afternoon session, which they did, as follows:

"Resolved, That to enable farmers to command the resources necessary to produce the largest amount of food possible and to encourage them to that end, that congress be memorialized at once to follow the action already taken in England and fix a minimum protective price to the farmer for all food produced from year to year during the continuance of the war, to the end that all classes rather than the farmer alone may share the hazard of a great depreciation of values which might result from a sudden termination of the war."

"L. B. Hanna.
—Charles F. Amidon.
—James Grady.
—Frank White.
—Lewis F. Crawford.
—C. A. Nye.
—J. M. Witherow.
—P. Lamb.

Committee." Governor Hanna also suggested that the proper authorities be conferred with to get the schools to not open next fall until Oct. 1, so that the children can be kept on the farms to help with the farm work.

Normalonians Sang Excellent Program

A small audience that braved the weather Monday evening was amply repaid for coming to hear the Normalonians in their annual home concert in the Normal school auditorium. It was a most attractive program, and it is indeed doubtful if the Normalonians ever acquitted themselves so creditably as an organization. From the beginning of the program to its close there was not a single uninteresting moment.

In the absence of Dean Woodhams, Prof. Knute Froysoa directed the program. Although he had familiarized himself with the program but a few days before, there was a perfect understanding between director and organization. The attack was precise, the shadings beautiful.

The program showed a good deal of versatility on the part of the members of the organization. The violin obligatos of Mr. Hantula and Miss Rae were played to excellent advantage. The costume numbers were beautiful. The minuet was given very effectively and the audience was also much pleased with the two German folk songs, sung in costume by the Misses Josephine Wright and Lydia Nelson.

Mrs. Knute Froysoa appeared as special soprano soloist, singing very beautifully. "Lo, Here the Gentle Lark," while Mr. Froysoa played the obligato. She appeared again in the second part of the program singing a group of Norwegian songs in costume.

Mr. Hantula appeared at his best in two violin solos, and his numbers, like all others on the program, were repeated at the request of an interested audience. Mr. Hantula appeared also in a violin trio with Prof. Froysoa and Miss Catherine Rae. The number proved exceptionally popular.

Of the group numbers, "Fly, Singing Bird," by Elgar at the opening of the program, and "Snow," by the same composer, particularly delighted the audience and showed at the same time the real accomplishment of the organization.

HAVE GONE TO MONTANA

C. L. Larson and Mr. and Mrs. Alf O. Grannes left Saturday with two cars of goods and implements for Ingamore, Mont., where they have purchased relinquishments on two claims. They are just between the Milwaukee and Northern Pacific roads and have two good claims. Mrs. Larson expects to leave Wednesday.

The lady teachers of the high school entertained at the home of Amanda Zabel Saturday evening in honor of Miss Violetta Peterson, who is to be a bride in the near future. The evening was spent making booklets for the bride, after which a delicious lunch was served. The bride was presented with a handsome gift.

John W. Shipt and Elsie Atchinson, both of Dazey, were married at 10 o'clock Saturday evening at the Methodist parsonage, Rev. Vermilya officiating. The attendants were Mr. and Mrs. H. L. Barr and Miss LaValley, also of Dazey.

Ed Romfo is erecting a new residence for Hugh McDonald. The work has been pushed along rapidly under Mr. Romfo's supervision. Material is being furnished by Thompson Yards, Inc.

E. G. Zabel, who at one time was bookkeeper for the Northwest Nursery, spent Monday in the city. Mr. Zabel is now in the nursery business at LaMoure.