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PERSHING NAMES THREE TO RECEIVE MILITARY CROSSES

AMERICANS GAS HUN POSITIONS IN FOUR ATTACKS

Success Indicated by Complete Silence of Enemy Following Actions

With the American Army in France, Tuesday, March 19.—American artillery on the Toul front has heavily attacked the Germans with gas shells during the past day or so, it is now permitted to announce.

During one period when the gas shells were flying over the enemy lines last night, a German airplane with a red tail light appeared over the American lines and dropped a red rocket, for what purpose it is not known.

At noon to-day the enemy opened a lively fire on one of the American positions with 37 millimeter guns from the cemetery at Metz.

The German artillery directed most of its attention to dropping a gas shell into the American lines within the American lines and shelling a cross road known as Death's Corner during the day and night.

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On the French Front in France, Monday, March 18.—In a raid into the German lines at Malancourt wood, northwest of Verdun, Sunday, French troops found the German shelters full of troops waiting to launch a counterattack.

On the sector east of Lunville the artillery continues active and a few American patrols have reached the enemy lines. One party encountered an enemy patrol and forced the Germans to withdraw after a sharp skirmish.

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Auditor General Charles A. Snyder to-day addressed a letter to all heads of State Departments warning them that he refuses to hold up pay for the salaries of all state officers and employees who have left their work to take part in political campaigns.

J. E. B. Cunningham says thrift made Pennsylvania rich.

Start with a Quarter Stamp

THE WEATHER

For Harrisburg and vicinity: Generally cloudy to-night and Thursday, probably rain; not much change in temperature, lowest to-night about 42 degrees.

General Conditions: Rain has continued in the South Atlantic and Gulf States and the rain area has advanced northward into Tennessee and North Carolina; elsewhere fair weather; has prevailed throughout the United States.

Temperature: 8 a. m., 40. Sun: Rises 6 a. m.; sets, 6:40 p. m. Moon: Full moon, March 27, 10:32 a. m.

Wind: Easterly; 7.4 feet above low-water mark.

Yesterday's Weather: Highest temperature, 76. Lowest temperature, 48. Mean temperature, 60. Normal temperature, 59.

Baker's Life in Danger When Shell Bursts

With the American Army in France, Tuesday, March 19.—While Secretary of War Baker and his party were returning today from the American front line trenches, a German 105 millimeter shell burst along the roadside within forty yards of the automobile. The occupants of the car were not injured, nor was the car damaged.

RUSS CAPITAL NOT DISTURBED BY HUN ADVANCE

Occupation of Petrograd by Germans Only Matter of Hours, Is Report

London, March 20.—Occupation of Petrograd by the Germans is only a matter of hours, according to dispatches from Petrograd to several morning papers. The Russian capital is said to be assuming a waiting attitude and is not displaying the slightest sign of organized resistance.

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Get Up Early in the Morning If You Want to Give Miss Springtime a Polite Welcome

Good-by, Winter! Hoop-la, Spring! Be up early to-morrow morning if you have a grain of pepper in your system and see Spring arrive. Uncle Sam's Government wants you to wake up the exact moment when the fair maid will step in—5:58 o'clock—and she will be on time.

Ship Workers Return to Work at Baltimore

Baltimore, March 20.—The six hundred riveters, cutlery and reamers employed by the Baltimore Drydock and Shipbuilding Company, who struck yesterday for higher wages, returned to work to-day and work was proceeding as usual, an official of the company stated.

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CHRISTLEY ASKS COMMUTATION OF DEATH SENTENCE

Plea Made He Was Mentally Unbalanced When He Killed His Wife

Plea for commutation of the death sentence of John O. Christley, of this city, who killed his wife from whom he had been separated, was made to the State Board of Pardons to-day on the ground of mental irresponsibility.

FIRST AWARDS ARE GIVEN FOR HEROIC EXPLOITS

Lieutenant Green, Sergeants Norton and Walsh Receive Signal Honors

With the American Army in France, Tuesday, March 19.—General Pershing, the American commander-in-chief, has approved the awarding of the first American military crosses for extraordinary heroism. The recipients are Lieutenant John O. Green, Sergeant William Norton and Sergeant Patrick Walsh.

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MILLERSBURG BOY GASSED BY HUNS ON FRONT LINE

Seasoned Veteran of Three Years' Campaigning Victim of Shellfire

The official Canadian casualty list to-day carried the name of Norvin D. Wenner, of Millersburg, Pa., as being among the injured on the western front in France.

ARCHBISHOP OF YORK TO BRING MESSAGE HERE

Primate of English Church to Be Guest of City and State Saturday

The deep and earnest desire of Great Britain to permanently cement friendship with this nation was vividly manifested to-day when Governor Brumbaugh and Bishop Darlington were notified formally that on Saturday would arrive in Harrisburg the Most Reverend Cosmo Gordon Lang, D. D., P. C., Lord Archbishop of York and Primate of England, who will make an address in the rotunda of the Capitol.

WHEN'S A FIREHOUSE NOT A FIREHOUSE? THAT'S THE RUB

West Fairview's firehouse to-day is still a firehouse, but it is first a city hall, an auditorium for town meetings and public entertainments, a public school, the borough school, council chamber, polling place for primary and general elections, meeting place for the board of health.

WEST FAIRVIEW GIRLS TURN UP AFTER THEIR ESCAPE

The two West Fairview girls, Ella Bordner and Bessie Hoffman, each 14 years of age, who disappeared in Market street last Sunday night, turned up last evening at their homes.

EAT FEWER EGGS ON EASTER, URGES HEINZ

Philadelphia, March 20.—Howard Heinz, United States Food Administrator for Pennsylvania, to-day made an appeal to the householders of this state to abandon for this year at least the custom of large consumption of eggs on Easter.

MARRIAGE LICENSES

Andrew S. Condon, Cherry Creek, S. D., and Jessie A. McCoy, Carlisle.

"THE DESCENT OF MAN"



SIXTEEN MEN HURT IN GAS BLAST AT CENTRAL I. & S. PLANT

Great Metal Container Is Blown Through Roof Into Shop Containing 150 Employees; Ambulance Makes Two Trips to Hospital With Injured; Furnace Will Be Out of Service Thirty Days For Repairs

Sixteen men were injured this morning when gas blew the top off blast furnace No. 2 at the Central Iron and Steel Company, and hurled it through the structural steel roof of the casting house, in which 150 men were at work.

The top or "bell," as it is known is seventy-five feet from the ground, on the top of the furnace. The explosion of the expanding gases blew it into the air, hurling it over the head of an employee who was wheeling the ore, stone and coke into it.

The clerk in charge of the War Savings Department at the Harrisburg Post Office ripped off one Thrift Stamp from a sheet, handed it to him and slipped a quarter into the money drawer.

Fire Breaks Out

The melted iron caused fire to break out in a portion of the building near the furnace, and the Friendship Fire Company was called to the scene. A cordon of company police was thrown about the scene of the accident to prevent further accidents.

THREE MYSTERIOUSLY MURDERED

London—A Petrograd message received to-day carries the report that on Monday night three of the Peoples Commissioners entrusted with the organization of the Red Revolutionary navy were mysteriously murdered.

RUSS SHIPS AT SEBASTOPOL

Washington—Russian warships at Odessa escaped Sebastopol when the Germans took Odessa, says a dispatch to the State Department to-day from American Consul Summers at Moscow.

NEW YORK-LANCASTER TRUCK LINE

New York—An initial experiment in the transportation of parcel post matter by automobiles was announced here to-day by Post Office officials in the dispatch from Lancaster, Pa., of a truck carrying butter, eggs and farm products from that district for New York.

ALLEGED SPIES TO BE DEPORTED

Washington—Investigation has convinced the Department of Justice that the two women and the two men claiming French citizenship recently arrested in New York on suspicion of connection with the German spy ring, can only be classed as undesirable citizens, rather than as spies.

MEAT SUPPLY NOT CONSERVED

Washington—Meatless days have not conserved the meat supply, Joseph P. Cotton, head of the food administration's meat division to-day told the Senate Committee investigating food supplies but on the other hand he believed there had been more meat consumed on those days than usual.

NO CONSISTORY UNTIL WAR'S END

Rome—"There will be no consistory until the war is over," Pope Benedict said to-day upon hearing that the report had been published that he intended to call a consistory shortly.