

WAR BOND SALE HERE REACHES \$225,000,000

POLLUS' DASH WINS ALL OF AISNE CREST

French Victory in "Battle of Caverns" Drives Foe From Ridge

LAON LINES CAPTURED

PARIS, Oct. 24. General Pershing, commander-in-chief of the American expeditionary forces, witnessed the great French victory in the battle of the caverns. Today he penetrated deep into the conquered zone.

French tanks had a brilliant share in the French master stroke on the Aisne. They participated in many of the attacks, and to them was given credit for the taking of Gullain farm.

By HENRY WOOD WITH THE FRENCH ARMIES AFIELD, Oct. 24. General Petain's poilus fought in the air on the ground and literally and actually far below the ground to achieve their epochal victory of Tuesday morning.

The fight will go down in history as the battle of the Caverns—the conflict of caverns which means that today they hold every inch of the famous Aisne crest and have shut the Germans off from their last look at the promised land of France beyond the ridge.

The total of prisoners taken today reached 8000, including 160 officers, and these of the choicest of the Crown Prince's troops. Today's official statement said they had been identified as belonging to eight separate German divisions.

Not only that but the French now hold the outer line of defenses to Laon. The battle was fought on the summit of this razor-back ridge, beyond which, on a plateau half a mile wide, there runs the

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WITNESS SAYS VARE'S POLICE 'DEVILED' HIM

Tells Court That Detectives Wanted Him to Repudiate Town Meeting Signature

MUST EXPEDITE HEARING

Further proof of police persecution of those who signed nomination petitions for Town Meeting party candidates was shown today at the proceedings before Judge Davis, in Common Pleas Court No. 2, brought by the Vore-Smith machine in an attempt to discredit the signers of the independent petitions. Incidentally, a boomerang has loomed up for the plaintiffs, as it was learned that the hearings will have to be concluded within the next two days, or it will be too late to print the ballots in time for the election.

Evidence that the Vore machine was desperate was shown by the testimony of John A. Avin, of 1025 East Moyamensing avenue. In the course of a cross-questioning by Attorney Connor, representing the prosecution, Avin declared that he had been "deviled" during the last few days by City Hall detectives, who wanted him to repudiate his signature on the petition.

Avin said a detective named Fisher tried to get him to say he did not sign the nomination petition on which his name appeared. "When I refused to repudiate the signature," said Avin, "they annoyed my wife and tried to get her to influence me to say the signature was not mine."

AMAZING TESTIMONY. Walter D. Klauder, of 2416 South Second street, who with 23 other men was arrested earlier in the day and held in \$1500 bail for court by Magistrate Pennock, was among others who testified.

He, with several others, was accused of conspiring to make false affidavits to file nomination papers of the Town Meeting party candidates. Klauder's testimony caused general amazement. He said that Frank Kammerer, who was arrested with him, signed names of numerous voters to nomination petition Nos. 82 and 84.

Kammerer, according to the witness, said, "I got to get all these papers in quickly, so let's sit down and write the names."

"The other men all testified against me in the magistrate's court," said Klauder, "but what I am telling is right." Klauder said he signed the last eight names on that petition No. 84. He also declared that Kammerer signed six names on petition No. 84 and thirteen on No. 82. He said that Joseph Levy, who was also arrested, signed several of the names.

The witness declared that later he told William W. Roper, of the Town Meeting party, of what he had done. At this point he was cross-examined by Mr. White, "How do you recognize these two lists?" asked Mr. White. Klauder turned both lists over several times. Finally he said he recognized them by the writing of the other men who had signed with him.

"You admit you're a forger?" asked Mr. White.

Mr. Connor objected. Judge Davis, addressing Klauder, said:

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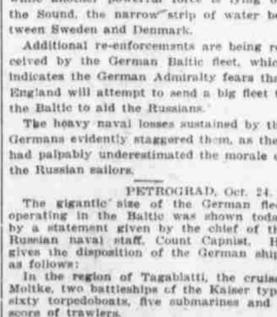
Gregory photo by Cincinnati.

LIBERTY LOAN ORATORS

Thomas Watt Gregory, Attorney General of the United States (upper), William A. Garrett, in charge of the construction of railways in France, and William A. Glasgow (lower) will be the principal speakers at the Liberty Loan mass-meeting in the Academy of Music tonight.

REV. DR. J. A. WORDEN VICTIM OF PARALYSIS

Aged Member of Presbyterian General Board in Feeble Health When Stricken



THE REV. J. A. WORDEN. Prominent Presbyterian clergyman, who died today.

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LIBERTY LOAN DAY CLIMAX IN MASS-MEETING

Unofficial Total Mounts Despite Adverse Weather Conditions

GREAT RALLY TONIGHT

Tonight's Mass-Meeting for the Liberty Loan. SPEAKERS — Attorney General Thomas W. Gregory, who will give specific reasons for quick financial aid; Uncle Sam; Major William A. Garrett, American railway commissioner to France, and William A. Glasgow, attorney.

Tickets may be obtained at any of the newspaper offices or at Liberty Loan booths.

If you have not bought a bond, bring money with you, for you will be convinced of the absolute necessity of such a purchase by figures and facts.

Go early. Subscriptions to the second issue of the Liberty Loan in the Philadelphia, or Third Federal Reserve District, have reached the \$225,000,000 mark, according to an unofficial estimate given out today by the Liberty Loan executive committee.

Although the patriotic parade and the demonstration in front of the Liberty Loan headquarters have been postponed until tomorrow because of the rain, the weather did not dampen the enthusiasm for the Liberty Loan.

Tonight there will be a monster mass-meeting in the Academy of Music, at which Attorney General Thomas W. Gregory will be the principal speaker, and it has been hinted that he will say something particularly significant in his address. Other speakers will be Major William A. Garrett, American Railways Commissioner to France, and William A. Glasgow, attorney.

The campaign took a flying start today, and the results of the first few hours indicate that it will be a red-letter day for Uncle Sam's special business in this connection. There is a determined effort among all concerned in the work to go the limit.

Employees of the Bethlehem Steel Company have subscribed for \$2,100,000 worth of bonds. The Lehigh Coal and Navigation Company took \$2,000,000 late this afternoon, and the Boy Scouts of Philadelphia have passed the \$1,000,000 mark.

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OTHER BIG SUBSCRIPTIONS. The Corn Exchange National Bank has received \$1,300,000 worth of subscriptions from customers. A subscription of \$10,000 has been received from 700 soldiers stationed at Fort Du Pont. Other large subscriptions received today were from the Barnes & Tucker Coal Company, \$150,000, and the American Railway Company for \$50,000 worth of bonds.

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EXTRA

P. R. T. CARS CRASH ON GERMANTOWN AVENUE BRIDGE NEAR CITY LINE

Two trolley cars of the Philadelphia Rapid Transit Company crashed into each other, sending one over the Germantown Avenue bridge over Wissahickon Creek near City Line late this afternoon. The drop from the bridge, which is a steel structure with wooden flooring, is ten feet. Whether there were any deaths or injuries is not yet known.

FINED FOR ADVERTISING WITH FLAG. NEW YORK, Oct. 24. L. M. Potter, former Brooklyn alderman, was fined \$50 today for using the American flag as an advertisement. He used the emblem on candy wrappers.

COURT DIRECTS CLUB MEMBERS' REINSTATEMENT. Court of Common Pleas No. 2 today issued a peremptory mandamus against the Manufacturers' Club directing that Bernard Wilmsen, who was suspended from membership several months ago, be reinstated. The suspension of Wilmsen grew out of some misunderstanding he had had with Charles Pilling, a fellow member of the club.

LUTHERANS AFFIRM LOYALTY TO UNITED STATES. Resolutions affirming the loyalty of the Evangelical Lutheran Church of the United States and praying for the success of American arms were adopted this afternoon at the conference of the church here by an almost unanimous vote. The resolutions were followed by a prayer for success in the war by the Rev. Henry H. Roth, of Reckville, Pa.

SOCIALIST HELD FOR FAILURE TO REGISTER. WASHINGTON, Oct. 24.—Paul Haffer, Socialist, who gained wide publicity when he was found guilty of libeling the memory of George Washington, was sentenced today to ten months in the county jail for failure to register under the selective draft act.

PRO-AMERICAN DEMONSTRATION IN ITALIAN CHAMBER. ROME, Oct. 24.—A rousing pro-American and anti-Socialist demonstration was provoked in the Chamber of Deputies by Enrico Ferri, Socialist leader, today. In a speech drowned by the protest of the entire chamber, except the Socialists, Ferri declared he doubted the practical value of American intervention in the war. In a flash the entire pro-Government bloc in the chamber rose to its feet denouncing Ferri and shouting "Viva Italia, Viva America."

WAR STAMP TAXES EFFECTIVE DECEMBER 1. WASHINGTON, Oct. 24.—Commissioner of Internal Revenue Roper announces that all stamp taxes embraced in the new war tax law of October 3 last take effect on December 1.

JOHN WANAMAKER HURT IN FALL. Because of a slight illness and the inclement weather, John Wanamaker was unable to attend the convention of the Evangelical Lutheran Church, which is being held today at the Zion Church, Franklin Square. Mr. Wanamaker denied statements made at the convention that he had broken his arm. He fell several days ago at his home in Jenkintown and severely bruised his shoulder. The injury will keep him indoors several days.

TEN GERMAN PRISONERS FLEE INTERNMENT CAMP. ATLANTA, Ga., Oct. 24.—Ten German prisoners—two officers and eight seamen—members of interned German ship crews, escaped from the prison barracks at Fort McPherson last night or early this morning. It was discovered this morning when the prisoners answered reveille. They were believed to be wearing their uniforms. Department of Justice officials began an immediate investigation. Detailed descriptions of the men have been wired to all parts of the country.

SNOW FAILS TO HALT PITTSBURGH'S BOND DRIVE. PITTSBURGH, Oct. 24.—Rain, which turned to a two-inch fall of slushy snow, threatened to spoil the Liberty Day program here. Another \$10,000,000 was added to subscriptions within the last twenty-four hours, placing the Liberty Bond total at \$70,000,000, and today's drive is expected to put it close to the \$76,000,000 allotment.

RUSSIA SEIZES CONTRABAND BOUND FOR GERMANY. PETROGRAD, Oct. 24.—Russian customs officials at Uleaborg, Finland, have seized seventeen sailing ships which were about to sail for Sweden with enormous quantities of contraband on board. It was learned here today. The supplies were ultimately to reach Germany. At Belostrof, on the Russo-Finnish border, two trains with eighty carloads of contraband goods for Germany were seized by the Russian officials. They included metals, sugar, butter, melleinte and other smelters.

U-BOAT SINKINGS EQUAL BRITISH SHIPBUILDING. LONDON, Oct. 24.—Admission that the rate of building of British mercantile shipping is not yet any greater than its rate of destruction by German submarines was made today in the House of Commons by Doctor McNamara, financial secretary to the Admiralty.

ROSE TREE MEET POSTPONED ON ACCOUNT OF STORM. The Rose Tree Hunt meet, scheduled for today at Media, has been called off owing to the heavy rain this morning. Today's schedule will be run off next Tuesday.

PRESIDENT INVESTS \$15,000 MORE IN LIBERTY BONDS. WASHINGTON, Oct. 24.—President Wilson has subscribed for \$15,000 of the second Liberty Loan. Of the first Liberty Loan he took \$10,000.

P. R. R. PLANS TO LESSEN FREIGHT LOSSES. The Pennsylvania Railroad, in a bulletin issued to shippers today, gives instructions in regard to the packing of goods which, it is said, will result in the saving of \$2,000,000 worth of freight every year. The bulletin says that the value of freight injured in transit has doubled since the war began.

WOMAN POURS OIL ON FIRE; BADLY BURNED. Mrs. Bridget McEwan, sixty years old, 4 Burrs Court, was severely burned today when oil she was pouring on the kitchen stove flared up and ignited her clothing. She was rushed to the Hahnemann Hospital by Sergeant Martin, of the Fifteenth and Yine streets police station. Her condition is serious.

MICHAELIS HAS RESIGNED POST, LONDON HEARS

Amsterdam Wireless Reports Placing of Portfolio in Kaiser's Hands

NOT CONFIRMED AS YET



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LONDON, Oct. 24. A wireless press message received today from Amsterdam asserted that Chancellor Michaelis had "placed his portfolio in the Kaiser's hands."

The wireless press story was not confirmed from other sources. The opposition in Chancellor Michaelis has been growing steadily during recent months in Germany. It started with the effort of the majority Socialists to obtain some definite statement of Germany's war aims and grew more formidable when Michaelis evaded and checked the issue. It reached a crisis when Michaelis and Admiral von Capelle, Minister of Marine, sprung the news of the German naval military to fight Socialists soon saw a flick to catch a weapon by which Michaelis and his political supporters could crush liberalism in Germany.

Within the last few weeks Berlin presses have indicated the myriadic pressure there of Prince von Buelow, formerly Chancellor, and have coupled his conference with high officials with the report that the Chancellorship was again to be offered him.

DEMANDS OF SOCIALISTS BECOME MORE INSISTENT. AMSTERDAM, Oct. 24. Renewed pressure against Dr. Georg Michaelis, the German Chancellor, has followed a secret caucus of the leaders of the Reichstag majority parties, and demands for his retirement are becoming more and more insistent, according to advices from Berlin today.

The Vossische Zeitung is quoted as saying that the new party for further changes in the German cabinet is now recognized in every hand.

An other telegram says that the Socialists, through Heinrich Bruns, a member, have served an ultimatum demanding the resignation of the Chancellor.

The Kaiser, who is giving his personal attention to the political situation, in Germany, has not reached any final decision, but is expected to do so within the next few days.

GERMANS WITHOUT HOPE, SAYS U. S. SWISS MINISTER. WASHINGTON, Oct. 24. The hopelessness of a German victory is felt by the Kaiser's subjects, even in the army, according to P. A. Stovall, United States Minister to Switzerland, who visited the White House today.

"Germany's social, military and economic condition is steadily and rapidly worsening," Stovall said. "I don't know whether the collapse will come in the army or behind the lines, but I believe it is inevitable."

Switzerland is playing her neutral role admirably, according to Stovall, although the country is filled with German propaganda.

TWO AUTOS, FOUR CARS IN CRASH; 12 INJURED. Wife of Trade Commissioner Colver Among Those Hurt in Washington Accident. WASHINGTON, Oct. 24.—Mrs. W. H. Colver, wife of Federal Trade Commissioner Colver, was knocked unconscious this afternoon when her automobile collided with a motorcar driven by Mrs. E. N. Hurley, wife of the chairman of the United States Shipping Board.

Four trolley cars figured in the crash also, with a total list of twelve persons injured. Mrs. Colver's injuries are not serious.

THE WEATHER. FORECAST. For Philadelphia and vicinity: Clearing and much colder tonight; Thursday partly cloudy and colder; strong northwesterly winds tonight, becoming moderate Thursday.

For eastern Pennsylvania and New Jersey: Rain and colder tonight; Thursday partly cloudy and colder; moderate northwesterly winds tonight, diminishing Thursday.

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