THE WEATHER
Washington, April 20.—Rain tonight and Sunday; slowly rising temperature.
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# FLYNN BARES ENEMY PLOTS AGAINST U. S.

## Former Secret Service Chief Reveals Dastardly Intrigues

### SEMIOFFICIAL DOCUMENT GIVES THRILLING FACTS

### Von Bernstorff Guiding Genius of Kaiser's Plans to Cripple America

### FOUR OTHERS INVOLVED

WILLIAM J. FLYNN

*The EVENING PUBLIC LEDGER today begins the publication of the true story of the Imperial German Government's spies and intrigues in the United States. William J. Flynn, recently retired chief of the United States Secret Service, has placed all his facts upon the table and for the first time the tremendous magnitude of the Kaiser's attempts to murder central Americans in his fiendish determination to cripple the Allies is presented to the citizens of this country. Courtney Ryler Cooper has taken these facts, and, under Mr. Flynn's constant supervision, has written a story of the Teuton plots under the title of "The Eagle's Eye." Not a fact has been changed. The absolute truth is told in story form.*

*This first episode, dealing with the Lusitania sinking, will be followed by sixteen others, to appear on succeeding Saturdays. Among the remaining plots to be disclosed are the attempt to blow up a hotel and send the navigating officers of the Atlantic fleet to death; the attempt to torpedo the U. S. S. Pennsylvania; the attempted invasion of Canada, and the truth about the 1916 spinal meningitis epidemic.*

EPISODE ONE—THE HIDDEN DEATH

BELOW the great oil painting of Kaiser Wilhelm, in the Imperial German embassy at Washington, a slightly wrinkled, nervous man sat at a massive desk, an almost obsolete German dictionary before him, his fingers running the pages, figuring out the numbers, then running them again, his lips repeating the numerals as many a scattered sheet of paper before him, repeating, re-repeating, then matching up those numerals with the page numbers and word numbers of the old dictionary.

Quite still the room was, except for the whirr of the pages and the slight crinkle of the many sheets of papers as he referred from one to the other. There was little need for reference, however, for every page bore the same numerals, the same messages written in strange conglomerations of numbers that were apparently meaningless—even to many of the persons who had brought or sent them to this wrinkled, nervous being who sat beneath the painting of the Kaiser. And reason enough—for those rows of numbers, those jumbled sequences of numerals, were nothing more or less than the smuggled code messages by which Wilhelm Hohenzollern, Emperor of Imperial Germany, sent his daily instructions via the great wireless at Nauen, Germany, to the man who directed his spider's web of spy activity in the United States, Count Johann von Bernstorff, imperial ambassador!

Each morning since the war began Von Bernstorff had received those numerical inscribed pages, caught on wireless outfits owned privately throughout the United States by German spies, who had been placed in America for that very purpose. Each day the instructions had come from Berlin—instructions for the beginning of propaganda campaigns, for conniving against the Allies, for the hanging of the thousand and one methods by which Germany sought to strike its enemies through neutral America.

Each morning at 3 o'clock, American time, these messages flashed from the ponderous wireless tower at Nauen, Germany—to find spies waiting everywhere in America for them. On innocuous ships, in shacks, built far from the roar and bustle of the city, even in Fifth avenue residences, were wireless plants concealed, each equipped with a sensitive detector, so necessary to the catching of wireless waves from

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## 4 SAFES BLOWN; LIBERTY BONDS OF $5000 GONE

### Yeggmen Loot Three Offices at 807 Arch Street and Escape

Yeggmen today blew up four safes in a building at 807 Arch street, and got away with Liberty Bonds and cash worth $5000. Police believe the job was the work of professionals.

In the office of Brown & Marinoff, on the second floor of the building, two safes were robbed of $3150 worth of Liberty Bonds, and a small amount of money. The other safes blown were on the third floor, occupied by Steinberg & Pine, waist manufacturers, and the fourth floor, occupied by Susseman, Steinberger & Kalickman, manufacturers of army goods.

Detectives Ernest and Wirtschafter with Acting Detective Coogan, who made the preliminary investigation, believe that the burglars concealed themselves in the building last night, until such time as they could ply their trade without fear of being disturbed.

## RUSSIAN EX-OFFICERS MAY GO TO GERMANS

### Returning Anti-Bolsheviki, Refused by Allies, Will Serve Kaiser, Diplomat Thinks

**Washington,** April 20.—Thousands of Russian army officers hostile to the Bolsheviki regime, but in sympathy with the revolution, are returning to Russia from all parts of the world, and many may offer their services to the Germans.

The apparently concerted movement is believed by a neutral diplomatic observer here to foreshadow important military developments in relation to the Russian situation.

A distinguished Russian officer in the United States informed this diplomatic authority that both England and the United States had refused to accept them in the British and American armies. The Bolsheviki Government has deprived them of their resources and property, and there is no resource for them but to seek employment for their professional services.

## PAROLE OF PRISONERS FOR WAR WORK ADVISED

### Attorney General Brown Calls Attention of Judges to Provisions of Law

**Harrisburg,** April 20.—Attorney General Brown today sent letters to the Judges of Pennsylvania calling their attention to the provisions of an act of Assembly permitting them to release jail and workhouse prisoners on parole. The purpose of the notification is to permit as many of those serving sentence as possible to be freed for farm and other work.

"I am inclined to concur in the quite general opinion of those who have studied the subject that prisoners who are serving sentences for minor offenses and whose freedom woulud not be injurious to the communities could be given opportunities for useful efforts in the present crisis," says the Attorney General.

At the Governor's request the Attorney General encloses a copy of a recent act of Congress extending the protection of civil rights of members in the military and naval establishment of the United States engaged in the present war.

## MIDDLE WEST GROWING TOO HOT FOR DISLOYAL

### One Pro-German Hanged by Mob Cut Down in Time to Save His Life

**Chicago,** April 20.—Another drive on disloyalists in the Middle West resulted in the following gains for the loyalists today:

At Collinsville, Okla., Henry Rheimer is going to be given a trial by the county council of defense today on charges of disloyalty. Last night a mob hanged Rheimer, but he was cut down on pleas of the police. Rheimer was unconscious.

Because he said he wanted the war to end in a draw and therefore refused to buy Liberty Bonds, Theodore Pape, of Quincy, Ill., a leading attorney, was accused of disloyalty and surrendered to the police. He was hanged in effigy.

At Lincoln, Neb., the dismissal of two alleged disloyal professors is demanded by the board of regents of the University of Nebraska by the State council of defense. It is understood the professors were not named.

## HENRY FORD MAY DIRECT AIRPLANE PRODUCTION

### President Believed to Be Considering Naming Him as Director General

**Washington,** April 20.—President Wilson is believed to have under consideration Henry Ford for director general of airplane production.

Except recently in connection with the Liberty motor, Mr. Ford has had little experience with aircraft manufacture, but his ability to manage quantity production is undisputed.

Mr. Ford is surrounded by a great staff of experts who have had unequaled experience in attaining quantity production by machine methods.

## WILSON LOSES USE OF HAND

### President Burned Grasping Hot Pipe on British "Tank"

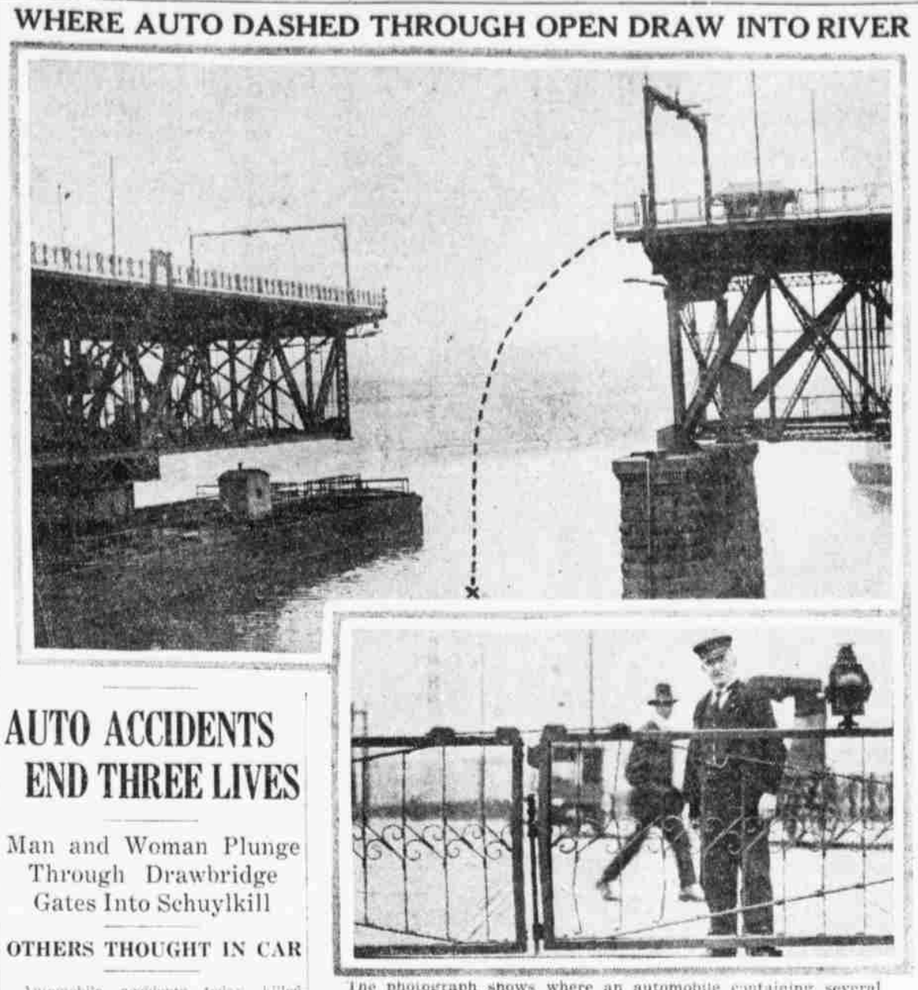
**Washington,** April 20.—President Wilson's left hand was burned to the bone when he grasped a hot muffler pipe while riding in the British tank Britannia yesterday, it was stated today by his personal physician, Rear Admiral Cary T. Grayson.

Doctor Grayson said no complications had developed and the injured member is doing as well as can be expected, but that it will be a month before the President regains the use of it.

## *Snow and Sleet Storm Sweeps Battlefront*

**London,** April 20.—A storm of snow and sleet struck the Flanders battlefield on Friday and the weather has turned much colder. The dusty roads were quickly turned into tracts of mud.

## WHERE AUTO DASHED THROUGH OPEN DRAW INTO RIVER



The photograph shows where an automobile containing several passengers ran off the open eastern end of the Gray's Ferry road bridge over the Schuylkill River this morning and hurled its unknown occupants to death in the river fifty feet below. The drawbridge has been kept open much of the time recently by heavy war traffic, and the police are unable to understand the driver's apparent failure to see that the draw was open. The lower picture shows the damaged gate through which the auto crashed.

# AUTO ACCIDENTS END THREE LIVES

### Man and Woman Plunge Through Drawbridge Gates Into Schuylkill

### OTHERS THOUGHT IN CAR

Automobile accidents today killed three and perhaps more persons and seriously injured three others.

A big touring car, driven by a man and containing a woman, and perhaps other passengers, smashed through the closed gates at the Gray's Ferry drawbridge and tumbled into the Schuylkill. Efforts of the policeboat Reyburn to find the bodies have failed. For this reason it is not known how many or who were killed in the accident.

Another touring car turned upside down on the East River drive, Fairmount Park. One man was killed, two suffered skull fractures and a woman was seriously injured. The dead man in this accident is Joseph Gonnelli, whose age and address are not known. He died in St. Timothy's Hospital.

Several persons, including one woman, are believed by the police to have been killed in the automobile which plunged through the open drawbridge at Gray's Ferry road into the Schuylkill River.

#### Watchmens' Warning Futile

Two watchmen in the tower of the bridge shouted to the driver of the car that the draw was open, but the auto was going at such high speed that it would have been impossible to stop, even though the warning had been heard. The bridge is open almost continually, since repairs are being made to it. A red light is displayed at night when the draw is open to warn approaching riders. This signal of danger, the police say, was also unheeded by the driver of the car.

Screams and shouts followed the plunge, but the cries were quickly silenced.

Anton Peri and John Conner, watchmen employed in the tower of the bridge, together with Alexander McDougall, who operates the draw, quickly obtained lanterns and flashed them along the surface of the water. A widening circle radiating from the spot where the car sank was the only sign left of the tragedy. A large gap was torn in the gate of the bridge and pieces of leather and glass were heaped about the entrance.

#### Grapple for Bodies

Word was quickly sent to the police and in a short time the police boat Reyburn arrived. The crew grappled for bodies, but none were recovered.

It was rumored that the body of a woman had been found on the west bank of the Schuylkill River shortly after the accident, but this was denied by the police.

The car took a drop of at least 100 feet before it touched the water, and it is probable that the riders were killed before they reached the water.

There is no clue to the identity of the riders. The auto is at the bottom of the river.

The Fairmount park accident occurred some time between midnight and daylight, presumably about 1 o'clock. hTe machine was driven by James H. Costello, fifty-two years old, of Aldan, Delaware County, who is in St. Timothy's Hospital in a serious condition. His skull is thought to be fractured. The police will hold him.

#### Girl Cut and Bruised

William Scarlett, forty-eight years old, of Twenty-fifth street and College avenue, also received a fracture of the skull and is in a serious condition at St. Timothy's.

Miss Charlotte Gallagher, thirty years old, of Fifty-seventh and Pine streets, the only woman in the automobile, was severely cut and bruised. She will recover.

Little detail could be learned from those in the accident owing to their condition. It is thought the steering gear of the machine broke, causing it to turn upside down. All of those in the machine were caught beneath it except Miss Gallagher.

## JAIL FOURTEEN; FINE FIVE

### Police of Two Districts Capture Thirty in Vice Raids

Fourteen men and women, mostly negroes, were sentenced to three months' imprisonment and five were fined $10 and costs by Magistrate Imber at the Second and Christian and Seventh and Carpenter streets stations in vice raids last night, during which thirty arrests were made.

A few of the girls were released by the Magistrate in custody of their parents, but were notified that if they were caught on the streets unescorted again they would be sent to the House of Correction. All but three of the arrests were made on the streets. Three were caught in a raid on a house where the police believed liquor was being sold.

# CONVICTS INVEST $1500 IN LOAN

### Men in Penitentiary Pledge Savings to Help Campaign

### CITY LAGGING IN RACE

**The following large subscriptions were announced today by the Liberty Loan committee:**

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| **Curtis Publishing Company** | **$100,000** |
| **Curtis Publishing Company (employes)** | **100,000** |
| **Dungan, Hood & Co., Inc.** | **100,000** |
| **Dungan, Hood & Co. (employes)** | **16,000** |
| **Belmont Packing and Rubber Company** | **17,600** |
| **Farm Journal** | **16,000** |

The convicts of the Eastern Penitentiary have subscribed $1500 to the third Liberty Loan. Warden McKenty reports that the "guests" at his establishment, Corinthian and Fairmount avenues, are giving their all to help the campaign.

"Fighting Bob" has 1405 of his boys with him now. Many of them are earning small sums of money at various trades, the chief of which is inlaid woodwork, he says.

"It must be remembered that few of these men have any money," he pointed out. "Many of them send what little they make to their families. Those who are able are subscribing to the Liberty Loan. In the two other loans we subscribed $1000 each time.

"We are going to do a lot better this time. We have already reached the $1500 mark, and we will go well over $2000. This will equal our record for the other loans combined. No urging is necessary here. We have held no Liberty Loan meetings, but merely announced to the boys that we would receive their subscriptions. To date we have received about thirty."

All of the Childs' Restaurant Company's restaurants have joined in the campaign. The cashier in each establishment will receive subscriptions for the loan. A stimulus is given to their patrons by the head waitress at each of the branch restaurants who is dressed as Miss Columbia. The male cashiers all appear today dressed as Uncle Sam.

As each customer pays his check the cashier inquires if he has bought his Liberty Bond. Many of the more ambitious waitresses are putting the same question to patrons as they serve them.

Two thousand employes of the General Quartermaster Interior Department, Twenty-second street and Oregon avenue, have subscribed more than $100,000 to the Liberty Loan campaign, according to announcement made today by Captain M. C. Pomeroy.

Most of these employes are Italians. Many of them cannot speak English. However, the announcement says that they have supported the Government to a man. Not only do they give their best efforts to the Government work, but have contributed willingly to the Liberty Loan.

Reports received today by the Liberty Loan committee show that ninety-seven towns in the Third Federal Reserve district have won the right to fly the honor flag by completing their quota. Sixty-eight of these are in Pennsylvania, twenty-seven in New Jersey and two in Delaware.

#### Long-Term Subscription Plan

A plan by which Liberty Bonds may be purchased over a period of approximately five years has been offered to an insurance firm in this city. This service costs but little, they point out. The plan is described as follows:

The subscriber agrees that an insurance company shall purchase for him a $1000, or Liberty Bond. He pays approximately 10 per cent of the amount

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# WOMEN PARADE FOR LIBERTY LOAN

### Mrs. Wilson on Way to Review Philadelphia's Loyal Daughters

### FINAL ORDERS ISSUED

**Washington, April 20.**

**Mrs. Woodrow Wilson, wife of the President, left here at 11 o'clock for Philadelphia. She is due to reach there at 2:20 o'clock and is expected to leave at 5:15 p. m., immediately following the Women's Liberty Loan parade.**

Philadelphia's greatest demonstration of militant American womanhood that the war has yet brought forth will take place today when the woman's parade, or second line of defense, appears on Broad street from Thompson to Wharton streets, starting at 1:30 o'clock.

Not wealthy women alone, or industrial women alone, or young and beautiful women alone, but women of all ranks, creeds, ages and incomes will march eight abreast for the cause of liberty.

More than 25,000 women and fifty distinct organizations from Philadelphia and the other cities and towns of the Third Federal Reserve District will participate to arouse enthusiasm and speed up Philadelphia's Liberty Loan campaign.

The event will mark the first time that Mrs. Woodrow Wilson, wife of President Wilson, has attended a public function without the Chief Magistrate of the nation. Mrs. Wilson will arrive at Broad Street Station at 2.20 o'clock, where she will be met by Mrs. Barclay H. Warburton, director of the parade, and a number of socially prominent women. Then she will be escorted to the reviewing stand, which has been erected at Broad and Arch streets.

Reviewing the demonstration besides Mrs. Wilson and Mrs. Warburton will be Governor and Mrs. Martin G. Brumbaugh, Mayor and Mrs. Thomas B. Smith, Governor E. P. Passmore, of the Third Federal Reserve Bank, and Mrs. Passmore, Mrs. Walter S. Thomson, chairman of the women's Liberty Loan committee for Philadelphia; Miss Edith Benham, secretary to Mrs. Wilson.

Pennsylvania woman suffragists, with their own critical battle still before them, will march in the suffrage section, lending a picturesque touch of gold by their blue-and-yellow hussar hats and the golden streamers floating from their shoulders. Four thousand Red Cross members, in white and red, will also march in uniform.

Commander Evangeline Booth will head a delegation of 200 Salvation Army lassies, who will march in the Fifth Division. Miss Booth is postponing an important speaking tour of the Middle West in order to accept a special invitation from Mrs. Warburton to head the Salvation Army contingent.

Women of the hunt clubs, who for years have ridden to hounds in the

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## MURATORE STIRS THRONG

### Tenor Waves Flag and Cheers at Loan Meeting

**New York,** April 20.—An audience of more than 10,000 persons, gathered in front of the Subtreasury, was thrilled when after singing two verses of the "Marseillaise" Lucien Muratore, tenor of the Chicago Opera Company, whipped to the breeze a large American flag and cried, "vive l'Amerique! Vive les Allies! Vive la France!"

Hats that were off for the French anthem were thrown into the air and the crowd burst into a prolonged roar of cheers that could be heard for blocks.

# HAIG WINS ALL OBJECTIVES BY COUNTER-ATTACKING AT GIVENCHY AND FESTUBERT

## 1,300,000 FRENCH DEAD IN WAR, SAYS TARDIEU

### Other Toll of Struggle Over Million, He Tells New York Audience

**New York,** April 20.—Andre Tardieu, French High Commissioner to the United States, says that France, in four years of conflict to preserve her own liberty and that of the world, has lost 1,400,000 men killed and almost as many wounded or prisoners. The high toll exacted by the war was made public by the noted French envoy in an address at a meeting of the "Fatherless Children of France" Association.

Praising the work of the organization, which already has raised more than $2,000,000 in behalf of 50,000 French war orphans, and stating that the French Government has adopted 1,000,000 children bereft of fathers, M. Tardieu declared that German propaganda could not counteract the fact, well known in America, that "all our hearts are united in a common affection."

"When men are dying," he said, "their one last thought is for their children. In close communion with the trials and aspirations of our people you have given peace of mind to thousands of dying heroes. For having conceived this great, good and humane work, you have won forever the affection and gratitude of all Frenchmen. It is with deep emotion that I bring you their thanks."

The meeting was held at the home of Mrs. C. B. Alexander, head of the New York branch of the "Fatherless Children of France."

#### Thieves Make Rich Haul

Fifteen hundred dollars' worth of cotton waists were taken from the factory of Brownoff & Pressman, waist manufacturers, on the third floor of 721 Cherry street, last night, when it was looted by the thieves. Entrance was made from a side alley.

## THREE ALIENS SEIZED IN HUDSON VALLEY RAID

### U. S. Agents Arrest Prominent Teutons at Poughkeepsie and Rush Them to New York

**New York,** April 20.—Determined to stamp out German propaganda in the Hudson Valley, a squad of agents of the Department of Justice, at the direction of Chief Charles De Woody, went to Poughkeepsie yesterday, took in custody two prominent Teutons and rushed them to New York for examination. Presidential warrants were issued for the men, and it is said they probably will be interned.

At the same time, acting under instructions from Washington, agents of the Naval Intelligence Service arrested Charles Kolbac, an Austrian, on Bennerman's Island, in the Hudson near Newburg.

The men arrested at Poughkeepsie are Dr. Josef Stula, formerly a captain in the Prussian army, who has been watched by Federal agents for months. He is an expert chemist and at one time was a professor in the University of Munich.

## IN SOLDIER'S MEMORY

### Solemn Requiem High Mass Will Be Sung Tuesday

In memory of Sergeant John A. Dempsey, one of Philadelphia's first soldiers to die on the battlefields of France, solemn requiem mass will be sung in St. Francis De Sales's Church, Forty-seventh street and Springfield avenue, on Tuesday, April 23, at 9 o'clock.

Sergeant Dempsey, whose home was at 4431 Baltimore avenue, died in France on April 9. He was a nephew of M. L. Dempsey, of this city. Relatives and friends of the soldier have been invited to attend the memorial mass.

### Enemy Is Thrown From Advanced Footings

### POSTS GAINED AT HIGH COST

### Germans Also Repulsed Southeast of Robecq

### COMMANDER PRAISES GALLANT FIRST CORPS

### French Beat Back Enemy Attacks in Amiens Zone

### HINDENBURG MASSING

### Fresh Troops and Extra Guns Moving to Flemish-Picard Front

**31ST DAY OF TEUTON DRIVE**

**11TH DAY OF FLANDERS BATTLE**

**London,** April 20.

The British successfully counter-attacked at Festubert and Givenchy on the southern edge of the Flanders battlefield last night, throwing the Germans back from positions they gained in the British lines two days ago, Field Marshal Haig reported today.

Haig issued a special order congratulating the first corp on its success in repulsing the enemy's attacks yesterday.

**A German raid below Amiens was repulsed, the French War Office announced in an official commique received here this afternoon.**

Artillery fighting is in progress between Lasigny and Noyon (a seven-mile front in the center of the southern leg of the Picardy wedge).

#### Haig's Report

Marshal Haig reported as follows:

**We gained all our objectives at Givenchy and Festubert and re-established our position.**

**Local enemy attacks occurred southeast of Robecq. In sharp fighting the enemy was driven back.**

**By the successful counter-attack last night we threw the enemy from points in our advanced defenses around Givenchy and Festubert, which he had gained Thursday at the cost of heavy losses.**

**South of the Scarpe (in the Arras region) we conducted a successful enterprise yesterday, taking prisoners, nine machine guns and a trench mortar. Early last night an enemy counter-attack was repulsed.**

(Givenchy is immediately north of La Bassee Canal, two miles west of the town of La Bassee. Festubert is about a mile north by west of Givenchy. The Scarpe River lies east of Arras.)

On the muddy, shell-scarred battlefields of Flanders and Picardy the Germans are observed to be making intense preparations to strike again.

The defending forces have been strengthened by the arrival of Italian troops, in numbers not stated, who have taken up the extreme right of the line adjoining the Swiss border.

Premier Orlando in Rome announced that Italian forces would soon be fighting under General Foch on the battlefield of Picardy.

#### Foes Moving Heavy Guns

The Germans are reported to be bringing some of their heaviest batteries west across the Ypres-Comines Canal for a bombardment of Mount Kemmel, preparatory to a grand assault on this southern bulwark of Ypres.

There has been a violent artillery duel on the scene of the French success of Thursday southeast of Montdidier. The French Thursday night cleaned up many machine gun nests there. Their prisoners have been increased to 650. The enemy is massing troops near this part of the front, apparently for a new attempt to reach Amiens.

#### Germans Gain No Ground

In the three days since they took Messines Ridge the Germans have failed to gain any ground, and their losses in fruitless assaults, according to both official and unofficial accounts, have been extremely heavy.

It is the first breathing spell Hindenburg has allowed his exhausted troops since he started his supreme drive through Flanders for the Channel ports on April 9.

Also it is the nearest complete cessation of fighting since March 21—almost a month ago—when Ludendorff's spring

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## SCHWAB IN PHILADELPHIA; CALLS ON MAYOR

Charles M. Schwab, newly appointed director general of the Emergency Fleet Corporation, is now in this city. He called on Mayor Smith following his arrival here from Washington. Mr. Schwab will direct from this city entire shipbuilding construction work of the Fleet Corporation.

## NEGRO DRAWS GUN IN CROWDED TRAIN; ARRESTED

A negro, declaring he was "commissioned to kill the Kaiser," dreww a pistol in a crowde dtrain coming into Broad Street Station today and created a panic. Policeman Roberts, of the Pennsylvania Railroad, overpowered him after a struggle and landed him in a cell at City Hall.

## HALF TOTAL OF LOAN MINIMUM SUBSCRIBED

WASHINGTON, April 20.—Virtually one-half of the minimum quota of the third Liberty Loan has actually been subscribed. The official total, as indicated by the initial payments of 5 per cent and announced by the Treasury Department today, is $1,238,098,950. In addition to this sum there are several millions in pledges which are not included.

# HOUSING CENTER IN PHILADELPHIA

### Construction Offices for National Project to Be Moved Here

### 1500 EMPLOYES SHIFTED

**Not only will this city become official construction hearquarters for the Emergency Fleet Corporation, but it will be from Philadelphia that the great shipbuilding housing projects fostered by the national Government will be officially directed.**

Charles M. Schwab, newly appointed director general of the Emergency Fleet Corporation, is expected here today to begin an inspection tour of the shipyards in the Philadelphia district, preparatory to launching a great "speed" program for merchant marine construction.

His initial visit will be to the big construction yards at Hog Island, now regarded as the Government's greatest ship producing plant. The tenth keel will be laid at the plant Monday and Director General Schwab is expected to take part in the launching ceremonies.

Chairman Hurley, of the United States Shipping Board, announced officially at Washington last night that the construction and housing division of the Emergency Fleet Corporation will move its headquarters to Philadelphia and that Mr. Schwab will officially direct his shipbuilding activities from this city. That Director General Schwab would establish his headquarters here was announced several days ago in the EVENING PUBLIC LEDGER.

#### 1500 More Employes Here

Approximately 1500 employes of the principal working forces of the Emergency Fleet Corporation will be brought here in the transfer. Philadelphia will thus become the official center of the nation's great shipbuilding industry. Already nearly 50 per cent of the company's shipbuilding is now being built within a short radius of this city.

The construction and housing divisions of the fleet corporation are the principal offices of the organization which is to come to Philadelphia. J. Rogers Flannery, chairman of the housing division, will have his offices here. About 1500 employes of the shipping board and the two small divisions of the fleet corporation are to

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# ROBINSON'S HEAD SAVED BY MAYOR

### Lieutenant Bisbing Has Been Suspended for Neglect of Duty

### VICE CURFEW SOUNDED

Superintendent of Police Robinson has not been dismissed nor has he resigned. Mayor Smith made a statement today to this effect and said he was "much pleased" with the work done by Robinson.

Lieutenant Bisbing, of the Fifty-fifth and Pine streets station, was suspended today by Superintendent of Police Robinson, charged with neglect of duty. Recently, two alleged gambling joints at Fifty-eighth and Market streets were raided and over Bishop's head by Detective Souder's gambling squad. Some time ago a disorderly house near Fifty-sixth and Walnut streets also was raided over the lieutenant's head.

Bisbing was a member of the police trial board dismissed last week.

At noon the week allowed Mayor Smith to rid the city of vice expired. Colonel here, will issue a statement late today officially announcing whether the Government is satisfied the city is clean or whether the Federal authorities will assume direct charge of the vice situation.

On the eve of the expiration of the Government's ultimatum that the city must be rid of all vice, Mayor Smith took personal command of the clean up, and at the head of a squad of fifty policemen in plain clothes toured the Third, Fourth and Fifth Wards.

#### Mayor Heads Raiders

Headed by the Mayor, the detectives soon cleared the streets in these wards of all suspicious persons. They went into the heart of the zone below Market street. They also worked into South Philadelphia and then traveled north until they cleared Market, Chestnut and nearby streets.

Mayor Smith came to his office early today and after greeting persons in his reception room, bustled into his private office.

"This is the last day," he said in answer to all questions. "Anything is liable to happen. I can tell you, boys, there will be police changes today."

According to reports circulating about City Hall, which Mayor Smith refused to either affirm or deny, Colonel Hatch demanded that Robinson be asked to resign when it was shown that he was

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Beginning Next Monday This Will Be the Only Philadelphia Newspaper Printing More Than a Full Page of Comics Daily