



UNITED STATES MUST PLAY SANTA CLAUS TO WAR ZONE SUFFERERS

Irvin S. Cobb Writes of Awful Conditions He Finds in Europe

BELGIANS ARE STARVING

Sleep in Open Fields, Have Nothing to Eat and No Place to Go

By IRVIN S. COBB [The following story of conditions in Belgium, Germany, France, Holland and England was sent by Irvin S. Cobb of the Saturday Evening Post, to the American Red Cross Society, to be used in bringing home to Americans the urgent need for relief in the countries affected by the great war.]

Recently I have been in four of the countries concerned in the present war—Belgium, France, Germany and England. I was also in Holland, having traversed it from end to end within a week after the fall of Antwerp, when every road coming up out of the south was filled with Belgian refugees.

In Belgium I saw this: Homeless men, women and children by thousands and hundreds of thousands. Many of them had been prosperous, a few had been wealthy, practically all had been comfortable. Now, with scarcely an exception, they stood all upon one common plane of misery. They had lost their homes, their

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No Time Now For U. S. to Extend Olive Branch, Says Dr. Henry Van Dyke

Washington, D. C., Dec. 2.—Conditions in Europe, as viewed by Dr. Henry Van Dyke, American Minister to The Netherlands, were up for discussion at a conference at the White House between President Wilson and the Minister. Dr. Van Dyke had been invited to be the luncheon guest of the President.

Fresh from his observation of conditions generally in Europe, Dr. Van Dyke was ready to give President Wilson first-hand information. The Minister already had discussed the subject with Secretary Bryan.

While denying the report that he was the bearer of a personal letter from Queen Wilhelmina relative to peace, Dr. Van Dyke told the Secretary that the Queen and the people of Holland earnestly desire an early return of peace among the warring European nations.

The present does not appear to be a propitious time to advance definite proposals for terms of peace, however, was made clear by the Minister following his conference with Mr. Bryan. "The desire of the United States for peace," he declared, "is a well-known fact. The decision as to the proper moment for us to act is in the hands of my chiefs. The President and the people of this State can be trusted to determine when that moment arrives."

Offers Self as Martyr to Test Contagion by Cancer Inoculation

New York, Dec. 2.—In a letter to Thomas Mott Osborne, the new warden of Sing Sing prison, a life prisoner in the prison at Auburn, N. Y., offers himself as a sacrifice for inoculation with cancer germs to ascertain whether the disease is contagious. The new warden of Sing Sing prison stated that he knew the prisoner well and vouched fully for his sincerity.

MEXICAN SOLDIER EXECUTED

Vera Cruz, Dec. 2.—The first execution since the Mexican troops have returned here occurred yesterday. It was that of a soldier who was detected in an attempt to steal ammunition.

THE WEATHER

For Harrisburg and vicinity: Continued cloudy, probably rain to-night or Thursday; mild temperature. For Eastern Pennsylvania: Cloudy weather and moderate temperature to-night and Thursday; light to moderate variable winds. River The Susquehanna river and all its branches will remain nearly stationary to-night and Thursday, except the West Branch, which will probably rise slightly. Stage of about 2.2 feet is indicated for Harrisburg Thursday morning.

FRIGHTFUL SLAUGHTER ON BOTH SIDES AS GERMANS CUT THEIR WAY THROUGH RUSSIANS

A CHARGE OF THE LONDON SCOTTISH, MOST FAMOUS OF BRITISH VOLUNTEER REGIMENTS



This is the way the London Scottish charge in the face of the enemy. Time and again they have routed the Germans, until their name has become known all up and down the line of battle reaching from Northeast France to Verdun. The regiment was recruited from men above the average in life, men who were determined to win their way to fame or death. The result of their fame in London has been remarkable. Thousands of volunteers have tried to make it a condition of their enlistment that they be sent to the London Scottish. Had all the applications been taken many regiments might have been formed.

BUDGET MAKERS TO PLAN FOR EXPENSES

City Councilmen Will Meet in a Few Days to Map Out Year's Program

Within the next few days City Council will meet for the first time this year as a budget making committee to begin the planning of the general appropriation ordinance for 1915.

Mayor John K. Royal already has his department budget prepared, Commissioner W. H. Lynch can finish his within twenty-four hours, Commissioner W. L. Gorgas said it would not take him that long, and Commissioners H. F. Bowman and M. Harvey Taylor, public safety and parks and public property, respectively, are busily working on theirs.

That some additional meeting of the budget makers will be watched with no little interest generally, in view of the fact that the mill rate for the new year is due to be fixed. Incidentally the commission form of government for third class cities of Pennsylvania is just one year old.

The Half a Mill

That a half mill will be lopped from the present nine and a half mill rate is the hope of the various councilmen. In the opinion of Commissioner Bowman, it is assured. "We can make the rate nine mills I'm sure," said Mr. Bowman, "and you can say that that's what it will be. The additional expense will be necessary this year, however, is pointed out by some of the commissioners. Accumulated paying liens which amounted to something like \$55,000 and which required interest from year to year has been paid off it is true; but there will be additional money for maintenance needed in practically all departments. One or more new assessors for the triennial assessment next year, more money for the proposed extension of the ornamental lighting system up Second and around Locust streets, additional funds for lighting the river front wall, a new automatic street sweeper—all these

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Miners Asked to Give Xmas Gifts to Families of Striking Fellows

Brideport, Ohio, Dec. 2.—Letters were mailed from headquarters of Subdistrict 5, United Mine Workers of America, here to-day, to every local union of the Mine Workers in the United States and Canada, numbering 2,600, and to every organized labor union in Ohio and West Virginia, approximately 900, asking for donations of money so as to make possible purchase of Christmas presents for the children of the 15,000 striking miners in Eastern Ohio. Unless donations are made it is said that 20,000 children will receive no visit from Santa Claus. The fathers of these children have received \$49 benefits from the miners' organization since the strike was called eight months ago.

LAMAR CASE NEARS CLOSE

New York, Dec. 2.—The government rested this forenoon its case against David Lamar, on trial on an indictment charging him with representing himself as Representative A. Mitchell Palmer with intent to defraud J. P. Morgan & Co. and the United States Steel Corporation. The government's case was closed with the testimony begun yesterday and concluded to-day, of Lewis Cass Ledyard.

GERMANY RELEASES NEED

Washington, D. C., Dec. 2.—On personal representations from President Wilson through Ambassador Gerard, Germany has released Admiral Need, retired, of the British navy, and his wife, who were held military prisoners at a German health resort.

ARREST PORTER WHO ROBBED PARCEL POST

Thefts of Two Years Cleared Up; Accused Confesses; Loot Worth \$1,000

Thefts of parcel post packages and valuable articles from trunks, which for two years have been a mystery to Pennsylvania Railroad station employees, were cleared up to-day.

Frank B. Gottschall, aged 29 years, 921 South Twenty-first street, employed as a baggage porter, was arrested while on duty by Captain of Police P. L. Barclay, of the Pennsylvania Railroad, charged with being the thief. Gottschall confessed and admitted that he had been stealing for two years. The accused was taken before United States Commissioner Wolfe and committed to jail for a hearing in United States Court next month. His bail was fixed at \$1,500.

For more than a year Captain Barclay, Post Office Inspector Lucas, of Harrisburg, and Inspector D. M. O'Neil, of Western Pennsylvania, with Special Officer Thomas M. Collins, of the Pennsylvania Railroad, have been working on the robberies. Previous to the introduction of the parcel post system, many trunks, satchels, dress suit cases were opened and valuable articles stolen.

Gottschall's duties were to receive mail pouches, baggage, etc., from trains, place them on trucks and transfer them to the baggage room on the first and second floors. While making the transfer he got the opportunity to open packages, trunks and suit cases and take what he wanted.

Loot taken included numerous articles of merchandise, jewelry, cutlery, silverware, watches, pipes, leather goods. Much of the loot has been recovered. It is estimated that \$1,000 is the value of the goods.

Promises to Hit the Trail and He Does It

William Simmons, of Lemoine, has hit the trail and not only making good but is working for the salvation of his fellowmen.

This information came to Mayor Royal this morning. Simmons and Mayor Royal met in police court on November 12. Simmons said that on the Saturday he was arrested he had left the Stough meeting and had fallen into the hands of Philistines. Simmons was penitent and asked for leniency.

MAHAN HARVARD CAPTAIN

Cambridge, Mass., Dec. 2.—Edward William Mahan, of Natick, halfback on the Harvard varsity football team, was chosen captain of the 1915 team to-day. Mahan is 22 years old.

TEMPLE BOWDREN DEAD

New York, Dec. 2.—Temple Bowdren, a partner in the firm of J. P. Morgan & Co., died here to-day. He was 51 years old and succeeded his father as a partner in the Morgan firm.

SOLDIER ROBBED P. O.

Walsenburg, Col., Dec. 2.—Burt Howard, a private in Troop F, Fifth United States Cavalry, was arrested here to-day following the theft of \$15,000 from the post office last night.

EARL OF STAIR DEAD

London, Dec. 2, 11:40 a. m.—The death has been announced of John New Dalrymple, eleventh Earl of Stair. His only son and heir, Major Viscount Dalrymple, is at present a prisoner of war in Germany. The Earl of Stair was born in 1848.

MURDERER'S PARENTS SAY HE'S A LUNATIC

Smith's Father Says He Fed Grain of Corn to Five Hundred Chickens

The mother and father of Edward G. Smith on the witness stand this morning declared their son a lunatic.

The testimony of accused youth's parents preceded the alienists in the closing of the defense's case to prove to a Dauphin county jury that Smith is insane and therefore legally unable to defend himself of the charge of murdering his aged grandfather, John E. Bush.

At least a dozen witnesses, including the Commonwealth's effort to refute the defendant's claims and upon the decision of the jury will rest the question of whether or not Smith must face a murder jury.

The boy's father, recounted numerous incidents of the boy's escapades. Once on the Inglenook farm he gathered nearly 500 chickens about him and then threw out a grain of corn at a time—just to see the flock of fowls scamper for it. On another occasion Smith took some of the chickens into the pig-sty and fed them to the pigs.

Nerve Racking Tests Are Strongly Opposed

Chicago, Ill., Dec. 2.—The "surprise test" for the vigilance of locomotive engineers and firemen to discover whether they are on the watch for danger signals is not only dangerous to the men, sapping their health by useless shocks, but it also has the effect of the proverbial cry of "wolf," teaching the engineers to lack respect for such signals, it was testified here to-day in the hearing of the western railroad arbitration case.

SIR GILBERT PARKER ASKS GIBBONS TO AID BELGIANS

Baltimore, Md., Dec. 2.—Cardinal Gibbons to-day received a cablegram from Sir Gilbert Parker, the English novelist, at Maastricht, Holland, appealing to the Cardinal to assist the American commission for Belgian relief in their "staggering task."

DR. BRUMBAUGH TO BE GUEST AT OFFICIAL DINNER

Washington, D. C., Dec. 2.—Governor-elect Brumbaugh, of Pennsylvania, will be introduced to the Pennsylvania delegation in Congress at a dinner to be given here December 7. Speaker Clark and others outside the State will be guests.

CHRISTMAS GIFTS FOR ORPHANS OF SOLDIERS

Genoa, via Rome, Dec. 2, 9:40 a. m.—The American Consul General, Dr. John Edward Jones, has made all arrangements with the proper authorities for the speedy transportation by rail of the American Christmas gifts to the orphans of Austria and Germany.

SHALL STOUGH STAY HERE ANOTHER WEEK?

Question Will Be Decided Soon; Railroad Night at Tabernacle; Budget Nearly Raised

Whether or not Dr. Henry W. Stough, the evangelist, shall be invited to stay a week longer in Harrisburg than his contract calls for will be definitely decided by the campaign executive committee within a week, according to statements made this morning by E. Z. Gross, president of the committee, and E. F. Weaver, executive secretary.

Mr. Gross said this morning that the results of this or the beginning of next week in the evangelistic work will decide the issue. "It may be necessary to call a meeting of the committee Friday or Saturday of this week to decide the question of having Dr. Stough and the party stay another week. At present the matter is undecided, but something definite will certainly be done within four or five days."

Mr. Weaver said that he is sure the issue will come to a head before Saturday. The Rev. W. N. Yates, pastor of the Fourth Street Church of God and president of the co-operating ministerium, when asked what action the ministers will likely take in the matter said that this will not be known until the next conference of the ministerium with Dr. Stough.

Will Meet All Expenses

With about ten days remaining of the campaign as originally planned the financial end is causing the executive committee little concern. To date there remains a little more than \$2,000 to be raised to pay expenses and Mr. Weaver said that although the entire amount was not cleared on "Budget Sunday," November 29, he is sure this end of the campaign will come out right.

To-night will be the big Pennsylvania Railroad men's night, when men from the shops and yards of Harris-

Uniontown Woman Wins Her Fight to Title of Princess of Thurn

London, Dec. 2.—P. M.—The long standing dispute of two American women, Lida Eleanor Fitzgerald and Josephine Moffitt, as to which was entitled to style herself "Princess Victor of Thurn and Taxis," was settled in the Chancery Court to-day in favor of Mrs. Fitzgerald.

The court allowed Mrs. Fitzgerald \$500 damages, gave her the cost of the trial and granted her an injunction against Miss Moffitt. The princess is now serving in the Austrian army.

ROCKEFELLER FOUNDATION BUYS WHEAT FOR BELGIANS

Chicago, Dec. 2.—Purchasing agents of the Rockefeller Foundation bought \$85,000 bushels of wheat in Chicago markets yesterday for relief of the starving Belgians, it was learned to-day. The Belgian Relief Association also bought 500,000 bushels. The wheat will be shipped free of charge to Eastern ports.

FALLS OVER AT MARKET

Michael H. Garland, 51 years old, of West Fairview, fell over this morning in the Verbeke Street Market house, suffering from an attack of vertigo. He was admitted to the Harrisburg hospital.

SCHWAB AND BRYAN TALK SUBMARINES

Secret Conference as to Building of Boats in United States For Belligerents

Washington, Dec. 2.—Secretary Bryan to-day invited Charles M. Schwab, president of the Bethlehem Steel Company, to the State Department and

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Claims of Big Russian Victory Are Challenged by Berlin Authorities

KAISER RUSHES TO AID OF IMPERILED FORCES

Cracow Surrounded, but No Serious Fighting There; Quiet in West

Official reports concerning the campaign in Russian Poland which were available in to-day's dispatches still failed to make clear the confused situation in the East, where for days a great Russian victory has been claimed in unofficial advices from Petrograd and London.

Earl Kitchener's statement in the House of Commons that the Germans had suffered the greatest disaster in their history remained open to challenge by Berlin. It is said that the powerful Teuton armies, driven on the desperate efforts by the peril of their position, have cut their way through solid lines of enveloping Russians. What it has cost has not yet been told, but it is indicated that the Germans, in extreme need, have inflicted enormous losses on the enemy and have in turn paid a terrible price.

If it be true that the Germans have freed themselves from the danger of the Russian defeat in Poland the situation to the north and south is still pictured as menacing for them. The importance of the campaign to the north is indicated by the fact that Emperor William has gone into East Prussia to direct personally the movements against the invading Russians.

Nowhere else is German territory threatened by an invading army, except in a small part of Alsace which has been held by the French since the early days of the war. To the south in Galicia, also, the Russians are reported to be pressing forward victoriously, surrounding Cracow on three sides. The fall of this stronghold might bring to Germany the danger of invasion from this quarter. In the west reports of furious fighting along the Yser canal in Belgium which have been current for the last

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SERVIAN ARMY IN PERIL

London, Dec. 2, 11:10 A. M.—In a dispatch from Sofia, Bulgaria, the correspondent of Reuter's Telegram Company says reports received there indicate that the situation in Serbia is critical. The Serbian army, it is declared, has been withdrawn from Belgrade, and telegraphic communication between Belgrade and Nish, the present location of the capital, has been interrupted.

Wallace Ludonick, of Fulton street, was brought to the Harrisburg hospital this afternoon in a semi-conscious condition. He was picked up along the railroad near the Cove. It is believed he was struck by a train. He is suffering from a possible fracture of the skull.

While operating an elevator in the Ford Sales Company garage this afternoon, Charles Harlackner, 205 South River avenue, sustained a crushed right foot when it was caught between the elevator and the floor. He was taken to the Harrisburg hospital.

Vienna, via London, Dec. 2, 6:47 P. M.—Austrian troops to-day occupied Belgrade, Serbia.

BOY SLAYERS ESCAPE GALLOWS

Houlton, Maine, Dec. 2.—A verdict of manslaughter was returned to-day in the cases of Louis and Herbert Cote, brothers, aged 16 and 14 years, respectively, charged with murdering a playmate, Hartley Webb, last June. Both lads were sentenced to the State School for Boys during their minority.

MANUFACTURER KILLS CLUBMAN

Atlanta, Ga., Dec. 2.—James P. Callaway, a prominent young business and clubman was shot and instantly killed here to-day by W. B. Carhart, president of a shoe manufacturing company. The tragedy occurred in Carhart's apartments in the fashionable residence section of the city. Carhart immediately notified the police and surrendered.

Atlanta, Ga., Dec. 2.—A Verdict of "justifiable homicide" was returned here this afternoon by the coroner's jury after investigating the death of James P. Callaway, prominent broker and clubman who was shot and killed early to-day by W. B. Carhart, president of a local shoe manufacturing company in the Carhart's apartments.

MARRIAGE LICENSES

Charles H. Warner, Berryburg, and Mary E. Tressler, Washington township.