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RUSS AND ITALIANS RECORD VICTORIES

Allied Forces Also Claim Successes on Gallipoli Peninsula

BRITISH TRAWLERS SUNK

Germans Continue Submarine Warfare, but Crews Are Removed to Places of Safety

On three of the principal battle fronts of Europe successes for the allies are reported...

Recent Russian claims that the tide of battle has turned in Gallia are accentuated by an official statement from Petrograd to-day.

The Italian advance across the Isonzo river has not been checked. Occupation of the town of Gradisca, six miles southwest of Gorizia, is reported by the Italian military authorities.

Unofficial reports from Athens indicate that the allies have made greater advances than has been claimed in the official statements from Paris and London, which give few details.

Woman's Club Gives Social For Public School Sewing Class at Mechanicsburg

Mechanicsburg, Pa., June 12.—As a climax to the year's work of the sewing class of the public schools was given yesterday afternoon on the high school lawn by the Woman's Club, which organized and conducted the class.

Mr. Comstock was born in Cincinnati, July 10, 1850. He graduated from Dickinson College and determined to make his home in this State.

When the Engineers' Society of Pennsylvania was formed Mr. Comstock became a charter member and was president.

Mr. Comstock is survived by Mrs. Comstock and four children, Mrs. Clement Gruber, Mrs. George S. Comstock, Jr., and John R. Comstock.

The funeral services will be held Monday afternoon at 2 o'clock at St. Luke's Episcopal Church, Bishop Dunlop and Archdeacon F. F. Baker and the Rev. O. H. Bridgeman will officiate.

Colonel Roosevelt Is Supporter of President

New Orleans, La., June 12.—Applauding President Wilson for his stand in the disagreement with Secretary Bryan over the issue between the United States and Germany, Colonel Theodore Roosevelt, in a signed statement received here from Breton Isle, La., pledged his support to the President in all steps he may take to uphold the honor and interests of the United States.

CHILD DRINKS KEROSENE

Beulah Bittinger, small daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Edward Bittinger, 216 South River street, was admitted to the Harrisburg Hospital, having drunk kerosene. Her condition is not serious.

THE WEATHER

For Harrisburg and vicinity: Fair and cool tonight; Sunday fair, with moderate temperatures.

For Eastern Pennsylvania: Fair and somewhat cooler tonight; Sunday fair; light northwest winds.

River The Susquehanna river and all its tributaries will fall slowly or remain nearly stationary.

General Conditions The disturbance that was central over the Lake Region Friday morning, has passed off northeastward.

Temperature: 8 a. m., 70; Sun: Rise, 4:36 a. m.; sets, 7:33 p. m.

Yesterdays Weather Highest temperature, 83. Lowest temperature, 71. Mean temperature, 77. Normal temperature, 79.

GEORGE S. COMSTOCK, MECHANICSBURG, DIES

Member State Industrial Board and One of Best Known Men of State

FOUND COMSTOCK FOUNDRY

Both Cambria and Pennsylvania Stocks Rise; May Be Move of Frick Interests

Commenting on rumors emanating from Pittsburgh yesterday, the Philadelphia Ledger this morning says: "W. H. Donner, president of the Cambria Steel Company and chairman of the board of directors of the Pennsylvania Steel Company, last night made emphatic denial of the reports emanating from Pittsburgh to the effect that the two companies were about to be merged."

"These stories crop up every once in awhile. There is no truth whatever in the present report. A merger of the two companies has not been considered by the management."

"Both companies are controlled by the Pennsylvania Railroad, and Henry C. Frick, a large holder in both companies, is also director of the Pennsylvania Railroad. Mr. Donner is understood to be very close to Mr. Frick, and reports have had it that the steel magnate plans to buy the Pennsylvania Railroad interest in the steel companies and consolidate them."

"A rise of from 4 1/2 to 5 1/4 in the price of Pennsylvania Steel preferred stock in this market yesterday lent some strength to the Pittsburgh rumor of a merger, but it was explained that this advance was probably due to the fact that the company had not only received a substantial share of the recent Pennsylvania Railroad steel rail order, but its shipbuilding plant at Sparrows Point, Md., is crowded with orders for ships, with a number of new contracts on order."

The dispatch from Pittsburgh upon which Mr. Donner based his denial is as follows: "It was learned here to-day that the Cambria Steel Company, a \$50,000,000 corporation, with its principal holdings in Johnstown, and the Pennsylvania Steel Company, another \$50,000,000 corporation, having its main plant at Steelton, were planning to merge and reorganize as a \$200,000,000 steel corporation, which would be the largest single independent in the field against the 'steel trust.' This was the advance word received in financial and industrial circles here."

Merge Next Week? "Steps being taken about the merger are to be taken the first of next week, so Pittsburgh steel people are told. "With both companies long controlled by practically the same parties,"

Monday morning the Governor will begin conferences with heads of departments on the general appropriation bill, it being his plan to save wherever it is possible.

REVENUES LIKELY TO BE SUFFICIENT THROUGH HARRISBURG

Appropriation Chairmen Show the Governor That They Are Not So Very Far Off Estimate

Governor Brumbaugh and Chairmen Buckman and Woodward, of the legislative appropriations committees, are nearer an agreement upon the amount of money available for appropriations than they have been at any time and it is the belief that the cuts will not have to be as severe as anticipated.

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Strawberry Dealers Use Boxes of Proper Size, but Don't Fill Them

While dealers in strawberries and other berries are complying with the law by growing boxes of the required dimensions, they are not filling the receptacles to the necessary capacity, in many instances, according to City Sealer Harry D. Reel to-day.

"A box should contain twenty-four ounces of berries," said he, "and the dealers who do not observe this rule, some of the boxes fall short through the packing process but these little discrepancies must be watched and remedied."

Deputy Attorney General Hargest Tells Dauphin Lawyers of New Laws

At the meeting last evening of the Dauphin County Bar Association, Deputy Attorney General William M. Hargest discussed the twenty or more recent legislative acts which bear upon the general practice of law.

The estimate of the appropriations for the chairmen amounts to \$70,740, \$73,644 against which they claim offsets through appropriations of over \$2,000,000, including \$1,448,237.25 officially stated and estimates of \$500,000 for the National Guard emergency fund, \$125,000 for bridges and \$130,000 for the Department of Health.

The Governor is understood to have asked the Auditor General for a new estimate.

Constantinople, June 11, via London, June 12, 10.50 A. M.—The honorary degree of doctor of laws was conferred upon United States Ambassador Henry Morgenthau at the twenty-fifth annual commencement of Constantinople College.

Washington, D. C., June 12.—George Mar and S. Franklin, the Americans, under death sentence in Mexico charged with circulating counterfeit money, are safe from execution until time has been given the United States to investigate their cases.

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MERGER RUMOR IS AS ITNEY TAXABLE AS CAB OR OMNIBUS?

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INCREASE IN COUNTY INCOME

1915 Statement Shows Realty and Personal Holdings More Valuable by Millions

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The report for 1915 which was completed by Squire J. H. Strock, clerk to the commissioners, will be submitted to the board at its session Wednesday after which it will be filed with the State authorities. On the tabular form is a column marked for "number and value of omnibus, hack or cab" but this is left blank on the 1915 report because none were returned.

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Many Big Gains The report shows some remarkable gains over last year, particularly in the increased value of real estate in both city and county and in the personal property holdings, such as mortgages, securities of different kinds, etc.

The total increase in taxation which will be gained by the county will be close to \$5,500, more than \$4,000 of which is on personal property.

The increase in personal property valuations in the city over 1914 is \$967,500, while the increase in the city real estate valuation over last year is more than half a million, or \$525,788.

The increase in personal property valuations in city and county combined is \$1,192,055 while the increase in real estate in city and county combined is just a little less than a million, \$838,749.

The total value of occupations, professions, etc., in the county is \$3,885,785, of which \$1,922,550 belongs to the city. The total real estate valuation taxable is \$46,237,979, of which \$44,761,376 is in the city. Personal property is valued at \$14,480,090, of which \$10,961,240 is the city's share. The total county tax collection is \$3,048,935.95, of which \$1,779,045.50 is in the city's portion.

WAR MUNITIONS PASS THROUGH HARRISBURG

Large Daily Shipments of Wire and Other Supplies, Including Flour and Horses

War shipments are keeping the Pennsylvania and Reading Railroad Companies busy. Hundreds of tons of munitions pass through Harrisburg daily.

During this week large shipments of steel wire, barbed wire, and other material for war defenses, and flour and other supplies, were shipped East. On the Pennsylvania main line these shipments are being shipped via the freight trains run on passenger train schedules, and orders are to avoid all delays.

Many Trains of Horses The Reading Company has averaged from two to four train loads each week. Wire shipments from Pittsburgh have been large. Each train is made up of 40 cars. Other supplies are also being shipped via the Reading. From Catastauqua, Pa., the Reading is shipping two to four car loads of horse shoes daily.

The Pennsylvania Railroad has been doing a big business in horse shipments. Each week from 100 cars of horses pass through Harrisburg en route to tide water. Considerable secrecy is manifested in these shipments. The contents of the cars are not known to any person but the shippers, and agents for the purchasers. The latter await the arrival of the cars at the shipping wharves, pay for the material, and send it to Europe.

Masked Robbers Relieve Passengers on Western Train of \$565 and Escape

Los Angeles, June 12.—Two masked robbers, with revolvers drawn, boarded a Southern Pacific train en route from San Francisco to Los Angeles, at Chatsworth at midnight last night, robbed passengers of \$565 and escaped.

Men and women in the last four coaches of the train were compelled to give up their money and jewelry. After collecting their booty the robbers pulled the signal, stopping the train at Hewitt and fled.

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Dernburg Leaves Country



Dr. Bernhard Dernburg, unofficial spokesman of the German government in the United States, who made himself so objectionable by statements made following the Lusitania's sinking, to-day sailed for Rotterdam on the Norwegian-American liner Bergensdorf.

Since "called" for his too much talking Dr. Dernburg has kept a sullen silence which the New York newspapermen were unable to break when he gave a farewell reception to 200 of his Pro-German friends in the Metropolitan last night.

London Editor Calls President Wilson First Citizen of the World

London, June 12, 4.12 A. M.—In a two-column tribute to President Wilson, Alfred G. Gardiner, editor of the Daily News, says:

No man in the Democratic world to-day is so entirely governed by principle and moral action. President Wilson is not merely the first citizen of the United States, but the first citizen of the world. He makes mistakes, no doubt, for he is human, but they never are the mistakes of a weak man; they never are the mistakes of a political gambler or one touched by sordid motives of ambition.

Emperor William has made many miscalculations about nations and men, but his greatest miscalculation was in regard to Mr. Wilson and the United States. Incidentally there also has been much misconception on the same subject in this country. Throughout the war his attitude has conformed to the historic tradition of the United States of nonintervention in European affairs, but he realizes the world has changed and the United States can no longer remain hermetically sealed.

Officials in Berlin Familiarize Themselves With Contents of Note

Washington, June 12.—Official Washington to-day looked to Ambassador Gerard in Berlin for some indication of how the German government views the American note to Germany concerning her submarine warfare. Unofficial advice received here said that officials of the German Foreign Office were familiarizing themselves with the contents of the note which was expected here that as soon as they had done so the ambassador would promptly send some definite information concerning the German attitude.

It was also stated that Germany probably would not give its answer pending the arrival of Meyer Gerard, the personal representative of Count Von Goltz, the American ambassador at Washington. From this it was concluded here that a reply would not be forthcoming for perhaps a fortnight.

The feeling in official circles in Washington, however, continued optimistic that a way would be found for a peaceful settlement of the issue between Germany and the United States. Hopes were based upon the friendly character of the note which they regarded as opening the door to a satisfactory adjustment with honor to both countries. This confidence of a happy outcome of the negotiations also was shared by diplomats here.

Two Incendiary Fires on British Steamships

Philadelphia, June 12.—It was learned to-day that two fires yesterday in one of the holds of the British steamer Penlee, loaded here with oats for France, are suspected of having been of incendiary origin. One fire was discovered in the morning and another in the same hold late in the afternoon.

GETTING READY FOR CONCERT AT RESERVOIR

The Harrisburg Evangelist Chorus will hold a rehearsal Monday night 7:30 o'clock in Ridge Avenue Methodist Episcopal Church, Sixth and Herr streets, the director, C. F. Clippinger, this morning announced.

Music for the public concert to be given at Reservoir Park during the latter part of the month will be rehearsed.

BRITISH STEAMER TORPEDOED

Liverpool, June 12, 3.20 P. M.—The British steamer Leucra was torpedoed and sunk off Yarmouth to-day. The crew was rescued.

PERRY MEDICAL SOCIETY MEETS

The regular meeting of the Perry County Medical Society was held Thursday night at Newport. Dr. Frank F. D. Record, of 220 Kelker street, gave an address on "Blood Pressure."

BRYAN SEEKS AID OF GERMAN-AMERICANS IN HIS PEACE PLANS

Urges Them to Exert Their Influence to Bring About Peaceful Settlement

Washington, June 12.—When Mr. Bryan received the newspapermen at his home last evening he was attended by a dachshund, evidently a pacifist, for he waddled around good naturedly between the former Secretary's legs and then meandered among the newspapermen, wagging his tail while his master talked. The correspondents laughed at the intrusion but evidently Mr. Bryan did not see the point for he looked surprised.

Special to The Telegraph Washington, D. C., June 12.—William Jennings Bryan last night issued an appeal addressed to "The German-Americans," urging them to aid in maintaining peace between the United States and the Fatherland by exerting their influence with the German government to persuade it not to take any steps that would lead in the direction of war.

With this statement Mr. Bryan expects to end for the present his efforts to lay before the public the situation which caused him to resign the portfolio of Secretary of State.

Referring to German-Americans as "fellow-citizens in whose patriotism I have entire confidence," Mr. Bryan, besides asking them to use their influence with the German government, urged:

That they forget never to be recalled any suspicion of lack of neutrality of friendship toward the German people on the part of the President of the United States.

That they should not attempt to connect negotiations between the

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Philadelphia Concern Gets Order For Engines

Philadelphia, June 12.—The president of the Baldwin Locomotive Works in this city said to-day that he had received a cable message from the Russian government awarding a contract to the company for 250 locomotives to be completed by the end of the present year. The order amounts to \$6,000,000.

POLICEMAN KILLS THIEF

Philadelphia, June 12.—John Murtaug, aged 22, was shot and killed by a policeman in the southern section of this city to-day. The shooting occurred while Murtaug was trying to escape from a pawn shop in which he had tried to pawn a stolen watch.

VILLA READY FOR NEW UNION

El Paso, Tex., June 12.—General Villa, in a note to President Wilson expresses willingness to invite a new union of all Mexicans—to work together to insure the triumph of the revolutionary principles, especially the Agrarian problem and the extension of instruction among the poorer classes.

TWO FATALLY INJURED

Williamsport, Pa., June 12.—Levi E. Diehl, 54, and his nephew, Theodore Diehl, 27, both of Danville, were fatally injured when an automobile in which they were riding was run down by a passenger train on the Philadelphia and Reading Railroad, near Renova. The older man was the father of eleven children.

SUPERINTENDENT READY TO QUIT

Annapolis, Md., June 12.—That Rear Admiral Fullam, superintendent of the Naval Academy, said he would be inclined to resign if the Navy Department did not back him up in the matter of the previous investigation of irregularities in examinations was stated to-day to the court of inquiry investigating the recent "gouging" scandal at the institution.

RUSS TORPEDOBOAT DESTROYER SUNK

Constantinople, June 12, via London, 4.58 P. M.—Official announcement was made to-day that a Russian torpedo-boat destroyer was sunk in the Black Sea, Friday night, by the Turkish cruiser Midullu, formerly the German cruiser Breslau. The Midullu returned safely to port.

El Paso, June 12.—Another note signed by Francisco Villa has been dispatched to General Venustiano Carranza, asking the latter to agree to a conference of leaders in Mexico "to unite and reorganize." The note states that propositions are being placed before Amiliano Zapata and Roque Gonzalez Garza.

MARRIAGE LICENSES

Charles Franklin Stiner and Elizabeth Frances Duncan, city. Miles L. Neidig, Wend Hanover, and Minerva V. McClain, Sand Beach.

Harper Estlinger, Lucknow, and Irene Germaun, Lower Paxton. Clifton K. Fair, Steelton, and Zudah E. Hamaker, city. Claude Edwin Stelzenberger and Margaret Elizabeth Moyer, Williamsport.