



BRITISH FIGHT DESPERATELY TO SAVE YPRES SUPPLY BASE

EVERY AMERICAN ACTS LIKE A HERO UNDER HUN FIRE, SAYS COMMANDER

Hard to Pick Men For Special Honors Where Every Man Does Work Without Regard to Danger

PRIEST AND BANKER SHOW YANKEE SPIRIT

U. S. Troops Fight Side by Side With French and Go Over the Top to Shorten Lines

With the American Army in France, Wednesday, April 17.—Commanders of units who participated in the several days of fighting last week in company with the French in the Apennot wood sector are finding it difficult to pick out men who especially distinguished themselves in the operations.

One commander said every man acted like a hero and it was hard to choose the more deserving cases. One of the most popular men with the soldiers on this sector is the Rev. Des Valles, a Roman Catholic priest of New Bedford, Mass., who is living with the men in an unofficial capacity, he having come to France as a representative of the Knights of Columbus.

Every Inch a Soldier When the attacks began Father Des Valles braving the dangers of shell and machine gun fire, went to the casualty clearing station near the front line to administer to the wounded. He assisted in dressing the injuries of the soldiers and gave each man a word of cheer. He handed out cigarettes to the men who smoked.

Works Under Difficulty Another popular man is a young banker of Springfield, Mass., who was pressed into service as a stretcher-bearer. He was the smallest man in the outfit and after several trips became so exhausted he was unable to hold the stretcher. He refused to give up and had his companions tie the stretcher on his wrists with rope so as to enable him to hold the

Tabby Back Among Friends in Store, but Not Alone

For several days the store cat at Kresge's Five-and-Ten-Cent store had been missing. Tabby's habit had been to purr noisily and walk softly in its trips through the store. The salesgirls had come to regard the silken-furred feline with tenderness. Just when they were really warming up to the cat, attracted by its friendliness and beauty, Tabby disappeared. Search was made but without success. The conclusion was reached that something had happened and that Tabby was no more.

STOREKEEPER REPRIMANDED One of the two Weis Pure Food Stores in the city received a reprimand from the Dauphin County Food Administration this morning for displaying flour in its window, and also advertising the price at which it sells sugar. This is contrary to the regulations of the Federal Food Administration which forbid the advertising of flour or sugar. The other local branch of the Weis stores was reprimanded for the same violation of the regulation several days ago.

THE WEATHER

For Harrisburg and vicinity: Rain and cooler to-night and Friday; lowest temperature to-night about 48 degrees. General Conditions It is 2 to 10 degrees warmer in the Atlantic States from Florida to New York. Temperature: 8 a. m., 66. Sun: Rises, 7:03 a. m.; sets, 7:30 p. m. Moon: Full moon, April 26, 3:03 a. m. River Stage: 12.7 feet above low-water mark. Yesterday's Weather Highest temperature, 72. Lowest temperature, 55. Mean temperature, 64. Normal temperature, 52.

Come On, America!



GOVT. PREPARES TO BUY PROPERTY AT MIDDLETOWN

Real Estate Board's Appraisal Committee Asked to Do Important Work

The appraisement committee of the Harrisburg Real Estate Board has been asked by the United States government to make extensive valuations of property in the vicinity of Middletown in connection with the aviation supply depot and the ordnance depot developments near that point.

The members of the board replied that their committee would be glad to perform the work as a patriotic service and George A. Schreiner, Superintendent of Public Buildings and Grounds, the chairman; A. C. Young and Ed. Moeslein, former city building inspector, yesterday began to make the appraisals.

Donald Johnston, an Aviator of This City, Falls at Camp Hicks

First Lieutenant Donald Johnston, of this city, a brother of Paul and Walter Johnston, of the Johnston Paper Extension, was injured in a fall at Camp Hicks, Texas, yesterday. The first telegram stated that he had been injured, but it was thought not seriously and another dispatch this morning was to the effect that his condition was greatly improved. In response to the first message, Paul Johnston, aviator of Texas, last night, Lieutenant Johnston enlisted in the aviation service about a year ago.

Particulars of the accident are awaited with anxiety by his friends here. SELL MUCH CHEWING GUM Governor and Mrs. Martin G. Brumbaugh, assisted in a sale of chewing gum to-day which totaled more than \$250 for the American Red Cross. Up to noon about \$150 was the total and it was estimated that by night the sum would reach the higher total.

CHILDREN GIVING PENNIES AND ENERGY TO UNCLE SAM

Boys and Girls Subscribe Heavily in Baby Bonds, While Nimble Fingers Give Up Play So That Fighting Men Abroad May Get Necessities Through Red Cross



ALFRED BECK

This is the best story out of Harrisburg since the war started. No, it has nothing to do with trench, airship or submarine. It is just the plain, homely narrative of childhood patriotism, as illustrated in the Webster school building, Thirteenth and Kittittany streets. You, Mr. and Mrs. American Citizen, who may not have done one thing for your country, read the annals of just one school in Harrisburg: Liberty Bonds, 97, \$4,850. Baby Bonds, 270, \$1,304.09. Junior Red Cross, 544 members, 100 per cent, \$136. Senior Red Cross, 72 members, \$72. Red Cross Christmas seal sale, \$179.65. Soldiers' Liberty Fund, \$21.60. Thrift Stamps and small sums contributed, \$13. Total, \$6,376.24.



HELEN RICHARDSON

twelve and is buying Thrift Stamps for another bond. And the cold cash contributions tell nothing of other work accomplished in the Friday afternoon period. In this teachers and pupils have knitted, and made robes, sweaters, wristlets, socks, scarfs, rest pillows, sunshine bags, Belgian blankets and shawls and layettes, all of which will be shortly put on exhibition. Wool is now the commodity most needed. Through the generosity of A. Carson Stamm, \$100 was added to the funds of the Junior Red Cross, and \$50 of this will be used by Webster for purchase of that necessity. PATROLMAN DRAFTED Patrolman Alexander D. Bibb, 631 Boas street, of the city police force, has been called for selective service by the board for the third city district. He was appointed to the force more than a year ago by the late Mayor E. S. Meals. He will be the fourth man in the department to go to the service.

GREAT BATTLE GOES ON WITH RENEWED FURY

French Troops Come to Assistance of the Hard-Pressed English While Fighting in Flanders Goes on With Undiminished Intensity; Wave After Wave of Enemy Infantry Beaten Back With Sanguinary Losses

KAISER APPALLED

AMSTERDAM, April 18.—Emperor William recently made a visit to the battlefield near Quent, west of Cambrai, a war correspondent of the Berlin Lokal Anzeiger writes. "His Majesty's silence was broken only once," he says, "when he remarked to an officer who stood beside him: 'What have I not done to preserve the world from these horrors?'"

London, April 18.—Southeast of Kemmel hill on the northern battlefield, the Germans pressed back the British line slightly, but the situation was restored by a counterattack, the war office announces. During the night there was no change in the British front.

In the Bailleul sector the Germans made three attacks before noon yesterday and in each case suffered a complete repulse. The Germans opened a heavy bombardment of the British positions on the southwestern part of the Lys battlefield between Locon and Robecq, during the night. The bombardment was still in progress at dawn to-day.

The text of the statement reads:

Bombardment Is Heavy "There has been no change on the British front during the night. The hostile artillery has shown great activity on the southern portion of the Lys battlefield from Givenchy to east of Robecq. A heavy bombardment of our positions between Locon and Robecq was still continuing at dawn. "Local attacks were repulsed by our troops yesterday evening in the Merris sector.

Losses Are Heavy "More detailed accounts of the fighting of yesterday on the forest of Nieppe, Wytschaete front established the severity of the enemy's losses. Southeast of Kemmel hill the German infantry attacked in three waves, and at one point pressed back our line slightly. In this locality the situation was restored by a counterattack and shortly after midday the attack had been repulsed at all points. In the Bailleul sector the enemy attacked three times before midday and in each case suffered a complete repulse. "Our line of yesterday morning was reported intact on the whole front."

HUNS TRY TO DRIVE WEDGE INTO BRITISH

Undiminished in intensity, the great battle in Flanders and south across the French border goes on. Whether indeed this be the larger German strategy has not yet been shown. The development of the enemy demonstration on the Locon-Robecq line, however, will be followed with close attention in view of this possibility and its bearing upon the great struggle on the Somme front to the south, where the firm hold of the British on the Arras region and the line south to Albert has held up the enemy push on Amiens.

During the last twenty-four hours the heaviest fighting has been along the Lys on a front of fifteen miles from west to Merville to Wytschaete. The British took the offensive and regained Wytschaete and Meters six miles east northeast of Hazebrouck, but the Germans, in strong counterattacks, forced them to retreat again. Along the remainder of the front the enemy threw wave after wave of attackers against the Franco-British defense, but it did not falter and the Germans gained nothing in payment for sanguinary losses.

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Doctors Fail to Stop Hiccoughs, Which May Cause Man's Death

John H. Cassell, aged 76 years, for many years a well known real estate man, is in a critical condition at his home, 1423 Swatara street, the result of hiccoughs, Mr. Cassell has been in bed ten days. The attack started twenty days ago. Two physicians have been unable to give permanent relief. For three days his condition has been growing worse and it is said death will come shortly unless the coughing is stopped. With the attack came small lumps over the body. It is said that when these lumps, referred to frequently as "shingles" affect the heart region, death follows. This afternoon members of the immediate family were summoned to the bedside. Mrs. Cassell who has been at the bedside of her husband constantly, is threatened with a breakdown.

CITY MUST WORK HARD TO REACH LIBERTY QUOTA

Big Task Ahead if District Is Not to Be Shamed Before Nation

AS THEY DO IT IN BLAIN

Blain, Perry county, has a population of 324—and that includes every man, woman and child in the town. Blain was asked to buy \$7,500 worth of bonds. Up until noon to-day it has purchased \$8,850 Liberty Bonds. And that isn't the finish—Blain is going to buy more bonds. As they do it in Blain, Pa., so should it be done in Harrisburg.

Harrisburg approaches the last week of the Liberty Loan campaign confident that while it will require the hardest kind of work the city will buy \$2,500,000 of Liberty Bonds at least—and the district the full quota of \$7,500,000.

The quota for the district, incidentally, is the third largest in Pennsylvania, being surpassed only by the quotas for Philadelphia and Pittsburgh.

No figures had been received from [Continued on Page 4.]

Foes of Conscription Pelt Belfast Police With Stones; Smash Plate-Glass Windows

London, April 18.—Rioting attended the breaking up of an anti-conscription meeting in Belfast yesterday, says a dispatch to the Daily News. Revolvers were used and a policeman was injured. The rioters, who were pelted with paving stones. Virtually every plate glass window in the street was smashed. Fifteen thousand persons participated in the meeting which was called by the labor party. The trouble was precipitated, the dispatch states, by two shipyard workers.

DRAFT BOARDS CALL MEN FOR ARMY SERVICE

Registered Men Skilled in Many Trades to Get a Chance to Enlist

LEAVE FOR CAMP APRIL 26

Quotas For Camp Lee and Colored Contingent Not Yet Made

Local exemption boards throughout the state this morning received orders from state draft headquarters to notify their quotas of white men for Camp Meade to be in readiness to entrain for camp on April 26. The Harrisburg boards will send their men at 11:50 Friday morning, April 26. At the same time the chairmen of the local boards were notified that registered men will be given a chance to enroll for active duty with the view to be inducted into the Army for the service in which they are efficient. Twelve thousand of these untrained men will be called next month, and the quotas will be [Continued on Page 4.]

Germans Pillage Russ Village, Kill Fleeing Women and Children

Moscow, April 19, Wednesday.—Because the peasants in the village of Novoselki in the government of Mohilev resisted an armed requisition of money by German troops and killed an officer in the resulting scuffle, the Germans burned the village and from machine guns placed around it fired upon the inhabitants, including the women and children, even the little children, when they were informed that one member had participated in guerrilla warfare against them.

SENATE CALLS FOR NAMES

Washington—The Secretary of War was to-day asked in a resolution introduced by Senator Nelson, and adopted by the Senate for a list of men to whom commissions in the Army had been issued but who have not been placed in command of troops.

WOULD HELP LIBERTY LOAN

Washington—Legislation to permit payment of excess profits and income taxes in installments as a means of increasing Liberty Loan subscription was urged in the House to-day by Representative Fuller, of Illinois.

CALIFORNIAN ON WAR COMMITTEE

Washington—Changes in Republican membership on Senate committees announced to-day include the assignment of Senator Johnson, of California, to the Military Affairs Committee.

IMPORTANT FLEET UNITS SAFE

Washington—All important units of the Russian Baltic fleet escaped when the Germans occupied Helsingfors, official dispatches received here to-day say.

FRENCH HEAVILY IN ACTION

Ottawa—The French are heavily in action on the northern battle area, says a dispatch from London to-day.

WILL SPEED UP TANK CORPS

Washington—Organization of the National Army Tank Corps was ordered accelerated to-day by the War Department. Announcement was made of the appointment of 157 second lieutenants for the corps.

FULL PRICE COAL FOR RAILROADS

Washington—Railroads hereafter will purchase their coal at the full market price and cars will be evenly distributed at all mines, under an arrangement reached by the railroad and fuel administrations. One effect of the arrangement, it was pointed out to-day, will be that all consumers will share alike in coal distribution.

SCHWAB GOES TO WASHINGTON

New York—Charles M. Schwab left here to-day for Washington to assume the post of director of shipbuilding.

MARRIAGE LICENSES

Forest F. Jones and Bertha M. Hohl, Steelton; Charles E. Miller and Irene V. Cooper, Harrisburg; Solomon S. Emanuel and Edith J. Fisher, Harrisburg; Herman G. Long and Ida M. Hettlinger, Harrisburg.