

KAISER MAKES READY FOR A NEW RETREAT

Burning of Towns and Villages Immediately Back of Hindenburg Line Leads British to Believe Teuton Forces Are Preparing to Evacuate Country After Destroying Everything in Path of Victorious Allied Armies; Bullecourt in British Hands With New Line Apparently Doomed

Bullecourt is at last in British hands and the Drocourt-Queant line appears doomed. The tremendous sacrifices made by the Germans have proved in vain and the flames of burning towns behind their lines give color to reports that Field Marshal Von Hindenburg is contemplating another strategic retreat.

The capture of Bullecourt has brought the British to within two miles of Queant, on the Northern side of the famous switch line. Their guns have already encircled it at an equal distance to the south and east and only a narrow gateway to the northeast lies open to the German garrison. Bullecourt itself, over which much blood has flown, stands on a height overlooking a broad valley which runs directly to Queant. It presumably will take some time for the British to establish their heavy guns on this height, but the fate of Queant seems sealed.

Additional reports from the Italian front emphasize the importance of the victory won by General Cadorna but they also bring word that the Austrians have reacted and apparently the usual period of counterattacks will follow the first successful assault on the Isonzo heights. The enormous difficulties of the terrain over which General Cadorna is operating render improbable any sensational advance and the prospects are for a repetition of the hammer and tong fighting that is proceeding in France.

Russian news is good and the ministry will weather the storms which have convulsed the country, demoralized the fighting forces and raised the sinister specter of aarchy and reaction. General Alexieff, Brusiloff and Gurko have resumed their commands and for the time being at least the clamor of the radicals and visionaries, has died away.

Probably the most important news from Europe is the announcement that Japan is going to take an active part in the great struggle and the Japanese naval force has arrived at Marseilles to join the campaign against the German submarines especially, according to the dispatch with the purpose of protecting French shipping. This unheralded action by the allies' oriental partner raises both political and military questions of supreme interest, upon which however there is no light at present.

U. S. to Aid in Rationing of Smaller Neutrals

Washington, May 18.—The rationing of Holland, Norway, Sweden, Denmark, Switzerland and Spain was discussed to-day at a conference at the State Department between British Secretary Balfour, Secretary Lansing, Secretary Redfield and British and American trade experts. The necessity of limiting exports strictly to those countries, both to prevent their finding their way into enemy territory and to conserve every possible ton of allied shipping for the most essential work, was considered in all phases.

A general understanding was reached as to the complete participation of the United States in the rationing system already developed by the allied nations. The detailed working out of the agreements, however, depends on the enactment of legislation giving the President power of embargo and granting the shipping board control over all cargo space.

THE WEATHER

For Harrisburg and vicinity: Fair to-night and Saturday, not much change in temperature. For Eastern Pennsylvania: Partly cloudy to-night, probably showers in Saturday forenoon; Sunday fair, moderate, shifting winds.

River

The Susquehanna river and all its branches still slowly rising and main nearly stationary. A stage of about 4.5 feet is indicated for Harrisburg Saturday morning.

General Conditions

Fair weather has prevailed in the United States, except in Missouri, southern Michigan and Pennsylvania, where light, local showers have occurred. It is 4 to 14 degrees cooler this morning in the interior of New York State, Eastern Pennsylvania, New Jersey, District of Columbia, Virginia and Western North Carolina; also Wisconsin, Southern Minnesota, Arizona and Idaho.

Temperature: 8 a. m., 52 degrees. Sun: Rises, 4:40 a. m. Moon: New moon, 20. River Stage: 4.7 feet.

Yesterday's Weather

Highest temperature, 71. Lowest temperature, 50. Mean temperature, 60. Normal temperature, 62.

NATIONAL GUARD TO BE CALLED TO U. S. COLORS ON JULY 15

All Troops to Be Mustered Into Service For the Duration of the War by First Week of August

FULL WAR EQUIPMENT FOR ALL MILITIAMEN

Plan For Sixteen Divisional Cantonment Camp in Which Men Will Be Trained For Warfare

Washington, May 18.—All National Guard organizations will be called into Federal service between July 15 and August 5. Governors have been authorized to recruit all organizations to war strength. The dates of assemblage follow:

July 15—New York, Pennsylvania, Ohio, West Virginia, Michigan, Wisconsin, Minnesota, Iowa, North Dakota, South Dakota and Nebraska.

July 25—Maine, New Hampshire, Vermont, Massachusetts, Rhode Island, Connecticut, New Jersey, Delaware, Maryland, District of Columbia, Virginia, North and South Carolina, Tennessee, Illinois, Montana, Wyoming, Idaho, Washington and Oregon.

August 5—Indiana, Kentucky, Georgia, Florida, Mississippi, Arkansas, Louisiana, Oklahoma, Texas, Missouri, Kansas, Colorado, New Mexico, Arizona, Utah and California.

For War Period

Arrangements for formally incorporating the guard into the armies of the United States, terminating for the war period their status as National Guardsmen.

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ARMY WAR BILL GOES TO WILSON FOR APPROVAL

Calling Out of Men From 21 to 30 Will Follow His Signature

Washington, May 18.—President Wilson's approval was the final step necessary to-day to make the war army bill a law.

As a preliminary, Vice-President Marshall and Speaker Clark were to sign the bill to-day after which it goes to the White House. The President was expected to sign the bill immediately and to issue a proclamation fixing the day for the registration of men for the army. The War Department then will set in motion the machinery for raising an army of 1,000,000 men from 21 to 30 years of age by selective conscription.

President Wilson will determine whether Colonel Roosevelt shall be permitted to raise a volunteer expedition as authorized in the bill.

Secretary Baker has disclosed that

June 2 Is Designated as Red Cross Day in City; Children to Aid

Mrs. J. K. White, with the sanction of the Harrisburg Red Cross, has designated June 2 as Red Cross Day in Harrisburg. At that time the school children will be asked to cooperate in the work and it is expected to have the outposts with French, the Times, referring to Admiral Sims' co-operation with the British admiralty, says:

"In return we are lending them Captain Evans of the destroyer leader 'Brook'." The Times does not indicate where or how Captain Evans is co-operating with the United States navy.

President Irons Asks Discharge of C. I. and Steel Co. Receivers

President Judge George Kunkel this morning sent May 23 as the last day for creditors and receivers of the Central Iron and Steel company to show up. The receivers should not be discharged.

A petition asking this was filed this morning, signed by Robert H. Irons, president of the company. The receivers are Charles L. Bailey, Jr., James M. Cameron and J. V. W. Reynolds. They were appointed February 1912.

In the petition it is stated that all outstanding debts have been paid and that the first mortgage has been reduced from \$1,329,000 to \$637,500. The Grand Trust Company of Philadelphia is trustee. The right of having the receivers file a further or final account of their conduct of the company's business is waived in the petition, which asks that the court discharge the receivers and turn the business over to the proper officers.

STEELTON TO UNITE IN FOLDS OF FLAG



QUINCY BENT

Wave of Patriotism Carries Before It All Factional Feeling; Natives of Warring Nations Join in Big American Parade; 10,000 Persons Will March to Music of Thirty Bands in Big Demonstration

Steelton, with about fifty per cent. of its population foreign born, will unite to-morrow in a patriotic demonstration that not only promises to be the biggest thing in the history of that town, but appears likely to run Harrisburg's patriotic parade of last month close second both for size and enthusiasm.

The wave of patriotism that has swept over Steelton has carried before it all sectional feeling and Greeks, Romanians, Bulgarians, Italians, Croats, Austrians and others whose birth places lie across these have decided to forego the pleasure of carrying the colors of

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JAPANESE WAR SHIPS SENT TO NAVAL FRONT

Fleet From Orient Arrives at French Port Ready For Service

Paris, May 18.—A number of Japanese gunboats have arrived at Japanselles to aid in the war on German submarines and convoy French merchantmen. If the experiment shows satisfactory results it will be extended.

The arrival of Japanese warships in Europe to take part in the war on German submarines marks the first active participation by Japan in the European struggle. The Japanese navy has been active in the South Pacific and aided in the capture of the German colony of Tsingtau. A number of German islands in the Pacific were seized by Japanese naval forces in the early months of the war and Japanese warships aided in the pursuit of the Emden and other German commerce raiders in southern and far eastern waters.

The prestige of the Japanese navy has been very high since its sensational successes in the Russo-Japanese war. At the outbreak of the European war Japan had fifty-five destroyers with ten more under construction. The Japanese navy building program submitted last year she was to construct twenty-seven additional destroyers.

Commissioner Gross Is Bruised When Struck by Slowly Moving Auto

Commissioner E. Z. Groz was badly bruised about the arms and shoulders shortly before noon when struck by an automobile driven by W. E. Esick. The accident occurred at Strawberry and River streets. Gross was taken to the Harrisburg Hospital.

Mr. Esick and Commissioner Gross had exchanged friendly greetings when Mr. Gross turned across the street in front of the car just after Mr. Esick had thrown it into low gear. It was moving very slowly, but when Mr. Esick saw that he was in danger of striking Mr. Gross he turned the car into a pole along the curb.

Mr. Esick is a very careful driver, and is grief-stricken over the accident. Both men are members of the Harrisburg Rotary Club and very good friends.

Central High Honor List Is Announced by Principal Dibble

The honor list of the 1917 class at Central High School was announced by Principal G. G. Dibble, this morning, as follows: Miss Mary E. Dietrich, 92.28; Miss Nora Lippi, 96.40; Miss Frances Weidenhammer, 95.27; Miss Margaret Landis, 95.22; Bernard Wert, 95.09; Marlin Geiger, 94.39; Miss Dorothy Tishel, 94.32; Miss Ruth Beatty, 94.26; Miss Dorothy Taylor, 94.06; Miss Louise Yingling, 93.77; Miss Jennie Horning, 93.33; Miss Mary Phillips, 93.01; Miss Elizabeth Parson, 92.65; Miss Ruth Minnie, 92.39; Miss Katherine Keene, 92.14; Miss Mildred Goetze, 91.95; Miss Isabel Phillips, 91.93; Miss Laura Bretz, 91.73; Miss Miriam Blair, 91.66; Miss Emma Ellenberger, 91.46; Miss Margaret Weltner, 91.45; Miss Mildred Toomey, 91.40; Miss Mildred Burke, 91.22; Miss Dorothy Watts, 91.07; Miss Evelyn Gutman, 90.75; Kenneth Downes, 90.60; Miss Esther Quenzler, 90.60; Miss Elsie Shultz, 90.52; Miss Miriam Hoopes, 90.48; Miss Alverda Hertzel, 90.47; Miss Maude Hoster, 90.42; Miss Sobera Clark, 90.24; Miss Marcella Sheesley, 90.16; Miss Hettye Steiner, 90.13; Miss Margaret Wingard, 90.01.

SEARCH FOR DESPERADO IN MOUNTAINS IS UNSUCCESSFUL

Army Officer Returns to City Emptyhanded After Thrilling Hunt For Deserter Who Is Hiding in Caves

THREATENS TO SHOOT PURSUERS ON SIGHT

Man Who Is Supplying Him With Food Pulls Gun on Sergeant Partin, but Is Disarmed Before He Has Chance to Shoot

Sergeant Ira Partin, of the local recruiting station, has just returned from an unsuccessful quest in the mountains near Mt. Holly for Charles Fahnestock, a deserter from the United States army, who is believed to be one of the most desperate characters that has been at large in this section of the country for many years. Partin while on the trail of Fahnestock was confronted by another desperado who drew a gun on him. He was disarmed by Partin who covered him simultaneously with his Colt. Fahnestock deserted from the regular army. He had been stationed at Fort Howard, Maryland, and although a powerful man with a long record of fearless acts he preferred desertion to crossing the water to fight. He was not heard of until it became known that he had returned to his old haunts near Mt. Holly.

Partin was detailed to go to the mountains to capture the deserter. He was accompanied by a long line of men. The deserter single handed. Partin comes from the mountains of Kentucky and knows just how to go after desperadoes.

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LET'S WORLD KNOW HE DOESN'T WANT DAUGHTER WED

Reading Father Sends Notice Here Not to Issue License; Fears She Will Elope

William M. Dreihelbis, 1025 North Tenth street, Reading, Pa., has a pretty, eighteen-year old daughter Mabel. He doesn't want her to get married before January 5, 1920, so by means of a post card and the U. S. mail he is letting the world know this fact.

Papa Dreihelbis has taken unusual and extraordinary measures to keep Mabel single until she is 21. Every marriage license bureau within a radius of 200 miles of Reading was notified by post card yesterday not to issue a license without father's consent.

Nothing Doing Here

County Recorder James E. Lentz says there will be nothing doing with Mabel's matrimonial intentions so far as Dauphin county is concerned. He can't issue a license to a minor without his father's consent.

Rear Admiral Sims, Commanding U. S. Fleet in War Zone From Central Pa.

Rear Admiral William S. Sims, the gallant American officer in command of the first United States flotilla of destroyers on duty in foreign waters, is a Central Pennsylvania boy. His father was the late Col. A. W. Sims, who was for many years superintendent of the Rockville Iron and Coal Company, the furnaces and other plants at Orbisonia and the narrow gauge railroad from Mt. Union to that place.

Rear Admiral Sims entered the naval academy at Annapolis from Huntingdon county and was one of the most efficient officers in the navy.

Conscription to Cease Four Months After War Ceases, Senate Agrees

Washington, May 18.—After the army bill had been perfected in both houses of Congress to-day and sent to President Wilson for signature, the Senate adopted a joint resolution, proposed by Senator Smith of Georgia, to put conscription on a force four months after the end of the war.

The Smith resolution has the support of senators who unsuccessfully fought the conscription plan and sought unsuccessfully to confine the new army to "the duration of the war" instead of "the existing emergency." To become effective it must be accepted by the House and approved by the President.

RADICAL CHANGES IN ADMINISTRATION OF SCHOOLS ARE URGED

Dr. Downes in Report Points Out Many Weaknesses in Present System and Shows Need of Improvement in Supervision; Study of Conditions Dwells on Future Development of Educational Scheme Under Junior High School Operation

DUTIES OF CERTAIN TEACHERS ARE VAGUE AND UNNECESSARY

Finds Cost of Present System Far Above Average; City at Bottom of List in Money Expended Per Capita; Superintendent Wants Proposed Changes Put Into Effect Immediately; Would Be Much More Economical

Need of many important changes in methods of supervision and administration in the Harrisburg school district with the beginning of the new junior high school system, and the many weaknesses of the present plan in use were the striking points in a report read to the school board this afternoon by Dr. F. E. Downes, city school superintendent.

The study of conditions, reports on the present situation and necessary changes for the future development and growth of Harrisburg's schools, were given in comprehensive detail.

Statistics were quoted showing that Harrisburg is near the bottom of the list in the amount of money expended per capita for supervision; that its administration in schools is costing 13 cents per capita above the average for school districts in the second class.

Every phase of these two important parts of the school system was

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SHERIFFS AND MAYORS TO MEET HERE TO DISCUSS CONSCRIPTION

HARRISBURG. — GOV. BRUMBAUGH TO-DAY ANNOUNCED THAT HE WOULD CALL THE SHERIFFS OF ALL COUNTIES AND THE MAYORS OF ALL CITIES OVER 30,000 POPULATION FOR A CONFERENCE HERE TUESDAY TO DISCUSS REGISTRATION UNDER THE SELECTIVE DRAFT ACT.

FRENCH SHIPPING LITTLE HURT

Paris, May 18. — Statistics for the week ending May 13, at midnight, show that 952 ships exceeding 100 tons entered French ports while 991 vessels sailed. Three ships of more than 1,600 tons were sunk by submarines. Four French merchantmen were attacked but escaped.

HONDURAS CUTS GERMAN RELATIONS

Washington, May 18. — Honduras has severed diplomatic relations with Germany following the lead of Guatemala.

WAITE FOUND SANE

Albany, May 18. — Dr. Arthur Warren Waite, the young New York dentist, under sentence to die next week for the murder of his father-in-law, John W. Peck of Grand Rapids, Mich., has been declared sane by a commission of alienists appointed by Governor Whitman, it was announced to-day.

SAFETY COMMITTEE OUTLINES ITS WORK

Philadelphia, May 18. — The committee on Public Safety to-day made a statement containing the history of the organization, a review of the work so far performed and a statement of expenses and contractual commitments up-to-date. The statement was made public in connection with published reports of alleged extravagance. Plans for co-operation with the Council of National Defense are gone in to in detail.

MARRIAGE LICENSES

Charles Richard Clark and Maud Criswell, Harrisburg. Jacob Horner, Baden, and Susan Kathryn Bach, Harrisburg. Elsie Weirich and Ida Pauline Cain, Middletown. David Daniel Knaley and Nellie Irene Jones, Harrisburg.