

JAPAN TO SPEED GREAT ARMY TO RUSSIAN FRONT

TOKIO PLANS BIG FORCE TO AID SLAV LINE

Move Planned to Save Asia From German Aggression

FEAR OF SEPARATE PEACE THE REASON

Vienna Rushes Re-enforcements to Carso Lines to Save Trieste

AUSTRIAN LOSSES 60,000

ROME, May 28. The village of San Giovanni is the latest Austro-Hungarian stronghold to fall before the great Italian offensive.

WASHINGTON, May 28. Dispatch of Japanese troops in large force to the Russian front is "apparently the next big move in the world war," it was authoritatively predicted today.

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AUSTRIA RUSHES ARMY FOR DEFENSE OF TRIESTE

ROME, May 28. Austria is massing every man of her reserves for a last desperate defense of Trieste.

Estimates from today put the total Austrian losses in dead, wounded and missing since May 14, when the Italian offensive started, at 60,000 men.

All prisoners declare their orders were to resist the Italian advance at all cost. All were unanimous in declaring the hurricane of artillery fire to which they were subjected was appalling in its infliction of losses.

Then came the overwhelmingly dazzling advance of the Italian infantrymen.

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THE WEATHER

FORECAST For Philadelphia and vicinity—Showers and thunderstorms this afternoon and tonight; Tuesday probably fair and slightly warmer; fresh to strong winds, mostly northeast.

TORNADOES KILL 323, INJURE 1565

Series of Storms in Seven States Cause Great Damage in Three-Day Period

PROPERTY LOSS MILLIONS

CHICAGO, May 28. Three hundred and twenty-three persons were known to be dead today as a result of series of tornadoes which swept Illinois and Indiana on Saturday, southern Illinois, parts of Tennessee, Arkansas, Kentucky and Alabama late yesterday and Kansas on Friday.

The dead and injured are listed as follows: Illinois, 125 dead, 750 injured; Kentucky, sixty dead, 100 injured; Kansas, twenty-six dead, sixty injured; Arkansas, forty dead, thirty-five dead, 154 injured; Indiana, seven dead, 300 injured; Tennessee, twenty-nine dead, 199 injured.

The heaviest loss of life was in Mattoon, Ill., city of 15,000 population, where Saturday afternoon's storm, exacted a total of sixty-three known dead and injured estimated from 200 to 500.

Charleston, Ill., twelve miles east of Mattoon, also was partly wrecked, with a loss of fifty lives. The injured are estimated from sixty to 150.

Recovery of bodies of the dead, succor of the living and the care of the homeless was proceeding rapidly today.

PHILADELPHIA GUARDSMAN ACCIDENTALLY SHOT

Robert Hutchinson, of First Regiment, in Columbia Hospital, Suffering Serious Wound

Word was received in Philadelphia this afternoon that Robert Hutchinson, of Philadelphia, a private of Company K, First Regiment, National Guard of Pennsylvania, was accidentally shot while standing in his tent by a fellow guardsman.

Hutchinson is in serious condition in the Columbia, Pa., Hospital. The other soldier, it is said, was examining his rifle when it was accidentally discharged.

The men are members of a detachment which is guarding the Pennsylvania Railroad bridge at Safe Harbor. Officers of the guard are making an investigation.

LADY FROM MONTANA, IN FIRST HOUSE SPEECH, WINS OVATION

Miss Rankin Offers Amendment to Utilize Women's Work in Food Conservation

Unanimous Action After Congresswoman Explains Position in Graceful Address

WASHINGTON, May 28. Miss Jeannette Rankin, of Montana, gave, in the House this afternoon, the first maiden speech in the House this afternoon.

PHILADELPHIA OPENS PURSE TO LOAN PLEA

Splendid Response to \$50,000,000 Boost in City's Bond Allotment

MORE THAN \$10,000,000

Move to Sell Speedily City's New Allotment

PHILADELPHIA'S allotment of the Liberty Loan was today raised from \$200,000,000 to \$250,000,000.

Ten-dollar bonds, styled by bankers "participation certificates," will be circulated in this city during present week, according to officials of Liberty Bond campaign committee.

Bond sales force to be increased to 50,000 in effort to put a Liberty Bond in every home.

Camden County subscribes for \$2,000,000 of its quota of \$4,500,000. Campaign starts week with renewed energy and committee determined to have city's share oversubscribed.

Subscriptions totaling more than \$10,000,000 is today's record in the Philadelphia Liberty Bond campaign.

The big building purge of the Quaker City and surrounding towns opened early in the morning and until campaign headquarters closed money poured in.

The stream of coin to Philadelphia's treasury to the order sent from Washington early this morning that instead of \$200,000,000 the city must subscribe to a \$250,000,000 allotment of Liberty Bonds.

"That this amount fails to dismystify the campaign committee is apparent from returns obtained. First came the Pennsylvania Railroad with a \$5,000,000 subscription. This is one of the largest subscriptions received in the eight days' campaign and served to put new life in the army of Liberty Bond workers.

Two big industrial plants that declined to have their names used, subscribed for \$1,000,000 each and the banks in Williamsport reported that the campaign to date in that city has netted \$700,000.

Resides these big subscriptions, small but scrupulous flooded headquarters and before half of them were tabulated members of the committee estimated that they would total more than \$3,000,000.

SALES FORCE MULTIPLIED Work of perfecting a sales force of 50,000 is being pushed with vigor and by next Friday morning the campaign will take on proportions that will dwarf present activities.

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CONTRACTS FOR 24 WOODEN SHIPS LET

Denman Program in Progress Despite General Goethals's Opposition

ALL GO TO PACIFIC COAST

WASHINGTON, May 28. Announcement by the United States Shipping Board today of the letting of contracts for twenty-four wooden, six steel and twenty composite cargo vessels confirms the statement made Saturday by Chairman William Denman, of that board, that wooden, as well as steel ships, would be built, despite the attack made by Major General George W. Goethals on the wooden ship program.

In advocating the construction of steel vessels for the American merchant marine, General Goethals said: "Birds are still nesting in the trees that it is proposed to make into ships in the short space of eighteen months."

The contract awarded today shows that the "emergency fleet corporation," which was created to meet the submarine menace by providing a large number of cargo ships to replace the tonnage lost by torpedoing, will not be able to "build ships faster than the submarines can sink them" for some time.

Twenty months to build. The awards today show that the first wooden ship will not be completed until a year from today.

The fact that more wooden ship contracts were awarded today is believed to increase the likelihood that General Goethals will resign from the office he accepted at the earnest solicitation of the Administration.

Authority divided. When the Senate provided the vast sum for merchant ship construction it amended the House bill so that the general manager of the United States Shipping Board Emergency Fleet Corporation should have unrestricted authority.

HOUSE PASSES LEVER BILL ON FOOD CENSUS

Pending Legislation Provides for Increased Production and Conservation by Educational Methods

WASHINGTON, May 28. The first step toward food legislation was formally taken today when the House without a record vote passed the Lever food census bill, carrying an appropriation of \$4,775,000 for a food census and for distributing seed to farmers.

The bill provides a thorough food census, and makes provision for increasing food production, eliminating waste and promoting conservation of food by educational and demonstrational methods.

Incorporated in the bill is the amendment of Miss Jeannette Rankin, that, in gathering information for the census, during discussion of the food-production bill.

"I will not vote for this looting of the Treasury under guise of emergency legislation," shouted Senator McKellar, Tennessee, and Senator Hitchcock, Nebraska, referring to money for animal-disease eradication.

"You are trying to save \$450,000, but you are going to cost the country more than \$250,000,000 a year in dead live stock," retorted Senator Gore of Oklahoma. "With steak at 50 cents a pound you are planning to lose \$100,000,000 worth of meat a year."

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QUICK NEWS ALL MAJOR LEAGUE GAMES POSTPONED ON ACCOUNT OF RAIN

WASHINGTON, May 28.—House and Senate rejected the Gregory espionage bill today decided to let the censorship fight go into Congress again. The bill carrying the censorship cause agreed upon Saturday will be reported out in the House and Senate tomorrow.

GERMAN AND AUSTRIAN CLERICS TO REMAIN

WASHINGTON, May 28.—German and Austrian clerics remaining here with the Swiss and Swedish legations, at the latter's request to assist in looking after Austrian and German interests, will be permitted to continue their work unhampered.

SAFETY DEPARTMENT TAKES \$11,700 OF LIBERTY LOAN

William H. Wilson, director of public safety, announced today that the executives in his department have subscribed for \$11,700 of the Liberty Loan and that an effort will be made to win the support of every man in the department.

EDUCATION BOARD TO USE HORNOR BUILDING

The Hornor Building, formerly occupied by the Penn Mutual Insurance Company, will be the administrative headquarters of the Board of Education after September 1. This was decided at a meeting of the board this afternoon.

LIBERTY LOAN SUBSCRIPTIONS TOTAL \$1,383,000,000

NEW YORK, May 28.—Subscriptions to the Liberty Loan, it was learned unofficially, totaled until today \$1,383,000,000. The tremendous increase in subscriptions reached its highest on Friday, when the advance guard, the industrial and railroad corporations throughout the country, pledged large amounts to the loan.

PHILADELPHIA HOSPITAL UNIT SAFE IN ENGLAND

Philadelphia's pioneer contribution to the war, Base Hospital No. 10, arrived safely in Liverpool, according to cablegrams received today. The physicians, nurses, nurses' aids and several score of other members of the hospital are headed by Dr. Richard H. Harte.

JUNE BUG, FAVORITE AT JAMAICA, OUTSPRINTS FAST FIELD IN OPENER

Dianthea, Backed at 10 to 1, Trails in First Race on Get-Away-Day Program—Transit a Winner

JAMAICA, L. I., May 28.—A heavy track and threatening weather marked the closing day of the spring meeting here this afternoon. In the opening event on the get-away-day program, June Bug, handled by Troxler, led Dianthea and Confucation to the wire. June Bug was backed at 2 to 1, 4 to 3 and 2 to 1.

TRANSIT DELAY TO SAVE COSTS, MAYOR'S PLAN

Smith Would Wait Until Conditions Are Normal

LABOR AND MATERIAL PRICES TOO HIGH NOW

Frankford Elevated Expected, as Contracts for It Are Satisfactory

JUSTICE TO TAXPAYERS

Mayor's Transit Views as Changed by War

1. He declares the Frankford elevated should be built on the line from Bridge street south without further delay.

2. Contracts for the subway delivery loop and the Broad street subway from South to Stiles street should be let as soon as permitted by the Public Service Commission.

3. Still hopes a satisfactory lease can be executed between the city and the Philadelphia Rapid Transit Company.

4. Transit Company as operator to arrange for transfers so that a single fare could carry passengers on all lines.

Mayor Smith frankly declared today that in view of present abnormal conditions he favored the postponement of the transit construction program until such time as it shall be physically and financially possible to proceed with the work.

The Mayor said the exception, however, that the Frankford elevated should be completed from Bridge street south and the contracts for the subway delivery loop and the Broad street subway from South to Stiles street, for which bids were opened several months ago, should be awarded as soon as the Public Service Commission grants the necessary certificates.

The Mayor said he understood that the contractors who submitted bids for the work had obtained options on steel and other materials and, as the bids for the work were not above the transit department estimates, there could be no reason why this part of the program should not be carried forward to completion.

"There have been far too many delays already," the Mayor said, "but we are facing an unparalleled condition and in justice to the taxpayers, whose money is to be spent, and to the Federal Government, which now needs money and materials, there seems to be no choice open to us."

"It is doubtful if we could carry the construction program forward even if we should choose to do so, and on account of the abnormal prices and the scarcity of labor it seems to me that to push forward the entire transit plan would simply be to throw the taxpayers' money into the sewer."

"The Frankford elevated, which would be pushed to completion at once, it should be operated, too, as soon as completed, but I am against any lease, even temporary, for this line which would involve such a heavy outlay of money as to be a heavy burden on the entire system and the lines should never be leased as units. Of course the contingency must be provided which would take it advisable to lease the Frankford elevated temporarily in order to get it in operation while the remainder of the system is being carried to completion, but I am against any splitting of the system as a general proposition."

"Concerning the work in the center of the city, we have already received bids for the subway delivery loop and for part of the Broad street subway. The amount of these bids was within the department's estimate of what the work should cost, and I understand that the bidders have options on materials and, therefore, I can see no reason why this part of the work should not be carried forward as soon as the Public Service Commission grants the certificates of public convenience."

"This work in the center of the city is the most difficult from a construction standpoint and will require the longest time to complete. The war cannot last forever and we feel that conditions will approach normal again as soon as the war ends. Therefore, by carrying forward the work on the delivery loop and the Broad street subway the heart of the system will be well under way by the time other contracts can be let."

The Mayor expressed again his hope that a satisfactory lease would be executed with the Philadelphia Rapid Transit Company in spite of his declaration before the Senate Judiciary General Committee in Harrisburg last Tuesday that he had come to the conclusion that it would not be possible to reach a satisfactory agreement without the aid of the bills pending in the Legislature.

"We want to give the people a lease anywhere for a single fare, whether that fare be five, six or seven cents. Unless the transit company is the operator it will be difficult, if not impossible, to do this, and for this reason above all others I am still hoping that satisfactory leasing arrangements will be made with the present company."

STANDINGS OF THE CLUBS

NATIONAL LEAGUE

AMERICAN LEAGUE