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NIVELLE TAKES THREE LINES ON AILETTE FRONT

French Capture German Defenses in Offensive Against Laon

PARIS REPORTS GAINS IN VAUCLERC SECTOR

"Violent Attacks" Carry Allied Troops Forward in Chevreux Sector

LULL ON BRITISH FRONT

By HENRY WOOD WITH THE FRENCH ARMIES IN THE CHAMPAGNE, May 23,

Steel-clad canal and river monitors are effectively aiding the French advance in the Mount Cornillet sector. The little vessels have participated in the bombardment with as much success as they did in the battle of the Somme last fall. In the section where they are used the monitors can disappear into bomb-proofs built along the sides of the waterways they utilize, thus giving them the advantage of veritable river

Presumably these monitors are being used on the River Suippe.

French troops, pushing their offensive for the domination of the Ailette Valley leading to Laon, captured three lines of trenches today. The gains were east of Chevreux. Advances in the region beare also reported by Paris.

No activity of importance is reported from the British front. The Germans bombarded heavily the parts of the Hinaburg line held by the British, but no great attacks were undertaken by either

On the Italian front, too, a lull seems to have followed the hard fighting of the last few days. Evidently General Caforna is both consolidating his new posifions and preparing for further and more give operations on the Isonzo front. Advices from Rome today are to the effect at his real objective is Laibach, the mat of the Austrian headquarters on the Italian front and a big center of operations from which the whole movements of the Austrian army, are directed.

FRENCH BLOW HALTS GREAT GERMAN DRIVE

By HENRY WOOD

WITH THE FRENCH ARMIES AT THE CHAMPAGNE FRONT, May 23. General Nivelle's new offensive, begun lunday and thunderously continuing, forestalled a gigantic German counter-offensive

Prisoners from German lines revealed the enemy plans today. Their explanations Continued on Page Two, Column Five

UNITE TO PROTECT RAILWAY HOLDINGS

More Than 500 Investors Combine - Represent \$5,-000,000,000 of Securities

SEE PERILS TO LINES

BALTIMORE, May 23. Stirred by the appeals for a countryside effort to protect their interest durhe the present world crisis, 500 or more westers, representing more than \$5,000,-988,860 of railroad securities, today laid their foundation for a permanent organimation at a conference held today at the Holel Emerson. The visitors are here at the invitation of S. Davies Warfield, chair-man of the board of directors of the Seacoard Air Line Railway Company and my, and was the most remarkable gath-Just before adjournment for lunch, Wade Cooper, president of the United States Savings Bank, and also the Union Savings Bank, of Washington, made a motion that steps be taken at once to make the organizalien a permanent one. In this connection, he suggested that a committee on perma-be suggested that a committee on perma-ciant organization be appointed and sug-tened as members A. G. Clapham, presi-dat of the Commercial National Bank, of Washington; Major E. C. Duncan, president of the Merchants' National Bank, of Ra-ligh, N. C.: John G. Lonsdale, president

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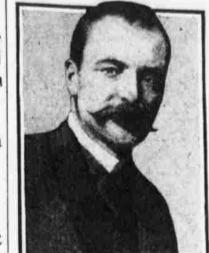
N. C.; John G. Lonsdale, president

FORECAST

For Philadelphia and vicinity-Unsetd this afternoon; partly cloudy and er tonight; Thursday fair and cool; esh westerly winds.

LENGTH OF DAY 4:39 a.m. Moon sets ... 9:59 p.m. 7:15 p.m. Moon souths. 2:19 p.m. DELAWARE RIVER TIDE CHANGES CHESTNUT STREET

water. 2.55 cm. High water. . 8:11 p.m. water. . 10:17 g.m. Low water. . 10:31 p.m. TEMPERATURE AT EACH HOUR. 9 | 10 | 11 | 12 | 1 | 2 | 3 | 4 | 5 | today was commissioned a ma adjutant-general's reserve corps.



HUNGARIAN PREMIER OUT Resignation of Count Stephen Tisza, leader of the ministry, is announced in press dispatches from Budapest.

BANKS REPORT **HUGE SALES OF** LIBERTY BONDS

Philadelphia Heeds Call of Uncle Sam to Help Win War

MILLIONS IN WILMINGTON

Uncle Sam asked Philadelphia to lend ilm \$175,000,000 to kill Prussianism.

Philadelphia has responded with such an utburst of patriotism that the echo is carried direct to the Kaiser. Action and not words is this city's slogan when the principles of the Old Liberty Bell are at stake. tween Vauciere and Californie plateaus and this is what happened today concernng the Liberty Bond campaign. Here is

> The Franklin National Bank announced to the General Committee that it had received applications amounting to more than \$2,250,000 and that this figure represented small subscriptions ranging from

> Then came the Fidelity Trust Com pany with the report that its clients had subscribed for more than \$1,500,000 of

> Before these amounts were tabulated ohnson Ward, appeared at headquarters. "Wilmington bankers," he announced," "are organized for an active campaign and assure us that they will sell \$15,000,000 of the Liberty Bonds. That will represent Delaware's share in the Phila-

delphia district campaign."
These were the striking features of the day's activities, but not a dull moment was ecorded by the general committee. Genuine "pep" was injected into the cam-laign at a meeting of the trained bond salesman in the Bellevue-Stratford shortly

KING GEORGE GREETS

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U. S. HOSPITAL FORCE

His Majesty and Queen Shake

Hands With 20 Doctors and

60 Nurses

King George, Queen Mary and the Prin-

For the first time in the history of Buck-

LONDON, May 23 .- A second American army medical unit arrived in England to-

The unit arriving in England today is base hospital unit No. 2 from the Presbyterian Hospital, New York. The unit was composed of twenty-six physicians, sixty-

five nurses and 153 privates. George E. Brewer, of New York, is director of the

Weather Clearing, Despite Warning

Willard D. Straight Gets Commission

WASHINGTON, May 23 Willard D. Straight, president of the International Banking Corporation, of New York, and formerly an officer of J. P. Morgon & Co.,

men to witness the presentation.

with the doctors and nurses.

the ideals of its civilization.

LONDON, May 28.

HUNGARIAN MINISTRY RESIGNS UNDER ATTACKS; VIENNA AGAIN PLANS PEACE OFFER TO RUSSIA

Tisza Reported Out-Austria to Give Dardanelles, Poland and Loan to Petrograd—May Break With Berlin

Germany Again Intriguing to Gain Conquests-Takes Up "No Annexation" Cry as Mask-Ribot Insists on Alsace-Lorraine and Indemnity. Socialists Prepare to Meet

The ball of peace is kept rolling in Europe. Thus far no nation-with the exception, perhaps, of Russia-has taken any definite stand on the subject, but statements and counter statements by statesmen and semiofficial spokesmen are being made for home and foreign consumption.

The most important of today's reports is that Austria-Hungary will soon make a "generous" offer of peace to Russia. Her terms, it is said, will include the freedom of the Dardanelles, the restoration of Poland, and, possibly, a

The resignation of Count Tisza, Hungarian Premier, and his Cabinet, is reported from Amsterdam. If true, the report is of extreme importance, in view of the fact that Count Tisza, Berlin's most trusted instrument in the dual monarchy, has been under severe attack from the Hungarian and peace

While one report says that Austria's plan of a separate peace with Russia is the result of conferences between Berlin and Vicana officials, the resignation of Count Tisza and his Cabinet indicates that Austria's move may be an independent one and the result of serious internal troubles, a desperate need for the cessation of the war.

Amsterdam asserts that the Central Empires have made another direct peace offer to the Allies and that it was rejected by the latter. There is no confirmation of this report.

Germany is reported to have renewed her propaganda for a Teuton peace. She is said to be seeking to pin her adversaries down to some concrete move by taking up the cry of "no annexations and no indemnities." This formula, however, is interpreted by her in a way which if put into practical application would result in a "Hindenburg peace," giving Germany some valuable additions

It is reported that German agents in neutral countries have been ordered to govern themselves accordingly in their agitation.

What is regarded as a statement of extreme importance was the one made by Premier Ribot of France in the Chamber of Deputies. Ribot expressed sympathy with the Russian slogan of "no forcible annexations and no punitive indemnities," but coupled it with the previous stand of the Allies for "restitution, reparation and guarantees." He gave what is regarded as France's terms of peace: The restoration of Alsace-Lorraine to France and he payment of an indemnity by Germany. He expressed full satisfaction with the recent declarations of the Russian Government, but exhorted the Russians to resume the offensive in order to impose their terms of peace upon the Central Empires.

The United States will soon issue a statement in reply to Russia's recent declarations. The statement, it is understood, will follow closely the policy indicated by Ribot.

Count Hertling, Bavarian Premier, who has often been mentioned as a Continued on Page Eight, Column One

EXPLAINS WILSON TERM 8000-TON U. S. SHIP VICTIM OF U-BOAT

Merchantman, With Cargo to Swiss, Sunk in Mediterranean

PROBABLY GERMAN CRAFT

ess Mary today formally received Major lichrist, twenty surgeons, sixty nurses and ive stenographers composing the first PARIS May 23 An 8000-ton American ship, carrying a American army medical unit to land in cargo destined for Switzerland, has been England en route to the front. The British torpedoed and sunk in the Mediterranean, royal family informally shook hands with it was announced today. The name of the every one of the Americans and chatted vessel was not given.

"It is with the utmost pleasure and satis-Inquiry of American shipping this afterfaction," the King said, in a formal speech, on developed the belief that the thip that the Queen and I welcome the first sunk was one of the German liners recently detachment of the American army landed seized here and pressed into service of the on our shores since the great republic re-United States merchant marine. solved to join in the world's struggle for

One shipping authority said the only vesel of anywhere near 8000 tons which he the ideals of its civilization.
"It is characteristic of the humanity and chivalry ever evinced by America that the nation's first assistance to the Allies should be in connection with a profession under the head of work of mercy." knew was in the Mediterranean was one of these German ships, which sailed recently bearing a cargo for Italy.

AMERICANS SAVED ON TWO Ambassador Page made the presentations Ambassador Fage made the presentations of the doctors and nurses. Some of the latter were noticeably flustered, but for the most part the girls kept cool heads. Some of them, at the head of the line, tried to accomplish a curtisey, but failed dismally. Those behind, noting such failures, confined themselves to mere bows as the King and themselves to heads, democratically with VICTIMS OF SUBMARINES

NEW YORK, May 23.—Sinking of the British steamships Hackensack and Thistie-ard by German submarines, but with rescue of Americans aboard those vessels, was reorted by travelers in New York today.
The Hackensack was en route to a
ritish port from America. She was tor-Queen shook hands democratically with British port from America. She was tor-pedoed and sunk the day after she had picked up survivors of the Swedish sailing ship Valkyrie and the Norwegian sailing ship Vestdal. The Vestdal was sunk by shell fire from a U-boat. John Wilson, of ingham Palace, also, the reception of the American medical unit was the occasion for a grant of special permission to newspaper-Pensacola, Fla., was rescued from the Hack-

Clarence Feiton, of Norfolk, and Louis McNeil, of Philadelphia, were two American survivors of the Thistieard. The ship was the victim of an unwarned torpedo attack sank in four minutes, but with no

JOFFRE AND VIVIANI ARRIVE IN PARIS

Weather Clearing, Despite Warning
Storm warnings issued in Washington for
display of signals along the coast from
Eastport, Me. to Tybes Island, Ga., will
not be borne out by disturbances in and
about Philadelphia, local Weather Bureau
officials said today. The storm warnings
are for shipping only, and caution mariners
against high winds. Rain in Philadelphia
is virtually over and a clearing is in sight,
it was predicted. Departure of French Commissioners From U. S. Kept Secret by Voluntary Censorship of Press

PARIS. May 23. Marshal Joffre and former Premier Viviani arrived in Paris this evening, completing their mission to the

Marshal Joffre. Vice Premier Viviani and other members of the French war commission sailed from New York May 15. Their departure was kept such a close secret under the voluntary censorship that it was generally believed the Frenchmen were still in Washington. They sailed on the same steamship that brought them over.

"SPECIAL GRIEVANCE"

Senator Lewis Clarifies Meaning of President's Phrase, Misunderstood by Some Persons

WASHINGTON, May 22. In a remarkable speech today Senator Lewis, Illinois, replied to critics of Presi-dent Wilson's speech to the directors of the American Red Cross in which the President said this country had "no special grievance" upon entering the war.

There has been a great misapprehension as to what the President meant. Lewis said. I believe I may say be meant this country had no one particular grievance, but did have broad grounds—world democracy and the rights of mankind."

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Lewis said if the present "misapprehenslon were allowed to continue the Government would have difficulty floating its bonds nent would have difficulty marking its bonds and pursuing its military program."

Lewis declared the President "soffered unfortunate experiences" when he spoke extemporaneously and referred to the Philiadelphia addresses in which the President declared the United States might be "foo proud to fight."

Declaring that many people in Illinois had received circulars from a vertain

Declaring that many people in Illinois had received circulars from a vertain agency setting forth the President's idea that "no grievance" is held by this country in the war, Lewis said:

"The interrogation will blaze up before the eyes of the people: "Why sacrifice the children? Why give the mixes?" Why hankrupt the future? Why have this food control and apparent dictatorship upon the events and conduct of mankind in America."

What the President meant, Lewis declared, was that America had "no specific grievance."

The President meant America's grievance was "not special from that which was had by other countries—that is the grievance of France, Britain and the grievance of democracy. America's grievance is not special from the grievance of mankind."

The President's use of the word was ety mologically and rhetorically correct. Mis-understanding, spoken of by Senator Lewis may have occurred in the minds of sloven! writers and speakers, whose usage is collo-quial rather than exact. Such persons mis-use "special" in a negative or indifferent use "special" in a negative or indifferent sense. Such a phase as "no special griev-sice" to them would mean virtually no grievance at all, and not as the President signified no "particular" or "specific" griev-

Man's Body Found in River The body of an unidentified man was

Arch street wharf this morning. There were no distinguishing marks about the clothing or body. The description given by the police follows: Height, five feet and seven inches; age about forty-five years; smooth shaved, dark suit, black lace shoes and pink shirt. The body is at the morgue.

500 Villistas Surrender WASHINGTON, May 23.—Five hundred

QUICK NEWS

MEXICANS CAUGHT SMUGGLING MUNITIONS

EL PASO, Tex., May 23 .- Caught in the act of passing large quantities of munitions across the Rio Grande into Mexico three Mexicans were arrested near Fabens, Tex., last night, border patrol troops of the Eighth United States Cavalry reported today. Twenty Mexicans have been arrested for the same offense along the border の心氏に重量 芸婦組織状態を コール

MANN SAYS HE'LL VOTE AGAINST WAR TAX BILL

WASHINGTON, May 23 .- Republican Leader Mann announced in the House this afternon that he would vote against the war tax bill because "it attempts to raise too much money by direct taxes."

TREASURY CERTIFICATES SUBSCRIPTION CLOSED

The Federal Reserve Bank of Philadelphia announced this afternoon that the subscription lists for the United States Treasury 3 1-4 per cent certificates were closed at 2 o'clock.

SAMUEL REA FAVORS U. S. REGULATION OF PURCHASES

WASHINGTON, May 23.—The Interstate Commerce Commission today opened a hearing to shippers on the 15 per cent advance rate in freight. Samuel Rea, president of the Pennsylvania Railroad, the first witness, said he favored Government regulation of the purchase of railroad supplies.

TOMMIES HAIL NEWS OF PERSHING'S COMING

By WILLIAM PHILIP SIMMS WITH THE BRITISH ARMIES IN THE FIELD, May 23 .- The Tommies

got word today that General Pershing's seasoned veterans were soon to be fighting with them. "Well, the Kaiser's got another disagreeable surprise coming to him," remarked one mud-covered bombardier from the front trench as he rolled back of the lines for rest. "He probably didn't figure on how quickly the United States could put forces into the fight." Everywhere along the front, soldiers and officers alike, hailed the news with delight.

LISBON UNDER MARTIAL LAW TO QUELL FOOD RIOTS

PARIS. May 23.-Martial Law has been declared in Lisbon, Portugal, as the sull of food riots there, according to a dispatch received here today,

SNOW AND ICE HIT MICHIGAN

CALUMET, Mich., May 23.-Northern Michigan was visited by a cold wave, Keweenaw Point east beyond Marquette.

FOUR DUTCH VILLAGES WIPED OUT BY FIRE

AMSTERDAM, May 22.- A great fire is raging in Drenthe Province, which orders on Cermany. Four villages have been wiped out and the flames are spreading. The fire started in a peat bog.

AMERICAN WAR AVIATOR WINS BRITISH CROSS

PARIS, May 23.-Adjutant Raoul Luffberry, of New York, premier "ace" in the Lafayette Escadrille, was today awarded the British military cross by direction of King George of England.

ARMY TO SPEND \$118,000,000 FOR AUTO TRUCKS WASHINGTON, May 23 .- The War Department has set aside \$118,000,000 for

the purchase of autotrucks for the army. Bids for 35,000 112-ton trucks, 30,000 3-ton truck and 5000 motorcycles will be opened in Chicago between June 8 and

NORWAY AROUSED BY SINKING OF THREE MORE SHIPS CHRISTIANIA, May 22. Three more Norwegian merchant ships have been

sunk by German submarines, bringing the relations between this country and Germany to the breaking point. It was said that loss of life attended the destruction of the ships. The names of the vessels were not made known.

SINKING MAY BRING BRAZIL INTO WAR

RIO DE JANEIRO, May 23.- President Braz called a special meeting of the abinet today to discuss the sinking, presumably by a German submarine, of the Brazilian steamship Tijuca. Public excitement is at the highest pitch in clew of almost universal belief that Brazil will change her break with Germany into a declaration of war.

RUSSIAN MUSSULMAN'S FAVOR "FEDERAL REPUBLIC"

a "federated republic" in Russia.

MOSCOW, May 23.-A congress of Mussulmans, with delegates from all over Russia, adopted by a vote of 446 to 271 today a resolution favoring institution of

RAILROAD EARNINGS IN MARCH SHOWED \$10,000,000 LOSS

WASHINGTON, May 23.—Railroad earnings stropped off nearly \$19,000,000 in March, 1917, as compared with March, 1916, according to figures on net earnings of the 187 principal steam roads of the United States, made public today by the Interstate Commerce Commission. The southern roads were the only ones to show a gain. In March, 1917, the American railroads earned \$73.574,537 as compared with \$83,145,225 in 1916. Eastern roads earned \$27,219,254 in March this year, and \$34,243,509 in March, 1916. Western roads earned \$32,329,509 in March, 1917 as compared with \$24,945,713 in March of last year. The southern railroads earned \$14,042,174 in March of this year, as compared with \$13,957,003 last year,

FIRM PAYS EXTRA DIVIDEND IN LIBERTY BONDS

BOSTON, May 23.-Directors of the Heywood Brothers & Wakefield Company ve declared the regular semiannual dividend of \$4 a share on the common stock. payable June 1 to stock of record May 22; also an extra dividend of \$5 a share, to paid in Liberty Loan bonds as soon as the bonds are available for delivery.

GERMAN SITUATION GRAVE, LATIN-AMERICANS SAY

GENEVA, May 23.-The Cuban Minister to Germany, accompanied by the Guatemalan Minister, arrived here today from Berlin. Both said the situation in Germany was serious. The people are discontented and the food shortage is Villistas have surrendered to Carransa forces at Chihuahua, according to information reaching the State Department today. causing intense suffering. They were accompanied from Berlin to the Swiss frontier

DELAY DENIED TO P. R. T. IN TRANSIT CASE

Head Sets Hearing for Tuesday

Senate Committee's Acting

IGNORES BALLARD PLEA

Director Twining Refuses to Say What Next Move Will Be

The Philadelphia Kapid Transit Company will have an opportunity to present its reasons for opposing the four measures now pending in the Legislature at a hearing be-fere the Judiciary General Committee in Harrisburg next Tuesday afternoon.

Senator August F. Daix, Jr., acting chairman of the committee, who presided at the hearing yesterday when the city's arguments in favor of the measures were presented, telegraphed to Ellis Ames Ballard, thief counsel for the company, toflay that the company would be heard on that data.

Earlier today Senator Daix had announced that he would let the company
choose Tuesday or Wednesday of next week
to present its case. Following conferences
with other members of the committee, however, the following telegram was sent to
Mr. Ballard: "Your letter of May 21 received in refer-

ence to transit bills. You requested a post-ponement. Will hear your side Tuesday. May 29, at 2:30 o'clock in the Senate caucus Fixing the date on Tuesday proves that

the committee is not disposed to arrange matters to suit the convenience of the transit company, for in Mr. Ballard's letter yesterday, requesting the postponement, he asked that the hearing be set for some date other than Tuesday. As Mr. Ballard was not in the city today,

as all, Ballard was not in the city today, it could not be learned whether the company would agree to appear on Tuesday after having asked for some other date.

The move of the company yesterday in making an eleventh-hour request for a further hearing was roundly denounced by Senator Daix as a move for obstruction and delay. He also declared today that he

and delay. He also declared today that he would use every effort to have the bills reported from committee and passed in their original form. man of the Judiciary General Committee.

In spile of the unexpected opposition to the bills from the Penrose-McNichol faction in the Legislature, both Director Twining and Pinance Committee Chairman Gaffrey joined today in optimistic prophecies over the future of the bills and expressed their satisfaction as to the results of the hearing.

TWINING ENCOURAGED "I feel that the hearing yesterday," said the Director, "impressor the committee very favorably with the importance of this legislation from the city's standpoint and also with the fairness of the various measures. I feel greatly encouraged and believe that the city stands a good chance now of getting this legislation.

"The city's position is clearly stated now for the first time officially and the important bearing these bills have upon the lease negotiations is understood plainly

"The United Business Men's Association deserves great credit for the interest and enthusiasm evidenced yesterday by the delegation which went to Harrisburg and by those who spoke for the association ba-

"I hope the hearing for the other side will be set at as early a date as possible. in order that any move for delay may be defeated and in order that there will be ample time to have the bills reported from

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FLOWER MARKET FETE OF BLOOM

Rittenhouse Square Gay With Blossoms for Annual Event

PROFITS FOR CHARITY

Rittenhouse Square bloomed in color and fragrance today. It was the square's annual Flower Market Day and the clouds and raindrops could not keep away the throngs that wanted to stroll through the hooth-bordered walks.

Beneath red and white striped awnings matrons of the fashionable world and de-butantes and sub-debutantes sold Argentine orchids and Texas onions, lettuce sandwiches and garden rakes, bizarre culceolaria and fragrant lilacs. It was a great, big hodge-podge of things put together to make a beautiful and picturesque fete of belated

NAVAL RESERVES THERE

The inevitable touch of war was given by a squad of Maryland naval reserves, who strung varicolored signal flags around the fountains as boundaries for the refreshment booth conducted by women of the Navy League. The touch of Paris was lent by the booths themselves, which were about a from Parisian models, and by adapted from Parisian models, and by flower girls who would in and out among the crush of buyers, bearing bouquets and potted plants on their trays. The touch of war-made economy was contributed in

of war-made economy was contributed in signs which instructed patrons to carry their own small packages.

The list of managers of the bazaar bristled with names famous in society. Mrs. Ell Kirk Price was chairman; Mrs. Thomas L. Elwyn, treasurer, and Mrs. W. Howard Panconst, secretary. Fromtuent among the sooth managers were Mrs. Henry Brinton Cover Mrs. Joseph Leidy. Was Theodore W. booth managers were Mrs. Henry Brinton Coxe, Mrs. Joseph Leidy, Mrs. Theodore W. Cramp, Mrs. J. W. Pepper, Mrs. E. B. Cas-satt, Mrs. Edward Crozer, Mrs. J. Ridgway Reilly, Mrs. John P. Hollingsworth, Mrs. T. Henry Dixon, Mrs. W. J. Hughes, Mrs. C. Howard Clark and Mrs. Thomas Robins, Beside these, the social register was drawn on freely to provide names of aides and salesworth.

PROCEEDS FOR PHILANTHROPY The profits of the festival will be distributed equally between the Woman's Sestion of the Navy League, the Child Federation, Lincoln Day Nursery and the Rittenhouse Square Improvement Association, Everything that was sold—and the articles included funcifully decorated garden utensils, sand toya, soda water, sandwiches and

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ife in U.S. Fleet is Brilliantly Described in a Series of Articles by Gouverneur Morris, Beginning in Tomorrow's Evening Ledger