

PROSSIMA OFFENSIVA DEI TEUTONI IN ITALIA

La Germania Avrebbe Deciso Tentare un Colpo Alla Fronte Italiana

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ROMA, 21 febbraio. In questa circoscrizione militare vi è quasi la ferma convinzione che la Germania...

Tutte le truppe tedesche disponibili andranno per la cattura delle posizioni...

Le batterie italiane, in unione a quelle inglesi, hanno effettuato importanti azioni...

Dispari giunti dalla Germania assicurano che il governo tedesco non negherà alcun trattato di pace con la Russia...

Un dispaccio da Copenhagen annuncia che le forze germaniche hanno invaso l'Esthonia ed ora avanzano verso Revel...

All'ultimo momento si apprende che un messaggio da Pietrogrado sarebbe stato spedito da Lenin e Trotsky...

Licensed at Elkton to Wed ELKTON, Md., Feb. 21.—Only four couples were granted marriage licenses here this morning...

TODAY'S MARRIAGE LICENSES Paul A. Griesbach, 2129 N. Bancroft st., and...

CHARGES JAIL CONSPIRACY Warden Fires Clerk After Accusations of Malfeasance

READING, Pa., Feb. 21.—Warden C. Herbert Schwartz, of the Berks County Jail, who has had two warrants served against him...

TRADE SHIPS FOR FLOUR Dutch Follow Up Pact With U. S. by Arrangement With Berlin

AMSTERDAM, Feb. 21.—The negotiations between Holland and the United States, according to the Handelsblad, have resulted in an agreement whereby America will utilize Dutch tonnage in return for flour for Holland...

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BOY AIR HERO, WAR VETERAN, VISITS CITY

Youngest American in French Escadrille Has Won "Croix de Guerre"

By MLISS The youngest American aviator with a pilot's license and a Croix de Guerre based in the front in the Lafayette Escadrille, visited the city...

Le lieutenant Joseph C. Stehlin, just twenty and just back from a year's service in the front in the Lafayette Escadrille, inaugurated his holiday visit to America by a call at Independence Hall...

With none of the ebullience of untold youth, but with the calm manner of one to whom danger is unending, Lieutenant Stehlin described his year "over there," and the aviator's life as it is lived.

"I took me five months to train," he continued, "and then I went out to try my hand at the Boche."

"Empowering" Bill Favorably Reported Measure Designed to Give President Authority to Slash Red Tape

WASHINGTON, Feb. 21.—The subcommittee of the Judiciary Committee today voted three to two, to report favorably the "empowering" bill, designed to give President Wilson authority to slash red tape in the war government.

FAKE "CLERGYMAN" JAILED Aged "Con" Man Begs Mercy After Working "Spanish Heir" Game

"The Rev. Dr." John Stillwell, white-haired occupant of several prison cells, pleaded for leniency today before he was sentenced by Judge Kates, of the Camden Criminal Court, to serve between one and three years for attempting to work the "Spanish heir game" on a negro farmer.

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WEARS FRENCH WAR CROSS AT 20



Lieutenant Joseph C. Stehlin, who is back from a year's service at the front as a member of the Lafayette Escadrille, visited Independence Hall today and touched the Liberty Bell.

ACCUSE FEDERAL BANK NEW RULES ON LIQUOR OFFICERS OF GRAFT FOR SOLDIERS DRASTIC

Glass Declares Directors Sell Army Hopes to End "Boo-tegling" Outside Dry Zones of Camps

WASHINGTON, Feb. 21.—Graft exists "to an alarming degree" among officers and directors of the Federal Reserve system, Chairman Carter Glass, of the House Banking and Currency Committee, charged today in introducing amendments to the Federal Reserve act submitted by the Treasury Department.

Particularly in the East officers of the Federal Reserve are selling their influence so that certain persons who really have no right to obtain Federal loans, Glass said.

To break up this practice and to clarify the penal provisions of the act which have been the excuse for some of the most flagrant graft, the amendments make it a crime punishable by imprisonment for an officer to accept any fee, commission or gift in obtaining loans to take any loan of more than \$10,000 from the reserve bank for his personal use.

Other amendments which were included in one bill extend the scope of the Federal Reserve system in the line of general trust business.

Keeps Up Family Fighting Name CARLSLE, Pa., Feb. 21.—With the unique record of his family being recorded in every war for more than a century to back him, Sergeant H. W. Poveley, of Carlsle, with a signal corps battalion, is made in France to fight the Hun, according to a communication received by friends here today.

Colonel John Murphy Dies RICHMOND, Va., Feb. 21.—Colonel John Murphy, Confederate veteran and one of the best known hotel men in the country, died here yesterday. He was proprietor of Murphy's Hotel.

GREAT FOOD TRAINS RUSH TO ALLIES' SHIPS

Long Strings of Cars With Much-Needed Supplies Being Speeded Across Continent

WASHINGTON, Feb. 21.—Fast food trains packed with supplies for waiting allied ships at the seaboard are speeding across the continent today with the right of way over all traffic.

Determined to relieve immediately the anxiety of England, France and Italy over America's failure to deliver the food expected to date, Director General McAdoo has assembled 431 cars of food at Chicago which are being made up into trains and sent eastward as rapidly as locomotives can be secured.

Twelve food trains were dispatched early this week, ten more today and more will follow.

The way has been cleared for a steady stream of foodstuffs to the Atlantic coast and ample tonnage has been arranged for to transport food to the Allies, Director General McAdoo today assured the Allied Ambassadors.

Lord Reading, British Ambassador; M. Tardieu, French High Commissioner; and Count D'Alema, Italian Ambassador, conferred for an hour today with the director general regarding food supplies.

They requested that packing house products, particularly, be given preference and the foodstuffs be sent to the seaboard. McAdoo promised six trains daily, 200 cars, of packing house products from Chicago, Kansas City and St. Louis.

McAdoo said that the movement of grain into primary distribution centers has been increased from 600 carloads a day in December to approximately 700 carloads a day in the latter part of January.

Lord Reading stated after the conference that the Allies were greatly pleased at McAdoo's plans.

Admits Robbing Rector's Daughter Frank Petrovski, North Franklin street, after being convicted by a jury in Quarter Sessions Court, admitted he was guilty of the charge. He was accused of snatching a pocketbook belonging to Miss Sarah Tomkins, daughter of the rector of Holy Trinity Church.

WON'T VOTE ON TRADE WAR The Philadelphia Board of Trade has refused to vote on the recommendation of the Chamber of Commerce of the United States, which proposes to discriminate against Germany in trade after the war, if necessary for self-defense.

President Wilson having spoken against any after-the-war boycotts, declaring them destructive to a lasting peace, the Board of Trade officials would not be patriotic to embarrass the Administration in this way by voting on the referendum.

GOETHALS SIMPLIFIES EQUIPMENT OF TROOPS

Men on Way to France to Be Fitted Out at Camps Near Coast

WASHINGTON, Feb. 21.—Reorganization of the method of equipping and supplying men embarking for France has been instituted by Quartermaster General Goethals.

Under the new plan men for overseas service will report to camps near the eastern seaboard, where they will be fitted out to the last button and sent to ships. Previously they were equipped at their own camps and sent direct to ports of embarkation.

Greater care will be taken of the summer from now on. He will be equipped in every respect for the hard work ahead. His clothes will be the kind he needs and they will fit him. So will his shoes.

As many of General Goethals' reorganizing scheme ample supplies of all kinds of footstuffs will be stored at embarkation points.

This scheme was found necessary by reason of the fact that the recent freight congestion caused the danger of a food shortage for the transports to loom up.

Goethals is cutting red tape in regard to clothing. For example, he found that southern troops needed rubber boots, so despite the fact that he had no authority he arranged to purchase 500,000 pairs of boots.

In addition to shifts already staffed, Goethals has created a "planning staff" of efficiency experts. On this board are Dr. Frank A. Cleveland, of the Taft efficiency commission; President Hopkins, of Dartmouth College; Dr. A. H. Hamersburg, A. E. Franklin and G. E. Willis.

Previously the quartermaster bureau lacked any comprehensive planning scheme.

The clothing division under Albert L. Scott, middle western business man, is thoroughly reorganized, as he is the assistance division.

PERFECT SOLDIER ARRESTED AS ENEMY National Army Sergeant, Trained in Germany, Held—Two Others Are Seized

CAMP CUSTER, BATTLE CREEK, Mich., Feb. 21.—Sergeant John Deerskin, National Army, was arrested here today as a dangerous alien enemy and turned over to Federal authorities for internment. Deerskin's father is a general in the German army. He himself was trained at Leipzig University, Germany. Deerskin's father is a general in the German army. He himself was trained at Leipzig University, Germany.

At the same time two other selectives, also from Detroit, Stephen Ducard and Leo Drapal, were ordered interned for disloyalty. Drapal threatened to shoot his officers.

Deerskin's army record has been perfect—so exemplary, officers declare, their suspicions were aroused. He is said to have been guilty of disloyal acts previous to entering the army.

WANTS HIS SALARY CUT New Montgomery County Treasurer Says It Should Be Only \$3000

NORRISTOWN, Feb. 21.—John H. Rice, a Norristown lawyer, who has been appointed by Governor Brumbaugh to the vacant office of Montgomery County Treasurer, has notified the County Commissioners that after reading the law, the salary of the County Treasurer should probably be based on \$3000 instead of \$5000 a year, as it has been under previous treasurers.

He says that his salary be fixed on that basis.

CLOTHING PROFITS IN \$5,000,000 SWINDLE

Score of Indictments in New York Disclose Alleged Organized Robbery

NEW YORK, Feb. 21.—Sensational disclosures of wholesale robbery perpetrated upon the United States Government by manufacturers holding contracts for the making of uniforms for the army and the navy were made today by officials in the United States District Court.

Accompanying the announcement that a score of indictments had been handed down by the Federal Grand Jury against Government clothing profiteers it was stated that the nation had been mulcted out of more than \$5,000,000 worth of army and navy fabrics since the United States entered the war.

In connection with the alleged colossal swindle partly disclosed today and which will be probed to the fullest depth by Federal authorities aided by the police, who have been working on the Government uniform investigation for the last six weeks, it was said that the process of thieving from the Government was on the most gigantic and thoroughly organized scale. It was estimated that the investigation would be carried to other States.

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