

THANKSGIVING DAY

President Sets Apart Thursday, November 25

The President yesterday issued the following proclamation:

"It has long been the honored custom of our people to turn in the fruitful autumn of the year in praise and thanksgiving to Almighty God for His many blessings and mercies to us as a nation. The year that is now drawing to a close since we last observed our day of national thanksgiving has been, while a year of discipline because of the mighty forces of war and of change which have disturbed the world, also a year of special blessing for us.

"Another year of peace has been vouchsafed us; another year in which not only to take thought of our duty to ourselves and to mankind, but also to adjust ourselves to the many responsibilities thrust upon us by a world which has involved almost the whole of Europe. We have been able to assert our rights and the rights of mankind without breach of friendship with the great nations with whom we have had to deal and while we have asserted rights we have been able also to perform duty and exercise privileges of succor and helpfulness which should serve to demonstrate our desire to make the offices of friendship the means of truly disinterested and unselfish service. Our ability to serve all who could avail themselves of our services in the midst of crises has been increased by a gracious Providence, by more and more abundant crops; our ample financial resources have enabled us to steady the markets of the world and facilitate necessary movements of commerce which the war might otherwise have rendered impossible; and our people have come more and more to a sober realization of the part they have been called upon to play in a time when all the world is shaken by unparalleled distresses and disasters. The extraordinary circumstances of such a time have done much to quicken our national consciousness and deepen and confirm our confidence in the principles of peace and freedom by which we have always sought to be guided. Out of darkness and perplexity have come firmer counsels of policy and clearer perceptions of the essential welfare of the nation. We have prospered while other people were at war, but our prosperity has been vouchsafed us, we believe, only through the high better performance of our duty which war rendered it impossible for them to perform.

"NOW, THEREFORE, I, WOODROW WILSON, President of the United States of America, do hereby designate Thursday, the 25th of November next as a day of thanksgiving and prayer, and invite the people throughout the land to cease from their wonted occupations and in their several homes and places of worship render thanks to Almighty God.

"IN WITNESS WHEREOF I have hereunto set my hand and caused the seal of the United States to be affixed.

"Done at the City of Washington this twentieth day of October, in the year of our Lord one thousand nine hundred and fifteen, and of the independence of the United States of America the one hundred and forty-ieth.

"WOODROW WILSON,"
By the President:
"ROBERT LANSING, Secretary of State."

CAN BE FINED \$100,000

Bills on Brewing Company's Alleged Misbranding.

Seranton, Pa., Oct. 22.—Indictment covering 20 offenses were returned yesterday by the Federal Grand Jury against the Standard Brewing Company, of this city, for misbranding goods shipped from this city to Birmingham, N. Y. Each is punishable by a fine of \$5000, or \$100,000 total and it is stated that the company will enter a plea of guilty.

It is alleged by the Federal agent that the company has been for years shipping goods to customers in New York State, taking advantage of the minimum car contents weight and minimum tariff on the carload, without reference to the number of barrels shipped or the actual tariff that should have been charged.

KILLED IN BIPLANE FALL

London, Mass., Oct. 22.—J. Chauncey Redding, of Melrose, and Philip Bulmer, of Malden, were killed yesterday by the fall of a biplane in which they were riding. Redding, who was the manager of the Saurer Aviation School, was operating the machine. Redding was his mechanic. The accident apparently was due to the collapse of the wing framework.

Both men were buried to a depth of two feet in the soft mud of a marsh, and were dead when taken out.

FIND BODY IN BUSHES.

Murdered Man Identified as W. R. Hamilton, of Richmond.

Richmond, Oct. 21.—Close to the fence surrounding the Maymont estate near James H. Dooley the body of W. R. Hamilton, 1925 Ashland St., was found yesterday afternoon by several hickory-nut hunters lying half-concealed in the grass bordering the extreme end of Meadow St. From the appearance of the body and the numerous wounds which Detective Sergeant Kellam and Coroner Taylor discovered on it, it is believed the man had been dead for several days. Up to an early hour last night police had been unable to secure any clue as to the identity of the murderer.

Hamilton, a painter, said to be about 51 years old, was struck several blows on the head with a heavy hickory stick. Any one of them would have been sufficient to have caused death, according to Coroner Taylor's statement, made after he had seen the stick, which then bore portions of the brain and a considerable amount of blood on it.

Not only was the man felled and perhaps killed by these blows, but he was stabbed in the neck with a large knife. This weapon Detective Kellam found a short distance from the stick. In addition to this, the murderer stuffed a piece of heavy cloth into the mouth of Hamilton, and jammed it so far down his throat that no portion remained outside the mouth. It was necessary to use a strong pair of pliers to draw the cloth from the man's mouth at the undertaking establishment last night.

DROWNING FOLLOWS FIGHT.

Member of Schooner's Crew Goes Overboard After a Struggle.

Laurel, Del. Oct. 22.—Thirty minutes after the schooner Egrie had left the Laurel Canning Company's wharf at noon Wednesday, James Price, of Washington, D. C., a member of the crew, was drowned in the Laurel River after a fight with Capt. William A. Simmons, of Baltimore. According to Flora Taylor and Harry Crockett, Capt. Simmons was at the wheel and ordered Price to do something. Instead of obeying, Price struck the Captain who, after a fierce struggle, overpowered and threw him overboard.

The Egrie was in tow, and it was several minutes before a boat was sent back. In the meantime officer who had been notified and hundred of person were on the wharf. Capt. Simmons continued to Baltimore.

DENIES LOSS OF TRANSPORT

Berlin Declares Only Merchantmen Have Been Sunk in Baltic

Berlin, Oct. 21.—Denial is given in semi-official statement issued here to the Russian report that six German transports have been sunk in the Baltic.

Only commercial steamers, the statement says, have been sunk, and several of these have been sent to the bottom within Swedish territorial waters. Commercial traffic in the Baltic is said to be going on as usual. During the period of October 1 to 5 it is stated, 1,138 vessels left several ports, exclusive of two important ports from which no statistics are available. The figures do not include coastal fishing vessels.

London, Oct. 21.—Official announcement is made that the total number of British merchant vessels, exclusive of fishermen sunk by submarines to October 14 was 187.

The number of fishing vessels sunk to that time was 175.

FIFTY-TWO PERSONS KILLED.

Terrific Explosion in Munitions Factory in France.

Paris, Oct. 21.—Fifty-two persons are reported to have been killed in an explosion yesterday afternoon in a munitions factory in the Rue de Tolbiac, while 100 or more were injured. Many of the victims were women workers in the factory which was wrecked, as were buildings in the vicinity.

An auto truck was being loaded when workmen accidentally dropped one grenade, causing an explosion which was followed by two others in quick succession.

The explosion destroyed not only the main factory, and other buildings connected with it, but every thing within a radius of 100 yards and damaged buildings 500 yards distant. The explosion was followed by fire, but the flames were soon extinguished.

Of the 41 bodies already recovered, 31 are those of women.

Reports that the explosion was the work of spies were absolutely denied.

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VIRGINIA:
Circuit Court of the City of Alexandria, Clerk's Office, September 25th, 1915.

Adolphus Brooks, Complainant, vs. Janie Quarles Brooks, Defendant.

An affidavit having been duly made, as required by law, that the defendant is a non-resident of the State of Virginia, and that she cannot be found within the jurisdiction of this State, and the Sergeant having made return upon the original process issued herein that the defendant is a non-resident of his bailiwick, and application having been duly made in writing for an order of publication against the defendant for an absolute divorce on the grounds of wilful and voluntary desertion and abandonment for more than three years prior to the institution of this suit, and an order of publication having been duly granted by the Clerk of said court, it is therefore ordered that said defendant do appear here within fifteen days after due publication hereof to answer the suit of complainant against the defendant for an absolute divorce on the grounds of wilful and voluntary desertion and abandonment for more than three years prior to institution of this suit, and to do what may be necessary to protect her interest in this suit. And it is further ordered that a copy of this order be published once a week for four successive weeks in the Alexandria Gazette, a newspaper published in Alexandria City, Va., and that a copy be sent by registered mail by the Clerk of this court to the last known place of address, residence and abode of defendant, to-wit: 1113 Pennsylvania Avenue, Baltimore, Md. as stated in the application for this order of publication which shall be certified by the Clerk of this court and that a copy be posted at the front door of the courthouse of this court on or before the next rule day of this court.

NEVELL S. GREENAWAY, Clerk. Robinson Moncure, P. Q.

Six German merchant steamers have been sunk in the Baltic sea by British submarines, the German admiralty admits.

At a Corporation Court of the City of Alexandria, continued and held at the Courthouse of said City on Monday, September 27th, 1915.

Present Hon. Louis C. Barley, Judge.

Lavinia Bell Curtis, Complainant, vs. William Curtis, Defendant.

An affidavit having been duly made, as required by law, that the defendant is a non-resident of the State of Virginia, and that he cannot be found within the jurisdiction of this State, and the Sergeant having made a return upon the original process or summons issued herein that the defendant is a non-resident of his bailiwick, and application having been duly made in writing in open court for an order of publication against the said defendant to appear and answer a bill in chancery filed by the complainant against the defendant for an absolute divorce on the grounds of wilful and voluntary desertion and abandonment for more than three years prior to the institution of this suit, and an order of publication having been duly granted in open court, it is therefore ordered that said defendant do appear here within 15 days after due publication hereof to answer the suit of complainant against the defendant for an absolute divorce on the grounds of wilful and voluntary desertion and abandonment for more than three years prior to the institution of this suit, and to do what may be necessary to protect his interest in this suit. And it is further ordered that a copy of this order be published once a week for four successive weeks in the Alexandria Gazette, a newspaper published in Alexandria City, Virginia, and that a copy be sent by registered mail by the Clerk of this court to the last known place of address, residence and abode of defendant to-wit: 32nd or Valley Street, between Q and R Streets, N. W., Washington, D. C., as stated in the application for this order of publication which shall be certified by the Clerk of this Court, and that a copy be posted at the front door of the Courthouse of this court on or before the next rule day of this court.

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Oyster Season open, Rammel Cafe.

TO GARNER NUTS FOR OIL.

German School Children to Assist in Conserving National Resources.

In furtherance of the suggestion that school children assist in conserving the national resources by a systematic collection of acorns, horse chestnuts and other nuts that ordinarily go to waste, for the sake of the oils they contain, the Prussian minister of agriculture has just issued a long and minute list of instructions and advice.

This includes a detailed account of the methods to be employed in preserving the nuts until a marketable supply has been collected. The uses to which each variety of nut can be put as a food for animals; the percentage of albuminous and oil contents of each variety, and finally, the market for the nuts and the prices that rule in it.

This market is the newly formed "war commission for plant and animal oils and fats," located in Berlin. Provided one works assiduously enough in collecting nuts there is a tidy bit of pocket money in the labor, for the commission offers 45 marks (\$10.20) for 100 kilograms (220 pounds) of beechnuts, 55 marks for 100 kilograms of dried beechnuts and 140 marks for as many hickory seeds. Dried acorns bring 19 marks per 100 kilograms, crushed acorns 32 marks, dried and shelled acorns 33 marks, dried horse chestnuts 15 marks and crushed and dried horse chestnuts 23 marks.

EXPRESS RATE HEARING

The State Corporation Commission at ten a. m. on Thursday, November fourth, at its offices in Richmond, will hear the application of the Express Companies operating in Virginia for permission to establish the same basis of charge for State traffic on shipments of less than 100 pounds that was ordered by the Interstate Commerce Commission to govern interstate business, and which will bring about an advance in the first-class rates of approximately 5 cents on shipments one to five pounds; four cents, six to twenty-nine pounds; three cents, thirty to forty-nine pounds; two cents, fifty to seventy pounds and one cent over seventy to ninety-nine pounds.

Second-class traffic will be affected only seventy-five per cent of the amount applying on first-class business. No change in rates per hundred pounds is involved. Oct. 19, 22, 26-29

CANDY SUPPLANTS LIQUOR

Milwaukee, Oct. 22.—Candy is supplanting liquor as a beverage to quench the thirst in Western dry States. Leonard Schlitz, nephew of Joseph Schlitz, founder of the famous Schlitz brewery in this city, and who recently resigned as a traveling representative for the brewery to become a candy manufacturer, declares that he discovered on his last trip through the Western States that the use of candy has grown almost double to the decrease in the use of intoxicants. As a result he was instrumental in the organization of a big corporation which will turn out the "sweet" product.

TRIES TO SHOOT A PRIEST

Columbus, Oct. 22.—Angered over an alleged grievance, William Frye, fired two shots at Rev. C. R. Rhode, pastor of Holy Cross Catholic Church as the priest was walking along the street Monday afternoon.

Both bullets missed their mark. Father Rhode sprang upon his assailant and spectators of the shooting assisted in disarming Frye. At the police station Frye's only comment was:

"I tried to make good my word." Rev. Father Rhode told the police Frye was at one time an inmate of an insane asylum.



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