THE WEATHER
Rain tonight and Thursday, snow in mountain district, continued cold.
TEMPERATURE AT EACH HOUR

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BIG LOAN DRIVE IS PUSHED AHEAD DESPITE STORM

Liberty Campaigners Defy Weather in Effort to "Go Over Top"

MASS-MEETING TONIGHT

Rally at Metropolitan Opera House to Spur City's Patriotism

A drive was started today to send this city "over the top" in the Liberty Loan campaign by Saturday night. Unofficial estimates place the total subscription to date at more than $200,000,000. This is steadily mounting, and the committee promises official totals today. Philadelphia's quota is $156,000,000. The quota of the Third Federal Reserve District, including eastern Pennsylvania, Delaware and part of New Jersey, is $250,000,000.

Added enthusiasm was injected into the Liberty Loan campaign by announcement that Broad street, from Chestnut street to City Hall, had been turned over to the committee today. This announcement was greeted with enthusiasm and revived many jaded nerves, the result of yesterday's strenuous work.

The first appearance of fatigue followed the meetings held for Mary Pickford, Charlie Chaplin and Douglas Fairbanks. The coin and the all-night drive by the women also frayed many nerves. However, today, despite the continuing unfavorable weather conditions, optimism and determination once more pervaded the committee's headquarters.

Broad street, from City Hall to Chestnut street, will be roped off each day from 1 o'clock until 2, by orders of Mayor Smith. Traffic will be diverted to Fifteenth street and to Thirteenth street. Bands, vocal and musical entertainment, speakers and other means of rousing the people to the Statue of Liberty during lunch hour will be used each day during the campaign.

More than 100 towns reported their quotas subscribed a few minutes after 9 o'clock on the opening day of the campaign, according to dispatches received from Washington. Many of these towns had completed their quotas before the opening of the campaign. It is probable that the honor of being the first to "put the drive across" will have to be divided among these hundred towns.

A campaign was opened today by the International Federation of Catholic Alumnae. This will be carried to all Catholic schools and colleges throughout the country. Miss Regina M. Fisher, 1511 Green street, is chairman of the press committee handling all publicity.

Two hundred thousand third Liberty Loan buttons are awaiting the rush of bond buyers. They are being distributed as the orders for bonds are sent in to the banks through which they are bought.

A mass-meeting will be held tonight at the Metropolitan Opera House. Speeches will feature the patriotic program.

$20,000,000 Reported

Philadelphia hopes to go "over the top" of the loan campaign by Saturday night, when officials of the drive here expect to complete the city's quota of $154,800,000. Already they report a total in the neighborhood of $20,000,000, and the amount is expected to be doubled each day of the campaign until Saturday.

The meeting at the Metropolitan will be addressed by ex-Attorney General John W. Wescott, of New Jersey. The Marine Band from Washington will play. Governor Pennypacker, of the Federal Bank, will also speak, and Mayor Smith will preside. Four American soldiers wounded in France will be on the stage, dressed in the same suits they had on in the trenches, and will have a word to say.

To boost the already record-breaking sales among the women workers, a luncheon was held at noon today by the women's Liberty Loan committee. Reports of various committees will be heard, and speakers will urge the women to greater efforts.

The building and loans committee, which has announced subscriptions aggregating more than $1,300,000, will hold a similar luncheon in the Arcadia.

Needle Trades Meet

Among the big mass-meetings to be held in the Chamber of Commerce at 7:30 o'clock this evening by representatives of 1000 firms of the needle trades. The association has pledged itself to continuing activity in boosting the sale of the bonds, and it is expected that tonight's meeting will result in a great number of subscriptions being announced.

From all sections reports of totals unexpected at the early stage of the campaign are pouring into the headquarters of the Liberty Loan committee.

The directors of the Merion Civic Association met at the home of Mr. William H. Folwell in Merion, where William De Krafft, chairman of the Merion Liberty Loan committee, announced that as a result of subscriptions among the directors alone, Merion already was entitled to a Liberty Loan honor flag.

Factories Subscribe

Illustrative of what industrial plants are doing, the entire plant of the Lansdon Knitting Company, Twenty-fourth and Lehigh streets, has been canvassed by leaders of the industrial loan committee, and several thousand dollars obtained from employes. The Lansdon company has adopted the honor-flag idea, the slogan is "Rally Around the Flag." Each employe who makes a subscription writes his name on a star on the honor roll. This record of names will be retained permanently.

Group No. 1 of the industrial and commercial committee will have a luncheon and get-together meeting in the Ball Room of the Hotel Adelphia at 2:30 p. m. tomorrow. Those attending will be iron and steel merchants, boiler builders, heating and ventilating contractors, architects, engineers and structural workers, machinery manufacturers, shipbuilders and boatbuilders, metals and mining companies.

The address will be made by John H. Ware, president of the Commercial Trust Company, and by one or more prominent army officers. This group has set almost $5,000,000 in the last campaign, more than any other group of the committee.

The quota which it is expected to reach this time is $16,250,000. The iron, steel and bridge builders alone are

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1000 Draftees to March in Liberty Loan Parade

Of the 50,000 Philadelphians who will be in line in the Liberty Loan parade, April 27, at least 1000 and probably more will be National Army men.

This is the result of an arrangement with Brigadier General Dean, commanding the Seventy-eighth Division, at Camp Dix, N. J. It is likely that either the 309th or the 310th Regiments or both will be on hand for the parade.

Members of the Liberty Loan committee are elated over the prospect of the parade because of the appeal to prospective purchasers to be made by the khaki and the Stars and Stripes.

LIBERTY TOTAL NEAR $400,000,000

Unofficial Estimates Show Popularity of Bonds. Whole Country Roused

M'ADOO ENCOURAGED

Washington, April 10.

The third Liberty Loan campaign is rapidly swinging into $400,000,000 worth of subscriptions, that amount being the unofficial total based on conservative estimates from the local committees in all parts of the country. The treasury has continued its policy of awaiting the cold figures from the Federal Reserve banks, but from the host of telegrams received at the Liberty Loan headquarters and from estimates offered by the committee in the large financial centers, the sum will easily be approached before night.

Secretary McAdoo has been cheered by the bright prospects for the bond issue. He has felt out the pulse of the nation and sounded the clarion call for not only $3,000,000,000, but for the colossal sum of $9,000,000,000 or $12,000,000,000 for the national war coffers.

America has been undampened in spirit by the lack of information as to the exact success of the bond sale. Every campaign feature has gone forward in victorious array.

New York opened the fourth day of her drive for $900,000,000 with an unofficial total of $477,150,000 in subscriptions to her credit.

All the large cities are working indefatigably, from San Francisco to New York, where night and day the race is maintained. Middle Western cities have long since abandoned their original quotas and are already notifying the Treasury of sums which they themselves take the responsibility of raising. The old maximum quota arrangement does not hamper the sections of the West, nor the large Eastern cities, where committees are urging on an average the doubling of the quota. The smaller communities are equally enthusiastic. Forty-five of the latter today were officially announced to be tied for the honor of being the first in the land to complete their quota. All reported oversubscription shortly after 9 o'clock Saturday morning.

Treasury officials expect to announce the first accurate totals from the banks about Friday, and daily additions will be forthcoming showing the increase in subscriptions for the previous days. None of the large cities has completed its quota to date, it was learned at the loan headquarters, though the totals in some of the principal manufacturing cities are very near the full quota mark.

Secretary McAdoo, speaking at Raleigh, N. C., urged the nation to triple or quadruple the original $3,000,000,000 figure with 20,000,000 individual subscriptions.

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ALLIES' SUPREME BLOW SEEN IN LLOYD GEORGE AND WILSON SPEECHES

Crushing of Germans Final Fearful Offensive, Aim of United States and Entente

"Force" Against Prussianism Sidetracks "Political Drive" on Austria

Conscription in Ireland May Complicate Situation in United States

The full text of Premier Lloyd George's speech is printed on page 10.

Washington, April 10.

With Germany staking her all on the western offensive, the Allies and America have showered upon them how will stake all and do it now.

That was the crux Washington took today of Lloyd George's address following President Wilson's "force" address and his pledge to double-quick the sending of American forces abroad.

The crisis came home with full force today from England's act in raising the military service age to fifty years and her decision to conscript Irishmen.

Shelves Political Offensive

President Wilson cleared the way by sidetracking the idea of a political offensive against Austria and by declaring that hereafter unlimited force will be America's role. Lloyd George, authorities pointed out, staked his political career and ran the risk of serious rebellion in Ireland in forcing the conscription issue.

Only a really grave need for men would force these steps. The shelving of General Gough, leader of the beaten British Fifth Army, plus appointment of General Foch as chief strategist, evidently superseding the Versailles council plan, revealed untold features of the western battle. England and France have been through the fire and close to a fatal conflagration, according to military men.

"Something went wrong with the Fifth army, they say. And Lloyd George himself pointed out that only part of the story of that western battle has been told to date. Enough now is revealed, however, to convince military authorities here that England and France have drawn heavily on reserves to halt the Germans before Amiens. They are still confident of the final outcome, but they agree with Lloyd George that the battle may run on for months.

America will play a vast part in the coming days. Her troop shipment schedule is geared high and she will

Americans Will Go Into Big Battle Soon

Washington, April 10.—American troops have not yet gone into battle in Picardy, acting Secretary of War Crowell announced in an address to the National Conference of American Lecturers.

He added, however, that indications are that in the near future General Pershing's men will be actively opposing the Germans in their supreme effort on the western front.

"The situation will be serious for a long time," Mr. Crowell declared. "The Germans have been going well and only heavy rain storms have prevented them from making further progress."

SENATE RUSHES SEDITION BILL

Amendments to Modify Power of Officials Being Considered

EXPECT PASSAGE TODAY

Washington, April 10.

The Senate, self-aroused in response to demands for "less talk and more action," prepared for a showdown today on the sedition bill, ostensibly designed to better aid the Department of Justice for a nation-wide round-up of spies and disloyalists.

Debate was limited to ten minutes per speech, in accordance with the unanimous-consent agreement entered into last night. This rule was expected to bring the measure to a final rollcall before adjournment tonight.

The measure has been modified in some respects as a result of the determined opposition of the last week. As it now stands, no man could be sent to jail for criticising "any duly constituted Federal or State officer in connection with the conduct of the war."

This language has been stricken from the bill. The opposition is not entirely satisfied with the measure in its present form, however. Additional amendments for its modification were still pending when the Senate went into session today.

The two most important amendments pending to be voted on today were those offered by Senator Borah, of Idaho, and Senator Lodge, of Massachusetts. Senator Borah's amendment would abolish the Postmaster General's power over the press by repealing sections of the espionage law authorizing him to deny use of the mails to publications.

Senator Lodge's amendment, somewhat modified from its original form, would close the mails to German-language publications unless they printed a true translation of all matter in parallel columns.

HEXAMER RESIGNS FROM MANUFACTURERS' CLUB

Chairman of House Committee Believes It Has Been Accepted by Board

The resignation of Dr. Charles J. Hexamer, former president of the National German-American Alliance, as a life member of the Manufacturers' Club has been accepted by the board of directors.

Club members recently unpleasantly astounded that Dr. Hexamer be omitted from the club, as a result of his activities in the organization which is now being investigated by a Senate subcommittee.

"The house committee," said Wilson H. Brown, chairman, "received Doctor Hexamer's resignation as a member of the Manufacturers' Club, and the committee sent it to the board of directors with the recommendation that it be accepted. I was not at the meeting of the board of directors, so do not know officially what was done, but I believe from reports that have reached me that the resignation was accepted. I have had no official notification of that fact, however.

TINY BEERS PRESAGED AT SAME OLD PRICES

Saloonkeepers Promise Barrel Cost Increase Will Affect Only Size of Glasses

There will be no increase in the cost of a glass of beer, saloonkeepers said today, despite the fact that the beverage will be advanced $2 a barrel.

Neil Bonner, president of the Retail Liquor Dealers' Association, and others conversant with the subject, believe that saloonkeepers will take care of the increase by giving smaller glasses instead of advancing the price. Rather than increase the cost some dealers said they would bear the "extra tax" themselves without inflicting it on the customer.

To co-operate with the Government the Retail Liquor Dealers' Association yesterday adopted resolutions at a meeting in La La Temple providing for prosecution of saloonkeepers and cafe owners who violate the pledge of honor given the Government recently, when the liquor dealers decided to abolish the sale of pint and half-pint flasks in order to stop the practice of "bootlegging."

FAMILY HAS SIX IN SERVICE

Mrs. Fitzgerald's Five Sons and Brother Under Arms

Six members of one household in the war service of the United States Government is the record held by the Fitzgerald family, 2062 Ardmingo avenue. Five sons and a brother of Mrs. Michael Fitzgerald are actively engaged in various departments of service.

James, who is twenty-six, and has a wife and family, is in the Medical Corps at New York; Lawrence, twenty, is in the Naval Coast Defense, at Fortress Monroe; Edward, twenty-four; William, seventeen, and Nicholas, eighteen, are working as "soldiers of the second line of defense" at Cramps' Shipyard. Mrs. Fitzgerald's brother, John J. Barnes, aged twenty-eight, was selected in the draft a month ago, and is now at Camp Custer, in the Engineer Corps.

LANCASTER FIRE IN CITY'S HEART COSTS $250,000

Fierce Flames Sweep Business Setcion of the Town

USAACS AID FIREMEN

Several Big Stores Damaged and Court House and Bank Buildings Threatened

Special Dispatch to Evening Public Ledger

Lancaster, Pa., April 10.

Flames are sweeping the business section of the city, fire starting in the big Sprecher & Gamss hardware store on East King street and spreading quickly to the Garvin department store and driven by a gale into the Metzger tenement block. The whole business section is threatened and the fire is not under control.

The court house is close to the Sprecher & Gamss building and two banking houses are in the path.

The entire fire-fighting force of the city is at work, but is having little effect on the flames. The loss so far is estimated at about $250,000.

A battalion of Usaacs, here to help the Liberty loan, is assisting the firemen. Mayor Trout is directing them personally.

The fire began in the elevator shaft of the Sprecher & Gamss store and was flooding through the roof when the first apparatus arrived. The interior of the store was destroyed and extensive fire and water damage was done to the M. T. Garvin & Co. department store, McCrory & Co. tenement store, Morris Zook, leather warehouse, and other small offices in the buildings mentioned.

The Usaacs battalion were ordered to the scene by Captain T. V. Boyd and did trojan work in assisting the firemen.

When the fire was at its height the whole business section was threatened and the Columbia department was held in readiness for a call.

Virtually no business was done in the heart of the city this morning, and great stores of tar paper and automobile tires piled in the Sprecher cellar caused a heavy, black smoke pall to lower over the city as far as the western limits.

APRIL SNOW SHOWER HERE WITH COLD WIND

Wary Weather Man Expects More White Flakes Before End of Day

Just as Philadelphia had bid farewell to King Frost, King Snow, King Ice and King Zero, the weatherman used his malign influence and pelted the city last night and this morning with snowwhite flakes plainly visible. Furthermore, the weather man will promise no relief within the next twenty-four hours.

Several million or so inhabitants of north and middle eastern States for the last twenty-four hours have been dodging the raindrops and shivering in a temperature which last night, in the outlying country districts, went several degrees below freezing.

At 8 o'clock this morning the official thermometer said Mr. Mercury was hovering around the thirty-eight-degree mark and that he had spent most of last night in the vicinity of thirty-six degrees.

"The center of the storm," the weatherman said, "is still hanging around the coast States and is moving slowly in a direction of northeast. I saw several snowflakes this morning and expect to see many more before night. Of course, this is April, and many things can happen at this season of the year. Low temperatures are reported from points as far west as the Middle States and the cold box seems to be of considerable size and extent. Winds do not, however, seem to be violent."

DANGERS OF GRADE CROSSING MODIFIED

Order of New Jersey Utility Board Directs Cautionary Signals and Lessening Speed

Trenton, N. J., April 10.—The State Board of Public Utility Commissioners today issued an order directing the Atlantic City Railroad Company to make such arrangements that cars placed for loading and unloading will afford the least possible obstruction to the view of the crossing of its Williamstown branch tracks by the county road in Gloucester township, Gloucester County. The company is directed to limit the speed of all trains while passing over the crossing to six miles an hour; to maintain two caution signs along the highway, 250 feet from the crossing; to install a mechanical signal, consisting of an oscillating red disc for daylight indication and red lights at night, and a loud-toned automatic bell at the southeast corner of the crossing.

The Board of Freeholders of Gloucester County filed a complaint with the Utility Commissioners, in which it was alleged that the crossing was dangerous and protection inadequate, and requested that the company be compelled to install safety gates. Maps and photographs showed that the view of trains was obstructed.

MISSING SOLDIERS CAUGHT

Alleged Deserter and Two Hancock Leave-Breakers Arrested Here

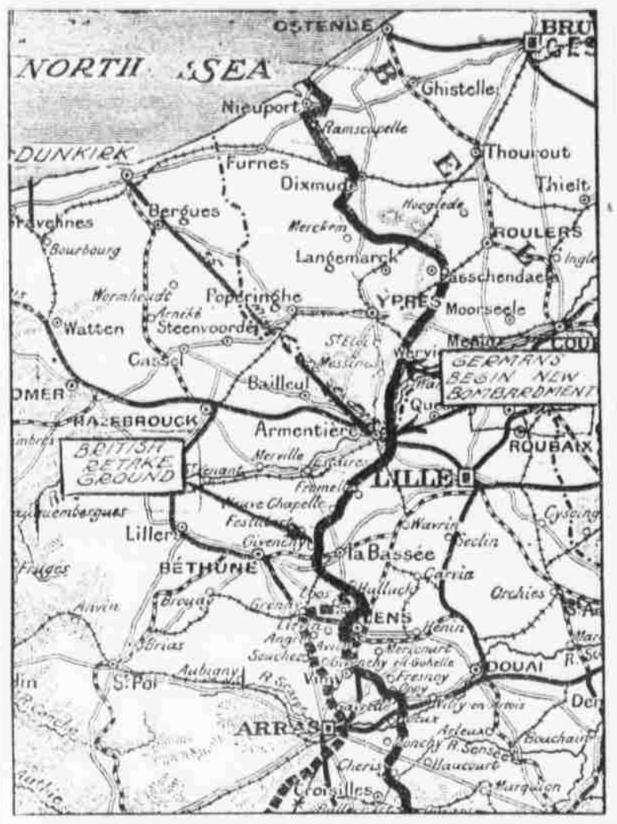
An alleged negro deserter and two sailors, accused of forging their leave of absence passes, were arrested by the police of the Second and Christian streets station early today.

They gave their names as John Green, a negro, thirty-one years old, 370th Infantry, Nepert News; Thomas Daily, nineteen years old, and Harry Jones, nineteen years old, both of the 109th Infantry, a Philadelphia command at Camp Hancock, Ga. The trio was turned over to the Federal authorities and will be taken back to their respective camps under military guard.

HAIG RECAPTURES GIVENCHY; HOLDS FAST UPON LAWE AND LYS; CONTESTS CROSSINGS

Fighting Shifts Toward Flanders

(Showing Changes Up to Noon)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