

Three hundred thousand British shells were fired in a single day on the Somme, and Frederick Palmer describes the effect in "The Greatest of Battles" in this week's issue of Collier's

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LA CAPITALE RUMENA TRASPORATA A JASSY

Mackensen, Attraversa il Danubio a Rutchuk ed Occupa Giurgevo Sulla Riva Opposta

SI AVVICINA A BUCAREST

ROMA, 29 Nov. La capitale rumena e' stata trasportata da Bucarest a Jassy, una citta' della Moldavia settentrionale assai vicina al confine della Bessarabia. La ragione di questo provvedimento e' nella minaccia che pesa su Bucarest a causa dell'avanzata del fronte di Von Mackensen e di Von Falkenhayn verso la capitale della Rumania.

Disprezzi da Londra. Non che in quei circoli militari si domandi se l'intervento della Rumania nella guerra abbia creato una debolezza piosto che una nuova forza per gli alleati e se la Russia ha fatto tutto quello che poteva fare per soccorrere in modo adeguato i nuovi alleati. Questi circoli militari sono piuttosto di opinione che il fallimento dell'offensiva rumena e' dovuto all'infrettata invasione della Transilvania, invasione ideata dallo Stato Maggiore di re Ferdinando e svolta con molta leggerezza. Si dice pero che gli alleati avrebbero dovuto assai imporre allo Stato Maggiore rumeno un piano di azione conforme agli interessi generali della guerra e della situazione europea presa nel suo insieme e non soltanto considerata nei rispetti della Rumania e della Penisola Balcanica.

Disprezzi da Petrograd dicono che il successo della resistenza rumena davanti a Bucarest dipende in gran parte dall'abilita' dell'ala destra rumena a resistere all'avanzata delle forze austro-tedesche dal nord. Finora questo non hanno potuto avanzare piu' oltre di Campolungo, e questo fatto dovrebbe dare qualche speranza. Almeno questa e' l'opinione del colonello Shumski.

Intanto da Bucarest annunciano che la situazione militare e' migliorata dal momento che il maresciallo Von Mackensen non e' riuscito a fare progressi. Evidentemente pero' la notizia fu inviata prima che si apprendesse dell'occupazione di Giurgevo da parte delle forze bulgaro-tedesche e del trasporto della capitale da Bucarest a Jassy.

Sulla fronte di battaglia italo-austriaca si annunciano soltanto azioni di artiglieria. Ecco il testo del rapporto del generale Cadorna pubblicato ieri sera dal Ministero della Guerra:

Sulla fronte del Trentino, dal Sarca alla valle dell'Adige, si sono avuti movimenti di truppe nemiche e duelli di artiglieria.

Sulla fronte delle Alpi Giulie artiglieria ed i mormal da trincea del nemico sono stati particolarmente attivi nella zona di Piava ed in quella ad est di Gorizia. Pochi proiettili caddero nella citta' danneggiando alcuni edifici. Le nostre batterie risposero efficacemente al fuoco del nemico.

Mayor Will Probe Insurance on Cops

Continued from Page One sends a check for \$2500 to the Police Beneficiary Association, which in turn sends a check for \$2400 to Colonel Seth H. Whiteley, an insurance agent with offices in the Penn. Mutual Life Insurance Company Building, Sixth and Walnut streets, and Colonel Whiteley draws another check for \$2400 and sends it to the "unknown philanthropist" who permits the \$109 difference to stay with the Police Beneficiary Association.

WHITELEY WON'T TELL. Colonel Whiteley said today he knew who the "unknown philanthropist" was. This unidentified person was mentioned in Thompson's resolution yesterday as the man who pays the Beneficiary Association \$109 every time a policeman dies, and today, with suspicion in the air, every policeman and city official is trying to learn who it is.

Colonel Whiteley wouldn't tell. He said he would give the information to Insurance Commissioner O'Neil if requested, but to no one else.

Whiteley was seen at the Manufacturers' Club. He would give no information, saying he had wired the Insurance Commissioner to tell him that he was perfectly willing to explain everything.

"If Mr. O'Neil wishes it," said Whiteley, "I can show him that everything he did was perfectly proper. He would say nothing except as to his willingness to answer any question Mr. O'Neil asked him."

It was learned that Lyndon D. Wood, last night tried to get in touch by telephone with Councilman Thompson at the latter's home in the Forty-sixth Ward, 4907 Regent street. Mr. Wood is the president of the

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STATE INSURANCE PROBE URGED BY CAPITOL GRAFT PROSECUTOR

To the Editor of the Evening Ledger:

I HAVE your inquiry of the twenty-fifth instant calling for an opinion as to whether the facts disclosed by the investigation of the Pension Mutual Life Insurance Company and the Union Casualty Insurance Company do not warrant an immediate and sweeping inquiry of insurance conditions in Pennsylvania. Such an investigation is in the province of the Legislature. In so far as my individual opinion may be of weight, I think it proper for such a matter to be presented to the Legislature for consideration in order that the evils shown to exist may be corrected by appropriate legislation.

I am in full accord with the stand taken by the Evening Ledger that the question involves the future welfare of thousands of widows and orphans in the State and strikes deep into the civic life of the Commonwealth. In the endeavor to correct the evils which menace the defenseless people the Evening Ledger is performing the duty of a great newspaper. And I fully agree with the choice of the Ledger in the selection of Charles Evans Hughes as a man whose attainments and high character pre-eminently qualify him for the work of a thorough investigation. Hoping for your success in this undertaking,



JAMES SCARLET

I am truly yours,

James Scarlet

Danville, Pa., Nov. 27, 1916.

James Scarlet was the people's lawyer in the Capitol scandal; he conducted the preliminary investigations, then the trials in the memorable series of legislative and court actions that followed the uncovering of that stupendous graft case.

Pension Mutual Life Insurance Company. Mr. Thompson was not at home and Mr. Wood was unable to communicate with him. The Councilman was unable to guess what the insurance man wanted, but assumed that it was in connection with the revelation of the system of insuring. The two men have never met.

Councilman Thompson said today that when Councils meet again on December 7 he would push his demand for Council inquiry.

"I don't agree with Councilman Lamerton, of the Twenty-second Ward," he said, "that this is a matter for the State Insurance Department. It is something that concerns the people of Philadelphia and is to be thrashed out in City Hall. We want to learn who this 'nigger in the woodpile' is."

THE "PHILANTHROPIST" Mr. Thompson referred to the "unknown philanthropist" mentioned in his resolution of yesterday, the one who every time a policeman dies, presents a check for \$100 to the Police Beneficiary Association.

Superintendent Robinson also wants to know who this unidentified person is. He and Director of Public Safety Wilson and Assistant Director Davis discussed him this morning. Director Wilson is of the opinion that the affair is none of his to meddle with, except to protect policemen's dependents; he thinks, so far as investigation is concerned, the State Insurance Commissioner ought to do the investigating. Robinson and Davis echoed what he said.

Director Wilson said: "This matter strikes me as one for Commissioner O'Neil. However, I have the interest of the policemen at heart and will do all in my power to protect their interests. It must be remembered that the police department has nothing to do with the Police Beneficiary Association, and that a policeman's membership in that organization is optional with him. But I will do all I can to see that dependents of policemen do not come to grief. I will be glad to lend any assistance I can to the Insurance Commissioner if he decides to undertake an investigation. Of course, if any member of the police department is mixed up in a scheme to work injury to policemen, I'll see that he is brought forth."

DIRECTORS CONCERNED Assistant Director Davis said: "Of course, the police department has no more right to go in and investigate the affairs of the Police Beneficiary Association than it would in any other fraternal organization. It is entirely outside the department. But I agree with Director Wilson that we will help the State officials all we can."

Superintendent Robinson said he was most interested in finding out who "this unknown philanthropist" is. As to assigning men to find out, he said he was under the orders of the Director, and Mr. Wilson thought it was the Insurance Commissioner's affair, not his.

Ex-Director Porter said: "It reminds me of the old insurance stories about London when men used to get together, form a pool and make bets on the lives of the nobility, from King Edward down."

It became known today that for several days State Insurance Commissioner J. Denny O'Neil has been conducting an investigation to find out "what's what" in connection with the insuring of policemen in the Pension Mutual Life Insurance Company.

What puzzles Commissioner O'Neil is: First. Who is the person who is pay-

ing the premiums on the lives of policemen? Second. Who eventually gets the remainder of \$2500 after \$100 is deducted from that amount by the Police Beneficiary Association after the check reaches the association?

STATE LAW OFFICERS GET DATA ON PENSION MUTUAL

HARRISBURG, Nov. 29.—Insurance Commissioner O'Neil sent to Attorney General Brown today a mass of documents which relate to alleged irregularities in Lyndon D. Wood's various insurance schemes.

The Pension Mutual Life Insurance Company, of which Wood is president, has its day in court here December 18 next, when it will contest the insurance commissioner's application for a receivership. Mr. O'Neil said today he didn't mind a bit that Wood has an attorney working on the books of the company preparing testimony in its defense. He said he believed the actuary's report should be evidence enough to grant the receivership demand.

Among the documents sent to the Attorney General is a mass of reports from the insurance examiners, chiefly from W. J. Roney, chief examiner, with offices in Philadelphia.

In one of his 1912 reports he calls the attention of the insurance department to the sale by Wood to the American Life Annuity Company of a "copyrighted policy form" for the sum of \$31,800. The various payments to Wood for this policy are shown and the department makes the assertion that the policy sold is no better than



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There is also evidence from without the State, notably the Insurance Department of Indiana.

INDIANA STATISTICS Ten thousand dollars' worth of worthless checks were found by the Indiana examiners listed as assets of the Pension Mutual, and a further evidence of improper management it is pointed out that when the Commercial Life Company, of Indianapolis, was taken over by the Pension Mutual it was agreed to pay W. F. Roberts seventy-five per cent of the premiums for a period of one year for insuring the policy holders of the Commercial Life in the Pension Mutual. Roberts also agreed under this contract to do his best to help the Pension to successful operation. The books show that he received the handsome sum of \$43,100.63 as a result of his labor in this direction. This sum, it appears, was paid in part to Roberts and part to Perry A. Shanor, of Pittsburgh, a Wood associate. In addition a man named "Pickens," of Indianapolis, is credited with having received \$100 a month for a time from the Pension Mutual for some such service as this rendered by Roberts.

The result of all this was that late in 1915 the State of Indiana cancelled the license of the Pension Mutual for that State.

Commissioner Johnson, as early as 1912, was looking into the Pension management. October 12 of that year Inspector Roney, in a report requested by Johnson, declared the company was operating in violation of the law. It had written 118 policies, he found, without having complied with the statute requiring that its full capital be paid in, and without a State license it had written 118 insurance policies.

UNION CASUALTY FILES REPLY Denying all of the allegations of the insurance Department, which has asked that a receiver be appointed to take over its affairs, the Union Casualty Company today filed its answer to the receivership proceedings. The reply filed by Henry F. Scott, of Philadelphia, counsel for the company, is signed by R. C. Bowers, president. It

goes into no details as to the condition of the company.

The answer says: "The Union Casualty Insurance Company of Philadelphia, Pa., is a corporation formed under the laws of the State of Pennsylvania, and was authorized to transact a casualty insurance business, and since its incorporation transacted such business in Pennsylvania, up to and including the first day of May, 1916, since which time it has written no new insurance in this State or elsewhere; its principal offices are at Third and Walnut streets, Philadelphia, Pa.

"The said Casualty Insurance Company of Philadelphia, denies that it is insolvent, and also that its further transaction of business would be hazardous to its policyholders, to its creditors and to the public.

"The said company denies that there is any necessity for a receiver and asks that none be appointed."

The hearing will be held December 19, the day following the hearing of the Pension Mutual.

BOLAND, SUICIDE, BURIED

Coroner's Jury Gives Verdict as Boy Is Borne to Grave

Funeral services for William Boland, brother of Edward Boland, who was shot and killed by Ellis Frigar last August, whose suicide was the result of worryment over his brother's death, were held today at the home of his father, 2522 Calumet street, Falls of Schuylkill. At the same time the Coroner's inquest into the death of William Boland was being held.

Boland's body was taken to St. Bridget's Catholic Church, where the Rev. Joseph Hayes was the celebrant of a mass. The church was fairly well filled with friends of the dead man's family.

The Coroner's jury, after hearing the evidence in the case, rendered a verdict of "death from gunshot wounds, self-inflicted while temporarily deranged." Boland walked into a saloon at Thirteenth and Parrish streets last Saturday and, after reading an account of Frigar's release on bail, placed a revolver in his mouth and fired.

ROBBED OF PRIZE GOBBLER

Errand Boy Gives Up 15-Pound Turkey at Revolver's Muzzle

The acquisition of a prize gobbler from an errand boy employed by William Hood, a dealer in the Farmers' Market, Eighteenth street and Ridge Avenue, last night was made with a revolver by some as yet unidentified person.

In response to a phone message for the biggest bird he had, Hood dressed a fifteen-pound turkey and sent the boy with it to a Girard Avenue address near Twentieth street. As the boy reached the house a man stepped from the doorway, ordered the messenger to take the turkey to the rear entrance and pulling a revolver, compelled the boy to surrender the bird. The man disappeared with the turkey.

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