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WEATHER REPORT
Cloudy and colder tonight and Friday; probably rain Friday; moderate north and northeast winds.
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ALEXANDRIA, VIRGINIA, THURSDAY, DECEMBER 3, 1914.

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ALLIES REPLY TO GERMAN GUNS

Fierce Fighting in Region Between Ypres and Arras Today.

MASS 600,000 TEUTONS.

Invaders Reinforced by 160,000—Believed German Concentration a Feint—Fresh British Troops.

Paris, Dec. 3.—Heavy cannonading by the Germans, with vigorous reply by the allies guns, marked the fighting in the region between Ypres and Arras today.

The Allies continue to press their offensive south of Loos but only slight progress is reported.

Both the French and British armies are preparing for the new attempt of the Germans to drive their way through the entrenched line of the coast.

Upward of 600,000 Germans are declared to be on the front from the sea to Ypres.

Heavy re-enforcements are reported south of Ostend. During the last few days 160,000 German re-enforcements are reported to have arrived.

It is believed, however, that the apparent concentration on the western end of the line may prove to be a feint, and that the full force of the renewed attack may again fall within the Yser region.

Fresh troops of the second British army have relieved the French in this district in anticipation of the new drive.

FLOOD IN WAKE OF STORM

Six Inches of Rainfall at Houston—Many People Driven from their Homes.

Houston, Tex., Dec. 3.—During a heavy wind, rain and electrical storm which swept over this city late Tuesday night, E. E. Dasbit, an employee of the local gas company, was instantly killed by a bolt of lightning. Miss Annie Swanson, who was with him, was stunned and seriously burned by the bolt.

The storm disarranged the street car service and did much minor damage. The streams are out of their banks and rapidly rising.

In some of the low-lying districts of Houston the rising water has driven people from their homes. During Tuesday night the rain fell approximately six inches, making the total since November 1 about twelve inches.

Reports reaching the city indicated that the rain was general over the coast section, Railroad tracks are under water at many points, greatly delayed traffic and leaving washouts as the water receded. All South Texas streams are bankfull and many of them have overflowed and inundated large areas.

NEW ENGLAND SUPPER.

The Wesley Bible Class of the M. E. Church South, will give an Old New England supper at the young People's Building tomorrow evening from 5 to 9.

Tickets can be had at the door or from members of the class.

The following menu will be served: Oyster patties, ham, New England baked beans, potato salad, cold slaw, celery, mixed pickles, brown bread, rolls, pumpkin pie, apple pie coffee.

IN MEMORIAM.

In loving remembrance of our dear son Malcolm Lee Harrington who left us three years ago to day Dec. 4th 1911.

I miss you all through the weary hours.
I miss you as others do sunshine and flowers.
Daytime or night time wherever I go.
Dear little Malcolm I miss you so.
Mother.

NEWS OF THE DAY

The London Star has received a dispatch from Rome stating that the report that the garrison of Adrianople had mutinied is confirmed.

A private dispatch from Berlin says that the Abyssinian government has offered to furnish an army to Great Britain.

Walking to the rooms occupied by Mrs. Della Stratton, 45 years old, his sweetheart, in Grand Rapids Mich., shortly before 6 o'clock yesterday evening Charles Platzer, 31 years old, of Twin Sisters, Tex., leveled a revolver at the woman and shot her dead as she advanced smiling to greet him.

Speaker Champ Clark of the House of Representatives gave out a rather remarkable interview in Detroit, Mich., yesterday, in which he launched a presidential boom for Representative James R. Mann, of Illinois, floor leader of the Republicans, and opposed to Mr. Clark, characterized Colonel Roosevelt as a mountebank, and Representative Richmond P. Hobson as a "political lunatic."

It is reported from Petrograd that General Rennenkampf, the Russian commander of the East Prussian front, has been relieved of his command because he was two days late in carrying out Russian general staff plan. His delay prevented the encircling of the army of Field Marshall von Hindenburg by the Russians.

James P. Callaway, prominent Atlanta broker and clubman, was shot and killed in that city before dawn yesterday by W. B. Carhart, president of an Atlanta shoe manufacturing company. The shooting occurred as Callaway was climbing over the balcony of the rear porch of an apartment occupied by Mr. and Mrs. Carhart and their son, in a fashionable section of the city. Investigation of the tragedy by a coroner's jury resulted in a verdict of "justifiable homicide." Carhart testified that he thought Callaway was a burglar when he fired at him with a revolver.

The Austrians occupied Belgrade yesterday, it was declared in a telegram which Emperor Francis Joseph received from General Frank, commanding the Fifth Austrian Army Corps. The city could not have been held without suffering a siege, and as it was ill prepared for this, the garrison was ordered to evacuate the place last night.

With only one dissenting vote, that of Herr Liebknecht, Socialist, the German Reichstag yesterday voted a new war credit of \$1,250,000,000.

KILLED ON TRESTLE

G. C. Garrett, a woodworker, living at 8 First street Riverside, was instantly killed when run down on the Ohio Creek trestle of the Norfolk Southern Railroad by a shifting engine Tuesday night.

Garrett was employed at Munden's Point and was on his way home from work about 7 o'clock. Taking a short cut over the trestle, he did not hear the shifting engine that was backing over the bridge and he was not seen in the darkness by the men on the engine.

STOCKHOLDERS MEETING.

The regular annual meeting of the Stockholders of The Potomac Savings Bank of Georgetown, D. C., for the election of a Board of Directors and any and all other business properly coming before the meeting, will be held at the principal offices of the Company in Alexandria, Virginia, being in the office of James R. and Harry B. Caton, Attorneys at three o'clock P. M. on the 8th day of December 1914.

NOTICE.

The annual meeting of the Stockholders of the Home Savings Bank of Washington, D. C., will be held at the Hotel Fleischmann in the city of Alexandria, Va., on Tuesday, the 8th day of December, at 2:30 p. m.

ALEX. S. CLARKE, Secretary.

ESCAPE OF THE GERMAN ARMY

Reforming of Russian Center in Poland Rendered Necessary.

LULL IN THE FIGHTING

Forces of Grand Duke Nicholas Said to be Prepared to Press Vigorous Attacks on Kaiser.

Petrograd, Dec. 3.—The failure of the Russian forces to envelop the German army in the vicinity of Lodz and the determined offensive taken by the Kaiser's army in fighting its way out of the corner into which it had been driven, placed the Russians in a serious position for a time.

This is evident today made necessary the reforming of the Russian center in Poland. There has consequently been a lull in the fighting, but the forces of Grand Duke Nicholas are now declared to present a solid front and are prepared to press a vigorous attack.

It is declared the failure of General Rennenkampf to arrive on schedule with his command, when the Germans were all but trapped, is responsible for failure of the Russians to gain a victory of great proportions. Rennenkampf has been relieved of his command. Many of the prisoners taken by the Germans were captured as the result of his delay. When the Germans broke through the Russian lines, however, a large force to the south of Lodz found itself cut off.

Re-enforcements continue to arrive for the Germans. Some of these forces are coming from Belgium, according to reports reaching the capital.

On the southern front the Russian successes are becoming more pronounced. The Austrian troops have been steadily driven back. The extremely cold weather accompanied by sleet and snow has caused heavy losses to the enemy through sickness and exhaustion.

The Austrians are not well equipped for winter campaigning, it is declared, and are not able to withstand the hardships on which the Russian troops are thriving. One Russian force is reported within eight miles southeast of the city, continues in the enveloping movement.

HELD FOR EMBEZZLEMENT.

Warrants Charge Floyd Ross With Stealing From Old Folk's Home.

Richmond, Dec. 3.—Floyd Ross, grand worthy master of the Grand Fountain United Order of True Reformers, Inc., a colored fraternal organization, was last night arrested on two warrants charging embezzlement.

Ross is charged with embezzling a large sum of money from the Old Folks' Home of the True Reformers, and was arrested on two warrants specifically charging him with stealing \$150.75 and \$342.80.

Ross has been connected with the True Reformers for a number of years. He is well educated and is said to have once traveled around the world.

This is the second case of embezzlement from the True Reformers with which the police have had to deal. Reuben T. Hill, secretary and treasurer of the order, several years ago, was charged with stealing large sums from the treasury, but succeeded in escaping before the police could arrest him.

NOTICE

The water mains will be flushed on Thursday and Friday, Dec. 3rd and 4th beginning at 7 o'clock a. m. Water takers will please supply themselves with clear water.
Alexandria Water Co.

EDWARD ECHOLS DYING.

Former Lieutenant Governor Suffering from General Breakdown

(Special Dispatch to the Gazette)
Richmond, Dec. 3.—State Senator Edward Echols of Staunton, Former Lieutenant Governor, is believed to be in a dying condition at his home today. He has been ill for some days. He is suffering from a general collapse and break down.

FRANK TO BE RESENTENCED.

Illness of Judge Hill Will Cause Delay Until Next Week.

Atlanta, Dec. 3.—The State Supreme Court yesterday certified to the clerk of the Fulton County Superior Court a remittitur in the case of Leo M. Frank, convicted of the murder here in April 1913, of Mary Phagan. The remittitur confirms the Superior Court's refusal to set aside the verdict of guilty returned against Frank in August, 1913.

The writ of habeas corpus on which the prosecutor will bring Frank into court for resentencing to death has been drawn, but it will not be served, and Frank will not be resentenced until next week, owing to the illness of Judge Ben H. Hill, of the Superior Court.

MURDERED IN DISPUTE.

Philadelphia, Dec. 3.—A quarrel over a small sum of money resulted last night in the death of James Corbi, 38 years old, of No. 742 Bainbridge street, who was shot through the head by a man who escaped and is now being sought by the police.

LIFE AT ARMY POSTS

Loose Conduct of Officers and Women Charged by Attorney in Divorce Case.

Philadelphia, Dec. 3.—A sensational exposition of life at United States Army posts was introduced before the Superior Court here yesterday afternoon when Congressman-elect John R. K. Scott, as counsel for divorced wife of Lieut. Charles J. Naylor, U. S. A., of Germantown arose to appeal for a reversal of the findings of Common Pleas Court No. 3, which awarded the divorce to Lieut. Naylor against the recommendation of the Master.

Incidentally, Mr. Scott denounced the divorce proceedings as a "frame-up" and conspiracy from beginning to end on the part of Lieutenant Naylor to obtain a divorce from his wife, who had proved objectionable to his family, a wealthy and aristocratic one.

She was an unsophisticated country girl, Mr. Scott declared, and had been taken into army post life by her husband, where it was a common practice for the officers to drink to excess.

"Drunkenness seemed a part of the post's social life, according to the testimony before the master who was John M. Patterson, now Judge of Common Pleas Court No. 1," continued Mr. Scott. "Army officers kissed and fondled each other's wives. Pseudo love notes were exchanged between the men and women. There was no restraint to this loose conduct, drinking jousts, love making and indiscriminate kissing seemed to be on the social register at the post and passed unnoticed and unquestioned."

"It was into the vortex of such a life as this that this young woman was hurled. She believed it was right that she should participate and followed the examples set for her."

Mr. Scott then went on to tell of the incident of which Lieutenant Naylor based his claim for divorce, a trip of Mrs. Naylor to New York to attend a baseball game in company with an army contractor, Allen D. O'Bryon, which the attorney contended was made with the knowledge of the husband and was innocent of any of the charges that were subsequently brought by Lieutenant Naylor.

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RUSSIANS WILL AID SERBIANS

Pitiable Plight of Little Nation Since Loss of Belgrade.

SERBS MAKE APPEALS

Five Hundred Thousand Austrians Oppose Two Hundred Thousand of King Peter's Men.

Rome, Dec. 3.—Russia will go to the aid of the hardpressed Serbians, according to advices from Petrograd.

Following evacuation of Belgrade and the subsequent occupation of the former capital by Austrian troops the extent of the Austrian success became more apparent and Serbia's desperate plight is admitted.

Whether the little kingdom, the "storm center" of the days preceding the war, is to be left for Austria to crush completely is the question the allied powers must decide.

Turkish brigands, responding to the call for a "holy war," have invaded southern Serbia and are attacking the troops. One band, armed with two quick firing guns attacked and routed a Serbian detachment guarding a railroad bridge.

With the fall of Belgrade the serious situation of the little country of King Peter is brought prominently before the diplomatic and military authorities of England, France, and Russia. Serbia has appealed to Russia for aid and there is little doubt that, unless troops are furnished King Peter from some source, the victory of the Austrians is only a matter of time.

Opposed to the Serbian army, estimated at about 200,000 men, are probably 500,000 Austrians. The Serbians are also adly in need of equipment. Drained of men and money by the Balkan wars, Serbia entered the present conflict in a crippled condition and her complete subjugation by the Austrians appears inevitable unless assistance is given. The Serbian losses up to the present time will exceed 100,000 in killed, wounded and missing.

LAMAR GETS 2-YEARS.

New York, Dec. 3.—David Lamar, "Wolf of Wall Street," was today found guilty of impersonating a Federal official and immediately sentenced to two years in the Atlanta Federal penitentiary.

SCARE IN BERLIN

Bombs Said to Have Been Dropped on Krupp Gun Works

The Hague, Dec. 3.—All Berlin was excited by a rumor today that a hostile aviator had dropped bombs upon the Krupp factories yesterday.

Some of the bombs are said to have been thrown upon a cannon shed doing considerable damage. The aviator, whose nationality was not learned, escaped.

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LOCAL BREVITIES

The Women's Auxiliary to R. E. Lee Camp of Confederate Veterans will hold their annual oyster supper in Lee Camp Hall tonight.

The Canton will give a drill at the Grace Church fair tonight.

The following contributions are acknowledged by the Belgian Relief Committee: Robert S. Jones, \$20; Willard W. C. T. U., \$3; Mrs. Laura Watkins, merchandise.

Five new members were elected at the regular monthly meeting of the Columbia Steam Fire Engine Company last night.

MURDERER CAPTURED.

Negro Who Killed Hedley K. Lee Arrested, and Hurred to Danville Jail.

Danville, Va., Dec. 3.—Samuel Payne, the negro who killed Hedley K. Lee at Altavista on Saturday, was lodged in the Danville jail, and will be taken to the Lynchburg jail tonight. Famished and worn out at daylight yesterday morning he applied for work on the farm of R. I. Rowland, near Keeling. Rowland gave him work but became suspicious of his identity, and telephoned to the Danville police. Three officers in an automobile left early this afternoon and arrested him. When charged with the crime, the negro confessed, but declared that he had not meant to kill Lee.

NEUTRALITY OF ITALY.

Rome Dec. 3.—"No new fact has intervened to prompt the government to alter its policy of neutrality," said Premier Salandra in his address opening the Italian parliament today.

The speech of the premier as to Italy's attitude was anxiously awaited by the entire country, and the session of parliament which convened today is looked upon as one of the most important in the history of the nation.

He declared that calm reason induced Italy to remain neutral in the war situation, and that this policy would be continued under present conditions.

FRANZ JOSEPH FAILING

London Gets Word That Austrian Emperor is Apparently Near Death.

London, Dec. 3.—Truth says that news has been received privately to the effect that Emperor Francis Joseph of Austria is in a very feeble state of health and it is thought at Vienna that he may die any day and probably quite suddenly.

Emperor Francis Joseph has failed in every way the weekly says, since he hurriedly returned to Vienna from Ischl when the war broke out, and he now is described as being in a miserable state of weakness and depression.

POSITION OF HOLLAND

Fear That Allies Will Compensate Rival if They Win in Conquest

The Dutch have a long tradition of peace, says Arthur Bullard in the Outlook. They have little to gain by a war and much to lose. Much of their industrial life is dependent on the commerce up the Rhine, which of course would be lost if they joined the allies in war against Germany. But of equal, if not greater importance are the overseas possessions. By shrewd and on the whole enlightened administration they have made their colonies in the East and West Indies pay. The densely populated home-land is largely supported by them. And, of course, these rich colonies will be lost if they join Germany against the allies.

Another element in the situation is the traditional jealousy between Belgium and Holland. If the allies win, they will certainly "compensate" Belgium for its heroic role in the war. And the one thing that Belgium wants is that slice of Dutch territory which shuts off Antwerp from the sea. Holland will do its utmost to keep on the very narrow path of neutrality. But it will not be surprising if it is soon forced to take sides.

BRYAN AVERSE TO LIQUOR ELEMENT

Secretary of State Says it Must Be Driven Out of Party.

TO FIGHT FOR PLANK.

Alleges Taking of the Wet Side Caused Defeat of Democrats in Colorado and Ohio Recently.

Washington, Dec. 3.—In a letter to Governor-Elect Thomas C. Rye of Tennessee, just made public, Secretary of State Bryan declares that "the liquor element must be driven out of the Democratic party." The letter attracted attention today in view of Bryan's recent editorial in the Commoner, indicating that a fight will be made for a prohibition plank in the 1916 Democratic platform.

"You will note," Secretary Bryan's letter to Rye said, "that four more States went dry and two more went for woman's suffrage. The taking of the liquor side defeated us in Colorado and Ohio, and a whisky Democrat defeated us in Kansas, because we did not take the wet side.

"The liquor element must be driven out of the Democratic party. It disgraces us when it is with us, and betrays us whenever it can serve its ends by doing so."

Secretary Bryan added that the majority in the new Congress "would look big, but for the fact that we have a larger majority in the present Congress."

"But this larger majority is due," he added, "to a division in the Republican party, now almost healed."

CANCER INCREASE

Deceit Practiced in Municipal Health Reports to Make Good Showing

Jacksonville, Fla., Dec. 3.—Deceits practiced by many American cities so that they may be known as the "healthiest in the United States" were pointed out to the American Public Health Association in session here yesterday by Secretary L. Wilbur director in the New York State Department of Health.

The death rate in many places, Dr. Wilbur said, was arrived at after eliminating the death of all non-residents and those of certain ages. These figures are then cited against the records of cities where all births are counted.

The committee on organization and functions of municipal health departments reported urging the appointment of a new committee to prepare a draft of standard methods for plumbing and house drainage.

The cancer death rate in twenty large American cities has increased from 48.6 to 85.4 per 100,000 population according to a report by Frederick L. Hoffman, life insurance statistician.

CLAIM AGENT SHOT.

Attacked by Car Thief at Covington Early Today

(Special Dispatch to the Gazette)
Richmond, Dec. 3.—General Claim Agent Luther L. Scherer, of the C. and O., was shot by a car thief three miles from Covington at four o'clock this morning. The ball entered the left side above the hip bone and three inches from the spine. Doctors George Ben Johnson and William T. Oppenheimer, hurried from Richmond, on a special train, and operated upon him this afternoon. The wound, while grave, is not necessarily fatal. The assailant was arrested.

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