

MANEUVER FOR GREAT DRIVE

Both Sides Tuning Up Instruments of Death for 1917 Offensive

BRITISH WIN BIG AREA

Activity Increasing in Flanders, Somme, Champagne and Verdun Sectors

LONDON, Feb. 19. From dispatches from the French theatre of war...

From the North Sea to the Swiss frontier, troops on both sides are engaged in direct or counter assault, patrol and scouting enterprises or trench raids.

The British are again in action along the northern end of the Somme front, attacking on both sides...

Details today of the brilliant British victory around Miramont impressed experts here with the preparations Great Britain has made for great offensives...

Dispatches declare the forces attacked were fully aware of the imminence of the assault. They occupied the more favorable position for defensive operations...

The success of the British forces indicates the completeness of the British plan. It is a confidence that wrested ground from the enemy despite all obstacles of terrain and weather.

ALLIED RAIDS CRUSHED IN WEST, BERLIN SAYS

BERLIN, Feb. 19. Thick fog is interfering with fighting on the western front, the War Office announced today...

The Allies tried an unusual number of these scouting raids, but all were foiled by the garrisons of the German trenches...

On the eastern front nothing important has occurred. In Macedonia there have been outpost fighting and isolated artillery shelling.

Two more Allied aeroplanes have been shot down by the Germans.

BELIEVE EDISON SEEKS NEW U-BOAT DEVICE

Inventor, Still in Seclusion, Said to Be Seeking Means of Discovering Submarines

NEW YORK, Feb. 19.—The nature of the scientific work that Thomas A. Edison is conducting at his new laboratory on Eagle Rock...

The inventor's workshop is on the second floor of the building, and it would be impossible for any one to peep in on his work. Many persons crowded to the scene yesterday with the hope of seeing the inventor at work...

5000 TONS OF COAL BEING RUSHED HERE

Philadelphia and Reading Company Loads Anthracite at Landingville Yards

POTTSVILLE, Pa., Feb. 19.—Such is the demand for anthracite, that apparently every product that can be called coal is being rushed to tidewater points.

HAZLETON, Pa., Feb. 19.—According to railroad officials and operators here, anthracite is being rushed to market as fast as possible, but they can give no assurance of early relief from the shortage that has prevailed since late in the fall.

YEGGMEN'S BLAST STARTS \$80,000 FIRE IN OHIO

Safe Blown in Lowellville and Jewelry Store Taken First—Crickamen Make Gainway

LOWELLVILLE, O., Feb. 19.—More than 100 yeggmans here have destroyed an amount of property valued at \$80,000.

SIGNATURES PILE UP ON PROTESTS AGAINST "WET" PARKWAY



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ITALY GETS MUNITIONS DIRECT FROM THIS PORT

National Navigation Company Reported Arranging for Regular Traffic Here

The Italian Government will receive great quantities of war material direct from this city through the Societa Nazionale di Navigazione...

Chevalier Desiderio Maggi, said to be an official representative of the Italian Government, has leased on behalf of his company from the Department of Wharves, Docks and Ferries Pier 38, South Wharves...

Those opposing the President appearing again point out that with an appropriation assured through joint resolution the President would always have the power to take necessary steps to protect American lines...

Germany to Free Yarrowdale Crew

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President Wilson may follow a similar course. On the other hand, some Republicans and Democrats alike today declared it would be a good idea for the President to attempt to clarify the situation both for Congress and the country...

AUSTRIA STILL HOPES FOR PEACE WITH U. S.

VIENNA, Feb. 17 (delayed).—Despite the fact that some of the newspapers are talking a gloomy view of Austro-American relations...

The significant statement made by Commissioner Stages at the public hearing held on February 14 has probably been understood by the public in general.

The Commissioner undoubtedly desired to point out to the people of Philadelphia the vital importance of determining who and by whom these lines are to be run.

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In discussing further the present form of the lease the director referred to the transit situation in Boston, where he spent several days last week. "The city has already put about \$14,000,000 into high-speed lines. Under the operating agreement with the Boston Elevated Railway Company...

There seems to be no doubt that official streets and the entire public have become thoroughly reconciled to the step the dual monarchy has taken jointly with Germany...

Transit Pact Favors P. R. T., Says Twining

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satisfactory terms to some company who will supply the service which the citizens greatly desire and which conversations with many of the citizens have led me to believe the people have the impression this was provided for when they authorized the construction of the lines.

"What the people want is rapid transit service on a square-foot basis, and it is now asking the Public Service Commission for permission to build this right of way, but the service cannot be set until a contract or lease is executed with some one who will supply the cars and service necessary to make the lines a complete working proposition."

"It has been repeatedly stated that the structures when constructed must be equipped and operated. The construction part of the program will only consume three or four years. When constructed, however, these lines are expected to last indefinitely and to be operated continuously by some one."

The proposition now before the city is for a city-year lease of lines, and it is the terms on which these lines are to be leased which are now up for discussion.

THREE WAYS TO OPERATE

When these lines are completed there are three ways in which they may be operated, and the order of desirability may be stated as follows:

"First, They may be leased on terms satisfactory to the city and the existing company (the Philadelphia Rapid Transit Company)."

"Second, They may be leased upon terms satisfactory to the city and a company or individual who will run the city's lines in competition with the existing company."

"Third, The city may equip its system of lines and operate them as a municipal system at a rate of fare and upon terms approved by the people."

"The city, under the law of 1913, is authorized to purchase, lease, construct, reconstruct and equip or otherwise acquire facilities and to own, maintain, use and operate the same."

"The city is therefore authorized to embark in the transportation business if it finds it is unable to lease the lines on a satisfactory basis."

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VILLISTAS TAKE TOWN NEAR AMERICAN BORDER

Guadalupe, Southeast of Juarez, Reported Captured by Band of Outlaws

EL PASO, Tex., Feb. 19.—Guadalupe, thirty miles southeast of Juarez, has been reported captured by a band of Villistas under Manuel Ochoa, according to reports reaching the border today.

A band of American cowboys, under command of Andrew Peterson, Sr., father of the American killed by the Mexicans in the raid on the corner ranch last week, has invaded Mexico in an attempt to punish the bandits, according to advisers here.

WASHINGTON, Feb. 19.—Reports that a band of cowboys has crossed into Mexico to avenge the recent murder of American ranchers there has not been officially confirmed here early today.

Officials express the hope that it is untrue, as such action might complicate the general situation. An invasion of Mexican territory, however, at this time, might nullify all expected benefits.

The War Department today was getting trains to the border to expedite the return to their home stations of the various National Guard units.

Lieutenant Colonel J. C. Waterman reported from Pachita that a force of Carranzista cavalry with machine guns was moving westward, apparently in an endeavor to cut off the Salazar bandits.

AMBASSADOR FLETCHER WELCOMED BY MEXICO

MEXICO CITY, Mex., Feb. 19.—For the first time in four years the American embassy here was occupied today by a duly delegated Ambassador, Henry P. Fletcher.

Every courtesy was shown the embassy party on the long trip from the border. The train was met at the border of each State by welcoming officials.

Don't Be a Slave to Your Heater

Advertisement for Mershon 'Marvel' Thermostat, featuring a diagram of the device and text describing its benefits for temperature control and energy savings.

GLI AUSTRIACI BATTUTI LUNGO L'INTERA FRONTE

Sono Ricacciati da Reparti Italiani in Ricognizione e Perdono Anche Prigionieri

ROMA, 19 Febraio. Il Ministero della Guerra pubblica ieri sera il seguente rapporto del generale Cadorna circa la situazione alla fronte Italo-austriaca:

L'lamentata attivita' dei nostri reparti di ricognizione ha portato a piccoli scontri nella zona del passo di Cavento, sul gruppo dell'Adamello; nelle vicinanze di Forcellina Montozzo, nella Val Canonica, nella Vallarona, nell'alta valle del Posina, sull'Asstico, a Felizon, nella valle del Boite ed in quella del Frigidio (Tippaco).

Tutti questi scontri ebbero esito felice per noi, ed il nemico fu ricacciato dappertutto e dovette lasciare nelle nostre mani anche alcuni prigionieri.

Nell'alta valle del But e sul Carso si e' avuta considerevole attivita' delle artiglierie.

Si ha da Vienna che il vice ammiraglio Massimiliano Njegovan e' stato nominato comandante in capo della flotta da guerra austriaca ed il vice ammiraglio Karl Kaller von Kalfenfels e' stato promosso al grado di capo della squadra navale.

U. S. AND JAPAN MORE FRIENDLY, SAYS YEOY

WASHINGTON, Feb. 19.—Relations between the United States and Japan are "more friendly," but this is principally due to war creative conditions, and not to any recent developments in the immigration situation, Japanese Ambassador Sato declared today.

There have been no recent exchanges in diplomatic channels, Sato said, to affect the immigration question. He said that the war has increased the friendly feelings between the countries and the immigration discussion has been at least temporarily averted.

The recent firm stand of the United States against Germany's submarine warfare has cemented this friendship, according to Sato.

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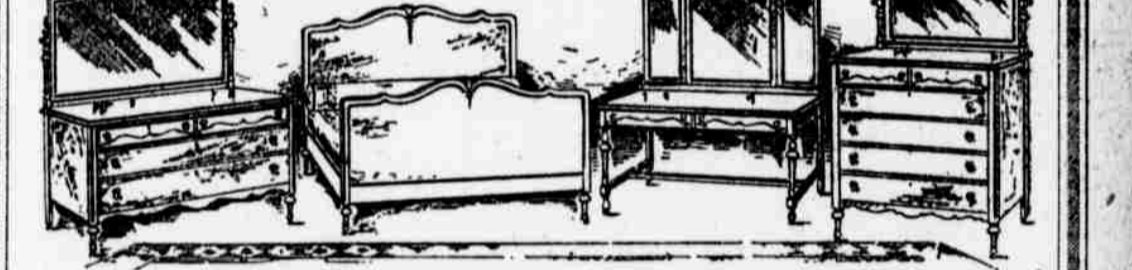
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A Charming William and Mary Suite in American Walnut or Mahogany



The graceful, dignified lines of the William and Mary style are faithfully exemplified in this attractive suite. As shown in the illustration, it comprises a Bureau 48x23 in.; Full-size Bed, Chiffonier, 36x21 in.; Tripartite Mirror Dressing Table, 42x19 in.

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There should be a close bond of friendship between them, for our February prices have been substantially reduced and our stock is of the superior quality suited to your needs.

Note these prices on bed-time requisites: A PRETTY ROCKER WITH TAPESTRY SEAT AND CANE BACK, \$11.75



- Box Springs, (for metal or wood beds) \$11.50, \$12.50, \$15.00, \$19.50 and up.
Felted Cotton Mattresses, \$8, \$10.50, \$12 up.
Hair Mattresses, \$20, \$21.50, \$24.50 up.
Silk Floss Mattresses, \$18.75.

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- REDUCTIONS ON DESIRABLE RUGS OF EXTRA LARGE SIZE
\$106 Royal Wiltons, 11.3x15 ft. \$87.50
\$95 Fine Wiltons, 13.3x15 ft. \$76.00
\$45 Best Axminsters, 13.3x15 ft. \$49.00
\$45 Good Axminsters, 11.3x12 ft. \$32.50
\$95 Royal Wiltons, 10.6x13.6 ft. \$78.50
\$86 Good Wiltons, 10.6x13.6 ft. \$69.00
\$86 Best Axminsters, 10.6x12 ft. \$36.60

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