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GERMANS CLAIM BIG VICTORY IN POLAND

Berlin is Celebrating What is Termed "One of the Greatest Victories in History"

RUSSIANS SAY THEY ARE DOING THE CHASING

From Warsaw Comes Word That a Great Battle is in Progress Thirty Miles to the Westward, With Reinforcements Pouring Into Both Armies—In Belgium and France the Allies are Carrying on Their Offensive Operations, Slowly and Steadily—Austria Contends That Russians are Retiring Along the Whole Front in Both Galicia and Poland—Egypt Has Been Proclaimed a British Protectorate.

Berlin is celebrating the news from Poland of what is termed "one of the greatest victories in history." Berlin headquarters announces that the Russians have been clearly beaten and that the Russian offensive against Silesia and Posen has been broken. A general retreat of the Russians in Poland, with the Germans in pursuit, is claimed.

In contradistinction to this, the latest official bulletin issued at Petrograd declares that the Russian cavalry and vanguard troops "are chasing energetically the beaten Germans in the direction of Mlawa." Both sides lay claim to the capture of prisoners, the Germans to a very large number of them.

Great Battle Near Warsaw.

Direct from Warsaw comes word that a great battle is in progress thirty miles to the westward; that the German wedge has managed to establish itself in a strategic position, and that fighting of an intense nature is in progress, with reinforcements pouring in to both Germans and Russians.

Allies Gain in Belgium and France.

In Belgium and France, the allies are carrying on their offensive operations, begun a few days ago, slowly and steadily. Progress is noted in the first official statement and it is believed that the infantry on the two sides of the western battle front have come to grips at many places, the number of wounded indicating the desperate nature of the struggle.

Austrians Claim Victory Over Russians.

Austria follows up the German announcement of a victory in Poland by the statement that the Russians are retiring along the whole front in both Galicia and Poland and it is possible that this may mean the withdrawal of the investing forces of Russia from Przemysl.

Egypt a British Protectorate.

Egypt has been proclaimed a British protectorate and Lieutenant Colonel Sir Arthur Henry McMahon, who has served in an official capacity for many years in India and other parts of the east, has been appointed high commissioner.

The German field marshal, Von Der Goltz, according to late despatches, has been appointed military governor of Constantinople and acting minister of war. A German admiral who is said to have taken over the ministry of marine.

The former imperial German chancellor, Prince Von Buelow, now ambassador to Italy, referring to the German bombardment of the English coast towns, says:

54 PER CENT OF FRENCH WOUNDED RETURN TO FRONT

Statistics Show Remarkable Advance Made in Surgery.

Paris, Dec. 17, 7:06 p. m.—No less than 54 per cent. of the French wounded returned to the firing line before December 12, according to interesting figures supplied today by the surgical department of the ministry of war.

Of the remainder, 24 per cent had been given convalescent leaves, 17 per cent. were still in hospitals and 1 1-2 per cent. had been discharged from the army. Three and a half precent. of the wounded died.

These statistics demonstrate the remarkable advance made in surgery and show a lower per centage of deaths from wounds than in any preceding war.

ALLIES CONTINUE TO ADVANCE IN BELGIUM.

Have Reached the First Houses as St. Laurent Blangy.

Paris, Dec. 17, 10.55 p. m.—The following official communication was issued by the war office tonight:

"In Belgium, our troops have gained ground to the north of the road from Ypres to Menin, and also on that to the south and southeast of Bixschoote.

"We have debouched to the northeast of Arras and have reached the first houses of St. Laurent Blangy.

"Appreciable progress has been made at Ovillers-La-Boisselle, Mammouetz and Maricourt, in the region of Bapaume and Peronne.

"From the Samme to the Vosges there is nothing to report."

NO ADVERSE REPORTS COME FROM PETROGRAD

Say at Mlawa Russian Cavalry Is Chasing Beaten Germans.

Petrograd, Dec. 17.—The following statement from the general staff of the Russian commander-in-chief was made public tonight:

"In the direction of Mlawa our cavalry and vanguard troops are chasing energetically the beaten Germans.

"Several of their corps already have crossed the frontier.

"During the chase we have captured prisoners, guns and war material.

"On the left bank of the Vistula and in eastern Galicia on December 16, no important fighting took place.

"During the past week the garrison at Przemysl has attempted several sorties, all of which were repulsed, inflicting heavy losses on the enemy.

"During one of these sorties we captured several hundred prisoners and machine guns."

ALLIES ADVANCED TO WESTENDE YESTERDAY

After Their Warship Had Made German Position Untenable.

London, Dec. 18, 3.05 a. m.—The Daily Chronicle's Dover correspondent says the allies advanced to Westende yesterday, after the shells of the allied warships made the German position there untenable.

WOULD TAKE FIVE YEARS TO MAKE NAVY EFFICIENT

Enough to Cope with a Hostile Fleet, Asserts Admiral Fiske.

Washington, Dec. 17.—Five years will be required to put the United States navy in the highest state of efficiency to meet a hostile foreign fleet, according to a statement made today by Rear Admiral Fiske before the house naval committee. The admiral, who is chief of the bureau of operations, member of the general board and a former president of the naval institute, said that the navy now was deficient in aircraft, mines, scout cruisers, torpedo boat destroyers, submarines and in number of trained officers and men and had no mine sweepers.

Members of the committee were particularly interested in Admiral Fiske's views as to the possibility of foreign aircraft dropping bombs upon American cities. Responding to questions he expressed the opinion that an attacking fleet might begin sending its airships on bomb-dropping flights over New York from a range of 500 or 600 miles off the coast.

One foreign navy, which was not named, the admiral said was more efficient than the American fleet in gunnery. This he declared, however, was so only because the American marksmen had not been given adequate opportunity for practice.

In speaking of the "highest state of efficiency," the officer explained that he had in mind the state of a certain unnamed power whose officers and men have inbred the spirit of a military nation.

"I doubt if in five years' time we could get the navy up to a state of the highest efficiency," he said. "That is to the efficiency that one of the navies of Europe now has. I have even heard some officers say it was doubtful if it were possible to bring it up at all to that highest efficiency."

BULGARIA DIPLOMAT AT STATE DEPARTMENT.

Had a Long Conference With Secretary Bryan.

Washington, Dec. 17.—The first diplomatic representative Bulgaria has ever sent to the United States, Minister Stephen Panaretoff, called at the state department today and had a long conference with Secretary Bryan. He will present his credentials to President Wilson within a few days.

Secretary Bryan said later that no arrangement had yet been made for sending a diploma to Bulgaria, which at the present time shares an American minister, Charles J. Vopicka, with two other Balkan countries, Romania and Servia. Mr. Vopicka makes his headquarters in Bucharest, capital of Roumania, which has no representative here.

The new minister formerly was a professor in Roberts college, Constantinople, an American missionary institution, and his wife is a native of this country.

UNUSUAL CLAIM UNDER COMPENSATION ACT

Mother Asks Compensation from Son for the Death of Her Husband.

Hartford, Conn., Dec. 17.—An unusual claim under the compensation act was heard before Commissioner Chandler today in which a mother asks compensation from her son for the death of her husband. Addison Lamphear of Windsor, a farmer, in the employ of his son, was thrown from a wagon on September 7 last, receiving injuries which resulted in death later. The son paid his mother certain moneys, but she made demand for payment of the full sum allowed by law. He declined and the hearing resulted.

The commissioner reserved decision.

The appointment of Lee Wilson Dodd, author and playwright, to fill the vacancy in the Smith College faculty caused by the resignation of Dr. Henry Noble McCracken to become president of Vassar College was announced.

Cabled Paragraphs

English Coast Guards Vigilant.

York, England, via London, Dec. 18, 3.59 a. m.—It is [illegible] that among the precautionary measures being taken along the coast is that coast guards and [illegible] have been ordered to fire on any person seen signalling with lights, flags or other devices.

Belgian Cargoes Valued at Over $10,000,000.

London Dec. 17, 11.25 p. m.—A report issued by the American commission for the relief of Belgium shows that cargoes valued at over $10,000,000 have been delivered in Belgium or arranged for. By January the commission says it hopes to have four ships arriving regularly every week at Rotterdam with relief for the Belgians.

TRIAL OF WILLIAM V. CLEARY BEGUN

For the Murder of His Son-in-Law, July 23 Last at Haverstraw.

New City, N. Y., Dec. 17.—To obtain a jury to try William V. Cleary, town clerk and democratic leader of Haverstraw, on the charge of murdering his son-in-law, Eugene M. Newman, July 23 last, Justice Moreschauser held a session of the supreme court here tonight. The panel was exhausted after ten jurors had been sworn and an additional panel was immediately drawn. The defence is expected to be temporary insanity, Cleary contending the while he knew his daughter and young Newman had run away together he did not know they had been married.

It is still doubtful if Newman's young widow will be a witness for her father. It was announced that she would be in court today to cheer her father, but she did not appear.

The remaining two jurors were obtained in less than one hour at tonight's session.

The case for the people was at once presented by Assistant District Attorney Henry Bacon, the former congressman. Two unimportant witnesses were examined before the session was adjourned.

BILL OF EQUITY FILED AGAINST WESTERN UNION.

Broker Claims He Will Be Removed Unless He Gets Quotations.

Pittsburgh, Pa., Dec. 17.—Declaring that unless he receives the quotations of the New York stock evchange his brokerage business will be ruined, John L. Moore, trading here as John L. Moore and company, filed a bill in equity in common pleas court today against the Western Union Telegraph company and the New York Stock Exchange.

According to the bill of particulars, there is an agreement between the telegraph company and the stock exchange whereby the telegraph company is not permitted to furnish stock market quotations to any individual or firm not sanctioned by the exchange. Moore holds that this agreement is void in that the law does not permit a public service corporation to enter into an agreement which will lead to discrimination and which is against public policy.

Moore declares that he received the quotations until the opening of hostilities in Europe, but that when the New York exchange reopened the quotations were denied him.

FRENCH LINE STEAMER ENCOUNTERED HURRICANE.

Seas Were Mountainous High and Broke All Over the Vessel.

New York, Dec. 17.—A series of hurricanes encountered by the French line steamer Floride on her passage from Havre so delayed the vessel tht she was 23 days making the trip which ended here tonight. For a week past some anxiety had been felt concerning her, as she customarily takes 14 days for the voyage, but this was relieved early today when the liner reported by wireless 100 miles east of Sandy Hook.

Captain Duncan said tonight at quarantine that his vessel would have made better time had she carried a heavier cargo and set deeply in the water. As it was, the steamer offered a large broadside for the hurricanes to work on.

The seas were mountainous and broke all over the vessel. She was not damaged, however, and no one was injured, although the rolling at times alarmed the passengers and crew.

The Floride brought 24 cabin and 14 steerage passengers.

GERMAN REPORT OF THEIR BOMBARDMENT

Says Cruisers Were Unsuccessfully Attacked by Four British Torpedo Boat Destroyers.

Berlin, via Amsterdam to London, Dec. 18, 3.25 a. m.—The following official details concerning the German squadron's attack on the east coast of England are published:

"When approaching the English coast our cruisers were unsuccessfully attacked by four British torpedo boat destroyers in misty weather.

"The batteries at Hartlepool were silenced and the gas works destroyed. There were several detonations and three big fires in the town which could be observed from our ships.

"The coast guard station and waterworks at Scarborough and the coast guard station and signal station at Whitby were destroyed.

"Our ships received some shots from the coast batteries, but suffered only slight damage.

(Signed) "VON BEHNEKE."

ARRANGEMENTS FOR THE INAUGURATION OF GOVERNOR.

Induction Into Office Will Be In Accord With Usual Ceremonies.

Hartford, Conn., Dec. 17.—Announcement was made tonight of the preliminary arrangements for the inauguration of Governor-elect Marcus H. Holcomb at the state capitol, Wednesday, January 6. The governor-elect and other officers will be escorted to the capitol by the first and second companies of the Governor's Foot Guard and possibly other militia companies.

The march to Capitol hill starts at 1.15 p. m. The governor-elect will be escorted t othe house chamber where both bodies will be in joint session by his personal staff. The actual induction into office will be in accordance with the time-honored ceremonies.

In the evening the inaugural ball will be held at the armory of the local Foot Guards.

Swift Retribution for Daring Bandit

HAD HELD UP TWO BANK CASHIERS AT CINCINNATI,

SHOT DEAD BY POLICE

When Brought to Bay After His Auto Was Wrecked in an Effort to Escape—Had Mortally Wounded a Policeman—Stole $13,100.

Cincinnati, Ohio, Dec. 17.—The life of Frank G. Hohl, notorious automobile bandit, ended today after a daring three hours' career of crime, which included the robbing of two Cincinnati banks, the theft of an automobile and a pistol duel with policemen that resulted with almost certain mortal wounds to one officer and the death of the bandit.

Passed Money to a Confederate.

Thirteen thousand and one hundred dollars was missing as the result of the bank robberies and the police are confident that Hohl, in his wild automobile dashes, managed to pass this money to some confederate.

Seized $8,000 in a Bank.

Hohl's last outlawry started shortly after 10 a. m. today when he entered the West End branch of the Provident Savings Bank and Trust company, Eighth and Freeman avenue, fired two shots at Cashier Edward Hughes, seized $8,000 in currency, backed out, jumped into a waiting automobile which had been stolen, and disappeared. Cashier Hughes fired at the robber, but his shots did not take effect.

$5,100 from Another Bank.

While the police were searching for the bandit more than an hour later, he entered the Liberty Banking and Savings company bank, at Liberty and Freeman avenues, ten blocks away, fired two shots at Cashier George Winters, grabbed what proved to be $5,100 in currency, ran to his automobile and again fled. The shots went so close to Winters that he was powder-burned, but other than suffering from the shock he was uninjured.

Mortally Wounds a Policeman.

Almost two hours later Harry Buckshorn, whose mother conducts an apartment house on West Ninth street, informed the police of the resemblance of a man who rented a room there yesterday with a description given of the bandit. When three policemen arrived at the room and knocked the door was suddenly thrown open and the bandit opened fire. He then rushed past the officers, one of whom, Policeman Edward Knoul, was probably mortally wounded.

Wrecked Auto in Effort to Escape.

The desperado again entered the automobile, which was standing at a nearby corner, but in rounding a corner the machine crashed into a telegraph pole and was wrecked. The bandit jumped out and opened fire on the other two officers who had pursued him.

Fell with Four Bullet Wounds.

In the fusillade that followed, Hohl fell with four bullet wounds in his body and died shortly afterward at the hospital. He was identified by Cashier Hughes of the Provident bank as the man who had robbed his bank.

Later, other means of identification proved to the satisfaction of the police that the dead man was Hohl.

Was a Fugitive from Justice.

Hohl was well known to the police and was a fugitive from justice. The police claim that he shot up an Altoona, Pa., bank, on March 3, was arrested and, while being conveyed to the Pittsburgh jail, threw a steaming cup of coffee in his guard's face and again escaped. He was again captured, but subsequently escaped from the Hollidaysburg, Pa., jail.

The police also claim that he was wanted in connection with a diamond robbery in Kansas City, Mo., a year ago, where he had assumed the name of Howe.

Hohl's Widow Arrested.

Mrs. Lulu Hohl, who says she is the widow of Frank Hohl, the bank bandit, was arrested tonight, but the police were unable to find any trace of the money taken by the robber.

WINTER WHEAT CROP IN POOR CONDITION

88.3 Per Cent. of a Normal Yield, Although Area Planted Was Greatest Ever.

Washington, Dec. 17.—Owing to the poor condition of winter wheat on December 1, the department of agriculture's estimate, today, based on condition figures of production next year is only 580,000,000 bushels, although the area sown this fall, 41,268,000 acres, is the greatest ever planted in the United States.

The poor condition is due principally to a very dry fall which caused the growing crop to get a poor start and to the Hessian fly, of which scattering reports have been received from various localities from Maryland to Oklahoma.

The bureau of crop estimates, in interpreting the condition reports, issued this statement:

"The condition of the winter wheat crop on December 1 is estimated at 88.3 per cent. of a normal, which compares with 97.2 per cent. a year ago.

OBITUARY

Daniel Parish.

New York, Dec. 17.—Daniel Parish, not dess a numismatist, died late today from the effects of a fall a fortnight ago. He was a former president of the American Numismatic society and possessed a large collection of coins, curios and antiques. He was 73 years of age.

Movements of Steamships.

Gibraltar, Dec. 16.—Passed, steamer Verona, New York for Naples.

Palermo, Dec. 5.—Arrived, steamer Athinia, New York.

Genoa, Dec. 16.—Arrived, steamer Rotterdam, New York.

Liverpool, Dec. 16.—Sailed, steamer Lusitania, New York.

New York, Dec. 17.—Sailed, steamer Ausonia, Glasgow.

New York, Dec. 17.—Arrived, steamer Florida, Havre.

Carranza Troops Were Defeated

OF 250 MEN ENGAGED LESS THAN 75 RETURNED.

LITTLE FIRING AT NACO

Although Brigadier General Bliss Reports That Mexican Generals Have Not Moved Their Troops So as to Stop Bullets Crossing Line.

Douglas, Ariz., Dec. 17.—Instead of winning a victory, as claimed last night, the Carranza force operating between Cahuta and Cima, Sonora, was defeated by a Maytorena detachment, according to reports received today. Of 250 Carranza troops sent south, fewer than 75 returned to Agua Prieta.

The Maytorena troops are reported awaiting reinforcements at Froteras before attacking Agua Prieta. Maytorena now has control of eastern Sonora south of Agua Prieta, except Naco.

LATEST REPORTS FROM BRIGADIER GENERAL BLISS

Declare Mexican Generals Have Not Moved Their Forces.

Washington, Dec. 17.—Secretary Garrison conferred with President Wilson tonight, giving him the latest reports from Brigadier General Bliss on the situation at Naco, Ariz., where the opposing Mexican generals have not yet moved their forces so as to avoid firing into American territory.

The reports showed that the conditions had undergone no apparent change, although there was little firing in evidence.

While the United States government is determined, if necessary, to open fire on the Mexican forces to compel them to stop shooting into the state of Arizona, it was learned tonight that no decisive action was planned, pending the efforts of Brigadier General Hugh Scott, chief of staff of the United States, now en route to Naco, to influence the two factions to adjust the situation.

Believe Hostilities Will Be Avoided.

The general belief in official quarters tonight was that some satisfactory understanding would be reached which would make unnecessary any hostilities by the six batteries of artillery, three regiments of infantry and eleven troops of cavalry which have been stationed there by the Washington government to take defensive steps against the Mexican factions. The agents here of the Gutierrez government, to which General Maytorena is loyal, claim that he is preparing to move his force down the railroad south of Naco, so that he can continue to besiege the Carranza force under General Hill, with the American border out of the range of the fire.

Hill Warned by Bliss.

While the reports from General Bliss to the war department were not made public, it is believed they indicated that he thought he had persuaded General Maytorena to stop firing into the United States. Until there is a definite understanding of the whole situation, it is thought General Bliss has warned General Hill not to take the offensive which would draw the fire of the Maytorena troops.

General Iturbide's friends in Mexico are fearful for his safety, and Secretary Bryan today directed Consul Silliman in the Mexican capital to make urgent representations in his behalf. Iturbide was the civil governor to whom the City of Mexico was turned over when General Blanco withdrew the last of the Carranza forces from the capital, and his efforts averted anarchy until General Zapata's forces took charge. He is said now to have been imprisoned.

Special Agent Carothers of the state department, who has been ill, today applied for and received two weeks' leave of absence, which he will spend at Gomez Palacio. His last report was that the country between the City of Mexico and Juarez on the north was peaceful.

DARING ENGLISH AVIATOR TOOK PART IN GERMAN RAIDS.

LIEUT. V. S. SIPPE

Lieutenant U. S. Sippe of the English flying corps is one of the daring aviators who flew from French territory over Friedrickshafen, Germany, and dropped bombs. He escaped, but his aeroplane was damaged. It was said that he took part later in the reported raid on the Krupp works at Essen, although this raid was officially denied by Berlin.

A rancher has applied for rental of 320 acres of the Pike national forest, Colorado, to be used in connection with private land, for raising elk as a commercial venture.

Condensed Telegrams

The Brazilian moratorium has been extended 90 days.

Charles M. Schwab sailed from London for New York.

Northern Albanian tribes have declared war on Servia.

Fall sown wheat in western Oregon is now eight inches high.

All grades of American linseed oil were marked up two cents.

Investigation of the livestock foot and mouth disease will begin at the capitol today.

The Columbus (Ohio) Stock Exchange will open for unrestricted trading Dec. 21.

The New Orleans Cotton Exchange will be closed December 25 and 26 and January 1 and 2.

The State Department announced tht France has decided not to regard cotton a scontraband.

Glasgow, Scotland, purchased 1,000 bags of flour in St. Louis at the highest price on the crop.

Mrs. Thomas F. Hart, millionaire police woman of Mucie, Id., resigned from the force because of ill health.

Captain Grefton L. Daggett, 87, died at his home in Vineyard Haven, the oldest steamboat man in Massachusetts.

The Government of Holland has contracted with the Kansas Flour Mills of Chicago for 24,200,000 pounds of flour.

Creditors of the Dudley Mills Company of Worcester instituted bankruptcy proceedings in the United States district court.

Senator Robert Jaffray, owner of the **A Boston Stock Exchange seat** was sold for $15,000, the last previous sale being for $11,000.

A manufacturing concern of Hastings, Mich., received an order from France for 108,000 pairs of wool boots for the French army.

A vote of confidence in the Italian Government and its policies was adopted almost unanimously by the Italian Chamber of Deputies.

The New York Police Department will install a system of green lights for summoning policeman. The installation will cost $30,000.

After months of deliberation, the foreign relations committee ordered the Nicaraguan treaty reported to the enate for ratification.

Commissioner of Internal Revenue Osborn instructed collectors of internal revenue to sign receipts for war tax stamps whenever required.

Rain has fallen every day this month in England and western Europe. Scientists say this is probably the result of heavy cannonading.

Mrs. George W. Childs Drexel has provided a fund for the establishment of a bread line for the relief of the unemployed in Philadelphia.

J. P. Morgan will submit a proposal to sell the Alaska Northern Railroad to the government as part of the new Federal Alaska railway system.

The State of Louisiana was granted an appeal to the Louisiana State Supreme Court in its ouster suit against the American Sugar Refining Co.

Thomas A. Edison received a letter from President Wilson praising him for his pluck and energy after the loss by fire of his plant at West Orange, N. J.

Members of the Hasty Pudding club at Harvard learned of the death at Keene, N. H., of Lemuel Hayward, '45 the founder of the clubs famous theatricals.

An appropriation of $2,286,000 for a five year census of agriculture in the United States was stricken from the legislative, executive and judicial appropriation bill.

Charles deBroqueville premier and minister of war in the Belgian Cabinet, arrived in Paris from London to discuss matters of finance with the French Cabinet.

A soldier who saw fighting in German Guinea declared that the Germans secured the aid of the natives by telling them that the English intended to eat them.

Three students from China, Kuang Pio Hu, and Hung Chen Chen, of Peking, and Kou Chow Li Tsing Tao, head the honor list issued at Phillips-Exeter Acodemy, at Exeter, N. H.

New York city paid 531 blind persons $23 each at the Department of Correction pier. This was the second semi-annual payment for 1914 out of the City's appropriation for the blind.

Oliver Boucher, 50, a ring spinner in one of the Fall River mills, was suffocated in a room at his boarding house on Flint street early yesterday when fire damaged the tenement building.

The six-masted schooner Alice M. Lawrence, which struck on Tuckernuck Shoal, December 6, was abandoned and after being stripped by her crew who remained on board since she grounded.

F. A. Thompson, an army aviator, ascended from Staten Island, N. Y., and from a height of 5,000 feet, looped the loop four times. He had to be lifted from his machine as he was numb from the cold.

Colonel George W. Goethals, governor of the Panama Canal zone, accompanied by Mrs. Goethals, left for the United States yesterday on a month's leave of absence. He will spend Christmas with his children.

Girl Dies of Auto Injuries.

Hartford, Conn., Dec. 17.—Miss Genevieve Sliney, 15 years old, of 822 Grand avenue, New Haven, died tonight in a local hospital as the result of injuries received Wednesday afternoon when she was run down in Albany avenue by an automobile driven by James M. McDonald of Wethersfield. She was internally hurt. MacDonald says the accident was unavoidable, the girl darting in front of his machine. He was arrested and given a preliminary hearing in police court today.

LIONS LOOSE IN A NEW YORK THEATRE

Six Bounded Into the Audience, Consisting Principally of Women and Children, Causing a Panic

ONLY ONE OF THE BEASTS SHOWED FEROCITY

One Lioness, the Largest of the Troupe, Escaped to the Street, and Policeman in Shooting at Her, Probably Fatally Wounded Sergeant Daniel Glynn—Two Other Officers Were Slightly Wonded by Her Claws in Battle at Close Range—Quartet Was Singing When a Lion Peered at Them and They Fled—One Returned and Started a Solo, But by That Time the Audience Was in a Panic—Policemen Showed Bravery in Their Pursuit of Ferocious Lioness and Were Given an Exciting Battle Before They Succeeded in Killing Her—The Other Lions, After Roaming Through the Theatre for an Hour, Were Caged.

New York, Dec. 17.—Six trained lions escaped from their cage on the stage of an East Eighty-sixth street vaudeville theater today and, bounding into the audience, consisting principally of women and children, caused a panic.

Lion in Crowded Street.

One lioness, Alice, the largest of the troupe, escaped into a crowded street. Policemen pursued her into the hallway of a nearby apartment house and in shooting at her probably fatally wounded a comrade, Sergeant Daniel Glenn. Two other officers were slightly wounded by the claws of the beast in a battle at close range.

Many in Audience Transfixed.

At sight of the lions, hundreds of persons in the theatre fled, screaming, to the exits. Mothers, delayed by gathering up their children, crowded into corners and places of supposed safety. Scores fainted, and many, numbed by the sight of the animals among them, sat transfixed in their seats.

Only One Beast Showed Ferocity.

With the exception of Alice, none of the beasts displayed great ferocity. A few persons who got in their paths were scratched, but none of them was seriously hurt.

Roamed Over Theatre for an Hour.

Five of the animals still were loose in the theatre when the last of the audience escaped. In their rush to safety, spectators left all kinds of wearing apparel and personal belongings. Then for an hour the beasts roamed over the house from gallery to basement. But when they finally were rounded up in the lobby and driven into their shipping box none of them was injured.

Three Arrests for Felinious Assault.

Three arrests, charges being felonious assault, pending the outcome of the injuries of the wounded persons, were made. Those in custody are La Belle Andree, the lions' trainer; C. A. Turnquist, their keeper, and George H. Hamilton, manager of the attraction. The lions were owned by Francis Ferari, a showman who had been exhibiting them at carnivals during the summer.

Lions Were Being Transferred.

The animal act had been completed and a song and dance quartette held the stage in front the first drop when the lions escaped. They were about to be transferred from the steel exhibition cage to their shipping box at the time.

Lion Peered at Singing Quartette.

According to Turnquist, they became excited, rushed out of the steel cage, and, knocking their shipping box aside, were free behind the scenes. Madame Andree screamed, Turnquist grabbed a whip, cracked it loudly and shouted at the lions, and frightened actors and actresses and theatre attaches began climbing stairways. One of the lions walked into the wings and peered at the quartette. The singing ceased abruptly.

Singer Started Solo.

As the singers started to retreat into the wings, Detective Peter Cahill, who was in the audience, saw the lion and shouted to the entertainers to go on. One singer returned and began a solo. Suddenly a lion came into full view and all control of the audience was lost.

Orchestra Played Until Lions Were in Pit.

The orchestra, nevertheless, continued to play. The first lion ambled upon the stage, then a second, and in a minute more several of them were clambering into stage boxes and out into the audience. Still the orchestra kept playing, until several lions came right down into the pit. Then the musicians fled under the stage.

Number of Different Versions.

Almost everybody in the audience later had a different version of what the animals did after they got among the crowd, but nearly all accounts agree that they did not live up to the dangerous name of the "king of beasts." Edward J. Nitzburg said that by the time he grasped the situation a lion was so near him that he thought it best to sit still.

He carried out this plan and, although the lion passed up and down the aisle near him six times, he was unharmed.

One Man Clawed.

One of the beasts caught up with Mark McDermott while he was hurrying down an aisle, so he lay down. The animal clawed him on the head and his wound appeared to be the most dangerous that any of the beasts inflicted. He was taken to a hospital.

Firemen Rescue Women.

The last of the audience to leave the theatre were several women found scoped up in a second floor dressing room. They signalled firemen from a nearby engine house, who carried them down ladders to safety.

Lioness Poked Her Head In a Saloon.

A throng was gathered outside the theatre when Alice emerged and trotted slowly across the street. One story was that when she poked her head into a saloon a man came up and patted her. Reaching the corner of Eighty-sixth street and Third avenue, she calmly sat down.

Ten Policemen With Drawn Revolvers.

A crowd in Third avenue began to shout, and ten policemen, with revolvers drawn, came rushing across the street from the theatre toward her. She turned north in Third avenue, crossed the thoroughfare and fled into an apartment house.

Photographer Startled.

Abraham Glaser, a photographer, was working on the first floor of the building when he heard a peculiar noise in the hall. He opened the door to investigate and stared into the face of the lioness. Slamming the door quickly, he shouted for help.

Women Shrieked.

The beast turned to a stairway and bounded up a flight. There two women peered from a doorway and, seeing the animal, shrieked and slammed the door. Again Alice fled, this time to the third floor, only to cause more screams from residents of the apartment. When the police arrived Alice was at the top of a small stairway, seeking egress to the roof.

Fierce Battle in Hallway.

For more than ten minutes thereafter there waged in the narrow hallway a fierce battle between men and beast. Shot after shot—thirty in all—were fired into the now raging animal. Up and down the stairway she raced, growling and snarling, clawing, striking and biting at her assailants.

Lioness Full of Fight.

Several times she leaped over the banister that protected the stairway, alighting heavily on the next landing. From a score of bullet wounds blood ran, but the lioness was almost as full of fight when she finally dropped as when the first shot was fired. The end came after one of her spectacular leaps.

Fall and Bullets End Fight.

Bounding over a balustrade, she landed between the legs of Alfred Winter, a policeman, who stood with one foot on the railing and another against a wall, firing at her. The force of the fall and the leaden hail that rained into her body ended the battle.

Police Sergeant Wounded.

It was while the firing was at its height that Sergeant Glenn was wounded. It is doubtful if it ever will be determined who in that squad of ten men, firing almost continuously, hit him. He was shot through the back and the bullet was said to have entered the stomach. It was thought tonight that he would die.

Two Policemen Wounded.

Both Edward Keaveny and James M. Craig, policemen, sustained wounds at the claws of Alice. Keaveny was so severely lacerated that he was taken to a hospital. Craig was holding to a round in a balustrade shooting at Alice when she spied his hand. Reaching over, she clawed him, though not severely. He continued at work.

Five of the animals were females and one male. All were young and considered valuable.

Prisoners Held In $1,000 Each.

In the night court bonds of $1,000 each were accepted for the three prisoners who were charged with felonious assault.

The examination was set for tomorrow.

OPPOSITION TO INCREASE OF B. & M. RATES.

Voiced Before Massachusetts Public Service Commission.

Boston, Dec. 17.—Opposition which was voiced before the public service commission today to a proposed increase in passenger rates on the Boston and Maine railroad resulted in a demand upon the officials of the company to present detailed financial statements of the condition of the road and adequate proof of the necessity of additional revenue.

The demand was made by Chairman McLeod, who subsequently arranged to have President James H. Hustis, and Marcus P. Knowlton, chairman of the board of trustees of the road, appear before the commission at a later date. This will probably be the first public appearance of Mr. Knowlton in this capacity since the creation of the trustees' board, under the agreement between the federal government and the New York, New Haven and Hartford railroad for the dissolution of the New Haven system.

Chairman MacLeod expressed doubt as to whether the Boston and Maine had conformed to the law in submitting revised schedules to the commission without having them passing in detail by the board of directors. It appeared from the statement of witnesses that President Hustis had ordered the revision and that the directors and trustees har heard only a general statement of the proposed changes from Charles M. Burt, general passenger agent. Chairman MacLeod said that he was uncertain whether this apparent failure strictly to conform with the law would prevent the establishment of the new schedules on January 1 as proposed.