

CONFIRM HEAVY CAMDEN LOSSES

Six in Week on Overseas Death Reports and Many Wounded

FEW HEROES RETURNING

Only Three of Forty-nine Philadelphians on Casualty List Lost Lives

Honor Roll for the City and Its Vicinity Today

- KILLED IN ACTION: Private Joseph D. Agostini, 1815 Rowan st. Died from accident and other causes. Corporal Abraham Morgenman, 2124 West North st. Returned to duty (previously reported missing). Fred Gnaiafiorio, 722 Hegerman st. Wounded, degree undetermined. Corporal George J. Fries, Jr., 4099 Wyalusing ave. Privates William A. Mehlner, 2443 North Garden st. William Pitt, 2303 North Third st. ...

ON NATION'S HONOR ROLL



HUGH N. LAUGHLIN, Wounded. CHARLES A. VAUGHAN, Gassed. JOSEPH D. AGOSTINI, Killed in Action. EDMUND SZEPEKAEWICZ, Wounded.

Company B, told of the soldier's death. The captain said in part: Praised by Captain "Private Thompson was killed in action October 19. He fulfilled every tradition of a soldier. He fell with a heroic bullet in his heart in the engagement at Bois de Loge, near Grand Perce, and was buried there. Thompson was twenty-eight years old. He left Camden for a training camp February 26 of last year with a draft contingent, and sailed for overseas May last. He was a drummer boy. Charles Thompson, father of the hero, is a Spanish-American War veteran and is at present a noncommissioned officer in the Pennsylvania State Militia. At the beginning of the war he was refused enlistment. To get into essentially work he gave up his position and joined the quartermasters' corps, and was stationed in this city. The boy killed was his only son. The last letter the soldier wrote home was dated August 23. He was a machinist. With a total of 145 names on the honor roll for the city, only three Philadelphians appear in the major list today. One was killed in action and the other two died from accidents. The major list contains the names of fifteen wounded with degree undetermined and thirty-one who were killed. Recent figures announced by the War Department show that the total deaths from disease in the various overseas army exceeded the total battle casualties by more than 5000. War deaths for the country are reckoned at 107,444. Today the War Department added 2429 names to the nation's honor roll. Included in the report were 218 from Pennsylvania. Killed in Action Private Joseph D. Agostini, Company K, 317th Infantry, was killed in action October 12, according to the War Department and to a letter from the commanding officer of the company of which he was a member. Private Agostini was drafted in April and trained two months at Camp Lee before sailing for service. He is survived by three brothers—William, Lawrence and Stephen Agostini—all of whom served in the army during the war. They have been mustered out of the service. The hero was formerly employed by the Stetson Hat Company and was a member of the Stetson Athletic Association. Several erroneous reports concerning him were received by his parents before he was finally declared to have been killed in action. His parents live at 1215 Rowan street. Private Walter Woolson, Camden, was twice wounded. A brother, William Woolson, was gassed twice and wounded here, 1918. The youngest of the Woolsons are sons of Mr. and Mrs. Jonathan Woolson, 402 South Fifth street, Camden, and have been in the service since September, 1918. The youngest of the soldier's brothers, Walter, twenty-four years old, is a member of Company T, Sixteenth Infantry, and William is attached to Company M, the same infantry division. In a recent letter home the brother, in reviewing their experiences as soldiers, said: "We spent a Christmas in Mexico, one in France, one in Germany, and," added the homesick soldier, "we hope that we spend the next one in the old home town, Camden." The Woolsons remained almost constantly together while overseas. They participated in some of the fiercest engagements of the war and, according to their letters, have bagged their share of the hoboes. Both have recovered from their wounds. Recovers From Wounds Private Charles A. Ritzhermer, reported wounded by the War Department today, has recovered from his wounds and is daily expected to return from overseas. His parents, Mr. and Mrs. Henry Ritzhermer, 2549 North Seventh street, have their home decorated for their son's return. The door of the house is left unlocked at night to save the soldier trouble, should he come in unexpectedly. Ritzhermer is a member of Company H, 146th Infantry, and has been in the army since April. He was gassed September 28, but after a few weeks in a base hospital returned to duty. Previous to joining the army Ritzhermer was a fireman. He was stationed at the Second and Norris street station and was one of the members of Truck Company 2. The firemen are also preparing to welcome the hero. He is twenty-three years old. A brother, Frank Ritzhermer, recently was discharged from the service. In the last letter the soldier wrote home he said that he was up to his neck in mud. Sergeant George J. Fries, Jr., reported wounded today, has returned from overseas and is at the home of his parents, 4099 Wyalusing avenue. He landed in Boston and has just reached his home. Fries was called into the service in October, 1917, and trained at Camp Meade until May of last year, when his regiment sailed for overseas. He was attached to Company G, 328th Infantry. Drank Poisoned Water In telling of his experiences he said that he was continuously in the fighting from June 26 until October 5, when he was sent to a hospital with influenza. While in this condition he said that he drank some water that had been poisoned by the Germans and was erroneously reported gassed. He is the son of Mr. and Mrs. George Fries, and before the war was employed by the Pennsylvania Railroad. Sergeant Charles Hugh Cooper, 5048 Oden street, was wounded and gassed November 9, but returned to duty and is now in Germany with the army of occupation. His parents have been informed by the War Department. He enlisted in the fall of 1917, trained at Camp Meade, and sailed overseas in July. He is a machinist. Corporal Abraham Morgenman, 2124 West Norris street, was killed by an accident overseas. War Department telegrams to the soldier's mother, Mrs. Rose Morgenman, of the Norris street address, said that her son was accidentally run over by an automobile. He was twenty-two years old and a member of the regular army. No details of his death have been learned. Corporal Harry F. Bergdoll, Company D, 35th Machine-Gun Battalion, is reported wounded in action by the War Department today. According to letters received from the soldier by his stepfather, Albert Bernhoefer, Ontario street, Bergdoll was gassed October 10 during the Argonne engagement. He participated in the battles of Chateau-Thierry and the Marne before he was gassed. He is twenty-two years old and has been in the service since September, 1917. He was offered exemption from the draft, it is said, but refused to stay behind. Corporal Bergdoll is a cousin of the Bergdoll Brothers, brewers of this city, wanted for evading the draft. Captives in "Vagrant War" Jailed Three men arrested in the crusade of the Logan and Germantown police against vagrants were sent to the County Prison this morning. Charles Young, nineteen years old, who said his home was in Brooklyn, was given ten days by Magistrate Wrigley. Louis Laker, forty-seven years old, of Brooklyn, and John Colodius, fifty-two years old, Bethlehem, were sentenced to three months each by Magistrate Pennock.

MIXOLOGISTS BEMOAN FATE; "WET GOODS" PRICES SOAR

Luxuries Tax in \$6,000,000,000 Revenue Bill Causes All Liquor to Go Up, and Many Thirsty Philadelphians Sadly Pass Gilded Palaces and Do Without Their Daily "Snort"

Mixologists today say they are between the devil of legal prohibition and the deep sea of voluntary abstinence. Following a general increase in the prices of drinks as a result of the new luxuries tax, Philadelphia is showing pronounced symptoms of going dry without the aid of any law. This morning many a citizen, who habitually has taken a little "snort" on his way to work, passed coldly by the places with their brand-new signs announcing a five and ten-cent increase in the price of every little drink. Now the bars and restaurants of the city have quite a supply of liquors and beers on hand; enough, in fact, to carry them over the first of July. And if the present prohibition sentiment continues to follow its bent they stand a good chance of being left on July 1 with a big stock of contraband goods on their hands. In some of the downtown places they have introduced the "ponyette" to offset the new \$3 tax on a barrel of beer. The "ponyette" is a "pony-pony" of beer—but it is to the old-fashioned pony what a burro is to a mule. A seedy-looking man walked into a Market street cafe and ordered a "pony." When served with a "ponyette" his walls could be heard on the sidewalk. "Only a little while," he said, "and they'll be serving us beer in whiskey glasses and whiskey in a teaspoon." Most of the tobaccoists had completed their preliminary inventory of stocks today. They reported a general increase in the sales of all-tobacco cigarettes following the announcement that this form of smoking tobacco buffers least under the new tax. All-tobacco cigarettes have been increased from \$1 to \$1.50 per thousand, while the cheapest cigarettes are increased from \$2.05 to \$3 per thousand tax. "What will happen to you if everybody quits drinking and they shift the liquor taxes over to tobacco?" a downtown dealer was asked. "We'll keep on paying, I suppose," said the dealer. He added confidentially that the public would be let in, too. The public already has been let in. Throughout the city tobacco dealers were busy this morning tearing down the old price signs of their wares and supplanting them with the prices under the new tax. A general increase of from one to three cents in cigars was to be found. Owners of incomes who found themselves mixed up by the new tax were straightened out at the Bourse yesterday by a deputy from the Internal Revenue Collector's office detailed there to explain the provisions of the new law. He will visit the Bourse daily from 10 a. m. to 3 p. m. Probably the most important change is the one affecting the income tax. The exemptions of \$1000 for single persons and \$2000 for married persons and heads of families, remain as under the 1917 act. The normal tax under the new act is 6 per cent on the first \$4000 of net income above the exemptions and 12 per cent on the remaining net income.

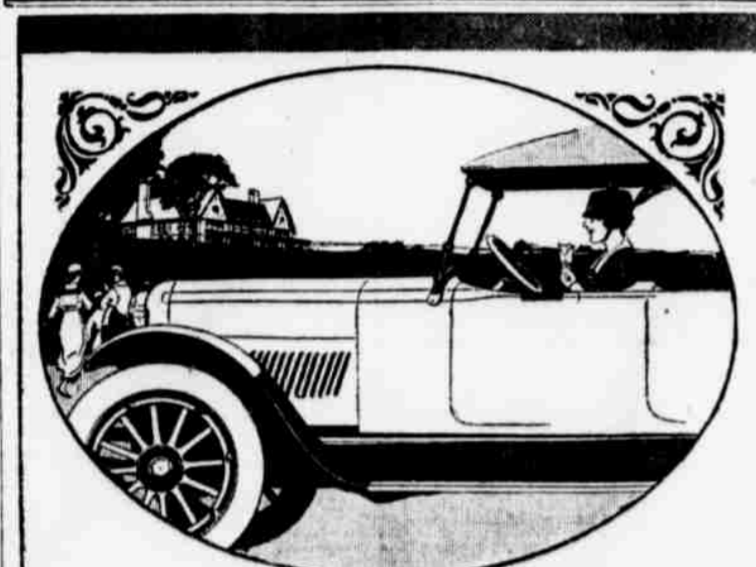
NUNS PRAY FOR FUNDS TO PAY CHAPEL DEBT

Sister-Servants of Holy Ghost of Perpetual Adoration Can't Make Canvass

The power of prayer is being invoked by the Sister-Servants of the Holy Ghost of Perpetual Adoration to reduce the debt on their chapel and convent at Twenty-second and Green streets. The nuns are praying that a sufficient number of Catholics will be prompted to send gifts to the convent. The appeal was announced today, the first anniversary of the death of Archbishop Prendergast, who was instrumental in bringing the religious community to this city. The Sister-Servants, originally eight in number, maintain constant adoration of the Blessed Sacrament day and night. They take turns in the chapel on their knees before the altar and ask God's mercy for the entire world. Since the establishment of the community here seven American candidates have been received into the choir. The first eight sisters were brought from the Netherlands, where the mother house of the order is located. Work on the convent and chapel was begun in 1914 and completed in the spring of 1918. The buildings are of white granite. The chapel was named the "Chapel of Divine Love." As the sisters have no way of canvassing for funds the superior decided on prayer as the means of reducing the debt. Donors should send their gifts either to the chapel or to Archbishop Dougherty, who is showing the same deep interest in the chapel as did his predecessor, Archbishop Prendergast.

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