DUELLI DI ARTIGLIERIA AL FRONTE ITALIANO

Riparti Italiani d'Incursioni Vittoriosi in Vari Scontri col Nemico

TEUTONI CATTURATI

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Dalle notizie giunte dalla fronte di battaglia, e da quanto e' stato comunicato dal Quartier Generale Italiano, si rileva che l'attivita' combattiva presso le linee italiane si e' limitata principalmente a duelli di artiglieria, i quali in alcun punti sono stati frequenti e violenti.

L'artiglieria teutonica effettuo' concentrazione di fuoco nella regione orientale del fiume Brenta, ma fu efficacemente controbattuta dalle batterie italiane.

Vivaci duelli di artiglieria si verificarono sull'altipiano di Asiago, nella regione Giudicaria e nei settori di Val Dobbiadene e di Montello.

I riparti di incursione e le pattuglie in ricognizione furono attivissime da ambo le parti. Lungo il medio corso del Piave tra detti riparti e pattuglie si verificarono parecchi scontri i quali finirono sempre con esito favorevole per gli italiani.

Un reparto di fanteria italiana compi' felicemente una ricognizione verso le posizioni nemiche di fronte a Capo Sile e torno' conducendo parecchi prigionieri.

Ecco il testo del comunicato ufficiale pubblicato, ieri, dal Ministero della Guerra in Roma:

La nostra artiglieria e quella del nemico concentrarono il loro fuoco nei punti ad oriente del Brenta. Questo divenne piu' frequente e violento nella regione Giudicaria, sull'Altipiano di Asiago, e nelle vicinanze di Val Dobbiadende e di Montello.

Lungo il medio corso del fiume Piave e piu' in giu' di questo si verifico' vivace fuoco da parte dei riparti di incursione.

A Capo Sile una delle nostre pattuglie torno' indietro con dei prigionieri dopo aver effettuata una ricognizione.

Un comunicato ufficiale pubblicato a Berlino, da accogliersi con le dovute riserve, dice che gli italiani avanzarono ad oriente del fiume Brenta per attaccare le posizioni di Col Caprile, verso la sera, ma che furono respinti dal fuoco delle truppe austro-tedesche.

La Camera dei Deputati ha confermata la piena fiducia al presente Gabinetto con 349 voti favorevoli e 14 contrari.

Durante una discussione circa la politica generale e le aspirazioni dell'Italia nella presente guerra, una allusione agli Stati Uniti diede luogo ad una imponente dimostrazione all'indirizzo della granted repubblica. Tutti i deputati si levarono in piedi acclamando il Presidente Wilson e gli Stati Uniti e le ovazioni durarono per varii minuti. All dimostrazione si associarono quanti gremivano le varie tribune della Camera.

REPUBLICAN UPHOLDS WILSON IN CAMP SPEECH

Congressman Farr, of Scranton, Tells Soldiers President Has Backbone, Lauds United States Women

By a Staff Correspondent

WASHINGTON, Feb. 25.—President Wilson was generously praised by Congressman John R. Farr, of Scranton, Pa., in a speech made last night to the soldiers at Camp Meade.

"I am a Republican," said Farr. "I recall that Colonel Roosevelt in the last campaign said President Wilson had a single track mind. He has. When he chooses an objective he sticks to it. He may change his method of approach. I believe it is a fine thing for Americans at this time that we have in the White House a man with an objective and the backbone to hold to it.

"Congress is behind every one of you in everything you or your families need," continued Farr.

Prolonged applause greeted his statements. Mr. Farr was again applauded when he paid a tribute to American women. He said that in England women now could construct a vessel without the hand of one man touching it.

"I trust the time will not arrive when that will be necessary in America," he said. "But your wives, mothers and sweethearts are ready for any sacrifice. The spirit of American women has been fine. I have heard no mothers complain of sending their sons to camps.

"When it comes to a question of right, women will fight to the last ditch."

WILL IRWIN DESCRIBES ITALY'S RECOVERY

Correspondent Tells How Army's Morale Was Nearly But Not Quite Destroyed by German Cunning

Picturesque incidents of warfare were flung off like sparks from an anvil this afternoon by Will Irwin, war correspondent, before an audience of the Red Cross Auxiliary, 608 Chestnut street. How the Italian morale was close to broken down for all time by the sheer devilry of German cunning in forging newspapers and circulating false reports of peace conferences and treaties ending the war; how the whole right wing of an Italian army was lost in a tangle of mountains and a city-full of little children and women in evening gowns were struck down by the roadside—all this he recounted with a lightness of touch that could not disguise the dramatic quality of his narrative.

"And it was no cowardice on the part of the Italians, but the damnable cunning of the Germans that caused the Italian retreat at Caparetto," Mr. Irwin insisted. "Every one in Italy had been firmly convinced by German propaganda that the war would be over last December.

"'What's the use of fighting if the war's all fixed up?' was the question we heard on every side. Oh, they're damnably cunning, clever, these Germans, but one thing they had forgotten about Italy, that she's 60 per cent pride," Mr. Irwin declared. "They dealt her an unearthly wallop in her pride, and she came back. Yes, thank God, she found herself in time to save her national pride."

With a vibrant note of pride he told the story of how the Italian troops met the Germans on the banks of the Piave and drove them back.

"Such a victory on the side of the Germans," he said, "would have been advertised throughout the nations." Mr. Irwin drove home the contrast with a punch. "The Germans know the art of self-advertising. The French and Italian don't."

"All the great inventions of this war, including the airplane, have been created by Americans and then seized by the Germans for their own use, against us," Mr. Irwin ended.

$300 Fire Loss in Grocery Store

A lighted candle set fire to a pile of burlap in the cellar of the grocery store of Samuel Elkman, Seventeenth and Reed streets, this afternoon. Mrs. Elkman smelled smoke and an alarm of fire was turned in. The flames were quickly extinguished and the damage is estimated at $300.

Warns Against Poor Houses for Workers

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going to do with these men when the war is over? 'Scrap' them?

"Certainly not! You will go on building ships, building more of them than you ever built before, building great merchant fleets, so that in the future you will be able to carry the vast products of your agriculture and industry all over the world in bottoms owned by you and not in bottoms rented to you by other nations. You must, therefore, make in Hog Island and its environs permanent homes—not homes built to last only two, three or five years, but as good homes as can be built anywhere. Temporary barracks for the housing of workmen at Hog Island are, of course, necessary, but they should be used only to house relays of workmen for a few weeks at a time, until these permanent houses can be built for them.

"You will find, unless this is done, as we have found out in England and Canada, that a room to sleep in and a restaurant to eat in are only 50 per cent of the provision which must be made for the worker if you expect him to stay in your city. The other 50 per cent, which is just as vital, is to supply him with a permanent house to live in and with opportunities to benefit himself by recreation, social diversions and education. It doesn't matter whether these houses are built of wood or brick. I would rather have a wooden house, if it stood on an acre of land, than the best brick house possible if it stood on one of yoff-20 by 50 foot Philadelphia lots. The crowding of people upon lots of that size is a menace to health, a menace to industry and a menace to the life of your nation. You have made the mistake in this country of overestimating the value of liberty and underestimating the value of life.

"The compensation of labor may be increased, but no real betterment of the condition of the workmen can be reached unless housing conditions are bettered form him. If he is given proper housing, his skill as a laborer is thereby increased and with increased skill he is better able to resist the financial interests, which are constantly trying to keep him in a position of servitude."

Present living conditions for workers in all large centers of war industry were condemned as being highly unsatisfactory by Joseph M. Ritchie, general organizer for the American Federation of Labor, who spoke for Samuel Gompers, president of the federation. Mr. Ritchie was a speaker at the luncheon of the conference, when the question of whether houses should be rented or sold to the war workers was brought up.

As to the present unsatisfactory conditions, Mr. Ritchie asserted that not enough homes had been built near Cramp's nor on the available land at Port Richmond nor at Chester.

At Chester, he said, a canvass of 400 homes with a view to obtaining lodgings for ship workers resulted in the discovery of only twenty-four which would admit them as lodgers. Too many workmen at the Chester shipyards were obliged to commute to Philadelphia, he said. Mr. Ritchie, like other speakers, urged that Congress speedily pass appropriations providing for the erection of new homes in war industry centers.

Hog Island Visit by Senators Secret

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and see the yards on other days, but you can't today." That settled it.

As a matter of fact, a number of Washington newspaper men had come up from Washington to observe the Senators investigate, and they were forced, by the admiral's order, to go to the Bellevue or the Ritz or the Adelphia, or some such place to get their luncheon and forgo the Hog Island repast.

As for the curious Philadelphia newspaper men—well, they are Hooverizing anyhow, so they were not "sore."

Anyhow, the Senators arrived and said they would depart late this afternoon. The only thing really known about their itinerary is that they drove direct from the West Philadelphia station to some shops on Market street to buy gum boots for each member of the party. Who paid for these gum boots is not known. A facetious person unkindly remarked that it should have been "gum shoes"—so like Admiral Bowles's personally conducted tour, don't you know.

Senator Vardaman said: "I am here to get a personal survey of Hog Island."

Senator Reed said: "I am here to get a personal survey of Hog Island."

Senator Harding said: "I am here to get a personal survey of Hog Island." So said they all.

Not one of the Senators was perceived to have a compass, a transit or a tripod—no, not even a fieldglass. It was assumed that these instruments would be supplied by Admiral Bowles.

It was also suggested that the Admiral might supply magnifying glasses to his guests; then again it was hinted at microscopes.

WHERE FOUR SENATORS STAND ON SUFFRAGE

France and Smoot for It, Page on Fence; Penrose's Secretary Dodges for His Chief

Miss Mary H. Ingham, Pennsylvania, chairman of the National Woman's party, received four replies today to her letters to United States Senators asking for support for the Federal suffrage amendment when it comes up in the Senate. The replies were from:

Senator France (Maryland), who is for it;

Senator Smoot (Utah), who is for it;

Senator Page (Vermont), who is on the fence; and

Senator Penrose's secretary, who said that the letter "would be brought to the Seantor's attention."

Mrs. Lawrence Lewis, a member of the State executive committee, telegraphed headquarters here that Philadelphians would hold a suffrage amendment meeting at Palm Beach, Fla., tomorrow.

WEST PHILADELPHIA LEADS

"Speedboys" Score 24 Points to Lansdowne's 12 in Dual Track Meet

West Philadelphia High was too strong for the runners of Lansdowne High in a dual meet held this afternoon in the "speed boys'" gym. With the meet half completed, the team across the river was leading by the score of 24 to 12.

Altmaier was the best performer for Lansdowne, he finishing second in the 15-yard dash, second in the 220-yard dash and third in the high jump.

15-yard dash—Won by Mitchell, West Philadelphia; second, Altmaier, Lansdowne; third, Weil, Lansdowne. Time, 2 1-5s.

220-yard dash—Won by Fager, West Philadelphia; second, Altmaier, Lansdowne; third, tie between Perritt, West Philadelphia, and Lilly, West Philadelphia. Time, 25s.

880-yard run—Won by Coldille, West Philadelphia; second, Caton, West Philadelphia; third, Wilcox, Lansdowne. Time, 2m. 22 3-5s.

High jump—Won by Quinn, West Philadelphia; second, Tatterwalte, Lansdowne; third, Altmaier, Lansdowne. Height, 4 ft. 11 in.

E. H. Brown Dies in Norristown

NORRISTOWN, Pa., Feb. 25.—Ezra H. Brown, prominent in real estate circles and many years tax collector of Norristown, but recently succeeded by George H. Alker, died this afternoon of pneumonia.

NEW REVOLT BREWING IN RUSSIA AS BOLSHEVIKI YIELD TO KAISER

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conditions of the deepest humiliation for Russia.

A dispatch from Petrograd, stating that the Bolshevik Government had agreed to accept Germany's latest peace terms, was followed by a report from Brest-Litovsk that virtually all of the members of the new German peace delegation will be army officers.

The German Government officials who headed the first delegation from the Central Powers are now said to be in Rumania carrying on a parley with representatives of the Rumanian Government. Chief of these envoys are Doktor von Kuehlmann, the German Foreign Minister, Count Czernin, the Austrian Foreign Minister, and Premier Radoslavoff of Bulgaria.

Petrograd reports that the Bolshevik envoys will reach Brest-Litovsk some time this week carrying credentials empowering them to make peace upon the terms announced by Germany. The decision to reopen the peace conference was reached Sunday morning after an all-night session of the central executive committee of the congress of Soviets. In the meantime the Austro-German armies continue their advance into Russia over a wide front.

The German War Office stated that the German troops are almost to Reval and, owing to the absence of Russian resistance, it is expected that this port will fall within a very short time.

INVADERS PRESS ON: 100 MILES FROM KIEV

BERLIN, Feb. 25.

German forces have reached Jitomir (Zhitomir, the principal city of Volhynia, 100 miles east of Rovno, and the same distance west of Kiev), the Berlin War Office announced today.

At Rovno, the statement said, the whole staff of the Russian special army was captured, with the exception of the commander-in-chief, who fled.

Pernau (a seaport in Livonia, on an arm of the Gulf of Riga) has been occupied.

Storm troops of the Sixteen Hussars took Dorpat (in Livonia, 157 miles northeast of Riga), capturing 2000 prisoners and hundreds of automobiles.

AMSTERDAM, Feb. 25.

The Germans entered Verkaus, in Finland, after violent fighting, capturing a thousand Russians and many rifles, according to semiofficial dispatches from Berlin today.

Germany has declared martial law in several districts in Poland. It was learned from Berlin advices today.

(There has been growing unrest in Poland ever since the Ukraindan peace treaty was signed. Even before that, however, the Poles were chafing under the hardships of German rule and enforced labor.)

"A separate peace with Russia is a Pyrrhic victory," the Vienna Arbeiter Zeitung declared. "Because Great Britain, France and America will make war to the bitter end."

(The "Pyrrhic victory" is derived from the victory of Pyrrhus over the Romans 279 B. C. at Asculum and typifies a triumph won at very heavy cost. Pyrrhus remarked after the battle, "One more such victory and we are lost.")

REDS AND COSSACKS STILL FIGHT IN SOUTH

PETROGRAD, Feb. 25.

Bolshevik forces have occupied Rostoff, it was announced today. Street fighting continues.

Rostoff is an important city in the territory of the Don Cossacks, located on the Don River, a short distance from the northeasternmost arm of the Sea of Azov.

"PAPER PEACE" LIKELY TO BE SHORT LIVED

By J. W. T. MASON

NEW YORK, Feb. 25.

The Russian Par-Soviets' acceptance of Germany's latest peace terms by a majority of only fifteen out of a total executive committee's membership of 237 strongly indicates that a paper peace at this time will not permanently adjust the east front situation.

As soon as Germany's intentions of crushing Russia by a new diplomatic offensive are realized by the masses of Russia there is a strong possibility of another revolutionary movement. Von Hindenburg can only hold the Russians to his terms by making Russia a conquered province and thus limiting the number of east front troops available for the west.

The new offensive of German militarist diplomats has for its object the elimination of the Bolsheviki from any participation in the "self-determination" of Poland and the Baltic provinces. This policy does not necessarily entail annexation of western Russia to Germany. Even the German militarists are learning that too much ruthlessness doesn't pay. But by making Germany responsible for the fate of western Russia Von Hindenburg wants to turn Poland and the Baltic provinces into vassal States of the Hohenzollerns, probably with self-government under the direction of German princelings. This would give Germany control of the trade of that vast region.

Russia is thus facing a new issue of self-preservation. With the Ukraine largely cutting off Russia's former complete access to the Black Sea and with the Finnish coast line no longer in Russia's possession, the severance of the Baltic provinces would cut Russia's water outlets very nearly to the point of extinction. Russia would become almost an inland Power.

The self-determination which the Bolsheviki demand for small nationalities would be denied to the Russians themselves. The existence not only of the revolution, but also of Russia as a nation, is at stake. It is impossible for Russia to accept any such permanent settlement as this.

TEUTONS MAY RESTORE MONARCHY IN RUSSIA

LONDON, Feb. 25.—Germany plans to restore the monarchy in Russia, according to a telegram dated Friday in Petrograd to the Morning Post. It says the Grand Duke of Hesse has been appointed the commander in the Riga section of the German front.

"His sister," the dispatch adds, "the former Empress Alexandra, as the guardian of her son, the former Tsarevitch, is the favorite German candidate for the throne. The former Emperor will not accept the throne from German hands. The Bolsheviki have provided a form of government which the Russians alone understand—pure despotism. They have paved the way for the return of the monarchy."

COAL CONSUMERS WARNED

Must Economize Because of Use of Anthracite on Ships

"If coal consumers at home do not economize, they will face a shortage in anthracite coal," said Benjamin F. John, a member of the Federal fuel administration and treasurer of the Joseph H. Brown Heating and Ventilating Company, at today's luncheon of the City Business Club, held in the Adelphia Hotel.

In his talk of "coal," Mr. John explained Philadelphia's coal crisis. He said that 90 per cent of the anthracite mined in Pennsylvania is consumed in the homes of Philadelphia and vicinity. Owing to the existence of the submarine zone, it was found necessary that ships going through those waters should burn anthracite coal, which is smokeless. The Government will use this coal during the duration of this war. Therefore, it is necessary that consumers avoid waste or else face a coal shortage. He also stated that 90 per cent of the ashes wasted can again be used.

A short talk called "Man's Personal Equation in Business" was given by Thomas May Pierce, Jr., treasurer of the Hercules Cement Company.

TO SELL CARR'S PROPERTY

Widow Gets Order to Meet Claims Against Estate

A petition filed in the Orphan's Court by Mae E. Carr, widow and administratrix of the estate of John J. Carr, sergeant-at-arms of Common Council, asking leave to sell the real estate left by her husband to pay off some of his debts, shows that the only real estate left by Carr is the premises, 2119 Carpenter street, of the value of which no estimate is given, while claims against his estate of which his widow has knowledge alone amount to upward of $50,000.

Besides his widow, Carr left five minor children. At the time of his death he was engaged in the real estate business at 820 South Twentieth street.

The petition of the widow sets out that in addition to the house on Carpenter street, her husband left personal property appraised at $970.48.

Carr died on March 5, 1917, intestate.

Judge Anderson allowed the petition authorizing the offering of the property at public sale after due and legal notice. The sale is subject to the approval and confirmation of the courts.

Marietta Bank President Dead

LANCASTER, Pa., Feb. 25.—David M. Eyer, eighty-seven years old, for the last nine years president of the Marietta National Bank, is dead. He was a member of the Brethren in Christ Church sixty years, and for many years was a prominent churchman. A daughter, Mrs. Amos M. Shenk, alone survives.

E. A. Gimbel's Grandnephew Dies

Roger Millheiser, son of Mrs. Clarence Millheiser, of Richmond, Va., a niece of Ellis A. Gimbel, of Philadelphia, died yesterday in the Yale Infirmary, New Haven, Conn., following an operation. Young Millheiser was a sergeant of artillery in the reserve officers' camp at New Haven. He was nineteen years old. His mother was Miss Regina Greenwald, of Philadelphia. Arrangements for his funeral have not yet been announced.

Tuesday's Havana Entries

First race, three-year-olds and upward, claiming, purse $400, 6 furlongs—Dora Collins, 108; Water Wings, 110; Cash Up, 110; Purple and Gold, 111; Baby Cole, 111; Quick Start, 111; Mary Valle, 111; Hattie Burton, 111; Miss Barn Harbor, 111; Palm Leaf, 111; Andrew O'Day, 113; Donner, 113; Unity, 113; Page White, 113; Sandel, 113.

Second race, three-year-olds and upward, claiming, purse $400, 6 furlongs—Confiscation, 95; Hit of Blarney, 95; Curtis, 108; Peachie, 108; Margaret E., 111; Lyndora, 111; London Girl, 111; Betterton, 113; Jackiet, 113; Ralph S., 113; Colonel Matt, 113; Morristown, 113; Wodan, 113; Wizard, 113; Salon, 113.

Third race, three-year-olds and upward, claiming, purse $400, 6 furlongs—*Sheddy, 102; Fielder II, 104; Dufose, 104; Pierman, 104; Moonstone, 105; Thirst, 107; Sallie O'Day, 107; Massenet, 107; Regular, 107; Detour, 112; Algardi, 112.

Fourth race, three-year-olds and upward, claiming, purse $400, 6 furlongs—*Pickle Fancy, 89; *Encore, 104; Lady Jane Grey, 105; Dignity, 107; Roscoe Goose, 109; Du Cann, 109; Milestone, 112; James, 112; Beverly James, 112; James Oakley, 115.

Fifth race, three-year-olds and upward, claiming, purse $400, 1 mile and 70 yards—Elizabeth H., 97; *Cuddle Up, 99; *Frank Patterson, 101; Victrola, 101; Lanatana, 101; James O., 108; Lady Speedthrift, 107; Thesieres, 109; Brisa, 109; Bigachita, 110; Primero, 110; Lytle, 114.

Sixth race, three-year-olds and upward, claiming, purse $400, 1½ miles—*Tippo Sahib, 89; *Protection, 100; Prince Philathorpe, 107; *Lohengrin, 108; Highland Lassie, 108; *Grasmere, 111; Col. Marchmont, 116; Functionaire, 119; Stoyl, 119.

*Apprentice allowance claimed.

Weather, clear; track, fast.

ACCUSED OF FALSE PRETENSE

Ruse Traps Man Charged With Obtaining Money by Telegraph Fraud

Herbert Burke, of De Funiak Springs, Florida, was held in $500 bail by Magistrate Watson today for court on a charge of obtaining money under false pretenses, preferred by Leigh L. Polk, of Purvis, Miss., chief pharmacist's mate at the Naval Hospital, Gray's Ferry road and Fitzwater street.

Polk says that Burke used to be in the navy and that he became acquainted with him while he was in the Naval Hospital. In some manner he got hold of the name and address of Polk's father, Dr. L. L. Polk, and wired him, using Polk's name, to send him sixty dollars to the Hotel Walton; that he was ill. His father, says Polk, became suspicious and wired Doctor Bachmann, in charge of the naval hospital, who told young Polk. The latter went to the Western Union and investigated, and finally wired his father to send the money on. This was done and when Burke went for it he was arrested.

WARNS OF INCOME RETURNS

Collector Lederer Points to Fines for Failure to Act

Ephraim Lederer, collector of internal revenue, is pleading for the taxable residents of this district to fill in their income tax returns before it is too late and they have to pay heavy fines to the Government for their delay. He said today that if the Government had not extended the time to April 1 a lot of people would be paying fines right now. He said that not three-fourths will get their returns in on time now unless they do so immediately.

If they wait till the last minute they will swamp the income tax return offices, and if they are left at the last moment it will be their fault and not that of the office, and they will have to stand the fines imposed, he said.

FRIENDS' CENTRAL WINNERS

Beat Lansdowne High in Aquatic Meet, 35 to 18

Friends' Central swimmers defeated Lansdowne High School this afternoon in a dual aquatic meet in the Central Y. M. C. A. pool by the score of 35 to 18 points. Andrews and Paul were the stars.

Andrews, sporting a Friends' Central jersey, won three events, fifty-yard and 200-yard dashes and the fancy diving event, while Paul, the suburban lad, annexed the twenty-five-yard and 100-yard swims.

Summaries:

200-yard relay race—Won by Friends Central (Schwartz, Minister, Cook and Andrews); second, Lansdowne (Dunn, McMullen, Damon and Paul). Time, 2:24.

Twenty-five-yard dash—Won by Paul, Lansdowne; second, Andrews, F. C.; third, Damon, Lansdowne. Time, :12 4-5.

Fifty-yard dash—Won by Andrews, F. C.; second, Paul, Lansdowne; third, Damon, Lansdowne. Time, :28 2-5.

100-yard dash—Won by Paul, Lansdowne; second, Schwartz, F. C.; third, Damon, Lansdowne. Time, 1:12 2-5.

Fancy diving—Won by Andrews, F. C.; second, Cook, F. C.; third, Engeran, Lansdowne.

200-yard dash—Won by Andrews, F. C.; second, Schwartz, F. C. Time, 2:48.

Gasoline Burns Prove Fatal

David Brown, fifty years old, died today at the Cooper Hospital, from the effects of burns received last Friday in a fire at his home. A gasoline can exploded, the spurting fiery liquid igniting Brown's clothing, inflicting terrible burns.

"The Birth of Democracy" STOPPED!

The Philadelphia Ideal Film Exchange regrets to announce that the private exhibition scheduled for screening at the Belmont Theatre Sunday evening, February 24, was

CANCELLED BY ORDER OF POLICE

SAMMEES AID FRENCH CAPTURE HUN OFFICERS

Americans Take Part in Big Raid in Champagne—Suffer No Losses

PARIS, Feb. 25.

The French carried out a successful surprise attack against the Germans near Urcel, north of the Ailette River, during the night, capturing sixteen prisoners, the War Office reported this afternoon. A German machine gun was taken also. On the Champagne front the artillery duel has continued very heavy, especially in the region of Tahure. South of Dollar, in upper Alsace, the big guns were busy on both sides.

WITH THE AMERICAN ARMY IN FRANCE, Feb. 25.

American and French soldiers made a successful raid against German positions on the Chemin-des-Dames front just before dawn on Saturday. Two German officers, twenty men and a machine gun were captured, the foray being carried out without any losses for the attackers.

The French and American raiders issued from advanced shell holes where they had concentrated. They quickly passed the enemy's first line and reached the dugouts where the prisoners were taken.

There was increasing artillerying along the Toul sector of the American front on Sunday, although the shelling was not as heavy as that on Friday.

The trench mortars were inactive, only one "flying pig" being sent over by the Germans.

The night patrolling in "No Man's Land" has become more frequent, involving much entanglement cutting and repairing.

One Boche patrol that was driven off left grenades, gloves and a Berlin newspaper alongside of an American listening post.

German ammunition is proving ineffective and an increased number of "seventy-seven's" are failing to explode. Among a batch of seventy German shells of this caliber thrown on American positions, thirty-four were "duds" or dead projectiles.

Drys Attack Plan to Delay State Fight

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around the issue they are going to find their seats occupied by drys. There is a tremendous sentiment in the western and central parts of Pennsylvania against any candidates for Governor, Lieutenant Governor, Congress or seats in the Legislature who fear to make known their stand."

DRYS READY FOR FIGHT

Mr. Tope then said the drys are preparing to wage a severe fight in this State. He said he had engaged Sam Small, the great temperance orator, to make a campaign lasting several weeks. "Small will be sent out after the candidates who are too weak to say where they stand," declared Doctor Tope with emphasis.

He then said eighteen of the district Congressmen from Pennsylvania voted dry on the amendment. Fourteen district Congressmen voted wet. The eighteen represented a million more people than the fourteen wet men. He said Louisiana will be in session next and will ratify the amendment. Pennsylvania, he said, had better not talk about delaying getting into line, but to save her face had better begin arranging to be one of the "white States." He said he would not be surprised to see New York pass the amendment.

COAL ADMINISTRATION WARNS OF SWINDLERS

Fake Agents of Emergency Aid Collecting Money by Fraudulent Representations

The Emergency Aid coal administration urges all citizens of the city to be on the lookout for swindlers who are said to be using the name of the administration to obtain advance payments on fake coal orders. It is reported that already $30 has been thus obtained from unsuspecting persons, and that there are undoubtedly many more instances of swindling which have not yet come to light.

It was stated this afternoon at the office of the administration in the City Hall that it is the practice of these swindlers to represent themselves to be agents of the administration. They call on some family "hard up" for coal and get their order, representing that they can supply their coal needs. Payment for the "order" is then collected and the "agent" departs, but fails to return. No person should be given money for coal unless able to furnish full and sufficient proof that they are agents of the Emergency Aid coal administration.

NEGRO BABY BURNED

Children Start Fire Upstairs in Mother's Absence

Albert Baxton, fifteen months old, a negro, was so badly burned this afternoon in a fire in his home, 3718 Mount Vernon street, that he probably will die. The child's mother, Mrs. Mary Baxton, had left him and his brother John, three years old, at home alone. In her absence the children started a fire in an upstairs room. The curtains and bed clothing caught fire.

Policeman Almenrader, of the Thirty-ninth street and Lancaster avenue police station, heard the children scream, broke open the door and rushed upstairs, where he found the younger in flames from head to foot, while the elder was groping about the smoke-filled room. He put out the flames by wrapping the child in his overcoat and then carried both downstairs. A fire alarm was turned in and the fire put out with little damage to the house.

Albert was taken to the Presbyterian Hospital, where it was said he would probably die. His mother reached home just as he was being taken away. She fainted and the services of a doctor were required to restore her.

SANE SOCIAL SEASON URGED BY SUFFRAGISTS

Mrs. J. M. Gazzam Issues Plea for Prohibition, Early Hours and Simplicity in Dress for Young

National prohibition, early hours at young people's entertainments and simplicity in dress and food are suggested in the patriotic appeal for a sane social season made today at the Woman's Suffrage Headquarters, 1721 Chestnut street. The plea, which is made public by Mrs. Joseph M. Gazzam, is addressed to all leaders of society and those interested in the social life of Philadelphia.

One of the plans by which the ideal social season is to be carried out is the organization of a Young People's Conservation League, whose efforts will be to conserve health, strength, morals, nerves, time, money and food.

Supplementing the appeal, Mrs. Gazzam said: "I believe in closing the door of intemperance to the youth of America for all time. To that end I shall never offer intoxicants to young people and I shall thus safeguard the young girl just making her entrance into the social world and the young boy at the college, away from his home."

The suffrage appeal also urges that the after-the-ball breakfasts be cast into the ashcan as a careless habit of society, also that sobriety is one of the first steps of preparedness and that to conserve health is the best patriotism.

Leading churchmen have approved the appeal as well as a number of physicians, who have indorsed a long statement as to the evil effects of drink, embodied in the appeal for better living in the coming social season.

BAKER ASKS $4,506,999 FOR TEMPORARY PAY

Added to Urgent Deficiencies Bill by McAdoo—Seek $300,000 for Spy Hunters

WASHINGTON, Feb. 25.—Secretary of War Baker today asked Congress for an appropriation of $4,506,999.30 for the wages of temporary employes in the War Department. Secretary McAdoo forwarded the request to the Senate with a request that it be made an amendment to the urgent deficiencies bill.

Secretary McAdoo also asked for an appropriation of $300,000 for the enforcement of the espionage law through the customs service.

Secretary Baker also asked for an appropriation of $398,140 for additional expenses of the quartermaster's corps.

SIMISTER WOULD COME BACK

Dismissed Fireman Sues for Reinstatement in Department

Suit for the purpose of obtaining department reinstatement in the Bureau of Fire was brought against Mayor Smith and Director Wilson in Court of Common Pleas No. 4 today by James Simister, a ladderman, who was dismissed last fall when he was charged with neglect of duty and insubordination.

Although the charges were not sustained in the evidence produced before the trial board, Simister contends, he was dismissed and the finding of the board approved by Mayor Smith.

Simister, who is head of the Firemen's Protective Association, has taken prominent part in the movement to establish the two-platoon system.

DEATH FOR GIRL'S MURDERER

April 7 New Execution Date Named in Reprieved Sentence

Supreme Court Justice Garrison this afternoon at Camden, N. J., signed a death warrant for the electrocution on April 7, 1918, of Thomas Conway, convicted last November of the murder of fourteen-year-old Mary E. Seeman, daughter of John Seeman, of Grenloch, N. J.

Conway was to have been electrocuted December 3, but was granted a sixty-day reprieve by Governor Edge when his counsel represented that the condemned man was not spiritually prepared.

Mary Seeman's head was blown off as she lay asleep in bed at her father's home on the night of December 29, 1916.

DAVIES OUT FOR SENATE

Quits $10,000 Post as Trade Commission Head to Run for Wisconsin Vacancy

CHICAGO, Feb. 25.—Joseph E. Davies announced today he had resigned his position as chairman of the Federal Trade Commission, which has been investigating the packers, to make the race for the United States Senate from Wisconsin. He will seek the seat left vacant by the death of Senator Paul O. Husting.

The chairmanship of the commission paid $10,000 annually.

ACADEMY BUYS PICTURE

Lockman's Winner of Lippincott Prize for Collection

Purchase of "The Blue and Gold Kimona," the painting that won the $300 Lippincott prize in the 113th annual exhibition of the Pennsylvania Academy of the Fine Arts, was announced this afternoon by the Academy. The painting, by DeWitt M. Lockman, of New York, will hang in the Academy's permanent collection.

The picture shows a seated woman with a pensive and wistful expression, wearing a rice-hued Japanese robe, and is marked by its freshness and vividness of execution.

PEANUTS PROVIDE CLUE TO ROBBERY OF BOX CAR

Cop Does a Sherlock Holmes in Apprehending Band of Juvenile Raiders

If Sherlock Holmes had seen a peanut on the pavement he probably would not—no, by jove, he possibly could not—have done a better detective job than did Policeman McCloskey, as it turned out today.

McCloskey, strolling along Woodland avenue near Fifty-eighth street late yesterday, espied a peanut on the sidewalk.

"Hm!" he said and picked it up, true to instinct. He broke the shell. The kernels were raw. Also, they were oval and yellowish, with red skins, like paper.

"Ha!" ejaculated McCloskey. He saw another. And another. And still more. All were raw. A distinct trail of goober-peas stretched before him. The blue-coat followed the trail for two squares. It ended at a box car on a Pennsylvania Railroad siding where there was a pile of peanuts oozing from a broken door.

The trail continued. The first clue was a silver candelabra then came four alarm clocks and finally ten shoes all for the left foot. McCloskey cogitated a moment. He saw three small boys. Each had two legs and two feet. But he arrested them. The prisoners—seven-year-old Noble Wallace eight-year-old James Noble and thirteen-year-old James Daniels all of near Woodland avenue and South Alden street—denied they had done it. But this morning the police of the sixty-fifth street and woodyear-old Tony Bransky of near Sixty-first street and Gray's avenue and he implicated six other white boys and a negro in the car robbery. These are being sought.

The police are said also to be looking for a family composed of one-legged persons.

BOOZE PEDDLERS CAUGHT

Two Men Arrested for Selling Whisky to Sailors

Thomas Booth, thirty-five years old, of Detroit, Mich., and Frank Layton, of Rome, N. Y., both living at Hog Island barracks, were arrested late last night by Special Agents Tevis and Ramsdell, of the Department of Justice, for selling whisky to sailors. They were picked up at Twelfth and Cambria streets and Booth offered the agents $5 if they would let him go free. On their refusal to be bribed, he said: "Oh well, lock me up then for nine years. I've been there before." Both men were held in $500 bail for a further hearing before United States Commissioner Long tomorrow.

Agents of the Department of Justice say these men are only two of many from various parts of the country who have come here to work at Hog Island as a "blind" and make their money selling whisky to soldiers and sailors.

TROLLEY HEARING MARCH 14

Service Commission Will Hear Complaints in This City

The Public Service Commission has fixed March 14 in the Chamber of Commerce, Philadelphia, for the hearing of complaints against the Philadelphia Rapid Transit Company.

FOWLER RAPS VARE POLITICAL METHODS

Councilman, Denied Speech on Flag Raising, Charges Anti-Patriotism

Vare politics interferes with patriotism, according to Common Councilman William F. Fowler, of the Thirty-eighth Ward, who said today he would ask Councils to make an investigation as to why he was not permitted to speak yesterday at a flag raising at Twenty-second and Cambria streets. Mr. Fowler, who is anti-Vare in politics, was asked to address a meeting in connection with a flag raising at the place mentioned, but on arriving there was informed that he was not to speak.

"The committee gave no reason for making such a request, said Fowler, "but intimated that I had gone to the wrong meeting. John Lamond, who was permitted to speak, was defeated at the last election. He was invited to speak a few hours before the meeting by the Vare leader of the ward, William J. Benham. My speech was prevented," Fowler added, "probably because they did not desire me to have any prominence in affairs of the ward, but I propose to take the matter up with Councils."

Hold Child Welfare Meeting

The Child Welfare Conference of the National Congress of Mothers will be held this week in Atlantic City, beginning tomorrow and continuing for four days. Mrs. Frederic Schoff will preside at the sessions and many local women will attend.

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Where Is the Cheapest Section of Philadelphia?

Residents of Germantown claim that it costs less to live in West Philadelphia, while West Philadelphians are of the opinion that the center of the city is the cheapest. Every district figures that it must cost less somewhere else.

But there is ONE section where food and rent are more reasonable than elsewhere.

Where this is—and why—is told in the second of three articles dealing with the cost of living in Philadelphia today and prepared at the request of the Government, which will appear in the