

"Damn the torpedoes; go ahead, full speed."—Admiral Farragut, at Mobile.

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WILSON MEETS ITALY WAR MISSION MEMBERS

WASHINGTON, May 14.—Italy's minister of transportation, Enrico Arlotta, member of the Italian war mission to the United States, reached Washington today and was presented to Secretary Lansing. Military and naval members remained in New York and will come here later, when the leaders of the Italian mission reach the United States, probably within a few days. All will be presented to President Wilson then.

Italian citizens of the Middle West are arranging a reception for the commission when it has completed its preliminary business in Washington. In Chicago a general committee has invited the commission to visit the principal cities of the Mississippi Valley. All invitations will be held at the embassy for the arrival of the entire commission headed by Prince of Udine.

INDIANA COUNTY WILL HAVE FARM EXPERT

Through an appropriation of \$1,000, news of which has just been made public by the Indiana County Board of Commissioners, this district takes place in the front line of counties in the state. The money thus appropriated is to be used to defray the expenses of a Farm Expert to be sent to Indiana from State College and who will devote his time to explaining and demonstrating to such residents of farming districts as desire his advice, the proper cultivation of crops as worked out to a perfecting degree at the farms at the state institution.

HIGHWAYMAN ASSAULTED WOMAN; TAKES POCKET- BOOK

The local authorities are looking for a young man who made an assault, Wednesday evening, on Church street, between Railroad avenue and Oakland avenue. The victim was Miss Alice Harper, who is staying at the R. A. Thompson home. It is said that during the encounter, the highwayman received a number of blows, the young lady was thrown to the ground and her silver purse, containing a ten dollar bill and some small change was taken.

CLEAN-UP DAY, MAY 22.

Attention is again directed to the annual Clean-up Day to be observed in Indiana on Tuesday, May 22, the date set by the Indiana Board of Health. Especial attention should be paid to cleaning up stables and alleys and seeing that your property is in spic and span condition for the inspection trip that will follow. Any Indiana resident not financially able to have his rubbish taken away will be thus accommodated if he will leave his name and address at the Free Reading Room before noon on Clean-up Day. The only restriction is that the rubbish must be piled on the sidewalk or some other convenient place for the person who will call for it.

Best stores advertise in The Patriot.

France Will Furnish America Aeroplanes

Domestic Machines Fail to Meet War Department Tests.

WASHINGTON, May 16.—The United States has been forced to go to France to obtain aeroplanes for its army. Machines of American manufacture have failed completely to meet the war department tests, it was learned here, and, as a result, contracts for supplying the entire army of 1,200,000 men will be placed abroad.

An initial order for 1,800 machines has already been placed, it is understood, and further contracts are to be made which will run into the tens of thousands. The advisory commission on aviation, after a close survey of the field, has notified the war department that France will be able to supply all the machines needed by the American army.

These facts became known today in connection with the first open move of the Government to put the air service on a war footing. This was the appointment of Prof. Hiram Bingham of Yale University as director of cadet instruction. Prof. Bingham has been attached to the office of Brigadier General George O. Squier, chief signal officer of the army.

He will be in direct charge of the 3,000 cadets enlisted in the special aviation corps, which will supply the new conscriptive army with its "eyes."

ANOTHER DISASTROUS FIRE AT JOSEPHINE

Josephine was visited by another disastrous fire early Wednesday morning, when the building, housing the supplies and time-keeper's office, together with all its contents, were destroyed by a blaze, origin of which has not yet fully been determined, altho it is presumed that it was due to spontaneous combustion as it started in the oil room.

The damage, which is partly covered with insurance, will run about \$2,000.

CLYMER MAN HAS CLOSE CALL

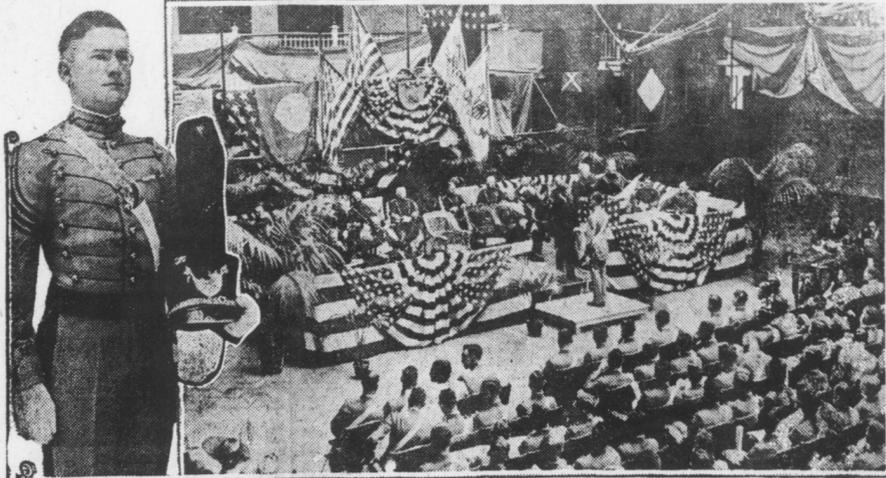
Harry Levenson, a well known merchant of Clymer, had a narrow escape from death last evening when he lost control of his automobile at "Devil's Elbow" near here. The machine plunged through the fence on the road and turned turtle. Levenson was uninjured but the machine was badly damaged.

ITALIAN DRIVE ON TRIESTE IS RESUMED

ROME, May 16.—The spring campaign on the Austro-Italian front has opened with a renewal of the Italian drive toward Trieste. Advances were made in the heights, southeast of Gortiz, the Carso plateau, in the Plava sector, and also on Monte Cucco, but the Italian troops had to withstand violent counter-attacks by Austro-Hungarian forces.

A large number of prisoners, some cannon and machine guns, were captured by the Italians.

WEST POINT GIVES 139 MORE OFFICERS TO ARMY



Photos by American Press Association.

Weeks ahead of their regular graduation time 139 cadets were released to serve their country. Harris Jones Oneida county, N. Y., the first honor pupil, is shown above, while Secretary Baker is seen receiving a graduate.

HOW AMERICAN YOUTHS ARE TO BE CONSCRIPTED

WASHINGTON, D. C., May 17.—Machinery for drafting into the service the first levy of 500,000 men is being worked out by the war department.

The local electoral systems of the townships and precincts will be utilized for the huge task of registering and sifting out the exemptions.

Although the details are far from completion, the system in general will be as follows:

On a day designated by proclamation, probably before September 1, all the men in the nation between the ages to be set in the conscription bill will be ordered to visit the polls and register themselves.

Upon registration they will be given cards designating the number of the class in which they will be called for examination.

It is planned to use local police facilities of the townships, villages and cities to seek out "slackers" who fail or refuse to register.

Under the bill a heavy penalty will be imposed for failure to register.

Then calls by classes will follow. As each class reports the men subject to exemption under the bill—munitions workers, men with dependents, men engaged in industries vital to the military machine and other classes, such as agricultural workers, to be fixed by the president—will be weeded out.

After that the remainder will be again sifted by physical test and the unfit rejected. Then another class for examination will be summoned and the process repeated until all the men of the nation, physically fit and not subject to exemption, are determined.

It is believed the jury wheel system to determine the first levy by lot will be used. These men chosen from the ranks subject to service will comprise the first levy. They will then await the order to go to the training camps.

GRACETON POSTMASTER RESIGNS

Congressman Strong sends us notice that the postmaster at Graceton, this county has resigned and that an examination for a new postmaster will be held in the near future.

PENNSYLVANIA FIRST AGAIN IN RECRUITING

Washington, May 16.—Pennsylvania led again in the regular army recruiting yesterday with 268 men enlisted as against 217 in Illinois. The day's total was 1,920, making a grand total of 71,670 new enlistees since April 1.

PATRIOTIC WHISKERS MAY WAVE IN PARIS

PARIS, May 13.—The shortage of soap has caused the suggestion that shaving be prohibited.

It is argued that, as the soldiers at the front wear beards and mustaches—hence the pet name "poilu," which means "the hairy one"—civilians need not waste soap by shaving.

CHILD DIES FROM BURNS

Little two-year-old Myrtle Thompson daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Clyde Thompson of this place, died Friday afternoon in the Indiana Hospital from burns sustained when her dress caught fire from an open stove in her home. The funeral was held Sunday afternoon.

COUNTY BANKS HAVE SUB- SCRIBED \$300,000 TO WAR LOAN

Indiana county banks have already subscribed \$300,000 to the government war loan. This is a splendid showing for the county and this amount will be increased as all the institutions were not represented at the meeting held last week, when the subscription was made. The banks will make a detailed announcement next week concerning the subscription to the war loan.

CHANGE OF SCHEDULE ON B., R. & P. RAILWAY

The summer timetable of the Buffalo, Rochester & Pittsburgh Ry., will go into effect Sunday, May 20, 1917.

No trains have been taken off and the changes on the Rochester, Middle and Pittsburgh Divisions are very slight; in most instances the time of trains changed has been made a few minutes later.

The time of trains on the Buffalo Division has been shortened in several instances about 5 minutes owing to the improved facilities enjoyed at Buffalo since the Company began running trains into the Lackawanna Terminal.

FIRE SWEEPS NEW YORK NAVY YARD.

NEW YORK, May 15.—Fire of unknown origin which started shortly before 11 o'clock tonight in the five-story brick building at the New York Navy Yard, destroyed that structure and caused a loss which probably will run into hundreds of thousands of dollars.

On both sides of the ordnance pier leading to the building are moored interned German steamships. These, however, were not damaged.

COAL NEAR WEST LEBANON TO BE MINED BY STRIPPING

A unique coal operation, which is to produce 40 cars of fuel a day without mine shaft, slopes, entries or tipples, is to be located in Young township, this county.

A tract of 100 acres was bought in the vicinity of West Lebanon recently by Corbett & Heckman, and is to be worked entirely by the use of steam shovels. The coal lies near the surface and five big steam shovels will strip the surface from the vein and then shovel the fuel out and onto cars.

After the first strip is taken out the ground will merely be shifted by the shovels from more coal and dumped into the gully from which the coal has been taken out, and in this way it is believed that the entire acreage will be worked within eight months.

BOY HURT BY AUTO.

Crossing South Seventh street Monday evening, Robert Wilkinson, 12 years old of East Church street, was run down by an automobile driven by G. T. McHenry. The boy was slightly bruised over the head.

LIST OF LETTERS

Remaining uncalled for in the Indiana office May 12, 1917:

Mr. N. R. Broder, Mr. Nathan Broder, Mr. Thomas De Pasquale, Mr. Thomas D. Pasquale, Master William Henry, M. G. E. Johnson, Mrs. Elsie Keefer, Emanuel G. Koonen, Mary Kloski, Mrs. William Reed, Mr. John Teats, Miss Lula Welsh, Mr. E. A. Wheeler, Mr. James Williamson.

When inquiring for letters in this list please state that they were advertised, giving date.

HARRY W. FEE, P. M.

WAR AT A GLANCE

The Russian cabinet situation resolved itself today, the representatives of the radicals accepting and signing the government's declaration of policy. The organization of the cabinet by the admission of Socialist and other representatives of the parties that are powerful in the Council of Soldiers' and Workmen's Delegates is proceeding.

Military conditions on the Fraco-Belgian front are shown little changed by the official reports of the day. Some further progress has been made by the British within the village of Bullecourt, on the Hindenburg line. Berlin admits a German loss of ground at Roeux under a powerful British attack. It also reports a total of 5,000 British and French made prisoners by the Germans since May 1.

Possibly more ominous for Berlin, in view of the wobbly condition of her Austrian ally, is the news of the great blow struck by Italy in the direction of Trieste. The Italians have opened their spring offensive in brilliant fashion, attacking on a wider front and apparently with greater forces than at any other previous operation. The Isonzo a turbulent mountain stream, bordered by mountains and cliffs is in their hands for a distance of 15 to 20 miles north of Gorizia. General Cadorna appears to plan a great flanking movement against the Corso plateau, nature's great rampart defending Trieste. The operation is, however, in too early a stage to permit judgement of its exact import.

On the front held by the French, the Germans have made heavy attacks near the western end of the Chemin-des-Dames plateau. Six assaults by the crown prince's troops, three of them north of the Laffaux mill and the other three northeast of Braye-en-Iaonnis, were repulsed with heavy losses to the Germans, the Paris war office reports.

The Germans have piled high their dead before the British lines, but have failed to stop the British advance. The most furious and sustained counter-attacks have withered before the blast of the British artillery, and the sapping of the Hindenburg line goes on, slowly but without halt.

The tremendous efforts made by Field Marshal von Hindenburg to stem the tide of victory which was steadily setting against him have given the battle of Arras an appearance of ebb and flow, but the net result is that the most violent efforts of the Germans to regain the initiative have failed. Von Hindenburg apparently used every ounce of strength at his command to wrest from the British the villages of Roeux and Bullecourt, and the outcome is summed up in the almost monotonous repetition by the British war office of the statement: "Our troops made progress in the Hindenburg line."