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THE WEATHER
Fair tonight and Tuesday; warmer
Tuesday
TEMPERATURE AT EACH HOUR

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 municipal finances against the independent power possessed by the courts, the inspectors of county prisons, and other officers of city and county...

Taxpayers' Suits Planned

The men now at work on these remedial plans have patterned a number along the lines decided upon two years ago by the Charter Revision Committee...

Park Commission's Power

Considerable criticism will be leveled at the Fairmount Park Commission because of its alleged interference with the functions of the municipal government...

Chairman (Gaffney) of Councils' Finance Committee

Chairman Gaffney, of Councils' Finance Committee and a member of the Charter Revision Committee, when asked today relative to the plan to centralize the Mayor and Councils, said: "I have always been in favor of placing the full power of expenditure with the Mayor and Councils..."

Wast Mayor in Supreme Control

One of Mayor Smith's closest financial advisers today said: "Many things will be asked of the Mayor and Councils in the future, and the most important will be Philadelphia bills that will give Councils the right to control expenditures..."

GERMAN LEADS ERIN PARADE

Swede, Hungarian and Scotchman, Then the Irish
Chicago, March 18.—A German, a Swede, a Hungarian and a Scotchman, the parade in honor of St. Patrick today in south Chicago.

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 sector of Bapaume and Cambrai, along the Lens road and between Warneton and Zonnebeke were heavily shelled by the Germans throughout the night, the War Office announced today.

ROME, MARCH 18

Five hostile aircraft have been shot down, the War Office announced today. An Italian airship dropped bombs on the airbase at Lignano.

HARRY W. RHODES, MEDIA BANKER, DIES SUDDENLY

Succumbs to Heart Attack—Was Chairman of New Liberty Loan Drive
Media, Pa., March 18.—Harry W. Rhodes, president of the Media Title and Trust Company, died suddenly at 9:30 o'clock this morning from a heart attack.

MEAT PROFITTEERING DENIED BY ARMOUR

Chicago Packer Denounces Charges as "Pack of Lies" by "Irresponsible Political Aspirants"
Chicago, March 18.—Declaring that it is not true that enormous profits are the cause of high prices and that it is a falsehood to charge that meat is being hoarded to keep the price up, J. Ogden Armour, head of the packing firm of Armour & Co., today issued a lengthy statement on the meat price situation.

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.

TWO PRISONERS ESCAPE

Short Term Men Flew From Salem County Camp
James O'Neil and Jose Ferrin, the latter a Mexican, both short-term prisoners, escaped last night from the road tent camp of the Salem County Jail.

TWO HELD AS ROBBERS

Alleged Hold-Up Men Arrested, One Caught in Act
John Keller, twenty-one years old, of Philadelphia, was arrested today on a charge of robbing a man in a taxi cab following his arrest last night by a policeman.

NEW ENGLAND SOLDIERS Get French War Crosses

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

PEACE SERMONS ARE TRAITOROUS, MINISTERS TOLD

Bishop Warns Those Who Refuse to Urge Righteous War

NEARING DENOUNCED

Today's Program at Methodist Conference
2 p. m.—The missionary centenary celebration. Address—"The Centenary and the Present World Conflict," Rev. George Elliott.

Methodist ministers who do not preach from the text "The Cause of the Allies is the Cause of Righteousness" will be presented for treason, according to Bishop Theodore Henderson, of Detroit, presiding at the 131st session of the Philadelphia annual conference in Simpson Memorial Church.

MISERICORDIA BUILDING BEING RUSHED TO COMPLETION FOR U. S.

One of the largest and best equipped war hospitals in this country for the care of our wounded soldiers will be located in Philadelphia if negotiations now pending between the army officials in Washington and the Sisters of Mercy at Merion for the leasing of the Misericordia Hospital, fifty-fourth street and Cedar avenue, are successful.

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SOFT COAL OUTPUT INCREASED

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.

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 mourners, many 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.

ARMY MAY TAKE 'JAPAN, GERMANY, HOSPITAL IN CITY

Misericordia Building Being Rushed to Completion for U. S.

PRIORITY ORDERS GIVEN

The Government has been cooperating in the aviation section of this work. Not only have the priority shipment orders been given the railroads for all materials required, but manufacturers have been ordered to give priority over all other building operations in the filling of orders.

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'JAPAN, GERMANY, TO DIVIDE RUSSIA'

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

WARNING TO AMERICA

Petrograd, March 18.—Leon Trotsky, Bolshevik War Minister, declared in an interview today an agreement exists between Germany and Japan to "divide Russia on the basis of mutual interests."

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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 Ralph, ten, are dead today as the result of a crossing accident here.

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.

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NEW HALT ON DRY VOTE INSURGENT DENOUNCES

IN DELAWARE SENATE LOYAL POLICE MEETING

HOUSE PROHIBITION LEADER MAY PRESENT MEASURE FOR LIQUORLESS STATE

The Delaware Senate held no session this morning, despite the fact that action on the Federal prohibition amendment had been made the special order of business for 11 o'clock.

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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 acquitting 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 along the western front from the Allied viewpoint. British and French successes took place during the last week. All this is distinctly emphasized in the weekly war review issued by the War Department today.

GERMANS AT MAXIMUM STRENGTH

"While hostile preparations for an offensive in the west are not slackening it is becoming more evident that the enemy will launch this offensive only if compelled to by the exigencies of the general strategic situation. The 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 front would be such that it would be impossible to maintain the flexibility of maneuver which is so essential.

DELVE SUCCESSFUL RAID

"This week we undertook our first assault against German positions unassisted by the Allied contingent. At 11 o'clock on March 11, after a preliminary bombardment lasting three-quarters of an hour, we drove a highly successful raid against a German trench system. Our men penetrated the German line to a depth of 300 yards. The enemy was driven off after a hand-to-hand fight whereupon our contingent returned to our own lines.

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 Company, the first steam vessel built by the Pennsylvania Shipbuilding Company, of Gloucester, will be turned over to the Government some time today.

BLAMED FOR LOSS OF 500 U. S. ARMY ANIMALS

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

SHIRT FACTORY ROBBED OF SILK

Three men who entered the shirt manufacturing concern of M. Lyon & Co., at 117 North Seventh street, stole \$250 worth of silk cloth from the sixth floor of the building.

BANKER MUST RETURN FOR TRIAL

Washington, March 18.—The Supreme Court today decided that John D. Rockefeller must return to New York for trial on charges of fraud.