



TERRIFIC ARTILLERY FIRE IS BELIEVED TO PRECEDE NEW AGGRESSIVE ON FORTRESS

Intense Bombardment Being Directed to North of Verdun May Mean Renewal of Attack With Decisive Results; Germans Drive East Along Twelve Mile Front; Reach Base of Heights Along the Meuse

SWEEP ALL BEFORE THEM IN WOEVRE

750,000 Teutons Are Now Engaged in Furious Struggle; Heavy Reinforcements Have Been Thrown Into Struggle; Turks Evacuate Trebizond as Russians Close in; Italy Will Soon Declare War

The German drive is now being exerted in greatest force from the east where the attacking armies have advanced on the plain of the Woevre and reached the base of the heights east of the Meuse at several points.

Berlin to-day reported new advances in this region along a front approximately twelve miles in length, stretching from Dieppe, seven miles northeast of Verdun, and three miles due east of Douaumont, to Champron, thirteen miles southeast of Verdun.

What may mean a renewal of the German drive on Verdun in the terrific force which marked the initial attack is contained in the announcement from Paris to-day that the bombardment to the north of the fortress is assuming greater intensity.

Now On Highroad

From Dieppe the line runs to Abancourt, some two miles southwest, and thence directly south to Blanzac, about two and a half miles distant. It continues southward to Manheulles, three and a half miles farther on, the taking of which was announced by the Germans, all thence to Champron, three miles to the southeast, another town captured in the German advance. Between Manheulles and Champron lies the city of Fresnoy, which is held by the French, who last night reported the repulse of two attacks on the positions here. Abancourt is on the highroad from Verdun to Metz.

Paris limits the German capture of Manheulles, a German counter-attack brought the French back to the western boundary of the village, which they hold under their fire.

Lighting is furious North of Verdun the fighting, while furious, is not resulted in any important changes in positions by opposing forces. To only German claim to an advance that northwest of Douaumont village, where a small armored work was formed. The French have been heavily counter-attacking in this region, according to Berlin.

In Lorraine Berlin claims an advance at Binville, where a French salient position was taken, together with a big machine gun. Paris records the Lorraine operations as a German attack in which several small sections of advanced trenches

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HAVE YOU PAID? Persons subject to an income tax must pay p. by to-morrow night or suffer a penalty.

THE WEATHER

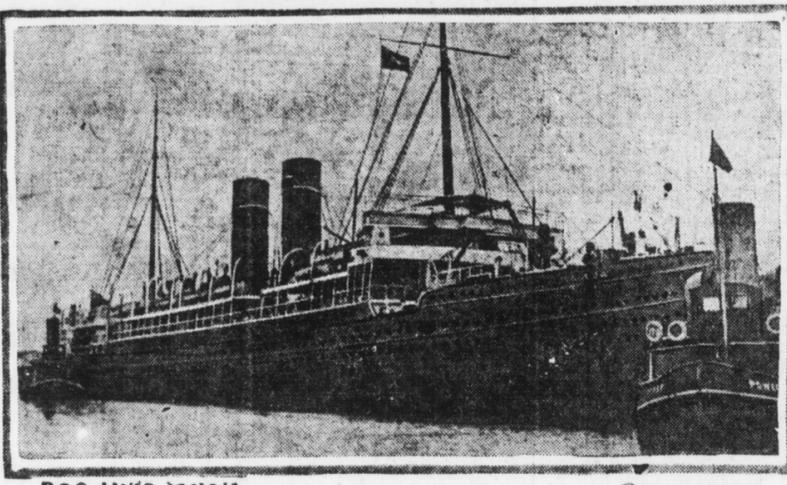
For Harrisburg and vicinity: Partly cloudy tonight and Wednesday; not much change in temperature; lowest tonight about 29 degrees. For Eastern Pennsylvania: Partly overcast to-night and Wednesday; not much change in temperature; light to moderate variable winds.

River The multiplier will rise slightly and its principal tributaries will fall slowly. No material changes will occur in ice conditions. A stage of about 5.5 feet is indicated to Harrisburg Wednesday morning.

General Conditions The disturbance that was central over the Mexico, Monday morning, has moved rapidly eastward to the Gulf coast, causing a rise generally in the Gulf States and along the South Atlantic coast as far as the Mississippi and lower Ohio valleys and in Tennessee and the interior of North Carolina. General ice of 2 to 18 degrees in temperature has occurred in the Middle and South Atlantic and East Gulf States and the Lake Region, and it is 2 to 25 degrees warmer over the plateau and Middle Rocky Mountain regions.

Yesterday's Weather Highest temperature, 28. Lowest temperature, 16. Mean temperature, 22. Normal temperature, 32.

BRITISH LINER ON WHICH 151 LIVES WERE LOST



P. O. LINER MALOJA. PENINSULAR AND ORIENTAL LINER MALOJA. It is now thought that total of lives lost on the Peninsular and Oriental liner Maloja, which struck a mine Sunday and sank within half an hour, two miles off Dover, will reach 151. Of the total complement of 411 passengers and crew on the vessel, only 260 are known to have been saved.

The Maloja sank two miles off Dover, in plain view of people on shore. The vessel went down in half an hour. Half an hour after the Maloja foundered the tanker Empress of Fort William hit a mine half a mile away and went down, her crew being saved.

There have been many reports that mines were being put in the channel by specially constructed German submarines. Some of them have been laid in the Straits of Dover and some at the mouth of the Thames, a Dutch steamer recently having been damaged off North Foreland, and the Mecklenburg, a Dutch steamer, being sunk but with no loss of life.

NEW TEUTONIC U-BOAT POLICY BEFORE CABINET

Reaches No Conclusion on Intention to Treat Ships as Cruisers After Midnight

TRY TO JUSTIFY ACT TO SHORTEN DISTANCE

German Note Asserts Britain Urged Merchantmen to Use Their Armament

By Associated Press. Washington, Feb. 29.—Germany's latest communication on submarine warfare was discussed in detail at today's cabinet meeting and at a separate conference between President Wilson and Secretary Lansing but no conclusion was reached. It was decided to await data on the way from Berlin, regarding instructions alleged to have been issued by the British Admiralty to merchant captains for attacks on submarines.

Cabinet members carefully avoided questions on whether Germany's position as outlined by Count Von Bernstorff in a note to Secretary Lansing

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Henry James, Author Who Renounced Allegiance to U. S. Dies in London

London, Feb. 29.—Henry James, novelist, critic and playwright, who was born April 15, 1843, in New York, but took the oath of allegiance to the British Crown in July, 1915, thereby becoming a British subject, died last night. He had been ill several weeks.

Wells, G. A. R. Officer, Dies in Norristown

Norristown, Pa., Feb. 29.—William J. Wells, past commander of the Department of Pennsylvania, Grand Army of the Republic, died to-day, aged 74. He was principal of a public school here for many years and later served four years as Recorder of Deeds.

Rotarians to Award Prizes to Theft Essay Winners

Miss Nora Lippel, of 528 Peffer street, was awarded first prize and Russel Lowry, of 309 South River street, second prize in the Rotary Club essay contest, which was held recently. The subject of the essay contest was "Thrift"; it was open to students of both High Schools. The prizes, \$10 and \$5, will be awarded to the winners at the meeting of the Rotary Club at the Masonic Temple by the Rev. James F. Bullitt. Miss Lippel is a student at Central, and Lowry at Technical High School.

NEWPORT URGES WILLIAM PENN ROUTE CHANGE

Will Send Committee to Highway Conference to Present Arguments

Newport, Pa., Feb. 26.—If any town in Pennsylvania is more enthusiastic over the proposed William Penn Highway than Newport then Newport must be more than unbounded, if such is possible. Every businessman and private citizen in the borough is a booster for the proposition and also for the proposed change to put Newport on the route. The change which Newport citizens favor will materially shorten the distance to Harrisburg and given users of the planned road a glimpse of scenery unsurpassed in any part of the country. Even the Susquehanna river, with its picturesque shore lines cannot surpass in beauty the wonderful scenery through the Juniata valley.

Newport On Original Route The original route for the William Penn Highway through Perry county from Harrisburg is by way of

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STEEL SMASHES ALL RECORDS AND STILL BOOMING

Orders For 4,000,000 Tons Valued at \$240,000,000 Placed Since Jan. 1

CREST NOT YET REACHED

Entire Mill Capacity Under Contract For Nine Months; Kindred Lines Prosperous

By Associated Press. New York, Feb. 29.—Orders aggregating 4,000,000 tons, valued at \$240,000,000 have been placed in the steel market since January 1 and the crest of the boom has not yet been reached according to statements made here to-day by leaders in the industry.

The orders placed in the last two months indicate profits to the mills of \$80,000,000, half of which is expected to flow into the coffers of the United States Steel Corporation. Even this tremendous tide of prosperity, it is declared, will be surpassed before the close of the year. It is pointed out that prices have advanced \$5 and \$10 since New Year's day and further advances are looked for in the near future, which will couple the record of 1899 and 1900.

To Increase Capacity Reports from different parts of the

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DEMOCRATS ARE FACING PARTY ROW

Royal and Jones to Be Opposed by Mehan and Meyers, It Is Said

A split is rapidly developing in the ranks of the Democratic machine in Dauphin county. The reorganizers, backed by former Mayor Vance C. McCormick, are to be opposed at the primaries by a full set of candidates set up by those who follow the Old Guard leadership in this city and county. The battle for control of the party machinery promises to be one of the bitterest since the days of the old Meyers-Fritchey ructions.

The reorganizers picked Howard W. Jones, chairman of the Democratic city committee, and ex-Mayor John K. Royal as their candidates for State committee members. Both are from the city and this aroused the ire of many Democrats in the county, who are also sore over the discrimination shown in the passing of post office appointments. As a result Jones and Royal will be opposed, it is understood, by ex-County Commissioner Patrick H. Mehan, of Harrisburg, Mehan is a fighter and will doubtless carry the whole upper end by sweeping majorities, due to the dissatisfaction with post office appointments there. Commissioner Gorgas, who is the reorganizer choice for national delegate is also to have opposition.

READING WILL NOT STOP SALE OF PEA COAL

Pottsville, Pa., Feb. 29.—Denial of the story that the Reading would abolish the sale of pea coal after the first of April and that pea and chestnut would be mixed and sold as the average fuel of the private consumer, was made at the offices of the Philadelphia and Reading Company to-day.

LATE TRAIN TO RUN TO READING

P. & R. Superintendent Procures Much Needed Accommodation For Public

Commencing Thursday, March 2, the Philadelphia and Reading Railway Company will run a late train between this city and Reading, leaving Harrisburg at 10 o'clock at night and arriving at Reading at 11:50. A new morning train will also go on, leaving Reading at 5 o'clock in the morning and arriving at Harrisburg at 6:55.

The night train accommodation came through the efforts of R. J. Stackhouse, superintendent of the Harrisburg division, who has been making every effort possible to have the passenger department officials give better service between this city and Reading.

The train will make all stops between Harrisburg and Reading and will be a big accommodation to people who come to Harrisburg over other lines and heretofore had to remain in the city over night. The last train out of Harrisburg over the Reading now leaves at 6:30 in the evening.

The morning train will do away with the necessity for carrying passengers on the milk train.

Last Tributes Are Paid to David T. Watson

Pittsburgh, Pa., Feb. 29.—Funeral services for David T. Watson, who died in Atlantic City last Thursday night, were held yesterday at his home. Many distinguished men were present.

PLEASANTVIEW WANTS TO COME INTO HARRISBURG

Pretty Suburban District East of City Eager For Annexation

COUNCIL TO CONSIDER IT

Informal Conference on Subject Next Week; "Hard-scrabble" Problems

Pleasantview, the ever-growing little suburb just north and east and adjacent to the city, wants to become a part of Harrisburg.

Residents of that section are eager to have City Council consider them as possible citizens of Harrisburg in the very near future. City Commissioner Harry F. Bowman, said to-day after a brief session of the commissioners. The advisability of admitting Pleasantview, Mr. Bowman added, will likely be one of the problems that will be threshed out by the commissioners at an informal conference to be held sometime prior to the next meeting of Council probably Monday morning.

The admission of Pleasantview is still very much in the embryonic stage according to Mr. Bowman, although the data relative to the taxation, water rates, etc., is being collected for consideration of the city commissioners. The people of the nearby suburbs want to be satisfied that the

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Great French Auxiliary Cruiser Sunk in Middle of Mediterranean; 870 Saved

Paris, Feb. 29.—The auxiliary French cruiser, Provence was sunk in the Mediterranean last Saturday it was announced to-day. At Malta 296 survivors have been landed.

The ministry of marine estimated the number of survivors at 870. Four hundred survivors were landed at Malta. The cruiser sank in the middle Mediterranean.

La Provence was one of the largest and finest of the French line vessels. At the time she was launched, La Provence was the fastest trans-Atlantic liner ever built in France.

Former Minister, Now Booze Ad Writer, Appears Before Grand Jury

Pittsburgh, Feb. 29.—George Muller, now a writer of beer advertisements, at one time pastor of the Zion Baptist Church of Punxsutawney, and until 1913 attached to the "Educational Bureau" of the Pennsylvania Brewers' Association, with headquarters at Philadelphia, yesterday spent nearly two hours before the grand jury.

Girl Tries to Leap to Death From River Wall

The first attempt to commit suicide by jumping from the River Wall into the Susquehanna was prevented late last night when Sergeant Drabentstadt and Page and Officer Hyman rescued Helen Ennis, aged 17, of 422 Market street, just as she was about to jump into the river from the wall at the foot of Market street.

The girl told the officers that she had been quarreling with her sister. The police were notified late in the evening that two girls were standing on the wall, one trying to jump into the water. The officers reached the place just as the Ennis girl had fought off her companion, Ruth Rahm, of 502 North street, and was about to leap into the river.

Gives Assurance That Peace in Orient Will Be Maintained by Japan

Tokio, Feb. 29.—Count Okuma, the Japanese premier to-day told a delegation of Japanese who are avowedly hostile to Yuan Shi-Kai, the Chinese president, that while he could not disclose the government's policy with regard to China, they might rest assured that Japan would take proper measures to maintain peace in the Orient.

Hogs Jump Ten Cents to Highest Price in Year

Chicago, Feb. 29.—A jump of ten cents in the price of hogs to-day sent the market to \$8.90 a hundred pounds, the highest in sixteen months. Veterans at the stockyards say the whole country is going into hog raising and more pork and bacon is being eaten than ever before.

FOUND NEARLY DEAD FROM STARVATION IN BOX CAR

Locked in a box car for more than forty-eight hours without any food, Clarence Purviance, Baltimore, was found yesterday afternoon in the Harrisburg yards of the Philadelphia and Reading Railway, almost unconscious from lack of food and drink.

He was first taken to the Associated Aid societies, but later was sent to the Harrisburg hospital. After an examination the physician ordered a good dinner for Clarence. He was released.

GOT NO CURRENCY

Washington, D. C., Feb. 29.—No currency whatever was in the mail bags stolen from a truck last Saturday in New York, postal authorities announced to-day. A brief report to the Post Office Department from agents in New York said that the character of the stolen mail had not yet been determined beyond establishing the fact that no currency was taken. It had been reported the thieves got \$200,000.

SIX DEAD; NINE MISSING IN BIG MINE EXPLOSION

Fifty-two Are Rescued by First Aid Crews After Shaft Is Wrecked

MANY ARE INJURED

No Absent Miners Believed to Have Perished; Dust Causes Blast

By Associated Press. Kempton, W. Va., Feb. 29.—Six men are known to be dead, nine are still missing and 52 have been brought safely from mine No. 42 of the Davis Coal and Coke Company near here, where an explosion occurred this morning soon after the miners had gone to work. The missing men had penetrated far into the workings and rescuers expressed their opinion that they had perished.

The mine, which is a shaft 427 feet deep, was not badly wrecked, according to mine officials. The explosion, it was stated, was probably caused by dust.

Scarcely had the men reached their working places when the explosion occurred. Those not directly in range of the blast hurried to the main entries and started for the foot of the shaft in which the cages were still operating. There they were met by rescue parties from the surface and quickly hoisted to daylight. Other rescuers made their way into the mine, and soon located six bodies. Later in the morning other miners who had been unable to reach the main lines of communication were found and brought out. Four of them were badly hurt.

Windows 12 Miles Away Broken When War Order Plant Is Destroyed

Woburn, Mass., Feb. 29.—With a shock that broke windows twelve miles distant a plant of the New England Manufacturing Company blew up early to-day. Only one man, Frank Cornett, an employe, was hurt. His injuries were said not to be serious. None of the other buildings were materially damaged.

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SEVEN BURN IN FARM HOUSE

Taloga, Okla., Feb. 29.—The bodies of seven persons were found to-day in the ruins of a farm house which burned some time during last night, six miles northwest of here. The dead have been identified as M. Creed, the occupant of the house, his wife, three children and his two brothers.

ARMED ITALIAN SHIPS CLEARED

Washington, Feb. 29.—The Italian liners Giuseppe Verdi and San Guglielmo at New York, with mounted guns aboard, were to-day ordered cleared on assurances from the Italian government that their armament was for defensive purposes only.

ITALIANS REQUISITION GERMAN SHIP

London, Feb. 29.—It was announced in the House of Commons to-day that the Italian government had requisitioned thirty-four of the thirty-seven German steamers interned in Italian ports.

WARNED OF GERMAN RAIDER ON ATLANTIC

New York, Feb. 29.—Wireless warnings that a German commerce raider possibly accompanied by consorts, was attacking shipping in the Atlantic were received by the Standard Oil tanker Communipaw, which arrived here to-day from Algiers. A message was received about 8 o'clock last evening, as follows: "German steamer is attacking shipping in the Atlantic and may be assisted by captured vessels which she armed. Description 6,000 tons, speed 15 knots, combination freight and passenger steamer. Carries two guns and is posing as neutral."

NO DATE FOR LICENSE ARGUMENT

Harrisburg.—Licenses for any of the hotels against which remonstrances have been filed will not be handed down by the Dauphin county court until after the cases have been argued. No date for argument has been set.

MARRIAGE LICENSES

Russel Washington Collier, Marysville, and Anna Elizabeth Smith, Duncannon. Ross Leonard Mountz and Mabel Seibert Stambaugh, city.