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Germans Stem British Sweep

Continued from Page One. The heavy losses sustained by the British in the series of eight successive assaults on the new British position east of the village of Gavrelle, captured by Haig's forces Monday, the village, north of the Scarpe, and Guisnes, south of the stream, were the chief objectives of the British drive. Both are firmly held by Haig's men. Although Berlin telegrams say the German press is jubilant at the success of the counter-attacks, the official report from German army headquarters limits itself to the statement that "at Gavrelle our position is now situated on the eastern boundary of the village." The British have never announced an advance beyond the village itself. The latest report of the German headquarters is lacking in news of the actual fighting in the Artois region as the British. It says there is "nothing of importance to report."

"Send Us Newspapers," Soldiers at Front Beg

THE EVENING LEDGER has received a number of requests from American soldiers fighting with the Canadian army in France for newspapers from back home. For example, one captain, who is an American, writes: "The folks at home can give the boys a lot of pleasure by sending them occasional packages of newspapers. Whenever an American newspaper does happen to find its way to the depots in France it is handed around page by page among the American soldiers until it is worn out." Send them to the following address, any or all: Americans, Thirty-eighth Battalion, Military Postoffice, France. Americans, Princess Pat Canadian Light Infantry, Military Postoffice, France. Americans, Royal Canadian Rifles, Military Postoffice, France. For the information of readers who may wish to send the EVENING LEDGER to the military camps in France the mailing cost is given as one cent for two ounces.

TWO ALLEGED PLOTTERS HELD BY TRENTON COPS

TRENTON, April 27.—Charged with plotting to blow up the plant of the John A. Roebbing Sons Company, at Roebbing, N. J., Paul Melko, twenty-four years old, of Red Bank, Conn., and Stephen Michopoulos, also twenty-four years old, of Roebbing, were held in \$15,000 bail each by United States Commissioner Wilson tonight. Information reaching here from the bureau of investigation of the Department of Justice at Philadelphia indicates that the two suspects are relatively unimportant figures in a plot, whose ramifications are believed to extend throughout many of the eastern States.

Plan for 3-Year War, Experts Tell U. S.

Continued from Page One. An explosion in Austria would alter conditions so that actual participation by American troops in the fighting may not be necessary. The official information, the information on which the war plans are being reduced to the status where a successful revolution is at all likely to happen and that Austria is in much better shape, both with respect to food and military efficiency, than had been supposed in this country.

WANT ARMY RUSHED

The plea of the British and French experts is for the United States to rush the preparation of an army, making this secondary only to the preparations for mobilizing and sending to Europe vast quantities of food and war munitions. With food and war munitions from this country the British and French forces can be depended upon, it has officially been reported, to press home a slow but sure military advantage over the common enemy.

Decree Ordered Enforced

TRENTON, N. J., April 27.—The Courts of Essex and Camden counties are enforcing the order of the United States Circuit Court at Trenton, N. J., which authorized the Metropolitan Steamship Company, to enforce the receivership decree made in the Court of Chancery notwithstanding that an appeal has been taken to the higher court. The receiver is authorized to prosecute certain suits.

To Cultivate Back Highways

CONANASKA, Wis., April 27.—Use of the city's back streets for raising potatoes was authorized by the Town Council. High school boys, under direction of the county farm school here, will cultivate the highways.

Princeton Student Dies in Auto Crash

Continued from Page One. The home of Mr. and Mrs. William C. Alloway, who were awakened by the crash. They summoned Dr. E. K. Fee and other authorities. Young Sniffen was dead when found. He was lying face downward and his body was badly crushed. Physicians said he must have been flung out with terrific force. The injured were rushed to the Mercer Hospital in automobiles. Furlock is badly injured. Vensel, driver of the car, escaped without injury.

Blast Inquest Points to Russian Inspector

Continued from Page One. Quainted with all the inspectors working under him. He denied having any particular acquaintance with Waskoff. He admitted knowing Durman, the speaker at the radical meeting which the police had to break up. His story of the meeting differed, however, from that of previous witnesses. He said it was intended merely to acquaint Russians with news about the revolution.

PROCLAMATION

The arrival at Washington of British and French war missions for consultation with the national authorities over conduct of the war is one of the most important events in the history of the United States, for it marks the entrance of our Government into an active participation in world affairs for the purpose of bringing to other lands the liberty under law we have enjoyed for 141 years. As this liberty was proclaimed and this republic founded in the city of Philadelphia, it has been deemed appropriate to invite the special envoys representing the British and French nations to visit this city and be welcomed within the walls of Independence Hall, in the very room where the fathers of the Republic signed the Declaration of Independence, which gave us the liberty we now seek to give to other peoples.

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Highway Commission Makes Tentative Apportionment to the Various Counties

TRENTON, April 27.—Estimating receipts of the State Motor Vehicle Department for the fiscal year at \$1,500,000, the Highway Commission has made a tentative apportionment between the several counties of the State on this basis. William L. Hill, Motor Vehicle Commissioner, has estimated the probable receipts at \$1,500,000, which would permit an increase of \$300,000 in the present apportionment by the Highway Commission.

In making the apportionment the commission took into consideration population, mileage of improved roads, taxable real estate and intensity of traffic as the primary factors, and also made allowance for extraordinary conditions prevailing in some sections. Those for Essex, Hudson and Passaic Counties arrived at on the percentage basis, were reduced in order to increase the appropriations for Gloucester, Salem and Ocean. In Gloucester and Salem the great increase in municipalities has necessitated a greater outlay for road maintenance than the rates will stand, while Ocean has an exceptionally large proportion of the State Highway system. The money will be used to repair work.

PATRIOTISM STIRS AUDIENCE

Spirited Scenes Mark Krakauer Beth Elohim Minstrel Show

More than 200 guests took part in a patriotic demonstration during a minstrel performance given by the Krakauer Beth Elohim Minstrel Association at New Columbia Hall, Broad and Oxford streets, last night. When the orchestra opened the performance with "The Star Spangled Banner," small flags, donated by the Chamber of Commerce, were distributed. While the audience sang the national anthem, men and women waved the flags in time with the music.

Chester to Hold Big Patriotic Rally

Continued from Page One. Last, but not least, came the boy scouts. These boys proved their mettle following the Edlystone munition drive. They acted as messengers, gave first aid to the injured and remained on duty night and day until formally relieved by the authorities. The Pennsylvania Military Academy has long been a Chester institution.

ORDER OF PARADE

Colonel Sweeney has announced the parade order as follows: Chester Council, No. 36, O. I. A., will report to Edward J. Turner, at Fifth and Market streets, at 7:15 o'clock. John Morton Council, No. 738, O. I. A., will report at Fifth and Market streets, 7:15 o'clock.

DIVIDENDS

THE LEHIGH COAL AND NAVIGATION CO. DIVIDEND NO. 34. The Board of Directors has declared a quarterly dividend of two per cent (2%) per share on the "Common" stock, payable on May 31, 1917, to stockholders of record at the close of business on April 30, 1917. Checks will be mailed to stockholders who have filed permanent dividend orders.

OFFICE WILLIAM P. BONBRIGHT & CO., INC.

A quarterly dividend (No. 21) of one and three-quarters per cent (1 3/4%) on the common stock of the American Utilities Company will be paid on May 10, 1917, to stockholders of record at 3:30 p. m. on April 30, 1917. Checks will be mailed to stockholders who have filed permanent dividend orders.

FRANKLIN NATIONAL BANK

The directors have this day declared a semi-annual dividend of ten (10) per cent, free of tax, on the common stock of the bank, payable on May 10, 1917, to stockholders of record at the close of business April 30. Checks will be mailed.

THE GIRARD NATIONAL BANK

The Directors have this day declared a dividend of eight per cent (8%) on the common stock of the bank, payable on May 10, 1917, to stockholders of record at the close of business April 25. Checks will be mailed.

LEGAL ADVERTISEMENTS

IN THE ORPHANS' COURT FOR THE COUNTY OF PHILADELPHIA. Estate of Charles H. Schubel, deceased. Notice is hereby given that the widow of the said decedent has filed in the said Court her petition, with an inventory and appraisal of the estate and a list of creditors. A hearing is scheduled to be held on the 10th day of May, 1917, at 10 o'clock a. m. in the Court room of the Orphans' Court, at the City Hall, Philadelphia, Pa. All persons claiming to be creditors of the said estate are required to present the same, without delay, to the undersigned, at the office of the undersigned, at the City Hall, Philadelphia, Pa., on or before the 10th day of May, 1917.

ESTATE OF MARY HULLIN (WIDOW)

deceased—Letters of administration cum testamento annexo on the above estate having been granted to the undersigned, all persons indebted to the said estate are required to make payment, and all persons claiming to be creditors thereof to present the same, without delay, to the undersigned, at the office of the undersigned, at the City Hall, Philadelphia, Pa., on or before the 10th day of May, 1917.

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PLANS FOR ENVOYS ANNOUNCED TODAY

Mayor Will Tell City of Arrangements to Honor Guests

JOFFRE COMING MAY 3

Executive Proclamation Urges Wide Display of Tricolor—Features Virtually Complete

Official announcement of plans for the reception of the French war envoys in Philadelphia will be made by Mayor Smith today.

Marshall Joffre, the hero of the Marne, ex-Premier Viviani and Ambassador Jusserand, with other distinguished members of the French War Council, are expected to arrive in this city on Thursday, May 3. Through the French Ambassador, they have accepted the invitation to be guests of this city, and to attend the reception in Independence Hall, suggested by the Public Ledger.

Mayor Smith and members of the executive committee virtually have decided upon some of the features of the entertainment. It will include a luncheon and banquet.

Arrangements also are being made to present Marshall Joffre with a suitable gift from the city.

Mayor Smith has issued a further proclamation urging all to display the colors of France and to make the reception to the French guests a memorable occasion.

The Mayor expects that every opportunity will be given the people of the city to see the eminent guests while they are being escorted in their automobiles to the place they are to visit.

The Mayor intends to send to the printer today a program from which his subcommittee does not expect to deviate. In this the arrangements to be made that the visitors will be received by the Mayor and his executive committee at the railroad station where the special train provided by the Government is halted. Accompanied by a guard of honor to be provided by the First City Troop and a squad of mounted police, the envoys are to be taken to the Ritz-Carlton Hotel, where arrangements will be made to give an informal luncheon.

From the hotel the eminent soldier and statesman and diplomat will be escorted to Independence Hall, where it is planned to spend a few minutes in the chamber made historic by the signing of the declaration of the articles of Independence. Congress Hall, Carpenter's Hall and other landmarks associated with the birth of the Republic will also be included in the itinerary of the first day.

At 5 o'clock in the afternoon the executive committee and the Mayor will give the French war hero and his countrymen an opportunity to see an American country home of the present day. They will then be entertained at a tea, which will be attended by members of the executive committee and a number of invited guests.

The general committee banquet is to be given at 8:30 o'clock in the evening. At this special will be made and a formal welcome will be extended in behalf of the people of the city. At least 500 representative citizens of Philadelphia are to be included in the list of guests at this dinner.

Following the exchange of courtesies at the evening banquet the envoys will be escorted for the night in the Ritz-Carlton Hotel. A private breakfast has been planned for the following morning, which is to be followed by an automobile ride to the Washington and Valley Forge, where several places of interest will be visited.

A luncheon at the home of Joseph E. Widener is also included in the entertainment arrangements of the morning. This will be followed by a reception, to which will be invited representatives of the French societies in this city and a selected number of active workers in the various organizations which have been organized to aid the French and their Allies.

WILL VISIT GIRARD COLLEGE. At the conclusion of the luncheon and reception the envoys will be escorted to the railroad station for the return journey. Besides the places of national historical interest the Mayor will include in his list of visiting places the City Hall, Girard College and probably some of the industrial plants along the Delaware River.

Not content with the plan of entertainment arranged by the Mayor and members of his committee there will be no bell tolling nor artillery salutes such as marked the tribute paid to the late President when he was received at the shrine of American liberty.

When General Lafayette visited Philadelphia as the guest of the city he was met outside of its limits by the "First City Troop." Curator Wilfred Jordan, of Independence Hall, stated in his report to the Mayor in suggesting a form of entertainment for the French envoys, "He was escorted to Independence Hall, where exercises were held. In front of the hall there was a triumphal arch. The escort to the hall was made up of military and civic organizations. In Washington Park a battery of artillery saluted the illustrious guest, while bells rang everywhere."

The board of directors of the Walnut Street Business Association yesterday adopted resolutions tendering the aid of 100 members of that organization in the plan for a popular city-wide reception.

Numerous other organizations, including the Order of the Sons of Italy in America, have made similar suggestions for a greeting which would include people of every business and profession in Philadelphia.

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