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## REGISTERED MEN TO GET LEGAL ADVICE FREE

### Courtroom to Be Thrown Open For Benefit of Entire City

## ALL ATTORNEYS TO HELP

### Many Face Severe Punishment For Failure to Note Change of Address

At a meeting to-day of the three chairmen of the legal adviser boards whose duty it will be to help all men of draft age in answering the questionnaire, it was decided to throw open courtroom No. 1 at the courthouse for the one and only headquarters in Harrisburg. At 6 o'clock this evening the office will be ready with plenty of legal talent to take care of as many as arrive.

## Observe Christmas and New Year's Only, Says United Mine Workers

Indianapolis, Ind., Dec. 19.—Coal miners of the country are called upon to forego their usually extended holiday this Christmas time and take only two days—Christmas and New Year's—in a statement issued here to-day at the international headquarters of the United Mine Workers of America. The statement says in part:

"The United States is in the grip of a coal famine. Never before has a coal shortage been so acute. Therefore, out of consideration for the public need, we are calling on the United Mine Workers of America to take only two holidays, Christmas and New Year's. Our patriotic duty demands that this be done. It will be a service the people of the nation will appreciate. We earnestly urge local presidents, secretaries and mine committees everywhere to see that this holiday request is fulfilled."

## German Attempts to Approach French Positions Defeated With Loss

Paris, Dec. 19.—Two attempts by the Germans to approach French positions in the Argonne, near Four De Paris last night, were defeated with losses, the war office announced to-day. The communication adds:

## Fighting Yanks Hunger For Tobacco That Can't Be Bought in France

In a letter to his uncle, George E. Ross, of this city, Colonel Frank R. McCoy, S. A., who is assistant chief of staff to General Pershing in France, made the following statement: "All the King's horses and all the King's men cannot keep the Army supplied with tobacco."

## THE WEATHER

For Harrisburg and vicinity: Generally cloudy weather to-night and Thursday; continued mild, with a low of about 35 degrees. For Eastern Pennsylvania: Continued cloudy to-night and Thursday; moderate temperature; light south winds.

General Conditions  
Pressure has continued to decrease over the eastern part of the United States, but continues relatively high over New England, whence a ridge of high barometer extends southward to Tennessee.

## PROMINENT PENNA. NEWSPAPER EDITORS GIVE THE TELEGRAPH VIEWS ON FACTIONAL WARFARE

### Leaders of Republican Party in This State, They Say, Must Get in Line With Popular Sentiment or Step Aside; No Time Now For Personal Bickering; Strong Party Alignment Is Demanded for Coming gubernatorial Campaign; Big Men Needed to Win; the Issues Must Be Met Squarely

The Harrisburg Telegraph in its issue of November 23 published an editorial under the caption "Get Together," in which it deplored the factionalism and personal differences which threaten to divide the Republican party in Pennsylvania on eve of an important gubernatorial, legislative and congressional campaign and recommended as paving the way for that harmony of action which is essential to victory at the polls next year "a general conference of disinterested Republican leaders who are looking more to the success of the party as a whole than to the particular fortunes of any special group or groups."

This editorial was widely quoted by the Republican newspapers of the state and the Scranton Republican, commenting thereon had this to say: "The Telegraph is right in saying that the great rank and file of the Republican party in Pennsylvania will expect harmonious action and will resent any other course. Wise leadership will look to the composing of such differences as now exist so that in 1918 Republicans will present a united front not only in maintaining themselves in the state, but in increasing the Republican representatives at Washington so that eventually the national administration will pass into the hands of the party of Lincoln, Grant and McKinley."

## FACTIONALISM HURTS BOTH PARTY AND STATE

Elmer L. Schuyler, Editor the Gazette and Bulletin, Williamsport.—"Replying to your favor of December 1. The Republicans of this section of the state—and of the whole of Pennsylvania outside of Philadelphia and Pittsburgh, I believe—are entirely out of patience and heartily disgusted with the way the political 'war lords' are carrying on. The rest of Pennsylvania does not care a rap about the scraps of Philadelphia and Pittsburgh, and attempts that are made to inject them into the politics of the state are bound to be destructive not only to the Republican party but to the Commonwealth as well. The Gazette and Bulletin is—and has been—against individuals placing factional and personal advantage above the party welfare and the general good. It is time for the rank and file of the party to have something to say. I believe that the rank and file will be emphatic in condemnation of factionalism and dissension when opportunity is offered, unless differing views are composed and harmony achieved."

## TWO LIGHTLESS NIGHTS A WEEK ARE DECREED

City to Have Signs Dark to Conserve the Coal Supply

## GEN'L CLEMENT GETS REHEARING BEFORE BOARD

National Guard Commander Ordered Before Second Committee

## 10 KILLED IN AIR RAID OVER CITY OF LONDON

London, Dec. 19.—Ten persons were killed and seventy injured in London during last night's raid. Outside of London five persons were injured.

## TREATY WELL RECEIVED

Berne, Switzerland, Tuesday, Dec. 18.—The text of the new commercial treaty with the United States was published in Switzerland to-day and caused an excellent impression everywhere. All the Swiss newspapers express the warmest gratitude of the Swiss people to President Wilson and the American government.

## PETER PAN DRINKS SKIM MILK TO AID RED CROSS

And while we are mentioning the thousands of persons who are joining the Red Cross this week, let us not forget Peter Pan. Peter Pan is a cat. He belongs to Mrs. Frank Oyster, 3211 Riverside drive. Mrs. Oyster has subscribed a single dollar in the name of Peter Pan; and because all dollars spend alike, Peter Pan's dollar is doing quite as much good as any one else's dollar, although Peter Pan would hardly believe that.

## HEADS REFUSED TO PREPARE FOR WAR, IS CHARGE

### "Utterly Impossible to Make Ordnance Department Realize Possibilities"

## MADE MANY DELAYS

Manufacturers Appealed to Crozier, and Went Ahead With the Work

## Efforts Futile

But the efforts of the manufacturers to get the ordnance bureau to give its orders for guns on the certainty that war was coming, were futile and after the war was started the changes in specifications were made.

## Wanted Delay

After the manufacture of rifles began, it was testified, Colonel Thompson wanted to delay production of new standards; but the manufacturers appealed to General Crozier, chief of the bureau, and went ahead with the work.

## Secretary Daniels Appears to Testify in Inquiry

Washington, Dec. 19.—Secretary Daniels today appeared before a committee of the House of Representatives to testify in an inquiry into the Navy's activities in October.

## Best Fighting Men Will Face Americans in France

With the French Army in France, Monday, Dec. 17.—Before signing the armistice with Russia, Germany, according to the assertions of numerous prisoners, withdrew all soldiers between the ages of 21 and 25 from the divisions on the Russian front. These were replaced by older men and recruits of the 1913 class, thus nominally retaining the same formations on the eastern front as in the past.

## \$200,000 LOSS IN BALTIMORE FIRE

Baltimore, Dec. 19.—Revised estimates of the losses caused by the fire early to-day which destroyed a four-story building in the center of the city and damaged two adjoining buildings, placed the total amount at \$200,000.

## HAIG MAKES CHANGES

London, Dec. 19.—Field Marshal Haig, commander-in-chief of the British forces in France, the Times says, understands, is making important changes in his headquarters staff which up to this time has virtually been unaltered since he took over the supreme command.

## ITALY HOLDS IN FACE OF HUN DRIVE

### On Italian Northern Front Austro-Germans Persist in Strong Efforts to Find Weak Spot in Defenses in Attempt to Reach Venetian Plains; Despite Heavy Losses Inflicted Upon Them, Teuton Forces Strike

## Transport Torpedoed; 10 of Crew Lost; Submarine Is Sunk

Paris, Tuesday, Dec. 18.—The old French cruiser Chateaufort, employed as a transport, was torpedoed and sunk in the Mediterranean on the morning of December 14 and the submarine which attacked her later was destroyed, according to an announcement made to-night by the French Minister of Marine. The passengers on the Chateaufort, all of whom were either soldiers or officers, were saved. Ten members of the crew were lost.

## BERLIN CLAIMS CAPTURE OF 2,000 IN ITALIAN DRIVE

Berlin, Dec. 19.—AUSTRO-GERMAN FORCES YESTERDAY STORMED THE ITALIAN POSITIONS ON MONTE ASOLONE AND THE ADJOINING HEIGHTS, ACCORDING TO THE OFFICIAL STATEMENT ISSUED TO-DAY BY THE GERMAN STAFF. MORE THAN 2,000 SOLDIERS WERE CAPTURED.

## ORGANIZE STATE TO PUSH STAMP SALE

Philadelphia, Dec. 19.—Publishers of newspapers, officers of benevolent associations and clergymen attended a meeting in this city to-day in the interest of the war savings campaign called by Louis N. Hammerling, of New York, president of the American Association of Foreign Language newspapers. It is proposed to organize Pennsylvania in an effort to increase the sales of war certificates and thrift stamps.

## GERMANS ACTIVE IN FLANDERS

London, Dec. 19.—German patrols were active last night in Flanders, near Passchendaele. Otherwise there were no operations of consequence, the war office reports.

## BRITISH BOMB ENGEL AIRDROME

London, Dec. 19.—The successful bombing by British naval aircraft of the Engel airdrome, behind the German lines in Flanders, is announced in to-day's admiralty statement.

## GENERAL SARRAIL RECALLED

Washington, Dec. 18.—Reports from Athens state that General Sarrail, who has commanded the entente forces on the Macedonian front since the allied base was established at Saloniki, has been recalled to be succeeded by General Guillemin, also of the French army. It is not known whether this move presages any change in the policy the allies have pursued at Saloniki, which for months past has been just sufficiently aggressive to keep the central powers uncertain of the entente intentions.

## YORK BUYS ITS POTATOES FOR A DOLLAR A BUSHEL

In a communication to Harry D. Reel, city inspector of weights and measures, C. F. Borgel, inspector at York, quotes the price of potatoes sold to-day by the fuel administrator at from 60 to 75 cents a bushel less than in Harrisburg.

## MARRIAGE LICENSES

Reuben Closser, Center, and Hilda M. Yohn, Andersonburg; John I. Coble, Elizabethtown, and Elizabeth W. Gingrich, Middletown.