



NEW LEGIONS HALT GERMAN ARMY'S DRIVE ON WARSAW

Defenders Mass West of Polish Capital and Halt Advance of Von Hindenburg's Force—Germans Abandon Attempt to Pierce Reformed Russian Front.

Germans, Also Reinforced, Continue Stubborn Assaults on Teresin—Austrians Storm Piotrkow and Gain Ground in Southern Poland, Vienna Announces, and Reports Russian Retreat Along Entire Poland Line.

Throwing heavy reinforcements along the battlefield west of Warsaw the Russian General Staff has checked the German pressure against the Kaiser's objective. New troops have hastened from the interior to aid in the defense of the Polish capital, toward which von Hindenburg's recent drive has carried the army of invasion as near as 16 miles.

Berlin, while celebrating Marshal von Hindenburg's announced victory on the Vistula, is disappointed at lack of definite details explaining the magnitude and value of the triumph. In the Allies' capitals reports of this victory are heavily discounted.

Vienna reports contradict all Petrograd statements, and declare that the Russians are in general retreat along the entire eastern battle line, extending 250 miles, from northern Poland to Galicia. In southern Poland the Austrians have stormed the front.

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POLICE SEEK MISSING GIRL

Disappears While on a Shopping Trip.

The police of this city are searching for 17-year-old Rose Silverstein, of 7116 Germantown avenue, who has not been seen since Tuesday, when she made a shopping trip to the central part of the city.

When she did not return it was at first thought that she had eloped, but inquiry showed that her fiance knows nothing of her whereabouts.

THE WEATHER

CLOUDY

By the law of averages that "cloudy" should not appear for some time yet, judging by the little monopoly it maintained for some ten days running a short time ago. But there it is again just the same. Nuff sed. The weatherman does not know whether it is about to snow or not. Don't think harshly of him for that phrase, because it is hard to be accurate in such things. And if you're hunching for a white Christmas, it might be well to remember it is getting warmer.

FORECAST

For Philadelphia and vicinity—Uncertain tonight and Sunday, with probably rain; colder Sunday afternoon and night; increasing southerly wind becoming strong.

For details, see page 2.

Observations at Philadelphia

Table with 2 columns: Time and Temperature. Includes entries for 30.31, 30.32, 30.33, 30.34, 30.35, 30.36, 30.37, 30.38, 30.39, 30.40.

Almanac of the Day

Table with 2 columns: Time and Event. Includes entries for 1:00 P.M., 2:00 P.M., 3:00 P.M., 4:00 P.M., 5:00 P.M., 6:00 P.M., 7:00 P.M., 8:00 P.M., 9:00 P.M., 10:00 P.M., 11:00 P.M., 12:00 M.



OFFICIAL WAR REPORTS

AUSTRIAN.

The beaten Russian main forces are being pursued on the entire battle front 400 kilometers wide (about 250 miles), from Krasno, in Galicia, to the mouth of the Bura River, in Poland, where it empties into the Vistula.

The enemy yesterday was driven from his positions north of the Carpathians, between Krasno and Zaklady. On the Lower Donajec River we and our allies are doing battle with the enemy's rear guard.

In South Poland our advance so far has been made without important fighting. Piotrkow, day before yesterday, and Przedborz, yesterday, were stormed.

The garrison at Przemysl has continued further fighting in front of the fortress with success.

The situation in the Carpathians has not yet substantially changed.

RUSSIAN.

On the left bank of the Vistula an almost complete jell on nearly all of the front has replaced the attacks made by the enemy in the course of the last few days. All of these attacks were repulsed.

In connection with the advance of part of our troops toward the Bura River, Russian Poland, and in view of the fact that the Austrians are continually receiving reinforcements in the Carpathians, we have thought it fit to retrace the positions of some of our armies.

We checked the offensive of the enemy yesterday in western Galicia. On the front between Sniok and Lisako, we have succeeded in our attacks, and have captured 3000 prisoners, several guns and mitrailleuses.

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FRENCH.

In Belgium, during the day of December 18, we fortified the ground gained the day before to the south of Dixmude and pushed forward our front to the south of the Kortker Inn. Our advance to the south of Ypres is being continued in marshy ground very difficult for our troops.

From the Lys to the Oise we have advanced in the direction of St. Quentin, south of La Bassée, more than a kilometre. In the course of the last two days we have made equal progress in the direction of Valenciennes and Maubeuge.

Despite very violent counter attacks, the positions captured on December 17 have been held.

In the region of Albert, during the nights of December 17 and 18 and during the day of December 19, we advanced under a very violent fire and reached the wire entanglements of the second line of the enemy's trenches.

To the north of Marquet we have abandoned a trench taken the day before and set on fire by the enemy by means of hand grenades. Several German trenches have been captured by us in the region of Mametz and in that of Limons. Three violent counter attacks by the Germans have been repulsed.

In the region of the Aisne artillery duels continue. In the Champagne district the enemy's artillery showed more activity than on the preceding day.

In the Argonne, in the forest of Cruze, we blew up a German mine. Near St. Hubert the enemy succeeded in advancing slightly by means of a very fierce attack. It is confirmed that on the heights of the Meuse our artillery, directed by aviators, has destroyed two heavy batteries and damaged a third.

From the Meuse or the Vosges there is nothing to report. In the Vosges there have been sharp fusillades from the Germans, but no attack.

RESCUES DROWNING MAN

Councilman Greer, of Camden, Plunges Into River and Saver Worker Not taking time to remove his overcoat, Councilman Charles Greer, of Camden, mechanical foreman of the Philadelphia and Camden Ferry Company, plunged into the river at the Market street pier, on the Camden side today to rescue James Conroy, a workman.

The men were in the river almost 30 minutes before they were lifted through a trap door in the public box of the ferryboat. Wagon. After changing their clothes for warm apparel they said they felt no worse for the experience.

Conroy was working at the end of the pier when the fall occurred. Greer, knowing he could not swim, plunged in to a rescue. Many commuters use the

HENRY CLEWS, JR., AND MRS. GOELET TO WED TONIGHT

Former Miss Elsie Whelen, of This City, to Be Bride of Banker's Son—Recently Divorced Husband.

Mrs. Elsie Whelen Goelet, second daughter of the late Henry Whelen, wealthy banker and prominent member of Philadelphia society, who divorced her husband, Robert W. Goelet, last March, will be married to Henry Clews, Jr., son of the multimillionaire New York banker, in New York tonight.

A license was applied for and issued in New York this afternoon. This was the first intimation that had reached the public of Mrs. Goelet's plans.

Mrs. Goelet is 33 years old. She became socially notable in the Newport season of 1905, when, as a debutante, her

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NEUTRALITY NOT VIOLATED

British Ambassador Explains Act of Collier Lena.

WASHINGTON, Dec. 19.—Violation of the neutrality of the Panama Canal by the British auxiliary collier Lena was impossible, the British ambassador, Sir Spring-Rice, informed the State Department today. In a formal statement he said Governor Goethals, in a letter to the British Minister at Panama, had admitted he had been misinformed regarding the alleged violation of wireless neutrality by the collier. The ship was nominally fined \$50 for violation of quarantine regulations of the Isthmus by having arrived at Panama without a bill of health.

At Balboa, where a British warship, she was ordered to leave at once, and being unable to await clearance papers, rather than violate the neutrality laws she violated the customs laws by sailing without the papers.

Secretary of the Navy Daniels, as a result of this explanation, has abandoned his intention of sending a warship to the Pacific end of the Panama Canal to preserve neutrality.

MAN THIRSTS FOR REVENGE

Six Men Required to Hold Him After He is Assaulted.

It took six men to hold a wounded man who, with blood flowing from a cut in his forehead, pursued his assailant up Chestnut street between 9th and 10th streets this afternoon.

He was disarmed by physicians at the Jefferson Hospital and strapped to a table before his wound could be treated. He shouted that he would have revenge on the man who cut him.

When quieted the man gave his name as Ernest Villius, 48 years old, 149 Parrish street. According to witnesses, he became involved in an argument over the way before a bulletin board near 9th and Chestnut streets.

DESTRUCTIVE FIRE IN TRENTON

Business Houses in Central Part of City Burned.

TRENTON, N. J., Dec. 19.—Business and traffic were tied up for several hours at noon today in the center of the city when a fire of unknown origin broke out in large rooms in the Biltmore Building, South Broad street. The blaze gained considerable headway before the entire Trenton Fire Department managed to check the fire.

While the fire is not yet under control it is estimated that the damage will approximate \$50,000.

The store, conducted by E. Leo Gimbal, a dry goods merchant, and a relative of Gimbal Brothers, of New York and Philadelphia, suffered by the water. The slapping of a ladder precipitated three men from the roof to the street.

TWO DEAD, FIFTY INJURED

Train Ditched on Nashville, Chattanooga and St. Louis Railroad.

ATLANTA, Ga., Dec. 19.—Two persons were killed and 50 injured today in a wreck on the Nashville, Chattanooga and St. Louis Railroad near Cartersville, Ga. The locomotive and five crowded coaches jumped the track and rolled down a steep embankment. Only the Pullman dining car remained on the rails.

A defective rail is believed to have been the cause.



PENN HEAD COACH WILL NO LONGER RULE FOOTBALL

Gridiron and Advisory Committees Will Hereafter Dictate Policy—Brooke Must Conform to System.

Pennsylvania's football system for 1915 is to be dominated by a head coach, the head coach, who still has a year to serve. It means that Pennsylvania will not permit another excursion into the field of new football ideas, which has been getting more and more pronounced since the departure of Dr. Carl Williams as head coach at the close of the 1905 season. The graduates, who have always been convinced that the old system was best, are determined to get back to it.

It means that George Brooke, if he remains his position next fall, will have to conform to the new system or step out.

So far George Brooke has not been consulted by the new committee, which first desired to go over the situation and determine the policy to be pursued. Brooke has announced that he wishes to be more of an advisory than an active head next fall. Whether or not his ideas will prove satisfactory to the new committee will soon be determined. To carry out Brooke's ideas would require the appointment of an active field coach, but such a man would be more responsible to the football committee than to Brooke as head coach. This would make Brooke's position very hard, and it is difficult to see how three such heads could work harmoniously.

If the new committee holds to the position it has taken, there are likely to be some radical developments in the football situation within the next few weeks.

Mr. Brooke, this morning, declined absolutely to say one word either about the recent and much discussed vote of the football board or his attitude toward the plans of the new football committee. He explained that he had not yet held a conference with the new committee, but expects to confer with them during the coming week. He feels confident, however, that after a conference an agreement can be reached for a harmonious settlement of present differences in regard to coaching methods.

The plan of Mr. Brooke is to act as an advisory coach, very much as Percy Houghton does at Harvard. Houghton is not an active coach, but has been working under him who teach the fundamentals of the game according to his methods. Houghton, a great punter himself, limits his actual coaching to the kickers. This is what Brooke wishes to do at Pennsylvania, and this is undoubtedly the suggestion he will make to the new football committee.

THIEF SNATCHES WOMAN'S FUR

As Mrs. C. H. Edison, 1066 Grant street, was about to enter her home this afternoon, her handbag was snatched from her side. The thief, who is believed to be a well-known character of several departments.

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TWO MORE SHIPS BLOWN UP BY GERMANS' MINES

British Loss Vessels Off Coast Raided by Cruisers.

SCARBOROUGH, Eng., Dec. 19.—German mines claimed two more vessels off the coast this afternoon. Two British mine-sweepers, endeavoring to remove the mines left by the German warships, were blown up and sunk. Another ship was damaged.

The disasters occurred between Scarborough and Flies, seven miles south of here.

PICKPOCKETS BUSY IN CITY

Entire Detective Force Looking for Band of Thieves.

The entire detective force from City Hall was assigned to the central business section of the city this afternoon to apprehend an organized group of pickpockets which has been operating on the streets and in the department stores. Thefts totaling nearly \$1000 have been reported to Captain Cameron since noon.

It is known that at least one man and two women are in the group. One of the victims reported a loss of \$50 in a store at 12th and Market streets, another, a woman, had \$100 removed from her purse at 10th and Market. It cost N. Lacombe, of 327 Walnut street, \$25 to lose three blocks on a 12th street car. Lacombe got on the car at Market street, and when the car reached Locust street he missed his wallet containing \$200.

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RAILROADS WILL ACT PROMPTLY.

"The railroads will lose no time filing their new tariffs," it was said today at the offices of the Interstate Commerce Commission in Washington. As soon as the tariff experts of the roads can prepare the schedules, the Commission expects they will be filed here.

Estimates of the amount of money the new tariffs will yield the railroads vary from \$50,000,000 to \$100,000,000. Those who believe the European war is affecting the internal business of the United States make the lower estimate while others who see "a boom in business" in the country make the lower estimate, while others who have been in close touch with the case said today. He added that the amount of money this decision would yield the railroads depended entirely upon the movement of freight, which, he said, because of uncertain international business conditions, no one could estimate with a degree of certainty.

CULLOP SAYS BOOM WILL FOLLOW RULING

WASHINGTON, Dec. 19.—Prosperity will follow in the wake of the Interstate Commerce Commission's 5 per cent. rate increase decision, in the opinion of Representative Cullop, a member of the House Interstate Commerce Committee.

"I think it will give business all over the country a great stimulus," he said. "The railroads' condition, whether real or imaginary, has caused them to hold back and this spirit has been reflected in all other business. The railroads will be more prosperous and their activity will be reflected in other lines. I expect that the prosperity increase will be enormous."

Chairman Adamson declined to analyze the decision further than to comment: "Two things are patent. The railroads will get more and the people will have to pay more."

SUICIDE'S SON GUARDS DOOR

Holds Back Inquisitive Neighbors With Revolver.

With the aid of a tube attached to a gas jet in his mouth, Philip Francis, a tailor, of 223 South 22d street, was found dead in the bathroom of the house by his son Samuel this morning. He had been worried ever since difficulties for the Samuel Francis family at the front door with a revolver in his hand holding back to inquisitive neighbors.

LOST AND FOUND

ALL "LOST AND FOUND" ANNOUNCEMENTS in this column are subject to the following conditions: (1) All articles must be lost in Philadelphia or its suburbs. (2) All articles must be lost within the last 30 days. (3) All articles must be lost in the city of Philadelphia or its suburbs. (4) All articles must be lost in the city of Philadelphia or its suburbs. (5) All articles must be lost in the city of Philadelphia or its suburbs.

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