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GERMAN ARMY AGAIN FORCED TO FALL BACK

Line in Belgium Crumbling; British Troops Follow Closely on Heels of Kaiser's Retreating Forces and Take Important Positions Between the Lys River and St. Yves; Haig's Men Make Considerable Progress East of Ploegstreet Wood

The German line in Belgium is crumbling under the British offensive there. Evidence of this appears to-day in the announcement by London of a German retreat on a front of approximately two miles in the area southwest of Warneton.

After wiping out the Messines-Wytschaete salient in the crushing attack last week, General Plumer continued attacking the Germans from time to time east of Messines and gained additional ground there. Further south the British also have exerted pressure upon General Von Arnim's lines.

Having lost the last of the commanding artillery and observation positions in this region when the Messines ridge fell into British hands, the Germans are finding the pressure at some points beyond their ability to meet. One of the first results has been the abandonment of important sections of their front line between the river Lys and St. Yves. General Haig announces that the British are following the Germans closely and are moving forward east of Ploegstreet wood and in the neighborhood of Gaspard village.

Quiet on French Front On the French front conditions remain comparatively quiet. Last night the Germans, after bombardments, attacked French posts in the Aisne region and northwest of Verdun. The French easily repulsed these assaults. In Greece the entente is making good its grip upon the situation, shown in the abdication of King Constantine and the accession of Alexander, by landing troops to occupy various strategic positions. French troops, doubtless for the purpose of protecting the ripening crops in Thessaly, already has penetrated far inland and occupied Larissa. Today the landing of other entente forces on the coast near Athens is reported. Preservation of order in the capital and control of the situation near the seat of government seem the objects in view of this move.

Constantine's Abdication Proclamation Posted

Athens, June 12, via London, June 14 (delayed).—The proclamation of former King Constantine, announcing his abdication, was posted throughout the streets to-day. It says: "Obedience the necessity of fulfilling my duty toward Greece, I am departing from my beloved country with the heir to the throne and am leaving my son Alexander my crown. I bid you to accept my decision with calm, as the slightest incident may lead to a great catastrophe."

KAISER DISPLEASED

The Hague, Netherlands, June 14.—A Cologne dispatch says that the news of King Constantine's abdication created a painful impression at German headquarters. The emperor expressed great chagrin and sent his brother-in-law and Queen Sophia a message of sympathy.

THE WEATHER

For Harrisburg and vicinity: Thundershowers this afternoon, fair to-night and Friday; cooler to-night. For Eastern Pennsylvania: Thundershowers this afternoon; fair to-night and Friday; cooler to-night; moderate, south winds shifting to west. River The Susquehanna river and all its tributaries will probably continue to fall, except local rises may occur as a result of heavy showers to-day. A stage of about 6.5 feet is indicated for Harrisburg Friday morning. General Conditions The center of the disturbance that was over Manitoba, Wednesday morning, has moved eastward to the Upper St. Lawrence Valley and the southern end of the storm reaches far to the southward. It has extended showers generally over the eastern half of the country in the last twenty-four hours, except along the immediate Atlantic coast. Under the influence of a strong, high pressure over the interior of Nebraska, and Western South Dakota, fair weather has prevailed over practically all the western half of the United States. In the Lake Region, Ohio Valley and Tennessee and the Mississippi Valley and in Oklahoma, New Mexico and Arizona, Texas there has been a general fall of 3 degrees to 20 degrees in temperature in the last twenty-four hours. Over nearly all the remainder of the country temperatures have risen. Temperature 8 a. m., 72. Sun: Rises, 4:22 a. m.; sets, 7:37 p. m. Moon: Rises, 12:44 a. m. River Stage: 7 feet above low-water mark. Yesterday's Weather Highest temperature, 82. Lowest temperature, 66. Mean temperature, 74. Normal temperature, 70.



MY FLAG TODAY My flag floats on the firing line before the whole wide world! O'er bleeding, crippled, fighting France her dear folds are unfurled! My flag beside God's altar stands as if to softly say That church and state more firmly knit shall bring a fairer day. My flag forms royal shrouds for those who died that she might live, Who, sleeping, know but one regret; that now they cannot give. My flag waves from each loved roof-tree across this mighty land And sings a song of loyalty all mankind understand. My flag is wrapped around my heart. Close, close I press each fold, And sacred keep each star and bar with reverence untold! —ANNA HAMILTON WOOD. Written For the TELEGRAPH.

ENTERING MOST PROSPEROUS ERA IN HISTORY OF NATION

ALL the big industrial and business leaders of the country are unanimously of the opinion that instead of hesitating the usual activities of the United States will go ahead in every direction as soon as the short temporary halt caused by our entrance into war shall have ended. Close observers of the trend of events are of the opinion that we are upon the brink of the most prosperous period in this history of the country and that nothing in the situation justifies a letting down of the energies of business or the postponement of any project. Perhaps the most conspicuous illustration of this attitude is the decision of the directors of the Pennsylvania Hotel Company to proceed without delay with the construction of the million-dollar hotel at Third and Walnut streets. More and more as the conditions are considered it is realized that the future cannot be judged by the past and especially with respect to the wage scales, the cost of materials and the other incidental things which affect building and other operations. Stagnation Would Follow If business activities should cease, then would follow stagnation in all directions, and instead of men and women being employed there would be idleness and resultant suffering. So it is that men of ability who are able to look into the future are advising and urging the people generally to push right on without regard to the war. The tremendous streams of money which will flow throughout the channels of industry and business in the financing of the war are bound to make prosperous all parts of the country. Curtailing of building operations owing to what are regarded now as high prices is deplored inasmuch as such a course is certain to result in disappointment hereafter. It is believed that present prices will be maintained for years and it is a question in the judgment of many lead-

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FLAG DAY IS OBSERVED WITH INTENSE FEELING

Whole City Unites in Splendid Tribute to Old Glory; Exercises This Evening

Under the direction of Harrisburg Lodge No. 12, B. P. O. Elks, Harrisburg's Flag Day celebration to-night promises to eclipse all former efforts. That the people of Harrisburg, especially those who work during the day, may participate in the great tribute to Old Glory, the big program, in preparation for several weeks, will be observed to-night, starting at 7.30. Patriotic spirit was in evidence throughout all Harrisburg to-day. While flags have been floating on many homes since war was declared, they were more numerous to-day. The windows of the big stores were attractive. The celebration to-night is to be strictly American. The Stars and Stripes will be the only flag displayed. Everybody is expected to carry a flag. Elks will have silk flags. Due to the fact that there has been a hearty response to the invitation from the Elks to local organizations to be in line, the program has undergone some slight changes. The concert program at Reservoir Park at 9.00 to 10.00 P. M. Fred Blumenstine, Director. March—"Stars and Stripes Forever" John P. Sousa Selection—"Memories of the War" L. F. Laurendeau Patrol—"I'm on My Way to Dublin Bay" Stanley Murray (By request.) Solo—"Romance" C. V. Bennett Selection—"Songs From the Old Folks" M. L. Lake Selection—"So Long, Letty" Earl Carroll

China-U. S. Relations Brought Sharply to Surface by Note Tokyo, June 12.—Delayed in Transmission. The question of China, as it exists between the United States and Japan, has been brought sharply to the surface by the note of the American government to China expressing regret over the dissension in that country and the desire that tranquility and political co-ordination be established. Regarding the future of China as interwoven intimately with her own, Japan has long observed a fundamental policy, the goal of which is to procure recognition by the power of a special and paramount position for Japan in China. The impression prevails in Tokyo that Great Britain and France since the outbreak of the war have tacitly extended a measure of recognition of special privileges to Japan, and the present issue appears to involve the question whether the United States will abandon the prerogative of independent action in China and henceforth consult Japan. Angry Bees Nearly Disrupt P.R.R. Schedule One busy bunch of bees came near putting the Pennsylvania Railroad schedule out of business this morning. When they swarmed from four hives which were being shipped to a western city there was general stampede. It is thought the smoke from an engine drove them from the hive. They were mad all over, judging by the way they went after some of the employees and trainmen. Afterwards they swarmed on a pile of express goods. One of the employees, an old-time beekeeper, seized the top of an empty milk can, beat on it with a hammer and soon the bees were back in the hives. Youth Badly Hurt in Fall Through Skylight Ernest Glaser, 19, who lives at 2019 Wallace street, was seriously injured at noon to-day when the skylight at 412 Market street broke, throwing him to the second floor. His jaw was broken and most of his teeth knocked out. He was picked up unconscious and taken to the Harrisburg Hospital. He is employed by the Keystone Printery and was climbing up to the exterior of the third floor when he slipped and fell. In striking the skylight he was badly cut about the face and body. FIFTY DIE IN EXPLOSION London, June 14.—Fifty persons were killed and many persons were injured by an explosion at Ashton-Under-Tyne, Andrew Bonar Law, Chancellor of the Exchequer, announced in the House of Commons to-day. Ashton-Under-Tyne is a manufacturing town near Manchester. ZEPPELIN BROUGHT DOWN London, June 14.—Zeppelin L-43 has been destroyed over the North Sea by naval forces, Chancellor Bonar Law announced to-day in the House of Commons. The admiralty reports that no survivors of the Zeppelin were seen. AIRPLANES RETURN SAFELY Berlin, June 14, via London.—"A fleet of our large airplanes," says to-day's German official statement, "yesterday bombed the port of London. All our airplanes returned unharmcd."

KAISER PLOTS UNFAIR PEACE, WILSON WARNS

President Tells How Teuton Empires Are Getting Latest Intrigue Under Way in Hope of Throwing Iron Hand Across Central Europe Before Disaster Overtakes Them; U. S. Plans Great Army

WASHINGTON, June 14. — President Wilson warned the American people in a Flag Day address on the Washington Monument grounds to-day that Germany has carried into effect the greater part of her immediate plan of conquest and now is negotiating a new "intrigue of peace" designed to end the war while her aggressions are secure. All the Central Empires, the President declared, have been cemented into one great autocracy—ridden empire, "throwing a broad belt of German military power and political control across the very center of Europe and beyond the Mediterranean into the heart of Asia." This accomplished, he said, it is easy to understand why Germany is fostering a propaganda for an early peace. "Peace, peace, peace has been the talk of her foreign office for now a year and more" said the President. "A little of the talk has been public, but most of it has been private. Through all sorts of channels it has come to me and in all sorts of guises. The military masters under whom Germany is bleeding see very clearly to what point fate has brought them. If they can secure peace now with the immense advantages still in their hands which they have up to this point apparently gained, they will have justified themselves before the German people; they will have gained by force what they promised to gain by it." The President recited again the German aggressions which drove the United States to war. He declared the purpose for [Continued on Page 14]

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MARRIAGE LICENSES

Lawrence Eichelberger and Jennie Elizabeth Pell, Harrisburg; John Warren Grove, Johnstown, and Martha Elvin Phillips, Biddleburg; Walter Cornelius Kohler and Beatrice Mae Knoch, Berrysburg; Robert Jacob Wolf and Mary Esther Wall, Harrisburg; Diego Fortugno and Amelia Magaro, Harrisburg; Karl Wolfgang Lemeke, Bethlehem, and Janet Sawyer, Harrisburg.