

# ALLIES' LOSSES IN THE MILLIONS

### Estimate Made by German Military Critic.

## SACRIFICES ON THE SOMME

Gen. Von Linsingen Alone Inflicted Losses Of Over 62,000—Ninety Divisions On The Somme Front Annihilated.

Berlin (by wireless to Sayville).—British and French divisions with a total of more than one million men have been virtually annihilated in the Somme battle, says the military critic of the Overseas News Agency.

According to figures from Swiss sources, as given by the news agency, the Russian losses from June 1 to October 2 were about one million men. The news agency's military critic writes:

"The heavy sacrifices made by the British and French for the recapture of each square yard on the Somme is proved by the fact that in three and one-half months about ninety fresh divisions were virtually annihilated, so that it was necessary to withdraw them forever.

(Ninety divisions represents a total of considerably more than one million men. There are about 12,000 men in a French division and 19,000 in a British division.)

### Disappeared Completely.

"These divisions disappeared completely from battle. Fifty-five divisions in consequence of their great losses were able to engage in combat only twice, 15 divisions three times, and only one was able to engage in combat four times. Four divisions had suffered so severely after their second engagement that it was necessary to send them to quiet sectors, but on critical days they were again thrown in."

Turning to the eastern front, the critic writes:

"The Fourth Siberian corps, from August 31 to September 3, lost between 13,000 to 14,000 men before Bubnov. The Tenth Siberian Rifle Division, which was attached to the Fourth Corps, lost between 5,000 and 6,000 men, near Korytnia. The Fourth Rifle Division, between August 31, and September 20 lost between 5,000 and 7,000 men near Saelov, and the Second Rifle Division in three days lost at the same place between 4,000 and 5,000 men.

"From the beginning of the offensive 175 divisions, partly new and partly brought up to strength recently, were launched against the German positions on the Somme," the critic continues.

### Russian Total Losses.

Referring to the total losses of the Russians, he says:

"A Russian official at Kiev, according to a Swiss paper, numbers the Russian casualties from June 1 to October 2 at 76,000 officers and 322,500 of other ranks, or 1,389,000 in round figures. These gigantic figures are comprehensible only if the great Russian losses before separate sectors on our front are considered. Thus, the army group of General Von Linsingen, which holds one-sixth of the eastern front, inflicted losses in the month of September on the Russians which are calculated by a responsible authority at 42,500 to 48,000. These figures probably are below the actual losses. Corresponding reports of given from the army sector of Gen. Von Boehm-Ermolli by a war correspondent. There it was ascertained that the Siberian corps, which are the best in the Russian army, were simply annihilated.

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Cleveland Hospital Will Determine Fitness Of Couples.

Cleveland.—Dan Cupid received a setback when it was announced that Mount Sinai Hospital, Cleveland's newest medical institution, would open a clinic for eugenics. Marriages guaranteed to be happy and a better race of Clevelanders is the object of the clinic. Advice and examinations will be given prospective brides and bridegrooms to determine their eugenic fitness.

# BAKERS REDUCE SIZE OF LOAF

### Department of Labor Announces Its Report.

## INGREDIENTS COSTS MORE

Instances Cited Where Price Was Raised and Loaf Reduced At The Same Time in Some Of The Cities.

Washington.—The result of the recent investigation into the increased bread prices in forty-five centers was made public by the Department of Labor. The report states that of 210 varieties of bread retailed at fifteen ounces for five cents May 15, but fourteen varieties were selling for the same price September 15. Many bakers met advanced prices in raw materials by discontinuing wholesale trade substituting "presumably cheaper" brands of bread and dispensing with returns of stale bread.

On the comparative basis of May and September prices it was found that in September wheat was 24 per cent. higher, flour 37 per cent. higher and bread 11 per cent. higher. The percentage of increase in wheat prices was continually more than the increase in bread prices.

In May the retail margin over the wholesale price of flour was \$2.14; in September, \$1.90. The retail price of bread before baking in May was 0.56 cent; in September, 0.62 cent.

In several cities the weight of a loaf dropped from 16 to 12 1/2 ounces. Instances are cited where the price was increased and the weight decreased at the same time. But the general practice was to advance the weight in minor ratio to the price advance.

### INTERFERENCE WITH MAIL.

Radical Changes Promised By The British and French.

Washington.—Radical changes in the treatment of mails on neutral ships are promised in the reply of the British and French governments to the American protests against interference with mails. The changes, while short of an abandonment of the contention of the right to search for information of value to the enemy, are regarded by the Allies as sufficient to meet the wishes of the United States.

Otherwise the two notes which are now under consideration at the State Department are devoted to an extensive academic discussion of the whole subject of the treatment of mails in time of war, with voluminous quotations from the history of the American Civil War and of other wars up to date.

### TO LOOK FOR U-BOAT BASE.

Destroyer Squadron Under Admiral Gleaves.

Washington.—A complete survey of the Atlantic and Gulf Coasts would be made by naval vessels to determine whether or not any belligerent warship has a base on American soil, it was announced by Secretary of the Navy Daniels. The Secretary stated that he had no official information indicating that such a base or bases had been established, but that circumstantial evidence had come to him from other sources which made it advisable to send ships of the fleet along the shore.

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# POOR OL' MOTHER EARTH



# FARM LOAN BOARD SCENTS BIG FRAUD

### Rural Credits Act Misused in Large Belt.

# PUBLIC MEN DRAWN IN

### Stock Sold For Banks Alleged To Be Bogus—Governors and Congressmen Made Unwilling Parties To Scheme.

Washington.—Seeking to head off what they believe is developing into one of the greatest financial frauds in the United States has known, the Federal Farm Loan Board asked the aid of the Department of Justice.

Clear across the continent, in a stripe of States from Virginia to California, the board reported to the Justice Department, organizations either deliberately fraudulent or at best illegal, have sprung up for the purpose of defrauding farmers through the latter's ignorance of the new Rural Credits Act. In one single instance, it is said, the farmers have been victimized to an aggregate of \$350,000.

### Public Men Drawn In.

Governors of States and members of Congress have been made unwilling parties to some of these illegal operations, it is said, the promoters taking advantage of them, as well as of the farmers. Prominent men in all walks of life have been involved, their names being used in some cases simply to lend respectability.

The board believes it will be able to prosecute successfully. Some time ago it announced a ruling that no proposed joint stock land bank will be chartered if it has spent money for promotion. This was designed to hold the expense of operation down to a minimum in order that the interest rates to farmers may be the lowest possible. In the face of this ruling, it is said, promoters have continued to sell stock in proposed land banks and to take part of the proceeds for their own services.

### Failed Before Seeking Charter.

One of these concerns failed before it could even have applied for a charter, but it had sold stock to the amount of several hundred thousand dollars to farmers. In many cases the stock has been sold with the understanding that the company is to apply for a charter under the new Federal law, when there has been no such intention on the part of the promoters.

### POTATO TRUST CONVICTED.

Blacklisting Committee Found Guilty Under Sherman Act.

Boston.—Five offices of the Aroostook (Maine) Potato Shippers' Association were found guilty under the Sherman act of conspiracy in restraint of trade. They are: Carl C. King, of Caribou, Maine, president of the association; John M. Hovey, of Mars Hill, Maine, secretary; Clarence H. Powers, of Maple Grove, Maine, members of a so-called listing committee; Edward H. Doyle, New York agent, and H. W. Sylvester, Boston agent. Sentence was deferred. They blacklisted dealers and boycotted persons who traded with the blacklisted ones. They claimed immunity under the Clayton amendment on the ground that theirs was an agricultural association, but Judge Morton held that the jury must decide whether the measures adopted were justified.

### NO HOPE FOR EARLY PEACE.

Understanding Impossible Now, Says Cologne Gazette.

Amsterdam.—Premier Asquith's recent speech in Commons held out no hope for an early peace, said the Cologne Gazette. "So long as he draws out mendacious phrases about the menaced independence of small nations, an understanding with him is impossible," said the Gazette. "So long as British Ministers do not recognize the uselessness of predatory war, the nations will continue to bleed."

### GIVES PALM TO WASHINGTON.

Commissioner Neabit Says City Leads Country in Insurance.

Washington.—Insurance Commissioner Neabit, in an address to the Washington representatives of the Mutual Life Insurance Company, declared that Washington people carry more insurance than the people of any other community in the United States. He also stated that the people of the United States carry more insurance than the people of all the countries of Europe combined.

### "INDIAN" KILLS SISTER.

Make-Believe Redskin Fires Shotgun At Four-Year-Old.

Sharon, Pa.—Playing Indian at his father's home, Greenville, Paul Howard, 9 years old, blew off the head of his sister, Laverne, four years old. The children were playing in the dining room when Paul took his father's shotgun from a rack and pointed it at his baby sister. A moment later there was a loud report and when the parents entered the room they found Laverne dead on the floor.

### AMERICAN CORPS TO BALKANS.

Ambulance Field Service Leaves Paris For Salonki Front.

Paris.—The recently formed section of the American ambulance field service, which is to serve with the French army in the Balkans, left for the Salonki front. It consists of 29 ambulances with repair cars, a kitchen car, tents and other accessories for service far from the hospital base. The section is under command of Lovering Hill, of New York.

# ONE SUBMARINE DID THE WORK

### All on Torpedoed Ships Had Time to Leave.

## NO MORE SHIPS SUNK

Submarine Able To Submerge and Bob Up So Quickly As To Give the Impression There Were More Than One.

Newport, R. I.—The wholesale raid on foreign shipping south of Nantucket lightship Sunday was the work of one submarine, according to reports of American naval officers. Rear Admiral Albert Gleaves, commanding the torpedo-boat destroyer flotilla, which did such remarkably speedy rescue work, said that the reports of all his officers agreed that, to the best of their observation, one raider only was concerned. This boat presumably was the German U-53, which called at Newport to mail a letter to Ambassador Bernstorff, and then put to sea, without taking on an ounce of supplies, although she was 17 days from her base, according to the statement of her officers.

Admiral Gleaves said he could easily understand the positive statements of the captain of the Nantucket lightship and of sailors of the torpedoed vessels that more than one submarine was concerned. The U-boat, he said, was very fast and appeared to have been handled cleverly. It was easy, he pointed out, for her to disappear on one side of a ship and then show up unexpectedly at another spot. Doubtless he believed she had submerged and reappeared often enough to mislead any but a keen professional observer and to create the impression that more than one sea terror was operating.

This opinion would seem to be borne out by the statement of many of the refugees that the submarine had more business on hand than she could take care of at once and was obliged to request one steamer to wait her turn while another was being put out of commission. Lieutenant Commander Miller, of the destroyer Ericsson, who witnessed the destruction of the Stephano, said he was positive that only one submarine was in the vicinity at the time.

### Crew Still Missing.

The known list of the victims of the U-boat's Sunday exploits remains at six, notwithstanding reports from the Nantucket lightship that three other ships, the identity of which could not be learned, were sent to the bottom. There also was a persistent rumor, without verification, that a British cruiser, one of the allied patrol fleet sent to the submarine zone, had been attacked.

### TOMATO VINE GROWS POTATOES.

Produces At The Same Time Eleven Matured Tomatoes.

State College, Pa.—Eleven fully matured potatoes and as many life-sized potatoes growing on a single plant in the vegetable gardens of the Pennsylvania State College marks the advent of the newest of freak plants in the vegetable world. A potato was planted and on the stalk produced there was grafted a young tomato shoot. The union was protected with wax and bound with raffia. On the vine developed many normal tomatoes. Underground, at the same time, the potatoes thrived as if they were growing under the stimulus of their own vine.

### FARMERS GAIN 27.6 PER CENT.

Producers Of Food Greatly Benefited By High Prices.

Washington.—Prices of farm products continue to rise. Producers were being paid 27.6 per cent. more on October 1 than a year ago, the Department of Agriculture announced. That level of prices increased 1.3 per cent. during September, compared with a decrease of about 3 per cent. during that month in the last eight years.

### SUICIDE LAID TO "FUNNIES."

Miner Thought They Were Ridiculing Him, and Blows Self Up.

Chisholm, Minn.—Because, friends say, he believed the "funny" sections of Sunday newspapers were making him a subject of ridicule and that persons were deriding him because of resemblance to a funny page character, Charles Maritz, 25 years old, a miner, unmarried, committed suicide by blowing himself up with dynamite.

### AMERICANS REPORTED SLAIN.

Two Said To Have Been Killed In Brussels During Air Fight.

Amsterdam.—Two Americans were killed in the streets of Brussels by German shrapnel while the Teutons were bombarding British aeroplanes, the Echo de Belge reports. The American Minister to Belgium is making an investigation.

### SCHOOLGIRL SLAIN IN CELLAR.

Strangled With Her Bookstrap After Being Assaulted.

New York.—Strangled with her own bookstrap after being assaulted, Tillie Brown, an 11-year-old schoolgirl, was found dead in the cellar of a Monroe street tenement, on the lower East Side. The only clue the police have was furnished by an uncle of the girl. He reported that last Thursday he saw a strange man purchasing candy for the child at a street stand.

# AWARD DESPITE HOSPITAL CHANGE

### Refusal Of Patient To Be Operated Upon Does Not Affect Compensation.

## TOLD IN SHORT PARAGRAPHS

Dependents were awarded compensation in decisions filed by Chairman Harry A. Mackey, of the State Workmen's Compensation Board, in two claims presenting unusual features. In both, there were refusals to consent to operations and removals from one hospital to another where operations took place. Death occurred in both instances.

In the case of Jern and Annie Csermack, Pittsburgh, against the H. C. Frick Coke Company, the claimants were stepfather and mother and dependents of an employee of the company. The mother refused to permit an operation which was urged and had the man removed to another hospital where an operation took place. It is held that the refusal to consent to an operation does not amount to refusal of medical or surgical aid and does not defeat right of compensation, the decision saying in one part "there is no obligation on the part of the injured man to submit himself to an operation, the result of which is so problematical that his life is at stake."

In the second case, Christina Sims Windber vs. The Homer City Coal & Coke Company, the deceased refused an operation and insisted upon being removed to another hospital, where a bone was transplanted. The question was whether the man died as a direct result of the original injury or because of his refusal to be operated upon at the first hospital. Mr. Mackey holds that the claimant is entitled to compensation, saying that there is "no evidence to show but that the same result would have followed an operation earlier at the first hospital."

### Burn 100,000 Acres.

Forty-six counties of Pennsylvania had forest fires this spring and while the total area burned over was more than 100,000 acres it was only a third of the acreage damaged by fires in the season of 1915, according to figures issued by the State Forestry Department. The damage done by the fires of this year is estimated at \$170,000.

Blair, Luzerne and Potter counties were the heaviest sufferers from the fires, each having more than 13,000 acres burned over. Twenty counties lost over a thousand acres of timber each and Columbia county, which had but three fires, suffered a loss of 1,042 acres. Bucks lost only 23.

There were 505 fires reported, of which fifty-eight were incendiary, 169 due to railroads, thirty-nine due to careless campers and thirty-seven due to careless lumbering operations, while five were ascribed to lightning. Thirty-two of the incendiary fires were in Franklin county.

### Poorest Milk Has Been Setting Price.

Discussing the cost of producing milk by dairymen and the cost of distribution by dealers, Professor Fred Rasmussen, head of the Dairy Husbandry Department at the State College, said that milk had until very recently been paid for without regard to quality, the cheapest and poorest milk determining the price. The farmer, he said, had not made use of collective bargaining in the sale of milk, and as an individual had accepted what price was offered.

"The fact that milk has always been obtainable farther away from the market at less price than the difference in the cost of transportation," said Professor Rasmussen, "has made it difficult to get an increase in the price of milk for the farmer. The farmer, as a class, is slow to change and slow to organize."

"The fact that milk producers in the Eastern part of the United States today are organizing to save their industry from financial ruin is the best evidence of the economic pressure the industry is suffering. In the solving of the crisis in the milk business today, many adjustments must be made."

### To Liquidate Insurance Concerns.

The Dauphin County Court named Insurance Commission J. Denny O'Neill to take charge of affairs and liquidate the Textile and Sterling Mutual Fire Insurance Companies, of Pottsville, and the Central Mutual Fire Insurance Company, of Lebanon, Thomas B. Donaldson, of Philadelphia, will be named as special deputy to handle the business.

### New Oleo License Record.

The Pennsylvania Department of Agriculture through the Dairy and Food Bureau has issued 2,880 licenses for the sale of oleomargarine against 2,819 issued during the entire year of 1915. The renovated butter licenses have also shown an increase of from two for 1915 to four up to the present time this year.

### Approves Railroad Charter.

Governor Brumbaugh approved the charter of the Amityville Railroad, which will build a five-mile railroad from Stowe to Amityville. The capital is \$50,000 and the president is William Abbott Witman, Reading.

### Permits Trial Of Mayor.

Attorney General Brown allowed the writ in the application to test the citizenship of Mayor Jonas Fischer, of Williamsport. The case will be tried in Lycoming county.

### "Doctor, I don't feel well; my heart is troubling me. I am afraid it's going to be the end of me," declared Lafayette Lescher, of Windsor Castle, as he walked into the office of Dr. R. W. Wolfe, at Port Carbon. An instant later Lescher plunged forward and died on the floor of the physician's office.

### The Reading Iron Works of Danville has given its puddler another increase of fifty cents a ton, bringing their wages up to \$7.50 a ton—the highest ever paid here.

# STATE NEWS BRIEFLY TOLD

### The Latest Gleanings From All Over the State.

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H. J. Foldhege, of Allentown, superintendent of the Egypt Silk Company, has been arrested by a State Factory inspector, charged with employing minors without certificates.

Warren Scholl, of Northampton, employed at the Bethlehem Steel Company, will probably be blind in the right eye, into which flew a chip of steel while he was at work.

Mt. Penn borough has completed a macadam roadway, five squares in length, toward Black Bear, that will rank as among the finest roadbeds in the State.

Prof. Harry W. Sharadin, who for the past ten years filled the chair of art and drawing at the Keystone State Normal School, has accepted a similar position with the Allentown High School.

At the regular meeting of Marietta Council the names of a number of streets in the borough were changed, and in the near future signs giving the names of streets and the houses will be numbered, as Postmaster Orth has been assured of free city delivery.

Chestnut blight has struck the chestnut farm of Samuel Seybert, and with his trees now reaching a good bearing age, and the farm the largest cultivated chestnut farm in the Berwick section, Seybert stands to lose a fortune, after years of labor.

The Mountain House at Cresson, once a famous summer resort, was sold by the Pennsylvania Railroad Company to S. P. Cassidy, an Altoona contractor, for \$2,500. Only the building, which is four stories high and contains 216 rooms, is involved in the sale, and it must be removed at once.

F. H. Wright, formerly of the Illinois Steel Company, of South Chicago, has been appointed superintendent of the new twelve-inch and eighteen-inch structural mills of the Bethlehem Steel Company, and W. M. Strawn has been appointed assistant superintendent of Nos. One, Two and Four Machine Shops.

Because of the alarming spread of typhoid fever throughout Harrisburg and Dauphin county, two large corporate employers of labor—the Central Iron & Steel Company and the Harrisburg Pipe & Pipe Bending Company—have offered to inoculate their employees free of charge with typhoid vaccine.

That almonds and English walnuts can be grown in these latitudes is shown by a successful demonstration just made by John W. Eckert. On his beautiful farm at Eckert he planted a number of trees which this year bore for the first time, and Mr. Eckert harvested several bushels of both the almonds and walnuts, of the finest quality.

As George King hunted in the thickets of Locust Mountain, near Mahanoy City, his attention was called by his barking hunting dogs to a body which lay in the cove. It proved to be that of Miss Elizabeth Bronk, eighteen years, who had been missing from her home a week. By her side lay an empty bottle, which had contained poison. Her lips were horribly burned.

A Cumberland county jury awarded Giuseppe Promotico, an Italian, who gave his home as Philadelphia, a verdict for \$2,000 damages against the H. C. Brooks Company, of Martinsburg, W. Va. Promotico was injured three years ago during sewerage work in Carlisle and lost a leg. Many of the witnesses were recalled to Europe for war service and depositions had to be taken.

The manufacture of war munitions for the French Government by the Atlas Powder Company, resulted in a suit for \$15,000 damages being filed against the company by Robert Leonard, of Pottsville, an employee. Some time ago Leonard fell into a tank of acid and was terribly burned. He alleges the deadly material was not properly protected by the powder company, and that his injuries from the waist down are of a serious nature.

Owing to the scarcity of coke and the difficulty of getting it shipped to the Allentown region, there is grave danger that the furnaces of the Lehigh Valley will be compelled to suspend. The Crane Iron Works, at Catonsville, are ready to put another furnace into blast, but have barely enough fuel to keep in blast what is already lighted. Unless relief comes in the shape of coke the Thomas furnaces at Hokenatqua will be compelled to shut down, and the other plants in the vicinity are in the same predicament. There is strong demand for the iron they can produce.

In chasing his daughter in efforts to chastise her, John Matlack, thirty-three years old, of Duncannon, fell and broke his neck, dying in a few minutes. Matlack spent the day in Harrisburg, returned home and started to beat his wife. She is in a serious condition, but will recover. His ten-year-old daughter, Flora, endeavored to aid her mother, when her father started to chastise, she eluded his grasp and ran across a field. Matlack pursued her and fell into a ditch. Matlack was an employee of the Duncannon Iron & Steel Company.