

NEW RATE BOOST HINTED BY P. R. T.

Ballard Says Six Cents Not Enough if War Tax Remains

PUTS BURDEN ON PEOPLE

Gives No Indication of What Increase Will Be Asked of Councils

The public must bear the weight of an enormous income and excess profits tax of the underlying companies of the Philadelphia Rapid Transit Company unless Congress shall so arrange to new \$8,000,000,000 war revenue bill at the underlying companies themselves must bear the burden of the tax, or unless the state Supreme Court decides that existing contracts between the P. R. T. and its subsidiary companies are not intended to include a war tax.

This was indicated in a statement of its Ames Ballard, counsel for the P. R. T. in which he declared that a fare excess of even the proposed six-cent increase is necessary to the existence of the company unless it is relieved of the tax.

It is hinted that a demand will be made upon Councils for a fare rate than six cents, an ordinance for which is now pending, unless the Congressional Ways and Means Committee (the Supreme Court acts favorably toward removing the taxation saddle from holding company and placing it on the underlying companies.) Ballard declared it will be "absolutely necessary" that a fare of more than six cents be charged unless the Rapid Transit Company is relieved of the war tax burden.

Ballard reiterated his statement made in a statement that when the contracts are drawn up there was no thought of war taxation and that it was given consideration in the documents, and passed the opinion that unless the company is relieved, the public must bear the taxes in increased fares. Ballard declared the transit company is "fighting the people's fight" in opposing to shift the taxation to the operating companies. Ballard declared that the company will not pay increased fares and buy new cars and new rails, as the buck is passed to the public, and means increased fares, he declared. Ballard declined to make a statement as to probable fare in event the tax is not shifted. Ballard declared that the various underlying companies expressed the opinion that it was not the power to shift the tax burden, in view of the existing contracts between the P. R. T. and its subsidiary companies.

French on Left Check Germans

French on left, while Mchemont and Mchour had changed hands several times.

Hutler greatly disappointed. Hutler critical days of the offensive then given the enemy at the cost of enormous losses a not very magnificent result. We now know that the progress was to reach Compiegne on the 12th day. General von Hutler must be disappointed.

Attack was begun with fourteen divisions at full strength, in the line, included at the center divisions of Russian guards and four other divisions. About twice as many have now been thrown into this ten already holding the sector, the rest being fresh reserves.

Figures may be measured by the fact that the total German forces in the amount to 207 divisions, and that before the offensive only sixty were in the general reserve, the rest being engaged on the front.

Consider in the light of the considerations like these what the command essayed and what it achieved the more we shall appreciate the valor of the French armies and the qualities of their chiefs; and it is possible to do justice to their such reflections. The certain anxiety is pardonable in a before accurate information is before the men read that, although was no surprise the Germans have back our line on a broad front, with childish inconsideration they by we can never have force enough to right point. At the same time that a committee has been for organization and defense of the French camp of Paris. Adding it two, where there are only one together, they easily make ten innocently set to work to pursue us by all means recognize the and strength as well as the uniqueness of the German command, by the hand of the Bolsheviks, hem a temporary superiority of Wit and daring have enabled to give effect to this advantage by method of attack.

Difficultly Facing Defense. Concluding fact, let us look fairly difficult position of our new command in this defensive period. rise cannot be wholly prevented, losses of ground not of essential can be safely lost provided a heavy is extorted for them. It is a freer form of the war of usury, as ground lost the better, but the is to take toll, to wear out enemy.

not return again and again to statistics of German divisions from the south of the Aisne from the in the thrilling stories of the lies in the heart of the problem. The author had conceived a very pretty picture of the Thiescourt-hill corner and the turning of the Matz Valley. It seems that the French reply in French says has been conceived and executed with remarkable shrewdness.

advance down the Matz could not be stopped. With then? pretty the character of the battlefield, and east of the Matz the central which was not to regain ground, destroy the invaders, was won. As said, it was inevitable that the Thiescourt hills should have on the other side of the Aisne. aim of the German command, if ready plain enough, was clearly yesterday, when the east flank salient from Moulins-Sous-Touvent Aisne, near Fontenoy, and its support the south of the Aisne from through Catry to Dommeries, as scene of new development of advance. This wide attack is an aim of a check on the west side of the Aisne, the most prominent feature



MADE ARMY FIELD CLERK
George C. Difenbach, 210 West Chelton avenue, Germantown, is on his way to France, where he will serve as a field clerk with Pershing's forces. For several years Mr. Difenbach has been assistant clerk of the United States Circuit Court of Appeals in this city.

PERSHING'S MEN ATE TURKEY ON EASTER

Served Hot With Seven Letters From Home, Writes Philadelphian in Trenches

Turkey and seven letters from home served hot in the front-line trenches Easter Sunday are a sample of the way American fighting men abroad are cared for.

"What could be sweeter?" writes George Meredith Fay, 915 South Sixth street, to his brother, Oscar Fay. His letter asks if the folks back home have heard of the camp of the Ninth Regiment of Infantry has been in.

The men are stationed at the point of the fighting line nearest Paris, where the bulge of the German drive was stopped by the Americans—infantry and marines. Fay's regiment, with the Twenty-third Infantry, is on the right wing of the marines.

George Meredith Fay is one of four brothers, all Philadelphians. Albert is in the navy, while Oscar and Harry live with their mother. They are preparing to join the American defenders of the French capital as soon as possible.

"You might add," said Oscar Fay today, "that our father is German born and once served in the German army. He is now out West. He told us that if he were young enough, he'd be there with George, fighting for America."

"The only trouble we have here in the trenches," writes George Fay, "is the mud and rats and Germans, and we both the latter more than they bother us. We had a few come over to our trench the other day, but we just told them to go back. They couldn't worry us. One or two stayed behind to keep us company and to tell about the war from the other side of the line."

The letters of George Fay are full of the good American spirit of fun, without a word about hardship or terror or death. He has seen some of the hardest fighting of the war and adds to his letter:

"We should worry." "The only trouble of the American army," he says. The Ninth Infantry and the Twenty-third are known as the Syracuse Brigade. Press dispatches said on June 12:

"This is the second time the Syracuse Brigade has held the point on the line nearest the capital, the former occasion being on an offensive when the Allies were still falling back and the brigade went in at Colomb. They captured machine guns."

AWARD TO BOY SCOUTS

Miniature of Statue of Liberty Presented for Loan Work

Philadelphia Boy Scout executives today placed in position at their headquarters, 925 Walnut street, a handsome miniature of the Statue of Liberty, loaned by the American Red Cross.

The miniature was presented to the scouts by E. Pusey Passmore, chairman of the Third Federal Reserve Bank, in appreciation of the work of the Boy Scouts in Philadelphia during the last Liberty Loan campaign.

The presentation was made at the Scout Court of Honor, which was held last night in Room 286, City Hall, at which time medals also were presented to meritorious scouts who had advanced their craft since the previous Court of Honor.

Distribution was made of 200 merit badges by Acting Scout Executive H. A. Gordon and Field Executive George W. Boyle. Five life and star badges by one commissioner Charles Edwin Fox; one eagle badge by Dr. Charles D. Hart; twenty fresh-air badges and three civic bars.

An address was made by Lieutenant G. A. Sutton, who saw service during the Gallipoli campaign.

ROCKLEDGE GRADUATES

Miss Louise Iles, Miss Emma Jonasson, Miss Mabel Mattson, Arthur Emerson, William Sutton, and George Cegielkowski, all of Rockledge, members of the class of 1918, Rockledge High School, will be awarded their diplomas at the commencement exercises today.

Prof. D. Montford Melchior, of Girard College, will deliver the address to the class.

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PHILADELPHIANS ARE SPEEDY WITH NEW GUN

Crew No. 1 Drags One-Pounder to Position in Fast Time

WEAPON HAS SEEN WAR

Secretary and Mrs. Baker Will Be Guests at Camp Meade Tonight

FUNDS FOR SUMMER ENGAGE COUNCILMEN

Transfer and Loan Bills, With Supply Measures, on Today's Calendar

Bones Brittle, Suffers 20th Break

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powders are very powerful and almost as easily handled as machine guns they perform a notable service. The guns have a range of approximately 3000 yards, and in design resemble the French 75.

Mrs. Baker To Sing for Soldiers Secretary of War Baker and Mrs. Baker are to be the guests of the 210th field artillery tonight. Colonel H. L. Landers, commander of that unit, has arranged a regimental reception, which will be followed by a concert. The regiment will pay its respects to the visitors by singing a review at 6 o'clock. Mrs. Baker has promised to sing, so naturally enough the artillery men are in a happy mood today.

Announcement was made at division headquarters today that Brigadier General Joseph A. Gaston has assumed command of the 15th Depot Brigade. Richard Carle, in furs and frills, will entertain the boys at the Liberty Theatre on Friday, Saturday and Sunday.

Meeting primarily to pass the \$1,200,000 temporary loan bill through Congress, both branches of Councils this afternoon will pass bills that the Administration wants out of the way before the summer recess. The most important of the measures is a transfer bill that provides over summer funds for a number of exhausted items.

Before the councilmatic meetings members of the Finance Committee will meet for a final review on all demands for supplies and other needs. Money for these needs, the total of which has not yet been ascertained, will be raised by taking it from items that departmental heads will not need because of stoppage of much municipal work until after the war.

Councils today will likely pass legislation giving Smith, Solicitor General and Director Twining, of the Department of Transit, the right to settle with officers of the Keystone State Construction Company on the amount to be allowed that company for the stoppage of work on subway contracts.

Chairman Gaffney, of Councils' Finance Committee, hopes to get most of the Administration measures out of the way before night. The final transfer bills will be passed at a meeting next week, and at that time Select Council will pass the temporary loan bill.

Sergeant E. J. Rosser, of Denver, Col., and a regular army man, is the commander of No. 1 outfit and has selected the following Philadelphians to assist: Corporal H. Williams has been given the best as supply officer and S. Roberts has been made gunner. The loader is William Lawler and Mark Kelly is in charge of ammunition. John Grooms is charge of the tripod and Charles Sitter acts as wagoner. The wheels of this unique field piece are handled by Harry Caarniecki and John Clapper.

At the initial performance the gun was taken to the rifle range and on the 500-yard field proved its accuracy. For Rosser fired 124 shots at a twenty-nine target and made seven clean hits out of every ten shots.

"Today this bunch of fighting men wheeled the gun onto the field in the rear of the Philadelphia section and indulged in a bit of 'knock down and setting-up work," which consisted of taking down the gun, advancing over 100 yards of ground and then assembling the piece.

Handling the one-pounder is more difficult than handling a machine gun, owing to its greater weight and the bulkiness of the ammunition cases. But weight counted for little today, for the Philadelphians went through the stunt with the ease and grace of acrobats.

Rosser, whose duty it is to select a suitable spot for the gun, ran, crawled and squirmed over one hundred yards of ground and then signaled to Kelly and Grooms. Taking a firm grip on the tripod, these two doughboys crawled over the ground to the spot chosen by Rosser and in the twink of an eye put the tripod in position. Roberts and Caarniecki were the next to arrive with the ammunition belts, and in less than three minutes Rosser had the gun in action. No shots were fired, but as the gun is purely a mathematical problem, it can be assumed that Rosser in the first three shots put an enemy machine-gun nest out of business.

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DIES FROM WOUNDS
Bernard H. Bolt, of South Bethlehem, Pa., was injured in action with Pershing's forces in France. He held the French War Cross for aiding in the capture of four Germans.

Bones Brittle, Suffers 20th Break
Hagerstown, Md., June 13.—Leslie McDonald, son of Frank McDonald, near Openwon, again has broken his leg, making the twentieth time the youth has suffered either a fractured leg or arm because of the peculiar brittleness of his bones. His case has attracted widespread attention among the medical fraternity.

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