

Retreat at Two Points in Belgium Admitted by Berlin

WEATHER—Fair to night; cool to-morrow.



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NEW YORK'S BILLION MAY SEND LOAN UP TO \$3,000,000,000

HAIG STRIKES ANOTHER BLOW ON TWO SIDES OF MESSINES, GAINING ALL HIS OBJECTIVES

Has Advanced From 500 to 1,000 Yards on Seven-Mile Front in Week.

TAKES MEN AND GUNS.

Steadily Pushing Toward Important Railroad and Canal Centre at Comines.

BERLIN, June 15 (via London).—Retreat of the German forces at two points on the front in Belgium is reported in to-day's official statement. The Germans were pressed back by the British between Holbeke and the region of the River Douve and also southwest of Warneton.

LONDON, June 15.—The British struck another blow last night on the front near Messines, the War Office announces. They gained all their objectives, advancing south and east of Messines and astride the Ypres-Comines Canal.

The British now occupy the former front trenches of the Germans from the River Lys to the River Warnave. As a result of last night's operations and the constant pressure exerted, the British have advanced their lines from 500 to 1,000 yards on a front of seven miles.

Following is the text of the War Office report:

"Our troops attacked yesterday evening south and east of Messines and astride the Ypres-Comines Canal. The enemy's resistance was quickly overcome and the whole of our objectives were gained in both localities. We captured more than 150 prisoners, one howitzer and seven machine guns.

"As the result of these operations and the constant pressure maintained by our troops since June 7, we now occupy the German front trenches from the River Lys to the River Warnave, and have advanced our line from 500 to 1,000 yards on the whole front from the River Warnave to Klein Zillebeke, a distance of about seven miles.

"We made a successful raid last night north of Lens. Many Germans were killed in hand-to-hand fighting and a few prisoners were taken by us."

The Ypres-Comines Canal, along which Haig has achieved this "follow up" victory to that of Messines Ridge, forms the northern angle-line of a triangle at which Comines is the point. At Comines the canal joins with the River Lys, along which Haig has already been steadily advancing.

ARMED MERCHANT SHIP AVENGER SUNK BY U BOAT

British Admiralty Announces That All on Board Were Saved Except One.

LONDON, June 15.—The British armed merchant cruiser Avenger was torpedoed and sunk in the North Sea on Wednesday night. All but one were saved.

FOR AN ACHING HEAD take Horsford's Acid Phosphate, Honey and Nutt. It is the taste, the fragrance and the invigorating effect of lemon. Buy a bottle.—Advt.

AMERICAN FLYER WINGS GERMAN IN BATTLE WITH FIVE

Lufberry Sends Eleventh Victim Down From Three Miles in Air.

PARIS, June 15.—Adj. Raoul Lufberry of New Haven, premier "ace" and fighting aviator of the Lafayette Escadrille, has just brought down his eleventh "official" enemy plane in a single-handed fight against five boches, according to word received here to-day.

It took the American fighter just twenty-five shots to shatter the wings of the adversary plane nearest to him, the German whirling down from the 15,000-foot altitude to death. He exchanged shots with the remaining four and then when more Lafayette flyers came to his rescue the enemy quartet hurriedly sped away.

Lufberry was due in Paris late this afternoon, with Lieut. Thaw of Pittsburgh, Sergt. Charles Johnson of St. Louis, Sergt. Willis Haviland Willis of Minneapolis and Comd. Harold Willis of Boston, to attend a dinner tendered them by the Aero Club of France.

The Americans were to be awarded club medals and a sum of money raised by subscription in commemoration for their bravery and devotion to the cause of France. Lufberry was the guest yesterday of the French General commanding the Sixth Army, to which the Lafayette Escadrille will shortly be attached.

The latest exploit of the Lafayette squadron, as a whole, was a remarkably successful bombing expedition over enemy reserve barracks at a point six miles inside the German lines. The entire Escadrille flew at an altitude of a bare 500 feet, disregarding anti-aircraft guns, and fired their machine guns and dropped bombs over military establishments, roads and batteries with good effect.

GERMANS DRIVEN BACK IN ATTACKS ON FRENCH

Paris Reports Successes in the Verdun Sector and on Heights of Meuse.

PARIS, June 15.—Reconnoitering parties were sent out by the Germans last night in the Verdun sector, at Hill 304 and on the Heights of the Meuse, the War Office announces. They were caught under the French fire and dispersed. Following is the official statement:

"Artillery fighting continued during the night. In the region of Hurbetuse and Craonne these actions were rather violent. South of Juvin-court brief and severe bombardments were carried out by enemy batteries. German reconnoitering parties were caught by our fire near Hill 304, in the Chevalliers Wood, on the heights of the Meuse, and in the vicinity of Bloncourt, in Lorraine, and were unable to approach our lines. Everywhere else the night was calm."

NEW INCOME TAX CHANGED.

Exemption of \$200 Allowed for Each Child of Taxable Parent.

WASHINGTON, June 15.—An income tax exemption allowance of \$200 for each dependent child of a taxable parent and reduction of the two-cent stamp tax on bank checks to one cent were decisions reached to-day by the Senate Finance Committee revising the War Tax bill.

Other stamp taxes tentatively approved were formally approved to-day with little change from the House provisions. By a ye vote, a motion to reconsider the committee's action in exempting all confectionery from taxation was lost in an effort to place a tax upon high grade candy. The committee also rejected a motion to exempt bequests and legacies from income and existing inheritance taxes.

WOOPER AT 85 KNEW HE'D GET LESS LOVE THAN YOUNGER MAN

But Manning Thought Miss O'Brien Would Be Comfort, Says Her Brother.

John B. Manning, octogenarian broker, who is being sued for \$1,000,000 by Miss Honora May O'Brien before Judge Crosey in the Supreme Court in Long Island City, was a swift wooer, once he got started, according to James O'Brien, brother of the pretty plaintiff.

The brother resumed the stand this morning, after Mrs. Daniel F. Cohan had testified to having received a telephone message from Mr. Manning a few days before Thanksgiving Day of last year, asking for Miss O'Brien's address. Mrs. Cohan said she was a cousin of the plaintiff and defendant.

Mr. O'Brien told of having gone to Mr. Manning's home on the evening of Dec. 13 of last year, in response to a message from the aged millionaire. He went there with his sister.

"There were four of us at dinner," said the witness, "Mr. Manning, his daughter Mary, my sister and myself. After dinner, Mr. Manning left the table with my sister, leaving Mary and me behind. In a little while I heard Mr. Manning calling, 'Jimmy, Jimmy.' I went upstairs to him to the library and Mary continued to the upper floor.

"He had hold of my sister's hand. He took one of my hands and said: 'Jimmy, I have asked May to be my wife and I want your consent to our marriage. I have known her for ten years and I know she is a hard working girl who has made her own way and never asked any help from her relatives. I know that there is a great difference in our years and I don't expect May to love me as much as she would a younger man, but she will be a great comfort to me and she will have no regrets.'"

LOST JOBS AS COOKS WHILE REGISTERING

Grand Jury Investigates Charge Against Hotel Astor Chef Who Discharged Men for Being Late.

The Federal Grand Jury to-day is investigating complaints made to Assistant United States District Attorney E. Paul Yassell by three assistant cooks of the Hotel Astor, who claim to have been discharged by Chef Otto Gentsch because they were delayed while registering under the Selective Draft Law on June 5. The complainants are Cesare Scarsabelli, Salvatore Giuseppe and Giacinto Glotti.

Prosecutor Yassell sent for Chef Gentsch, who describes himself as a German-Swiss and claims to be pro-Ally. He admitted discharging the men for being late in reporting on June 5.

The Selective Draft Law, Prosecutor Yassell says, provides for the punishment of any one interfering with another registering in compliance with it. He construes the chef's act as an interference with its operation.

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\$15 Men's Blue Serge Suits, \$9.95
The "HUB" Clothing Corner, Broadway, corner Barclay Street (Opp. Woolworth Building), will sell to-day & Saturday 2,000 men's & young men's Royal Blue Serge Suits, also brown, green, gray & fancy mixed; single or double breasted, pinched or belted backs, slash or patch pockets, very latest models; some silk lined, all sizes. Our special price for to-day & Saturday, \$9.95. Open Saturday night till 10. Hub Clothing, Broadway, corner Barclay Street—Advt.

HUGE ISSUE TAKEN BY OVER 2,000,000

SECRETARY M'ADOO SAYS SUCCESS OF LOAN IS DEMOCRATIC TRIUMPH

WASHINGTON, June 15.—Secretary McAdoo announced this afternoon the over-subscription of the loan in the following statement: "The Liberty Loan has been over-subscribed. It is impossible to state the amount of the over-subscription at the moment, but the exact figures will be given out as rapidly as the returns are received. "The success of this loan is a genuine triumph for democracy. It is the unmistakable expression of America's determination to carry this war for the protection of American rights and the establishment of peace and liberty throughout the world to a swift and successful conclusion.

Billion Mark Passed by New York at Noon With Tabulators Far Behind—Greatest Response to Any First Loan.

The billion dollar mark in the Liberty Loan campaign was reached by New York at noon to-day and will be passed before the first definite figures are given out at 4 o'clock this afternoon. Three hundred clerks working all last night and through to-day were four hours behind in their tabulation.

Uncle Sam will get his first real money out of the Liberty Loan to-day when the New York banks will turn over to the Reserve Bank for this district \$20,000,000, representing the 2 per cent, initial payment. The money will be deposited at the Sub-Treasury and later taken to the Treasury Department in Washington.

After a conference with the General Liberty Loan Committee in the Bankers' Club, Guy Emerson, executive manager of the Publicity Committee, announced that at 11 o'clock the tabulated figures show: \$70,000,000 subscribed. At 10 o'clock the figures were \$52,000,000, showing a \$2,000,000 jump overnight and an increase of \$18,000,000 in one hour.

Related subscribers and bank clerks bearing their banks' subscriptions swamped the clerical forces at Liberty Loan headquarters, and for a time great confusion reigned. A part of the long line that serpentine from the office of the committee on the fifth floor of the Equitable Building to the second floor was told to go to No. 50 Wall Street, another office used by the committee. When the crowd got there they found the same conditions and were finally advised to go to some bank and make their deposits and they would be officially recognized.

Five minutes before the bells of Trinity were announcing the approach of noon, United States District Judge Larned Hand signed an order making it possible for the Equitable Trust Company and the Bankers' Trust Company to invest more than \$5,000,000 of the funds of the Denver and Rio Grande Railroad in Liberty Loan Bonds. The road's funds are held in escrow by the Equitable, pending determination of a stockholder's suit.

ALL OTHER FIRST WAR LOANS SURPASSED HERE.

Following the noon meeting of the General Committee another was held at 2 o'clock. As spokesman for the committee Mr. Emerson told news-

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FOUR OF THE BIG CITIES SUBSCRIBED ENOUGH TO COVER ENTIRE BOND ISSUE.

WASHINGTON, June 15.—From figures at hand at noon, it is estimated that four of the leading cities—New York, Chicago, Boston and Cleveland—sent in bids for Liberty Bonds that covered the entire issue of \$2,000,000,000. According to returns from many other cities throughout the country, the allotments were oversubscribed. In some cases they were almost doubled. Latest indications are that the total subscriptions may reach or exceed \$3,000,000,000, but the exact total figures only can determine that.

No New Loan Necessary Before Fall, McAdoo Announces—All but Two of Nation's Districts Oversubscribed.

By Samuel M. Williams. (Special Staff Correspondent of The Evening World.)

WASHINGTON, June 15.—Liberty Loan subscriptions will total between \$2,000,000,000 and \$3,000,000,000, according to an official announcement by the Treasury this afternoon. The number of individual subscribers is placed at over two million.

New York City's subscriptions will run considerably over one billion. It leads all other districts by a margin of more than double the next highest. Wall Street has led in an amazing demonstration of patriotism.

Other cities, particularly those of the Middle West, reported to the Treasury enormous last hour rushes, showing that at last the country has awakened. Long lines were reported at banks in Baltimore, Richmond, Boston, Cleveland and Chicago, hoping to get their subscriptions entered before the noon closing of the lists.

At noon it was announced that \$2,000,000,000 of subscriptions had already been counted.

Four banner districts appeared on the face of the returns at that time, to have subscribed the full \$2,000,000,000 offering alone. They are: NEW YORK, CHICAGO, BOSTON, CLEVELAND.

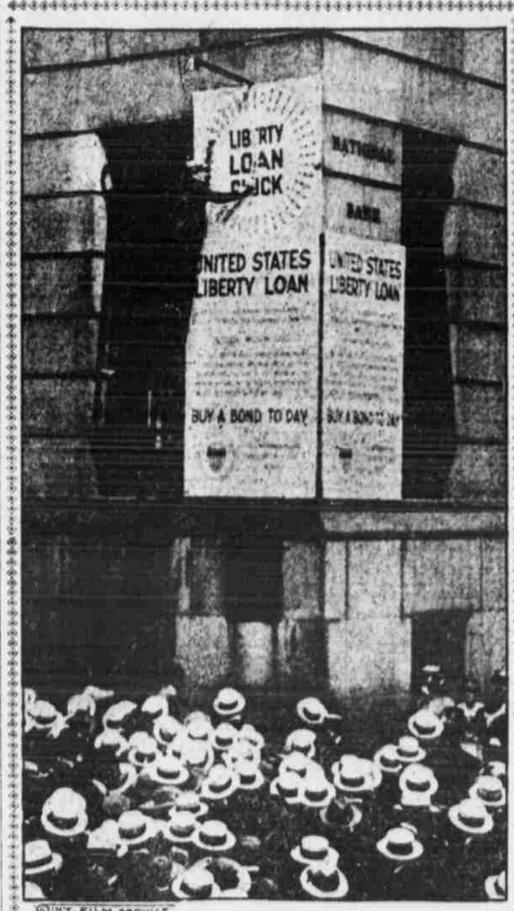
Secretary McAdoo announced just before the Cabinet meeting this afternoon that another Liberty Bond issue would not be necessary before fall.

An "election night" system has been set up to receive returns in the main and tabulate them for immediate publicity. The first "too late" subscription came from a woman in Washington who telephoned frantically to the Treasury at five minutes past twelve begging to have her application received. She was refused.

It is only the people of the cities and larger towns that have rallied to support of the Government. The farmers have failed. The wheat raisers of the West, the corn growers of the Mississippi Valley and the cotton planters of the South are the Liberty Loan slackers.

But the indifference of the farmers is being made up by the efforts of city men and women. Reports received by the Treasury this morning from New York, Boston and other industrial centers show an enormous rallying to the loan in the last week, and particularly during the past twenty-four hours. The demand for Liberty Loan buttons being made by

Crowd Watching Big Loan Clock Striking the Two Billion Mark



Laurence Perin, Baltimore Clubman, Kills Himself. BALTIMORE, June 15.—Laurence Perin, clubman, ended his life by shooting himself at the Hotel Delvidere this afternoon. His mother's suit to restrain

him from spending his income, and his appointment to the staff of the Governor of West Virginia, gave him his most recent publicity.

NEW STRENGTH IN GAINED BY TAKING FATHER JOHN'S MEDICINE.—Advt.