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VITAL BLOWS ARE EXPECTED SHORTLY ON WESTERN FRONT

Germany's "Peace Drive" Through Picardy Enters Upon Third Week With Both Forces Preparing For Heavy Fighting; Front Has Remained Virtually Unchanged Since Monday; Allies Improve Positions

London, April 4.—There was little activity in the battle area last night with the exception of hostile artillery fire at various points, the war office announced to-day. A few prisoners were taken by British parties.

The text of the statement reads: "During the night a German machine gun posted in the neighborhood of Hebuterne was rushed by our troops and the machine gun captured. A few prisoners were brought in on other parts of the battle front.

"Beyond hostile artillery activity at different points on the battle front and also in the Menin road and Passchendaele sectors there is nothing further to report."

Paris, April 4.—Heavy artillery fighting occurred last night on the front north of Montdidier, the war office announces. In raids in Champagne and on the Verdun front the French took prisoners and also captured two machine guns.

The statement follows: "The artillery fighting became very violent during the night in the region north of Montdidier.

"Northwest of Rheims, in the Champagne and on the left bank of the Meuse (Verdun front) French troops penetrated German trenches at several points bringing back thirty prisoners and two machine guns. German raids east of Rheims, in Avocourt Wood and north of St. Die were without success."

Germany's "peace drive" through Picardy enters upon its third week with both forces preparing for the resumption of heavy fighting. The weather has interfered somewhat but the Germans have not renewed their heavy attacks and the fighting front has remained virtually unchanged since Monday.

North of the Somme the British have improved their positions in small attacks, while on the important sector south of the river there has been no infantry action. In the region north of Montdidier, which has been the scene of much heavy fighting, the artillery bombardment has been violent especially in the morning but no attempt to attack.

Great Interest in Plans While there is little doubt that the Germans must attack again and will have to sustain still greater losses in further efforts against the allied line, much interest centers in the plans of General Foch. The attacks by the British between Albert and Arras and by the French between Montdidier and Novon apparently were for the purpose of improving local positions. Silence is being maintained by both sides as to the next act in the "titanic military contest."

German newspapers declare the German drive was halted by bad weather and not by the Franco-British defense. Admission is made that the Germans are having great difficulty in moving up guns and supplies over the muddy area of the Somme and that transport is in poor shape because of the necessity for constructing new roads.

Amiens Free From Danger Amiens, the primary objective of German efforts in the past two weeks is free from danger for the moment. A military proclamation posted there informs the population that threatening peril has been removed and exhorts them to maintain confidence.

Americans Face Gas Shells American troops in the region of

HENRY C. CLASTER says War Stamps are first-class bargains if you BUY RIGHT AWAY He knows what they are.

THE WEATHER

For Harrisburg and vicinity: Fair and continued cool to-night and Friday; lowest temperature tonight about freezing. For Eastern Pennsylvania: Fair and continued cool to-night and Friday; light, variable winds mostly north. General Conditions: Pressure continues low in the Atlantic and Gulf States. The high pressure area from the Northwest has overspread the entire country. There has been a general fall of 2 to 22 degrees in temperature over nearly all the country east of the Mississippi river and in the Southwest. It is slightly warmer in the Northwestern States. Temperature: 5 a. m., 38. Sun rises, 5:40 a. m.; sets, 6:20 p. m. Moon: New moon, April 10, 11:24 a. m. River Stage: 4.8 feet above low-water mark. Yesterday's Weather: Highest temperature, 57. Lowest temperature, 41. Mean temperature, 50. Normal temperature, 45.

The Pinch Hitter to Bat



THIRD LIBERTY BOND TO MATURE IN TEN YEARS

Will Bear Interest From May 9; Five Per Cent. Cash Is Required

Washington, April 4.—The third issue of Liberty Loan Bonds will mature in ten years—on September 15, 1928—the Treasury Department today announced, and will bear interest from May 9 next, payable semi-annually on September 15 and March 15.

Instead of requiring two per cent. cash payment with the subscription, as in the second loan, five per cent. will be asked for the third loan. Twenty per cent. then will be due May 28, thirty-five per cent. July 18 and forty per cent. August 15.

The payment dates have been arranged so none will come in June, when the drain on the country's financial resources will be great on account of income and excess profits taxes due June 15. In the second loan eighteen per cent. was due two weeks after the campaign closed, forty per cent. a month later and forty per cent. one month after that.

SECOND CAMP FOR FUNSTON

Washington, April 4.—A second army camp has been named in honor of the late Major General Frederick Funston. The latest Camp Funston is at Luneta, near Manila, in the Philippine department. The original training post to bear this name is at Fort Riley, Kansas.

U. S. Requisitions Ships Formerly in Russ Service

New York, April 4.—The United States has requisitioned for use in entente service a number of Russian steamships formerly engaged in transporting supplies between America and Russia, according to authoritative information received in shipping circles here to-day.

Richard Mansfield, Son of Famous Actor, Dead

New London, Conn., April 4.—Richard Mansfield, son of the late Richard Mansfield, a famous actor upon the American stage, who enlisted in the aviation section of the Signal Corps at New Haven, on February 1, died of meningitis at a camp in San Antonio, Texas, yesterday, according to word received here to-day. He was in his 20th year.

THIRD LIBERTY LOAN TO LAST FOUR WEEKS

Washington, April 4.—The Third Liberty Loan campaign will last for four weeks, beginning Saturday and ending May 4, the Treasury Department announced to-day. Banks will be given five days after the campaign's close to tabulate and report subscriptions.

DRY FEDERATION TALKS OF SCOTT ON O'NEIL SLATE

Philadelphia Candidate's Position on Prohibition Apparently Not Known

Representatives of the various organizations identified with the Dry Federation of Pennsylvania are in session at the Bolton House here today and wrestling with the problem of whether to endorse Congressman John R. K. Scott, of Philadelphia, for lieutenant governor.

The Dry Federation, which endorsed Highway Commissioner J. Denny O'Neil, one of its officers, for governor.

French Civilians Are Forced to Perform Hard Labor in Russian Towns

Paris, Wednesday, April 3.—One thousand French civilians from the occupied district of Northern France have been sent to Russia by the Germans and are being forced to perform hard labor, according to information obtained by Baron Cochon, a former cabinet member. These civilians, 400 of whom are women, are among those whom Germany attempted to place before the Russians who have escaped to France. They were sent to Russia after the rejection of the proposal, while Germany attempted to place before the French government through the Holy See and Baron Cochon.

A TALK WITH LIEUT. PAT. O'BRIEN WHO SPEAKS IN THIS CITY MONDAY TO LIBERTY LOAN WORKERS

Hero of the Royal Flying Corps to Tell of Stirring Adventures Above and Behind the Hun Lines

Harrisburg is greatly interested in the forthcoming appearance of Lieutenant Pat O'Brien of the Royal Flying Corps, who speaks in Chestnut Street Auditorium Monday night to Industrial Liberty Loan workers. Lieutenant O'Brien is one of the few allied flying men who has escaped from the Germans. Freda Kirchwey's interview with him is very interesting.

By FREDA KIRCHWEY

During his off time one hot day last summer Lieutenant Pat O'Brien, of the Royal Flying Corps, decided to take a trip over the German lines, instead of resting. The moral of this story is: Never work when you might rest. Lieutenant O'Brien went up some nine thousand feet, and was attacked

CITY'S MUSICAL PLANS GIVEN A GREAT IMPETUS

Community Singing Planned Here Gets a Warm Welcome

"This is not a war of men or nations; it is a battle between Moloch and the Christ. Germany, representing material forces, aided by man's spiritual forces, is pitted against the spiritual forces of man which for centuries have been trying to rise above and beyond the material. I say that music, community singing, even if it only touches the 100,000,000 people of America to sing their national anthem, will do a world of good."

Watchman in Offices of Public Information Committee Is Murdered

Washington, April 4.—James King, night watchman at the offices of the Committee on Public Information, was found dead early to-day with a bullet hole through his head. Officials of the committee thought he had been murdered. Examination of King's pistol indicated that he had tried to fire it and that the cartridges failed to explode. Officials said no valuable papers are kept at the committee's offices and that they could find nothing to show the place had been ransacked.

CHARLIE, KING OF PIETHROWERS, TO BE SAFE IN CITY

Movie Stars to Speak in Harrisburg For Liberty Loan Tomorrow

MARY TO BE HERE, TOO And Douglas Fairbanks, Also, Will Give Third Bond Issue a Boost

Henderson Gilbert has decided not to allow Edward E. Mack, precocious Harrisburg boy, to throw a pie at Charlie Chaplin when that funny fellow speaks from an autotruck balcony in Market Square tomorrow at 12.45 noon.

As chairman of the Liberty Loan "stunts" committee Mr. Gilbert arranged to have Mary Pickford, Chaplin and Douglas Fairbanks stop in Harrisburg for fifteen minutes tomorrow. And as chairman he considers that it is his duty to protect them. Therefore, Edward E. Mack will not be permitted to throw a pie. He was so informed this morning.

Before yesterday Mr. Gilbert, saying that his father would pay for all damage resulting—and that he himself would furnish the pie. But Mr. Gilbert is not even dimly aware of the proposition—not even dimly.

Edward E. Mack was interviewed to-day by the Liberty Loan publicity man. "Do you think that would be a charitable act—tossing a sloppy pie at a distinguished guest?" he asked Edward E. Mack.

"But think of the publicity he would get," answered the youth. "And think of the pie," insisted the press agent. "How would you like to be struck in the face with a squashy pie?"

"But maybe I wouldn't hit him in the face," replied the boy. "No—maybe you would miss him altogether and hit poor little Mary Pickford," said the press agent.

"That's right," admitted the boy. "I guess, maybe, I'd better not try it." Then a happy thought struck him. "You could move Mary away," he said.

But neither Henderson Gilbert nor any other member of the committee will stand for the pie tomorrow, on the level—no! on the Square.

Indications are that there will be a circus day crowd waiting for the three stars at noon tomorrow.

Police and Fire Forces Are Organized For Big Federal Depots Near Middletown

Under the direction of William A. Featherstone, chief of the police and fire bureau at Government depots, twenty-eight police were sworn in for duty to-day. W. W. Caldwell, Sheriff of Dauphin county, administered the oath at his office. These men were sent to the Ordnance field near Middletown, in charge of D. W. Bell, chief of police. This starts the military police department at the army properties in this vicinity. There have been a dozen or more men on duty for some time. The force will be increased in numbers at intervals. William Fisher will be clerk at the police department. The fire department forces were organized several days ago, but the regular duties have not as yet been outlined. All buildings will be well protected. Chemical engines have arrived and others are coming. Water barrels and buckets are being placed throughout the field until the main structures are under roof. Water pipes are being put down and as soon as the water supply is ready fireplugs will be attached. Work on the numerous buildings was resumed to-day with larger forces. Word has been received that there will be an additional supply of lumber on hand by tomorrow and that with good weather the work will continue day and night on Sundays.

Grocer Wears U. S. Flag About Neck; Will Lead Next Liberty Parade

Athens, Ill., April 4.—John W. Rynders, grocer, accused of uttering pro-German sentiments, to-day wore about his neck an American flag, tied there last night by "loyalists," who forced him to kiss the emblem and to swear allegiance to the American cause. He was told that to remove the flag from his neck would meet with serious consequences. Rynders was informed that he would be expected to lead a Liberty Day parade Saturday. He promised to do so.

Robberies in Berlin Increase Alarmingly

New York, April 4.—Burglaries and robberies in Berlin average more than 300 daily and great alarm has been caused in the German capital by the sensational increase in crime resulting from war conditions. The Berlin Tageblatt, on March 10, published an interview with the director of a large insurance company, who said 300 burglaries and robberies were reported daily to the insurance companies. The homes of the Minister of War and the commanding general of the Mark of Brandenburg have been entered. Many of the thefts are committed by deserters from the army while there also are burglar bands composed of former convicts and deserters. Refugees from occupied portions of Galicia and Polish territory have been active criminally.

GERMANS SEND TROOPS TO HELP FINNS AT HANGO

Russia Will Form Army of 1,500,000 Men to Protect Nation

UKRAINIANS ASK PEACE Several Members of Former Imperial Family Sick at Tobolsk

Moscow, Wednesday, April 3.—The special commission formed to carry out the provisions of the Brest-Litovsk peace treaty has drawn up a program for the restoration of postal and telegraphic relations with Germany. It also has ordered Russian mine sweepers to clear the mines from the Gulf of Finland and in the Russian part of the Baltic.

Petrograd, Wednesday, April 3.—Thirty German transports with troops have arrived at Hango, on the southern coast of Finland south of Helsinki.

The Bolshevik commissary for Finnish affairs reports that M. Destres, the Belgian minister to Russia, has been wounded by White Guards or government troops, while attempting to pass into the rebel lines. An official statement from Berlin received in Amsterdam Wednesday announced German troops had landed at Hango to give help to Finland. The Germans will assist.

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HIG MEETING ON WEST SHORE

Camp Hill, Pa., April 4.—One of the biggest patriotic meetings in the history of the West Shore is scheduled for the Camp Hill High school tomorrow afternoon, at 2 o'clock, when women of all the West Shore towns will assemble to hear about war work. Liberty Loan drives and Food Conservation will be subjects under discussion.

Pittsburgh, Pa., April 4.—Five passengers were slightly injured early to-day when a troop train ran into the Pittsburgh and New York Express on the Pennsylvania Railroad while it was taking water near Conemaugh, Pa. The troop train was loaded with drafted men from Indiana and was on its way to Fort Hamilton, N. Y. None of the soldiers was injured.

MR. SNYDER COMMENTS ON DECISION

Harrisburg, Pa., in a statement issued late to-day Auditor General Snyder comments at some length on the Supreme Court decision in the "recess appointment" case yesterday, upholding Governor Brumbaugh's right to make reappointments after the Senate had failed to confirm the appointees, saying "When Chief Justice Brown and Justice Potter and Von Moschizker support the contention of this department I feel a great measure of satisfaction in the effort I have made to uphold what seemed to me a clear, concise and effective check upon the executive abuse of the appointive power. He says he notes that none of the judges, of the supreme or lower courts, had any words of commendation for the action of the Governor in the matter."

PERSHING AWARDED GRAND CROSS

Washington—General Pershing has been awarded the Belgian Order, the Grand Cross of the Order of Leopold, according to a dispatch to the Belgian Legation here to-day from Havre.

TOOL MAKERS WALK OUT

Utica, N. Y.—About five hundred tool makers in the Savage Arms Company's works in the city walked out this morning. No statement of the difficulties has been made by either the men or the company officials. It is understood demands have been made to make it a union shop.

WINTER WHEAT IMPROVED

Washington—Winter wheat improved in nearly all sections during March under generally favorable weather, the government's national weather and crop bulletin announced.

GERMAN LECTURER INTERNED

Boston—Dr. Karl Oscar Bertling, who was sent from Berlin to this country in 1914 to uphold the German cause in public lectures was taken to Fort Oglethorpe, Ga., to-day to be interned for the duration of the war as an enemy alien. He was married yesterday to Miss Helen Glutz, of New York City.

MARRIAGE LICENSES

Abraham C. Stamy, Middletown, and Martha E. Goodhart, Lee's Cross Roads, Cumberland county; Stanley J. Gillman and Rosa D. Doricle, Steelton; William H. Florin, Chambersburg, and Ella B. Carpenter, Greenacres; Walter H. Runkle and Elsie M. Good, Lincolnton.

DISAPPEARS FROM HIS HOME AFTER 4 YEARS IN BED

Family Believes Man, Long an Invalid, Intended to Commit Suicide

LIFE WAS BURDENSOME Leaves Two Notes Mentioning Possible Death in River or Mountains

After more than four years of confinement to his bed suffering with dropsy and diabetes, A. S. Neal, aged 65 years, yesterday left his home at 1728 Logan street, and has not been seen by his family since. It is feared he took his life.

According to his sister, Mrs. Ella Long, 652 Verbeke street, he left two notes, addressed to his wife, expressing his intention of taking his life.

"Don't worry about me, but if you don't find me in the river, you will find me along the mountains," was the message contained in one note. "Don't spend any money over me. Hawkins will bury me," was the other message. He has had provisions for his burial arranged for some time his sister said.

Neal lived with his wife and daughter. His wife was prostrated by his disappearance yesterday. His daughter, whose husband is in a Southern training camp became unwell by the discovery.

The discovery of his absence, after

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Troop Train Hits Express; Five Passengers Injured

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