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# CAMPS LAID OUT IN FRANCE FOR U. S.; GERMAN LINE CRUMBLES UNDER ATTACK

## AMERICAN WARSHIPS ANCHORED OFF THE COAST OF FRANCE

Supply Ships Land Wheat and Other Foodstuffs in Anticipation of the Landing of General Pershing's Expedition; America Will Call Upon French Republic For Nothing For Its Fighting Men Soon to Be on the Battle Front; Big Naval Collier Is Used as a Transport; Movements Kept Secret From Enemy

By Associated Press

Paris, June 7. — A large American transport carrying wheat for American troops which are to come later has crossed the Atlantic under the protection of an American warship, the *Matin* announces. The transport is now being unloaded at a French port, the newspaper says.

Preparations are being made for the reception of American troops, the newspaper says further. A number of bases similar to those of the British army have been organized.

Camps have been laid out for infantry and artillery, and aviation parks have been established for American aviators.

None of the American officers are bringing their families. The *Matin* says the arrival of the transport means that the provisioning of the army is well under way before the arrival of the troops, and that accordingly the American forces will make no call on the French stock of food.

## NAVAL COLLIER USED TO CARRY U. S. SUPPLIES

Ten Thousand Tons of Wheat Taken to France For Pershing's Use

Washington, June 7.—The naval collier *Jupiter* has arrived in France, Secretary Daniels announced to-day, laden with 10,500 tons of wheat and other supplies. The ship sailed from an American port without any intimation of her voyage having been given out in advance and is now at anchor in a French port.

The *Jupiter* is one of the navy's largest colliers. She was the first electrically-propelled steamer ever built and her performance was so good that it led to the adoption of electric drive for all new battleships and battle cruisers, the American navy being the only one to adopt this type of propulsion.

Secretary Daniels did not specify what supplies besides wheat the big ship carried.

## THE WEATHER

For Harrisburg and vicinity: Unsettled weather, probably thundershowers to-night and Friday; not much change in temperature.

For Eastern Pennsylvania: Overcast, with probably thundershowers to-night and Friday; continued rain, with moderate south and southwest winds.

River The Susquehanna river and all its tributaries will rise, except the lower portion of the main river, which will remain nearly stationary to-night, and the upper portions of the main branches which will probably begin to fall to-night and Friday. The river at Wilkes-Barre will probably reach a stage of between 12 and 13 feet within the next thirty-six hours from the rain that has already fallen. The rise in the main river will probably be slight in the next twenty-four hours. A stage of about 5.5 feet is indicated for Harrisburg, Friday morning.

General Conditions The center of the severe Western storm has moved from Iowa to Wisconsin in the last twenty-four hours, with somewhat decreased intensity. It has caused rains and thundershowers since last report generally east of the Missouri river, including Tennessee and Western North Carolina. The heaviest rains fell in the District of Columbia, Pennsylvania and New York.

Temperature: 8 a. m., 64 degrees. Sun: Rises, 4:28 a. m. Moon: Rises, 9:56 p. m. River Stage: 5.3 feet.

Yesterday's Weather Highest temperature, 74. Lowest temperature, 65. Mean temperature, 70. Normal temperature, 68.

French Navy Greets With Joy the Arrival of American Warships Paris, June 6, 11 p. m.—The ministry of marine announced to-night that American warships have anchored off the French coast. The announcement adds: "The French navy greets with joy on their arrival these new brothers in arms who, under the flag of the great American republic, have come to participate until final victory in the struggle against the common enemy."

## HARRISBURG BOY FIRST AMERICAN TO ENTER BAGDAD

Son of Former Pastor of Market Square Church Wins Distinction

Two Harrisburg boys, sons of the Rev. Dr. George D. Stewart, former pastor of the Market Square Presbyterian Church and now head of the Auburn Theological Seminary, are in the very midst of the thrilling events now transpiring in the Oriental war zone.

George, the older of the two boys, has been stationed at Beirut as treasurer of the Syrian Protestant College, but all communication with him and his family has been cut off for weeks. His friends do not feel that they are in real danger except that supplies are very low and it is feared they may be suffering on that score. George Stewart is the husband of Miss Jane Wilcox, Harrisburg girl, whom he met in Syria, where she was engaged in missionary work.

Weir Stewart, the younger son, is now with the British India force engaged in Y. M. C. A. work at the front, having left this country last July. He was the first American to enter Bagdad after its capture by the British. Writing to friends about the exciting incidents of the advance, he says that about seven and a half hours intervening between the fall of the ancient city and the entrance of the English troops, during which period the Arabs and Mohammedans looted the whole city. He was able to secure a room along the river front for the Y. M. C. A. work and after getting it into shape proposed to place it in charge of another of the workers who he might proceed with the army. He states in his letter he is well and happy.

## To Ask Red Cross Funds From Makers of War Munitions

Washington, June 7.—The campaign for donations totalling \$10,000,000 for the Red Cross, which was begun to-day at a meeting of bankers, lawyers and businessmen who have been invited to join the speakers' bureau. The formal opening of the drive for contributions will begin June 18.

It became known to-day that a plan is under consideration by prominent bankers to appeal to the large corporations printing from war orders to declare a special dividend which could be diverted to the Red Cross with the consent of the stockholders. In lieu of checks the stockholders would receive a request that they sign a release authorizing payment direct to the treasurer of the Red Cross. The plan is generally approved and the amount was estimated that perhaps half of the \$10,000,000 fund would be assured.

## Millersburg Bridge Bill Passes on First Reading in the Senate

The Beidleman bill carrying an appropriation of \$350,000 for the construction of a steel bridge at Millersburg, one of the historic crossings of the Susquehanna, was passed on first reading in the Senate to-day and will go through the upper branch early next week.

This bill, which would provide for a bridge at a place much used as a ford, is important, as between Harrisburg and Selinsgrove there is no bridge across the Susquehanna. Beidleman, who prepared the bill, is familiar with the situation and the inconvenience caused by lack of a bridge at that point. He has been assured of interest of senators who come from counties in the vicinity.

## Men Above and Below Conscripted Ages to Be Trained For Service

J. Grant Koons, former first sergeant of the Governor's Troop, will organize a company of men between the ages of eighteen and twenty, and over thirty, at the Technical High school Monday night at 8 o'clock. Additional instructors who have seen service in the troop will be on hand to drill the recruits. The latest cavalry and other arms drill and field service will be taught to the recruits. It is essential that all men joining the company will be required to attend at least 75 per cent of the drills.

## CITY OVER SUBSCRIBES LIBERTY LOAN



FRANK A. VANDERLIP. JAMES FRANCIS BURKE. TO ADDRESS LIBERTY LOAN MASS MEETING TONIGHT

## Total of \$2,257,900 at Close of First Half-Day of Three Days' Campaign; Team Members Decide to Try For \$4,000,000 by Saturday; Nearby Towns Come in Strong; Even Most Optimistic Amazed by Gigantic Totals

Harrisburg and allied towns have oversubscribed their share of the Liberty Loan bond issue by more than a quarter million dollars.

The government asked for a total of \$2,000,000 from this district. In a half-day the campaign engineered by Edson J. Hockenbury under the auspices of the Clearing House Association and conducted by a team of 250 business men and bond salesmen ran that amount up to a total of \$2,257,900.

This astounding subscription, tribute as it is to the patriotism and prosperity of Harrisburg and the allied towns, was received with cheers by the team members when the reports were received at the Board of Trade building, where the workers gathered for luncheon after their first half-day's labor.

At once Chairman Donald McCormick, of the Clearing House Association, proposed that the campaign be continued in an effort to increase the subscriptions to \$4,000,000, thereby oversubscribing by 100 per cent, the amount asked by Uncle Sam to help the nation finance the war.

"We have done in a half-day what we set out to do in three days," he said. "Let's go right ahead and generally surrender their claims it was estimated that perhaps half of the \$10,000,000 fund would be assured."

## 991 Lucknow Shop Employees Buy \$56,400 Worth of Liberty Bonds

Pennsylvania Railroad shop employees are shattering all expectations. To date 991 employees have subscribed for a total of \$56,400 worth of bonds. The campaign now on will end June 14.

In charge of the campaign among motive power department employees is a crew of forty-nine. These workers are out every day. Every employee will be seen. Reports are made daily to C. L. McIlvaine, master mechanic.

In other departments no total has been announced but officials said to-day that when the campaign ended June 14 the total would show almost every employe on the subscription roll. Pennsy employes have the privilege of paying for their bonds in instalments.

BRANCH CAPITOL AGAIN The Senate bill for a branch capitol in Philadelphia came out of committee for an airing to-day. It carries \$40,000 instead of \$600,000.

pected to raise \$800,000 in three days and if possible a little more than that sum, in order that it might be said Harrisburg and the towns in this district had oversubscribed the total of \$2,000,000 which the government has set aside as their share of the big war loan.

Not all of those who went forth this morning for the canvass were sure the task would be accomplished, but to the amazement of everybody at the luncheon, when the reports were made, every team did far better than had been anticipated and some of them ran far over the mark. As the figures were marked up on the big blackboard in the front of the hall, the amazement of those directing the campaign was very evident. When the totals were finally read, Mr. Hockenbury carefully checked over the figures—they seemed almost too good to be true.

How the Subscriptions Came The teams making the canvass in the city had been divided into divisions. Division A turned in a total of \$50,300 for the half-day's work; Division B, \$152,500; Division C, \$26,650, and Division D, \$41,550. The executive committee of the campaign, which was also assigned to the canvass, brought in subscriptions amounting to \$60,000, of which the employees of Blough Bros. Mfg. Co. subscribed \$15,000 and those of Bowman and Company \$37,000.

The allied towns did amazingly well. Businessmen familiar with their size and business activities were astounded at the subscriptions obtained by the salesmen working there. Dillsburg sent in \$2,200; Duncannon, \$22,000; Hershey, \$25,000; Hummelstown, \$24,000; Lykens, \$16,500; Middletown, \$37,300; Millersburg, \$50,100; New

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## Many of Foreign Birth Among Eighty-Three to Answer Call For Army

Included in the eighty-three enlistments to-day at the army recruiting station were: A. Landreth Scott, manager of the Edison Electric Company at Lebanon, and Herbert P. Johnson, graduate of Dickinson College. Both enlisted in the engineers' corps.

Other enlistments from nearby towns were: Charlie Peter, born in Kasop, Turkey; 223 Sixth street, field artillery; Raymond A. Etzweiler, Carlsville, engineers' corps; Alcida Caprini, Swatara, infantry; Existo Proten, Rockville, infantry; Italo Brygidic, Rockville, infantry; Battisto Vallati, Rockville, infantry; William L. McCarthy, 13 North Fifth street, coast artillery; Vito DiHippo, 357 South Third street, Steelton, infantry; Dushon Zivonovics, 254 Christian street, Steelton; Lawrence S. Johnson, Liverpool, medical department; Paul Shultz, Dillsburg, cavalry; Pete Bricolo, Swatara, infantry; Charles A. Specht, Beavertown, cavalry.

SENATE TALK ADJOURNMENT The Senate leaders will have a conference next Monday night to fix on a date for adjournment. The date favored is June 28, but it may be extended to July 5.

## GEN. HAIG DELIVERS SMASHING BLOW ON GERMANS IN BELGIUM

British Win All Initial Objectives and Push Forward For Substantial Gains on a Nine-Mile Front; Attack Opens a Sweeping Salient in Front of City of Lille Now in Great Danger

By Associated Press

General Haig has launched his expected blow at the German lines in Belgium, striking early this morning along a nine-mile front on the Messines-Wytschuette ridge, between Ypres and Lille.

Success marked the opening of the offensive, the British winning all their initial objectives and pushing on. Their further progress is reported to be satisfactory along the whole front.

While a considerable stretch separates the field of this new offensive from that of Arras, the operation may be considered as in conjunction with the continuing battle on the Arras front. A sweeping salient in front of the city of Lille has been created by the Arras attack and in broad sense this salient is now under threat from both the north and the south.

Belying the recent German boast that the British offensive from Arras had come to a halt, General Haig earlier this week proved that he had other side of the Lille salient. A sharp well defined curve in the front north of the Scarpe. German line about three miles deep and the same distance across, is the immediate object of this new attack. The reverberations from this blow

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## RIFLES FOR HOME GUARD

Washington, June 7.—The House to-day passed the Senate bill to authorize issue of rifles an dother equipment for organization of home guards. The bill has the approval of the War Department.

## LANSING DENIES CHINESE REPORT

Washington, June 7.—Secretary Lansing to-day denied published reports that the United States was lending money and assistance to the latest Chinese revolution.

## CAPITOL PARK BILL PASSES

Harrisburg.—The Beidleman bill providing for designation of the highways and changes in the Capitol Park Extension passed finally in the Senate to-day without opposition. It now goes to the House.

## TO RECRUIT SIGNAL CORPS

Harrisburg.—Lieutenant Douglass MacFarlan, of Philadelphia, a member of the Officers Reserve Corps, will be at 227 Walnut street tomorrow for the purpose of enlisting men in the signal reserve corps.

## MARRIAGE LICENSES

Lozer Keeverly and Gaila Salsani, Harrisburg. George G. McCord, Highspire, and Pearl Lorenz Sanders, Middletown. Alvia Kirkwood and Martha Fryman, Harrisburg. Francis Joseph Williams and Nettie Watkins, Harrisburg.