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CONSERVATORIES ARE TO GO FROM CAPITOL PARK

Old Greenhouses Do Not Fit Into New Landscape Scheme

NO MORE FLOWER BEDS

Conference With City Officials on Extension Plans Is Scheduled

State conservatories in Capitol Park which date from the eighties and which have been visited by thousands of people and men active in public life in Pennsylvania have been ordered removed from the park by June 1. The conservatories do not fit into the plans being made for general improvement of the park and its extension and when they are removed there will also be a change in the floral arrangements of the park. The flower beds will be abandoned and in their place will be planted Pennsylvania native shrubbery.

"The Board of Public Grounds and Buildings has decided to close the conservatories and to demolish the buildings. We will close them June 1," said Superintendent George A. Shredley to-day. "They have cost the state \$6,000 a year and we can save that money and also what we spend on the flower beds which are covered with blooms for only a week or so. The idea is to plant shrubbery. No beds will be set out this year, but when the bulb plants stop blooming we will have ornamental shrubbery put in their places."

Arnold W. Brunner, the noted architect in charge of plans for Capitol Park improvements, will be here next week with detailed drawings for consideration of the board. A conference with city officials will then be arranged.

Insane Asylum Appeals to City For Adequate Protection From Fire

Fire Chief John C. Kandler and City Commissioner E. Z. Gross, superintendent of the fire and park departments, have been asked by officials in charge at the Pennsylvania State Lunatic Hospital, Cameron and Maclay streets, whether the city will furnish fire service in case of emergency there.

In addition to promising city service in case of fire, the officials to-day made an investigation at the hospital grounds and will probably make a number of recommendations for improvements there in order to increase protection against any blaze which might start.

Increased water pressure, better means of communication between buildings, installation of outdoor plugs and also an alarm box connected with the city lines will probably be among the improvements suggested. An ordinance will likely be introduced in Council soon permitting the connection of an alarm box to the city system, as the hospital is outside the city limits.

The men who sell THRIFT STAMPS get no pay for it.

They're doing it because they are patriots.

How About You?

THE WEATHER

For Harrisburg and vicinity: Cloudy to-night and Thursday, probably rain; not much change in temperature, lowest to-night about 45 degrees.

For Eastern Pennsylvania: Cloudy to-night and Thursday, probably rain; somewhat colder to-night in southeast portion; north to east winds, increasing by Thursday morning.

River The North Branch will rise below the mouth of the Chemung. Other streams of the system will fall slowly or remain about stationary, unless the rain indicated probably in the next thirty-six hours be sufficient to cause them to rise. A stage of about 7.5 feet is indicated for Harrisburg Thursday morning.

General Conditions The disturbance that was central over Ontario, Tuesday morning, has passed off northward. The western disturbance has moved eastward with increasing energy and is now central over Western Kansas, with its front reaching eastward to the Middle Atlantic coast. Light rains have fallen along and near the Atlantic coast from Virginia northward.

Temperature: 8 a. m., 46. Sun Rises, 6:08 a. m.; sets, 5:52 p. m. Moon: First quarter, March 19, 12:36 a. m. River Stage: 7.5 feet above low-water mark.

Yesterday's Weather Highest temperature, 50. Lowest temperature, 31. Mean temperature, 40. Normal temperature, 34.

BRITISH HAVE CONFIDENCE IN FAR EAST ALLY

During Twelve Years Japan Has Proved Trustworthy and Honorable

INTEREST IS APPARENT

Would Prevent Teuton From Dominating Rich Region of Russia

By Associated Press
Moscow, Monday, March 11.—The All-Russian congress of Soviets, which was called to ratify the peace treaty with Germany has postponed its opening meeting until Thursday, March 14.

London, March 13.—Concerning doubts expressed in some quarters on the subject of Japanese intervention in Siberia, the Daily Telegraph says Japan is a British ally of twelve years' standing and during all that time she has, apart from the services rendered for the allied cause in the course of the war, shown herself an honorable and trustworthy associate. The paper continues:

"The overwhelmingly strong interest of Japan in this part of the world is, of course, apparent from a glance at the map. Japan is a highly organized trading nation and is directly interested in the maintenance of general peace and order in the lands where her economic relations are close and which are supremely important to her welfare. That was fully recognized by Great Britain in the treaty of 1905.

"Whatever the Siberian republic may turn out to be when we know anything of it, we may, at least be sure that Germany reckons upon dominating it. It is her policy to dominate all other fragments of the shattered Russian empire. Germany is at this moment pursuing a plan of world conquest to which particular and unmistakable character has been given by the developments of the war in Europe.

Russians Would Benefit "If the triumph of our enemy's influence is to be guarded against in the region where Japanese and other allied interests are especially strong, the sooner the business is undertaken, the better. There is no sense in permitting chaos and helplessness in Russia to be turned to the advantage of the enemy if it can be prevented. If such action as is possible is permitted, the dominating influence of the Japanese, a national authority of constitutional character in Russia, and if it is possible to permit the forces of sanity and order, then a priceless benefit would be conferred on the Russian people.

"The question at present is one of legal and necessary protection of threatened national interest. In a situation without parallel and in which the ordinary formulae of international action are meaningless, the principal care of allied statesmanship as a whole will be, while the war is being fought, to prevent any event which might give rise to any logic of events as they arise to divert whatever is done of any color of aggressive or annexation intentions."

Mrs. George D. Irons Dies in Chester Home

Mrs. George D. Irons, aged 65, died at her home at Chester yesterday. She was the widow of Robert H. Irons, president of the Central Iron and Steel Company, who resides at 2030 North Third street. Mrs. Irons is survived by her husband and son. She was born in Pottsville, Pa., and has many friends here.

Five Enemy Airplanes Shot Down by Italians

Rome, Tuesday, March 12.—Lively artillery action at various points along the Italian front are reported in the official statement from the War Office to-day. The text adds: "Five enemy airplanes were shot down, one by our own airmen, three by British aviators and the other by French anti-aircraft batteries. Our airmen last night renewed their bombardment of enemy aviation grounds."

AMERICAN ENGINEERS FOUND

Peking, March 12.—The whereabouts of the American engineers, Pursell and Nyl, has been learned and the bandits who kidnaped them last week near Yeh-Sien, in the province of Hunan, have been surrounded by Chinese soldiers.

SENTIMENTALITY STUPID IN WARTIME, SAYS THE ZEITUNG

Berlin Paper Urges Destruction of 400 English Tonnas as Reprisal For Confiscating 400 German Ships

By Associated Press
Amsterdam, Feb. 21.—(By Post).—The destruction of 400 English tonnage by German airplanes is demanded by the Berlin Tages Zeitung "as a reprisal" for the action of the allies in confiscating 400 German merchant ships. The article continues: "If we are in a position to destroy the whole of London, it would be more humane to do so than to allow one more German to bleed to death on the battlefield. To hesitate or to surrender ourselves to feelings of pity, would be unpardonable. Far better were it for us that Great Britain, France and the United States should call us barbarians than that they should bestow on us their pity when we are beaten. Softness and sentimentality are stupid in wartime."

AMERICAN HEROES OF FIGHTING AT CAMBRAI



WOUNDED AMERICAN SOLDIERS

The first picture of American soldiers wounded in France. These heroes of the fighting at Cambrai were photographed only after they were able to leave their coats at a base hospital in France. E. W. Darland, of Petersburg, Ill., was one of the American force captured by the Germans. In the action his leg was shattered, and for two hours he was held by the enemy. A counter assault by the British put the Germans to flight. They went so quickly that they neglected to take him along, and Darland was taken to the hospital by his rescuers.

CITY ASKED TO GIVE CLOTHES TO WAR DESTITUTE

Red Cross Issues Urgent Appeal For Victims of the Hun

The Red Cross next week will receive used and surplus clothing to be used in connection with the relief work in occupied territory of France and Belgium. The request for this clothing comes from the Commission For Relief in Belgium, and the Red Cross has agreed to cooperate. But the clothing is to be received only from next Monday to the Saturday following, and Harrisburg people who wish to contribute to this worthy relief are urged to send their used or surplus clothing

66 SUFFOCATED IN PARIS PANIC DURING AIR RAID

Crush in Subway Entrance Causes More Fatalities Than Shells

By Associated Press
London, March 13.—Three Zeppelins took part in last night's air raid on England. One of them dropped four bombs on Hull.

The other airships flew about aimlessly over country districts, dropping bombs, and then proceeded back to sea.

One woman died of shock in consequence of the raid.

The Germans have sustained such heavy losses in Zeppelins that they have employed them only at frequent intervals in the last year for raids on England, substituting airplanes. The last previous Zeppelin raid on England was on October 19, 1917, when thirty-four persons were killed and fifty-six wounded. On returning the Zeppelin fleet was put to rout by the French, five of the dirigibles being brought down.

Paris, March 13.—Thirty-four persons were killed and seventy-nine were injured in Paris and its suburbs.

S. P. C. A. Asks Authority to Kill Humanely All Dogs Doomed by Law

Representatives of the Harrisburg S. P. C. A. to-day conferred with the County Commissioners offering to take charge of the killing of dogs in the city as required by the law passed there.

The commissioners explained they had no authority to deputize the society to do the work, but approved the plan and suggested to the members that they consult police officials in Harrisburg, Steelton and nearby towns, setting their authority to take all unlicensed dogs to a pound and kill them.

Efforts will be made to secure the pound used by the city under the old law directing employment of a dog catcher. As soon as definite arrangements are made the committee will report again to the Commissioners.

A number of defects in the new law were pointed out. One of these is that the act makes no provision for disposal of the body of a dog which has been shot. Heretofore the officer who reported he had shot a canine was required to see that it was properly disposed of before he could collect a fee.

Market Square Pavements Washed With 'Soft Drinks'

Several gallons of "soft drinks" washed the brick pavements in front of the Senate Hotel this morning, when the heavy delivery wagon of the Keystone Bottling Works was upset by the horse and more than a dozen cases of drinks were strewn upon the pavement.

S. H. Rivin, 601 Boas street, the driver, was backing the horse to the curb in order to unload his consignments. The horse became frightened and reared and backed while the wagon was turned at right angles to the shafts. The wagon upset on the pavement, and the driver jumped to safety just in time to avoid being thrown under it. This is the third time the horse has caused a similar accident by becoming frightened, Rivin said.

FIRST MAN INDUCTED

Draft Board No. 1 yesterday inducted Charles Steven Anderson, 122 Broad street, and thus filled the first draft quota Harrisburg has been called upon to furnish the National Army. The board sent the man to Rochester, N. Y., for training. Anderson has been an amateur photographer for several years. He was in Class A-1.

PLAN PERMANENT ORGANIZATION FOR WAR DRIVES

Committee Hopes to Enroll 1,500 in Coming Liberty Loan Campaign

MOVEMENT IS SUPPORTED

Would Have Men and Women Enrolled For Patriotic Service

A permanent organization to take up all war work in the city and county, and conduct war drives, will be the probable outcome of the complicated Liberty Loan drive committee which is being formed to conduct the third drive for Liberty Loan bonds here.

William Jennings, chairman of a committee organized some time ago to plan for such a unit to carry Harrisburg over the top whenever a request comes to fill a membership or financial quota for a war organization, announced to-day that he hopes to see the previously planned-out organization come about as the result of the present Liberty Loan organization that is about completed.

Mr. Jennings is the chairman of the county committee of the Liberty Loan drive. A. S. Patterson is the city chairman, with J. Clyde Myton as secretary.

Mr. Jennings announced that the permanent committee to be in constant readiness for any war activity [Continued on Page 15.]

Y. M. C. A. Budget Increased to \$21,000 For the Year; Plan Noon-hour Recitals

Authorization of \$21,000 as next year's budget and election of William M. Donaldson as a member of the board were the outstanding features of the monthly luncheon of the board of directors of the Central Y. M. C. A. held at the association building, Second and Locust streets, to-day.

The new budget is an increase of \$2,000 over last year's budget. It is in effect for the fiscal year beginning February 1.

Fifty new lockers will be purchased for the use of bursters in the locker room. A new cash register and a private branch telephone exchange will be installed.

Preliminary to the opening of noon-hour organ recitals in Fahnestock Hall, the pipe organ will be repaired and made ready for use. The idea of noon-hour recitals was suggested by the late Prof. Deceve, a prominent local musician. A clock and a new piano will be placed in the gymnasium. The piano will be used in accompaniment to the calisthenic drills of the gymnasium classes.

A multigraph was given to the association by President Arthur D. Bacon.

Captain A. B. Roosevelt Is Wounded in France

New York, March 13.—Captain Archibald R. Roosevelt, a son of Theodore Roosevelt, has been wounded in action with the American forces in France, says a cablegram received to-day at the Colonel's office here.

The message came from Theodore Roosevelt, Jr., a major with the American expeditionary troops. It reads: "Archie wounded by shrapnel slightly in leg. Arm broken, but not badly. No danger."

"I am as proud of my four boys as I can be," Colonel Roosevelt said when informed by his secretary, Miss Josephine Stryker, over the telephone at his home in Oyster Bay, where the former President is recuperating from his recent illness. "As long as Archie was not killed, everything is all right."

Earlier in the day the Colonel had received unofficial information that a French general had decorated "Archie" with the Cross of War for gallantry in action. The Colonel said he associated the receipt of the cross with this exploit.

CHECK RENTS IN WASHINGTON

Washington, March 13.—A bill to prevent profiteering by District of Columbia real estate owners and by hotels and boarding houses was passed yesterday by the House. It would prevent rentals being increased more than ten per cent. of the amount charged in 1916. The bill now goes to the Senate.

DAINTY EASTER EGG IS SCARCE AND VERY HIGH IN PRICE

Shortage of Sugar Allowed Confectioners and War Conditions Held Responsible For Dearth of Holiday Offerings

If you are going out to buy candy Easter eggs for the kiddies, take along plenty of coin. They have so Hooverized this popular annual confection that a five-cent egg is now only half the former dimensions and if covered with chocolate the camouflage is only skin-deep. Scarcity of sugar and labor are the reasons given by the confectioners.

You remember the so-called jelly egg? Well, you could get it in days gone by for 10 cents a pound, but now it is 29 cents and many shops are charging as high as 25 cents. Then there was the luscious co-

ARTILLERY SHELLS SMASH HUN PLANS TO GAS AMERICANS

Explosion Back of German Lines Heard Following Hits; Yankee Raids Into Enemy Trenches Give Teutons Acute Concern; Patrol Brings in Sniper's Camouflage Suit, Made of Woven Brownish Grass

With the American Army in France, Tuesday, March 12.—There was a greater artillery activity by the Americans on the Toul sector to-day than at any time since they took position there. American shells have obliterated at least five groups of gas projects which had been set up by the enemy in preparation for an attack. Fires back of the German lines also were caused and a number of explosions were heard.

The American troops on the Toul sector again raised the German position penetrating to the second line. No prisoners were captured but a number of the enemy were killed by shell and rifle fire.

Along the Chemin-des-Dames the crew of a German raider which fell at Clamecy Monday night was made prisoner by American soldiers. The Germans later were turned over to the French.

Lorraine Sector Has Developed Into One of Most Active of Front

By Associated Press
Washington, March 13.—In the Lorraine and in Lorraine, the American troops are giving the Germans little rest and raids into the enemy positions are being carried out successfully. The artillery, especially in the Toul sector, also has been active.

South of Richecourt, on the Lou [Continued on Page 8.]

Raids in Woivre and Lorraine Cause Huns New Alarm

By Associated Press
Washington, March 13.—The sector occupied by American troops east of Lunville which was designated formerly merely as being in Lorraine, has developed suddenly into one of the most active of the front, from the standpoint of artillery fighting. American artillerymen are hurling [Continued on Page 8.]

McADOO TO HEAR RECOMMENDATIONS

Washington—Recommendations of the railroad wage commission, on wage increases for railway workers will be submitted to the director general within another week. Representatives of Camden, N. J., ferries employees asked to-day for wage increases.

MRS. JAMES A. GARFIELD DEAD

Los Angeles—Mrs. Lucretia Rudolph Garfield, widow of James A. Garfield, twentieth president of the United States, died at her winter home in South Pasadena, early to-day. Mrs. Garfield would have been 86 years old April 19. She had been ill recently and pneumonia developed Sunday night.

TEUTON TROOPS BEFORE ODESSA

Berlin—Via London—German and Austro-Hungarian troops now are before Odessa, the war office announces.

ARREST MEMBERS OF RADA

London—Ukrainian and Saxon troops have arrested the members of the Maximalist Rada at Kiev says a Central News dispatch from Zurich.

AVIATOR DROWNED IN FALLING

Norfolk, Va.—Falling with his seaplane from an elevation of 300 feet into the sea, Aviator M. L. MacNaughton, U. S. N. R., was drowned to-day in Hampton Roads. Another aviator whose name was withheld by the government authorities, was uninjured. The plane was sailing over the Roads when suddenly something went wrong with its mechanism and it plunged headlong into the sea. MacNaughton's body was later recovered by government craft. The plane was wrecked. This is the first fatality among the airmen at this station.

PIRE DELAYS GOVERNMENT CONTRACTS

Philadelphia—Textile machinery valued at \$50,000 was destroyed to-day and work on government contracts was held up by a fire which swept the plant of the Atlantic Embroidery Company in the mill district of Philadelphia. The machinery was imported and it will be difficult to replace it. An overheated furnace caused the blaze.

MARRIAGE LICENSES

Armin Von Bereghy, Gary, Ind., and Marea M. Costello, Harrisburg; David C. Schervert, Altoona, and Grace A. Rothrock, Philadelphia; Lester C. Nesbit, Harrisburg, and Catherine I. Still, Steelton; Charles Sloan and Pebece M. Blessing, Harrisburg.