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MERCY SHIP IS SUNK; ALL ARE RESCUED

British Hospital Ship Braemar Castle, Bound From Saloniki to Malta With Wounded, is Torpedoed in the Aegean Sea, London Reports.

Teuton Forces Attempt to Cross the Danube at a Point on Railroad to Rumanian Capital—Russians on Offensive Around Dobrudja.

London, Nov. 24—The British hospital ship Braemer Castle, of 6,280 tons gross, bound from Saloniki to Malta with wounded, has been mined or torpedoed in the Aegean Sea, it was officially announced today. All on board were saved. The disaster occurred in the Mykoni Channel, the announcement states.

Mykoni is an island in the Aegean Sea, distant about 100 miles from Piraeus, the port of Athens. A comparatively narrow passage separates Mykoni from the Island of Tino, to the northwest.

Teutons Make Drive To Cross the Danube

Bucharest, Nov. 24—An attempt to cross the Danube at a point 35 miles southwest of Giurgiu, on the railroad leading northward to Bucharest, has been made by Teutonic forces the war office anouces.

The attempt was made at Zimnitza, which is about 70 miles southwest of Bucharest.

TEUTONS TAKE TWO TOWNS.

Berlin, Nov. 24—Orsova and Turnu Severin, both on the Danube, have been captured by Austro-German troops, the war office announced.

Russian Army Begins Dobrudja Offensive

Petrograd, Nov. 24—The Russians have begun an advance in Dobrudja. The war office announces that Russian troops have reached Lake Tasbaul and crossed the Kartal river.

GERMAN LINES HOLD.

Berlin, Nov. 24—Local attacks have been made by entente forces on Germano-Bulgarian lines in the Monastir region on the Macedonia front, but without success, the war office announced today.

ENTENTE TRIES ADVANCE

Paris, Nov. 24—Entente forces on the Macedonian front are making progress in their attacks on the Germano-Bulgarian lines, according to today's war office announcement. The gain of further ground during the continuation of the battle east of Monastir is claimed, while to the west the Italians, continuing their progress have reached Nijipole.

RUMANIANS ON OFFENSIVE.

Bucharest, Nov 24—Rumanian forces have assumed the offensive in the province of Dobrudja, says the official statement issued today by the Rumanian war department, and have advanced along the entire front, capturing several towns about 15 miles north of the Tchernavoda—Constanza railroad line.

British Forces Renew Attacks Along Ancre

Berlin, Nov. 24—Heavy firing began north of the Ancre yesterday afternoon, the war office announces, and subsequently the British made several attacks but were unable to reach the German positions.

FORTY AERIAL BATTLES

Paris, Nov. 24—There was a lively bombardment of the Somme front last night in the region of Sailly-Saillizel, north of the river and that of Ablaincourt, south of the stream, the war office announced today. The night was uneventful on the remainde- of the front.

French aviators took part in forty aerial engagements on the Somme front, during which five hostile machines were brought down, Sub-Lieutenant George Guynemer accounting for his 23rd German machine.

PRESIDENT'S COLD BETTER, HE WILL GO TO ARMY-NAVY GAME

Washington, Nov. 24—President Wilson's cold was better today and he expects to attend the Army-Navy football game at New York tomorrow. The President, accompanied by Mrs. Wilson and a large party, will leave here at 8 A. M., on a special train, arriving in New York at 1:06 P. M. He will return to Washington directly after the game, arriving here about 10 P. M.

President Wilson will attend the Friars' banquet in New York.

FAMED INVENTOR, SIR HIRAM MAXIM DIES IN ENGLAND

Local Residents Mourn Loss of Man They Knew Intimately

BRIDGEPORT PEOPLE FRIENDS OF EXPERT

Experiments With Searchlight Attracted Country-Wide Attention

London, Nov. 24.—Sir Hiram Maxim, inventor of the smokeless powder died early this morning at the age of 76.

This dispatch will bring pangs of regret in the breasts of many who knew the distinguished inventor in Bridgeport, where he lived for some years during his attempts to invent improvements on the electric light.

Sir Hiram Stevens Maxim lived in Bridgeport from 1879 to 1883, as well as did his brother Hudson, who later laid claims to the invention of smokeless powder.

Sir Hiram Maxim is well remembered and worked with no less prominent inventors than Hotchkiss whose rapid fire gun later became the French arm, Henry House who invented an automobile in 1865, Thomas E. Carroll, whose secrets of the fulminate submarine torpedo have made him famous, William N. Beardsley, Jerome Orcutt, William Thomas, John Standish and William A. Barnes.

It was in Bridgeport that Maxim first displayed the model of his famous rapid-fire gun that became the British army gun offering it for sale to the late Nathaniel Wheeler at a comparatively small monetary consideration. It was also in Bridgeport that the tests of the smokeless powder that later made him famous were first made at the U. M. C. plant.

Maxim first came to this city to develop electrical patents for the United Electric company in 1879. He located his shop in Elm street near Harrison where the Jennings plant now stands and rushed work on big dynamos for New York city use. His of-

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BRADLEY QUITS FAIRFIELD P. O.; BURR SUCCESSOR

Other Interests Prevent Him From Devoting Time to Postal Service

(Special to the Farmer.)

Fairfield, Nov. 24—Simon C. Bradley, postmaster at Fairfield for the last four years, has resigned. W. O. Burr, who is now engaged in farming, will succeed him, it is expected.

Mr. Bradley gives as his reason the fact that his business interests would not permit him to give enough time to the post office in the future. He is general manager of the Kennel Food Supply Co., manufacturers of dog biscuit, and has other and growing interests in other places.

During the incumbency of Mr. Bradley, the post office business has grown $1,000 a year and next year it is expected to reach the second class. He was appointed in 1912.

Three candidates have been after the job, Mr. Burr, J. E. Boyle, the druggist and Hezekiah R. Elwood. Mr. Burr is expected to get the position on the recommendation of National Committeeman Homer S. Cummings.

GREEK TROOPS DEFY ENTENTE; CLASH IS NEAR

London, Nov. 24.—The Greek royalist troops have refused to evacuate Eleuterna, as demanded by the entente authorities, and General Sarrail, in command of the entente forces, has warned the government at Athens that unless an order for immediate evacuation is given he wi'l proceed to use force, says an Exchange Telegraph company despatch from Athens, today.

AGREEMENT FOR R.R. TEST CASE HAS BEEN MADE

Kansas City, Nov. 24—A tentative agreement on a test case of the Adamson law has been reached by the attorneys of the railroads and the government who have been forwarded to Attorney General Gregory at Washington and the conference here will await his action upon it.

THE WEATHER

Fair and colder tonight and Saturday.

BIG VOTE WILL BE CAST, SAYS WM. T. HINCKS

Head of Commission Government Union Confident of Result

PRESENT SYSTEM IS NOT UP-TO-DATE ONE

Republican Mayor and Democratic Town Chairman Urge Decisive Action

Confidence that the Commission Government charter interest is so great that the necessary number of votes will be recored, with a majority in favor, to make the election legal, permeated a statement issued today by William T. Hincks, chairman of the Commission Government union.

Mr. Hincks declared a great public sentiment has been aroused and that many thousands, with no thought of personal interest, are seeking to bring about the change. Mr. Hincks' statement follows:

"A tremendous sentiment has been aroused in favor of Commission Government. People who were never interested before are now enthusiastic and are determined to put it through.

"Individuals and organizations realize that the time has come in our city's affairs for the adoption of a Commission Government charter.

"We confidently expect to get out the necessary 13,000 votes so that the election may be effectual.

"If we fail to get out the necessary 13,000 votes, it will be by a very small margin. In any event we shall show such a great bulk of votes in favor of Commission Government that when next fall's campaign comes around, we shall be able to nominate and elect a city ticket which will be genuinely and earnestly in favor of Commission Government, and we shall take all necessary steps to bring it about.

"All of our voting pledges, data and other information have been carefully checked and carded. We shall keep a check list of all who vote at tomorrow's election, and shall have available for future use a complete list of those who are vitally interested in the city's good. All good citizens are urged to avail themselves of this opportunity to aid in giving to our city a scientific, modern, economical and efficient form of government. The old ward system is antiquated and not suited to the needs of our big, modern, growing city. We want a city government that shall be representative of the whole city, and will at all times further the interests of the whole city rather than of any ward or section.

"Thousands of our citizens of all occupations are devoting themselves unselfishly and without thought of personal interest to bringing this thing about, and we are confident that their efforts will be crowned with success."

A statement signed by Mayor Wilson, Town Chairman Hugh J. Lavery of the Democratic party, George E. Crawford of the Bridgeport Chamber of Commerce, and Charles L. Gaylord of the Bridgeport Business Men's association, was issued today. It follows:

We, the undersigned, believe that the matter of Commission Government should be definitely settled at the election of Saturday, November 25th.

This matter has been before the people of Bridgeport for a long time and has attracted a great deal of discussion and the opportunity has come for finally and decisively determining whether or not the city shall be placed upon a Commission Form of Government basis.

We also recognize that it is the duty of every citizen, who has the interest of the city at heart, to cast his vote in an important matter of this kind; and to that end we urge upon everybody to go to the polls on Saturday, November 25th, and cast his vote as his conscience and best judgment dictates, whether it be in favor or against the proposed Charter.

The continued agitation of this matter must necessarily result in the certain unsettlement of a municipal government, and we are confident that a decisive action on this subject will be for the best interests of the city at large.

CLIFFORD B. WILSON,
(Mayor of Bridgeport).
HUGH J. LAVERY,
Town Chairman of Democratic Party.
GEORGE E. CRAWFORD,
President Bridgeport Chamber of Commerce.
CHARLES L. GAYLORD,
President Bridgeport Business Men's Association.

WHERE YOU GO TO VOTE TOMORROW

First district, 273 State street..
Second district, 55 Gregory street.
Third district, 115 Auburn street.
Fourth district, 1227 State street.
Fifth district, 611 Norman street.
Sixth district, 11734 North avenue.
Seventh district, 1312 Main street.
Eighth district, 2044 Main street.
Ninth district, East Main street and Shelton street.
Tenth district, 42 Beach street.
Eleventh district. 416 East Main street.
Twelfth district, First precinct, 1536 Seaview avenue; Second precinct, Lincoln school, Stratford avenue.

BILLIONS NEEDED IN R. R. CAPITAL, ATTORNEY AVERS

Executive Counsel Tells Probers What Lines Must Soon Have

ASKS REGULATIONS BE MADE UNIFORM

Additional Annual Capital of Billion and a Quarter to Be Needed Soon

Washington, Nov. 24.—Railroads will need $1,250,000,000 additional capital annually for the next ten or twelve years to increase their facilities to handle the country's growing commerce, Alfred P. Thom, counsel for the railway executives' advisory committee, told the Congressional railroad investigating committee today, continuing his statement on behalf of the railroads begun yesterday.

About $250,000,000 a year additional will be required, he said, to refund maturing indebtedness.

To attract investors, Mr. Thom suggested that federal regulation should replace the present system of authority divided between the states and the central government.

Referring to the need of additional railroad facilities, Mr. Thom said:

"It has been found that the wealth of the country has been increasing at the rate of 8 or 9 per cent. a year and the same ratio of increase has held good as to the demand for transportation. As the forces which have affected the growth and development of the past apparently still continue in full operation, and may reasonably be expected to continue for the next ten or fifteen years at least the investment in railroad facilities to meet the large requirements of the future must consequently grow at a corresponding rate of increase. The estimate of $1,250,000,000 for additional transportation facilities includes nothing for extensions into new territory," he added.

"Where is this money or any sum approximating it to come from?" asked Mr. Thom. "This problem is of vital interest to the public because on its successful solution depends the commercial facilities of the country.

"Would it do to confront the investors, when asking for this great investmen, with a situation where the revenues of the railroads are not subject to the control of the investors, but are fixed and limited not only by governmental authority but by many unco-ordinated state authorities in no way responsible to each other and

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GRAVE CHARGES AGAINST YOUTH IN CENTER ST.

Accused of Taking Girl, Aged 14, On Three Days Joy-Ride

Samuel Mendelson, a driver, 21 years of age, of 79 Center street, was held in bonds of $2,000 for trial in the superior court, by Judge Frederic Bartlett, after the latter had overruled a demurrer filed by the defendant's counsel.

Mendelson is alleged to have takn Frances Brunner, 14 years of age, of 585 Union avenue, with her chum, Ethel Palmer, 16 years, of 72 Lesbia street, and another young man in an automobile on a three days' joyride in which they visited numerous cities in this state and Rhode Island.

The girls were reported missing and on their return home were arrested by the police on charges of incorrigibility. It was then that the Brunner girl, describing her experience made serious allegations against Mendelson. Both girls were committed by the court to the reform school. They will be called as witnesses against the defendant.

Witnesses Lacking, Coroner Continues Dr. Nagle Inquiry

Coroner Phelan has found no criminal liability in the death of James Szalapon, who fell down stairs at 588 Lafayette street last Sunday night. After the coroner finished hearing testimony yesterday afternoon he concluded that the fall was accidental. Andrew Neatko and Paul Kubbiky, who were held by the police because they had been with Szalapon on the night of his death, will probably be released.

It was intended to resume the hearing this morning in the case of W. M. Benton but the coroner was unable to get the witnesses he wanted so the hearing was continued until next Monday. Benton was struck and killed by a car driven by Health Officer W. T. Nagle of Fairfield.

Ten-Foot Fall From Scaffold Is Fatal

John Protas, 46 years of age, of 42 Calhoun avenue, died at St. Vincent's hospital this morning as a result of injuries suffered last Tuesday by falling 10 feet from a scaffo d. at the United Illuminating Co., where he was employed.

Protas suffered a number of fractures of his rigs and internal injuries.

Jean Crones, alleged poisoner of 200 Chicagoans at the banquet given for Archbishop Mundelein last winter, was arrested at Spalding, Neb.

VILLISTAS RENEW ATTACK ON CHIHUAHUA CITY; BOTH SIDES SUSTAIN BIG LOSS

SEVENTEEN PERSONS RESCUED FROM SEA AS STORM WRECKS LADEN BARGES OFF PENFIELD

The coal laden barge Louis of New Haven, known as the lucky boat of the Blue Line fleet is the only surviving boat of a fleet of 10 which left New York yesterday for Bridgeport and New Haven with coal, iron and sand.

Nine barges and their cargoes valued at approximately $40,000 are sunk in the Sound or strewn on the beach at Fairfield. There is a possibility of salvaging one overturned pig iron barge and one boat loaded with sand, now high on the beach.

The tugs John Garrett and Robert McAllister, which stood off Fairfield today, returned to port with reports that pulling the two surviving wrecks off the beach today is an impossibility.

Seventeen persons were rescued in the teeth of a gale in one of the most perilous Sound trips recorded for many months, some of whom narrowly escaped death in New York two days ago as a tugboat lying alongside their barges blew up with great loss of life.

Reports brought to this port from New Haven and along the coast indicate that the tug Clauson, Capt. Blakeslee, from Pine Orchard to New York with trap rock, lost three barges off Milford Point, without loss of life.

The rescued bargemen and their wives will be returned to New York as soon as possible, having lost their entire belongings, with the exception of a few dogs. Some of the captains were owners of their boats, the total value of which is not definitely known. One boat load of pig iron was destined for the Crane Co. of this city. Six boats loaded with coal were for this city but it is declared the mishap will cause no great shortage. Two boat loads of sand were also consigned here.

With her hatches spiked, her decks covered with wreckage from the effect of a tug boat explosion at New York which destroyed the Rambler and a crew of five the "lucky boat," Louis, owned by F. H. Andrews of New Haven, is tied up at the Wall street dock, the only survivor of a tow of 10 boats which encountered a gale off Penfield light yesterday.

The Louis bears visible marks of her many encounters against fate on the waters and at docks, and formed a floating asylum this morning for men, women and children survivors of the awful experience of yesterday. Seated on her hatches today veteran watermen bemoaned the los of all their worldly possessions, including household good, clothing, money and pets which today litter the beach at Fairfield from Black Rock to Southport inlet.

As a result of being wrecked twice within three months, off Penfield, Mrs. Elizabeth Martin was in such a hysterical state this morning that she had to be restrained forcibly from violence to herself and was ordered to the cabin by Capt. Albert Ridge, where she was later ministered to by other women.

Mrs. Martin was one of the survivors of the Gilbert, which sank with another boat off the reef two months ago. The experienece is said to have greatly affected her usually cheerful spirits.

Before being taken in tow for New Haven, the Louis was lying at Newtown creek in Brooklyn, two boats distant from the tug Rambler, which blew up, supposedly from dynamite placed in her coal bunkers. Captain Ridge, with his mate, Cal Taylor, were in the cabin of their boat at the time. The bodies of two of the crew of the Rambler were thrown upon their decks as were huge pieces of wreckage, some of which remains on board as mute evidence of the disaster. The rowboat and dory, as wel las the rear cabin and dory, as well as the rear cabin damaged by the explosion.

The Louis, in the tow of the Blue Line tug, John Garrett, was the forward port side boat in a tow of 10, yoked in tiers of two, five deep, alongside the S. F. Guinan. From port to starboard and astern in this order were the boats Blue Book, J. S. Thompson, W. F. Gilbert, Grandma, Blue Fish, Goodwin & Gallagher 112, E. A. Olney and Dorothy. The Dorothy carried a heavy deck load of pig iron and the Olney only half a load of coal, her freeboard being estimated at eight feet above the water. The Goodwin & Gallagher No. 112 and one other boat is known to have been deck-loaded with sand. The remainder of the tow contained deeply laden coal barges for Bridgeport and New Haven.

According to the story of the crews a sudden and heavy gale of wind struck them shortly after 1 o'clock off Westport. The wind was directly towards shore and the tug Garrett had no chance to run for cover west of Bridgeport. She struggled valiantly against the wind and waves, which swept high over the barges at times. When still east of Penfield Reef light the Grandma on the starboard or windward side of the fleet and in the middle lost her hatches. This allowed water to fill the hold and when discovered she was in a sinking condition with decks awash. The captain and his wife by means of ropes and a ladder were hauled on board the Gilbert. With six two inch hawsers of seven strand rope holding the Grandma to three other boats which were threatened with swamping by the sinking Grandma, quick and dan-

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ARREST ARTIST FOR FRAUDULENT DISPOSAL OF CAR

Fairfield Man Finds Auto He Thought He Owned Belonged to Dealer

Charged with fraud in obtaining an automobile upon conditional terms and selling it to Gilbert Beach, a well known resident of Fairfield, who later learned that it was the property of the Elm Automobile Company of Bridgeport, Joseph Rozgonyi, a well known photographer in the West End, living at 322 Spruce street, has been arrested in New York.

The arrest which was made by Frank Virelli, under direction of the Connecticut state police department, is said to be the start of a campaign designed to break up the practice of buying cars on the installment plan in this state and then taking them elsewhere for sale.

Rozgonyi, who is an expert retouching artist as well as photographer, has a large following in that section of the West End inhabited by the Hungarian people. After leaving these parts he went to New York and was apprehended yesterday by Policeman Virelli in the White Photographic studio in New York city, one of the most noted society and theatrical studios in the metropolis. He was residing at 420 East 81st street.

Extradition papers for his return to Fairfield where he will be placed on trial have already been applied for and will be presented at once to Gov. Whitman at Albany. Rozgonyi is alleged to have purchased a 1914 Overland automobile from the Elm Auto company in this city upon conditional bi l of sale for a price of $400. He is said to have paid all but $135 in instalments and then to have represented himself as the owner of the car to Mr. Beach who was induced to buy it for cash.

When ownership was shown to be vested in the Elm Auto company, Mr. Beach was compelled to pay the balance to retain possession. He immediately complained to the state authorities. Several similar cases have been reported to the local and state police.

STRIKEBREAKER HELD IN $1,000 BOND FOR THEFT

Francis Champion Apprehended In New York Claiming One's Trunk

Francis Champion, posing as a boss strikebreaker, according to the police, had a novel way of robbing his victims, taking them from out of one state into another to fleece them of their wardrobe and money. He was arrested in New York and brought back to this city by Detective Fred L. Feeley today for theft from Raymond C. Boyer.

According to Boyer, he met Champion in New York. The latter told him he was coming to this city to break a strike and invited Boyer along, promising him employment. When he arrived in this city Nov. 8, Boyer paid for a room and bought their meals.

Champion took Boyer to a telegraph office and sent a telegram to some firm in New York which read "I'm on the ground with a man. Send me instructions." Boyer in the meantime was becoming suspicious of his peusdo employer and went the next morning and called the firm in New York by phone. They didn't know Champion and advised Boyer to see a doctor.

With fire in his eye Boyer returned to the lodgings in the Park House, Main street, but he found only a note which read, "I have taken your trunk and am going to New Haven. Join me there."

Boyer went to the police and complained. The police claim to have found the trunk had been shipped by Champion to New York, under a false name. He was arrested when he appeared at the New York terminal to claim the trunk. The trunk and contents are valued at $91. Champion's case was continued this morning by Judge Frederic Bartlett until tomorrow. He was held in bonds of $1,000.

Exports during the month of October were valued at $490,600,000.

Bandit Chief Again Leads His Army Against De Facto Forces, in New Attempt to Take Important Stronghold From General Carranza.

Early Fighting Brings Loss of Several Hundred Men to Each Side, While Villista Officers Are Killed —Mediators Here at Recess.

El Paso, Nov. 24—Francisco Villa and his command renewed their attack on Chihuahua at 9 o'clock this morning, a message received in Juarez stated.

Andres Garcia, inspector-general of Carranza consulate, officially denied a report that Gen. Trevino and his forces were at Terrazas station, north of Chihuahua City, and had evacuated Chihuahua City.

Losses Are Heavy.

Chihuahua City, Nov. 23, via El Paso Junction (Delayed by military censor—One general, two colonels and 200 men of the Carranza forces were killed during the fighting today between Carranza troops and Villa bandits.

Four hundred men of the Villa command are known to have been killed and left on the battlefield.

The names of the Carranza officers killed have been suppressed by the military censor.

General Trevino, in command of the Carranza forces, suffered a scalp wound. He refused to retire to the field hospital, however, and continued directing the movements of his command.

After machine guns, which were placed about 2 o'clock this afternoon, had poured an enfilidating fire into the Villa ranks, General Carlos Ozuna delivered an attack on the Villa center and drove the bandit forces back in disorder. The battle ended at 7:30 p. m., with General Ozuna pursuing the Villa Command.

Mexican Mediators Here Ask Recess to Confer With Leader

Atlantic City, N. J., Nov. 24—When the Mexican-American joint commission met today, it appeared almost certain that the request of Carranza's representatives for a recess of two weeks would be granted.

They were insistent that they must be given an opportunity to refer to their government a full account of the proposals made by the American commission after Secretary of the Interior Lane, chairman of the commission, had secured from President Wilson his approval of the plan.

They were unwilling to sign the agreement as it stands, however, even after certain modifications had been made unless sanctioned by Carranza to whom it was planned that Alberto J. Pani, one of the commissioners, should render a report in person.

So certain were the Mexicans early today that the recess would be granted that Mr. Pani had made all preparations for leaving today for Queritaro, where the first chief is now attending the Congress assembled for the purpose of drafting a new constitution. It is understood that Luiz Cabrera, chairman of the commission, will remain in the United States until the joint commission reconvenes.

The American commissioners appeared to regard the determination of the Mexicans to place the question in the hands of Carranza not as indicative of failure to effect an agreement, but merely as another day. It is understood that the Mexican commissioners have been practically convinced that the agreement should be signed but that they do not care to assume the responsibility.

Lone Bandit Takes $10,000 In Jewelry

Kansas City, Nov. 24—A robber entered McDowell's jewelry store here shortly before noon today, held up the only clerk in the place and escaped with $10,000 worth of diamonds after locking the clerk in the vault.

Estimate Population of Continental U. S. As 102,826,309 Soon

Washington, Nov. 24.—The population of continental United States on January 1, 1917, will be 102,826,309 and with its outlying possessions 113,309,289 the census bureau estimates upon the increase as shown by the federal censuses of 1900 and 1915.

Treasury department statisticians, using a different method of calculation, estimated the population of continental United States as 103,002,000 on Nov. 1.