

NEW REGIONAL CHIEF IN CITY; SEEKS ACTION

'Here to Move Business' First Words of Markham on Arrival

FORGET ALL TROUBLES OF PAST, HE ADVISES

Plan to Speed Up Traffic Without Radical Changes in Methods Here

WELCOMED BY REA

Met at Train by Vice President Dixon, Whose Quarters He Will Occupy

Markham Plans to Use Railroads to Win War

Cooperation with the shipping board to help turn out ships needed to help win the war and with shipper in the general plan to reduce freight congestion.

Conservation of railroad resources—financial, physical and manpower—to insure greater efficiency all along the line.

Construction of every modern facility for freight-handling that will help the "speed up" program of the national government.

Co-ordination of transportation facilities to help move freight with all possible speed.

These are among the features of the new railroad plan that will be made effective in this section by the Federal Government through Regional Director Markham.

"A desire to move business and do so without making any changes in corporate heads of the big railroads was expressed this afternoon by Charles H. Markham, regional director for the Allegheny district. He arrived here at noon from New York.

"We will all work together and give no thought of the past and its troubles," said the new regional chief, whose general demeanor radiates quiet aggressiveness.

His attitude is conservative without being timid. Mr. Markham is of medium height and stocky build. He was quietly dressed today and showed that he was averse to ostentation.

On his arrival at Broad Street Station at exactly 12 o'clock he was met by George Dallas Dixon, vice president in charge of the traffic of the Pennsylvania, and C. R. Capps, who will be the new chief's traffic assistant.

Heartily Greeting From Rea

Mr. Markham was escorted to the office of Samuel Rea, where the president of the Pennsylvania lines extended a hearty greeting with a vigorous handshake, accompanied by wishes of good luck.

While he was surveying his new quarters in Broad Street Station, which were occupied until today by Mr. Dixon, Mr. Markham was questioned concerning his plans.

"My general plan," he said, "is to move business, and I think we are going to do it. There is a healthy feeling of harmony among all of us. We know the work has got to be done and we're going at the job with confidence. God have to have that no matter what your task may be.

"Many things have combined to interfere with traffic during the last year. The general block could not be laid to any one thing. It is a waste of time to bother about what has happened in the past; the thing to do is to try and prevent a recurrence of these conditions.

"One cannot say that obstacles to traffic movements have been due to labor shortage or anything else. It was just a condition which would naturally follow the present world crisis. The only way to solve the troubles is to get in touch with those who perform the duties which bring the results.

"I will get in touch with all who have constructive suggestions and, with the help of the men here, I hope to bring about satisfactory conditions. It can be readily seen that is a big proposition, and it is too early for me to talk of any plans for solving the difficulties. First I want to find out just where I am."

When questioned concerning the recent order of Director General McAdoo, Director Markham said, "The order was presented to the public in an unfortunate manner."

"It is not true that the Federal Government has fired any executive connected with the railroads in the territory. Mr. Rea is still head of the Pennsylvania Railroad.

Plans Greater Co-operation
"The only purpose of Director McAdoo's order, as I understand it, is to obtain greater co-operation among the railroads in the territory. The reason executives of roads here are being called in is to discuss the reasons in charge of the Allegheny district."

Sims Sends Memorial Day Message to America

London, May 30.—Admiral Sims, commander of the American naval forces in European waters, today sent the following Memorial Day message to America:

"On this day of memorial to brave men who have died for the cause of right and justice, our soldiers and sailors are fighting once more as defenders of human freedom. This time it is against the lawless tyranny of a mighty but desperate enemy.

"The struggle will be hard, and America's sacrifices for this worthy cause will again be great. But with right on our side we will preserve the ideals of decent mankind."

AUSTRIAN RIOTS PARALYZE PLAN FOR OFFENSIVE

Projected Drive Into Italy Held Up by Serious Internal Disorders

Geneva, May 30.—Internal disorders in Austria-Hungary have paralyzed the projected Austrian offensive against Italy, according to a dispatch from Innsbruck today.

In serious riots at Laibach and Graz, where Slavs and Jugoslavians attacked Austrian troops, the soldiers fired into the crowds, killing and wounding several.

Recent riots at Prague are said to have been decidedly serious. It is estimated there were 2000 casualties there.

WINDOW EXIT LED TO CELL

Hog Islanders Pay Fines for Disregard of Trolley Doors

"There," "I climb through those windows if you can," shouted the turnkey who locked up five Hog Island workmen who had been arrested on charges of making an exit from a Woodland avenue car via the window instead of waiting for the conductor to open the door.

But the Hog Islanders found steel and stone cells a little too much for even their tried and toughened muscular physique, and the cold, cold dawn (this is true, not literal) found them shivering and shivering with cold and fear on benches of the thirty-second street and Woodland avenue police station lockup.

They lined up today before Magistrate Harris, sitting at the same station house, and answered to charges of disorderly conduct. The usual routine was followed, "in quitting a car is to leave it by the door, not, er—ah—the window. I am being arrested by you for your own actions.

"This is going to cost each of you men in other words, your pay envelope will be \$7.50 lighter this week and \$10.00 lighter next week. You are not a cent less, and maybe a jail sentence in the bargain."

STRIKING CARMEN RETURN

All But Six Vote to Call Off Fight After Pay Increase

Motormen and conductors of the Philadelphia Rapid Transit Company who have been on strike for several days for recognition of Carmen's Union No. 477 returned to work today.

The union train, which the men sought the right to work, will be held until the Federal war board reaches a decision in the matter.

The strikers decided to return at a meeting held at 12 Fairmount avenue, in accordance with a suggestion made by Mayor Smith's next time with the Memorial Day tribute. This was done, as the Board's trains were halted for the two-minute period while bells on the locomotives were tolled.

CARS HALT IN TRIBUTE

Steam and Trolley Traffic Pauses as Memorial Observance

All surface and subway cars and elevated trains on the Rapid Transit Company's lines came to a standstill today at 11 o'clock this morning when traffic was suspended for two minutes as a Memorial Day tribute. This was done in accordance with a suggestion made by Mayor Smith's next time with the Memorial Day tribute. This was done, as the Board's trains were halted for the two-minute period while bells on the locomotives were tolled.

BLAME U-BOATS FOR EPIDEMIC

Spaniards Believe Interned Men Brought Disease to Country

Madrid, May 30.—The Spanish people are of the belief that the mysterious epidemic which has spread over the country and which resembles influenza, was brought to Spain by German submarines. There are several cases among the crews of interned German U-boats. Some persons are of the opinion that the epidemic has been spread by microbes blown from the battlefronts.

The authorities have taken precautions to prevent the spread of the epidemic. King Alfonso is still in bed with the malady, but his condition is not dangerous. The disease is affecting horses, cases among which are reported from the cavalry and the public services.

NEW RAIL CHIEF ARRIVES HERE



Charles H. Markham, regional director of railroads for the Allegheny district, at his desk in Broad Street Station shortly after his arrival in Philadelphia to assume his new duties.

BIDS IRISH JOIN ALLIES IN WAR

Justice Lies in Awakened Conscience of Mankind, Says Senator Phelan

ADDRESSES A.O.H. OUTING

"Misguided leaders of the Irish people must not maintain relations with the common enemy with the futile and fatuous expectation of winning a separate victory."

This declaration was made this afternoon by United States Senator James D. Phelan, of California, in an address at the Memorial Day exercises of the Ancient Order of Hibernians at Point Breeze Park.

He said it would be base betrayal of every profession made by the United States Government if Irish rights were not respected, but suggested that Ireland first "keep its allied passions in check and join the Allied armies in first destroying the greatest menace to human liberty everywhere which has ever afflicted the world."

For her acknowledged rights, he added, Ireland could depend upon the awakened conscience of mankind and the particular good will of our generous and triumphant Republic.

Senator Phelan also said it was the right duty and self-interest of Irishmen everywhere to strengthen the arms of the Allies, and that the United States had the right to advise Ireland in this matter just as the President had the right in general terms to give assurance of self-determination to the smaller Governments.

An athletic carnival followed the memorial exercises, Gate receipts from this event will be devoted to the purchase of war-saving stamps.

Congressman Joseph McLaughlin presided at the memorial function and introduced Senator Phelan. Veterans of the Civil War and the war with Spain occupied places of honor. Detachments of soldiers and marines and bluejackets from the navy yard also were present. A musical feature of the patriotic exercises was a military concert, under the direction of the band.

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GEN. WOOD WATTS FOR NEW ORDERS

Will Likely Be Sent to Train Drafted Men as He Requested

BAKER DODGES BLAME

By CLINTON W. GILBERT
Staff Correspondent Evening Public Ledger
Washington, May 30.

General Wood is waiting in Washington for his orders to his new duties. It is expected those orders will send him to some camp where he will have charge of the training of future contingents of the National Army. He is asked for such duty, and he is likely to get it. The Administration can afford to be liberal. In fact, its whole open attitude toward him is one of great friendliness and regret that his plans have been interfered with by the unwillingness of Pershing to have Wood at the front.

Indeed, in those intimate circles where public opinion is unofficially made word goes forth that the Administration is indignant at Pershing for the issue that he has raised against it. The Administration wished to use Wood, thought highly of his ability and patriotism, speak of him in terms of the utmost confidence, but there was Pershing, the obstinate Pershing, whose will it was not fitting to overrule.

Pershing Blamed for the Order

The desire in Administration circles to place all the burden of responsibility upon the shoulders of the American commander in France is perfectly apparent. The information that it was Pershing who had blocked Wood's ambition to go to France was permitted to leak out by members of the Administration, not officially, but in ways that are perfectly familiar to observers here. The War Department showed that disposition which it has shown so many times in the last few months to shelter itself behind the name of the American general in France. Apparently the Administration feels that it has washed its hands of Wood now that it can place his

PHILADELPHIAN DOWNS FOE FLIER

Lieut. Alexander McLanahan in Squadron That Wrecks Hostile Plane

MOTHER TELLS OF PRIDE

Lieutenant Alexander Hawley McLanahan has been added to the list of Philadelphia's heroes in the war. Word came from France today that he, with his squadron brought down a German airplane on the Toul sector.

McLanahan's companions in the air battle are named in the dispatches as Lieutenant George F. Fisher, Chicago; Lieutenant Edward Buford, Nashville, Tenn.; and Lieutenant Edward Curtiss, Rochester (no State given). The encounter occurred Monday.

Lieutenant McLanahan, son of Mr. and Mrs. M. Hawley McLanahan, of the Wellington Apartments, Nineteenth and Walnut streets, has been on the Toul front several weeks, and this is the first word his parents have received of any action in which he has been engaged. His father is a well-known architect in this city.

It was a proud and happy mother who received the first word of her son's victory from the Evening Public Ledger. She had had no word of his activities, as his letters home had told nothing of this work.

"I am delighted," said Mrs. McLanahan, "both my father and myself are very proud to learn of his success. I hope he will continue and add many more victories.

"He is our only son," she added. "Then she told of his achievements in athletics and his musical talent, developed by studies in Brussels, Belgium. He is having a great time over there. He is Pershing, who had blocked a piano and he plays for the others. Oh, it is wonderful to have a son like Alexander; big and tall—over six feet—and good-looking. Look at his picture. Doesn't he look happy?"

Lieutenant McLanahan was a Junior at Yale University when he decided to enlist in the aviation corps a year ago. He was sent first to Cornell and finished his training in this country at Mount Clemens, Mich., last September, receiving a commission as first lieutenant. The next month he sailed for France for

ENEMY DRIVE HELD ON WHOLE AISNE FRONT AS ALLIES RUSH RESERVES; FAILS IN FLANDERS

AIR RAIDERS BUSY IN NIGHT ATTACKS ON BRITISH FRONT

Allied and German Aviators Engage in Many Skirmishes

INFANTRY ON THE ALERT

Soldiers in Readiness for Heavy Offensive in Their Sectors

By PHILIP GIBBS
Special Cable to Evening Public Ledger
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War Correspondents' Headquarters on the Western Front, May 30.

Apart from the usual amount of gunfire on many sectors of the British front, there is no hostile action, and for the time being the storm center of the western front is south of the Aisne. That battle, as I explained yesterday, is outside the province of a war correspondent with the British army in the north, and will be accorded by the conference accredited to the French armies. Our anxiety to know how it goes with the British troops down here and how it will affect the position on the British front.

Perhaps the plans of the German high command are dependent upon the progress of events across the Aisne, and it seems to me doubtful still whether they will regard it as a locality of their main effort during the new few weeks, or whether they will presently slow down their operations there and strike their main blow against the Allied armies further north. I have my own opinion on the subject, but prophecy is idle and generally wrong.

On the British front the infantry remains on the alert for a heavy offensive, as means which the enemy is using rather than a field war which is in progress across the lines, apart from the unceasing action of the artillery. During these moonlight nights the German bombers are out, covering our lines to drop explosives on towns and villages and camps in competition with the British night fliers, who set out on the same mission, and often in larger numbers, over the enemy's country. There is hardly a fine night on which there are not many of them over places inhabited by women and children and noncombatants of all kinds, as well as soldiers in billets, and they are over towns of small size and little hamlets, so that the chances of escape are not so great as in London.

The night before last, there were many German raiders out, owing to the full moon, which rose late and was strangely red, like the harvest moon, over the black trees and white winding roads and shining roofs of one old town into which I happened to go a little before midnight. I happened to go there after an evening in the officers' mess where there was a plan of the night with a young officer, Jean de Reszke loved and the mystery of art, so that to hear him sing was to thrust back the war and live for a while in a better world ruled in harmony. It was queer to have that voice in one's ear and soul and to go straight into the sinister street where there are ugly noises of death, but that kind of contrast happens out here.

U. S. HAS 1,000,000 MEN ABROAD, SAYS LEWIS

Senator Makes Assertion at Chicago—Warns Against Peace Now

Chicago, May 30.—"The American army in Europe now numbers one million men."

"Declaration to this effect was voiced today by Senator Hamilton Lewis, Democratic whip of the Senate, in a memorial address before the Evanston War Council and the Evanston Commercial Association.

Senator Lewis also went on record with the declaration that the American army would equal in numbers that of the British army by December 1, if the present increase in ship construction is maintained.

"It is intended," said Lewis, "to drive the European allies into believing that if peace is not made now disaster is inevitable. Germany will tender Alsace-Lorraine, Belgium and northern France to the European allies, then make offer to us, accepting our issue of open seas and free commerce and the liberty of self-government for which we went to war."

He then turned to demand that the United States be permitted to retain all the central territory she has captured. She will then possess the control of 250,000,000 of people and an area of territory exceeding the United States.

"Once on this possession she will hide her time with this extra power to turn upon the Allies."

BELIEVE GIRL ELOPED

Parents Say Daughter Left Washington With Soldier

The police have been asked to look for Dorothy Wicker, seventeen years old, Washington, D. C., who her parents believe has eloped with a soldier.

AMERICANS REPULSE FIVE TEUTON ATTACKS AND RETAIN CANTIGNY

U. S. Machine Guns and Artillery Mow Down Wave After Wave of Attacking Germans—Yankees Dig in Despite Shelling—240 Prisoners Captured

With the Americans in Picardy, May 30.

The fifth successive counter-attack against Cantigny was repulsed by the Americans last night.

Yankee artillery responded to the German barrage with heavy and effective fire. Machine guns raked enemy positions.

The new American positions are rapidly being strengthened, infantry and engineers digging, in regardless of constant boche shelling.

Three of the attacks took place early Tuesday night and one yesterday morning. All were easily beaten off.

The number of boche prisoners taken in this area now numbers 240. Persistent efforts of the Germans to recapture the village and heights are indicative of the importance they attach to the heights for observation purposes.

Although they advanced in thick waves in each attack, only one wave succeeded in reaching the American line. This happened about seven o'clock at night. The infantry and machine-guns took heavy toll as the boches advanced. When the survivors reached the line they were bayoneted or shot down. Those who remained fled in disorder.

Wipe Out Charging Lines

Artillery smashed all the other attacks. As the boches advanced, light and heavy guns laid down a fierce counter-barrage, virtually wiping out the first and second waves. All the reserve and support positions also were heavily shelled, preventing the enemy from reorganizing.

Two of the attacks were made frontally on the village. The others were made to the right and to the left. The Americans now have a number of German machine guns and are pouring bullets from them into the enemy. The infantry are also using boche rifles which they captured. Machine guns, rifles and large quantities of ammunition taken in the capture of Cantigny were promptly turned against the Germans. The exact number of machine guns taken is not yet known.

Still Collecting Prisoners

Small groups of prisoners are still coming in. Between beating off attacks, details are busy searching the cellars and dugouts in Cantigny. Nine were dragged from one hole this morning.

An accurate estimate of the German losses is not yet possible, but they are obviously heavy, not only in the first lines, but in the rear organizations. There are indications that the losses in the village alone will exceed a thousand, exclusive of the losses in counterattacks.

All the German batteries were heavily gassed by American artillery again last night.

Clean Sweep of Garrison

The American regiment that captured Cantigny made a clean sweep of the Teuton forces. A checking up of the garrison roll showed that every German soldier in the town was accounted for, either in the dead or the prisoners. Boche dead were strewn over the ground.

The Americans yesterday penetrated the German positions to a depth of nearly a mile. Their artillery completely smothered the Germans. The roar of the American guns could be heard for many miles in the rear. Several fires are burning behind the German line.

The German prisoners include men as young as seventeen or eighteen years of age.

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BASEBALL SCORES—AMERICAN LEAGUE

WASHINGTON.....	0	1	0	0	0	0	0	0	1	0
BOSTON.....	0	1	0	0	0	1	0	0	0	1
Shaw-Abraham; Leonard-Schlag.										

CHICAGO.....	0	0	0	0	0	1	0	0	1	4	1
CLEVELAND.....	3	1	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	3	1
Williams-Schalk; Eganman-O'Neil.											

NATIONAL LEAGUE

ST. LOUIS.....	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	4
PITTSBURGH.....	0	0	1	0	0	0	1	1	0	0	1
Packard-Gonzales; Miller-Schmidt.											

CINCINNATI.....	4	0	0	0	3	0	1	0	0	9	1
CHICAGO.....	0	0	4	0	0	0	0	0	0	6	1
Toney-Wingo; Tyler-Killefer.											

AVIATION INSTRUCTOR FALLS 1500 FEET TO DEATH

FORT WORTH, Tex., May 30.—Lieutenant F. G. Mikhler, an aviation instructor, is dead here today, the result of a fall from an airplane when 1500 feet in the air. Lieutenant Harry Beckus, who was with him, was unhurt. Mikhler came here recently from Washington.

BOCHE BOMBARD PARIS ON SACRED DAY

PARIS, May 30.—The long-range bombardment of Paris continued today—the Day of Corpus Christi, on which Great Britain promised not to raid German cities outside the battle zone, in response to the appeal of the Archbishop of Cologne.

TURKS OCCUPY ALEXANDROPOL

LONDON, May 30.—The Turks have occupied Alexandropol, in Russian Caucasus, said a dispatch from Moscow today. The Turks are reported to be marching on Julid, Persia.

ANGLO-FRENCH STILL CONTROL SOISSONS OUTSKIRTS

STAND FIRM AT RHEIMS

Haig's Troops Beat Back Strong Assault Near Festubert

PARIS-CHALONS ROAD MAY BE OBJECTIVE

Important Railway South of Aisne in Germans' Route

TEUTON LOSSES HEAVY

Berlin Claims Capture of 25,000 Allied Prisoners

Paris, May 30.

The Allies are holding the Germans at all points on the Aisne front. This announcement was made today by the French War Office. Repulse of the Germans in heavy attacks on a strong position near Festubert, was reported by the British War Office in a statement received here.

The official statements have inspired fresh confidence here of an early thwarting of the enemy offensive and a frustration of the obvious attempt to push to the Paris-Chalons railway, about twenty-five miles south of the Aisne, which would be a quick communication with the Rhine. Foch has the situation in hand.

Allied reserves are in action and more are being speeded to the defense of the Aisne.

The Aisne battle continued last night and fierce fighting is still underway.

The French still hold valiantly the western outskirts of Soissons. The British are giving vigorous battle in the Rheims sector.

French Communiqué

"The battle continued throughout the night," the communique said.

"The French maintained the western outskirts of Soissons, which the Germans could not pass, despite repeated attempts.

"Fierce fighting is going on in the region of the Soissons-Hartennes road (running southward seven miles to Hartennes). Fere-en-Tardenois (thirteen miles southeast of Soissons and twenty miles from the original line) and Vesilly (nine miles east of Fere-en-Tardenois).

"The French, sustained by reserves, are opposing the German advance with great tenacity.

"French and British troops broke up all assaults on their positions at Brouillet (four miles north of Vesilly), Thillois (two miles and a half due west of Rheims) and northward of Rheims (on the heights of Thierry)."

London, May 30.

The British repulsed heavy German attacks on a strong position near Festubert (in Flanders), War Office reported today.

(Festubert lies about four miles northwest of Bethune.) It is an area where the Germans have recently been keeping up a sustained gas shell bombardment of the British positions. It lies at the extreme of the salient in the Germans have pressed into Allied line since the battle of the dera opened.

The British carried out an operation near Merrie, in their line and capturing German trenches were raised. Locon where more prisoners taken.

Haig's Report

The text of the official report follows:

"During the night the enemy attacked a strong point known as 'Les Aigles' near Festubert, but was repulsed.

German artillery was active at points on both the Picardy and Flanders fronts.

BILLION AND HALF IN MAY

War Expenses for Month Make New High Record

Washington, May 30.—Including loans to Allies, United States war expenses for May will exceed \$1,500,000,000, as reported by the Treasurer. This sets a new high record for any belt month and indicates a daily expenditure in excess of \$50,000,000. The outlay has jumped more than \$300,000,000 above the normal monthly rate in the past.

Estimates are that \$11,000,000,000 will be spent between July 1 and December 31. Most of this must be raised

NEWS OF GREAT DRIVE

PHILIP GIBBS At War Correspondents' Headquarters

EDWIN L. JAMES With the American Army

WALTER DURANTY With the French Armies

G. H. PERRIS With the French Armies

These distinguished war correspondents write daily for the Evening Public Ledger. Philadelphia, Pa. The Aisne is completely secured in spite of extensive operations in the north.