

BRUNT OF WAR RESTS ON U. S., OBSERVER SAYS

Millions of American Soldiers Needed to End It in Two Years, A. S. Jones Believes

TEUTONS FEEL CONFIDENT

Man Who Served Six Months Near Verdun Front Declares Germany's Position Strong

Millions of American soldiers must be sent to France if the world war is to be brought to a successful close within two years, according to Alfred S. Jones...

Mr. Jones said that it would be useless to attempt to deny that the Allies are hard pressed owing to the failure of the Russian armies and the defeat of the Italians...

"It must be remembered," he said, "that what the English accomplished in several weeks, the Germans in the Italian drive are surpassing within a few hours."

"Germans today are in better shape than the Allies. It is not true by any means that Prussianism is on the downward verge..."

"America, indeed, will have to bear the brunt of the war," he said. "America also must speed up her rush of troops to France if we do not want to see the fruit of victory torn from our grasp..."

Mr. Jones explained that he had talked with hundreds of Germans and watched the war at close range during his six months of service.

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"The submarine warfare being still effective, America must play her part quickly if the battle against the Hun is to be brought to a successful close," says Mr. Jones.

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HIGH PAY FOR GIRL WORKERS

Boston Bootblacks Make \$25 to \$30 a Week and Like Their Job

BOSTON, Nov. 2.—Girl bootblacks went before the City Council to oppose Mayor Curley's proposed ordinance to prohibit the employment of girls in shoe-shining shops.

Miss Harriet A. Duffy, manager of one establishment, said she received a salary of \$15 a week, and with her tips, her earnings, on which she supported her mother and sisters, average between \$25 and \$30 a week.

The girls under her, she said, were paid \$12 a week, plus tips. These girls afterward told the Council that they earned nearly \$30 a week, including both tips and salary.

FOR RENT 1005 SANSOM 5 floors and basement G. A. SCHWARZ 1006 Chestnut Street

In the November Scribner's HENRY van Dyke calls it the "bonehead" German Secret Service.

He describes "the crooked methods of the Potsdam gang" whose hands "are still red with innocent blood," "while the dance of death still goes on."

By all means read Henry van Dyke's STANDFAST, YE FREE! in the November Scribner's

Transit Subsidiaries Rapped as Watered

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those interested devote their energies to rushing the war and lay the matter aside for a while.

LEWIS RAPS TAYLOR PLAN

William Draper Lewis said the Taylor construction plan was such that only the Rapid Transit Company could operate it.

"If we are to have any other operator but the Rapid Transit Company," he said, "this is the time to find it out, for the construction plans would then have to be changed immediately."

Former Director A. Merritt Taylor rose to contradict the assertions of Mr. Lewis, but was waved down in his seat by Chairman Gaffney.

Mr. Gaffney indicated that he favored an early settlement of the lease question.

"I fear for the future," said Mr. Gaffney, "and I think now is the time that we can put across a fair lease for the people. Rumors are going around that efforts will be made to kill the Smith lease and that a delay will be brought about so that a lease more favorable to the Rapid Transit Company can be made."

At this point Mr. Abbott continued. "Our organization is committed to the Taylor program of construction, but at the same time irrevocably opposed to the Taylor lease.

We think the Smith lease is an improvement over the Taylor lease, but that some changes should be made. We are against any continuation of the eight-cent exchange ticket. The lease should contain certain explicit statements with regard to the extension of present surface facilities. We think the lessor should not be a party to the drawing of the lease."

TAYLOR MAKES REPLY

At this point Mr. Taylor arose and said that he wanted to correct an error which had been made.

Mr. Gaffney told him that other men had been called to speak and declined to let the former Director enter the discussion.

Mr. Taylor said he could speak if he would wait until the others had finished. The former Director left the room and outside made the following statement:

"Doctor Lewis informed the Finance Committee that the city's high-speed line as planned would not be operated independently of the Rapid Transit Company. I wish to remind the people of Philadelphia that the Broad street subway and delivery loop and the Parkway, North Twenty-ninth street and Roxborough subway-elevated are designed for operation either by the Rapid Transit Company or independent of the company; and the proviso was made for the building of a Chestnut street subway as a connecting link between the Woodland avenue line and the Frankford elevated in the event of a failure to conclude an agreement between the city and the Rapid Transit Company. These facts were spread before the people before they authorized the construction of the high-speed line system."

CHICAGO'S SOLUTION

C. Oscar Beasley, of the United Business Men's Association, explained how the city of Chicago dealt with the transit subject and said in part:

"In January, 1916, the city of Chicago appointed a commission headed by William Barclay Parsons and two other eminent transit engineers to report upon transportation conditions in Chicago. This commission on December 16, 1916, recommended that a single corporation be organized to take over all the lines and that the city of Chicago be empowered to purchase all the property of the new corporation and that the city of Chicago be given full control over the extensions of the system, and also that the financial return to the corporation should not exceed 4 per cent in its investment on road and equipment. Thus Chicago started with absolute control and a clean financial sheet free of any water."

Director's "twining in the printed copy of his discussion of the basic principles of the present proposed lease states that in estimating the deficit he included the fixed charges showing that if the fixed charges were reduced the deficit could be wiped out. This is further proof that the excessive rentals and watered stock are the key to the deficit and not the cost of the service."

ACTION TAKEN TO CLOSE SONS OF ITALY BANK

Illegal Practices, Including "Loan Shark" Business, Charged by State Banking Officials

The State Attorney General's Department today at the instance of the State Banking Department served notice through the Sheriff's office of this county on the Sons of Italy State Bank, at Seventh and Christian streets, notifying the bank officials of an action taken in the Dauphin County Courts to close the bank for alleged irregular and illegal practices.

Deputy Attorney General Joseph L. Kun, at his office, at the Lincoln Building, stated that the action had been taken against the bank only after the bank repeatedly ignored the orders of the banking department to discontinue their alleged illegal practices.

Mr. Kun stated that it is alleged the bank has for a long time, against the objections of the banking department, charged its small depositors and borrowers usurious interest running up to 12 and 15 per cent and several of the officers and directors of the bank have made personal loans from the bank funds in excess of the amount allowed by law and have been guilty of other irregular practices.

It is alleged that the bank has been attempting to conduct a "loan shark" business under a State banking charter, as while the bank apparently only made the legal charge of 4 per cent interest on loans they deducted the interest from the loans and then made the borrower repay the principal in weekly installments, charging interest, however, for the full amount of the loan until it was paid, the borrower never receiving the full amount of the loan and then paying interest at a yearly rate for the full amount of the loan, when he was reducing the loan by weekly payments.

SNOW BIDS RECEIVED

Contracts for Winter of 1918 Soon to Be Let

Snow-removal bids for 1918 were received and scheduled today by Assistant Director Baldwin, of the Department of Public Works.

The estimates are based on cubic yards of snow and cover the nineteen districts into which the city is divided. A score or more contracting firms submitted proposals, and the contracts will be let in the near future.

Muck Quits After Playing U. S. Air

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Two Civil War veterans—Dr. W. W. Keen, of this city, a major in the United States army, and Major Henry L. Higginson, of Boston, founder and patron of the Boston Symphony Orchestra—have diverging views upon it.

Declaring that the playing of the national anthem is not a question of music, but one of loyalty and patriotism, Doctor Keen said:

"If the orchestra refuses to play it, I trust that the audience will rise en masse and leave the hall at once as a rebuke."

"It would be a gross mistake, a violation of artistic taste and principles, for such an organization as ours to play patriotic airs," said Major Higginson, supporting Doctor Muck's contention that the anthem would jar the harmonious unity of an artistic musical program and also pointing out that it is unfair to ask Doctor Muck, a German, to conduct the playing of America's national air.

The musical profession on the whole seems inclined to sympathize with Doctor Muck in his embarrassing predicament.

"It is a sad affair, especially to those who know what the Boston Symphony has stood for in the musical world," said Leopold Stokowski, director of the Philadelphia Orchestra, whose views were shared by Arthur Judson, manager. "It would be indiscreet for me to comment upon the leaders of this organization, but I can say that I am not from any corner of the Philadelphia Orchestra."

Alexander Van Rensselaer, president of the Philadelphia Orchestra Association, expressed the opinion that Philadelphia will calmly ignore the controversy raised in Boston and Providence.

PHILADELPHIA "PLOT" UPSET BY MUCK'S ACTION

Philadelphia who planned to hear the Boston Symphony Orchestra in its first concert of the season at the Academy of Music Monday night were surprised to learn today of the resignation of the noted leader of the Boston organization, Dr. Karl Muck, especially retained on this side of the Atlantic some years ago at the earnest request of the Boston organization.

They are discussing with increasing anxiety the probability of bringing about a reconciliation of the breach that has been brought about by the protest launched against the announcement by Doctor Muck that the Boston Symphony Orchestra would not interrupt the regular program to include a rendition of the "Star Spangled Banner" on Monday night.

The tense situation was not assuaged by the report that Doctor Muck, upon appearing in front of his orchestra in the Academy

HOLD POLE FOR CUTTING WOMEN ON BROADWAY

Near-Riot Follows Slashing of Girls During Busiest Time of Day

NEW YORK, Nov. 2.—Four young women were victims today of a "Jack the Slasher," who confined his activities to lower Broadway, at the intersection of Maiden lane, during the busiest part of the day. All the victims were slashed in the face or on the neck, but none was seriously injured.

Late this afternoon, the police arrested Anton Karalnicki, a Polish machinist,

when they accused of doing the slasher. The pole also will be held pending further police investigation of the murder of Anne Cohan and Charles Murray in 1913.

The women stabbed today are Misses Irene Riley, Abigail De Zonah, Edith Fox and Florence Rogers. The excitement raised by the screams of the victims who were slashed in rapid succession one after the other, caused a near-riot on Broadway and a call for police reserves. The police had much difficulty in clearing the streets for street car traffic.

Wills Filed for Probate

Wills probated today include those of Mary A. S. Landell, 637 West Philadelphia street, which in private bequests \$4,000 of effects valued at \$22,000; Rachel McCutcheon, 2206 North Fifteenth street, \$9,000; Margaret McIvor, 5100 Whittier avenue, \$8,000; Emily K. Parry, Lansdowne, Pa., \$4,000; and Nathaniel B. Trout, 834 North Thirty-eighth street, \$2,000.

Advertisement for 'The Hotel Colonnade' featuring 'Dancing and Music at Opening of the New Hotel Colonnade' and 'Atmosphere of 1860 Still Remains.' Includes details about the hotel's location and amenities.

Advertisement for 'All Philadelphia Acclaims The New Hotel Colonnade' with a circular graphic containing various headlines like 'Colonnade Reopens to Gay Housewarming' and 'Dancing and Music at Opening of the New Hotel Colonnade.'

Advertisement for 'The Hotel Colonnade' with the text 'Every newspaper in Philadelphia welcomes the advent of the Hotel Colonnade into the vanguard of the city's noted hosteries.' Includes contact information for the reservation clerk.

Advertisement for 'The Hotel Colonnade' with the text 'We advise you to phone the reservation clerk, Spruce 5800, and make a definite reservation for a table. On our three opening nights, more than five thousand persons came to see the new Hotel Colonnade; to hear its wonderful music and to enjoy its gastronomic treats...' Includes details about the P. S. and the band.

Advertisement for 'The Hotel Colonnade' with the text 'The Colonnade Hostess "Five Minutes From Anywhere" The HOTEL COLONNADE CHESTNUT AT 15TH STREET'.

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