Austrians in Desperate Stand; Italians Gain

WEATHER—Probably showers to-night.

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"SEND-OFF" DINNER TO-NIGHT FOR 30,000; PARADE TO-MORROW; O'RYAN OFF FRIDAY

WILSON PUTS END OF WAR UP TO GERMAN PEOPLE IN REJECTING POPE'S PLAN

President Refuses to Take Word of Present Rulers of Central Countries as Guarantee of Anything Enduring Among the Nations.

WASHINGTON, Aug. 29.—President Wilson refuses to enter into any peace discussion with the present rulers of Germany on the ground that "we cannot take their word as a guarantee of anything that is to endure."

The President, in his reply to the peace plea of Pope Benedict, serves notice on the world that the United States will not deal with the Hohenzollerns on any peace basis, but with the German people themselves, should they show an earnest desire for peace.

The President spoke for the nations of the Entente Allies, so that hope of peace has gone until the German people so effectually curb the power of Prussian autocracy as "to deliver the free peoples of the world from the menace and the actual power of a vast military establishment controlled by an irresponsible government which, having secretly planned to dominate the world, proceeded to carry the plan out without regard either to the sacred obligations of treaty or the long established practices and the long cherished principles of international action and honor."

ALLIES REGARD WILSON AS THEIR SPOKESMAN.

Entente diplomats here declared to-day that the Allies regarded President Wilson as their spokesman in answering His Holiness, and that, obviously by arrangement, his reply was made before theirs. It is regarded here as probable that the Allies will merely send notes of indorsement of Mr. Wilson's stand.

A high Government official is authority for the statement to-day that the President's reply is "in line with the Allies' views."

The Pope's terms for peace are not disregarded, nor are they seriously considered. The dignity of his appeal is recognized, but the President makes it plain that there will be no peace with autocracy. Peace with the people of the Central Powers would be welcomed, and soon. Peace with the German Government, as now constituted, is impossible.

The door to peace is not c[illegible]ed; instead it opened if the German people, who did not have a voice in ordaining the war, and "who have themselves suffered all things in this war," now take a voice in their own government. But the President frankly intimates that he does not expect them to do so speedily.

The German Government, balked but not beaten, does not indicate, the President thinks, any weakening of the military autocracy that has menaced the world.

WASHINGTON CONTINUES PREPARATIONS FOR WAR.

There is no indication in Washington that peace is anticipated. Every move points to war. Everything that is done is done to further the war, to the end that German autocracy may the sooner be crushed, and its cruelty, dishonesty, injustice and bloody disregard for the rights of others ended forever.

The President's reply is expected to have a powerfully stimulating effect

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THEFT OF $187,000 FROM BELGIAN LINE LAID TO EMPLOYEE

Leary's Alleged Shortage With Duckett & Co. May Reach $500,000, Says Prosecutor.

Daniel S. Leary, secretary and treasurer of A. W. Duckett & Co., Inc., agents of the Royal Belgian Steamship Company at No. 17 Battery Place, was arrested this afternoon charged with robbing his employers of an amount that may ultimately reach $500,000, according to a statement from the District Attorney's Office.

Investigation which has been going on for some months has already disclosed a shortage of $187,000 in Leary's accounts, it is alleged. Four indictments charging him with grand larceny have been returned by the Grand Jury.

Another man, implicated in the alleged peculations, has also been indicted and the police are hunting for him. Leary, a middle aged man, was arraigned before Judge Mulqueen in General Sessions.

Assistant District Attorney Morton asked that bail be fixed at $100,000. Judge Mulqueen asked the prisoner how much bail he could provide and Leary replied $5,000. The court then fixed bail at $50,000. The amount had not been procured by Leary up to a late hour this afternoon.

An affidavit presented to the Grand Jury by John Schobers, a director and manager of the steamship line, says the company was robbed by Leary and his accomplice through the medium of overcharges. Schobers came to this city from London last September to take charge of the line, the agents being in the hands of a receiver.

Another affidavit by Andre Bandaelen, connected with the line in an official capacity, alleges that Leary obtained the money by overcharging the line for wharfage, clerk hire, storage and labor. It is also alleged that the prisoner made false statements as to the amount of money received from shippers.

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LOVE LETTERS TO A SOLDIER

NEW FEATURE BEGINS TO-DAY

On the Home Page of The Evening World

TO EXEMPT POLICE AND FIREMEN WHO HAVE DEPENDENTS

Hughes Board in Doubt as to Validity of State Law on Difference in Pay.

City police and firemen drafted for service in the National Army, but who base claims for exemption on the grounds that they have persons dependent upon them for support, enjoyed victory over the decisions of local exemption boards to-day when the District Appeals Board decided that the act of the State Legislature stating that the city shall pay the difference between their salaries as soldiers and public officials when absent from the city is of doubtful validity.

The decision was reached after lengthy discussion and after the board had at first agreed to reserve the matter for consideration at a future time. The point which caused the board to take action was the case of Patrolman John J. Donahue of No. 219 Macon Street, Brooklyn, who had appealed the decision of his local board in his claim for exemption on the grounds that he has a wife, aged mother and invalid sister totally dependent upon him for support.

Ex-Judge George L. Ingraham brought the case to the attention of the board by reporting that Committee A, of which he is Chairman, had voted to reverse the decision of the local board and grant Donahue exemption. He said that Donahue's claims were all within the required laws.

Later Louis Marshall, Chairman of Committee C, announced that Donahue should not be exempted because the State law stipulates that if a police or fireman is absent from duty the municipality shall be held accountable for the difference in his salary as a public servant and that which he is to receive from other sources.

HOLDS FAMILY WOULD BE DEPENDENT ON THE MAN.

Ex-Judge Ingraham said no relief would be accorded the patrolman's dependents on this account, and that they were totally dependent upon him, and not upon the difference in his salary which he would receive.

Chairman Meier Steinbrink of Committee E raised the point that he doubted the validity of such an act of the Legislature in that, in this case, the city should not be forced to pay money for service other than its own.

In order that all sides of the question might be equally reviewed, Chairman Hughes declared that it was useless for further parley. Ex-Judge Ingraham moved that the matter be put over for future consideration to allow the board to communicate with the Provost Marshal General for a ruling. This was agreed to.

Shortly before the board adjourned for noon recess, Chairman Hughes announced that a communication had been received from a representative of Provost Marshal General Crowder in which he requested that the board make a decision in this case as quickly as possible, because many of the boards throughout the country are looking forward to it for guidance.

PATROLMAN DONAHUE FINALLY IS EXEMPTED.

The question was accordingly returned to Committee A for discussion and it was agreed that Patrolman Donahue be exempted. The Board was then asked for an opinion and it

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Special Labor Day Trains Returning from Atlantic City.

Special through trains Pennsylvania R. R., parlor cars and coaches, leave Atlantic City, depot 3, for Pennsylvania Station, stopping at Newark, 4.06, 5.30 and 8 P. M. Regular through trains to New York leave Atlantic City 9.15 A. M., 2.30 P. M.—Advt.

247 ITALIAN AIRPLANES DROP BOMBS ON AUSTRIANS IN DRIVE TOWARD TRIESTE

Cadorna's Troops Continuing Advance, Strike at Foes' Heavily Fortified Line.

ROME, Aug. 29.—The Italian troops, pushing forward on the Bainsizza Plateau, have reached a powerful Austrian defensive line and are now attacking it, the War Office announces. On the heights beyond Gorizia the Italians made gains.

The announcement follows:

"Fighting continued yesterday on the Bainsizza Plateau. After having overcome the enemy rearguards our troops encountered and are at present attacking a powerful line of resistance, which had been previously organized, and which the enemy is defending with desperation.

"On the heights beyond Gorizia we made some gains."

"During the day we captured more than 1,000 prisoners and several machine guns. Altogether 247 airplanes participated in the battle. A squadron of forty Caproni machines which took part in the action east of Goribia dropped more than 7,000 kilograms of projectiles on enemy batteries in the Panovizza Wood.

"On the Carso an artillery duel and patrol action reoccurred.

"In the Stelvio region, on the Trentino front, the enemy at dawn Monday attacked one of our advanced posts on the glaciers in the upper Zebru Valley and succeeded in penetrating it. Our men, however, were able to occupy a higher summit, from which they keep their old position under fire."

RUSSIAN DIVISION FLEES WITHOUT GIVING BATTLE

Petrograd Admits Troops Desert in Large Masses Along the Roumanian Front.

PETROGRAD, Aug. 29.—Russian troops continue to desert the firing line in great bodies.

The War Office to-day declared that one whole division in the region of Fokshani, on the Roumanian front, had thus fled in disorder, permitting an enemy advance.

This retreat permitted the Teutons to advance throughout the day and at night to penetrate Russian positions in the region of Varnitza.

BERLIN, Aug. 29 (via London).—In the Oituz Valley region, on the Roumanian front, Teutonic forces stormed hill positions yesterday, says to-day's Army Headquarters announcement. More than six hundred prisoners were taken.

Field Marshal von Mackensen's forces, the announcement also states, captured the Village of Muncelul and pushed back the opposing forces in a northwesterly direction past several positions on both sides of the Suchitza Valley. Prisoners to the number of 1,000 and three guns were taken.

Ten White House Suffragists Are Fined $25 Each.

WASHINGTON, Aug. 29.—The ten women arrested yesterday in front of the White House making a demonstration in behalf of the National Women's Party were fined $25 each in police court to-day. They gave notice of an appeal and were released after furnishing $100 bond each.

VIOLENT BOMBARDMENT BY GERMANS AT VERDUN

French Repulse Enemy in Caurieres Wood—Take 1,470 More Prisoners.

PARIS, Aug. 29.—Artillery fire along the Aisne front and violent bombardments from enemy guns around Verdun, Avocourt Wood, Hill 304 and Caurieres was reported in to-day's official statement. In Caurieres Wood the French repulsed enemy raiding attempts.

The War Office announced in the region of Beaumont alone 1,470 unwounded German prisoners have been taken since July 26.

British Troops Clear Up "Strong Point" in Flanders.

LONDON, Aug. 29.—"During the night we carried out successful raids northeast of Gouzeaucourt and southwest of Hulluch and captured a few prisoners," says to-day's official announcement. "Southeast of Langemarck our troops cleared up a strong point in which an enemy party was holding out immediately in front of our new line."

BERLIN, Aug. 29 (via London).—German counter-attacks yesterday drove the British from the indentation they had made in the German positions northeast of Frezerberg, on the Flanders front, Army Headquarters announced to-day.

FOOD SURVEY AS A WAR MEASURE BEGUN HERE

Health Department Begins Checking Up on 40,000 Retail Stores of City.

The city's Health Department to-day began an estimate of the food stocks on hand in the retail stores of New York as a part of the survey to be conducted by the United States Department of Agriculture. The object of the survey is to obtain an estimate of the food resources of the country as of Aug. 31.

The 40,000 retail food stores of New York were asked to make a report of teh amount of eighteen staple foods on hand, their estimated total value and the amount in transit from wholesalers. Statistics obtained here will be sent to Washington for compilation.

EX-POLICEMAN ARRESTED ON EXTORTION CHARGE

Said to Have Asked and Accepted Money to Aid Promotion of Brooklyn Officer.

With the marked money, for which he had told Patrolman Nicolay of Brooklyn he would pace his name among the first hundred examined for police sergeants, in his possession, William Austin, an ex-policeman, was arrested by Capt. Costigan and several detectives this afternoon on a charge of extortion.

Austin, who lives at No. 235 West Eighteenth Street, was dismissed from the force in January, 1915, for assaulting a citizen. Yesterday he told Patrolman Nicolay that for $500 he would have his name advanced on the list. Nicolay reported the incident to Capt. Coleman, who notified Headquarters.

Nicolay was instructed to ask Austin to call at his home at No. 103 West Forty-eihth Street, and was provided with $200 in marked bills. Austin called and stated he represented the Civil Service Commision. As he accepted the money he was arrested.

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CHARGES UNPROVED INGRAHAM REPORTS IN THE SWANN CASE

Commissioner Criticises District Attorney, However, in Findings Sent to Governor.

ALBANY, Aug. 29.—Criticisms of the official conduct of District Attorney Edward Swann of New York City, in connection with the prosecution of indictments arising from labor disturbances, are contained in the report received by Gov. Whitman to-day from former Supreme Court Justice George L. Ingraham, who investigated charges preferred against the prosecutor.

The original charges filed against District Attorney Swann by James A. Delehanty, at the time a Judge of the Court of General Sessions in New York, and by the City Club of New York, alleged misconduct in office and incompetency, neglect and violation of law in that the Prosecutor filed with the Court of General Sessions misleading and false recommendations for the discharge of bail of certain defendants indicted for various crimes growing out of a labor dispute.

Swann also was charged with misconduct in that he attempted to coerce and intimidate a witness, Lucien S. Breckinridge, at one time an Assistant District Attorney, whose testimony would be material in any inquiry into the District Attorney's conduct.

Commissioner Ingraham finds that these charges have not been sustained and should be dismissed. He is satisfied that in the case of the application of the discharge of bail Mr. Swann acted in good faith.

The Commissioner says that the evidence shows the District Attorney and his assistants seem to have been convinced of the fact that the defendants under indictment in the labor cases were not guilty, and if that were true it involved the witnesses upon whose testimony the indictments had been obtained in the crime of perjury.

"Every one of these witnesses who was willing to meet the views of the District Attorney and his assistants," the report sets forth, "was discharged, but one who insisted that his testimony was true was detained in prison, subject to a conviction and a long term of imprisonment.

"From this evidence, as it stands, the conclusion is irresistible that if Judge Delehanty had not filed the memorandum that he did, and if formal charges had not been presented against the District Attorney there would have been no further investigation and no indictments for perjury."

LEAP SAVES MRS. WHITMAN AS HER AUTO FALLS 12 FEET

Machine Hits Embankment on the Road and Plunges Over.

NEWPORT, R. I., Aug. 29.—Mrs. Whitman, wife of the Governor of New York, was in an automobile which struck an obstruction on a road near the Whitman cottage at Price's Neck early Monday night, ran over an embankment and fell twelve feet into soft earth. She jumped out just as the automobile started to turn over upon the two outside wheels. The car suffered a damaged axle, and one of the mud guards was bent. Mrs. Whitman was unhurt.

Few persons knew of the accident until friends of Governor and Mrs. Whitman called at their home to congratulate Mrs. Whitman on the anniversary of the Governor's birthday.

FOR TIRED PEOPLE
Horsford's Acid Phosphate is very beneficial for exhausted condition due to heat, overwork or insomnia. Non-alcoholic. Buy a bottle to-day.—Advt.

GREAT FAREWELL BANQUET IN HONOR OF STATE GUARD IS CITY'S GLOWING TRIBUTE

Feast Arranged Under Auspices of The Evening World to Have 30,000 Soldiers as Guests—Notable Stagefolk to Aid Entertainment.

If "as New York goes, so goes the Nation," then the great soul-stirring of America for which many have pleaded and of which some faint hearts had almost despaired, must be renewing and revivifying the patriotism of Americans from the border hamlet in the Maine woods to the Golden Gate.

Never since the day when Dewey's victorious armada passed majestically up the North River amid the plaudits of hundreds of thousands of proud and grateful New Yorkers, has this city made manifest its loyalty and its devotion to the flag of the land and the uniform of the nation's army in such spontaneous manner as that which marks these days preceding the departure for the training camp of Gen. O'Ryan's command.

From the tower of the highest skyscraper to the roof of the tumbling tenement, Old Glory ripples its message of consecration in a cresendo that mounts from block to block, from street to street and is carried on steamer and on tug from borough to borough.

The streets, emblazoned by the richness of the red, white and blue, are shot with another color. Everywhere is the olive drab of the service uniform of Uncle Sam. It is the austere badge of honor to which a whole city pays tribute, mindful of its meaning, and anxious, as never before, to make fitting acknowledgment to those who wear it. It is not spectacular; it signifies not show, but service. Some of those who carry it so gallantly may yet give their lives for the privilege.

NEW YORK READY WITH FEAST FOR 30,000.

And New York, awake from dreams of money-making and pleasure seeking, realizes this to the full. It is determined that what can be done in these last hours to express appreciation and understanding to her soldier citizens shall be done fully and whole-heartedly.

Thirty thousand New York soldiers will be guests to-night at the great farewell dinner arranged under the auspices of the Mayor's Committee and The Evening World. All plans for the feast had been completed at noon and the bugles sounded sharply at 5 o'clock, calling the legions to assemble for the feast.

Those in whose honor this gigantic banquet has been arranged are the troops comprising the Twenty-seventh Division, formerly the National Guard of New York State.

In addition to the dinner, to which hundreds of patriotic public-spirited citizens have contributed most generously, scores of notables of the stage will provide entertainment for the departing soldiers.

WILL BE A GALA NIGHT FOR NEW YORK.

It is to be a gala night for New York's troops. From camps at Van Cortlandt Park, Mineola, Pelham Bay Park and from the big armories scattered throughout the city will come the olive-drab clad thousands to receive cheering parting words and make merry.

As to the dinner, it is to be a typi-

O'RYAN AND STAFF ORDERED TO CAMP AFTER THE PARADE

Will Proceed to Spartanburg Friday—Final Police Plans for the Pageant.

Major Gen. John F. O'Ryan, commander of the Twenty-seventh Division, U. S. A., received orders this afternoon to proceed on Friday afternoon to Spartanburg, S. C. With him will go his headquarters staff and headquarters company. The order came from the War Department.

No indication was given of the date of departure for the soldiers of the division and their supply trains, but the order is taken to indicate that the men will be on their way, all of them, soon after the great send-off parade. Gen. O'Ryan and his staff have long been ready to move at a moment's notice.

The parade of nearly 30,000 men of the Twenty-seventh down Fifth Avenue to-day is expected to be the most brilliant procession that New York has seen, the most splendid spectacle. Two million persons are expected to witness it. It will be the crowning feature of the great send-off celebration which was initiated by The Evening World.

Final arrangements were completed this afternoon at Division Headquarters for the pageant. It became necessary at the last moment to revise the schedule of officers and marching bodies, owing to the vacancies in the First and Second Brigades, which are without Brigadier Generals.

Col. Willard C. Fiske, of the Seventh Regiment, will command the First Brigade and Col. William G. Bates of the Seventy-first Regiment, will command the Third Brigade. The plan of parade has been so arranged that, promptly at five minutes past ten o'clock to-morrow morning, the head of the column will start from One Hundred and Tenth Street and Fifth Avenue and each military unit will follow in ten minute intervals, so that the last unit, the ammunition trains, will leave the starting point at 2:45 o'clock in the afternoon.

ORDER IN WHICH THE VARIOUS UNITS WILL MARCH.

The order in which the various units will march, together with their commanders, are as follows:

Major Gen. O'Ryan, Col Harry H. Bandholtz, Chief of Staff. Division Headquarters Troop—Capt. Davis T. Dunbar.

Twenty-second Engineers—Col. Cornelius Vanderbilt.

Headquarters Third Brigade—Brigadier Gen. James W. Lester; Second

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