

STORMS CLAIM HEAVY TOLL

ENTENTE NOW STRONGER ON EVERY FRONT

Situation of Defensive Has Been Greatly Improved Thru Huns' Delay

1,000 TAUBES ARE LOST

British Aviators Accounted for a Record Number of Germans During March

(Associated Press.) Germany's spring offensive launched in the hope of forcing the allies to conclude peace on their terms...

British aviators since March 21 have accounted for 1,000 German aeroplanes, and have dropped more than one thousand bombs...

North of Baghdad, in Mesopotamia, the Turkish resistance to the advancing British still is weak.

Striking viciously at the enemy at various points along the western battlefront, meeting each outburst of German artillery with a thunder of cannon fire...

For the most part, the Germans have shown but little of their habitual fighting spirit along the line in France.

The attacks by the French near Loere, on the northern side of the Lys salient, and of the Australians before Amiens, which have already been reported, now appear to have been more successful than was at first understood.

The French still seem to be the most active of the forces of the entente nations. They have again engaged in raiding operations near Loere, on the flank of the German line...

On the American front there has been the usual lively exchange of artillery fire, but no infantry fighting has occurred.

SUPPLEMENTARY PROTEST MADE BY NETHERLANDS

Washington, D. C., May 22.—A supplementary note of protest against the British hand military seizure of Dutch shipping has been handed to Secretary Lansing by the Dutch legation here.

NINE MINERS DIE. Charlestown, W. Va., May 22.—Nine miners caught when the mine of the Mill Creek Channel Coal Mining Co. burst into flames from some undetermined cause last Monday were found dead in the working today.

HUN AVIATORS FAIL IN RAID MADE ON PARIS

Paris, May 22.—German aviators made an ineffectual attempt last night to raid Paris. Three persons were killed and several wounded in the outskirts of the city...

SAMMY MAKES GAS ATTACK ON SLEEPING HUNS

Terrific Assault Is Launched Northwest of Toul on the German Positions

NUMBER LOST UNKNOWN

With the American Army in France, Tuesday, May 21.—(By the Associated Press.)—The American artillery northwest of Toul launched a sudden and terrific gas attack on the German positions within the Gercamp wood early today.

Sammy Get Patrols. An officer and 20 men while exploring the area northwest of Anceville, east of Lunville sighted four enemy patrols, and established contact with one of them.

Four hours later, an enemy patrol made a bold attempt to rush one of our outposts, but was driven off. One German was killed and his body brought back to the American line for identification purposes.

COUNTY'S RED CROSS QUOTA MADE IN CITY

Bismarck Alone Will Raise More Than All Burleigh Assessed Itself

Because Bismarck and Burleigh county more than doubled their allotment in the last Red Cross drive, they were assigned no quota for the present campaign.

The question of bidding on the White House wool, of which two pounds have been assigned to North Dakota to be sold by Governor Frazier for the benefit of the Red Cross, was brought up at today's luncheon, and each committeeman agreed to do everything possible to stimulate interest in the buying.

RUMOR OF DEATH OF HINDENBURG CURRENT AGAIN

With the American Army in France, May 22.—(By the Associated Press.)—The rumor that Field Marshal von Hindenburg died recently has become current very generally among the enemy in the back areas, as well as among civilians.

THIRTEEN MORE MEN THOUGHT LOST WITH COLLIER CYCLOPS

Washington, D. C., May 22.—An additional list of 13 men, probably lost with the naval collier Cyclops was received today by the navy department.

HOTEL MEETING WOULD BE BIG BOOSTER EVENT

Three Hundred or More Greeters and Mixers with Families Plan to Come TO MEET AGAIN TONIGHT

Business Men Will Assemble at McKenzie to Devise Ways and Means

That the annual convention of the Northwest Hotel Men's association, which will be held in Bismarck some time this summer, will be one of the biggest booster events and one of the greatest publicity mediums the capital city has ever enjoyed...

The association already includes North and South Dakota, Wisconsin, Minnesota, Iowa and Nebraska, and it is planned to take in Montana at the convention here this year. It is anticipated that the attendance from North and South Dakota, Montana and Minnesota alone will suffice to make the meeting a big proposition.

All of the Bismarck hotels will cooperate in the entertainment of the visitors, while at least one banquet or dinner dance will be held at the Lewis & Clark in Mandan.

Each of the four states in the division has surpassed its quota. Minnesota, including figures from Minneapolis, St. Paul and Duluth, has more than reached its \$1,500,000 quota.

NORTH DAKOTA WILL FARM ITS IDLE ACREAGE

Council of Defense Gives Farmers Privilege of Cultivating Slacker Soil

Following the formal adoption of a resolution enterring upon any North Dakota farmer authority to go upon, break up and sow in crop any idle land in his vicinity held by a non-resident, the North Dakota Council of Defense on Tuesday adopted a specific order directing E. J. Platen of Dunn Center to take possession of a section of land near that place owned by a non-resident, and to plant the same to flax.

This is the most radical action taken to date in North Dakota to insure the government a maximum production from Flickerall farms.

GERMANS TWICE DEFEATED BY U. S. FIGHTING MEN

With the American Army in France, May 22.—In lively patrol actions Monday night and early this morning east of Lubeville, German parties were twice defeated by the Americans, who captured two prisoners.

KAISER PICKS HIM AS "CHIEF SLAUGHTERER" FOR THE NEXT BLOW

So Say News Dispatches from the Front; Well, Below's a Good Bird to Pick—For a Failure



GEN. OTTO VON BELOW

General Otto von Below appears to be slated by the kaiser to become the principal slaughterer of German soldiers in the coming Hun blow on the west front.

NORTHERN DIVISION OF RED CROSS OVER TOP IN THE FIRST TWO DAYS

Minneapolis, Minn., May 22.—The northern division of the Red Cross, which comprises the states of Minnesota, Montana and North and South Dakota, tonight wired Washington claiming to be the first division in the country to go over the top in the Red Cross drive for funds.

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90,000 SAMMIES SENT ABROAD IN FIRST 10 DAYS

Washington, D. C., May 22.—In a statement inserted in the house record today, Representative Caldwell of New York, member of the house military committee, said during the first 10 days of May 90,000 American soldiers were sent abroad, and he also declared that after the expiration of one year from the arrival of the first shipment of troops from this country United States would have 1,000,000 in France, equipped with the necessary arms and supplies.

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American Planes Take Part in Fire Behind Hun Lines

On the French Front in France, May 22.—American air squadrons have participated with the French in bombing operations behind German lines. Operations carried out on a large scale. At one time recently 120 allied machines were flying at the same moment in bombing work.

BRITISH ENTER HUN TRENCHES BEYOND ARRAS

London, Eng., May 22.—In the sector southeast of Arras German trenches were entered last night by two British raiding parties, says today's official statement. Prisoners and a machine gun were taken.

MARTIAL LAW PROCLAIMED IN BOHEMIA

In Consequence of "Popular Excesses" Many Are Imprisoned

NEW OUTBREAKS NOTED

London, Eng., May 22.—Martial law has been proclaimed in Bohemia, and in consequence of "popular excesses" many persons have been imprisoned, says a dispatch to the Daily Mail from Berne quoting the Slovenski Parod.

Dr. Von Seydler, the Austrian premier, has summoned the Czech Deputy Stanek to discuss the situation. Deputy Stanek has declined and has warned the premier against a policy of violence in Bohemia, fearing evidently that the discriminations hanging on the shooting in Bohemia at the beginning of the war are to be repeated.

GRACE LUSK TO TAKE STAND IN SELF DEFENSE

Her Story Expected to Be Flat Denial of Dr. Roberts' "Adam's Excuse"

LETTERS ARE INTRODUCED

Waukesha, Wis., May 22.—Grace Lusk will take the witness stand today to reveal every detail of her relations with Dr. David Roberts at her trial for slaying his wife.

This was announced by attorneys for the defense last Tuesday after the prosecution had completed the presentation of its evidence against Miss Lusk.

Several other letters found in the little desk also were read. One headed "Explanation," declared "Oh, I am sorry, sorry that all this has happened, and yet I had rather have had this experience, painful as it has been, than to have gone through life without knowing what love can mean. I can't honestly believe I have been sinful. The only treason has been in not telling Mrs. R. I always wanted to, but he was afraid. Oh, well, it will soon be over."

Mrs. Mary Collins, a nurse who cared for Miss Lusk when she was taken to the hospital after the tragedy she had fired into her own breast, testified that the school teacher told her that she had had a quarrel with Mrs. Roberts and that she wished to die.

Later in the afternoon the defense introduced several character witnesses who testified to the high regard in which Miss Lusk was held.

GERMANY SEEKS TO FORCE TERMS ON HOLLANDERS

Prohibition of Sailing of Dutch Ships Explained by Rotterdam Dispatch

London, May 22.—The prohibition of the sailing of all Dutch ships from Dutch ports, the Rotterdam correspondent of the Daily Telegraph says he learns, is connected with a new move by the German government to compel Holland to sign on Berlin's terms the long pending economic agreement which Holland declined to do owing to the onerous conditions imposed by Germany.

12 PLANES DOWNED

London, May 22.—Twelve German aeroplanes were brought down during Monday's fighting among the aviators, and two additional machines were driven down out of control.

SCORE KILLED IN TORNADO SWEEP CENTRAL IOWA

Enormous Destruction of Life and Loss of Property Reported at Des Moines

WISCONSIN IS HARD HIT

Five Killed at Lone Rock, Near Madison, Completely Wiped Out by the Storm

Des Moines, Ia., May 22.—Nearly a score of persons dead, about 100 injured, several seriously, and property damage exceeding \$1,000,000 represents the toll taken by a series of tornadoes in central Iowa late yesterday, dispatches today showed.

WISCONSIN HIT

Madison, Wis., May 22.—Five persons were killed, and thirty injured, a number of whom are expected to die, when the village of Lone Rock, 44 miles west of Madison, was partially destroyed by a tornado Tuesday night.

Reports are to the effect that five people have been killed, and more than 50 injured. All along the route from Mazomanie to the north, the storm can be seen. Oat fields are inundated.

A morning train passed through Mazomanie for Madison, carrying several people who were being rushed to Madison hospital.

DICKINSON BANK HEAD SUMMONED BEFORE COUNCIL

Officials of Dakota National Are Asked to Answer to Soldier's Wife's Charges

The North Dakota Council of Defense this afternoon has under consideration the complaint of Mrs. Henry Rademacher of Dickinson against the Dakota National Bank of Dickinson, which she charges with having foreclosed a chattel mortgage on her property while her husband was at the front, fighting for his country.

NORTH COAST LIMITED KILLS TWO CHILDREN

Moorhead, Minn., May 22.—George Sellin, 10, and Lottie Steen, 13, were killed by the North Coast Limited, west bound passenger train, in Clay county last evening. The children were walking home and became confused as the train approached. The boy, a cripple, fell across the rails, and the girl, returned to rescue him.

TAYLOR COMES 200 MILES TO FACE COUNCIL

Rev. J. M. Taylor, an evangelist, was called in from a distance of 200 miles to appear before the council of defense to answer charges preferred from Kidder county that in recent addresses delivered there as patriotic speeches he made statements tending to incite animosity between various religious sects, and not in keeping with the spirit of the government that harmony and unity of action be promoted.

A formal summons was served on Rev. Taylor by the council, and today he is being asked to answer affidavits furnished the board setting forth his alleged statements that 300,000 members of a certain fraternity had secretly procured arms, and that they were preparing to rise against the country.

PROBE REPORTS

Washington, D. C., May 22.—Reports and data referring to the airplane production program were referred today by the war department to the department of justice for examination by Charles E. Hughes and officers of the department in charge of the airplane investigation. Mr. Hughes will return to Washington late this week to take up personal direction of the inquiry.