

STATE BOYS RUSH IN AS FRENCH RUN

Pennsylvanians Take Montfaucon When Tank Crews Are Routed IN ACTION FOUR DAYS

Lieutenant Johnson, of Lewisburg, Writes Father Description of Last Big Battle

Pennsylvanians rushed in where Frenchmen feared to tread and thus the victory at Montfaucon was won according to a letter from Lieutenant Miller A. Johnson, son of Judge Albert W. Johnson, of Lewisburg. Lieutenant Johnson is a member of Company K, 31st Infantry, Seventy-ninth Division. Every German in the sector was either killed or captured as the boys from the Keystone State swept forward through a terrific barrage of enemy shells that stopped French tanks and sent their crews pell-mell to the rear. "Too much boom artillery," shouted one Frenchman when Lieutenant Johnson asked him why he hurried. "American no good, damn fool. American no give damn for artillery, big damn fool."

THANKS TO WILSON PROPOSED

Minister's Wife Asks Brumbaugh and Other Governors to Act Mrs. H. W. Hathaway, of 6225 Ogontz avenue, wife of the Rev. H. W. Hathaway, pastor of Covenant Presbyterian Church, Germantown, has written to Governor Brumbaugh to suggest that the Governor of each State write a brief letter of gratitude for the people of his State to President Wilson and that these letters be bound in handsome form and presented to the President.

TEARS AT KAISER'S FUNERAL

That Is Downtowners Laughed Till They Cried at Cremation Tears were shed at the cremation of Mr. William Hohenzollern, at Sixteenth street and Snyder avenue, but it was because the "mourners" laughed so much upon their creating the funeral. Several thousand South Philadelphians were there last night and they laughed and cheered as the flames licked Mr. Hohenzollern's corpse. There were streams of delight as fire enveloped the body and blazed merrily.

SEEK SALARY INCREASES

Council's Finance Committee Takes Up Department Budgets Council's Finance Committee last night continued its consideration of departmental budget requests for 1919. Slight tentative reductions were made in several of the requests, which included the Park Commission, the City Treasurer, Receiver of Taxes, Sheriff, county prisons, Transit Department, Department of Wharves, Docks and Ferries and the Department of the Mayor. Virtually all of these departments asked an approximate 20 per cent increase in the salary, which, with slight changes, were provisionally approved. The Finance Committee will continue its considerations of the budget at 9 o'clock this afternoon.

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U. S. SAILOR AT FIFTEEN

Mulford Speyer Already Overseas, is Parents' Belief Mulford Speyer is only fifteen years old, but he is already in foreign service with the navy. He left an American port two weeks ago on transport duty, and his parents believe he already has arrived overseas. His father, Felix Speyer, 1205 North Taylor street, had to obtain his exemption from continuation school and then sign permission for him to enlist before he could enter the navy. This had been MULFORD SPEYER bearing permission to enlist for two months, and his father finally consented a little less than two months ago.

ELKS TO DEDICATE WAR RELIEF HOSPITAL

Splendid Gift of Order Will Be Presented to U. S. at Boston Tomorrow

Boston, Nov. 15.—With ex-Governor John K. Tener, of Pennsylvania, chairman of the Elks' U. S. A. Reconstruction Hospital here is to be formally dedicated and turned over to the Government tomorrow afternoon. Secretary of War Newton D. Baker is expected to make an address, accepting the gift on behalf of the United States. The ritualistic work will be conducted by Grand Exalted Ruler Bruce A. Campbell, of East St. Louis, Ill., assisted by the officers of the Grand Lodge, Governor McCall, of Massachusetts, and Mayor Peters, of Boston, are to participate in the dedicatory ceremony.

More than a quarter of a million dollars has been expended by the Benevolent and Protective Order of Elks in the selection of a site and the erection of the hospital. Here the wounded of the army and navy are to be cared for, their maimed and shattered bodies healed and restored, and all that modern science can do will be done to reconstruct and re-educate them so that renewed happiness may follow from assured industrial independence. The Elks of the United States have raised a million dollars for disposition by the war relief commission and at the sessions of the grand lodge in Atlantic City, last July, another million dollars was voted, the money to come from the national lodges without appeal to the public for assistance. With Governor Tener on the commission are five past grand exalted rulers of the order, Joseph T. Fanning, of New York; Jerome B. Elmer, James town, N. Y.; James R. Nicholson, of Boston, formerly of Wilkes-Barre; Edward Righter, of New Orleans; and Fred Harper, of Lynchburg, Va.

CANCEL SHELL CONTRACTS

Manufacture of 33,000,000 Projectiles Stopped by Washington Pittsburgh, Nov. 15.—The vast shell program, which was announced by the Government some weeks ago, has been wiped off the books. Orders canceling all contracts placed for the 33,000,000 semi-fixed cast shells have been issued from Washington, and contractors now are receiving these canceling orders. This means a saving in the total of 350,000 tons of material which now can be released for other work. These contracts were distributed among nearly 100 steel concerns in this city and vicinity.

TO FREE 420,000 FRENCH

War Prisoners and Those Interned Soon Will Be Repatriated By the Associated Press Paris, Nov. 15 (Havas).—French war prisoners numbering 420,000 will be repatriated soon. This number includes those who have been interned in neutral countries. A delegation from the French general staff has held a conference at German headquarters at Spa to arrange the details for bringing these men back to their country.

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AMERICAN'S BLUFF GETS 28 PRISONERS

Lieut. John J. Sweeney, Bucks County Physician, Writes of Soldier's Daring

How one American soldier bluffed a contingent of twenty-eight Germans and took them prisoners is told in a letter written by Lieutenant John J. Sweeney, a Bucks County physician, who has been on the fighting front in France since early in the year. The letter was written to a Bucks County official. "This actually happened a day or two ago," wrote Lieutenant Sweeney, "and it's no lie, either, for I saw the prisoners myself. One of our platoons was attacking a woods, in which it was known several machine-gun nests were concealed. When the attacking party got real close, one American soldier jumped to his feet, ran forward and yelled in perfectly good German: "Cease firing, you damned fools, and surrender." "Darned if they didn't! He came out with twenty-six men and two officers as prisoners, and he was a blamed happy American. "I've had many narrow escapes. Once, when I was dressing one wounded man in a shell hole, an exploding shell threw me into the hole completely, burying the three of us. When I dug myself out, I found the other two were dead. At another time I was talking to a soldier who was standing about ten feet away from me. Along came one of Fritz's shells, exploded and bounced me about twenty feet away. When I got to my feet, there was a deep hole in the ground. The soldier was gone—forever."

TIN PLATE WAGES CUT

Sheet Mill Operatives Also Affected by Ruling Youngstown, O., Nov. 15.—A cut in wages is decreed by the bimonthly wage settlement between the Amalgamated Association and the National Association of Sheet and Tin Plate Manufacturers. The adjustment makes a cut of 2 per cent on the base in tin plate operations and wages and of 4 1/2 per cent in the wages of sheet mill operatives. The peace plans declare against reprisals for the purpose of punishment, but make no mention of indemnities. It asks establishment of order by a league of free peoples of the world banded together to secure justice and peace in relations between nations. The welfare of the people affected, the resolution declares, must be the sole factor in determining changes and adjustments in power. An international eight-hour day and child labor law are two of the results organized labor wishes to come out of the war. Denial of shipping facilities to goods manufactured by children under sixteen years was suggested. The resolution says:

A. E. F. VICTORY LETTER DAY

November 14 Set Apart for Writing Home From Front Paris, Nov. 15.—The Stars and Stripes, official organ of the American expeditionary force, announced that November 14 will be "father's Christmas victory letter day" for the army. All soldiers are asked to write to their fathers on that day and the fathers are urged to write to their sons.

Ends Life With Rifle Shot

Reading, Pa., Nov. 15.—Claude E. Mengel, aged twenty-six years, living on the hills near Robinson, committed suicide last evening by shooting himself in the head with a small rifle. His body was discovered by Howard Steffy, a neighbor, who was called in by Mrs. Mengel, who, returning from a visit to her parents, found one of the second floor doors locked.

Soldiers' Mothers to Start Fund

A campaign to raise \$100,000 will be started in December by the Philadelphia Congress of Mothers of Sons in France. The funds will be devoted to helping children orphaned by the recent epidemic of influenza, providing permanent facilities for a club for sailors in Kennington and for child welfare work.

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SOLDIER TO BEQUEATH HEALTH TO RED CROSS

Eric Man, Almos Blinded by Shrapnel, Grateful for Sympathetic Aid

Salvatore Philippo, of Erie, Pennsylvanian, an American soldier boy who was almost blinded by a shrapnel wound, is going to make a will leaving all his money to the American Red Cross. He conveyed this information to Henry P. Davison, chairman of the war council of the American Red Cross, on the occasion of a recent visit by Mr. Davison to a Paris hospital, where wounded Americans are being cared for. Mr. Davison talked with scores of the patients and asked them if there was anything his organization could do to make them more comfortable. He was deeply touched with the fine spirit shown by the American boys and particularly with Philippo's generous regard for his soldier companions. "If I leave my money to the American Red Cross," said Philippo, "I know that it will be used to help those who need it most. If I leave it any other way, no telling what will be done with it. I am in comfortable circumstances and so are my people. I have tried to refuse the many comforts provided by the Red Cross because I felt some of the other boys might need them more." Wounded American soldiers in hospitals are now getting a daily supply of cakes and delicacies through the medium of the American Red Cross. The arrival of the sweets always brings a gleam of cheer from the patients.

Little Girl Dies of Burns

Agnes Campbell, eight years old, 114 North Fifth-third street, is dead today of burns received yesterday when her clothes caught fire as she was playing with matches. She died late last night at West Philadelphia Homeopathic Hospital. The girl was alone in the house, her mother having gone to a nearby store. Neighbors heard the child's screams and put out the fire.

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FRENCH AID BAZAAR CROWDED

Second Day's Receipts Expected to Exceed Yesterday's

The bazaar being held at 1426 Arch street, for the benefit of the people of the devastated districts of France, under the direction of the Ladies' American-French Club, is proving a great success. The bazaar opened yesterday and the proceeds of the first day's business were a pleasant surprise to the committee in charge. A big crowd was present when the doors were thrown open today, and the money taken in is expected to exceed that of yesterday. The bazaar closes tomorrow night. All the receipts will be devoted to the welfare work in France. The committee has virtually no expenses, as every article on sale was donated. The affair is not a rummage sale. Everything on sale is new, with the exception of some interesting antiques which will go to the highest bidder. Those in charge of the bazaar include Mrs. Marie Couche, Mrs. James Carville, Miss Estelle K. Galt, Miss Lucy Fenelon, Mrs. Richert, Mrs. Hillier, Mrs. Polkane, Mrs. Frank Maene, Mrs. Dooet, Mrs. Courtin, Mrs. Adolph Teichscheit, Mrs. Charles Cochet and Mrs. Benjamin Jolin.

Booksellers Will Meet Tonight The November meeting of the Book-sellers' Association will be held tonight in the Franklin Inn Club. Christened Morley, author of "Parnassus on Wheels," and a member of the Executive and Literary editorial staff, and Frank H. Taylor will talk. Mr. Morley recently spoke on "The Making of Books and Magazines" at an association meeting. Two Remarkable Values For Today and Tomorrow \$15 Pair of 100 Fair at \$4.90 \$20 Pair of 100 Fair at \$5.90 These shoes are in all of the season's wanted styles, black, brown, corduroy and combinations. All prices never before offered to the shoe buying public. Purchasing Agents' Orders Accepted

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