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CITY CONFIDENT LOAN QUOTA IS TO BE FULFILLED

Banks Finding Means to Aid Further in Floating Subscriptions

MANY HAVE YET TO BUY Clerks Going Over Cards to See Who Failed in Patriotic Duty

All Harrisburg to-day is looking at the Liberty Loan proposition in a new light—as a means whereby it can back up the President in his demand that the German autocrats come down. The Spanish influenza epidemic "crimped" the Loan last week, preventing the city from "getting over" in the four-day period, but the "flu" now shows signs of abatement and the population of the city and district is determined that its apathy of last week will be replaced with a vigor which will put over the proposition in a walk.

Many of the Homes and Industrial workers were sick with influenza, and some of the most prominent captains and commanders have had deaths in their families. The result has not been helpful to the loan proposition, quite naturally.

Loan Will Go Over But the Liberty Loan is going over so far as the Harrisburg district is concerned—and it is going over so far as the United States is concerned.

In all likelihood the banks of America will figure to-day on ways and means to place the \$2,000,000 worth of Liberty bonds in the hands of the people.

But the banks cannot bear this tremendous burden themselves. It is up to the rank and file of the citizenship to "hold up its end." If the banks were to handle the burden themselves the result would be disastrous from a financial standpoint. Many possibilities might be actualities.

Combining the Town At Liberty Loan headquarters to-day a force of clerks was going over the 30,000 cards in the Harrisburg file. These cards contain the names of every wage-earner in the city. They are being compared with the sheets showing bond purchases so that by to-morrow noon headquarters will know who has bought bonds and who has not.

Income Comparison, Too When the cards are compared a further comparison will be made with the income tax returns for the city district, so that it will be known definitely whether men who are making over \$2,200 a year have bought bonds to the amount of which they are capable.

German Woman Buys One purchase to-day was by a German woman of German birth, who has six brothers in the German army and a sister who is a German army nurse.

My sympathies were with Germany up until the time the United States was compelled to enter the war," she said. "I have lived in this country 21 years and when the time came to make a choice I did not hesitate for a moment. This is 'my own United States.' I have \$500 worth of first issue bonds; \$500 of the second issue, and \$400 of the third. I want \$1,000 of the fourth issue."

Boys With Allotment Money Mrs. Frank Zimmerman, 653 Dauphin street, this morning bought a \$50 bond. Mrs. Zimmerman is a soldier's mother. She received her August allotment money—\$49—the other day, and to it she to-day added \$20 cash and bought a bond. Many instances of this kind are being reported.

Workers All Busy Abatement of the "flu" having begun, the various teams composed of hundreds of workers, to-day are combing the city far more thoroughly than they covered it last week. They expect great results.

Lieut. Geo. J. Shoemaker Is Wounded in Battle

Lieutenant George J. Shoemaker, for nine years a member of the Harrisburg police force, has been severely wounded in the left arm and leg while serving in France, according to word just received here. Injuries were received in the explosion on September 5.

PLEASE BE INDULGENT

The Harrisburg Telegraph begs its readers to overlook for the moment irregularities in its make-up typographical errors and omissions. The newspaper force has been seriously reduced by the epidemic of influenza and the mechanical department in particular is laboring under great difficulties.

THE WEATHER

For Harrisburg and vicinity: Fair to-night and probably Thursday; slightly warmer to-night. For Eastern Pennsylvania: Fair to-night and probably Thursday; slightly warmer to-night in north and west portions; light west winds becoming north.

We Nominate For Peace Commissioners as Follows:



FOR THE COMMISSION TO ARRANGE DETAILS OF EVACUATION



AND FOR THE COMMISSION TO SETTLE "PRACTICAL DETAILS" OF WILSON'S PEACE DEMANDS

ALL STORES TO CLOSE SATURDAY EVENING AT 6.30

Trolley Cars Must Have at Least Half of Windows Open

As there has been no decrease in the number of deaths and new cases of influenza in the city, Dr. J. M. J. Raunick, city health officer, has communicated with the Chamber of Commerce, requesting them to have all stores and other business places close again at 6.30 o'clock on Saturday evening. He has also asked all other stores and small business places not associated with that organization to observe the closing order again. Only drug stores and restaurants are excepted.

Every one should co-operate as they did last week. Dr. Raunick urged. Rumors that the present drastic quarantine orders closing theaters, churches, schools, saloons and other places may be lifted soon were denied to-day by Dr. Raunick.

Garros, Noted French Flyer, Shot Down in Flight Over Hun Lines

Amsterdam, Oct. 16.—Lieutenant Roland G. Garros, the noted French aviator, who was posted as missing on October 4 after a flight over the German lines, was shot down and killed on October 4, a Berlin message to-day announced.

LARGE FAMILIES LEFT BY DEATHS

Among the deaths due to pneumonia and the influenza epidemic which are particularly pathetic are: Samuel Olsen, 226 Liberty street, who leaves five children, the youngest, one year old, Mrs. David Martin, 35, New Cumberland, whose husband died Monday; five children, the youngest three weeks old, survive. Harry Hake, of near New Cumberland, 33, who leaves a wife and seven children.

DESTITUTION MARKS WAKE OF GRIP EPIDEMIC

Parents Dying of Pneumonia Leave Large Families of Small Children Extreme destitution is marking the wake of the Spanish epidemic to-day as disclosures by the score came through police and Associated Aid channels. The latter is furnishing coal, groceries and clothing in quantity, the one most pathetic charity being the supplying of burial garments for two little girls, sisters, who lived with their parents in South Cameron street and died on Sunday at the Harrisburg Hospital. The whole family is down with the dread disease.

New Cumberland suffers in particular, the severe children of Mr. and Mrs. Henry Hake being bereft now of their father, who died at the Harrisburg Hospital on Sunday. He had waited upon his family as one after another fell victim. He lived at Springer's Lane, near New Cumberland and was 33 years old. Not far distant another tragedy involved the death of Mrs. David Martin, whose husband died on Sunday last. This morning the mother also passed away, leaving five children, the youngest of whom is but 3 weeks of age.

TWO BANKS OFFER MILLION DOLLARS TO BOND BUYERS

Harrisburg National and Harrisburg Trust Put Up Fund; Russ Bros. Buy \$30,000

Announcement was made to-day by the Harrisburg National Bank and the Harrisburg Trust Company that these two institutions are prepared to lend one million dollars to those who want to buy bonds, but who do not have the ready money. The acceptance of small cash payments, or security for the first payments and a 4 1/2 rate of interest for six months (the same rate as the bonds), are inducements offered, that leaves little, if any excuse for anyone not to increase the amount of his original subscription for bonds of the Fourth Loan.

This offer, coming on top of George W. Rely's offer yesterday to W. M. Ogelsby, chairman of a special committee of the loan organization, offered in behalf of the Harrisburg Trust Company to underwrite \$100,000 of the deficiency of the Liberty Loan subscription, indicates the active effort and assistance which these two Market Square institutions are putting forth to enable Harrisburg to go over the top in subscribing her quota of the Fourth issue. The Harrisburg Trust Company yesterday added to its directorate W. P. Starkey, general superintendent of the Harrisburg Pipe and Pipe Bending Company, himself a big holder of Liberty bonds.

Russ Bros. \$30,000 Russ Bros, ice cream manufacturers, to-day increased their Liberty Loan subscription from \$5,000 to \$30,000. The letter of the firm to George S. Reineohel, chairman of the industrial committee, follows: We enclose you herewith our subscription for \$25,000 Liberty Loan bonds which in addition for the \$5,000 previously subscribed, brings our total to \$30,000 of this issue. We consider this not only our patriotic duty but a financial privilege, inasmuch as corporations earning over 10 per cent, on their invested capital will save not less than 11.40 per cent, annually on this amount in their Federal taxes. In addition we feel confident that before we are able to pay for these bonds they will be selling at a handsome premium. Enclosed find our check for \$25,000. Very truly yours, W. M. RUSS, Treasurer.

ALLIES DRIVE WEDGE INTO BELGIAN SOIL

Pershing's Troops Easily Repulse Counterattack

YANKEES HOLD GROUND GAINED

With the American Forces Northwest of Verdun, Oct. 16.—(12:10 p. m.)—The Germans to-day continued their resistance against the advance of the American forces on this front, the strength of the opposition fully equalling that of yesterday.

With machine guns, some artillery fire and minor counterattacks the Germans this morning interposed desperate resistance to Pershing's men all along the line.

All the counterattacks were easily repulsed. They had the appearance because of the small numbers of men employed, of being efforts to throw confusion into the American ranks in order to gain time.

The principal American activity this morning was on the left of the battle sector, where the Americans actively in the district east of the river Meuse. The enemy threw gas shells into the Chatillon woods last night and bombarded Tulleries farm. The advance of the Americans yesterday has been maintained everywhere and some slight gains were recorded during the night.

Substantial Gains Washington, Oct. 16.—Substantial gains on both sides of the Meuse against stubborn resistance by a reinforced enemy was reported to-day by General Pershing in his communique for Tuesday.

"Our troops to-day continued their attack on both sides of the Meuse, encountering stubborn resistance from a reinforced enemy. East of the Meuse French and American troops have gained ground. West of the river the fighting has increased in violence and our troops have made substantial gains including hill 299, which changed hands three times. We have broken the Kriemhild-Stellung at new points, where our men closed with the enemy in a series of hand-to-hand encounters in which they took prisoners."

Huns Bombard French Seaport; Kill Civilians

With the French Forces in Flanders, Oct. 16.—The Germans to-day resumed their long-range bombardment of the French seaport of Dunkirk, on the Strait of Dover. There were some civilian victims.

100 DIE IN PIATRA WRECK London, Oct. 16.—One hundred persons were killed and 200 injured in the derailing of the Bucharest express near Piatra, Rumania, according to a dispatch to the Central News from Amsterdam quoting advice from Vienna. The dispatch adds that several of the coaches of the train fell into the Bistritza River.

BAVARIANS NOW PACIFISTS

Zurich, Oct. 16.—At a meeting of the Bavarian Socialist party in Munich, Sunday, a resolution was adopted urging the Reichstag to appoint a state court to try all Germans, even the highest personages, who have been guilty of frustrating peace efforts.

NATION SPURRED TO RAISE EXTRA THREE BILLIONS

Signs at Capitol Point to Succeed in Raising Fourth Loan to Quota

Washington, Oct. 16.—With four more days to go the nation to-day passed the \$3,000,000,000 halfway post in the Fourth Liberty Loan race toward \$6,000,000,000 before Saturday night. Headquarters reports indicate favorable conditions for the closing days of the campaign.

FOE'S BARBED WIRE DOES NOT HOLD UP AMERICAN ADVANCE

Allied Armies Are Sweeping Through German Positions in Belgium For Important Gains Near Coast Lines

FALL OF LILLE ASSURED BY FOCH'S RAPID BLOWS

Paris, Oct. 16.—The German extreme right wing is being threatened more and more as the Allied wedge in Flanders is driven deeper. Already the advance of the Allies is from two and one-half to five miles on a thirty-mile front.

The Belgians are approaching Thourout, only twelve miles from Bruges and within twenty miles of the Dutch border.

There are signs that the Germans realize the days of their occupation of Belgium are numbered. They already have begun the work of destruction in western Belgium. According to information reaching Paris the Germans are preparing to evacuate Bruges and Ghent, and even Brussels.

Sweeping steadily ahead over the lowlands of Belgian Flanders, the British, French and Belgian armies are rapidly tearing away the extreme right flank of the German battline. Twelve thousand prisoners have been captured in two days, according to official statements.

Allies Cross Lys River Allied forces have captured Menin and Werwicq, and are across the Lys river in the neighborhood of the latter town. There are unofficial reports that Thourout has been taken and it is confirmed that the British are within two miles of Courtrai.

Yankees Pierce Kriemhild Line Fighting through a maze of barbed wire defenses and over tangled lines of communication, the Americans west of the Meuse river are slowly but surely cutting through the Kriemhild line. They have carried hill 299, a height which dominates much of the country west of Romagne, and have penetrated the second line of defense in the vicinity of Laireux-St. Georges.

Huns Get Fresh Troops The battle in this area has been of a most savage nature. The Germans are pouring fresh troops into the struggle in the hope that the American onslaught may be stayed before it reaches the important railroad lines in the rear of the German front. A victory for the American in the Argonne sector would decide the fate of Germany on the western front, and would compel a general retreat by the enemy from

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An army of about 5,000,000 men, eighty divisions in France and eighty in England, is to be mobilized by July 1 next, is what the new program calls for. To prepare and maintain it, the amount of appropriations is sought in addition to \$17,500,000,000 provided by the annual army bill and the fortifications bill, is what the program calls for.

General Crowder, appearing before the committee when the bill was drafted, described it as the "maximum effort for a definite maximum performance." He pointed to the moral effect of such a measure. In all General Crowder told the committee, 2,399,000 newly registered.

Lys Is Crossed by Haig's Men as Menin Falls

ALLIES PRESS ON IN THE RAIN

With the Allied Armies in Belgium, Oct. 16.—Menin has fallen. Allied troops are a mile east of Roulers and advanced patrols are according to latest reports, within a mile of Courtrai. The Lys river seems to have been crossed between Comines, which has been captured and Warneton. Another crossing of the Lys has been effected at Werwicq. It is reported.

The enemy has begun a withdrawal from Pont-a-Vennin and Pervicq and from the Rolleguez front. Here British patrols have reached the outskirts of Neurchin.

Everywhere the Germans are fighting rear-guard actions. The battle is being fought in a continuous rain.

Cuene Has Been Taken Cuene has been taken. The Belgians have captured Bevern station. They are east and north of the Bevern Canal and are before Iseghem.

Yesterday's gains further turned the German lines both north and south of the area under attack as the enemy retirement reported from the southwest is the result. Additional fires and explosions are reported.

There was an impressive scene at Roulers when the place was taken. A French major captured the rescued civilians and German prisoners around a battered piano in the square and, as the shells screamed in another pocket.

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LOAN TOTAL IN CITY \$4,824,300

Harrisburg—Reports received by Liberty Loan headquarters up until 3 o'clock this afternoon showed that \$4,824,300 has been added to the Liberty Loan total for the Harrisburg district since Friday. The total to date is \$4,824,300, including to-day's figures. Ten reports to-day showed collections of \$218,000; industrial sales, \$150,000. The Boy Scouts have sold \$30,000.

The McCormick division, according to the team figures up to 3 o'clock, collected \$48,300. Bacon division, \$29,700. Hoffman division, \$42,350. Dapp division, \$85,250. Hunter division, \$9,600. Pass division, \$3,400.

BERLIN HAS WILSON REPLY

Basel, Switzerland—President Wilson's reply to the German peace proposals reached Berlin at noon yesterday. It has not been given to the German public, however, up to 8 o'clock last night.

BIG GUNS IN WAR PROGRAM

Washington—General Horney, head of the ordnance bureau, to-day told the committee that the new war program calls for 14,600 new guns for the increased artillery. The Neville island ordnance plant near Pittsburgh for constructing 14, 16, and 18 inch guns will be increased, he said.

GERMANY STUDIES WILSON ANSWER

London—It is expected that the German imperial chancellor will make a decision to-day on the matters contained in President Wilson's latest note, says a dispatch from Copenhagen to the Exchange Telegraph Company.

COUNT HUSSARE KRESIGNS

Washington—It is reported in Vienna, according to an official dispatch from Switzerland to-day that Emperor Charles has accepted the resignation of Count Hussarek, the Austrian premier, and instructed Count Silva Taronca with the task of forming a new cabinet.

MARRIAGE LICENSES

Emory L. Oberdorfer, York county, and Kate Stouffer, London township; Louis W. Burgess, Canton, and Lillian B. Perdue, Harrisburg.