



THOUSANDS ARE OPENING HEARTS TO RED CROSS

City Gives Hearty Welcome to Scores of Workers Who Are Willingly Giving Their Time and Labor to Help the Fighting Men; Appeal Is Understood by Men, Women and Children Anxious to Do Their Bit

FINDS GOOD USE FOR DOLLAR

A dollar bill which hadn't done a thing for anybody for 17 years went to work again this morning. This dollar bill retired from active life in 1900. In the 17 years that have passed since that time it rested in a bureau drawer, and from its face the late Mr. and Mrs. George Washington gazed into space. But on Saturday when the owner of the old bill read the story of Mary Russell and her dollar she decided to put her own dollar bill back on the "big time" circuit again, and so this morning she took her piece of currency to Red Cross headquarters, Market and Court streets, and gave it to the Halifax Fund. So, after a lethargy covering 17 years, the dollar bill is out in the world again—and its first mission is to take a dollar's worth of comfort to some Halifax sufferer.

Harrisburg's campaign to secure Red Cross membership started off this morning with every indication of being an "over the top" winner. The city's quota in the Christmas drive was 50,000. House-to-house canvassing began shortly after 8 this morning. George Reinhoehl's industrial committee, which has been working for weeks, expects to be able to report great things to-night. The young women in charge of booths placed in different business districts of the city report many memberships.

HARRISBURG LAD DIES IN FRANCE FROM WOUNDS

Earl Aurand Is City's First Battle Victim to the Hun

Harrisburg has given its first victim to the Hun. Word came to-day from the American expeditionary forces in France that Earl Aurand, 1625 Logan street, had died of wounds received several weeks ago when the enemy dropped a shell in the American first line trenches.

Mrs. Edward I. Aurand, the lad's mother, was prostrated by the news that her son's life had gone out for his country. His father met the shock bravely and had nothing to say.

The note from General Pershing's headquarters in France to the boy's mother follows:

From Commanding Officer, Co. I, 26th Infantry. To Mrs. Emma Aurand, 1625 Logan street, Harrisburg, Pa.: Subject, Death of Earl E. Aurand, Nov. 13, 1917.

1. Your son, Earl E. Aurand, was killed in action in France, in line of duty with Company I, 26th Infantry, November 13, 1917.

2. I extend to you, as his commander, my sincere sympathy, for your bereavement. He did his duty, fully and well, up to the last, and no soldier could die more nobly.

3. His personal effects will be inventoried and disposed of according to army regulations, and any keepsakes or trinkets will be forwarded to you through the Adjutant General's Department of the Army, Washington, D. C.

B. R. LEGGE, First Lieut. 26th Infantry, Company Commander.

Young Aurand was on the Mexican border with the Governor's Troop, and had served in the Army before the war broke out. He was one of the first Americans to be wounded in the war.

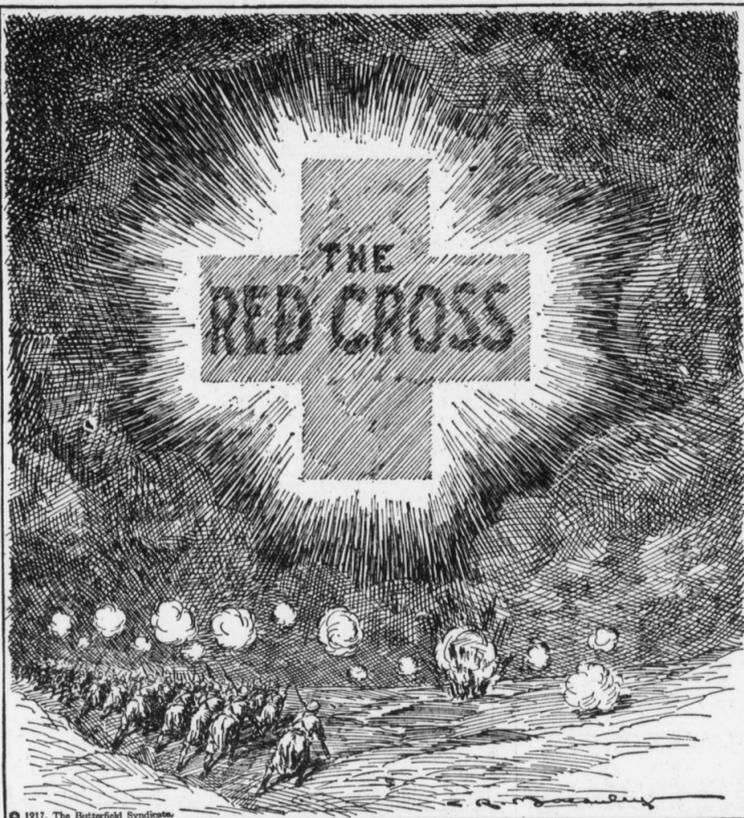
City Draft Boards Are Busy With Questionnaire

The three draft boards in the city are mailing their questionnaires daily to registered men. Questionnaires are sent to every man who is registered, regardless of whether he ever received exemption. The questionnaires must be made out, sworn to, and returned to the board inside of seven days. In a number of cases the questionnaires have already been returned, simply marked "enlisted" across the face. County boards are not sending their questionnaires, owing to the failure of the government to supply envelopes.

New Device Tremendous Advance in War Surgery

Washington, Dec. 7.—(Detection of metal in wounds by means of a new inductive low pressure system in dispatches to the Department of Commerce. The instrument is moved over the body of the patient and an electric huming noise when over a shrapnel ball or shell splinter and is further used in guiding a probe to the hidden metal. Whether the metal is magnetic can be with-drawn by an electro-magnetic with-out the use of an incision also can be told by the instrument.

ABOVE EVERY BATTLEFIELD



Give and be a partner with these brave Soldiers of Humanity in every charge against Autocracy.

DRY AMENDMENT HAS STAGE CENTER AT WASHINGTON

Vote on Federal Amendment in House Set For Five O'clock Today

Washington, Dec. 17.—The House vote on the Federal prohibition amendment resolution set for 5 o'clock to-day took the center of interest over war issues in Congress to-day with prohibition leaders confident of the two-thirds majority necessary for adoption.

As presented to the House the resolution required ratification by three-fourths of the states within seven years while the draft approved by the Senate last August fixes a time limit of six years for state action.

Favorable House action to-day means that differences must be adjusted in conference and the conference report adopted by both houses before it is submitted to the states. There is little apparent to indicate that the smoothing out process will be long.

British Bring Down Three Hostile Machines

London, Dec. 17.—The British war office statement of aerial operations issued at midnight reads: "Although the weather was fine Saturday, a very high wind and ground mist interfered with reconnaissance and artillery works. Many rounds were fired during the day into the enemy trenches and bombs including two positions of long range including two positions of long range southwest of Lille. Later in the day several bombs were dropped here and there in the area. None of ours is missing."

HIS 'IDEE' WAS TO ENLIST, BUT HE WAS UNDERFERD

The free lunch sign no longer hangs out at Alderman Kramme's office. It was taken down at noon to-day. Sitting quietly, while the snow dreamily waited against the window, Alderman Kramme was meditating on deep municipal affairs when a stranger oozed in the door. His dreamlike shoes were camouflaged with coal dust and his mournful eye spoke of a longing for pork chops and mince pie. "I dropped in from Scranton," confessed the stranger and helped himself to a chair, alongside of which reposed a dinnerpail belonging to a Harrisburg railroad man who had stepped out a moment prior to going to work. "Well, guess you got plenty of snow up there," mused the Alderman, writing in his ledger. "Snow and coal," added the stranger in tones that were muffled, but rather hearty. The Alderman kept on scribbling. "Coal and snow," supplemented the weary stranger, now almost

HICKOK TO ASK FOR MORE COAL SHIPMENTS HERE

Yards of Dealers Practically Empty Today of All Fuel

Gives \$100 to Buy Coal For Poor Families

Milton H. Plank, 1421 North Front street, to-day sent Mayor Keister a check for \$100 to be used in the police quick charity fund. Mr. Plank said he believed the money might be used to advantage in looking after poor families who may be suffering from a shortage of coal.

Ross A. Hickok, coal administrator for Dauphin county, is going to Philadelphia to-morrow to confer with William Potter, head of the state fuel administration, in an effort to see what steps can be taken to relieve the acute coal situation here. Mr. Hickok said this morning that he has no particular recommendations to make to Mr. Potter, but is going to see him for the purpose of laying the condition in the city before the state commission, and see what can

Thieves Relieve Chicago of \$2,000,000 Since Jan.

Chicago, Dec. 17.—Thieves and robbers have profited to the extent of more than \$2,000,000 by their operations in Chicago since the first of last January, according to police figures made public to-day. This is said to be largest harvest ever gathered here in a year by criminals.

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PRIVATEES MAY WIN PROMOTION SAYS PERSHING

Sammees Who Demonstrate Ability May Advance From Ranks at the Front

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Report of Offensive German Advertising, Says Baker's Report

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CONVOY FROM SCOTLAND

Tonnage Loss of Carriers, 8,000; Destroyer and Sweepers Sunk

London, Dec. 17.—One British and five neutral merchantmen, a British destroyer and four-mine sweepers have been sunk in the North Sea by German naval forces.

The losses were the result of an attack on a convoy bound from Scotland to Norway, Sir Eric Geddes, first lord of the admiralty, announced to-day. The total tonnage of the lost merchantmen was 8,000.

The German raid duplicates the successful enterprise of last October carried out by two German raiders, which attacked a convoy in the North Sea. They sank nine neutral merchantmen and two of the escorting British destroyers. Five Norwegian, three Swedish and one Danish vessel were sunk without warning, three other merchantmen escaped. The raiders were armed heavily and succeeded in evading the British watchers on the return as well as the outward trip.

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Red Cross Membership Inducements Offered

Red Cross membership offers are matters of almost hourly receipt at the Telegraph office. For example—The first 25 wives, sisters, or mothers of men in military service who come to the Red Cross membership booth in the Telegraph building, may obtain memberships in the organization for 25 cents each, the president of the Harrisburg Rotary Club defraying the remainder of the membership fee. Captain George F. Lumb, president of the club announced this offer to-day.

"Sedition Slammers" Head Named For This City

Philadelphia, Dec. 17.—Secretary Meadood will to-night address the men, popularly designated as "Sedition Slammers," who will make speeches throughout the state against disloyalty and all forms of German propaganda. They will meet at the Union League and other speakers will be Edwin N. Hurley, chairman of the United States Shipping Board; Governor Brumbaugh, George Wharton Pepper, chairman of the Pennsylvania Committee of Public Safety.

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RUSS AND HUNS CEASE FIGHTING FOR FOUR WEEKS

Terms of Russo-German Armistice Obligate No Transfers of Troops Until January 14, and No Increase of Troops on the Fronts; Intercourse Between Troops May Be Allowed; Peace Negotiations to Begin

Petrograd, Sunday, Dec. 16.—The terms of the Russo-German armistice, according to a statement issued here, obligate no transference of troops until January 14, (January 1 Russian); no increase of troops on the front or on the islands in the Moon Sound or a regrouping of forces. The Germans are not to concentrate troops between the Black Sea and the Baltic east of the 25th degree longitude east of Greenwich. Intercourse between the troops may be allowed from sunrise to sunset. Groups are limited to 25 persons at a time who may exchange newspapers and unsealed mails and who may carry on trade and exchange articles of price necessity.

When the armistice agreement between the Russian government and the central powers goes into effect on the eastern front to-day, the emissaries of the several countries will begin negotiations looking toward peace between Russia and her former enemies. It is indicated in London that the allied powers may be preparing to deal more sympathetically with the Bolshevik government. Labor strikes appear to be the signing of the convention, points out that under clause 9 peace negotiations are to begin immediately. The armistice is for twenty-eight days and for an indefinite period afterwards unless seven days' notice be given. Petrograd says that both sides agreed not to carry on military transfers on the eastern theater except those begun when the treaty was signed. London newspapers forecast that the allies will give recognition of the Bolsheviks "in order to prevent Russia from passing under the political and economic feet of Germany."

GERMANY CONSIDERING NEW PEACE OFFER

Washington, Dec. 17.—Information received here to-day among neutral diplomats agrees with intimations from abroad that Germany is considering another offer of peace.

GERMAN RAIDERS NEAR SINGAPORE

Manila, P. I., Dec. 17.—Officials of the Philippine government have issued a warning to ship owners to beware of German raiders suspected to be near Singapore, one of the Strait Settlements.

REPRESENTATIVE JOHNSON ENLISTS

Washington, Dec. 17.—Representative Royal C. Johnson, of Aberdeen, South Dakota, enlisted to-day as a private in the Regular Army and was assigned to Camp Meade. He has not resigned his seat in the House.

NO IMMEDIATE MOVE IN R. R. SITUATION

Washington, Dec. 17.—It was indicated to-day that President Wilson will make no further move in the railroad situation until Congress reconvenes after the Christmas holidays.

FIND GOUGING COAL DEALER

Harrisburg—Investigation of the coal situation by the mayor to-day has brought to light the fact that there is an up-town coal dealer who has two tons of coal, and is selling it only in one bushel lots, at the rate of eighty cents a bushel. This makes his coal \$21.20 a ton, Mayor Keister said. Measures will be taken by the authorities against dealers who gouge the public in this way.

ITALY REPULSES AUSTRO-GERMANS

Rome, Dec. 17.—Austro-German forces which attacked the Italian lines on the northern front from the direction of San Marino were driven back in disorder, the war office announced to-day.

MAJOR MCKIE DEAD

New York, Dec. 17.—Major John W. McKie, of the coast artillery corps U. S. A., died here to-day of pneumonia. He was 45 years old.

MARRIAGE LICENSES

Frederick R. Rudy and Alverda P. Blessing, Harrisburg; George Reynolds and Anna E. Blosser, Harrisburg; Abraham L. Joseph and Norman C. Rooster, New York; Frederick D. Stence and Ida S. Stence, Lykens.

THE WEATHER

For Harrisburg and vicinity: Fair, continued cold to-night with lowest temperature about 18 degrees. For the eastern part of the State: Partly cloudy and continued cold to-night; Tuesday snow with rising temperature; moderate east winds becoming southerly.

The Susquehanna river and all its branches will remain generally frozen and nearly stationary. Ice stage about 45 feet is indicated for Harrisburg Tuesday morning.

General Conditions: Pressure is unusually high over the eastern part of the United States, particularly in the northeastern portion; it is unusually low over western Canada, with the center of an extensive low pressure system in Alberta. Light snow has fallen generally in the last twenty-four hours in the Middle Atlantic states. There has been a general rise of 2 to 3 degrees in temperature since Saturday morning over all the territory represented on the map, except in northern New England.