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## RUSSO-RUMANIAN FORCES IN HURRIED FLIGHT BEFORE TEUTON ONRUSH; MANY TOWNS TAKEN

### MARK ON MURDERER'S KNIFE MAY AID POLICE IN LOCATING SLASHER

Footprints in Matted Turf Near Mutilated Body of Victim Also Helpful to Police in Hunt for Ripper Who Killed Cripple.

Yokko Mystery May Be Solved by Tell Tale Marks Upon Weapon Found Near Scene of Degenerate's Activity.

The distinct impression of the footprints of the murderer of Michael Yorko, as he stood in the blood soaked grass, gazing down upon the corpse of his maimed and mutilated victim, before fleeing the scene of his revolting degeneracy, may lead to the apprehension of the murderer.

It appears from an investigation made today by a Farmer reporter that when the body was viewed by the medical examiner at the top of the murdered man's head rested in the blood pool, there being no blood under the neck, or shoulder where the jugular vein had been severed.

The body had evidently been disturbed after death, being moved about two feet in an easterly direction. The murderer according to the authorities after moving the remains stood his toes almost under the dead man's head, surveying the ghastly scene.

The imprint is that of a very square, broad-toe shoe, one of the broadest styles made and is about a number nine size. The entire impression of the right foot is in the hands of the police, and the outline of the left shoe from the toe to the arch has also been taken.

This would indicate, the authorities assert from their deductions, that the murderer was a man of large stature, and heavy build. The deduction tallies with that of William Totterman, the escaped Sing Sing "slasher," who wears a number nine shoe, weighs about 185 pounds and is 5 feet 10 inches in height. He is believed to be in Connecticut and is being sought.

The only other clue in the possession of the police, upon which they are working, is a heavy pocket jack-knife, with a razor edged blade, about three inches in length, which was used by the "ripper" to kill Yorko. A search of every hardware store in the city has been instituted to learn if possible, whether or not the knife was sold in this city, and who the purchaser was.

The name of the manufacturer of the knife, inscribed on the blade is as follows: "G. K. S. Solinger, Germany, Adler Super Grant." Knives of a like make, may be sold in this city and an investigation of this clue may prove of value.

Every liquor store and establishment in the foreign quarters of the city has been visited, and is being closely watched by the police. Believing in the truth of assertion that a murderer drawn by some irresistible force, always returns to the scene of his crime, the police are also keeping a close watch on the field at Railroad and South avenues, where the crime was committed.

A man closely resembling the description of Totterman was seen in the vicinity of the murder shortly before midnight Saturday and every effort is being made to trace his movements. Thus far the hunt for Michael Slatkoff who murdered a six-year-old New York girl, in the same manner in which Yorko was killed, has proven unsuccessful.

Since his release from the Hillside Home a month ago, after he had confessed his crime and given himself up, all trace of him has been lost.

Medical Examiner Garrick today stated that as further proof that the deed was committed by a degenerate, he has learned that parts of the dead man's body have been found missing, the find prompted by some insane impulse leaving the murder scene with human flesh in his possession.

As stated in the Farmer yesterday the police are satisfied that Yorko was stripped of his clothing and peg leg in the field, carried across the lot 200 feet to the spot where the remains were found, and done to death.

### FALLS FROM HIS HYDROAEROPLANE AND IS DROWNED

Philadelphia, Oct. 24.—Alexander Brown, the widely known polo player of this city, fell from his hydroaeroplane into the Delaware river at Essexington, below this city, today and was drowned.

**THE WEATHER**  
Fair tonight; Wednesday probably local rains.

### ENLIST 40,000 SHOP WORKERS IN BABY FUND

Distribution of Envelopes Throughout City Factories Effected Today.

Forty thousand factory employes of Bridgeport today were recruited to the ranks of workers in the "Save-the-Baby" campaign which opened yesterday to continue until October 30. Under the direction of Mrs. Elmer H. Havens, chairman of the factory division of the campaign committee, 40,000 envelopes were distributed today in a score of factories.

One factory took a consignment of 12,000 envelopes, while another asked for 8,000. The envelopes, on which is printed the "Save-the-Baby" appeal, were distributed to all employes. Foremen in various departments have been authorized to collect the subscriptions, while executive heads of the factories have given the campaign their earnest endorsement in commending the cause to their employes.

It is expected that the returns from the factories will constitute a big item in the campaign receipts. According to manufacturers, the employes are much pleased with the plan of campaign which gives every one an opportunity to contribute on an equal basis. A dollar each from 10,000 persons, is the slogan of the workers.

Another feature of the campaign that met commendation today in the factories and elsewhere is the fact that it is "one hundred per cent efficient." Every dollar contributed will go directly to the Day Nursery, the Nursing Association and the other charities interested. The overhead expense of the campaign, including the cost of organization, advertising, supplies, etc., has been provided for outside of the campaign receipts, by a generous citizen.

The factories will make their returns to the fund, the latter part of the week.

### GERMANIA HALL BUILDING TO BE HANDSOMER ONE

New and Better Features Planned for Home of Singing Societies

Germania hall, at 1790 Main street, the home of the Germania Singing society, will be remodeled into a beautiful and comfortable structure. There will be a handsome brick and stone front in Main street, the rear will be carried out and the whole generally fitted for a club house that will be open at all times.

Plans drawn by Architect Leonard Ashelm disclose that the entire cellar will be turned into a banquet hall and dining room. On the main floor a lodge hall will be the feature while a cafe and grill room in old German style will divide honors with handsomely appointed auxiliary rooms for women.

When completed it is assured that it will be the best equipped German society clubhouse in the city.

### Prepares For Long Winter By Stealing Stove in Water St.

Walter Carroll, an exponent of preparedness, believes it is going to be a long cold winter. Hence when he saw a stove standing in the doorway of a Water street store, yesterday afternoon, he picked it up and walked off with it.

He had not gone far when he was forced to set the article on the sidewalk and rest. Accepted by a policeman the stove which Carroll hoped to develop a case of "cold feet" and he admitted stealing it. Judge Bartlett fined him \$7 and costs.

**VILLISTAS ARE ATTACKED.**  
El Paso, Tex., Oct. 24.—Passengers from Chihuahua City today said that General Ozuna last Friday proceeded against Francisco Villa with three parallel columns, of which he commanded the center. Nothing was heard from the two wings, it was said, but the center was driven back.

### MILK PRODUCERS, DEMANDS DENIED, CUT OFF SUPPLY

Shipments of 200,000 Quarts a Day to Boston Are Ordered Held Up.

**FARMERS ORGANIZED FOR HIGHER PRICES**  
Products Are Being Turned Back to Local Creamery Houses.

Plainfield, Conn., Oct. 24.—A "milk strike" was declared by the farmers throughout this section today, according to reports received here, and not a can of the 200,000 quarts of milk daily shipped to Boston and other New England points was sent out, it was said, because of the failure of the farmers to receive from the dealers the prices demanded by them.

The farmers have been getting 42 cents for an eight and a half quart can and now ask 50 while the dealers are offering 47 cents.

On shipments to Providence, R. I., which is said average about 50,000 quarts a day, the farmers have been getting 47 cents for a ten quart can and are now asking 55 cents.

On the Providence line, it was stated here, shipments have not been stopped. Some of the producers, however, are curtailing shipments by turning their product into the creameries.

In the section affected by the strike, the chief shipping centers of which are Putnam, Jewett City, Danielson and Central Village, the farmers are well organized, according to H. B. Chapman, of Plainfield, one of the largest producers. All of the farmers, he said, are members of the New England Milk Producers' association, their organization having been perfected three days ago.

### TAKES CREOSOTE ATTEMPTING TO CUT LIFE SHORT

Lodger in East Side Boarding House Found in Dangerous Condition

His groans attracting the attention of other inmates of the lodging house, at 585 Harrah avenue, Oliver Johnson, aged 39, after the door of his room had been broken down, was found lying in bed, in the throes of convulsions, the result of having drunk creosote.

The emergency hospital ambulance was sent immediately to the house and Dr. S. I. Aranki ordered Johnson's removal to the Bridgeport hospital. His condition is reported as critical and little hope is entertained for his recovery.

Dr. Aranki found under Johnson's bed a small vial bearing a poison label which Johnson had attempted to remove. He had drained the entire contents of the vial.

### Fake Business Agents Cause of Complaints

Because unscrupulous persons are said to have represented themselves as accredited officials of labor in this and other cities to the detriment of the genuinely union heads, all business agents of the allied building trades in this city today wear badges of their office.

### Open Bids Tomorrow For New Battleships

Washington, Oct. 24.—Despite pleas of many prospective bidders for a month's postponement, the navy department tomorrow will open bids for four new battleships and 20 destroyers authorized this year. A week later bids for four scout cruisers and 20 submarines will be opened, the seven days' delay having been granted bidders who said it was impossible to fill out the necessary papers for all of the ships at one time.

**GAS CAUSES MINE BLAST**  
Marvel, Ala., Oct. 24.—Gas which entered the Roden mine through an earth fissure caused by the recent earthquake felt in Alabama, Georgia and Tennessee, is believed by investigating experts to have been responsible for the explosion Sunday which killed 18 men and resulted in the death of a rescuer. The extent of the damage has not been estimated.

### O'LEARY WOULD PAY PRIESTS TO GO TO MEETING

New York World Publishes Letter to Clergymen From "Peace Conference"

**WANTS CLERGY TO GO TO MILWAUKEE**  
Promoters of Hyphenated Propaganda Adopt New Campaign for Hughes

New York, Oct. 24.—The New York World today prints a letter addressed by the American Peace Conference to the Catholic clergy, asking them to come to Milwaukee, and offering to pay their expenses for the trip, to attend a meeting in aid of Hughes.

Chicago, Oct. 23.—The promoters of the German-American propaganda which has endeavored to incite hostility to President Wilson by many undertakings have called a meeting of Catholic priests in the Republican House in Milwaukee for Wednesday next.

This propaganda, which has operated under many names and aliases, is now known as the American Independence Conference. It has been known previously as the "American Peace Conference" and the "American Embargo Conference," and has engineered several ventures of the so-called neutrality sort.

It was the American Independence Conference which, as told in The World today on the authority of the Democratic National committee, sent the "Kontinental Express" from Charles E. Hughes, an explanation of his approval of Col. Roosevelt's Lewiston speech. On this committee were Jeremiah A. O'Leary, Carl E. Schmidt and Will R. MacDonald.

MacDonald, as Secretary of the National Campaign Committee of the American Independence Conference, signs the letter inviting the Catholic priests of Wisconsin to the meeting, the main object of which, he states, "is to remove any doubt that may exist as to whether all real Americans should vote for Charles E. Hughes."

### VICE PRESIDENT AT CAPITAL FOR MONSTER RALLY

Accompanied by Mrs. Marshall, Is Guest of Hartford Democracy

Hartford, Oct. 24.—Vice President Thomas Riley Marshall, Mrs. Marshall and the Vice-President's secretary arrived in the city at 11:11 a. m. today. The Vice-President was met at the train by United States District Attorney Thomas J. Spellacy and escorted to his hotel. He will address a Democratic rally at Foot Guard Hall tonight. At 6:30 the Vice-President will be entertained at dinner at the Hartford Club by W. O. Burr, a presidential elector on the Democratic ticket. Other guests will be Charles E. Gross of Hartford, also a presidential elector on the same ticket; John H. Mott, of New York; Francis P. Gullfoil, of Waterbury; Democratic Gullfoil, of Waterbury; Democratic candidate for lieutenant governor; Frederick E. Duffy of West Hartford, candidate for secretary of state; United States District Attorney Spellacy and the Vice-President's secretary.

The Vice-President will address the Hartford Press Club and the Royal Order of Moose before the rally.

Vice-President and Mrs. Marshall lunched at their hotel and later went for an automobile ride about the city.

### Warehouse Company Ready to Construct Nine Story Building

The Bridgeport Storage Warehouse Co. organized for the purpose of constructing a warehouse for the storage of general merchandise has let a contract for the erection of the building which will be nine stories constructed of reinforced cement with brick or tile walls. It will be located at White street and Singer avenue.

The board of directors of the company consists of A. M. Cooper, DeVer C. Warner, Walter B. Lashar, D. S. Day, Horace W. Smith, D. Fairchild Wheeler, T. B. Ford, T. A. Kirkham and Charles M. Cole. The officers are: President, C. M. Cole, vice-president, W. B. Lashar and H. W. Smith, treasurer, D. Fairchild Wheeler and secretary, DeVer C. Warner. A. W. Burrill, Samuel W. Hubbell, DeVer C. Warner, Walter B. Lashar, and Charles M. Cole have been appointed a building committee, and they have engaged architects and engineers.

### Democrats to Hold Rally in Twelfth

A rally will be held by the Democrats of the Twelfth district, Friday night, preceded by a parade through the district. Owen Berns, Dr. E. F. McGovern and Joshua Metzler will address the meeting. A speaker of national renown will be obtained, also.

The Second district Democrats have established club rooms at 273 Railroad avenue. An information bureau will be accessible during the afternoon and evening.

Two earthquake shocks caused considerable alarm throughout southern California.

### DOZEN ARE HURT IN TRAIN CRASH AT NEW CANAAN

Passenger Coaches Damaged in Collision With String of Freight Cars.

**VICTIMS ARE HURT BY FLYING DEBRIS**  
Railroad and Other Officials Begin Investigation of Head-on Smash.

New Canaan, Conn., Oct. 24.—About a dozen persons were more or less hurt today in a head-on collision between a passenger train and a freight train on the New Canaan-Stamford branch of the N. Y., N. H. & H. R. R., about a mile out of New Canaan. The passenger train was running slowly at the time, but the force of the impact threw the passengers about the two cars which made up the train and the injuries were due to shattered glass and broken or twisted seats.

The collision occurred at a point where the tracks run over a high embankment but fortunately both trains remained on the rails.

The passenger train was in charge of Conductor Green and Motorman Moseley. According to railroad officials an investigation is to be made to determine why the freight was on the tracks at a time when the passenger was scheduled to pass.

### U-53 HAS BEEN SUNK, INCOMING CAPTAIN REPORTS

Submarine Raider Sent to Bottom By Canadian Patrol, Is Rumor

Boston, Oct. 24.—Captain W. G. Tudor, of the British steamer Hocloga, which arrived today from Louisburg, stated that before he left Nova Scotia, persistent rumors were current that the German U-boat 53 had been sunk off Sigeby, N. S., by the Canadian patrol boat Stanley. He said he heard the rumor several times but was unable to verify it.

"Before I left Louisburg I was told by a shipping man that I need not worry about the German submarine," said Captain Tudor. "This man said the U-boat would not bother any more British vessels because she had been sunk by the Stanley."

Captain Tudor said no mention was made of the fate of the submarine's crew.

### MANY CALLINGS REPRESENTED BY LATEST VOTERS

Three clergymen, the superintendent of the public schools, an actor, a bartender, an embalmer and a hotel manager were among the 103 men who were made voters today. Up to noon today just 1,800 of the 5,228 who applied to be made voters had their names placed on the voting lists. On Friday, the opening day of the session of the selectmen, 388 names were added to the lists. On Saturday 538 new voters were made and yesterday 775 took the oath. Today the selectmen predicted the number for the day would be even larger than that of yesterday. Few of those made today would say how they intend to vote and the Democrats take this as a good sign.

Former Assessor Laurence J. Gill began work as one of the selectmen's clerks today. Mr. Gill has had much experience in municipal affairs and the selectmen were glad to avail themselves of his services. Hugh J. Lavery, chairman of the Democratic town committee, spent several hours at the common council chamber this forenoon watching the work of the selectmen.

The clergymen who took the elector's oath today were: Rev. Stefan Chernitzky, pastor of St. Stephen's R. C. church in Spruce street. He gave his age as 47 and residence the church rectory, 330 Spruce street, Third district.

Rev. William G. Rose lives at 85 Cottage street, in the Fourth district. He gave his age as 24 years.

Rev. Herman O. Litwin, pastor of the First Swedish Baptist church, aged 47, lives at 464 Poplar street, in the Fifth district.

Samuel J. Slawson, superintendent of public schools, registered from 113 (Continued on page 4)

### Important Strongholds of Rashova, Medjidia and Predeal Are Captured By Central Power Allies

Who Take Nearly 7,000 Prisoners, Besides Many Guns and Supplies—Enemy is Fleeing in Confusion, Says Berlin Statement—Fortress of Bucharest Again Bombarded By Teutonic Allies—Violent Battles Reported Along Somme Result in Repulse of French-British Attacks.

Berlin, Oct. 24.—The capture of the Rumanian town of Rashova, in Dobrudja, on the Danube below Tchernavoda, was announced today by the war office.

Medjidia, on the Chernavoda-Constanza front, has been captured. The army of Field Marshal Von Mackensen has taken prisoner more than 6,700 Rumanians and Russians.

German and Austro-Hungarian forces, after a violent engagement south of Kronstadt, Transylvania, yesterday, captured Predeal, says the official statement. Six hundred prisoners were taken.

**Russian War Office Admits Reverses**  
Petrograd, Oct. 24.—The occupation of Constanza and Medjidie in Dobrudja by forces of the central powers is announced in today's war office report. Under hostile pressure, says the statement, the Russian and Rumanian troops retired to the heights north of these places.

### Official Statements Of Teuton Successes

Berlin, Oct. 24.—Official statements issued today, reporting great Teuton successes against Russo-Rumanian forces, follow:

"The enemy is retreating in confusion before our right wing. The pursuing cavalry of the (Teutonic) allies has reached the district of Tsarfanur (16 miles northwest of Constanza). Medjidia and Rashova were captured after violent fighting. The total booty including that reported on Oct. 21 is 75 officers, 6,893 men, one flag 52 machine guns, 12 cannon and one mine thrower. The losses of the Rumanians and the Russian reinforcements hastily sent in were heavy."

"The fortress of Bucharest has been once more bombarded.

"Archduke Charles' front: south of Kronstadt (Brasso) Germany and Austro-Hungarian troops yesterday captured Predeal after a violent engagement. Six hundred prisoners were brought in.

"At the southern exit of Rotherturn Pass the strong Rumanian resistance of the last few days was broken."

### Rumanians Report Capturing Ten Guns

Bucharest, Oct. 24.—Rumanian troops made an attack yesterday along the whole Otus front, on the Transylvania-Rumanian border. The war office announces the capture of 10 machine guns and several hundred prisoners.

### Allies Along Somme Sustain Large Losses

Berlin, Oct. 24.—In an attempt to break through the German lines on the Somme at any cost, the British and French yesterday used great numbers of troops in repeated attacks, the war office announced today. Their assaults broke down with heavy losses.

The defeat of the allies was so severe, the statement says, that all along the front the dead lying in one row after another. South of the Somme a French attack met with similar results.

Three German aeroplanes were brought down in the course of 20 aerial combats that occurred yesterday in the "erdun region, during a thick mist.

### Health Department, Still Growing, Has to Get More Rooms

The health department, which recently moved into the second floor of the First-Bridgeport National bank already has been compelled to enlarge its quarters. Arrangements made today with the building agents gives the board of health and bacteriological laboratory one additional room and permission to partition the hallway.