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U. S. STARTS CONSTRUCTION OF GREAT ARMAMENT PLANT NEAR HERE AT COST OF HALF MILLION

AIRPLANES AND GUNS TO BE TESTED

Twenty-one Acres Near Middletown Leased as Site; Air and Water Craft, Machine Gun Parts and Wireless to Be Assembled There and Tested Previous to Shipment to Training Camps and Fighting Front; Location Within Short Distance of Old Camp Meade

LABORERS WANTED FOR U. S. AVIATION DEPOT.

The following call for laborers for rush work on the United States Aviation Depot, near Middletown, was sent out this afternoon: WANTED—Fifty laborers for the United States Aviation Supply Depot. Leave car near Atlantic Refining Company's station on Lancaster Pike, near Middletown. Wages 35 cents an hour. JAMES L. STEWART, Contractor.

The United States government began to-day the construction of a great warehouse and supply depot for the assembling and distribution of air and water craft, wireless apparatus, machine gun parts, etc., on ground belonging to the Keystone Industrial corporation on the Susquehanna river between Harrisburg and Middletown along the main line of the Pennsylvania railroad. Twenty-one acres of land have been leased with the privilege of purchase.

Engineers in charge say the building to be erected will represent an investment of between \$400,000 and \$500,000. The building will be 364 by 901 feet in length, with a forty-foot runway around the entire structure. The land is situated on a broad expanse of water suitable for testing out hydroplanes and motorboats. It lies within a half-mile of old Camp Meade, famous during the Spanish-American War.

Gannett, Seelye & Fleming, engineers, of this city, have been engaged to look after the engineering end of the development.

Only Part of Big Enterprise

The twenty-one acres of land leased to the government are located at the northern limits of Middletown and have frontage both on the river and the Pennsylvania railroad. It constitutes a part of the old Kunkel farms and was intended to be a part of the Keystone State Fair and Industrial Exposition, which failed because of lack of popular support, the holding having been reorganized into the Keystone Industrial Corporation by Hord & Co., 120 Broadway, New York, to save the property for the stockholders. It is the intention of Hord & Co. to erect on land adjoining that leased to the government an aeroplane and hydroplane factory, the property of the Keystone Industrial Corporation, Hord & Co. controlling valuable aeroplane patents.

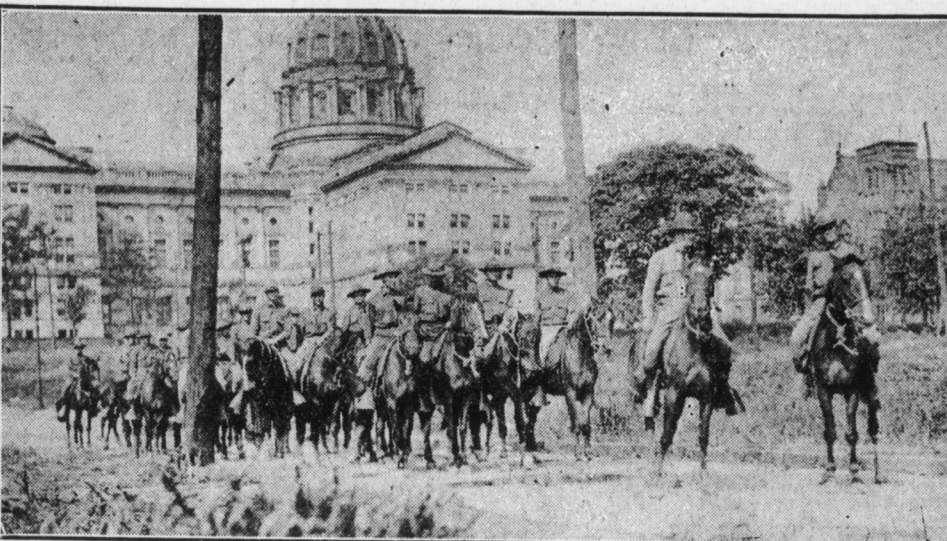
Lease Closed Yesterday

The United States authorities at Washington closed the lease yesterday and before nightfall four representatives of the government were in Harrisburg requisitioning machinery for clearing the land and early this morning men were put to work cutting the corn on the land and clearing the site for the building which is to be erected at once. It is understood that the plant will be used in a place in which to assemble air and water craft before shipping to France, Russia or any of the training camps and that also machine guns and wireless apparatus will be assembled and tested out there before being sent to the front. Orders have been given to rush the building as rapidly as possible and to that end orders for immediate

THE WEATHER

For Harrisburg and vicinity: Fair to-night and Wednesday; not much change in temperature. For Eastern Pennsylvania: Fair to-night and Wednesday; cooler to-morrow. For the portion of the East Gulf States and on the general northeast winds. River The North Branch will probably rise somewhat. Other streams of the system remain stationary or fall slowly. A stage of about 2.5 feet is indicated for Harrisburg Wednesday morning. General Conditions Local showers have fallen in the last twenty-four hours in the Susquehanna Valley. Southwestern Virginia, Tennessee, in the East Gulf States and on the Gulf coast of Florida. Temperature: 8 a. m., 72 degrees. Sun rises, 5:05 a. m. Moon rises, 9:20 p. m. River stage, 2.5 feet. Yesterday's Weather Highest temperature, 95. Lowest temperature, 65. Mean temperature, 78. Normal temperature, 74.

TROOP C WHICH IT IS REPORTED WILL GO SOUTH SOON FOR TRENCH TRAINING



The Governor's Troop (Troop C, First Pennsylvania Cavalry) caught just as they swung in line for the beginning of their usual morning ride. They have been the object of admiration wherever they appear in the city or surrounding country. One of the men inclined to be confidential whispered that the "rookies" wouldn't have made a good picture when they returned from their first rides. All have gradually become hardened and can still maintain their soldierly bearing when they dismount after a hard morning's ride.

EXPERTS WILL ATTEND LEAGUE CONVENTION

Men Well Versed in Municipal Law to Gather Here

City Clerk R. Ross Seaman to-day announced to Council the complete program for the annual convention of the League of Third Class Cities which will convene here August 28, for a three-day session.

Addresses will be made by city and state officials on many important subjects relating to third-class city government and development. The program follows: Tuesday, August 28, morning session: Reception and registration of delegates; prayer, the Rev. Dr. Ellis N. Kremer; address of welcome, John E. Fox, city solicitor of Harrisburg; response, Ira W. Stratton, Reading, vice-president of the league; roll call of delegates; reports of the secretary of the league, treasurer of the league, executive committee.

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Thursday, August 30, morning session: Address, "City Planning," member of Harrisburg commission; open discussion; unfinished business, new business, fixing place of meeting next year, election of officers, adjournment.

Afternoon: Delegates are requested to report promptly at 2 o'clock for an automobile trip over the city system after which the Romper Day exercises will be witnessed at Reservoir Park.

One German U-Boat Sinks 19 Vessels in Three Weeks

An Atlantic Port, Aug. 7.—One German submarine during a three weeks' period ending July 19 sank nineteen vessels, aggregating 66,000 tons, and was still in condition to remain longer away from its base, according to a report brought here to-day by Harold Hansen, of Detroit, a member of the crew of one of the nineteen ships, who said he received his information from the U-boat commander.

FRENCH PIERCE GERMAN LINES AT THREE POINTS

Crown Prince's Infantry Suffers Heavily in Attack on Verdun

Paris, Aug. 7.—French troops last night broke into the lines of the German Crown Prince on the Champagne front at three places, inflicting losses on the Germans and bringing back prisoners. It was officially announced to-day by the French war department.

A Teuton attack between Avocourt wood and Hill 304, in the Verdun sector, was driven off with heavy losses to the Germans.

Russians Advance The Russian front situation continues complex, with Russian troops offering spirited resistance and driving back the Austro-German forces in some sectors and weakly yielding in others.

Ten miles from Chotin, just beyond the extreme southeasterly extremity of Galicia, the Teutonic armies have been forced back, according to advices from Kishinev to-day. Petrograd also officially reports the driving back of enemy advance guards south of Grinjow.

In Bukovina and on the river Bystrizza, on the other hand, the Russians have been forced to yield more ground, in one case because of the voluntary retirement of two regiments.

TEUTONS STRIKE RUMANIA

Further south, in Rumania, a further menace to the entente lines became apparent to-day in the announcement of the opening of a Teutonic offensive in the Tokshand region, near the point where the line turns southeastward towards the Danube. Petrograd concedes a retreat here and Berlin announces the storming of Russian positions north of Kokshani, with the taking of 1,300 prisoners and thirteen guns. The Russian front situation continues inactive but the total silence of the British official report on conditions there, similar to that preserved while the great bombardment which preceded the initial attack was impending, coupled with the reports of greatly increased air activity, seems indicative of a probable early renewal of the entente offensive effort. The French report, indeed, speaks of "fairly violent" artillery fighting in Belgium, notably in the Bixchoot sector.

ENGLAND PLANS TO PUT NAVY ON OFFENSIVE BASIS

Second Sea Lord Removed as First Step of Reorganization

London, Aug. 7.—Official announcement was made at the admiralty to-day that Admiral Sir Cecil Burney, second sea lord, had been replaced by Vice-Admiral Sir Rosslyn Wemyss, Alan Garrett Anderson, hitherto vice-chairman of the admiralty, succeeds Sir Eric Campbell Geddes, the new first lord of the admiralty, as controller of naval construction.

Changes in the British admiralty are attracting much attention and are interpreted as the first step in a reorganization which it is supposed to carry out.

There is no implication of incapacity against Sir William Jellicoe, whose services as Admiral Jellicoe's second in command of the grand fleet are recognized and an official announcement states that he will be employed on special duty.

An official statement contains the announcement that an opportunity is to be taken of the appointment of Vice-Admiral Sir Rosslyn Wemyss to rearrange the duties of the second sea lord of the admiralty, who will be relieved of detailed administrative work connected with the personnel of the fleet. This is interpreted as meaning that the second sea lord will not be troubled by details which subordinate commands closely than was his predecessor with the preparation of war plans.

Another change in the admiralty is the removal of Sir William Graham Greene from the permanent secretaryship to the admiralty to a secretaryship in the ministry of munitions under Winston Spencer Churchill.

Former President Taft Taken Ill in West

Clay Center, Kas., Aug. 7.—Former President William H. Taft became ill at a hotel here during the night and today is under the care of a physician. The nature of his illness was described only as being stomach trouble. He was unable to leave Clay Center to-day for Lincoln, Neb., where he has a speaking engagement.

NICHOLAS KEPT 80,000 SPIES IN SECRET SERVICE

Russia Infested by Legions of Autoocracy, Captured Records Show

MAJORITY POORLY PAID Informers Had Picturesque Names as Means of Identification

Petrograd, Aug. 7.—Thirty-three long lists of spies, informers and agents, provocateurs in former Emperor Nicholas' pay, have been published by the committee organizing the new system of government immediately after the revolution. Fifty more lists may be expected. The total [Continued on Page 10]

Last of Armed Gangs Resisting Draft Taken

Oklahoma City, Okla., Aug. 7.—With 250 draft objectors under arrest and every piece of equipment on the train in a short time. In the orders said to have been received at Philadelphia no time was given for the troops to move, but merely they are loaded with equipment standing by the siding. When the order comes to go, regardless of how short a time is given, it is said every trooper and every piece of equipment will be on the train in a short time. In the orders said to have been received at Philadelphia no time was given for the troops to move, but merely they are loaded with equipment standing by the siding. When the order comes to go, regardless of how short a time is given, it is said every trooper and every piece of equipment will be on the train in a short time. In the orders said to have been received at Philadelphia no time was given for the troops to move, but merely they are loaded with equipment standing by the siding. When the order comes to go, regardless of how short a time is given, it is said every trooper and every piece of equipment will be on the train in a short time.

APPROVE LEAGUE'S ACTION NEUTRALITY VIOLATED

Members of the Harrisburg Building Trades Council and the Central Labor Union last night approved the action of the Workmen's Non-Partisan League endorsing the candidacy of Daniel L. Kelster for Mayor, and Thomas P. Moran, J. L. Yoder, John A. Parhamore and David K. Young, for Council.

PERSHING'S MEN TO TEST MASKS IN POISON GAS

U. S. Soldiers to Be Instructed How to Avoid Asphyxiation on Field

NEED OF QUICK WORK Americans to Be Completely Protected Before Going Into Battle Lines

American Training Camp in France, Aug. 6.—The issuance of French gas masks to the American soldiers has brought them a little nearer to the realization of their proximity to real warfare. The men are looking forward to the gas experiments with the greatest possible interest as giving a touch of adventure to their training. When the so-called "gas house" is completed, the men will be put through a mixture of a deadly vapor several times stronger than will ever be encountered upon the field of battle. Some German prisoners have claimed that in their training they have endured periods of from five to ten minutes in a gas mixture fifty times as strong as can possibly be maintained in an open-air attack. The men are put through this intense mixture to demonstrate to them that with proper care and use of their equipment they cannot be hurt by [Continued on Page 9]

BROTHERHOODS WIN FULL CREW CASE

Harrisburg—Word was received here to-day that the State Supreme Court had refused to entertain the Pennsylvania railroad to appeal from the decision of the Superior Court in the "locked baggage car" and "rear end platform" cases in the full crew law complaints before the Public Service Commission. These were the cases decided in favor of the railroad men. W. N. Trinkle, of Trinkle & Jones, of this city, filed the objections on behalf of the railroad men's organization. These cases were among the first brought before the commission and were immediately appealed by the railroad to the Superior Court which upheld the Commission in findings on them.

MANY FOUND PHYSICALLY FIT

Chicago, Aug. 7.—Fifty-seven of the eighty-six draft exemption boards in Chicago reported to-day that a total of 12,670 registrants had been examined and that 9,638 of the number had been found physically fit for military duty. Of the physically fit, 6,095 made exemption claims.

TO BUY SUPPLIES IN U. S.

Washington, Aug. 7.—American ship owners were requested by Secretary Redfield to-day to assist in conserving the allies' food supplies by purchasing all ship stores in the United States.

MAJORITY OF WOUNDED RECOVER

An Atlantic Port, Aug. 7.—Out of one detail of 1,350 wounded men sent for special treatment to a London hospital suffering from crushed and broken bones, 1,000 were able to return to active duty at the front, according to Major J. E. Goldthwaite, an orthopedic surgeon of the United States Army Medical Reserve Corps who arrived here to-day from Europe.

ASSESSOR TO RUN FOR COUNCIL

Harrisburg—City Assessor James C. Thompson announced this afternoon he will be a candidate this Fall for City Council.

MARRIAGE LICENSES

Frank J. Schlessor, Willow Grove, and Vera B. Rice, Landisburg; James Armstrong Koch, and Elizabeth May Kaas, Harrisburg; Russell Forreault, Middletown, and Rose Esther Russell, Harrisburg.