

WEATHER

Rain and cooler tonight and Friday. Fresh northeast winds. Tomorrow—Friday. No Wheat Bread for Supper.

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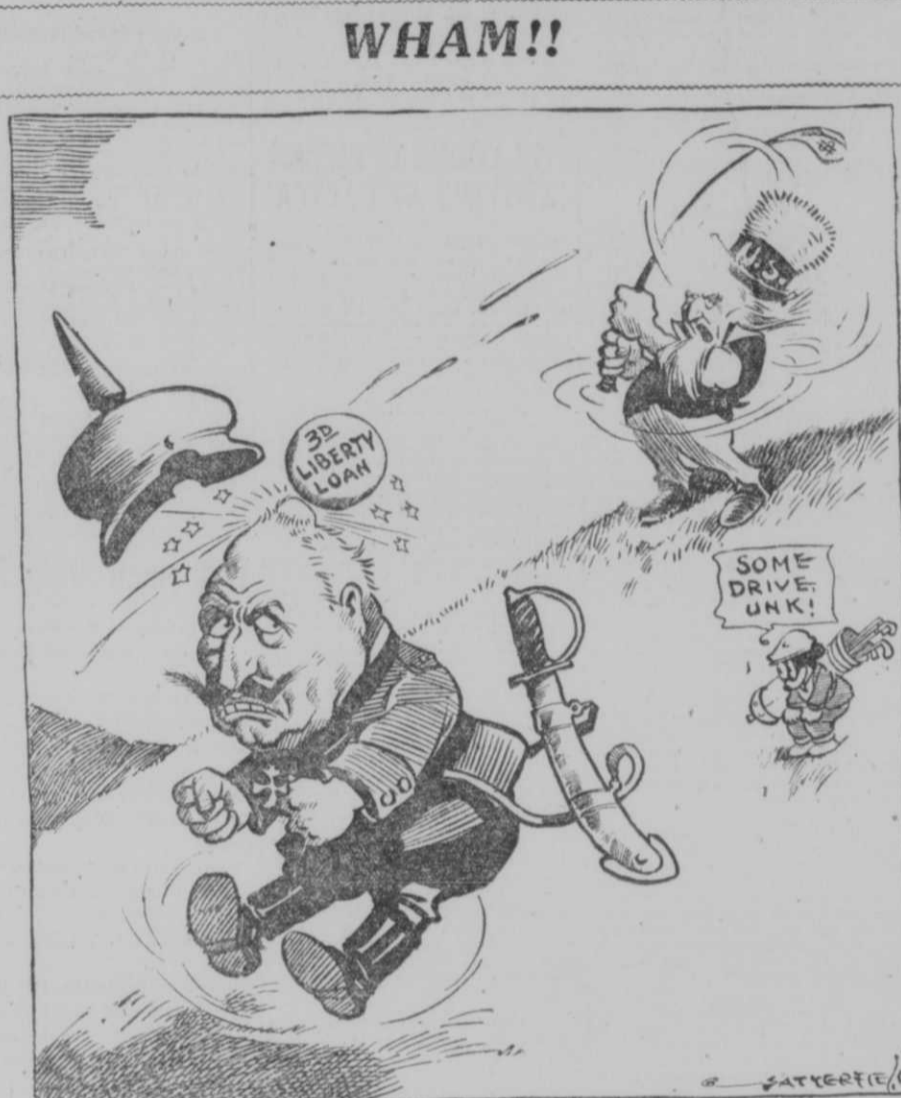
ONE CENT.

EVERYBODY NOW BUYING BONDS OF THIRD LOAN

Churches, Farmers, Business Men Join Drive to Put County On Honor Roll

ROTARIANS REPORT SALES OF \$100,000

An example for other churches throughout the city and county that have surplus funds of any character, not in use now to follow is being given by St. Thomas' Church. Last week the Rev. John J. Connelly, the pastor, who is always solidly behind this government, its President and everything that is loyal, subscribed \$5,000 of the building fund for the church, in Liberty Bonds. This week he is proposing to all persons who have not completed the payment of their subscriptions to the church building fund, to do so now through the Union National Bank, the bank to invest the money in Liberty Bonds or War Savings Stamps. Each person making settlement in this manner will receive credit, the same as he would if he had paid cash to Father Connelly. Other churches have been investing surplus funds in the loan, one of these being Hanover Presbyterian Church which took \$300 worth of bonds. The luncheon of the Rotary Club at the Hotel duPont today was a Liberty Loan function. At the beginning of the campaign the members pledged the entire roll to the campaign, and so informed John S. Russell chairman of all Liberty Loan activities for this city and county. What the Rotarians said was not words only, but deeds. During the course of the luncheon the members reported subscriptions totaling more than \$100,000. (Continued on Page Fifteen.)



BRITISH FLANDERS LINE INTACT: HUNS UNDER ARTILLERY FIRE: COUNTER OFFENSIVE MAY BE ON

AUSTRIAN ARMY WON'T FIGHT ON WESTERN FRONT

By The United Press. WASHINGTON, April 18.—Austrian troops in the Ukraine have refused to do service on the western front or even in Italy, according to a rumor reaching the State Department today. In addition to these rumors authentic information showed that the Teutons are trying to convert the Ukraine into a German-Austrian colony. In so far as possible the Teutons have cut off all communication between the Ukrainian officials with Austrian or German officials. German and Austrian money is being suppressed as fast as possible. These facts came from reliable sources which the department did not feel at liberty to reveal. At the same time an unsubstantiated report was that the Teutons intend to dissolve the Ukraine legislative body, the Rada. The department was without information as to whether or not Germany has been able to draw new reserves from the east front for western fighting since the great offensive started. It had reason to believe recently, however, that Germany had drained the eastern front about to the limit when the western offensive opened. Chiefly Austrian soldiers are in the Ukraine, according to the department information and they refused to be moved. The Teutons still control Odessa, the great grain port, and Nikolaiiv, the Ukrainian river town where is located an important submarine building works.

French, Rushing to Support of Haig, Concentrate Heavy Gun Fire Against Enemy on 56 Mile Front from Somme to Noyon Which May Be Preliminary to Drive by Allies While Germans Are Exhausted. Enemy Attack in Bailleul Sector Breaks Down

By The United Press LONDON, April 18.—"German infantry, attacking in three waves southeast of Kemmel Hill, pressed us back slightly at one point but a counter attack restored the situation," Field Marshal Haig reported today. "Shortly after midday the attack had been repulsed at all points." "In the Bailleul sector the enemy attacking three times before midday was completely repulsed." "Our line yesterday was intact on the whole front. There was no change in the British front during the night." "There was hostile artillery on the Lys battlefield from Givenchy to eastward of Robecq, continuing until dawn between Locon and Robecq." "Local attacks in the Merris sector yesterday evening were repulsed." "More detailed reports of the fighting yesterday in Neippe Forest and on the Wychaete front established the severity of the enemy's losses." The Germans again are in possession of Wychaete and Metereen it was admitted in Field Marshal Haig's report. The British recaptured these villages in counter attacks yesterday morning but were compelled to evacuate them again in the face of continued enemy assaults. The French are co-operating with the British on this front, Haig said. In the retirement east of Ypres, the British abandoned Passchaendele-Poelcappelle and Langemarck, it is claimed by the German War Office. A Belgian communique said that between Le Blankaert and the Ypres-Thourout railway (a front of about five miles just north of the Passchaendele salient) a massed German attack gained a temporary advantage but that a counter assault restored the position and resulted in the capture of 600 prisoners. Continued enemy bombardment of the French lines was reported in the French official communique. The French laid down a counter barrage.

NEGRO ON VISIT BREAKS INTO HOUSE

"Yonk" Clark, Negro, charged before Judge Churchman in Municipal Court today with breaking and entering the home of Sarah Spencer, Negro, of No. 20 Locust street, was held for trial at \$5000 bail. The prosecutor told the court that Clark had visited her house last evening and then left. Early this morning, according to the prosecutor's testimony, the defendant broke open the door of her home and was on his way up the stairs with a knife in his hand, when she ran out of the building from the back. The fracas awakened the neighbors, and Officer Donnan was attracted to the scene and he placed Clark under arrest. The defendant told the court he is 22 years old and that he came here from Buffalo, N. Y., three weeks ago. Questioned by Judge Churchman, he said that he registered at Geneva, N. Y., but that he had never filled out a questionnaire. Judge Churchman ordered Officer McCallister to report the defendant's record to the United States authorities.

NEGROES ANSWER CALL TO COLORS

Two More Volunteer Chauffeurs: Photographers Also Enlist BOARDS 3 AND 4 MAKE NEW CALLS That members of the Negro race are anxious to respond to their country's call, was manifested today when two more Negroes, in answer to the call from the Provost Marshal's office, offered themselves at the local Exemption Board offices and were inducted into the service. Those who volunteered were: Harvey L. Wardfield, of No. 401 East Eleventh street and Fred Burton, of No. 308 East sixth street, chauffeurs; Herbert Turner, Negro, was inducted yesterday. The recent call for Negroes was the first made in the occupational classes for members of that race and the response that the Negroes has made, showed that there will be little trouble in getting them from this city, at least. The call for photographers, made sometime ago, is also being met, three men so far having been inducted into this service. Seven more are needed, however. The men who are to leave here on April 25, for Camp Dix, are being notified by their respective boards, to report at the old Court House next Thursday, when they will be given their instructions preparatory to leaving here. Those from Board No. 1 are as follows: The list of men called by Board No. (Continued on Page Fifteen.)

TEAR DOWN PEACE POSTERS AT ARDEN

Some Residents Resent Attitude of Pacifists at Colony Near Wilmington PLANNING TO RAISE ANOTHER FLAG THERE Incensed at the alleged rude treatment accorded members of the women's committee that recently visited Arden in behalf of the Liberty Loan, when they were called "murderers" by a man at the colony, a crowd of men living at Arden who have subscribed to the Liberty Loan destroyed the placards of the National Peace Council that were posted about the place last night. Not content with this, they repised them in some instances with the symbol of the Red Cross Society. Open threats were made by several of the Arden residents that a horse whipping would serve to curb the anti-war talk of some of the Government opponents at Arden. The Red House on the edge of Arden Commons was found by those who destroyed the peace placards to be covered with posters from the National Council, and they were torn into shreds. That the treatment accorded the women of the Liberty Loan Committee who visited Arden by some residents of the colony was displeasing to many of those who live in the settlement was the statement of various Arden residents. Mrs. A. A. Taltavall, who was one of the organizers of this Arden branch of the Red Cross, in speaking of the alleged insulting of the Liberty Loan Committee today, deplored the incident. Frank Harrison, another prominent resident of the settlement, has not only a Third Liberty Loan placard in the window of his home, but has also purchased four of the new bonds and sold \$8,000 worth in his department at his (Continued on Page Fifteen.)

RUSSELL BIBLE STUDENTS SPLIT

Publication of Sixth Book Leads to Serious Trouble Among Cult "PROPHECIES" ARE HUB OF CONTROVERSY There has been a break in the ranks of the International Bible Students' Association, as the followers of Pastor Russell are known, not only in this city, but also throughout the country. Here in Wilmington about one-half of the active members have seceded and no longer attend the meetings in the hall of the Junior Order of American Mechanics. Instead, they hold parlor meetings pending a readjustment of their affairs. Meanwhile, those who have withdrawn from the old classes in Wilmington and other communities are planning to establish national headquarters in Pittsburgh. The split in the International Bible Students' Association has been caused by the compilation and publication of a book by those who have taken over the control of the old New York headquarters of the association since Pastor Russell died suddenly several months ago while on a trip in the West. That book, which professes to interpret properly the prophecies found in the books of Ezekiel and Revelations in the Holy Bible, has been rejected and denounced by those members who have seceded. They assert with respect to it that, far from being a posthumous work by Pastor Russell, it contains so-called interpretations of the prophecies in Ezekiel and Revelations which he had repudiated and rejected before he died. Assertion also is made by them that Pastor Russell had admitted frankly (Continued on Page Fifteen.)

WAR REVIEW

The French apparently are concentrating the heaviest allied artillery fire since the German drive started, on a 56-mile front extending from a point south of the Somme, east of Amiens to the Oise in the vicinity of Noyon. This bombardment, reported in a United Press dispatch from Henry Wood, covers every inch of the German positions and the rear areas for miles back of their lines. Prisoners say that the cannonading has caused heavy German casualties and has prevented the enemy from digging in. The points of the farthest German penetration in Picardy are included in this bombardment. It also includes the greater part of the southern leg of the Hindenburg line, a military position believed to be the most vulnerable part of the German advance. The next few hours are expected to reveal whether this cannonading is preparatory to a major counter-offensive by the Allies. The Flanders front Haig claims to be holding his own. His official report today said there was "No change on the British front last night." He reported the repulse of a determined enemy assault against Mont Kemmel from the direction of Wulverghem, and the complete breakdown of a German attack in the Bailleul sector, to the southwest of Mont Kemmel. Haig also reported heavy artillery fighting on the southern edge of the Flanders salient and the repulse of local attacks there. The retirement must have necessitated a similar slight retreat by the Belgians whose lines, according to an official communique, join Haig's at the Ypres-Thourout railway, which runs northeastward through Langemarck. The Belgian report said a German attack between this railway and LeBlankaert-Pond was repulsed. This indicates an extension of the Flanders fighting to a point eight miles north of Ypres and less than three miles south of Dixmude. This city is less than ten miles south of the point where the west front touches the North Sea.

BATTLE OF BAILLEUL IS MOST SPECTACULAR OF WAR

By WILLIAM PHILIP SIMMS, United Press Staff Correspondent. BAILLEUL, April 17.—(Night)—The night now progressing is the most spectacular of the war. From a hilltop near Bailleul it can be observed in pantomime as though from a balcony seat. Miles upon miles, from around the Passchaendele salient, from where the British were voluntarily withdrawing to the southwest of Bailleul, is visible to the naked eye. With glasses, infantry can be seen on the move. The battles of Cambrai, Verdun and Messines were all in a hill country, affording the scantiest glimpses, but from elevations about Bailleul the war's most dramatic panoramas stretches out with scarcely a tree obscuring the view. Across fertile miles of farms, men are visible going into action. Shells burst in pastures. Abandoned cows cease grazing and stare in mild astonishment at the strange eruptions. The sky is filled with black and white cloudpuffs and with low-flying airplanes in contact with infantry, dropping signal rockets to point out targets to the artillery. The rattle of machine guns and the bass thunder of heavy artillery, combined (Continued on Page Fifteen.)

EDEN GIVES WRIST WATCHES TO FIGHTERS

Patrick Kelleher, of No. 1215 Lobdell street, and Harold Fritz, of No. 1225 Lobdell street, both joined the Navy Tuesday of last week, and when they left Wilmington to report at their headquarters Friday, each was presented with a wrist watch by the Eden-South Side Athletic Club, of South Wilmington. John Kumpstil, of No. 1206 Lobdell street, who recently passed through here on his way from Camp Oglethorpe to Allentown, N. J., is expected to come home soon when he will be presented with a wrist watch. The three boys are members of the Eden-South Side Club, and the mothers of the young sailors and the soldier desire to thank the members of the club for their kindly interest.

SECOND CHURCH GIVES \$5754 TO MISSIONS

Funds to the amount of \$5,754.55 have been contributed for the missionary operations of the Northern Baptist Convention, Delaware State, and other objects of denominational beneficence, according to the weekly calendar, which is printed for the Second Baptist Church every week. This report includes the year ending March 31, 1918. "This is a magnificent showing for missionary and benevolent giving by this church, being twice the amount given last year, and six times the amount contributed prior to 1908," says the calendar. The calendar is a four-page paper with a neat picture of the church, together with the words, "Hospitality without ostentatiousness, conviction without prejudice, liberality without laxity, worship without fanaticism, service without subservency," on the front page. The last page contains a list of the church organizations and their officers while on the third page are "Periphrastic Paragraphs" and schedules of meetings for the week.

TWO WORKERS BURNED IN POWDER YARD FIRE

A fire in a block breaker, at Carney's Point plant of the duPont Company this morning, destroyed about 200 pounds of gun cotton and burned two workmen whose injuries are not considered serious. They are: Morris Westrauh, aged 22 years, a Russian, living at Plant No. 4, and Mike Wolf, aged 40 years, also a Russian, living on a farm near Pennsgrove. Neither of the men was able to explain how the fire started, but the material in the block breaker gives off a strong alcoholic vapor, which it is supposed was ignited by a spark probably caused by friction. Little damage was done to the building.

COP DISAPPEARS; UNIFORM AT HOME

Leaving his home on Monday night, after giving his wife the key to their home and throwing his uniform on the rear porch, Patrolman Thomas Virden, of No. 614 East Tenth street, has not been heard from since. The officer, who had been doing traffic duty for some time, worked on Monday and received his pay prior to going off duty. When he did not report for duty on Tuesday morning an investigation was begun. Patrolman Gamble, being sent to the home. He was told that the officer had left his home the night before, after leaving his uniform on the back porch. Whether he secured employment somewhere else or was taken ill, is not known.

JUDGE LIKES MUSIC BUT NOT IN COURT

Unable to hear testimony in City Court on account of a talking machine that was grinding out an air in the police garage to the delight of the patrol crew there, Judge Churchman, in City Court today, detailed Sergeant Devenish, who rules supreme on the streets as traffic dictator, stalked to the police garage determined to silence the machine at all costs. No force was necessary, the music coming to a dead stop in the middle of a note when the patrol crew was advised of the court's injunction against the canned article.

HUNGARIAN CABINET RESIGNATION CONFIRMED

By The United Press. LONDON, April 18.—Confirmation that the Hungarian cabinet has resigned was received here today. Count Tisza, former Premier, has again been appointed to that post, succeeding Count Wekerle.

ENGLAND NAMES NEW FRENCH AMBASSADOR

By The United Press. LONDON, April 18.—The appointments of Lord Derby as ambassador extraordinary to France, succeeding Lord Bertie, of Viscount Milner as Secretary of State for War, succeeding Lord Derby and of Austen Chamberlain, son of the late Joseph Chamberlain as member of the war cabinet, were officially announced today. The appointment of Lord Milner as British Secretary of State for War means that the British War Office is now in the hands of an efficiency expert.

KAISER'S CONSCIENCE PRODS HIM

By The United Press. AMSTERDAM, April 18.—"What haven't I done to preserve the world from these horrors," the Kaiser is quoted as saying during a visit to the Armenteries battlefield, in a dispatch to the Lokal Anzeiger.

"That the World May be Safe For Democracy" - Buy Liberty Bonds