



CITY TO GO OVER TOP WITH THRIFT STAMPS BY JAN. 1

Nearly 50,000 Pledges Received in Drive Closed at Noon

MANY REPORTS STILL OUT With Husband in France a Woman Takes Eight Baby Bonds for His Sake

Team commanders making their final reports for the "pledge week" of the War Savings Stamp Campaign at a luncheon of workers at the Chestnut Street Auditorium at noon today report pledges for 46,272 "baby bonds." These bonds, worth \$231,360, together with approximately \$200,000 worth of bonds sold in Harrisburg, will raise the city total to \$431,360.

Harrisburg's quota for the campaign is approximately \$2,000,000 to be raised until January 1. W. M. Donaldson, of Harrisburg, county chairman, Frank C. Sites, of Harrisburg, city chairman, at the luncheon today expressed themselves as confident that the city will go over the top in this drive as it has done in every war campaign waged to date.

The team of the Fifth Ward under the command of George W. Bogar made the best record in the three days' work with pledges for 5124 of the "baby bonds." Edward I. Book's Tenth Ward team took second place with pledges for 4,469 bonds, while the Fourth ward team of James M. Cameron with 3,915 took third.

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Keystone Division Has Reached France Safely Without Loss of a Man

Majority of Pennsylvania's Finest Fighting Men Safely Conveyed Across Danger Zone by Powerful Fleet; Sailing Dates Carefully Kept Secret

The Keystone Division, the pride of Pennsylvania, made up of the State's National Guard, now is safely in France after many months of hard preparation at Camp Hancock, where it made the record of being one of the best National Guard units in America.

To reveal the departure of the division for the front is no longer a military secret. With the arrival in a French port of the majority of the great transports that carried the fighting Pennsylvanians across the sea without danger from the best of the Kaiser's submarines, a flood of

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MILITARY WORK TO BE DONE BY TECH HIGH BOYS

Plan Training After School Hours to Meet Objections of Board

DRILLED BY VOLUNTEER Sergeant Blake to Put Youths Through Course Twice a Week

At the invitation of Sergeant Blake of the local recruiting station, practically the entire student body of the Technical High School will take a course in drilling after school hours for the purpose of overcoming some of the physical defects that may disqualify them for army service at a later date.

The course is also designed to develop the physical and, in case they are inducted later into the Army, it will put them in a position for promotion because of their knowledge secured through the course.

Sergeant Blake visited the school this morning and gave the students a delightful talk on the necessity for the work. When he put the question, asking how many of the students would be willing to do earnest work after school hours Tuesdays and Thursdays, practically every lad in the institution raised his hand.

Early last year a petition was sent in to the School Board asking for a military course as part of the school work, but the time was not considered ripe then for granting the request. While the present course is not a part of the curriculum, and is not done on school time, nor will the students be given credit for the time, the action of the local recruiting station has the sanction of the School Board. Courses will also be inaugurated at the Academy and Central High school, it is understood.

Will Plead Patriotism as Their Defense For the Praeger Lynching

Edwardsville, Ill., May 17.—An unwritten law justifying "patriotic murder" as a measure of home protection will be invoked by the eleven defendants on trial for lynching Robert Praeger, an enemy alien, at Collinsville, on April 5. This was revealed yesterday by J. M. Bandy, attorney for the defense, during an examination that exhausted a panel of 25 prospective jurors, with none accepted.

In suggesting the course the defense will take, Mr. Brady pointed out the Illinois statute that defines murder as "the unlawful killing of a human being within the peace of the people and with malice aforethought, expressed or implied."

WOMANHOOD OF CITY TO MARCH FOR RED CROSS

From 5,000 to 7,000 Women to Join in the Great Demonstration

MOTHERS TO ENTER LINE ONLY HALF OF ONE DOLLAR, BUT—

Mercer B. Tate was at work in Red Cross workrooms this morning. A young fellow came in and stood beside him.

"What can I do for you?" asked Mr. Tate.

The young fellow made an unintelligible sound, and produced a pencil. Then he wrote this message on a scrap of paper:

"I am deaf and dumb, I don't have much money. But I want to help the Red Cross."

He laid down half a dollar.

Mr. Tate wrote:

"What is your name?"

And the reply:

"Just say," he hesitated; then, "a friend."

So the Red Cross books contain this record:

"A Friend.....\$ .50"

While the industrial workers of the Red Cross campaign were busy this morning in dozens of plants throughout the city, the executive committee in charge of to-morrow afternoon's parade was just as busy whipping details into shape.

There will be nearer 7,000 in to-morrow's parade than 5,000. Despite the size of the affair, the march is to begin promptly at 4 o'clock.

A number of new organizations have determined to take part in the parade.

For instance, the W. B. A. of the Macabees will appear; and with their white uniforms, their spears, with the Red Cross banners attached, will make a fine appearance. They will be found in the fifth company division, following the Bell Telephone Company. Among others returned since the publication of the original list are the Military Service Corps, of Mechanicsburg; the Lykens auxiliary of the Red Cross, the Naval auxiliary of the Harrisburg Nursing section.

Headquarters Company Large

A splendid appearance will be made by the Headquarters Company, which will appear in the first division of the parade. This company's lineup is as follows:

Executive department; instructors; inspecting and shipping department; work rooms; hospital garments; knitting department; canteen service; Red Cross classes; Motor Messengers.

U. S. TROOPS GIVEN POSITION IN ZONE BLOCKING GERMANS

COMING BATTLE MAY BE CRUCIAL ONE OF THE WAR

Enemy Makes No Move Despite Magnificent Weather For Fighting

BATTLE HIGH IN THE AIR

Busy Birdmen Aid Grumbling of Landscape

London, May 17.—The German artillery is increasingly active from Locos to Hinges, along the western side of the Flanders salient and between the forest of Nieppe and Meteren, on the northern side of the salient, the war office announces.

Paris, May 17.—Violent Artillery fighting in the region of Hailles, southeast of Amiens, is reported in to-day's official statement.

With the British Army in France, Thursday, May 16.—The allies are still waiting for Field Marshal Von Hindenburg to show his hand. No more magnificent weather could be imagined than has favored the western front in the last forty-eight hours, but even this has brought no change in the military situation.

The Germans continue to remain comparatively inactive in their unbaked defenses, and were it not for the grumbling of the guns the clouds of dust along the lines of transport and the flight of airplanes winging their way across the battle zone, it would be hard to realize that a war was going on.

Notwithstanding this, there has been no relaxation of the tension which has existed along the front for many days. It is realized that the enemy may strike at any time.

Aviators Work Fast

This next battle may easily be the crucial one, for the Germans undoubtedly will attempt once more to smash entirely through the allies' lines.

While the infantry was comparatively inactive to-day, the airmen on both sides have been extremely busy. At daybreak, this morning "Archie" shells began screaming skyward toward hostile planes and ever since German aviators have been making good use of the air to reconnoiter and take photographs. The allied airmen have been pursuing their steady and relentless work over the German lines.

Huns Last Chance

If the Germans again fail to achieve their aim—and all along this front there is confidence that they will—the defending forces will feel easy once more, for they believe that if the enemy cannot break through this time he will have played his last high trump. If he is held again it will be the beginning of the end for the Central Powers, military experts say.

As the correspondent of the Associated Press inquires up and down the front, there is confidence that they will be friendly inquires as to how American preparations are coming along. Officers are loud in their praise of the work they understood already had been accomplished by American troops as they have been seen from the United States have pleased the veterans immensely for the overseas recruits shape up well.

Resnati, Famous Italian Flyer, Crushed to Death at Start of Test Flight

New York, May 17.—Captain Antonio Silvio Resnati, of the Royal Italian Flying Corps, who piloted the ten-passenger Caproni biplane from Washington to New York and back again recently, was killed at noon today at the Hempstead flying field.

Resnati, one of the most famous Italian military aviators, met his death while testing an American-built Caproni plane of the bombing type, recently authorized for purchase by the United States government.

Flying alone and carrying a cargo of sixty bombs, Captain Resnati left the flying field on what was to have been the first test of the new type of biplane. The machine arose only 100 feet in the air when one of the planes crumpled suddenly and the machine fell backward. Captain Resnati, strapped to his seat, was unable to release himself in time and one of the three heavy engines of the biplane crushed him to death.

Huns Give Up Hope For Victory in 1918

BERNE, Switzerland, May 17.—In a speech before the Wuertemberg Diet, Herr Hausemann, one of the leaders of the progressive party, said that a fifth winter of war was now inevitable. Germans must make up their minds to face disappointment, he said, instead of obtaining the victory hoped for during the summer.

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"NOT IN POLITICS"

Harrisburg—"The state police are not in politics; they never have been and they never will be so long as I have anything to say about it." This was the reply today of Captain George F. Lumb, acting chief of the department

to the published report that a representative of his office had been summoned to attend a political conference. "Not in the history of the department, have the state police been asked to take part in politics," said Captain Lumb, "and they will not do so now." The only representative of the state police at the conference was a clerk who did not know the nature of the meeting until he attended.

Captain Lumb has been with the department since its creation and has been one of the big factors in developing the high morals. He has a fine record for service, both in the Philippines and as an active member of the force.

MARTIAL LAW AT ODESSA

London.—Martial law has been proclaimed at Odessa by the Austrian commandant at the request of the Germans according to Berlin advices.

BREAK WORLD'S RIVETING RECORD

Baltimore.—A gang of negro riveters working at the Sparrow's Point plant of the Bethlehem Steel Corporation broke the world record for driving rivets in a steel steamship yesterday. Charles Knight drove 4,873, three quarter inch rivets, 2.5-8 inches long in nine hours. The previous high record was 4442 established in a shipyard in Scotland.

TECH STUDENTS SUBSCRIBE \$7,000

Harrisburg.—Tech High students secured pledges for 1400 "baby bonds" valued at \$7,000 this afternoon. Section eleven and composed of freshmen under the direction of H. B. Shreiner led with 246 pledges. Section six, freshmen, A. A. Knauss, captain, was second with 167 and sections A and C, sophomores, J. I. Hamaker, captain had 144 pledges. Twenty-five sections were at work from noon until three o'clock covering territory covered by the regular committees.

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Sharing the Fruits of Conquest



"Kill the Rooster," Orders Farm Head; Too Costly Boarder

"Kill the rooster!" is the imperative order issued to-day by County Agent H. G. Niesley, who is doing his utmost to protect poultry raising in this neighborhood.

"Horrors!" you say. "Kill off that magnificent aristocrat of the roost; who preens himself so grandly as he struts among the lowly, housewife hens; who, for ages, has been held essential to the production of eggs?"

"Just that," says Agent Niesley. "Now is the time to get rid of the rooster. If one has escaped the ax so far, he is killed to-morrow. One more female may be kept in place of each male, and a return can be realized from her while, in the case of a male, only a loss can result."

"How is this, you ask? Why, the fact is that there is no economy in paying board bills for roosters. He is but an ornament, and not at all necessary for the obtaining of large egg yields. Experiments have exploded this delusion.

"No breeder can afford to keep his roosters for the second year," declares Agent Niesley. "Unless he has spent considerable time and capital in improving the strain."

So farewell, Colonel Rooster, and we hope to meet you once again at the Sunday dinner table.

Germany Seek to Weld Wedding Bonds at 20; to Punish the Childless

London, May 17.—The German Commission appointed to examine the decline in the birth rate in Germany has reported a recommendation for the compulsory marriage of Germans before their twentieth year is passed, according to a dispatch to the Daily Express from Amsterdam.

Dr. Henry M. Stine Buys a Baby Bond every calendar day that has a "5" in it

Pretty Good Idea For You, Too

MARRIAGE LICENSES

Ralph E. Steele, Cleveland, Ohio, and Edith L. Mason, Harrisburg; William Buffington, Steelton, and Esther Smith, Newport; John Fruster, Hightstown, and Henrietta V. Drumheller, Shamokin; Ernest K. Shoemaker, Jr., Harrisburg, and Ella S. Bentz, Lemoyne; Edgar C. Shuey and Grace Mae Dittow, New Cumberland.