

## GERMAN RAID ON ENGLAND KILLS MANY

**Seventy-Six Non-Combatant Men and Women Killed and 174 Others Injured by Bombs Dropped by Sixteen Airships; Three of the Enemy's Craft Shot Down by British Flyers Protecting Coast Towns**

### HINDENBURG MAKES DESPERATE EFFORT TO WREST VANTAGE POINTS FROM FRENCH ARMY

**Pétain Holds Fast in Face of Heavy Assault and Makes Progress in Champagne Region; British Follow Nibbling Tactics With Improvement in Positions Held by General Haig's Fighting Men; Artillery Active**

England has been subjected to another German air raid which cost the lives of 76 persons and caused injury to 174 others. The attack took place early last evening over southeastern England. About sixteen aircraft took part in it, their bombing apparently centering upon one town, which the official report does not name, causing many casualties among the civil population and damage to homes and shops.

The raiders evidently made good their escapes from the English mainland, but were intercepted in the channel and off the Belgian coast by British airplanes, where three airplanes of the raiding squadron were shot down.

Fifty of the killed and 62 of the injured were women or children.

On the front in northern France the Germans are making desperate efforts to oust the French from the vantage points they have gained recently north of the Chemin-des-Dames and in the Craonne region. The French are standing fast, however. An instance of their holding power was given last night when they maintained intact their salient positions east and west of Cerny. In the Champagne the French themselves were successful aggressors, enlarging considerably their positions on both sides of Mont Camille and taking 120 prisoners.

The British on their front also are pursuing nibbling tactics. General Haig reports slight improvement of the British positions on the right bank of the Scarpe east of Arras. New reactions by the Germans may be in preparation between Croisilles and the Scarpe, as an increased activity of their artillery in this sector is reported.

### British Airplanes Win Battle With German Flier on Trip Home

London, May 26.—Three hostile airplanes, returning from last night's raid on England, were brought down by British air forces in the English Channel and off the Belgian coast, the Admiralty announced today. The Admiralty statement says: "Naval airplanes attacked the aerodrome at St. Denis Westre, near Bruges, yesterday morning, dropping many bombs. "In the evening several enemy aircraft returning from the raid on England were engaged over the latter's naval air service machines. An encounter took place between one British and three hostile airplanes in midchannel and one of the latter was destroyed. Several encounters also took place off the Belgian coast in which two large twin-engined hostile machines were shot down. All our machines returned safely."

### Germans Dropped Bombs Into Crowded Streets From a Great Height

A town on the Southeast Coast of England, Friday evening, May 25 (via London, May 26).—The most ambitious airplane raid yet undertaken by the Germans on Great Britain occurred here late this afternoon while the streets were crowded with shoppers, promenaders and workers returning to their homes. The raiders

## PLAYGROUNDS NEGLECTED FOR GARDENS BY INDUSTRIOUS PUPILS



The pupils of the Forney School building have been spending every possible minute they could snatch from the regular routine to work in their garden plots, formerly a playground. The recess bell had scarcely tapped yesterday morning until the entire troop of "kiddies" were hard at it with their implements of "home defense." The children have evinced great interest in the new project and the men who were instrumental in making it possible feel they have been well repaid for their efforts.

## FRANCE READY TO FIGHT THE U-BOAT MENACE

Minister of Marine Tells How Ruthless Undersea Warfare Is Met

By Associated Press

Paris, Friday, May 25.—Replying to interpellations on submarine warfare to-night in the public session of the Chamber of Deputies, Rear Admiral Lacaze, the minister of marine, gave an interesting outline of the means of defense France had adopted against the undersea boats.

"I see no reason why I should not speak of these methods in public," said Admiral Lacaze. "It would be childish to think they are unknown to the enemy. They consist of a system of patrol boats, of arming merchantmen with guns and fitting them with wireless; of seaplanes, nets, mines, smoke-raising devices and dragnets.

### Sea Mine Ports

"We have organized seaplane posts all around the coasts so that the zone of action of each post joins that of its neighbor on either side. By October all merchantmen and patrol boats will be fitted with wireless and all merchantmen supplied with guns as heavy caliber as possible for which measures programs have been drawn up beyond what was thought possible.

### Believed Man Found With Gun Clutched in Hand Killed Himself

Clutching in his right hand a revolver with one empty chamber the body of John Swandick, of Shamokin, was found early this morning in Chestnut street, between Water and Whittaker.

### American Army Calls For Several Thousand Bakers

Washington, May 26.—The army sent out a call to-day for several thousand bakers to service during the war. Virtually all will be rated as noncommissioned officers and their pay will range from \$33 to \$53 a month, with additional pay for foreign service and everything in the way of quarters, rations, clothing and medical attention provided.

### THREE CHILDREN BURN

Scranton, May 26.—Three children, the oldest ten years, of James Nardo, were burned to death early to-day when their home in West Pittston was destroyed by fire. The children, all boys, were asleep on the second floor. Nardo, his wife and three smaller children, sleeping on the first floor, had narrow escapes.

## Reward Will Be Paid For Arrest of Vandals Who Dig Out Potatoes

A REWARD of \$10 for information leading to the arrest and conviction of the vandals who are tearing up garden plots in various parts of the city will be paid by the HARRISBURG TELEGRAPH.

Reports of new depredations last night have been received. Holders of plots say seed potatoes are being dug up and used as food, while others assert they are taken out and transplanted. At any rate potatoes are disappearing frequently and mysteriously. The police have been unable to secure information warranting any arrests.

## STATE ATHLETES FIGHT FOR HONORS AT ISLAND MEET

133 Representatives Carrying Colors of Nine High Schools Are Here

Thousands of persons were attracted to Island Park this afternoon to witness the eleventh annual Pennsylvania High School track and field championship.

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## Four Experts Picked to Drive Automobiles For Pershing and Staff

Washington, May 26.—Four expert American automobile drivers, Ray Middleton, John J. Jennings, George Lintheum and Elgin Brainin, were selected to accompany General Pershing and his staff.

## Personal Servants Keep Labor Out of Productive Industries, Says Gompers

Washington, May 26.—Waste of labor through irregular employment and maintenance of large numbers of valets and flunkies are responsible for the present apparent labor shortage, Samuel Gompers, president of the American Federation of Labor declared in a statement to-day.

## Another Hill Home Is Broken Into and Ransacked by Thieves

J. C. Leidy, 1244 Derry street, this morning reported a robbery similar to the one a week ago at the home of Frank Gibson, 1525 North Second street.

## Italians Have Taken 22,419 Prisoners in New Offensive in Alps

Rome, May 26.—The Italians have captured 22,419 more prisoners on the Carso the war office announces. Heavy fighting continues.

## THROWN FROM MOTORCYCLE

Ira Harper, of Burnham, aged 22, was injured in an automobile accident at Green and Herr streets at noon to-day. The machine he was riding collided with an auto, and Harper was thrown to the street. He suffered contusions of the left arm and right leg.

## PUPILS NEGLECT PLAYGROUNDS TO WORK IN GARDENS

Take Great Interest in Work; Better Fun Than Playing "Tag"

Since the allotment of garden plots the schoolchildren of the city have shown great interest in the working of the gardens. The plots were put in charge of five school superintendents, as follows: G. S. Machee, Camp Curtin; P. L. Hoeker, Steele Building; Edward D. Kilper, Melrose; John E. Harlock, Hamilton Building; and J. F. Ferguson, Forney Building.

At the Forney Building the children have shown unusual interest in their garden plots. A reporter visiting the scene yesterday morning the entire school apparently was taking care of the plots. Very few were playing games. They were all engaged very busily with shovel, rake or hoe. Some of the plots have been planted and carefully patted into wonderful little raised rectangles. About these a number lingered, seeing lost because there was nothing to do. Others were digging in one corner where the rocks were rather plenty, but nevertheless the ground was fast assuming a carefully prepared look.

## Senator Sproul's Name Heard Repeatedly as Choice of All For Governor

Much political interest attaches to the dinner which will be given at the Harrisburg Club next Tuesday evening in honor of Senator W. C. Sproul of Chester.

Senator Sproul has been on the opposite side of the factional fence during the controversy of the last few months this social function is pointed out as a significant indication of a burial of faction differences and the harmonizing of all the elements of the Republican party in the State.

Senator Sproul, it was reported to-day, has been formally agreed upon by influential Republican leaders as the party's standard bearer in the contest for governor next year.

While no one is in a position to definitely state what has transpired during the last week or ten days, it is understood that a thorough discussion of the situation has resulted in the choice of Senator Sproul as the party's standard bearer in 1918. His name has been frequently mentioned in this connection, but he has steadily refused to commit himself in any campaign now.

Whether Senator Sproul shall be the organization candidate or some other it is quite certain that there will be a gradual breaking down of factional trouble and a general harmonizing of all interests in the party.

## Ten Million Men of All Walks of Life to Be Enrolled For War June 5

Washington, May 26.—By a census bureau estimate to-day classifying the more than ten million men within the military draft age limit the number of single men is placed at 5,724,400 and the number of married men at 4,545,900.

The classification by chief occupations is given as follows: Agriculture, forestry and animal husbandry, \$2,864,000; manufacturing and mechanical industries, 2,066,000; no gainful occupations, 500,500; transportation, 967,000; trade, 1,054,000; public service, 144,000; domestic and personal service, 335,000; professional service, 325,000; clerical occupations, 374,000; extraction of minerals, 364,000.

The government, it has been stated, will not exempt any particular classes of industry from conscription but will deal with cases individually. Individuals, however, whose work is considered necessary to preserve an economic balance will be exempted. Nearly every line of industry, it is said, has appealed to the War Department for exemption for its workers.

## Friends Take Veteran Who Attempted Suicide by Jumping Into River

Harry Witheun, of Philadelphia, who attempted to commit suicide by jumping into the Susquehanna was turned over this morning to friends from Philadelphia.

Witheun is a veteran of the Civil War who returned here a week ago to look up his old friends. He had enlisted in this city and felt sure some of the old comrades could be found. He spent the day wandering about the city looking for a familiar face and when he was unable to find any, he decided to jump. He was stopped by a National Guardsman who prevented him from the fatal leap.

## MARRIAGE LICENSES

Oscar Garfield Redline, Columbia, and Cora Iva Miller, Lancaster; John William and Estelle Taylor, Harrisburg; Marshall Williams, Philadelphia, and Marjorie Spier, Harrisburg; Charles Myers and Nancy Simpson, Harrisburg; Henry Oscar Oliver and Mary Lydia Small, Millersburg; Elmer Hemmerly and Mary A. Ring, Royallton; Ralph Byron Stanley, Harrisburg, and Nabel Clara Clark, Chesapeake; Charles Daniel Altman, Millersburg, and Verma Anna Koppens, Harrisburg; Charles H. Smeltz and Emma M. Shroyer, Lykens township.

## JAIL, NOT FINES, FOR MEN WHO DO NOT ENROLL

War Department Explains Army Registration Act in Detail

## SENATE PROPOSES LICENSE TAX ON ALL AUTO OWNERS

Would Take Place of Five Per Cent. Levy on the Manufacturers

## TO RAISE HUGE SUM

New Plan Will Make Up Losses Caused by Committee Cuts

Washington, May 26.—Elimination of the 5 per cent. manufacturing tax on automobiles in the war tax bill as passed by the House and substitution of a license tax at a rate yet to be fixed upon motor vehicles, payable by those having possession, was decided upon to-day by the Senate finance committee.

The income tax section as first drawn including the 2 per cent. normal tax and the House committee's surtaxes also were adopted by the Senate committee. It struck out, however, the increased surtaxes on incomes over \$40,000 added in the House amendments by Representative Lenroot, of Wisconsin.

The retroactive tax of 33 1-3 per cent. upon incomes taxed in 1916 had previously been eliminated by the committee.

Further Reductions. The committee's action to-day in rejecting the automobile tax was said to be the forerunner of further reductions of the 5 per cent. taxes on special industries. Instead of the straight 5 per cent. manufacturing tax on motor cars the committee is considering a graduated license tax ranging from \$1 to \$2 upon low priced cars to \$10 and \$20 on more costly vehicles.

The decision agreed upon to-day contains material reduction of the revenue to be provided by the bill but the loss is expected to be made up by the new motor car license and other tax changes under consideration.

Committeemen said they now expect no further changes in the income tax rates, which will stand virtually as drawn by the House Ways and Means committee. Surtaxes on large incomes the Senate committee was said to feel, are large enough.

## RECRUITING AT LOW EBB

Washington, May 26.—Army recruiting was at low ebb yesterday when only 1,251 men enlisted. The number needed to bring the army up to war strength is still slightly in excess of 100,000.

## NEED 150,000 MEN IN GUARD

Washington, May 26.—The present strength of the National Guard is placed at approximately 180,000. Of that number 68,566 are in Federal service. Enough men are needed to make a total of 330,000.

## TRAINMEN INVEST \$150,000 IN BONDS

Cleveland, May 26.—The Brotherhood of Railroad Trainmen today subscribed for Liberty Bonds to the amount of \$150,000.

## JAPANESE GUNBOATS IN ACTION

Tokio, May 26.—An admiralty announcement today says that the torpedoed transport Transylvania was being escorted by Japanese gunboats when attacked. The Japanese boats rescued 2,800 of the 3,000 troops aboard.

## TECH LEADING IN STATE MEET

HARRISBURG.—TECH IS LEADING IN THE FIRST THREE EVENTS IN THE INTERSCHOOL-ASTIC TRACK MEET ON THE ISLAND THIS AFTERNOON WITH 26 POINTS, THREE FIRSTS, TWO SECONDS AND ONE THIRD PLACE; STEELTON 8, CENTRAL 7, READING AND WILLIAMSPORT EACH 2. IN THE 440 YARDS DASH DEMMING BROKE THE FORMER RECORD, MAKING THE RUN IN 53.5 SECONDS.

## U. S. SAVED FINANCIAL CRASH

Washington, May 26.—The entry in the war of the United States was stated by one of the Italian war mission to have practically saved the financial and economic position of Italy if not of the whole alliance.

## MAYOR WANTS BERTILLION SYSTEM

Harrisburg.—Mayor Charles A. Miller has recommended that the Bertillion system of keeping criminal records be again installed at the police station.

## THE WEATHER

For Harrisburg and vicinity: Increasing cloudiness, probably rain to-night and Sunday, warmer Sunday. For Eastern Pennsylvania: Rain to-night and Sunday; warmer to-night in north portion; warmer Sunday; moderate, shifting winds becoming south.

The main river will continue to rise slowly to-night and probably remain nearly stationary Sunday. The principal tributaries will fall slowly or remain nearly stationary to-night and probably rise somewhat Sunday or Sunday night. A stage of about 4.5 feet is indicated for Harrisburg Sunday morning.

Temperatures 8 a. m., 62 degrees. Sun: Rises, 4:33 a. m. Moon: Full moon, June 5. River stage: 4.5 feet.

Yesterday's Weather: Highest temperature, 47. Lowest temperature, 47. Mean temperature, 56. Normal temperature, 65.