

RUSSIANS BLOCK TEUTON ADVANCE ON RIGA FRONT

SAMMEES STIR POILUS' ENVY IN BIG WAR TASKS

French Instructors Ent-huse Over Aptitude of U. S. Soldiers

CLEVER IN EVERY FIELD OF EFFORT American Learns to "Parlez Vous" From Little Girl on Knee

TROOPERS FRATERNIZE Headgear and Gas Mask Styles for Uncle Sam's Boys Agreed Upon

By HENRI BAZIN Staff Correspondent of the Evening Ledger in France. AMERICAN FIELD HEADQUARTERS IN FRANCE, AUG. 26.

Despite incessant rain during the last four days, entraining goes on. Practice trenches are half full of water and the mud upon the roads is inches deep, while the sky is heavy, low and gray.

Today I witnessed an interesting example of friendly competition and fraternal intercourse between the brown-clad and the blue. Six men were selected at random, an American lieutenant, a corporal and four toughboys—the old army term given him-

PHILADELPHIA'S FIRST WAR BABY



"Lavin Leary," the name bestowed upon her at the Philadelphia Hospital where she is now the pet of nurses and attendants, was taken to that institution Saturday, having been found abandoned on a hillside near Sedgley guardhouse, Fairmount Park, by two women.

KERENSKY AVERS RUSSIA WILL HOLD

Tells Conference at Moscow That Democracy Will Be Maintained at All Costs

RINGING SPEECH CHEERED PETROGRAD, Aug. 27. The Russian Government has decided to ignore the peace note of Pope Benedict XV.

By WILLIAM G. SHEPHERD MOSCOW, Aug. 27. Russia will maintain her democracy at all costs. She intends to use the weapons of the old regime against those who would have the old autocracy overthrow the new freedom.

Outstanding significance in the deliberations of the all-Russian conference today was this emphatic declaration by Premier Kerensky. He insisted that the new nation was passing through "a period of mortal danger and war."

\$350,000,000 WANTED FOR DESTROYER FLEET

Daniels Will Ask Congress for Huge Appropriation This Week

WASHINGTON, Aug. 27. A new appropriation of at least \$350,000,000 for destroyers will be asked of Congress this week by Secretary of the Navy Daniels.

MIDVALE BIDS FOR 3500 EXEMPTIONS

Manager, in Making Claim, Reveals Plan for Building 150 Destroyers

TO MAKE GUNS FOR NAVY To support his plea for draft exemption for 3500 employees of the Midvale Steel Company, Henry D. Booth, general superintendent, today revealed to Appeal Board No. 2 that Secretary Daniels plans the building of 150 torpedoed destroyers in addition to those already ordered.

Mr. Booth insisted that exemption of all of the 3500 men subject to the draft among Midvale's force of 11,000 was absolutely necessary to permit of proper handling of emergency work for the government.

CONFERENCE WITH DANIELS The revelation that Secretary Daniels wants 150 more destroyers was made when Mr. Booth told of a conference between the Secretary and the steel interests, held in Washington last Monday.

MAYER AND HORSTMAN IN PITCHERS' BATTLE

Neither Team Able to Score in Early Part of the Game

PHILLIES Pastors, Honors, etc. ST. LOUIS Long, J. Smith, Jr., Wiley, H. Gray, etc.

GERMAN BLOWS FAIL TO BREAK SLAV POSITIONS

Petrograd Reports Offensive Halted—Allies Smash Ahead on 3 Fronts

CADORNA PASSES ENEMY French Hold Gains on East Bank of Meuse—British Strike Above St. Quentin

PETROGRAD, Aug. 27. The new German offensive on the Riga front has been brought to an end without attaining any important success, according to a statement issued by the official government Press Bureau.

"For several days the Riga front has been the scene of activity. In the direction of the Baltic Sea the Russian troops evacuated territory, falling back several kilometers in the direction of the coast.

"On August 19-20, the Germans then attempted an offensive against the Russian outposts in the region close to the coast. Everywhere the German attacks were repulsed by the brilliant fire of the Russian artillery.

THREE BIG ALLIED DRIVES SHATTER ENEMY'S LINES

LONDON, Aug. 27. Three great Allied drives assailed Teutonic lines on three fronts. British and French troops resumed the offensive which they started last Monday.

In a week the Italians have taken approximately ninety square miles of Austrian territory, nearly 35,000 prisoners, a vast store of guns, munitions and supplies and inflicted stupendous casualties on the enemy.

Suddenly changing his point of attack from the left bank to the right of the Meuse, General Petain was striking another blow at the German defenses out of Verdun.

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EVERYBODY DENIES WASHINGTON DEAL

Johnson, Griffith, Barrow and Others Say Washington Won't Be Transferred

By ROBERT W. MAXWELL "The grand old game of 'passing the buck' is having its innings on this hot August afternoon.

WHAT MAY HAPPEN IN BASEBALL TODAY

NATIONAL LEAGUE Club Won Last Pct. Win Loss Philadelphia 64 48 .571 .575 .598

AMERICAN LEAGUE Club Won Last Pct. Win Loss Chicago 61 49 .556 .568 .590

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LATEST SPORTS

BASEBALL SCORES ST. LOUIS 0 0 0 0 1 PHILLIES 0 0 0 0 0

Horstman and Snyder; Mayer and Killefer. O'Day and Harrison.

ATHLETICS ST. LOUIS

NATIONAL LEAGUE PITTSBURGH 0 0 0 1 NEW YORK 0 0 0 0

CINCINNATI 0 0 BOSTON 0 0 REGAN AND WINGO; TYLER AND TRAGRESSER.

AMERICAN LEAGUE WASHINGTON 0 3 3 CLEVELAND 1 1 2

HARPER AND AINSWORTH; KLEPNER AND O'NEILL.

BOSTON 0 0 0 0 DETROIT 0 0 0 0

RUTH AND THOMAS; JAMES AND STANAGE.

NEW YORK 0 0 CHICAGO 0 0

SHAWKEY AND ALEXANDER; CLOTTE AND SCHAUB.

STEAMSHIPS IN COLLISION IN FOG

SEATTLE, Wash., Aug. 27.—The steamship Jefferson, of the Alaska Steamship Company, and the Canadian Pacific steamship Princess May collided in a dense fog off Cone Island in Swanson Bay today.

LETTER OF PROTEST

Mr. Chapman's letter follows: In response to your letter of August 21, I would like to have some further information for—

ADDITIONAL RACING RESULTS

Third Saratoga Race, two-year-olds, 5 1-2 furlongs—War Cloud, 117, Loftus, 2 to 5, out, won; Top Cont, 113, Keogh, 10 to 1, 2 to 1, 7 to 10, second; Ruth Law, 114, Robinson, 7 to 1, 7 to 5, 2 to 5, third. Time, 1:07 1-5.

MAXIMUM PROFITS OF MILLERS AGREED UPON

MINNEAPOLIS, Aug. 27.—Maximum profits of millers on the "great crop" of 1917 have been tentatively fixed by agreement with the food administration at Washington as follows: Flour, twenty-five cents a barrel; mill feed, fifty cents a ton.

NINETEENTH ENGINEERS ARRIVE SAFELY ABROAD

READING, Pa., Aug. 27.—Cablegrams received today by Reading families announce the safe arrival at "Some European Port" of the Nineteenth Railway Engineers, of which eight Reading boys are members.

SECRETARY BAKER WILL NOT REVIEW TROOPS

Secretary of War Baker, who had hoped to accept the invitation of Mayor Smith to review the Philadelphia National Army when they leave on September 5, today decided that he must decline.

KAISER SENDS MESSAGE TO REICHSTAG

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MARINE SCHOOL STARTS WORK ON CITY BOAT

The day class of the United States Marine Engineering School of the Federal Shipping Board started its practical work on board the iceboat John Weaver today.

SUPPOSED PHILADELPHIAN DIES IN FRANCE

Among the casualties announced at Ottawa, Canada, was the name of "E. J. Fudge, of Philadelphia." He died from gas poisoning while fighting with the Canadian forces in France.

The Philadelphia directory does not contain the name of E. J. Fudge.

MASS-MEETING TO RAP TRANSIT LEASE "GRAB"

7000 Navy Yard Men to Protest—Chestnut St. Association Opposes Deal

SIGN CONTRACTS TODAY

Pledge Their Support in the Transit Fight

MORE than 7000 navy yard workers pledge their support to A. Merritt Taylor in transit fight.

Several thousand employees of Frankford arsenal also to flock to the Taylor standard. Large mass-meeting of protest against the Smith grab lease is being planned. To be held in Academy of Music.

An emphatic protest against the Smith-Mitten transit grab by Ellwood B. Chapman, president of the Chestnut Street Business Men's Association, announced opposition to the plan of 2000 who have planned a mass-meeting of protest and the statement by Senator McNichol that he would this afternoon sign the contracts for the subway work to be done by the Keystone State Construction Company were three important developments in the transit situation today.

Mr. Twining was also reminded in Mr. Chapman's communication that the people had voted approximately \$50,000,000 toward the building of the city's high-speed lines as provided by the Taylor system and that failure to carry out any part of it was a repudiation of the voters' verdict.

First, I am still inclined to believe that the form of lease now being considered would give the P. R. T. Company a very strong guarantee of a 6 per cent dividend, cumulative from the date upon which the contract would become effective, although only 5 per cent of such 6 per cent cumulative dividend would be payable in cash until after the Broad street subway and delivery loop had begun operation.

We are having this question looked into with very great care, and I hope that you will give it some further consideration, especially with regard to what the "fare requirements" of the contract are, which are referred to in the third paragraph of Article XXIII; and, the fact that, as per Article XXII, Section 1, the company shall make, in the order named, from the gross revenue of each fiscal year, deductions or payments properly chargeable against the gross revenue of said year.

Furthermore, are not the terms of the foregoing paragraph mandatory? We are unable to understand how it is possible to evade the payment of Item No. 9 out of gross revenue, when it is the interest on city bonds held in the sinking fund. Surely the city can't make default in the payment of the interest on its obligations—even if the same are held in the sinking fund.

Both the city and the company are committed, apparently, under the terms of the contract to pay Item No. 9—covering this part of the city's interest—out of gross revenue, as provided in Article XXII, Section 2; and no payment could be made on account of Item No. 9 until all cumulative payments due under Item No. 8, including 6 per cent cumulative dividends on company's \$30,000,000 of capital stock, have been made in full.

THE WEATHER

FORECAST For Philadelphia and vicinity: Fair tonight and probably Tuesday, with steadily rising temperatures; moderate winds, mostly southeast.

LENGTH OF DAY Sun rises . 7:22 a.m. Sun sets . 6:41 p.m. DELAWARE RIVER TIDE CHARTS CHESTNUT STREET Low water . 8:43 a.m. High water . 9:15 a.m.