

VOL. IV.—NO. 63 TO OPEN BALLOT-BOXES ON EVIDENCE OF FRAUD

FRENCH STORM LINE ON MEUSE; BYNG ADVANCES

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PRISONERS TAKEN IN SHARP ATTACK

Cambrai Tottering as British Forces Press Savage Assaults

BOURLON WOOD SECURE

BERLIN, Nov. 26. More than 300 English prisoners and twenty machine guns were taken by German troops in repulsing minor attacks around Bourlon and cleaning up "necks." The War Office, in reporting this today, said the fighting had been of hand-to-hand character.

The French armies have joined with the British in hammering the German lines on the west front. A sharp attack by Petain's forces on a front of two miles north of Verdun resulted in wresting both the first and second line of defenses from the enemy and the taking of 800 prisoners. The ground captured is of great strategic value. Another important result of the French attack is that it is likely to prevent the withdrawal of further troops from the Meuse sector to re-enforce Crown Prince Rupprecht's army that is slowly being pushed back upon Cambrai. Byng's fighting machine is still rolling forward foot by foot in the great Cambrai attack. The positions won yesterday in Bourlon Wood, four miles west of Cambrai, have all been held and extended. German counter-assaults delivered with much fury yesterday failed so completely that they were not renewed today, General Haig reports. Not only is Cambrai tottering, but the fall of Queant, an important position near the western end of the line that forms the northern side of the new British salient, is believed near.

ENEMY'S MEUSE LINES YIELD TO SHARP ATTACK

PARIS, Nov. 26. While Germany was desperately combing her lines for re-enforcements to stem the tide of the British advance on Cambrai, France struck a sharp, sudden blow north of Verdun. First and second lines of enemy defense positions and 800 prisoners captured were the net results of this attack over a front of more than two miles. The ground taken was in a highly important sector of the enemy lines between Sarrebourg, north of Hill 34.

Complete consolidation of all the gains was reported today. All German counter-thrusts were repulsed. The War Office reported active artillery on both sides in the whole right Meuse sector, particularly north of Hill 34.

CAMBRAI AND QUEANT TOTTER UNDER ATTACK

LONDON, Nov. 26. The sixth day of General Byng's great drive was today, and the British were wading from the great creek on the Hindenburg lines and the everlasting battering of the British troops.

Cambrai is useless to the enemy. Today it has been cut off from Queant by the British hold on Bourlon village. The Queant defenders, therefore, had only a precarious line of communications to the north.

Field Marshal Haig reported today that since utter failure of the German attacks at midday yesterday around Bourlon, the enemy had not repeated the assault there. The dominating heights of Bourlon have been saturated with German blood spilled in mad assaults to take this promontory. Whoever holds Bourlon woods holds a constant menace over the land for miles on either side. The wood itself has been literally blasted away. The village is a crumbling powder of ruins.

The whole German sector is rocking with the shock of impact of the British battering ram.

Picked German troops perished like flies in the hand-to-hand struggle around Bourlon village. Fighting with almost insane frenzy, they doggedly advanced inch by inch in the face of fearful fire. Then they came to a halt in hand-to-hand battle literally slumped in their tracks by utter exhaustion. The British, holding strong against the desperate onslaught, wielded their bayonets with deadly effect.

German corpses littered the streets of Bourlon. They spread in twisted, contorted groups over the battlefield adjoining. The ruined town was a shambles of blood, of mangled bodies, of smoking ruins. The slight hump which the Germans kept on the town was a fearful cost in men.

House Entered and Clothing Stolen The residence of John H. Thibault, 1819 North Twenty-eighth street, was entered during the absence of the family yesterday and clothing to the value of \$30 was stolen.

SIGNING UP FOR A TON OF COAL



Mrs. Wills Kamm, of 114 North Fifty-eighth street, filling out a coal card at the offices of the George B. Newton Company. Beginning today, all would-be purchasers of coal are required by the fuel administration to apply for fuel by means of the coal cards.

ALIENS BARRED FROM WATERFRONT

One-Hundred-Yard Boundary Set in Orders From Washington

OWNERS TO GUARD PIERS

Orders that all enemy aliens shall not be permitted within 100 yards of Philadelphia's waterfront were received here today from Attorney General Gregory by Frank L. Garbarino, special agent of the Department of Justice.

The order supplements that forbidding aliens from coming within 100 yards of any factory or concern engaged in Governmental work, this earlier order still remaining in effect.

Orders of concern along the river front will be held responsible for the installation of guards who will see that aliens are not permitted to enter the barred territory. Mr. Garbarino announced this morning that he would not take the initiative in providing guards for the piers, wharves, docks, ferries, grain elevators, factories and other concerns which are within the zone.

United States District Attorney Francis Fisher Kane, who is conferring with Mr. Garbarino, will cause placards to be posted along the 100-yard line from the waterfront, reading: "No aliens allowed within this territory."

The rumor that aliens found within the restricted zone would be "shot at sight" was contradicted by Mr. Garbarino, who said that if they were found acting in a suspicious manner they would be imprisoned, probably for the duration of the war.

The following statement was issued today by the local Department of Justice:

Instructions this day were received from the Attorney General in reference to the control of alien enemies in the waterfront area. The Attorney General quotes in full the revised statute which defines alien enemies as "native citizens, residents or subjects of the hostile government, or persons of the age of fourteen years and upward, who are domiciled in the United States." At the United States government building, to the United States government building, to the United States government building.

German-born children of American citizens residing in the United States are not alien enemies, provided they are not citizens of a hostile government. German-born children of American citizens are not alien enemies, provided they are not citizens of a hostile government.

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U. S. PUTS BAR ON TEUTON INSURANCE

McAdoo Orders German Companies to Liquidate at Once

LIFE MEN GET REPRIEVE

WASHINGTON, Nov. 26.—All Teuton insurance companies in the United States, excepting life, today were ordered liquidated by Secretary of the Treasury McAdoo. The life insurance companies are confined to continuing existing contracts, and financial arrangements of the liquidated concerns are placed under the control of A. Mitchell Palmer, custodian of alien property.

The action was a blow at German espionage in this country. For months it has been suspected the enemy was obtaining information regarding munition factories through Teuton insurance inspectors. The Secretary's ruling is believed to have been made only upon such evidence by United States secret service officers.

In announcing the decision Secretary McAdoo said he was convinced the "safety" of the United States requires that enemy and ally of enemy marine, fire and casualty insurance companies shall not be allowed to do business as going concerns.

"The consideration of safety is so important," he declares, "as to render it unnecessary to determine at this time whether this action is also demanded by other considerations incident to the successful prosecution of the war."

"In these circumstances I am convinced that the best interests of the country are served by the liquidation of these companies under direction of their American management and subject to such regulations as the Secretary of the Treasury from time to time may prescribe."

"As the liquidation of the life insurance companies involved may work an injustice to policy holders, and as the information accessible to such companies cannot benefit the country, because of the character of the business and its inconsiderable proportions, these companies for the present will be allowed to continue existing contracts."

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RULING CHEERS TOWN MEETING PARTY CHIEFS

See Hope for Independent Victory in Decision to Lift Lids

MAY AFFECT RESULT IN EVERY DIVISION

Election Court Claims Power to Go Behind Returns on Evidence of Crookedness

WARNING TO PERJURERS

The first step in reversing the apparent result of the November 6 election was made today according to claims by the Town Meeting party when Judge Martin and Finletter, concurring in the three important recent cases in favor of the Town Meeting party.

Although dismissing the blanket petition of the independents for opening of the 1326 ballot-boxes in the city, the court decided it had the power to go behind the returns and make corrections in the count where specific cases of error or fraud are alleged.

The court also gave the Town Meeting counsel opportunity to file additional petitions in spite of the three-day rule, creating a loophole whereby the election court may order the opening of every ballot-box in the city.

The crucial battle that may decide the after-election war between the Republican Organization and the Town Meeting party will begin tomorrow. Twenty-five Town Meeting petitions for opening of ballot-boxes will be taken up tomorrow morning and twenty-five Republican petitions tomorrow afternoon. The court would be opened forthwith. Election officials falsely testifying will be held for perjury, was the warning.

The court decided that Town Meeting ballots also marked for District Attorney Rotan, who served notice that he was a candidate for re-election, should have been counted and that Republican ballots bearing marks for other nominees should not have been counted.

Declaring that a Town Meeting ballot marked for District Attorney Rotan had been upped as a good ballot by the Supreme Court and that it was the plain duty of the election officials to count it, Judge Martin said it part:

"Ignorance of the law is no excuse for an election judge to disenfranchise voters who cast legal ballots, and the refusal to elect officials to count such ballots was either palpable fraud or mistake. 'Palpable,' as defined by Webster, is 'easily perceptible intellectually; plain; direct, obvious; readily perceived and detected. It is self-evident that disregard by an election judge of a ruling of the Supreme Court upon the election law is a plain, distinct and obvious fraud, if willful or a mistake, if arising from want of knowledge of the law.'

Jubilant over the decision, Town Meeting leaders declared that the slender majorities of the Republican organization candidates thereby would be wiped out, even predicting the 800-vote lead of W. Freeland Kendrick, organization nominee for Receiver of Taxes, would melt in the face of a recount. At least 20,000 Town Meeting ballots were believed to be in the hands of voters here the double cross mark.

Where differences in the returns are shown, Judge Finletter's opinion read in part that the returns are corrected and it is given certain powers which change it from a ministerial board to a judicial body; not a mere adding machine, but vested with the power to issue summary process against election officers, to conduct hearings and make a thorough investigation.

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QUICK NEWS

ADDITIONAL RACING RESULTS

Seventh Bowie race, 1 1-16 miles—The Pin, 111, Kummer, \$3.90, \$1.40, \$2.80, won; Sea Beach, 101, Walls, \$5.70, \$3.20, second; Christie, 106, Rice, \$2.80, third. Time, 1:49 1-5.

AMERICAN LEAGUE PLEADS NOT GUILTY

WASHINGTON, Nov. 26.—A plea of not guilty was filed in District Supreme Court today by the American League of Professional Baseball Clubs in answer to the Baltimore Federal Club's suit for \$300,000 damages.

AGED MAN SERIOUSLY HURT BY AUTO

Henry Miblich, seventy years old, of 1531 Fairmount avenue, a canvasser, was knocked down by an automobile truck at Broad and Fairmount avenue this afternoon and suffered a fractured left leg and contusions of the head and body. He was taken to St. Joseph's Hospital, where he is in a critical condition. The truck was driven by William Strasser, of 5416 Lansdowne avenue.

WILL PROBE MEDITERRANEAN U-BOAT SINKING

WASHINGTON, Nov. 26.—The State Department has asked its Mediterranean consuls to investigate as to the submarine which sunk the American trawship Schuykill. It is determined that an Austrian U-boat was responsible, possibility of a declaration of war against Austria will be immensely increased.

JAMESON, FAMOUS TRANSVAAL RAIDER, DEAD

LONDON, Nov. 26.—Sir Leander Starr Jameson, leader of the famous Transvaal raid in South Africa in 1895, died today.

DRAFT CASES TO BE ARGUED IN DECEMBER

WASHINGTON, Nov. 26.—After handing down several important decisions today the Supreme Court took a recess until December, when the constitutionality of the selective draft cases will be argued.

SOUTHERN COMPANY GETS BIG SHIP CONTRACT

NEW YORK, Nov. 26.—The Southern Shipbuilding Corporation has received a contract from the United States Shipping Board for sixteen 7500-deadweight tons, steel cargo ships of the Whiteley-Panet type. The ships will be fabricated in the Birmingham district of Alabama and will be put together at the company's plant at Chickley, S. C. Contract amounts to about \$20,000,000.

U. OF P. HOSPITAL UNIT TO MOBILIZE

The University of Pennsylvania hospital unit, United States Base Hospital No. 20, has been ordered to mobilize Friday morning at the Thirtieth and Lancaster avenue army for intensive war training. This is believed to forecast an early departure for France. The University hospital body has an enlisted personnel of 153 men. Such athletes as Bert Bell and Howard Berry are numbered among its members. Major J. B. Carnett, of 123 South Twentieth street, a well-known surgeon, directs its medical corps, while its operation as a military unit is in charge of Major Thomas H. Johnson, U. S. A. Captain Sherman M. Crager, U. S. A., is quartermaster.

DECEMBER COTTON AT NEW HIGH RECORD

NEW YORK, Nov. 26.—The December cotton on the opening call sold at 31 25 cents, the highest price since 1869.

LEHIGH VALLEY ASKS TO INCREASE COAL RATES

WASHINGTON, Nov. 26.—The Lehigh Valley Railroad today applied to the Interstate Commerce Commission for permission to increase the freight rates on anthracite coal from Perth Amboy, N. J., to New England points, and the New York, Ontario and Western Railroad asked permission to make similar increases in anthracite shipments from Weehawken, N. J., to Cornwall, N. Y.

UNION TROLLEY MEN LOCKED OUT AT ST. PAUL

ST. PAUL, Minn., Nov. 26.—About 1000 employees of the Twin Cities Rapid Transit Company found their places filled when they reported for work. The company officials declined to discuss the matter, but the men declared they had been locked out for wearing union buttons.

NOBLES LOSE TITLES BY BOLSHEVIKI ORDER

PETROGRAD, Nov. 26.—Abolition of all titles of nobility was announced in an order by the Bolshevik Government today. The same proclamation announced confiscating of all corporate property of nobles, merchants and bourgeoisie.

DENIES BRITISH COUNCIL FAVORED WAR ON GERMANY

LONDON, Nov. 26.—Denial that there was any secret meeting of the Privy Council in July, 1913, which advocated war with Germany, was made in the House of Commons this afternoon by Foreign Minister Balfour "on authority of the King."

PARKWAY COMPLETION CONTRACT IS AWARDED

Director Datesman, of the Department of Public Works, today awarded a contract to J. Joseph McHugh for completing that section of the Parkway between Seventeenth and Eighteenth streets. The contract price is \$47,000. The section of Parkway affected by the letting is occupied by the Medico-Chirurgical Hospital, the buildings of which will remain standing during the war. Roadways will be built around the structures.

ELECTION OFFICERS ARE PAID OFF TODAY

Today is pay day for 6680 election officers and warrants aggregating \$80,150 were handed out by the City Commissioners. Each of the 1336 divisions is allowed \$60. The judges receive \$15 and clerks and inspectors \$5 each. Rent of the polling place is allowed at the rate of \$25 each.

HEINZ MOVES TO LOWER FOOD SHARK PROFITS

State Administrator Meets Dealers and Decides Upon Reductions

DISCUSS SITUATION IN ALL ITS ANGLES

Agree Upon Cash-and-Carry Basis—Consumer Urged to Report All Overcharges

COVERS CHIEF STAPLES

Thanksgiving Poultry, Eggs and Sugar Included in Price List Published by Conferees

Exorbitant profits demanded by many food retailers who took advantage of war conditions will be cut down as a result of action taken today at a conference between State Food Administrator Howard Heinz and dealers in foodstuffs. The session was held at the headquarters of the Public Safety Committee in the Finance Building and was attended by wholesalers, retailers, warehousing men and others interested in the marketing of food.

All angles of the food situation were reviewed, including the overhead costs, and following prolonged discussion, reductions were decided upon in many kinds of substantial food.

Turkey dealers, well stocked with choice fancy birds, will hit by the prices announced today by Administrator Heinz. Other prices will have little effect on the local market, as most dealers are well within the limit. Some of the grocers catering to the "fancy" trade will have to lower prices somewhat.

The most choice turkeys in the Reading Terminal Market are selling today from forty-two cents to forty-five cents per pound. Butcher at forty-eight to fifty cents for forty-two cents. Dealers say that the price for "fair to good" birds is lower than the figures at which they can be bought wholesale.

All poultry is scarce. There are ordinarily no ducks or geese in the market. Dealers having these for sale quote ducks at thirty-two cents and geese at thirty-three cents. The quotation on ducks is within the price set. That for geese five cents over the maximum.

Cold-storage eggs are selling now from forty to forty-three cents. The new prices will have little effect. Lard is selling in most cases well under the minimum price. Butter at forty-eight to fifty-five cents, will show a reduction of several cents in the higher grades from creamery prime potatoes and sugar are now selling within the maximum price.

In an announcement made at the conclusion of the conference all consumers are urged to report all dealers who charge more than the prices fixed to the United States food administrator, Morris Building, Philadelphia.

All prices were based upon the cash-and-carry plan, and those who desire any fancy service cannot expect to buy goods for the prices named.

The prices fixed by State Administrator Heinz follow:

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