

FIRST BATTLE IS OPENED IN CHINESE WAR

Peking in Great Danger of Being Sacked and Fired by Gen. Chang Hsun, Military Dictator Backing Boy Emperor, Whose Position Is Said to Be One of Great Peril Before Advancing Republican Army; Foreigners Flee From Besieged City

Peking, July 6.—Fighting began yesterday at Lang Fang about thirty-five miles southeast of Peking, between the troops of General Chang Hsun, supporter of the monarchy, and the forces of the republicans.

Chang Hsun Threatens to Sack Peking and Burn the Great Manchu Palace

London, July 6.—A dispatch to the Post from Tientsin says the Manchu restoration seems on the verge of collapse. Fifty thousand republican troops are converging on Peking where General Chang Hsun has only about 3,000 men.

Battle Ground Picked 25 Miles From Peking

Peking, July 6.—Tuan Chi-Jui, commander-in-chief of the republican forces, has issued a lengthy manifesto denouncing Chang Hsun, saying that his action is villainous and declaring he is using the Manchus to further his own ambitions.

New Feature Starts

THE HARRISBURG TELEGRAPH to-night presents, on page 11, the first of a series of "Friday evening" features.

THE WEATHER

For Harrisburg and vicinity: Fair to-night; Saturday partly cloudy, probably showers; not much change in temperature.

General Conditions

Pressure is high over the north-eastern part of the country and off the North Pacific coast, and relatively high over the Rocky Mountains.

Periscope Is Reported Sighted Off U. S. Coast

Washington, July 6.—The reported sighting of a periscope of a submarine in Hampton Roads caused the Navy department today to send instructions to the commandant to make a thorough investigation.

WETS AND DRIES CLAIM VICTORY ON FOOD BILL

Final Disposition of Prohibition Issue Is Expected by Tonight

FIGHT IS PROMISED Debate Begins This Afternoon With Time Limit on Talkers

Washington, July 6.—Final disposition by to-night of the prohibition issue was forecast when the food control bill was again taken up in the Senate to-day, although a sharp struggle was promised.

It was strongly indicated that the so-called "administration compromise," providing only that distillation of foodstuffs for intoxicating beverages shall cease, would be adopted by a big majority.

Porto Rico to Vote by Sign of the Coconut and the Rum Bottle

San Juan, P. R., July 6.—Whether the sign of the coconut is to replace rum as one of the chief beverages of Porto Rico is one of the important issues to be decided July 15, the first election in which Porto Ricans vote as American citizens.

Man Shot to Death For Refusal to Obey Sentry

East St. Louis, Ill., July 6.—Peter Twardowski, a laborer, was shot and instantly killed last night by a private of the Fourth Regiment, I. N. G., while on sentry duty.

Poughkeepsie to Get Harrisburg League Team

Syracuse, N. Y., July 6.—Harrisburg's State League franchise is to be shifted to Poughkeepsie, N. Y., and Reading is going back to Albany.

American Aircraft Expert Reaches Paris

Paris, Thursday, July 5.—Major Raynal Bolling arrived in Paris today on a special mission for the American War Department.

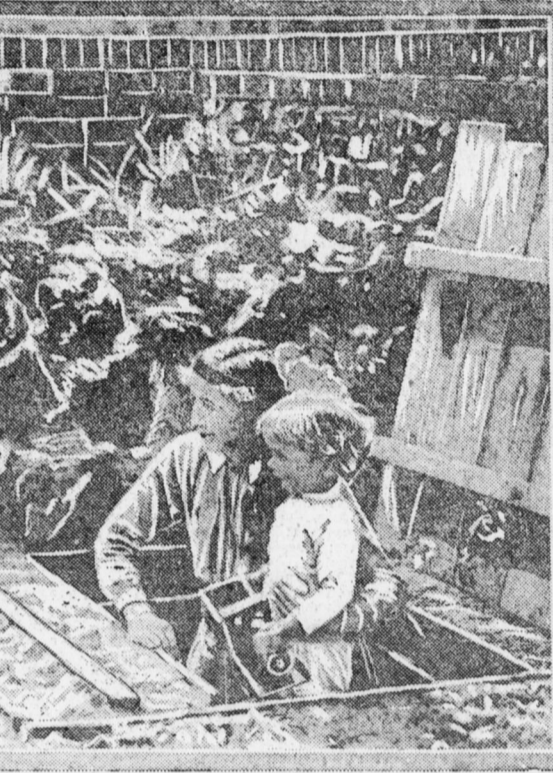
MRS. WILSON SEWS

Washington, July 6.—Mrs. Woodrow Wilson and Miss Helen Woodrow Jones have been sewing for the Red Cross. Their example has been followed by Mrs. Thomas R. Marshall, wife of the Vice-President.

NORWAY LOSES SHIP

Copenhagen, July 6.—The sinking of a German submarine of the Norwegian steamer Bengalia is reported by the Tidens Teg of Christiania.

ZEPPELIN REFUGE LIKE CYCLONE CELLAR



Londoners have never had to take to their cellars to save themselves against cyclones, but in the yards of some houses cellars like those used in western states have been provided, and this photograph shows a mother and child at the entrance of one ready to go where the Zeppelin bombs cannot reach them.

LANSING CALLS FLETCHER FOR A CONFERENCE

Ambassador to Mexico Is Believed to Carry Important Information

Washington, July 6.—Enough importance was attached to the mission of Henry P. Fletcher, ambassador to Mexico, who hurriedly left Mexico City as soon as permission had been granted him by the State Department, to arrange for a conference to-day with Secretary Lansing on board the train which is carrying the Secretary to Henderson Harbor, N. Y., for a three weeks' vacation.

Ambassador Fletcher in City Short Time on Way to Meet Secretary Lansing

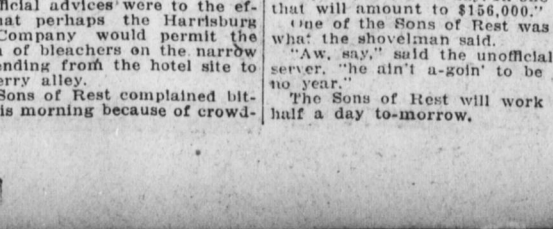
Henry P. Fletcher, United States Ambassador to Mexico, a brother of J. Rowe Fletcher, 224 Pine street, this city, was in the city almost two hours this morning, enroute to Philadelphia to meet Secretary Lansing.

SONS OF REST AT HOTEL SITE WORK HALF-DAY TOMORROW

The ever-growing pile of bricks in the lowest part of the excavation for the cellar of the Penn-Harris Hotel, Third and Walnut, caused considerable comment among the Sons of Rest who attended the morning session of overseers to-day.

W. B. SCHLEISNER, AGED 50, DIES AFTER ILLNESS

One of City's Most Progressive Businessmen Is Dead; Sick a Year



W. B. SCHLEISNER

COUNTY DRAFT BOARDS AWAIT ORDERS OF U. S.

Finish Numbering Cards Scribally; Date For Drawings Selected Today

WILL TELL THE TALE Next Week, It Is Expected, Selections Will Be Made at Washington

City and county draft exemption boards have practically completed their work of numbering serially all registration cards in the respective districts, and the preparation of new lists of names.

The first city board to finish the preliminary work was the one for the Seventh, Tenth, Eleventh and Twelfth wards.

RUSSIAN TROOPS FIGHT TURKS

Petrograd, July 6.—Russian troops and newly reinforced Turkish detachments are engaged in battle in the Bistah region of the Persian-Mesopotamian frontier, says the official statement issued to-day by the Russian war department.

RUSSIANS USE ARTILLERY

Petrograd, July 6.—The heavy gun fire of both the Russians and the Teutons in the region of Zlochoff, on the eastern Galicia front was increased according to the official statement issued to-day by the Russian war department.

GERMANS TRY FOR RUSSIAN TRUCE

Petrograd, July 6.—German soldiers near Baleschki, on the Rumanian front, yesterday held up white flags and called upon the Russians to fraternize, says the official statement given out to-day by the Russian war office.

LOOK FOR U-BOAT OFF COAST

Fortress, Monroe, Va., July 6.—Naval patrol boats to-day continued their search for an enemy submarine which was reported to have been sighted submerged in these waters late yesterday, but no trace of the craft has been found.

ITALIANS MAKE SURPRISE ATTACK

Rome, July 6.—The Italians made a surprise attack northwest of Silo on the Carso on Wednesday night and advanced their line the war office announces. Outposts were captured with prisoners. The gains were maintained against violent counterattacks.

IRISH TO CONVENE JULY 25

London, July 6.—Premier Lloyd George announced in the House of Commons this afternoon that the Irish convention would meet July 25, to deal with preliminary business including the appointment of a chairman.

FRENCH HOLD LINES BEFORE NEW THRUST

Teutons Try to Pierce Positions in the Champagne After Costly Attempt to Drive Wedge in Sector Along the Aisne; British Hide Developments in Northern France Under Veil of Secrecy; Artillery Fire Is Heavy

Having failed disastrously in their recent effort to drive the French from their commanding positions on the Chemin-Des-Dames, on the Aisne front, the Germans are now turning their attention to the Champagne apparently with a similar purpose.

The artillery fighting is proceeding vigorously in these and other sectors of the Champagne. In the Verdun region also the French guns were active. With the evident effort of making the German trenches west and north of Hill 304 untenable, General Petain's artillery is pouring destructive fire upon them.

MARRIAGE LICENSES

William H. Nye, Hummelstown, and Violet May Gipe, Union Deposit. Philip Hopkins and Florence Sheppard, Brownstown. Harry Steffy, Lancaster, and Amanda M. Breneman, Rohrerstown.

RESERVES DRILL TONIGHT

The Harrisburg Reserves will drill this evening at 7.30 at Island Park. Next week two drills will be held, on dates to be announced.

Tobacco or Nicotine Preparations Are Only Cure For Potato Lice

The potato lice, which are infesting the potato plants in this district, will yield only to applications of nicotine, made from tobacco leaves, according to State Economic Zoologist J. B. Sanders.

PREMIER WOUNDED

London, July 6.—W. A. Holman, premier of New South Wales, narrowly escaped death during a visit to the western battle front Monday. A German shell burst a few yards distant, bruised him, tore his clothes and inflicted a severe shock.

SERVICE BOARD ORGANIZES

The Civil Service Board for examining applicants for the city police force met this afternoon at 3.30 o'clock in the Council Chamber for organization. The members are Mercer B. Tate, Pierce Rettew and Dr. Thomas E. Bowman.

MAYOR UNCHANGED

Little change in the condition of Mayor Miller, who is ill at his home in Briggs street, was reported to-day. Although unable to attend to his regular duties, the Mayor has completed the signing of city bonds to be issued to owners of property in the Hardacre district. These will be presented to the owners in a day or two.

APOLY DEMANDED

London, July 6.—According to dispatches from Buenos Aires to the Times, the Argentine government has demanded an immediate apology and indemnity from Germany for the torpedoing of the Argentine vessels Orana and Toro, and a guarantee that the Argentine flag will be respected in the future.

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