# CITY OF LENS DOOMED; GERMANS DRIVEN BACK

## SMASHING BLOWS OF BRITISH FORCE ENEMY TO QUIT TRENCH LINES GUARDING COAL CENTER

Teutons Fighting Desperately in Town's Ruins-Canadians Capture Suburb. Foe Trapped in Dugouts and Killed by Bombs

By WILLIAM PHILIP SIMMS

WITH THE BRITISH ARMIES IN THE FIELD, June 28. Reduced to necessity of fighting from the ruins of a burned city, their owerful trenches outside the town having been taken, the Germans' position Lens became extremely critical this afternoon with fresh British advances. The Germans blew up a bridge over the Souchez River leading to the city

m the outskirts of Avion, now in full possession of the British. Canadian patrols were reported at headquarters this afternoon as having rived close to Mericourt. Canadian forces have already taken the village of

Eleu-dit-Leauvette, one-half mile from the city limits of Lens, Astride the Lens-Arras Railroad, the Canadians are pressing further forward toward Lens as this cable is written. A portion of the Avion-Mericourt nemy "switch line" has just been captured-and with very slight losses to the

Prussian troops, trapped in dugouts in this section, refused to surrender end the positions were cleared by bombs.

The enemy in the coal mines between the forks of the Arras-Lens and occurt-Lens Railway is bitterly resisting the British advance, but this afteroon it was asserted the British had the situation "well in hand." The British now touch Lens proper on three sides.

GRIFFMEN EVEN.

COUNT WITH A'S

Eighth-Inning Rally Ties

Score in Johnson vs.

Johnson Match

McINNIS STAR AT BAT

By ROBERT W. MAXWELL

The Mackmen hopped on the hurling o

he pitching prince, Walter Johnson, here

this afternoon. The score at the end of the

It was a Johnson vs. Johnson struggle be-

sixth inning: Athletics. 3; Washington, 7.

great speed king. Walter. The former

Ursinus youth not only outpitched his older

rival, but his infield single in the sixth inning sent two runs over the plate and gave

the local talent the lead.

The infield was very tightly packed today, and any drive that hit on the inner greens

bounded high in the air, Lee Gooch, the Mack hitting phenom, faced Walter Johnson for the first time. The

Washington pitcher fanned Gooch twice and the third time Gooch grounded infield out scored Bates on the play.

Manager Griffith took a scouting trip

FIRST INNING

R. Johnson, who covered first. No runs, no

Innis fanned. No runs, two hits, no errors

SECOND INNING

Rice's grounder bounded over Grover'

THIRD INNING

FOURTH INNING

Bates lined to Rice. McInnis beat out a bit to short. As Gooch fanned, McInnis reached second when Shanks muffed Ain-

FIFTH INNING

Witt flied to Menoskey. Strunk

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Fuse Official Hurt in Explosion

Madden Sells Fourteen Horses

Maguer Yorks, June 28.—One of the largest private sales of thoroughbred yearlings in re-cent years has been announced by John R-faddon. The largest breeder in the country has dispused of fourteen yearlings, all by Ow-dan, to Willia Sharps Kilmer, of Bughamton

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smith's perfect throw. Haley ft Milan. No runs, one hit, one error.

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SHIBE PARK, June 28.

Eleu-dit-Leauvette is located half a mile wind Lievin, where some time ago the mans made a desperate stand against the British advance. Avion, where the Canadians last week made some brilliant Mances, is about three-quarters of a mile south of Lens and about the same disince southeast of Eleu-dit-Leauvette.

### AUSTRIA SHIFTS TROOPS, FEARING RUSSIAN DRIVE

ROME. June 28. The Central Powers are beginning to ar that Russia will soon be an active parant in the Allied plans of joint offensive

Word received from the front today aserted that there were evidences there at a considerable number of Austrian ons had been hurriedly withdrawn m the Italian front and transferred back Many of these were troops which se shifted from the northern fighting line the height of General Cadorna's offensive stiffen the weakening enemy front. At time the Central Powers were confident success of their separate plot against wa, and had virtually stopped all ting on the Russian front by deliberschemed fraternization with the sol-

### GERMANS AGAIN FAIL IN ATTACK ON FRENCH

PARIS, June 28. A violent artillery engagement today suc-teded the intantry fighting in the Hurtebise and Cornillet sectors of the French front. rding to the official statement. A German attack directed against the Wattwiller salient failed. A number of enemy were killed.

## NCLE SAM WILL PAY WAR BILLS PROMPTLY

rtermaster General Sends Reassuring Letter to General Munitions Board

WASHINGTON, June 28 .- Contractors are hesitating to accept Government is, fearing that payment will be unreasdelayed, were assured today by Aftermaster General Sharpe, in an open at to the general munitions board of the smell of National Defense, that all debts acted by the War or Navy Departhis for war materials will be promptly

The Navy Department always has mainhied a practice of making payment seven by after delivery. A similar policy will put into force by the War Department.

## Motorist Hits Aged Woman

drick Keaveney, eighteen years old, Wattins street, was held under \$500 this afternoon by Magistrate Beaton, see of assault and battery and reckless fag. As she was crossing Germantown at Susquehanna avenue, Mrs. Mar-yer, eighty-two years old, 2211 North nth street, was struck by the motor-i driven by Keaveney. Mrs .Blyer was ed to the Stetson Hospital, where it was that owing to her advanced age Mrs.

## Boy Struck by Motorcar

Leonard lifted to Strunk, Menoskey walked, Murray singled to right, Menoskey going to third. Alasmith singled off Grover's glove, Menoskey scoring, and Murray going to third, and Alasmith took second on the throw-in, W. Johnson fanned. Bates threw out Judge. One run, two hits. old Smith, eleven years old, 1736 th Nineteenth street, was knocked down an automobile this afternoon at Oxford Bouvier streets, suffering lacerations the araip. He was taken to St. Joseph's Ter, 308 Cynwyd avenue. Grover walked. W. Johnson threw out R

## THE WEATHER

FORECAST or Philadelphia and vicinity-Partly dy and unsettled tonight and Friday, probably thundershowers; continued crately warm; gentle variable winds.

PAULSBORO, N. J., June 28.—D. Jackson, an official at the plant of the Standard
Fuse Corporation here, was seriously injured when a slight explosion occurred at
the plant, while a test was being made. A
plece of fuse struck him in the abdomen,
inflicting an ugly wound. He was removed
to a heapital. LENGTH OF DAY Heat ... 4 23 a.m. Moon sets... 6:46 p.m. DELAWARE RIVER TIDE CHANGES CHESTNUT STREET

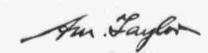
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## TAYLOR'S WARNING TO THE PUBLIC

VACILLATION, delays, misrepresentations and politics have brought Philadelphia's transit development to the brink of destruction. Coming events will soon prove this fact.

When the construction of the high-speed lines is indefinitely postponed and the car riders of Philadelphia are thus denied the facilities and transfers which were arranged and made available on an equitable basis for their relief, they will take the transit problem into their own hands and settle it in their own interest, and I shall be glad to help them do it.

June 28, 1917.



## MAYOR FOR CITY OPERATION OR LEASE TO INDEPENDENTS IF P. R. T. REJECTS OFFER

Smith Outlines Program to Force Company Into Agreement or Else Prevent Its Having Anything to Do With

System

Mayor Smith's first official act today upon his return from the transit fight at Harrisburg was to sign the Councils' ordinance authorizing Director of Transit Twining to prepare a new lease for the operation of the city-built highspeed lines, to be submitted to the Philadelphia Rapid Transit Company.

The Mayor announced that, following the defeat of the Salus transit bill in the State House of Representatives yesterday, he was preparing a new plan for rapid transit for Philadelphia, independent of the Philadelphia Rapid Transit Company. The bill which he signed today was passed by Councils last week. The Mayor said his new transit program would be as follows:

Place the city in a position to operate its lines as a separate system, independent of the Philadelphia Rapid Transit Company.

To accomplish this, obtain authority for the construction of the Chestnut street subway as essential to the new plan.

Have Transit Director Twining file next Monday with the Public Service Commission an application for certificates permitting the construction of the Chestnut street subway. Upon the issuance of these necessary certificates order the work

of construction on all the lines to proceed with all practicable speed. Have Director Twining, in pursuance of the order of Councils, proceed at once to prepare a new contract for submission to the Philadelphia Rapid Transit Company.

Seek independent operation of the city-owned lines if the Philadelphia Rapid Transit Company shall reject this new contract.

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U.S. TO FIX PRICE

July 1, With Inquiry

to Follow

Late this afternoon the size of the cut in the price of coal had not been

definitely decided upon, but the oper-

ators were in conference with officials,

and it was stated that when the maxi-

mum price was agreed upon it would be from \$1.50 to \$2 per ton lower than

the prevailing prices. A formal an-

nouncement was promised for tonight.

In any event, it was made certain the

American public will save millions of

The coal operators today adopted resolu-

tions requesting the Secretary of the In-

terior, the Federal Trade Commission and

the committee on coal production of the

Council of National Defense to fix a fair

and reasonable price at which the operators

in the several coal districts of the United States shall sell coal. The convention pre-

sented to Chairman Peabody a suggestion

for use by these Government agencies in

The text of the two resolutions, which

were adopted unanimously, and which Chairman Peabody described as "spech-

making and establishing a precedent which

he believed every large industry in the

That it is the sense of this meeting that a committee of seven for each coal-producing State and an additional committee of seven appointed by the representatives of the anthracite industry be

appointed by the representatives of each

State now attending this convention to confer with the Secretary of the Interior,

the Federal Trade Commission and the committee on coal production of the Council of National Defense, to the end

that production be stimulated and plans be perfected to provide adequate means

That these committees report forth-

with to the Secretary of the Interior, the Federal Trade Commission and the com-mittee on coal production of the Council

of National Defense costs and condi-

Child Killed by Trolley Car

READING, Pa., June 28.-Frightened by

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of distribution; and, further,

ountry would follow," was as follows:

fixing the tentative price.

WASHINGTON, June 28.

dollars through today's action.

WASHINGTON, June 28,

**COAL MEN ASK** 

## PHILS SCORE IN EIGHTH OF SECOND

Banny Counts First Tally Want Tentative Figure for on Gavvy's Hit-Oeschger in Form

CHENEY ALSO HURLS WELL TO APPOINT COMMITTEE

EBBETS PARK, Brooklyn, N. Y., June 28, Joe Oeschger and Larry Chency hooked up in a great pitching duel today in the second half of the double-header between the Phillies and the Dodgers. In the first seven lunings each team made three hits, Judge lined to Strunk. R. Johnson knocked down Shanks's drive and Grover threw him out. Milan went out, McInnts to widely scattered.

hits, no errors.

Menoskey got Witt's foul after a hard run and fell over the coping in front of the pavilion, but he escaped injury. Strunk beat out an infield grounder. Bodie filed to Menoskey. Bates singled to center, Strunk going to third. Bates stole second. Me-Ocschger was wild and gave six bases on Ocschiger was wild and gave six bases on balls in the time, but he was effective in pinches and received excellent support.

Myers played first for Brooklyn after the first inning as a result of a slight injury to Johnson in sliding in the first game.

Each team filled up the bases once, but each time there were two out, and there were two out, and there were no casualties. vere no casualties

There were \$500 on hand at the second nead for a single. Leonard sacrificed, R. Johnson to McInnis, R. Johnson threw out Menoskey. Murray filed to Witt. No runs The Phils lost the first, 5 to 5, with Risey on the hill. Cravath's single in the eighth scored Ban-croft, who had doubled, with the first run one hit, no errors.
Gooch struck out. Haley also fanned.
Johnson made it three in a row when
Grover fanned. No runs, no hits, no errors.

of the second game. FIRST INNING Paskert walked. Bancroft flied to Myers. Stock singled to right, Paskert taking sec-Bates tossed out Ainsmith. W. Johnson fanned. Grover threw out Judge. No runs. no hits, no errors.
Shanks threw out R. Johnson. Witt singled to left. Strunk forced Witt, Murray to Shanks. Bodie filed to Shanks. No runs, no hits no errors. Stock singled to right, Paskert taking sec-ond. Olson made a great stop and threw to Cutshaw forcing Stock on Cravath's blow. Cravath stole second and Miller was charged with a passed ball for dropping the pitch. Whitted walked, filling the bases, Wheat made a great running catch of Laderus's foul. No runs, one hit, no errors. Olson fouled to Stock. Johnston popped to Luderus. Myers walked. Myers was out stealing. Burns to Bancroft. No runs, no hits, no errors. 6 McInnis made a fine running catch of Shanks's foul. Milan singled over second. Milan died stealing, Haley to Witt. Rice popped to Grover. No runs, one hit, no

SECOND INNING Myers goes from center field to first

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## ROOT MISSION VISITS BRUSSILOFF AT FRONT

American Commissioners at Russian Headquarters, While Gen. Scott Inspects Slav Lines

PETROGRAD, June 27 (delayed).

Major General Scott, chief military member of the American Mission, was at the Ber of the American Alasion, was at the Russian front today for a lengthy tour. Former Senator Root and civilian com-missioners will remain for a short time at headquarters. The American party reached General Brussiloff's headquarters

reached vestering yesterday.

While in Moscow, it became known today, Root was forced to go to St. Stephen's Hospital for treatment for a severe cold. Root had made five appeaches in one day there with the temperature at 104 and was greatly exhausted. He had entirely recovered foday. a fast approaching motorcycle speeding to pass Sixth and Laurel streets before a trolley car stopped. Joseph Liptack, aged four years, of 627 Laurel street, ran in front of the car and was killed when the front wheel passed over his neck, severing the head from the body.

GRIFFMEN OPEN HERE WITH VICTORY

LATEST SPORTS

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## BOND BUYERS POUR GOLDEN FLOOD INTO TREASURY

WASHINGTON, June 28 .- A golden flood swept in upon the Treasury, its anches throughout the country and the twelve Federal Reserve Banks today. Purchasers of Liberty Loan bonds throughout the nation were making the second payment of 18 per cent on the coveted certificated. In the meantime, the Bureau of Printing and Engraving was working at highest speed in an effort to get the bonds off the press in time for distribution to cash purchase: a next week.

## ITALIAN DEPUTIES INDORSE BOSELLI MINISTRY

ROME, June 28 .- The Chamber of Deputies today voted, 227 to 28, to extend support to the government for another month, provisionally. The vote indicates strongest support for the Boselli ministry.

## SENATE SPIKES APPOINTMENTS OF BRUMBAUGH

Turns Down 8 Nominees and "Censors" Governor's Expense Fund

ENEMY MUST O. K. ITEMS

### How Legislature Wound Up "Do-Nothing" Session

SALUS transit bill defeated. Vare anti-narcotic hill, one of humanitarian acts, finally

Rejects eight of Governor's ap-

Fifty thousand dollars appropri-ated for re-establishment of Nau-tical School. Commission

laws established. Two hundred and fifty thousand dollars for State home for inebriates apropriated.

### By a Staff Correspondent

HARRISBURG, June 28.
The State Senate, while the clock was being turned back, this afternoon turned down with scant courtesy eight of the principal appointments made by Governor Brambaugh and hit at him through his contingent fund for "expense accounts."

The Senate's refusal to confirm the appointments was a last-minute slap at the Governor by the Penrose forces in the Legislature.

The Penrose Senators had complete con-trol of the situation and the confirmation of every one of the eight appointees lacked

two or three voices.

The eight Brumbaugh appointees singled out by the Fenrose leaders for their attack face a long battle now. The Governor, it is expected, will reappoint them tomorrow, but the Penrose leaders are planning to bring mandarus provedings against State Treasurants. mandamus proceedings against State Treasurer Kephart, who is a Penrose follower, to prevent the payment of their salary

ATTACK "EXPENSE" FUND Governor Brumbaugh's contingent fund account is to be under the immediate, super-vision of Auditor General Charles A. Snyder.

his bitterest enemy.

The Conference Committee, which had
the general appropriation bill, struck from
the measure the words "in the discretion of the Governor" in dealing with the contingent item in the bill. Expenditures of the Gover-nor now will be subject to the approval of

nor now will be subject to the approval of the Auditor General.

Early in the session when the Gover-nor's expense accounts were under fire, it developed that the Governor enpoyed his honeymoon in the South at the expense of the State, also that the State had been paying the Governor's tailor for pressing his trousers.

DECAPITATE WITH A VENGEANCE In one or two instances the Senate performed the work of decapitation with a vengeance, and in other cases gave the ap-pointees a close run for their money and killed them as they were about to pass

under the wire. The mailed fist was felt heaviest by N. R. Buller, of Wayne, who was reappointed Fish Commissioner. His name was rejected by the Senate 29 to 15. The appointment of Daniel Lafean for Banking Commissioner was turned down 29 to 17, while Dr. E4ward Long, of Franklin, appointed as head of the Department of Printing and Binding, lost out 22 to 24.

In the case of James W. Leech, who was In the case of James W. Leech, who was appointed a member of the Workmen's Compensation Board, he was rejected 23 to 22, while Charles E. Patton, of Clearfield, apointed Secretary of Agriculture, fell by the wayside, 23 to 21.

PHILADELPHIA'S CLOSE RUN PHILADELPHIA'S CLOSE RUN
William Young, of Philadelphia, appointed to a place on the State Industrial
Board, had the closest shave of all. He
failed for the reason that he was only able
to land a tie, 23 to 23, which number in
tiself usually goes with defeat.

More emphatic was the fall down of B.
Frank Meade, of Harrisburg, whose appointment for Certified Public Accountant
was rejected 28 to 18. Senator Baidwin, of
Potter, objected to the appointment of Robert K Young as Public Service Commis-

Potter, objected to the appointment of Rob-ert K. Young as Public Service Commis-sioner. The former State Treasurer comes from Senator Baldwin's district. Baldwin said that he opposed the appointment of Young because the former State Treasurer was an "irregular" Republican. Senator Vare, in protesting against the objection, said that politics did not enter

into the appointment. The Senate turned down the appointment of Young by a vote With adjournment only a matter of hours, Continued on Page Six, Column One

## PRESIDENT TO ORDER EMBARGO ON WHEAT

Unauthorized Shipments to Allies and Neutrals Alike Will Be Stopped

WASHINGTON, June 28. An order placing an absolute embarge, on unauthorized wheat shipments from this country is on President Wilson's desk await-

country is on President Wisson's deex awaiting his signature this afternoon.

The President probably will sign and
issue the embargo order tonight, it was
learned this afternoon. When the embargo
goes into effect, which probably will be
immediately after the order is issued, all
wheat shipments will be made subject to
the approval of the newly formed export
council

council. Wheat exports to the Allies, as well as to neutrals, will have to be licensed before they will be allowed to clear from American ports.

WHAT MAY HAPPEN IN BASEBALL TODAY

