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FRENCH POUND STEADILY ON GERMAN LINE

General Nivelle Gradually Draws Lines of Envelopment Nearest Important Railway Center of Laon; Advances Made at Important Points Along Long Front; Teutons Lose Heavily in Futile Efforts to Stem Tide of Defeat and Regain Lost Trenches

While the French advance last night was not spectacular as on the preceding days of the great battle along the Aisne and in the Champagne, progress was nevertheless continued in important sectors. This was notably true of the region northwest of Soissons where the lines of envelopment are gradually being drawn nearer to the important railway center of Laon, the strategic objective in this division of the front.

AUSTRIANS GROW WEARY OF THEIR PART IN BATTLING

Want to Be Assured of Lasting Peace When War Comes to End

Amsterdam, April 20.—A semi-official dispatch from Vienna says Emperor Charles has granted an audience to leaders of the German party in Austria. Herr Weiskerchner, upper burgomaster of Vienna, spoke of the loyalty of the Germans, who, he said, would do everything to procure for Parliament, which must be summoned quickly, the capacity and opportunity to do its proper work. He added: "But we cannot suppress our deep apprehension that owing to urgent reasons peremptory necessities of state which concern the whole of Austria have been relegated to the background." The speaker entreated the Emperor to take these necessities of state into consideration and by accepting the view of the German party, "give us the possibility of dissipating the fears which are arising among the population."

Condition Serious "The people of Austria," he continued, "hope that the heavy sacrifices of this unparalleled struggle which was forced upon us for the honor and existence of our fatherland, will be recompensed by a reasonable peace which your Majesty will accept from your Majesty's hand with the promise that the German people will co-operate loyally and steadfastly in works of peace to the glory and greatness of Austria."

Emperor Charles replied: "I assure you that I fully appreciate the seriousness and actuality of your political efforts. Germans in Austria may be assured that they possess my confidence. "It is my intention to summon Parliament shortly. Revival of Parliamentary life at this moment, after years of suspension, is of extraordinary importance."

Notes For \$2,000,000,000 to Be Issued Within 60 Days

Washington, April 20.—Treasury certificates of indebtedness authorized up to \$2,000,000,000 in the \$7,000,000,000 war finance measure now before Congress will be issued, Secretary McAdoo announced today "as may be necessary to meet the requirements of the treasury" as soon as the bill becomes a law.

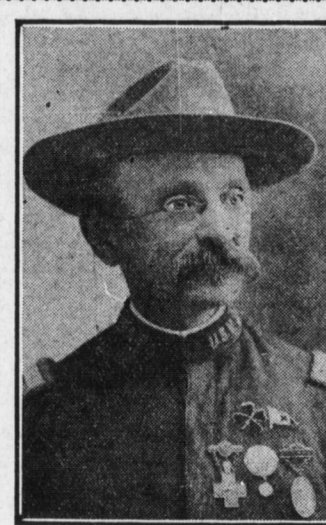
REDEMPTION COMPLETE PLANS

Final arrangements for the part of the Improved Order of Redmen will take in the parade were made Thursday evening in wigwag of Complanter tribe, No. 61. The tribes of Steelton, Middletown and Highspire with the Steelton Band of forty pieces will be at Eleventh and Market streets promptly at 1 o'clock, where Allequippa and Complanter tribes will join them, then to proceed to Sixth and Broad streets and pick up the up-town tribes. All members of the organization are requested to be at their respective places and lodge rooms promptly so as to get to their proper division in good time. Charles W. Pressler, of Complanter tribe, Great Meshinewa of the great council of Redmen, will have charge of the entire division of Redmen, assisted by Meshinewa of the several tribes.

EVERYTHING IN READINESS FOR BIG PATRIOTIC PARADE



THOMAS P. MORAN, Patriotic Day Founder



CAPT. E. LAUBENSTEIN, Chief Marshal



FRANCIS H. HOY, JR., Chief of Staff

OFFICIAL CIRCLES ARE ANTICIPATING ITTNER'S ELECTION

Expect St. Louis Architect Will Be Named to Design Schools

The election of William B. Ittner, of St. Louis, as architect to design Harrisburg's new high schools was anticipated in city official circles when the school board met late this afternoon.

For two months the selection of an architect has been under consideration when the board refused to approve the report of a special committee recommending Mr. Ittner. The committee included David E. Tracy and William Jennings, of the citizens' advisory committee; F. E. Downes, city school superintendent; A. Carson Stamm and Arthur D. Bacon, school directors.

The board returned the report with instruction that the committee suggest Harrisburg architect together with Mr. Ittner. This has not been done, it is understood. Since the action of the board refusing to elect Mr. Ittner, Dr. C. E. Keene, one of the directors who voted against him, submitted six questions to the special committee for consideration, declaring if they were answered satisfactorily, he would change his vote. Satisfactory answers are to be presented, it is expected.

Several members of the school board with the citizens' committee yesterday visited in Washington inspecting schools which were built there over plans drawn by Mr. Ittner.

WOULD EXCUSE FARMERS

Trenton, N. J., April 20.—Governor Edges to-day requested county judges to excuse farmers from jury duty this year in order not to cripple the agricultural campaign for greater crops. The governor also asked the State Bankers' Association to urge bankers in rural districts to exercise liberality in loaning funds to the farmers this year.

ATTEND SHAD DINNER

More than 150 members of the Harrisburg Republican Club last night attended a shad dinner as the guests of City Treasurer Harry F. Oves. The affair was one of the most successful of the season. A number of State, county and city officials were present, but no program of addresses was given.

REROUTE CARS FOR PARADE

After 1:30 o'clock to-morrow afternoon all cars on lines of the Harrisburg Railway Company will be routed so as not to hold up the parade. Felix M. Davis, superintendent of transportation of the Harrisburg Railway Company, announced this afternoon that the following schedule will be in effect after 1:30: Steelton cars will leave Market Square and go over the Race and Vine line; Oberlin and Reservoir cars will run to Fourth and Walnut; Rockville and Second street cars will run to the Bolton House crossover in Second street; Third street cars to Third and Market; Fourth, Capital and Peubrock cars to Fourth and Market streets.

LAST TRIBUTE IS PAID TO MAYOR BY HOST OF FRIENDS

City, County and State Unite in Bereavement; Many View Body



CAPT. H. M. STINE, Chairman of Committee

City, county and State, in mourning because of the death of Mayor E. S. Meals, paid their last tributes to the executive through scores of floral offerings, resolutions of condolence and sympathy to the family, and by sending representatives to the private funeral services which were held this afternoon.

Hinges on Weather; Formation and Line-Up of March Plans Completed

Everything is in readiness for tomorrow's big patriotic celebration, and it is now up to the weatherman. Unless Harrisburg is deluged the parade will start promptly at 2 o'clock. Showers are predicted for tomorrow, but nothing short of a downpour will change the plans for the day. William L. Laubenstein, secretary of the committee on arrangements, said at noon to-day that no one should allow showers to-morrow morning to keep him at home. The official forecast also calls for warmer weather tomorrow.

Two and One-Half Hours to Pass

Fire Chief Kindler yesterday stepped off the route of the parade and it took him one hour and forty minutes. That means in all probability that it

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GERMANY SELF-SATISFIED

Amsterdam, April 20.—German newspapers are indulging in a veritable orgy of self-glorification at the record figure of the sixth German war loan. The expectation is expressed on all sides that the entente will now certainly see that the attempt to exhaust Germany's financial strength is an utter failure.

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MAXIMUM PRICES FOR FOODSTUFFS URGES HOUSTON

Secretary of Agriculture Would Have Defense Council Empowered to Act

WAR TIME NECESSITY

Points Out Need of Survey of Nation's Agricultural Resources

Washington, April 20.—Secretary Houston to-day recommended to the Senate that the Council of National Defense be empowered to fix minimum and maximum food prices. To meet the market situation, Secretary Houston told the Senate, the Department of Agriculture needs the following authority and power: "To make a complete survey of the food supply of the nation, with a view to secure full information as to its location, ownership and where it is needed, and complete knowledge as to the instrumentalities and agencies that own, control, manufacture and distribute food products. "After investigation, and in co-operation with the trade interests involved, to establish market grades and classes of farm products, including seeds, and standards for receptacles

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ENGLAND FLIES AMERICAN FLAG OVER PARLIAMENT

First Time in History Foreign Emblem Has Been So Displayed

CELEBRATE U. S. STAND

King and Queen Take Part in Great Patriotic Demonstration

London, April 20.—The British people and Americans in this country celebrated America's partnership in the world war by a religious service to-day in St. Paul's Cathedral attended by the official heads of the nation and a great congregation which included hundreds of Americans and many prominent British men and women. There was a great display of American flags in London and all other English towns and a popular demonstration by the crowds which surrounded the cathedral. The Stars and Stripes floated from the highest tower of the Parliament buildings at Westminster—the first time a foreign flag was ever displayed on that eminence—and flew above all Government buildings.

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Patriotic Canine Series

HEEDS HIS COUNTRY'S CALL The fidelity of Uncle Sam towards the allies is further witnessed by the fact that a small fox terrier, "Buster," residing at Nineteenth and Market streets, has assumed a friendly attitude toward others of his kind. Previous to subscribing to the TELEGRAPH Buster did not know that his President and his country needed him. He always assumed an exceptionally dogmatic and disrespectful attitude toward other canines, but, now, after learning that we also are fighting the Kaiser, Buster indulges in a profuse wagging of the tail whenever he chances to meet a French poodle or English bulldog. Should a dachshund come into view, he barks ferociously. He's too small to make an attack.

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WAGON DEMOLISHED BY CAR

Max Cohen, 565 Calder street, was badly cut and bruised early this morning when a street car collided with a milk wagon he was driving. He was taken to the Harrisburg Hospital, where his injuries were serious. The car collided with the wagon at Capital and Boas streets. The wagon was reduced to kindling wood.

Route of Parade

Parade will move promptly at 2 o'clock from Front and Market streets, with signals from courthouse bell, over the following route: Market to Fourth. To Sixth. To Seneca. To Third. To Hamilton. To Second. To Chestnut. On arrival at Second and Chestnut streets, each division marshal will dismiss his division in the following manner: Those organizations having their place of meeting east of Second street will march out Chestnut street and north on Third or Fourth far enough uptown before dismissing so as not to blockade Chestnut street. Those organizations having their place of meeting west of Second street, will march out Chestnut street, then north or south on Front and will not dismiss until they are far enough away from Chestnut street so as to prevent a blockade. In this manner, the entire parade will cover the entire route. The chief marshal and his staff will review parade from west side of Market Square, above Market street.

By order CAPTAIN E. LAUBENSTEIN, Chief Marshal. FRANCIS H. HOY, JR., Chief of Staff.

THE WEATHER

For Harrisburg and vicinity: Probably showers to-night and Saturday; somewhat warmer to-night. For Eastern Pennsylvania: Probably showers to-night and Saturday; somewhat warmer to-night; fresh southerly winds. River The Susquehanna river and all its tributaries will probably continue to fall slowly or remain nearly stationary, except heavy showers may cause local rises in some streams. A stage of about 4.8 feet is indicated for Harrisburg Saturday morning. General Conditions The center of the Southwest storm has moved from Southwest Kansas to Iowa in the last twenty-four hours, without much change in its general characteristics. It has caused scattered showers, with thunderstorms in some districts, generally east of the Rocky Mountains in the last twenty-four hours, except in the South Atlantic and East Gulf States, where fair weather has prevailed. Rain has continued in the North Pacific States. Temperature 8 a. m., 52 degrees. Sun rises, 5:14 a. m. Moon sets, New moon, April 21. River Stage 4.8 feet. Yesterday's Weather Highest temperature, 75. Lowest temperature, 60. Mean temperature, 70. Normal temperature, 72.

AMERICA FIGHTS FOR WORLD PEACE NOT FOR A TRUCE

Germany's Attitude Said to Make Terms of Settlement Impossible

Philadelphia, April 20.—"America's relation to the world conflict and to the coming peace," was the general topic for discussion at the annual meeting of the American Academy of Political and Social Science, which opened here to-day. Dr. George W. Kirchwey, of New York, one of the speakers, declared we are fighting for world peace, not for a world truce, and "we cannot lend ourselves to terms of settlements

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MEMBERSHIP OF RED CROSS NOW MORE THAN 2,000

House to House Canvass Expected to Result in Further Gains

The Red Cross membership has crossed the 2,000 mark. At noon to-day enrollments stood at 2,050, and it is expected to be close to 2,500 by to-morrow night, the end of the first week of the membership campaign. A house to house canvass of the entire city of Harrisburg was decided on at a meeting of the campaign committee last night. One captain was appointed for each of the thirteen wards and one aid to each precinct. A meeting of the captains and aids will be held at Red Cross headquarters, 206 Walnut street, next Monday evening at 7:30 o'clock, when for an intensive house to house canvass will be formulated. To March in Parade A letter mailed this morning by the campaign committee to the ward captains says: "When you stop to think that Japan,

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BREACH OF TRUST RUINED RAILWAYS DECLARES I. C. C.

Federal Board Says Directors of Board Often Sought Personal Gain

Washington, April 20.—The financial downfall of the Pere Marquette Railroad and the Cincinnati, Hamilton and Dayton Railway is attributed in a long report made public to-day by the Interstate Commerce Commission primarily to "breach of trust by corporate officials, often for personal gain."

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TO BE MAJOR GENERAL

Albany, N. Y., April 20.—A bill designed to authorize the governor notwithstanding any provision of the military law to the contrary, to appoint Colonel Theodore Roosevelt a major general of the National Guard and to place him on the reserve list, was introduced in the Legislature to-day by Assemblyman Perry M. Armstrong, Democrat, of New York.

NO U. S. FOOD FOR GERMANY

Washington, April 20.—President Wilson and his cabinet took up to-day the question of regulating food exports to the northern European neutrals and thus prevent food reaching Germany from the United States. Whatever policy is adopted will not interfere with shipments to neutrals unless they benefit Germany.

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