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## **COUNCILS WANT** FULL CONTROL OF CITY FINANCES

Revolt Against Diffusion of Authority Among Municipal Bodies

ATTACK COURT'S POWER

Bills Will Be Introduced at Harrisburg to End Present Fiscal System

A decisive revolt has developed among those responsible for muni-cipal finances against the independpower possessed by the courts, inspectors of county prisons, act and other officers of city and county, increase salaries and expenses hout regard to the legislative ctions of Councils.

Legislation of the most radical haracter will be introduced at the at session of the Legislature in an effort to bring all boards under the Mayor and Councils. It will be diected at the courts, the Fairmount Commission and the Board of Redelon of Taxes.

Taxpayers' Suits Planned men now at work on these remeplans have patterned a number ng the lines decided upon two years ers suits to prevent flagrant abuse

The revoit is intensified by Judge man's revent demand for 218 new accs, to provide salaries for which pud cost the city more than \$200,000 or the cost of the city more than \$200,000 year. Opposition plans to this call for the defeat of the demand Finance Committee and event of the appointments made, of taxpayers' suits in the to ascertain whether the move

is an abuse of power.

The plan to place absolute control of the city's finances in the hands of the syor has progressed rapidly, and will be made public in its entirety within the next two months. The public exation will include a recital of the bles resulting from the wide division oower as at present exercised, and contain the indersement of municifinanciers and civic improvement rkers, who are back of the central-

Park Commission's Power considerable criticism will be leveled the Fairmount Park Commission be-ne of its alleged interference with functions of the nunicipal govern-t, a body appointed by the Board Judges, and not responsible to Counofficio is a member. The amend-ob relative to the Board of Revision Taxes will make that body directly

lawmakers and finan en engaged in the work of framing glalation tending to give the Mayor of Councils full control of expendiuss their moves at thi ins further than to say that they sclude most of the plans discussed and approved by the Charter Revision

Gaffney, of Councils' Fiwer in the Mayor and Councils, said "I have always been in favor of placthe full power of expenditure with should have absolute control of money and should be held absolutely responsible for the way in which it is expended. Under existing d. Under existing conditions Councils can do nothing ds go through or hold them up and

ncils get all the blame for exists in the tax rate and the Mayor criticised for the same thing. Does not seem the right thing for Councils have control rather than to hav themselves? I was a member of the harter Revision Committee and ap ed every piece of legislation that by that body at the last n. I have not changed my mind.

Want Mayor in Supreme Control One of Mayor Smth's closest financial visors today said: "Many things will asked of the next Legislature and the most important will be Phila a bills that will give Council right to control expenditures. Most the bills, in one shape or another. we appeared before at Harrisburg, but

of money should be made exclusiveby that body and through the Mayor. tide board making financial demands to the making financial demands to the when it would greatly upset ferrim for assault and battery of the pay out the money must be coped. If officers of the present Adaptation have any power things will have any power things will have a complete the present of the figure of hing of having the courts or some a board making financial demands

### TWO HELD AS ROBBERS

d Hold-Up Men Arrested, One Caught in Act

Was on his way home.
Fitzgerald, of 5018 Wayne
was held up at Eight and Race
and relieved of \$2.40 cash and

#### MAN LEADS ERIN PARADE Swede, Hungarian and Scotchman, Then the Irish

hiesge, March 18.—A German, a see, a Hungarian and a Scotchman, the parade in honor of St. Patrick sordsy in south Chicago.

happened this way: Members of A. O. H. insisted upon having four untel policemen lead the parade. But of picking out four Irishmen, in fate make the selection, and fate them false.

#### HUN GUNS POUR **SHOT ON BRITISH** NEAR CAMBRAI

Positions Along Lens Road Shelled-English Get Prisoners at Acheville

London, March 18. British positions in the sectors of Bapaume and Cambria, along the Lens road and between Warneton and Zonnebeke were heavily shelled by the Ger- NEARING DENOUNCED mans throughout the night, the War Office announced today.

South of Acheville, British raiders entered a German trench, securing sevcral prisoners.

Rome, March 18. Pive hostile aircraft have been shot down, the War Office announced today. An Italian airship dropped bembs on the airdrome at Livenza. The artillery on both sides was more

active at Sagarina, Montello and Zen

Strong artillerying was reported along the right bank of the Meure and in the Vosges in today's official con French patrols brought in north of the Aillette.

Enemy raids on French outposts fell lown northwest of Rheims and Lar

HARRY W. RHODES, MEDIA BANKER, DIES SUDDENLY

Succumbs to Heart Attack-Was Chairman of New Liberty Loan Drive

Media, Pa., March 18.-Harry W. by the Charter Revision Committee. Rhodes, president of the Media Title and Trust Company, died suddenly at 9.39 o'clock this morning from a heart attack. from the text "The Cause of the Allies Mr. Rhodes was fifty-one years old and is the Cause of Righteourness' will be is survived by a widow who was Anne Rhodes, daughter of the late John B. Rhodes, a manufacturer. The death of Mr. Rhodes came as a great shock in Media and Delaware

County. He was chairmed outside of the Liberty Loan committee outside of the city of Chester and was preparing for the big drive.

Mr. Rhodes went to bed apparently in good health last night. About midnight he complained of feeling unwell. A physician was summoned. He seemed He was chairman of the third Loan committee outside of the County.

with his wife when the end came sud-

He was president of the Spring Haven Country Club, a member of the Concord Lodge F. and A. M., president of the Media: Home Defense League, and connected with a number of other financial and-out traitor," he declared, launching

## MEAT PROFITEERING

Chicago Packer Denounces Charges as "Pack of Lies" by "Irresponsible Political Aspirants"

cause of high prices and that it is a pro-American sermons. construction the falsehood to charge that meat is being "The anonymous writer tells me to hind schedule.

foodstuffs are sufficiently burdensome to enable agitators to arouse the public with the charges of graft and profiteer ing. Meat prices are the especial tar-gets of these defamers."

Armour then paid his respects to "irre-

sponsible political aspirants" by term ing their charges against the packers "a

#### KENTUCKY GOVERNOR CALLS FOR U. S. TROOPS

Asks Government Aid in Suppressing Outlawry-Order Sheriff to Increase Force

Lexington, Ky., March 18 .- Governor Stanley appealed to the Government today to detail at least one company of regular army troops in Kentucky, to protect life and property in Lee County

where outlawry has broken out.

The Governor also sent a telegram to
Sheriff McGuire, of Lee County insisting upon rigid enforcement of the law and urging the immediate deputization of enough men to preserve the peace.

### TWO PRISONERS ESCAPE

stat year they will not be allowed to short and be lost in the shuffle.

Short Term Men Flee From Salem County Camp

County Camp

James O'Neil and Jose Ferrim, the lat-

ter a Mexican, both short-term prisoners, escaped last night from the road tent

Two Automobiles Stolen

Thieves stole the automobile of Ben-jamin Joblin, 4926 Chancellor street while it was standing at Fifteenth and Wallace streets. Another car was stolen from the garage of Samuel Benham Krams and Silverbrock street.

Stone Ship to Sail May 1 San Francisco, March 18.—A trial trip with full equipment will be made by the concrete ship Faith on May 1, and soon afterward will be loaded and started on her first ocean voyage.

#### New England Soldiers Get French War Crosses

With the American Army France, March 18. American troops of the New England division, stationed in the Chemin-des-Dames sector, have won twenty-five French

The censor permitted this fact to be announced today.

# PEACE SERMONS ARE TRAITOROUS. MINISTERS TOLD

Bishop Warns Those Who Refuse to Urge Righteous War

#### Today's Program at Methodist Conference

2 p. m .- The missionary centenary celebration

Address-"The Centenary and the Present World Conflict," Rev.

George Elliott. Address -- "The Resources of Methodism: Can and Will the Church Meet the Present World Emergency?" Bishop Wilson S. Lewis, Foochow, China.

Open conference conducted by the Rev. F. M. North, corresponding secretary of the M. E. Board of Foreign Missions.

p. fa. The missionary centenary celebration, General theme, "The Call of America and the World." Address, "The Home Field." Bishop

Address Foreign Field," Dr North.

Music by the choir of the Columbia Avenue Church.

Methodist ministern who do not preach prosecuted for treason, according to Bishop Theodore Henderson, of Detroit presiding at the laist nession of the Philadelphia annual conference in Simp son Memorial Church. In an address crackling with he

shots at Scott Nearing, dismissed Uni versity of Pennsylvania instructor and other pacificts, Bishop Henderson aunounced that a campaign to stir up latent patriotism in the churches would continue until May, with the "rightcoun "Any preacher who wabbles from

and social organizations. He was a a plan for the organization among lay vestryman of the Calvary P. E. Church, men of aid: to the Department men of aid: to the Department of "The National German - American

DENIED BY ARMOUR leadership of Senator LaFellette and sent to the front-line trenches in France," he asterted.

Threat to Poster

declaration followed announce-Chiesgo, March 18.—Declaring that it is not true that enormous profits are the ceived a threatening letter because of his

The anonymous writer tells me to hind schedule. The work has been delayed by shortage of labor and many fastement on the meat price situation.

"It is not true that there is an undue margin between the price of meat on the hook," the statement on the hook," the statement said. "Wartime prices on foodstuffs are sufficiently burdensome. A layman offered to finance it."

Bishop Henderson, in announcing the patriotic drive in Methodist churches.

#### FRENCH BIRDMAN JUST "DROPS IN" AT MEADE

Lieutenant George Flachaire, Here to Teach U. S. Aviators, Has "Bagged" Seven Boche Planes

"Bagged" Seven Boche Planes

Camp Meade, Md., March 18.—Lieutenant George Flachaire, one of the aerial daredevils of France, paid Little Penn an unexpected visit today.

"Just dropped down for lunch and to see some red comrades," was the way he put it when his high-powered airplane landed on artillery hill. The Frenchman left Mineola, L. L. yesterday, and spent the night in Philadelphia. This morning he headed for Camp Meade and after a two-hour flight landed safely near the home of the 312th Field Artillery, an all-Philadelphia unit. He leaves this afternoon for Washington, where he will become an instructor in the aviation section of the American army. Flachaire during his career as a birdman has dropped seven machines and has won several French and British war medals.

"In France I have instructed many Americans in the art of flying," sald the birdman. "and they are good flyers too. They have the punch and a genuinc determination to get there."

### TWO HELD AS GAMBLERS

Saloonkeeper and Bartender Under Bail on Charge Made by Police

Charged with maintaining a gambling without an effort to save her passengers house, Edward Gallagher, a saloon-keeper, of Eleventh street and Rising Sun avenue, and his bartender, Joseph Ollivel, were held today under \$500 for court by Magistrate Beaton, at the Tenth and Buttonwood street police

court by Magistrate Heaton, at the Tenth and Buttonwood street police station.

The police made a raid on the saloon The police made a raid on the saloon Saturday night and arrested eight men, six of whom were discharged. Evidence before Magistrate Beaton today renewed the charge that Gallagher was one of the saloonmen who had disregarded the "heatless Monday" orders.

Line to Link Lancaster and N. Y. Lancaster, Pa., Match 18.—Lancaster will be linked with New York city by a parcel post truck line on Wednesday, according to announcement made by Postmaster Spencer today. A trial run will be made, and if it proves successful the line probably will be established permanently.

"Divine Healer" Must Serve Term Washington, March 18.—The Supreme Court today refused to review the trial of John Fair New, of San Francisco, convicted and sentenced to prison for using the mails to defraud. New, it was charged, asserted he could heal by

Washington, March, 18.—Soft coal production in the United States for the week ending March 9 was the largest in nearly four months or since the week ending November 24, the geological survey reported today. The output was 11,285,696 net tons.



TUSCANIA SURVIVORS WITNESS BURIAL OF COMRADES ON SCOTCH COAST

This, the only photograph to reach this country recording the burial of the victims of the Tuscania, shows the group of whom are survivors from the torpedoed transport, viewing the ceremonies from the top of a high cliff overlooking the graves at the edge of the sea directly below. As there was no American flag in the village of Mull nearby, a few of the Scotch women worked all night making the flag shown in the photograph. Wooden crosses with the names of the victims have been placed over the grave.

#### ARMY MAY TAKE 'JAPAN, GERMANY, HOSPITAL IN CITY TO DIVIDE RUSSIA

ing Rushed to Completion for U.S.

#### PRIORITY ORDERS GIVEN WARNING TO AMERICA

One of the largest and best equipped war hospitals in this country for the at Merion for the leasing of the Mis- ests."

at Merion for the leasing of the Misericardia Hospital, Fifty-fourth street and Cedar avenue, are successful.

Government officials have expressed a desire to take over this hospital provided it can be finished and ready to receive patients within thirty days. Its construction is now four months behind schedule. The work has been deleased the Allies' policy," he said.

will not be possible to actually complete it by then, however. The Government has been co-operating in the speeding up of this work.
Not only have the priority shipment orders been given the rallroads for all materials required, but manufacturers have been ordered to give priority over had made such an assertion. all other building operations in the fill-

ing of orders.

For some time the work has been delayed by inability to obtain materials reminus selfictures:

for smokestacks for the power plant.

The Government has been appealed to to remedy this condition. It is anticipated that the materials will be delivered by the materials will be delivered by the materials. ered by the manufacturers within a

few days.
"The hosp'tal officials offered the Misericordia Hospital to the Government some time ago." F. Ferdinand Darang. some time ago, of Edward F. Durang & Son, the archi-tects of the building, said. "The naval officials inspected it, but decided it would-not be suitable for them. The subject was then taken up with

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# TUSCANIA COWARDICE

Charge Crew Deserted Transport

the crew of the tornedoed American transport Tuscania deserted the ship will be probed by the House of Repre-

Representative Steenerson, of Min-nesota, this afternoon introduced a resolution asking the Secretary of the Navy to furnish all information regarding the conduct of the crew at the time of the sinking. The resolution was in-troduced "to establish the truth or falsity of the charges published in the

Found Dead in His Room and Believed to Be a Suicide

Lancaster, Pa., March 18.—David G. M.ley, sixty-four years old, constable of the First Ward and a former policeman and city fireman, was found dead today sitting in a chair in his bedroom, the gas turned on full. The fact that he had attempted suicide by gas several years ago and that he was in financial straits leads to the belief that it was suicide.

He was the fathers old. He was the father of Kitty Miley, a

Misericordia Building Be- Spoils to Be on Basis of "Mutual Interest," Says Trotsky

Petrograd, March 18. Leon Trotsky, Bolshevik War care of our wounded soldiers will be Minister, declared in an interview Alliance, should be mobilized under the located in Philadelphia if negotiations today an agreement exists between now pending between the army officials Germany and Japan to "divide Rusin Washington and the Sinters of Mercy sia on the basis of mutual inter-

"on the basis of mutual interests The State Department said it is

The United States takes the position officially that Japan's motives toward

Trotaky's declaration, however, re-called there has been talk of a Ger-man-Japanese alliance in the past, an attempt at which was revealed by the tion on the Federal prohibition amend- the bureau henceforth. Zimmermann correspondence, which showed Germany had tried to wean Japan to her side by territorial agreements.

The United States will probably interpose no new objections to Japanese proposals for intervention in Siberia. The original withholding of assent and expression of views against intervention, however, will stand. If Japan goes into Siberia, even though with Allied approval, she will still be moving without the American approval. This

Without Attempting to Save

Men on Board

Washington, March 18.—Charges that

Washington, March 18.—Charges that ernment has not relazed its position at

Japan apparently is marking time awaiting President Wilson's expected remarks before the "court of world opinion on the proposed expedition Announcement by Premier Terauchi that nothing has been decided upon with reference to the situation squares with official announcement here that negotiations between the two Governments are

Japan's army is ready for the verfalsity of the charges published in the Minneapolis Journal on March 13, based on a letter from C. A. Holmgren, a member of the Twentieth U. S. Engineers and one of the passengers on the Tuscania, "that said vessel was abandoned by her crew without an effort to save the passengers."

The Tuscania was torpedoed on February 5 off the coast of Scotland with 2000 American soldiers abroad. The sinking resulted in the death of 143 American soldiers by drowning.

CONSTABLE KILLED BY GAS dict. England's official spokesmen have

determine Japan's action.

Deep satisfaction is feit here at the wholly friendly manner in which Japan is proceeding in the negotiations. It is proceeding in the negotiations. It emphasizes, officials say, the new spirit of co-operation which has developed between the two countries.

Right now, however, the Russian situation is so confused that calm and deliberate action is being urged by the United States until all parties concerned can fathom what is going on

cerned can fathom whi behind the scenes there. VENUS PENCILS-17 degrees that are

### TRAIN KILLS FOUR OF FAMILY IN AUTO

INDIANAPOLIS, Ind., March 18 .- Ralph Gray and his wife, each aged thirty-nine; their daughter Mary, seventeen, and a son Raiph, ten, are dead today as the result of a crossing accident hear here. The family was driving acrossthe track in an automobile when a Big Four passenger train, said to have been traveling fifty miles an hour, struck the machine, killing all

### BRUSH FIRE DESTROYS STOREHOUSE AND GARAGE

Fire this afternoon destroyed the one-story frame storehouse and garage of Robert Discher Cheltenham avenue above Penn street. Frank Dooney, twenty-one years old, of 5306 Penn street, was severely burned on the face when he braved the flames in order to have a motortruck. The loss is estimated at \$6000. The fire was caused by burning brush from an adjoining cornfield.

### moon dismissed the charges of Leon NEW HALT ON DRY VOTE INSURGENT DENOUNCES IN DELAWARÉ SENATE LOYAL POLICE MEETING

House Prohibition Leader May Men Who Meet Today to Present Measure for Liquorless State

Dover, Del., March 18. which ment had been made the special order of business for 11 o'clock. Action upon the ratification has been blocked by the yet unnamed organization of policemen opposition that has developed to the for this afternoon at police band head-

being played against each other, Petitions, telegrams and vigorous pro-tests of every description poured into tests of every description poured that the Senate today asking that the drastic provisions of the war measure be amended before it is passed. Political motives are scented in the bill, which, it nassed in its original form, it is considered to promote loyalty to the administration and to put a quietus on "dissension." Harry F. Johns, president of Patrolmen's Benevolent Protective Association, today said that the meeting of "loyal members" was nothing but a plan of the administration to the province of the was indicated in reliable quarters to- amended before it is passed. Political PROBE BY CONGRESS was indicated in remarke quarters to motive are scented in the bill, which, present moment.

The general viewpoint is that the franching property in the general viewpoint is that the tended, would give almost autocratic United States has said its say, but this tended, would give almost autocratic powers to the defense council it creates. the lines are drawn tightly between the advocates and opponents of the bill. Ye and it may be several days before final

action is taken upon it. Representative Boyce, dry mader of the House, announced today that in the event the Senate delays action upon the Federal prohibition amendment for an unusual length of time, he will introduce a State-wide prohibition bill in the

### Uncle Sam's Servants All for Daylight Saving

Washington, March 18. Uncle Sam is going to get up one hour earlier to beat the Kaiser beginning March 31.

Asked today if they would ob serve the new daylight saving law now awaiting the President's signature to make it effective at 2 a. m. March 31, Government de partment heads were united in saving the rule would be observed. Every one from President Wilson down is on the play for more day light effort. The White House and all departments will start opera tions for the day according to the

Government clocks, moved forward

an hour. And all anticipate greater

efficiency, more pep-and more

time at home with a garden or

other win-the-war measures.

Choose Name Called Director's "Scabs"

"Bolahevik forces" of the Police De-The Delaware Senate held no session partment will face some determined this morning, despite the fact that ac. opposition from "loyal members" of That is the prediction of policemen

Governor's war measure, the two biils quarters, Tenth and Greenwich streets. The primary purpose of the meeting is

> the administration to frighten policemen.
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> "Direktor Wilson and several of his advisors are behind the movement," said Johns, "and the meeting won't be attended by any of our members. This new organization is nothing but a 'scab

#### FINISHES FIRST STEEL SHIP Pennsylvania Company at Gloucester

Turns Vessel Over to U. S. The 7000-ton steamship Chestnut Hill. built for the William W. Bowring Com

pany, the first steam wessel built by the Pennsylvania Shipbuilding Company, of Gloucester, will be turned over to the Government some time today. The vessel is one of the best of its class of a type that has been found par-ticularly valuable. The original con-tract called for a speed of nine knots. The Chestnut Hill has developed 11 knots.

### GERMANS POISON HORSES

Blamed for Loss of 500 U. S. Army Animals

Cincinna i, O., March 18.—German agents were held responsible here today for the poisoning of more than 500 horses of a Government shipment en route from Camp Grant. Ill., to the east coast for service in France. The horses were poisoned when they were unloaded at Covington, Ky., Sunday and given feed and water.

Secret service men are working on the case, but have found no clue to the poisoners.

Shirt Factory Robbed of Silk Thieves who entered the shirt manufaturing concern of M. Lyon & Co., at 117 North Seventh street, stole \$350 worth of silk cloth from the sixth floor of the building.

# U.S. MEN HOLD TRENCHES ON FIVE FRONTS

Constantly in Action and Acquit Selves Creditably

ENTENTE LOSING HOPE OF REAL TEUTON DRIVE

Believe General Offensive Will Come Only If Germans Are Forced

FOES CROWD DEFENSES

Official War Department Review Indicates Vast Operations Are Planned

Washington, March 18. American troops now are in the front line trenches at five different points in France.

They are constantly in action and equitting themselves creditably. It can be revealed for the first time that in their raid on March 11. not only did they act on their own initiative, but they penetrated the enemy trenches to a depth of 300 yards. They had no French support in this movement.

The Entente is losing hope of a sustained German offensive in the west Only if compelled to by the exigencies of the general strategic situation will Germany try to break through on the western front.

The general situation is improving long the western front from the Allied viewpoint, British and French suc cesses took place during the last week All this is distinctly emphasized in the veekly war review issued by the War

Department today. Throughout it breathes a most optimistic spirit. review is as follows: "The period of inactivity in the west is being prolonged. Though the raids now taking place would in the past have been considered important engagements, nevertheless, owing to the fact that they are merely of minor tactical value, they

Germans at Maximum Strength "While hostile preparations for as offensive in the west are not slacked ing it is becoming more evident that the enemy will launch this offensive only if compelled to by the exigencies of the general strategie situation. While fresh German divisions are reported as arriving in the west, it is important to note that the density of enemy forces has nearly reached a point beyond which it will be impracticable to go, for should any large additional body of men be massed, the chances are that the congestion of the lines of communication will become so great as to make it imgestion of the lines of communicat will become so great as to make it possible to maintain the flexibility

maneuver which is so essential. "Our troops are now in the trenches at five different points.

Drive Successful Raid

This week we undertook our first as-sault against German positions unas-sisted by any Allied contingent. At dawn on March 11, after a preliminary bombardment lasting three-quarters of an hour, we drove a highly successful raid against a German trench segment. Our men penetrated the German line to a depth of 309 vards. The segment a depth of 200 yards. The enemy wan driven off after a hand-to-hand fight, whereupon our contingent returned to

our lines.

"At three places in Lorraine American troops, acting in co-operation with small French detachments, raided German trenches. Two of these operations were carried out simultaneously, each on a frontage of some 600 yards. who called a meeting of a new and as

"After a prolonged bombardment the attacking units were unable to gain their objectives. Few of the enemy were found in the first line trenches and the attackers swept forward into the Ger-

man second line.

"Our men remained for nearly an hour in the German positions and retired after inflicting much damage and capturing considerable quantity of material." Snipping is on the increase. Our ar-tillery is "very active." Frequent hostile bombardments were turned against the American sector near the Swiss b Secretary Baker, the summary said, is

undertake an inspection As for the eastern situation the surp mary said German capture of Odes "will no doubt be of economic impo-tance to the enemy."

The remainder of the statement s

#### viewed Allied operations. SEERESS HELD AS PLOTTER Mysterious Cylinder Believed Bo

in Woman's Baggage Atlanta, March 18. - Mrs. 1 hoonover, fifty-five years old, a tune teller of a gypsy cast of or nance, was today placed under a suspected of being implicated in a l plot. The evidence was secured by Annie Simpson, special investigate the Federal Government. In the was baggage was found a mysterious of der-shaped package believed to hinfernal machine. It is sileged woman had made threats to blow boarding house and told stories of alleged bloodthirsty past.

Mrs. Schoonover said she had here to try to effect the release of son, who is a private at Camp Gore. sance, was today placed under