

SAY MANY WED IN ANTICIPATION OF DRAFT ACT

Local Boards Raise Question of Dealing With Slacker Marriages MUST HAVE FAMILIES Crowder's New Ruling, Hits Thousands Now in Deferred Class

Coincident with the announcement of Provost Marshal General Crowder today that his latest rulings on dependency would clearly define the policy of the War Department with regard to recent marriages, local draft boards raised the question of disposition of registrants married prior to May 18, 1917, with intent to evade conscription.

General Crowder's rulings dealt only with men married since May 18, 1917, when the selective service law was enacted, and provided that henceforth marriages alone would not be considered sufficient grounds for deferred classification.

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COL. CATLIN WOUNDED Commanding officer of the Sixth Regiment, United States marines, and one of the oldest officers of the marine corps, who has been seriously wounded in France

RICHARD L. FOX, BANKER, ENLISTS IN MARINE CORPS

Well-Known Young Member of Stock Exchange to Enter Signal Battalion

Richard L. Fox, of Downingtown, Philadelphia banker and real estate man, today enlisted in the United States Marine Corps, at the local office, 1409 Arch street.

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POWER OF TEUTON BLOWS LESSENS

The last German drive was the least successful of the four Ludendorff has launched this year. By every measure of the success of a military offensive, the effort which he just closed falls far below its predecessors, as the following figures show:

Table with columns: AMIENS, YPRES, CHAMPAGNE, OISE. Rows: Maximum advance, Territory won, Prisoners claimed, Guns claimed.

DANIELS AGREES TO LARGER NAVY

Withdraws Opposition to Permanent Increase in Personnel to 131,485 REVERSES HIS POSITION

Washington, June 15. Secretary of the Navy Daniels today withdrew his opposition to a permanent increase in the personnel of the American navy to 131,485.

In a letter to Chairman Padgett, of the House Naval Affairs committee, he reversed his former position against the Senate amendment to the naval appropriation bill which would make the increase permanent instead of temporary.

Accompanying his letter were letters by Admiral Benson and Admiral Palmer, which showed that 131,485 men will be barely enough to man the ships that will be completed for the navy before the end of the present year.

The House conferees, supposing they were following the wishes of the secretary, refused to agree to the Senate amendment and reported a disagreement on this and other amendments to the House this afternoon.

Upon the wastage of German reserves now engaged between Montdidier and Rheims depends the strength of those forces held in leash by Crown Prince Rupprecht of Bavaria against the British, and the problem of our army's decision may depend on how many divisions in the group of armies will be called down south to take part in the enemy's thrust against Paris.

Three of Putnam's victories on that date are now official and the other two are being investigated. If he is credited with the balance would change to thirteen.

KAISER'S BEST BADLY BEATEN BY U. S. FORCE

Picked Divisions Fail to Rout Americans, and War Lord Is Amazed at the Defeat of Crack Troops

With the Americans on the Marne, June 15 (4 p. m.). Both American and German artillery was active northwest of Chateau-Thierry today.

There were no infantry actions. Special Cable to Evening Public Ledger. Copyright, 1918, by New York Times Co.

AMERICANS SENT OVERSEAS REACH 800,000 FIGURE

March Says U. S. Shipments Will Be Limited Only by Facilities

Does Not Predict When Allies' Numbers Will Equal Foe

By CLINTON W. GILBERT Staff Correspondent Evening Public Ledger Washington, June 15.

General March, Chief of Staff of the United States army, today announced that this country had passed the 800,000 mark in shipping men to France.

This view is that the main object of the German efforts is to capture the channel ports. The secondary object is the capture of Paris.

The blow at England is the most important because, if it succeeds, it will have an immense practical, as well as moral consequence.

The general discussed the all-important question of the balance of power between the two countries which will be maintained by the British.

NEW P. R. R. TRAIN SCHEDULE GIVEN

Changes Go Into Effect Tomorrow—Suburbs Little Affected

Many changes in the train schedule on the Pennsylvania Railroad go into effect tomorrow.

But very few changes have been made in train schedules to suburban points, those made are what is known as "non-stop" changes.

The train which leaves here for New York at 7:05 a. m. will discontinue stopping at Frankford, Torresdale and Cornwells.

The Philadelphia section will leave Broad Street Station at 1:45 P. M. and arrive in New York at 1 a. m.

FOURTH THRUST AT PARIS FAILS; FOE AT STANDSTILL

ENEMY POWER NOW ON WANE, CHECK SHOWS

Five Days' Fighting Results in Brilliant Victory for Allies

BOCHE AIM MADE CLEAR BY RECENT OFFENSIVE

Converging Operations Planned to Destroy Both French and British FAILURE IS CRITICAL

Ambitious Design Meant to Achieve More Than Divide Allies

By G. H. PERRIS Special Cable to Evening Public Ledger Copyright, 1918, by New York Times Co.

With the French armies, June 15. The front has subsided into actions of no more than local importance.

Beside losses of the enemy, the French loss of the Thiesscourt hills and the wooded part of the valley opposite is of little importance.

The first push toward Amiens ended in ten days, having entailed upon the Allies the sacrifice of a total of forty miles deep and serious casualties.

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FOILED BLOWS PROVE FOCH'S SUPERIORITY

German's "Thunderbolt Attacks" Not Irresistible

ALLIES SHOW POWER TO BLOCK FOE IN WEST

Next Drive May Be Directed at the Channel

ENEMY PLAN NULLIFIED

French Counter on Left Called a Stroke of Genius

By WALTER DURANTY Special Cable to Evening Public Ledger Copyright, 1918, by New York Times Co.

With the French armies, June 15. The fifth day of the battle marked the definite check of the German operations after gains of little importance and prodigious losses.

The complete dislocation of the projected attack and the substantial progress of the French, despite the very heavy forces opposite to them, had been moved up in preparation for it, threw the whole German tactical scheme out of gear.

Hindenburg attempted to counter eight hours after the French advance began—a powerful diversion between the Aisne and Villers-Cotterêts forest.

Foe's Counter Disastrous In desperation, strong forces, estimated at 30,000 to 40,000 men, were flung against the re-won line from Courcelles to Mery.

What will Hindenburg do? Estimating the situation, the Allies began to move northward.

These Americans fight like heroes. They absolutely refuse to surrender a letter found on a captured member of the Prussian guard.

Can the Allies... The time, perhaps many, is not yet... attempted to subvert...