



ITALIANS CONQUER BERAT POST; ASCEND TO GOAL ROCK BY ROCK

POILUS PRESS ON TO GAINS; GUNS BOOM

Enemy Bombards Allied Lines in Flanders Although His Infantry Is Still Held in Check

Washington, July 11.—An official dispatch from Rome to-day reports unchecked advance of Italian troops in Albania, with Berat as an objective. From the Voyusa the Italians have carried all positions to the Semeni in an advance of approximately 15 miles over a fifty mile front.

"The Italian left wing, aided by cavalry units," says the dispatch, "reached Fieri protected by British monitors. The Austrian aviation camp was occupied by our troops, which captured a large quantity of war material."

"Meanwhile our right wing, after violent fighting, conquered the Berat positions rock by rock, climbing to the summit two thousand meters high."

"The actual advance has assured the Italian command safe possession of Malacastra on the left and Toporica on the right, standing on the 2500 meters above the sea and dominating Berat city proper and the Devolivalley."

Paris, July 11.—French troops last night captured the town of Corcy on the front southwest of Soissons, the war office announced to-day.

In addition to gaining complete possession of Corcy, including the Corcy railway station, the French took the chateau and the farm of St. Paul to the south of Corcy.

Two successful raids The capture was effected in an operation for the enlarging of the French positions to the east of the Metz forest.

The statement adds: "Fifty prisoners including one officer, remained in our hands. Two

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CORP. W. O. GORNER MAKES THE SUPREME SACRIFICE FOR U. S.

Harrisburg Man Serving With Regular Army Killed in Action Against the Huns in France; Trained For War at Gettysburg Camp

WIFE BEARS UP BRAVELY UNDER SHOCK OF NEWS

Last Letter, Received a Week Ago, Long After Wound Had Been Received, Was Full of Hope and Optimism

Harrisburg has given another son for the cause of Democracy.

William O. Gerner, 1916 Penn street, was killed in action in France, June 16. His name was contained in General Pershing's official casualty list this morning.

His wife, Mrs. Lorena Gerner, received a telegram from Adjutant General McCain last evening telling of the death of her husband.

"Deeply regret to inform you that Corporal William Gerner, Infantry, is officially reported as killed in action June 16." No details of the death were supplied.

Wife Bears Up Bravely Mrs. Gerner, a quiet little woman, was seen at the home of a friend this morning. While the burden of the great blow had already told on her, the intrepid little woman refused to show how deeply she was suffering from the sacrifice she had made in the name of world freedom.

Quietly, without embellishments, and without any visible signs of grief outside of an occasional catch in her voice, she told the brief story of her husband's military career which ended in the ultimate sacrifice. She left it for a friend to add that she, too, had done more than her bit, by waiving claims for exemption and permitting her husband to answer his country's call, while she accepted employment as a clerk with the railroad during his absence.

Letter Last Week Her mother has not been informed of the death of her son-in-law, as



W. O. GORNER

Draft Board Continues Its War on Idlers, Who Are Compelled to Work or Fight

Continuing its war on idlers and loafers, the Steelton local draft board was morning order two men to report for physical examination and warned four others to go to work at the Steelton plant.

In less than fifteen minutes after the men reported at the board's office on orders issued yesterday, four of the loafers were hard at work at the steel plant. So that no time was lost in getting the men to work, after they reported, members of the board made arrangements with the employment bureau at the steel plant prior to the hearing to provide positions for at least four men.

The drive to rid the borough of all those who neither care to fight or work was opened yesterday morning, when Tom Imbrogno, South Front street, was ordered to report for physical examination, because he would neither fight nor work.

Resuming its offensive with increased energy this morning, members of the board declared the slates of known loafers are now awaiting the reports of the police department on additional cases where men refuse to work. The six men who were heard by board members this morning were those who were turned over to the board by Chief Grova, of Steelton.

Citizens of Neutral Lands Are Exempt From Draft

Washington, July 11.—Provost Marshal General Crowder to-day issued an order temporarily suspending the registration of citizens of neutral countries, pending drafting of regulations under the new army appropriation law under which neutral subjects or citizens who have declared their intention of becoming citizens of the United States may be relieved from military service.

The amendment provides that such regulations shall be consistent with the provisions of the amendment which forever debar from citizenship neutral subjects who, having declared their intention of becoming a citizen, seek relief from military service.

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CAPT. ROUVIER, FRENCH VETERAN, TO SPEAK HERE

Member of French High Commission to Head Bastille Day Celebration

TO ALL SINGERS

An urgent call to choir leaders, choir singers and members of singing bodies generally, is issued this morning by Attorney John Fox Weiss. Mr. Weiss said: "So that next Sunday afternoon's meeting at Reservoir Park will not be wanting musically, it is urged by the committee in charge of Bastille Day observance that all Harrisburg singers make an effort to be present. This call is directed to choir leaders, choir singers, members of glee clubs and all musical societies and singers generally."

It is requested that the singers report either to Abner Hartman, the director, or to myself, at the bandstand in the park at 3.45 Sunday afternoon.

It is also requested that superintendents of Sunday schools make an effort to dismiss these bodies in time for the observance at the park.

Captain Jacques Rouvier, a member of the military staff of the French High Commission at Washington, will deliver a musical address at the mass meeting to be held at Reservoir Park Sunday afternoon at 4 o'clock, commemorating the one hundred and ninth anniversary of the fall of the Bastille. Word to this effect was received from Washington this morning.

At the beginning of the war in 1914 Captain Rouvier was attending the French War College. He was commissioned an officer. During the months that followed he took part in the battle of the Marne, the campaigns at Verdun and along the Somme, and other campaigns on the western front. He was wounded at the battle of the Somme. Captain

was a brakeman on the railroad. He had been married for seven years. He was 39 years old, and registered for the draft, but preferred to enter his country's service voluntarily rather than wait to be present at overseas was announced to his wife by card last May. He enlisted in Harrisburg, June 29, 1917, and was sent to Gettysburg for training. He was later transferred to Charlotte, S. C., and then to Newport News, where he embarked for France.

City Draft Board Considers Labor Man

City board No. 3 is considering the first case which has come before it as an alleged violation of General Crowder's Work or Fight order. Charles Liebau, 533 Seneca street, is the man who is being considered at a non-essential occupation and the board was requested to investigate. Liebau was ordered before the board at 2 o'clock this afternoon, and submitted an affidavit to the effect that he is general organizer of the American Federation of Railroaders, which he declares to be an essential occupation. The board is considering the case, and will inform Liebau of its decision shortly.

COL. OTT GRANTS SKIP-STOPS FOR CITY EIGHTY-FOOT STREET WIDTHS

Linglestown Road and Second Street Widened; Planning Commission Is Pleased

Looking ahead over a period of years, in an effort to provide plans for the proper development of rapidly growing Harrisburg, the City Planning Commission yesterday procured from Colonel Frederick M. Ott permission for the widening of Ott's Lane, or the Linglestown Road, from Riverside Drive to the subway beneath the tracks of the Pennsylvania railroad leading to the upper entrance to Wildwood Park. The road is now thirty-five feet wide. Under Colonel Ott's grant it will be an eighty-foot street and will be part of the city parkway boulevard.

In addition the commission procured from Colonel Ott permission to make the extension of Second Street from the city limits to the railroad.

Guns of U. S. Steamer Fatal For Hun U-Boat; Captain Is Commended

New York, July 11.—A German submarine which attacked the American steamer Lake Forest, 1,500 miles off Cape Henry, while the Lake Forest was returning from a recent voyage to Europe, is believed to have been sunk by the steamer's guns after a two-hour running fight, according to information received here to-day in marine circles.

Captain Herbert R. O. Johnson, U. S. Naval reserve officer, in command of the ship, has been commended to the Navy Department for having sunk the U-boat by officers assigned with him in the naval reserve.

Heinz Appoints Sugar and Cuts Out Wheat For Year in Latest Ruling

Philadelphia July 11.—No hoarding of food, a limit of three-quarters of a pound of sugar a week to each person and the elimination of wheat until the next harvest are among the suggestions embodied in a statement issued by Howard Heinz, food administrator for Pennsylvania, to assistant housewives in the problem of supplying the table and at the same time observe the food regulations.

Copies of the statement containing a full set of the rules have been sent to all the county administrators in the state.

LATE NEWS

PLAN MITCHEL MEMORIAL

New York—A plan for a memorial for John Purroy Mitchel, with popular subscriptions financing it, was endorsed to-day by the Publishers Association of New York City. The movement was inaugurated by the New York World. The Publishers Association in resolutions approving of the project declared the tragedy of Major Mitchel's death "is a challenge to all to answer willingly every demand for co-operation with the government to the point of sacrifice of substance, personal convenience and even of life."

MARKET CLOSES HEAVY

New York—Leaders rallied 1 to 1 1/2 points in the final hour, but reacted again toward the end. The closing was heavy. Liberty 3 1/2s sold at 99.62 to 99.64, first 4s at 94.04 to 94.10, second 4s at 94.02 to 94.10 and 4 1/4s at 95.92 to 96.00. Indications that various industrial corporations are in need of financial relief from the government precipitated to-day's general depression in the stock market. Sales approximated 625,000 shares.

FRENCH TRAITOR SMUST SUFFER

Paris—The Court of Cassation to-day rejected the appeals of the men convicted in the case of the Garimano-philie newspaper Bonnet Rouge.

PITCHER PERRITT MUST GET NEW JOB

Pittsburgh—Pitcher Paul Perritt, of the New York Nationals to-day received a notice from his best draft board at Shreveport, La., to appear and show cause why he should not engage in essential employment under Provost Marshal General Crowder's work or fighting rule.

NICHOLAS' SON REPORTED KILLED

London—Swedish newspapers publish a statement by a Swede just returned from Moscow that Alexis Romanoff, son of Nicholas Romanoff, the former Russian Emperor, has been killed by a Bolshevik soldier by means of a bomb, says an Exchange Telegraph dispatch from Copenhagen to-day.

VETOES SHORT LINE RESOLUTION

Washington—President Wilson to-day vetoed the resolution adopted by Congress last week extending the time in which the railroad administration might relinquish control of lines not wanted in the federal system. The veto had been expected.

JOHN G. BRANCA WOUNDED IN WAR

Harrisburg—Guy Branca, 25 Boas street, to-day received word of the wounding of his brother John G. Branca who enlisted in the Seventh U. S. infantry a year ago. Branca was enlisted in the band and was wounded last month after two weeks service at the front as a stretcher bearer.

CLOSING IN ON HUN SUBS

London—Speaking in London to-day Sir Eric Geddes, first lord of the British Admiralty, said mines gradually were hemming in the submarine which now had less freedom and he was glad to say there were fewer of them.

PAYS TRIBUTE TO MITCHEL IN SENATE

Washington—A tribute to the late Major John Purroy Mitchel was paid in the Senate to-day by Senator Calder, of New York, who in a brief address declared the nation had lost a loyal citizen and a great soldier.

TWO 'Y' WORKERS SENTENCED

Paris—Two American Y. M. C. A. workers have been sentenced to confinement by a general court martial on charges of attempting to evade censorship regulations. On their release they will be returned to America.

TROOP TRAIN LEAVES RAILS

Shreveport, La.—Four coaches of an eastbound troop train carrying soldiers from Camp Bowie, Texas, on the Vicksburg, Shreveport and Pacific Railroad, were overturned in a ditch between Houghton and Doyle, La.

THE WEATHER

For Harrisburg and vicinity: Fair to-night and Friday; not much change in temperature. For Eastern Pennsylvania: Fair to-night and Friday; little change in temperature; gentle winds, mostly west.

The More War Stamps You Buy the Quicker Uncle Sam Will Help End German Power Save That Quarter Tomorrow

MARRIAGE LICENSES Rufus S. Gross and Frances K. Shaffer, Wormleysburg.