



U. S. WARSHIP FIRED UPON; GERMANS LOSE 100,000 MEN

NEW ASSAULT CRUSHES LINE FOR 150 MILES

Allies Roll Back Teuton Armies in a Titanic Struggle For the Mastery of the Western Front; Powerful Counterattacks Fail With Appalling Losses For the Invading Hosts; Bad Weather Hampers Organization

Along a 150-mile front battle line the French and British are pushing back the German armies in a titanic struggle for the mastery of the western front. Stepping into fray after the British had been hammering the German lines in the Arras region to bits for a week, the French struck along a 25-mile front along the Aisne, carried the German positions to an average depth of from two to two and a half miles, captured more than ten thousand prisoners and maintained all the ground won.

Work in Harmony The strategic outlines of the great Anglo-French attack have been worked out in complete harmony by the staffs of the two armies. The dispatches indicate entire co-ordination for placing and timing the blows delivered so as to insure their greatest possible effectiveness.

Prisoner Who Escapes From Almshouse Enjoys Liberty Just One Week Julius Clawson, held on a charge of felonious assault with intent to kill after a true bill had been found against him, was rearrested last night by City Detective Hyde Speese after one week of freedom.

Patriotic Canine Series "KAISER" MOPSIH "Kaiser," formerly an aggressive bull dog belonging to Harry Nason, keenly feels the ignominy of his name. Since war was declared with Germany he hopped under the kitchen stove and refused to answer when his name is called.

Veteran of Somme Battles Passes Through on Way to Canada to Recuperate F. B. McFarren, a veteran of the Somme battles on the western front in France, passed through Harrisburg last night on his way home to Toronto.

Urges Stores to Close Saturday Afternoon and Evening For Big Parade To the Businessmen of Harrisburg, Harrisburg, Pa. Gentlemen: In compliance with the proclamation of His Honor, the Mayor, that Saturday be observed as a holiday after 12:30 p. m., I am pleased to announce that the Commercial Department of the Chamber of Commerce heartily endorses the Honorable Mayor's action.

Council Authorizes City Solicitor to File Bonds in Hardscrabble Appeals City Solicitor John E. Fox today was authorized by Council to tender bonds in all appealed cases in the Hardscrabble proceedings, as suggested by the Dauphin county court.

Condition of Mayor Meals Continues Serious; Not Able to Take Nourishment The condition of Mayor E. S. Meals is still reported to be serious. After the operation the Mayor rallied for a short time, but since Sunday has suffered a relapse. Since that time his condition has been unchanged with no improvement for the better. He has been unable to take much nourishment.

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THE WEATHER For Harrisburg and vicinity: Fair to-night and probably Wednesday, with rising temperature, lowest to-night about 40 degrees. For Eastern Pennsylvania: Fair to-night and probably Wednesday; rising temperature; gentle variable winds.

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STATE TRAINS NURSES FOR WAR SERVICE



TRAINING WAR NURSES. Dr. Samuel G. Dixon, State Health Commissioner of Pennsylvania, is training all nurses in his department as part of a scheme to use the organization in case the war makes derelict upon home forces. The photograph shows the nurses in a department dispensary being instructed in the proper method of resuscitating a soldier overcome by the effects of a gas bomb.

COUNCIL ELECTS JOHN A. AFFLECK AS COMMISSIONER

Says He Will Be Unable to Accept Because of Other Responsibilities

To break the deadlock in the election of a city commissioner to fill the unexpired term of the late Harry F. Bowman, Council to-day named John A. Affleck, president of the Harrisburg Shoe Manufacturing Company, for the office.

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SWEET MUSIC APPARENTLY COMING FROM THE SKIES AROUSES NEIGHBORHOOD

With a bang, shutters came open in Geiger street near Fifth early yesterday morning. Windows were opened with a slam, and in less time than it takes to tell there were a half hundred heads sticking out.

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AUSTRIA, WEARY OF WAR, READY TO MAKE PEACE

Will Accept Terms That Are Not Humiliating to National Pride

Berne, Switzerland, April 7.—Peace and spring weather are what the Austrian and Hungarian people most desire. During a long stay in Vienna whence The Associated Press correspondent has just come, there was observed every indication that the government and people are willing to accept any peace proposal leaving Austro-Hungarian territory intact and making no claims for war indemnity.

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VOTES FOR WOMEN BEATEN IN HOUSE BY VOTE OF 101-94

Measure Required 104 Votes For Passage; Galleries Well Filled

The Whitaker resolution proposing the woman suffrage amendment to the Constitution was defeated on third reading in the House of Representatives to-day, falling three short of the number of votes required to pass it.

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BERLIN PASSES A DAY OF FEAR DURING STRIKE

German Workers Register Disapproval of Short Ration Allowance

Berlin, April 16, via London, April 17.—A day of apprehension in Berlin ended to-night without alarming events. The threatened strikes because of a reduction in the weekly bread ration materialized in only a portion of the larger factories and did not

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TRACTOR PLOWS WILL USHER IN GARDEN SEASON

Giant Machines to Turn Soil in Spectacular Opening of Lot Cultivation

The Harrisburg Chamber of Commerce campaign for the cultivation of vacant lots in Harrisburg will be inaugurated in spectacular fashion at 9 o'clock to-morrow morning when two giant tractor plows donated by the Emerson-Brantingham Implement Co. and the International Harvester Co. begin to turn over the soil of a tract of land at Twenty-Fifth and Market streets, the use of which has been donated to the public through the Chamber of Commerce by the Bellevue Park interests.

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FIXED PRICES FOR FOOD IN WAR TIME PLANNED BY U. S.

Proposed Legislation Would Provide For Government Supervision

Washington, April 17.— Legislation to empower the Council of National Defense to supervise distribution of food, and if necessary, fix maximum and minimum prices, was being framed to-day as one of the results of yesterday's conference between the Chicago meat packers and Secretary Houston, of the Department of Agriculture.

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PARADE WILL BE REVIEW OF ALL FRIENDLY POWERS

Serbian, French and Other Foreign-Born Persons to Be in Line

While the big patriotic parade next Saturday will be essentially a display of Americanism it will not be without its international aspect. In the titanic struggle for the perpetuation of this righteous cause are listed many of the weaker nations of the earth, and that they should be represented at the patriotic demonstration celebrating America's entrance into that struggle is thought by the committee on arrangements for

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U-BOAT FIRES FIRST SHOT IN WAR ON KAISER

Torpedo Misses American Destroyer by Thirty Yards; Presence of Submersible Near New York Shows That Berlin Has Begun Its Blockade of United States Coast; Hostile Craft Disappears Before Guns Can Be Brought Into Play

Washington, D. C., April 17.—A German submarine to-day fired on the destroyer Smith about 100 miles south of New York.

The presence of enemy submarines in American waters indicates that the threatened German blockade of American Atlantic ports has begun. This announcement was made at the Navy Department: "Reported from Fireland lightship to the naval stations at Boston and New York at 3.30 a. m. on the 17th an enemy submarine was sighted by the U. S. S. Smith, running apparently submerged. Submarine fired a torpedo at the U. S. S. Smith which missed her by thirty yards. The wake of the torpedo was plainly seen crossing the bow. Submarine disappeared."

Destroyer Reports First information of the encounter came to the Navy Department in a roundabout way from the Boston navy yard which picked up the Smith's report saying she had been fired upon by a German U-boat. The Navy Department after com-

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BEIDLEMAN MAKES SPEECH FOR MINERS

Harrisburg.—Senator Beidleman made a speech in the Senate today in support of the McNichol bill forbidding the placing of compensation insurance with companies not organized under the laws of Pa. He spoke in behalf of the miners of the State. "We should write on the statute-books of the State," he said, "an act which guarantees beyond question to payment of this compensation insurance."

O'NEIL URGES DRY STATE DURING WAR

Harrisburg.—J. Denny O'Neil, State Insurance Commissioner, said the Anti-Saloon League will urge the passage of a bill to make the State dry during the period of the war, thus saving the grains and other foodstuffs that now go into liquor making, for feeding the people.

CAPITAL PUNISHMENT BILL

Harrisburg.—The Senate bill to forbid capital punishment in Pennsylvania is before the House this afternoon.

POWELL HEARING NEXT MONDAY

Harrisburg.—The appearance of Auditor General Powell before the appropriation committees of the Legislature, set for this afternoon, has been postponed until next Monday afternoon at 2 o'clock.

SIXTH STREET FARE LIMIT EXTENDED

Harrisburg.—The Harrisburg Railway Company to-day satisfied the complaints of the Bogar Lumber Company before the Public Service Commission by extending the Sixth street fare limit to the Bogar Lumber Company's lane.

DEATH PENALTY TO STAND

Harrisburg, April 17.—The House to-day killed the bill seeking to abolish the death penalty for first degree murder. The vote was 93 yeas to 93 nays. Black was the only Dauphin County representative to vote for the measure.

MARRIAGE LICENSES

John Glantz, Enhaut, and Margie S. McGarvey, Middletown. John Alvine Keiper and Kathryn Grace Eitel, Middletown. John Lekavac and Martha Bankovich, Steelton. Charles Lewis Caveny and Sarah Wise, Harrisburg. Reuben Carl Burton and Iva Georgia Barnes, Harrisburg. James LeRoy Krieger and Margaret May Ballew, Harrisburg.