Death Penalty Must Be Restored in Order to Maintain Discipline in Russian Army



HARRISBURG



HAIG AND JOFFRE ARGUING WITH LLOYD GEORGE

TELEGRAPH



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HARRISBURG, PA., TUESDAY EVENING, AUGUST 28, 1917.

# **BIG CHANGES** SAYS HE KILLED WOMAN, THEN SUGGESTED IN **CAR SERVICE** Baltimore Man Mangles Self.

Ten Important Recommendations and Requests For Information Made by Public Service Commission in Letter to Harrisburg Railways Company; Co-operation Asked; Conferences to Follow; Steelton, Third Street, Hill and West End Affected

#### RAILWAYS OFFICIALS WILL CO-OPERATE

FOLLOWING the receipt of the Public Service Commission's letter containing suggestions for changes in the street railways service of Harrisburg, President Frank B. Musser told a repesentative of the Telegraph that the company will co-operate heartily with the State in making whatever changes can be made immediately looking toward the improvement of the service and that the other points outlined will be made subject of careful study. Conferences with the Commission will be arranged as soon as possible. 'We shall depend largely for advice upon the report of Bion J. Arnold, the Chicago expert, who has been working over these prob-

lems for some months, and whose report we are assured will be ready in a few days," said Mr. Musser.

The Public Service Commission in a letter to the Harrisburg Railways Company, made public to-day, makes ten suggestions and recommendations for changes in the routing and operation of street cars in the city and its suburbs whereby it is hoped much better transportation facilities may be obtained for the people of Harrisburg.

- These changes and requests for information in brief are as follows: General improvement of Steelton service during rush hours; development of the Ninetcenth street route to Steelton; providing more cars for Steelton during rush hours; building of direct line to Steelton via Second street. The re-location of tracks in the Capitol Park Zone. Building of new line on Herr street through the subway under the railroad to serve that section of the Hill. Doubletracking of proposed Walnut street or State street viaduct.

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- Speeding up of cars on lines where traffic is now impeden by congestion and too frequent stops. Roadbed and tracks to be made the subject of immediate examination in places and number of new cars it is proposed to purchase to be subject of report to commission. Commission seeks plan of changes contemplated in Mar-kct Square and center of city when Valley Railways Com-pany terminal is built. Recommends study of widening of Market street subway. Submission required of plan for general improvement of service in all parts of city.

#### Co-operation Invited

The commission asks the co-operation of the company in the improvement of its service as outlined and in the event of a favorable reply will ask the officials of the traction system for a series of "developmental conferences in the studies above enumerated."

### Letter in Full

The letter in full follows: "Harrisburg, Pa., Aug. 27. "Mr. Frank B. Musser, President "Harrisburg Railways Company., "Harrisburg. Pa.

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an early hour this morning. Attendants at the hotel believ the man to be mentally deranged, because of his repeated statements last night that he had disposed of a girl and that the authorities would

be after him to-day.

the Harrisburg Hospital a man who the Harrisburg Hospital a man who claims to be from Greensburg came into the Dauphin Hotel and an-nounced that the would-be sulcide had left Greensburg with the West-moreland county man's wife, and that he had with him a warrant for Bayer's arrest. The woman cannot be located, and the police are con-ducting a thorough investigation. Due Hole in Side

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**TRIES SUICIDE** 

With Penknife in Local

Hotel

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believed to be 3122 Baker street,

hotel this morning, terribly muti-

lated and almost dead from wounds

which he inflicted upon his body at

in his bed at the Dauphir

Md., was

Wallbrook, Baltimore,

be located, and the police are con-ducting a thorough investigation. **Dug Hole in Side** At about 8.30 o'clock this morning the call board at the hotel indicated that the occupant of room 61 was ringing. An attendant went to the room, and found Bayer lying upon the bed in a pool of blood. The man was partly dressed. He had slashed both wrists with a pocketknife, and afterwards when he found that his action would apparently not end his life, had dug a great hole in his side. The man owes his life to the fact that the knife blade was short, and no vital spot was reached. He was taken to the Harrisburg Hospital, and is still living. Unless compli-cations occur, it is probable that the man will recover. Bayer was still able to talk when found. It is not likely that he rang for assistance. Employes of the hotel believe that he touched the call bell by accident, while tossing about in his agony. An examination of the man's ef-

in his agony. An examination of the man's ef-fects revealed the fact that his name With 431 pieces of skin covering rafted from twelve fellow employes was Ira E. Bayer, and his wife and daughter reside at 3122 Baker street, Baltimore. Other correspondence indicated that the man was employed by Munn of South Second street, which would shorten time between Steelton and Harrisburg four to five minutes and tond to relieve congestion on Market

GEN HAIG, GEN JOFFRE AND DAVID LLOYD GEORGE. The photographer who got this picture snapped just in time to show General Haig, British commander in France, and General Joffre in ani-mated argument with Premier Lloyd George. The attitude of both gen-erals indicates they were trying very hard to convince the British prime minister of some point in connection with the war. 0. U. A. M. MAY **431 PIECES OF** SKIN GRAFTED

Committee, It Is Believed, **Twelve Railroaders Save Life** 

Itew rimancial rialChanges; 100 DelegatesThe seventy-first annual session of<br/>the national council of the Order of<br/>United American Mechanics is being<br/>held here to-day. The sessions are<br/>being held in the G. A. R. Hall,<br/>26 North Third street, and some<br/>radical changes in the policy of the<br/>corder may be expected as a result of<br/>the sessions now in progress.New York, Aug. 28.-Bethlehem<br/>Steel Corporation's new financial<br/>plan was announced here to-day, the<br/>chief feature of which is that hold-<br/>ers of old and new stock will have<br/>the right to subscribe at par to<br/>\$30,000,000 of 8 per cent. cumulative<br/>preferred stock. These shares will<br/>be conder may be expected as a result of<br/>the sessions now in progress.Last evening a reception was held<br/>for the delegates and their wives,<br/>are here from many states. The<br/>order has councils as far west as<br/>south one hundred representatives,<br/>wielde Great InfluenceThe new issue has been under-<br/>written by a banking syndicate. The<br/>plan will be represented for ratifi-<br/>cation at a stockholders' special<br/>mancial plan, Charles M. Schwab,<br/>chairman of the board of the cors<br/>of Bethlehem Steef, said the en-<br/>tranee of this country into the war<br/>ing a very substantial additional<br/>ing a very substantial in order to continue<br/>its construction program and pro-<br/>vide for requirements of greatly in-<br/>created business resulting from the<br/>wery large part we intended to ex-<br/>pend on improvements this year and<br/>next must be used for payments of<br/>excess profits taxes and other war<br/>the same of the suce addition of the or payments of<br/>excess profits taxes and other war<br/>the same of the suce addition of the payments of<br/>ex builts received some time ago, and control American Meenance is being street, and surpluser, will soon be able to leave the Harrisburg Hos, it and attributes his recovery to the heroic response of his friends. On April 7, while Welliver, who is employed as an engine preparer, was attending to the fire in engine, no. 4135 a bucket of oil was upset, the fluid running over his clothes. Employes rallied to his assistance but the young man was badly burned or reas taken to the Harrisburg flow. How staken to the Harrisburg flow. Soon covered with flames. Employes rallied to his assistance but the young man was badly burned against a torch and right leg. How sat at and night for his life. Several weeks ago announcement was given that his recovery could only be made a certainty with the grafting of skin on the burned parts of his body. 200 Volunteer



CONSIDER NEW LAWS Situation at Front Said to Be Serious by Commander-in-Chief Korniloff, Who Asks That He Be Given Authority to Restore Death Penalty For Punishment of Men Who Murder Their Own Officers; Men Demoralized

> Petrograd, Aug. 28 .- Russian infantry left its trenches before an enemy attack in the Boyant region and is retiring eastward, the war office announces. The retirement was occasioned by the beginning of an offensive in the region east of Czernowitz, Bukowina, yesterday by the Germans and Austrians. The troops retreated without waiting for the attack on their trenches, which were occupied by the enemy.

# Soldiers Shoot Down **Officers** and Retreat

City officials from all parts of the state arrived here to-day for the league of Third Class Cities, which opened in the Technical high school this morning. Fourteen cities were represented at the opening session and delegates were expected during the afternoon from at least ten more municipalities. City Solicitor John E. Fox gave the address of welcome following a short prayer by the Rev. Dr. Ellis N. Kremer, of Reformed Salem Church. In his talk Solicitor Fox gave a brief review of the big developments and improvements in Harrisburg dur-ing the last fifteen years and told the delegates the city was one be-longing not only to its residents, but to every other city, as it is the capi-tal of the state. During his address he mentioned the three deaths which have occurred in Harrisburg's City Council and the difficulty which con-fronted the Commissioners in filling the places. He closed with a refer-ience to the particitism of Harrisburg in furnishing enough regular army and national guard voluncers so that not men were called from here on the art. **Consider Iegislation** The W. Stratton, ex-mayor of Read-ing, and vice-president of the league, responded to the address and called the attention of the delegates to the importance of considering legislation just enacted and new laws which are to be presented next year. He paid the titue to the late Commissioner Harry F. Bowman and Mayors E. S. By Associated Press Moscow, Monday, Aug. 27.—The econd general sitting of the national onference was held this afternoon. General Korniloff, the commander-n-chief, entered the hall in company with Premier Kerensky. His ap-ogaca and enthusiastic ovation. All he delegates cheered for Russia, the ne delegates cheered for Russia, the ecoremier Kerensky then introduced formal the attacking forces. conference was held this afternoon. General Kornloff, the commander-lin-chief, entered the hall in company a with Premier Kerensky. His ap-pearance was the signal for a pro-longed and enthusiastic ovation. All the delegates cheered for Russia, the government and the army. Premier Kerensky then introduced General Kornlioff, saying the govern-ment had thought it necessary to in-vite. the commander-in-chief to lay before the conference the situation at the front and in the army. Gen-eral Kornlioff said the death pen-alty, restoration of which he had asked, together with other measures, constitutes only a small part of what was necessary in an army stricken

ARTILLERY FIRE HEAVY Paris, Aug. 28.—The French offi-cial report on the progress of hos-tillities given out this afternoon re-fers to artillery activity on the Cali-fornie plateau and says that French troops penetrated German trenches at Butte de Souain and took some prisoners near Arracourt. There was considerable artillery activity on the Verdun front.

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BRITISH AGAIN ADVANCE London, Aug. 28 .- As the result of a British attack on the Flanders front vesterday the British lines have been advanced along a front of more than 2.000 vards astride the St. Julien-Poeloapelle road.

BERLIN BELITTLES BRITISH GAINS

Berlin, Aug. 28 .- Via London-The British made only insignificant gains northeast of Frezenberg in their attacks on the Flanders front yesterday, army headquarters announced to-day.

CHILD CRUSHED BY MOTORTRUCK

Harrisburg-Luke Wilson, 329 Front street, little stepson of Ralph Lehr, an employe of the Bethlehem Steel Company, was run over and instantly killed by an autotruck owned by A. A. Stewart, coal merchant, late this afternoon. The child was terribly crushed and mangled. Harrsiburg-Bids for completing work on the Post

Office building are scheduled to be opened late this after-

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**REVISE RITUAL ON BURNED MAN** 

Changes; 100 Delegates

**Heroically Contributing** urns received some time ago, and United American Mechanics is being

but endowed and new naws which are to be presented next year. He paid a tribute to the late Commissioner Harry F. Bowman and Mayors E. S. Meals and Charles A. Miller, stating the league will certainly miss these members. **AT CONVENTION** 

of Fellow Workman by Will Recommend Sweeping

(Continued On Page 7) **Bethlehem Steel Gives Outline of Corporation's** New Financial Plan By Associated Press

Former Mayor of Reading

**Urges Close**, Consideration

of Recent Legislation

members. A committee of three will be ap-appointed probably, to-morrow, to draw up resolutions of regret in memory of Mayor Miller, as he was treasurer of the league. Other com-[Continued on Page 4]

### **British Advance Along** Front of 2,000 Yards Without Giving Battle and Beat Off Attack

called lor, and to invite your co-operation to the end set forth.
"The commission desires you to make and submit studies, plans and estimates of cost relative to the following suggestions:
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and with particular reference to "(a) The development of the back route to the Hill district of Harris-burg, with the results of your statis-tics, plans and estimatos of cost. "(b) the building of a direct line to Steelton somewhere in the extension



For Harrishurg and vicinity: Gen-erally fair to-night and Wed-nesday; not much change in temperature. For Eastern Penasylvania: Gen-erally fair to-night and Wed-nesday, except probably show-ers and cooler in extreme north-enst portion; variable winds be-coming northwest.

River The Susquehanna river and prob-ably all its tributarles will fall slowly. A stage of about 4.6 feet is indicated for Harrisburg Wednesday morning.

Wednesday morning. General Conditions The disturbance that was central over the Lake Superior region Monday morning, has moved eastward and is now central over the Upper St. Lawrence Valley. The barometer is high over nearly all the rest of the country, except the extreme Southwest, with centers of maximum pressure, one over Southwestern Nebraska and an-other over the Middle Atlaintic States and the north portion of the South Atlantic States. It is 2 to 10 degrees, warmer over practically all the country south and east of the Oblo river and in New York State and Southern New England. Temperatures S a. m., 08.

emperature: S a. m., 66. an: Rises: 5:29 a. m.; sets, 6:43 p. m. Joon: Full moon, September 1. liver Stage: 4.9 feet above low-water mark.

Yesterday's Weather Highest temperature, 84, Lowest temperature, 60, Mean temperature, 70, Normal temperature, 70.

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Kuhu, 2112 North Third street, Har-risburg, who are members of a house party, got beyond their depth while bathing in the Juniata river. While enjoying the bathing af-forded at Aqueduct, the ladies dropped into a hole thirty feet deep, known locally as one of the death traps of the Juniata. They called for assistance, and Thelma, the twelve-year-old daughter of Mrs. Kuhn, came to their rescue. The sirl kept her head and succeeded in keeping her head and succeeded in keeping the women above water, but in turn

feur, happened to be near, and brought the party to the shore in a

J. S. Soldiers to Study French in Training Camps

**MARRIAGE LICENSES** 

George Jacob Miller and Carrie May Shaffner, township; George Koichich and Julia Mokush, Steelton.

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a very large part we intended to expend on improvements this year and next must be used for payments of excess profits taxes and other war taxes."
Government orders, he said, also entail an increase of about \$15,000,-000 in the construction program, material "calls for an unexpected in crease in working capital, especially in connection with government, work." The increase of the corporation of \$200,000,000 at the beginning of the year," is also mentioned as a of the year."
South Boston, from probable death to-day when from the suddenly attacked by four German material." Girl Aids in cuing Mother and Woman From River attempting to down him, when Lufberry, seeing his companion's plight, darted at the enemy aviators, scattering them and allowing Soubiran to escape.

ITALIANS ADVANCE FARTHER

Rome Aug. 28.-The Italians made further progress yesterday on the Bainsizza plateau, on the front north of Gorizia, the war office announces. The Austrians made violent counterattacks but failed to recover positions