



PIAVE BATTLE LINE IS BROKEN ON WIDE FRONT; 15,000 AUSTRIANS TAKEN CAPTIVE BY ITALIANS

EPIDEMIC DEATH TOLL ESTIMATED AT 500, RAUNICK TELLS COUNCIL

Health Officer to Make Complete Report to City Commissioners at Special Meeting Tomorrow Afternoon

CONFERENCE PLANNED WITH PHYSICIANS October Death Rate From Influenza Is Half as High as That For Entire Twelve Months of 1917

Health Officer J. M. J. Raunick, who made a brief report to-day to Council on the influenza epidemic situation in Harrisburg, will make a complete statement to-morrow afternoon at a special meeting of the commissioners to be held at 4 o'clock.

To-night Dr. Raunick will confer with Dr. B. Franklin Royer, acting state commissioner of health, on the situation in Harrisburg, and he plans to-morrow to confer with as many physicians in the city as possible to get their views and to learn the number of new cases they have had in the last few days.

Dr. Raunick reported in Council to-day that there had been approximately 500 deaths in the city from the epidemic since it started weeks ago, or almost half as many as during the entire year of 1917. Accurate reports of 433 deaths, show that of this number 325 resided in Harrisburg, 55 were from out of town and 52 had not been classified.

Dr. Raunick's statement to-day was submitted to Dr. S. F. Haster, commissioner of public safety, who in turn presented it to Council. The statement follows:

In compliance with your request relative to the present status of the influenza epidemic, beg to advise that epidemic statistics show gradually improved conditions. Considering that the number of deaths thus far for October has been nearly half as great as for the entire year of 1917, we believe the question of rescinding any closing orders should be determined only after a careful review of the situation with representatives of the medical profession, who are in close touch with the present situation.

Theatermen Speak A number of theatrical owners and managers attended the meeting anticipating that Dr. Raunick might give an intimation of the date for opening their places. Dr. Raunick in speaking to Council said he preferred to leave his decision on the opening of places until he had seen more physicians of the city.

A short recess was taken during the meeting to permit the theatrical representatives to give their views. C. Floyd Hopkins acted as spokesman. He told the councilmen that no other institutions had co-operated more heartily but hoped that the closing ban would be lifted soon as conditions here did not seem any worse than in other eastern cities. He explained that the theaters in the state were losing \$100,000 a day while closed, but everywhere agreed to close without protest. Henry Clayton, a noted vaudeville artist, who was scheduled to appear in a local theater a few weeks ago but which

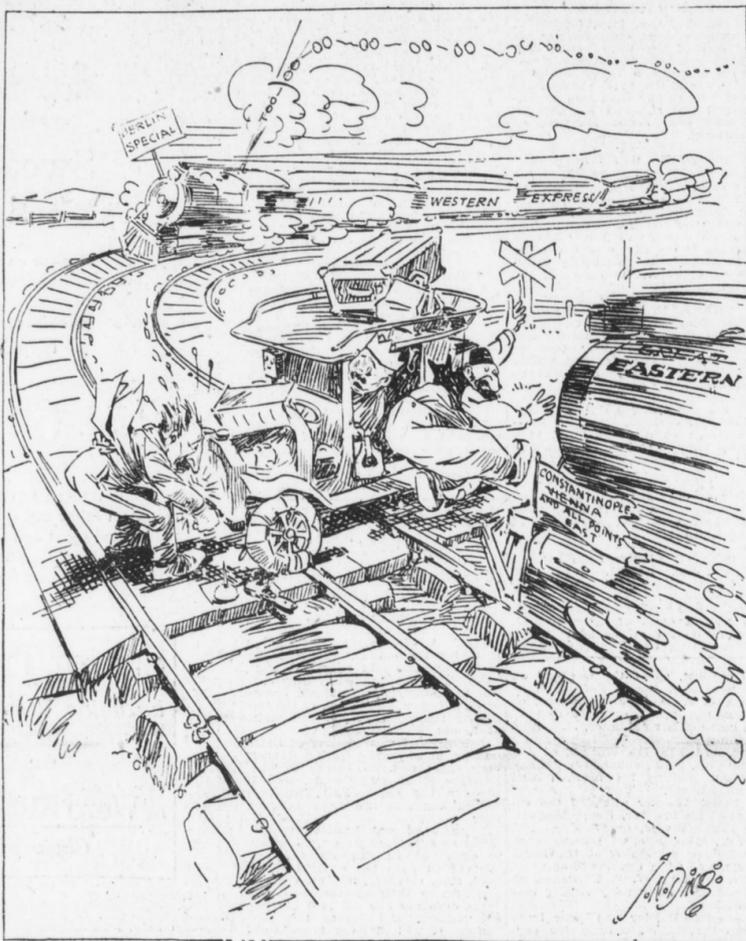
JELLIES, BROTHS AND CUSTARDS BADLY NEEDED JELLIES, broths and custards are needed for the sick of this city. Mrs. E. S. Herman said to-day: "While the epidemic is waning, there are still hundreds in need of assistance. Ten new patients were received at the Emergency Hospital yesterday. Our visiting nurses tell us of hundreds of families requiring attention. The response last week was so generous that I know the good people of Harrisburg will continue their splendid work as long as necessary when they understand conditions."

Call Bell Phone No. 615 and ask for Mrs. Herman.

THE WEATHER For Harrisburg and vicinity: Fair to-night and Wednesday; not much change in temperature. For Eastern Pennsylvania: Fair to-night and Wednesday; cooler to-night in northeast portion; light, variable winds, mostly south.

River The main river will continue to rise slowly. All tributaries will fall slowly or remain nearly stationary, except the Lower West Branch, which will continue to rise slowly to-night. A stage of about 4 1/2 feet is indicated for Harrisburg Wednesday morning.

Passengers Beginning to Get Uneasy



EVERY WARD TO DO ITS SHARE IN BIG WAR DRIVE

House-to-House Campaign to Supplement Industrial Work

Every ward in Harrisburg will be allotted its share of the \$180,000 which the city must raise during the national United War Campaign for \$170,500,000 to be conducted from November 11 to 17, according to the announcement by David E. Tracy, city chairman, at a meeting of the ward leaders of the house-to-house committee at campaign headquarters in the Gilbert store room last evening.

J. William Bowman is working out the quotas for the wards, and expects to announce them within a few days. The quotas will be apportioned according to the population of the wards, and the size of the industrial establishments doing business within their limits.

Plans for the three whirlwind campaigns which will raise the war quotas were announced by E. R. Eckenrode, city chairman, this morning. A special advisory committee will be organized.

City's Streets Must Be Quiet on Halloween Health authorities and police officials have called attention again to the order prohibiting any Halloween celebrations this year, because of the epidemic of influenza. Youngsters in former years took great delight in going out in crowds, fantastically costumed, faces masked, playing mischievous pranks in the neighborhood in which they lived. There will be none of these festivities this year the health officials ruled, as danger of a further spread of the epidemic has not passed. The police have been notified to disperse any crowds which may gather during the next few evenings. The ban has been extended also to any indoor social events and even small entertainments are not to be held health officials requested.

PRESDENT WILL GIVE OUT HUGHES AIRCRAFT REPORT Washington, Oct. 29.—The Hughes aircraft report will be made public as soon as it is received by President Wilson. This announcement was made at the White House yesterday. Thus far the President has not seen the report, but it is expected to be delivered to him within the course of the next three days.

GERMANS STRIVE DESPERATELY TO REPEL INVASION

Work Feverishly to Transform Metz Into Invulnerable Barrier Against Advance

With the American Army Northwest of Verdun, Oct. 29.—Activities along the center of the American front began long before daylight this morning with a furious bombardment. The enemy opened a heavy fire with gas shells at 2.30 o'clock which was changed to high explosives between four and five. The American artillery responded. American patrols were active in Bantheville wood all night.

With the American Army Northwest of Verdun, Oct. 29.—With division after division of troops, machine guns and artillery the enemy is bitterly defending himself west of Verdun. The German army is making its most desperate effort to prevent the Americans breaking through in the vital Verdun sector. It is equally or more fearful that there may be a breach endangering Metz, with the consequent necessity of abandoning all the territory still unoccupied.

Will of Thirteen Words One of Shortest on Record, Filed With Register Miles

One of the shortest wills ever filed in Dauphin county has been probated by Acting Register James G. Miles. It was written February 19, 1915, by Mrs. Emma Schindler and contains thirteen words. The will follows: "After my death I will I have to my husband, August Schindler."

Letters of administration were issued in the following estates: Eugene E. Baptisti, late of the city, to Mrs. Martha H. and W. Arthur Baptisti; Nicholas Negro, late of Steelton, to Mary P. Negro; Guiseppe DiLallo, late of the city, to Harrisburg Trust Company.

MURDER TRIAL MAY BE HELD IN ADAMS CO.

Under Old Act Gettysburg Youths Might Face Jury Here

It is likely that Clarence J. Collins and Charles C. Reinecker, Gettysburg youths who confessed to the murder of George J. Bushman Wednesday, October 15, while en route in Bushman's motorcar from Carlisle to Gettysburg, will be tried in the Adams county courts, under an act of Assembly of 1860, it was said at the District Attorney's office this morning.

By this act if a murder is committed in a conveyance during a journey, the case may be tried in any county traversed during the journey. Thus Dauphin, Adams or Cumberland county may try the case, if it is found the law is applicable. It is felt here that it is, as Bushman was taking Collins and Reinecker on a journey, and his automobile was a conveyance for which he accepted money for hire.

The murder, it is felt, was committed in Cumberland county, at least two miles from the Adams county border. Cumberland county authorities are reported to be of the opinion that inasmuch as the murderers and their victim are residents of Gettysburg, the Adams county courts should try the case. Dauphin county, as the place where the body was found, and as one of the counties included in the journey of the night of the shooting, also could be considered the proper place to handle the case, it was admitted here this morning. The confessed slayers are in the Dauphin county jail.

Raymond F. Topper, District Attorney at Gettysburg, will come to Harrisburg to-morrow and take Collins and Reinecker to the scene of the shooting, which they say was between Mount Holly and Idaville. There is no doubt in the minds of authorities that the place is in Cumberland county. Following the decision, the men will be discharged on no jurisdiction grounds by Alderman Shamer, who will conduct a preliminary hearing. Then it will be up to Adams and Cumberland county to decide the disposal of the case, local authorities say.

TURKEY SEEKS PEACE

London, Oct. 29.—Turkey has independently presented peace proposals to the Entente nations, according to a report from Constantinople forwarded by the correspondent at Copenhagen of the Exchange Telegraph Company. The negotiations are expected to end soon, it is said.

With the American Army Northwest of Verdun, Oct. 29.—Three German airplanes are believed to have been brought down in an aerial battle over Bantheville late Tuesday between an American patrol of eight machines and thirteen Germans.

U. S. IS SUSPICIOUS OF AUSTRIAN PLEA FOR EARLY PEACE

Belief Exists That Dual Monarchy Is Making Last Desperate Effort to Escape Full Consequences of Defeat

KARL REALIZES THE SERIOUS SITUATION

Copenhagen, Oct. 29.—Archduke Joseph has issued a proclamation stating that Emperor Charles has charged him with the task of securing the complete independence of Hungary. The proclamation adds that peace will be aspired to at once and Hungary will join a league of nations, her integrity and unity being the first aim.

Washington, Oct. 29.—Interest in official circles to-day was centered on the new peace note from Austria, reported in press despatches to be on its way to Washington through the Medium of the Swedish government. Though no official announcement has been made, it was considered certain no answer will be made to the latest communication from Germany delivered yesterday to President Wilson. Through the Austrian note, according to the unofficial text, goes farther than have any of the German peace proposals in that it asks the President to begin immediately negotiations for peace and an armistice without awaiting further exchanges with Germany. Many officials saw virtually no signs of the expected break in the alliance of the Central powers. In fact, it is believed the Vienna and Berlin governments are working in harmony and with a full knowledge of the others' action. The belief was based largely on the fact that the actions of Austria have not thus far

URGE CAUTION UNTIL AUSTRIA FINALLY FALLS

Paris, Oct. 29.—"The Capitulation of Austria" is the unvarying refrain of the morning newspapers preceded Count Julius Andrássy's note to President Wilson. The editorials of the newspapers, while accepting this conclusion, urge caution lest there be a hidden snare behind the Austrian offer.

London, Oct. 29.—Austria's reply to President Wilson is viewed here as an unconditional surrender. Although recognized as an event of intrinsically the greatest moment, denoting the breaking up of Hapsburg power, main interest in the situation lies in the effect it inevitably will have on the position of Germany.

caused any visible resentment in Berlin.

Too Bad Shape The statement of the Austrian government that it adhered to the point of view expressed by President Wilson in his last communication upon the rights of the peoples of the dual monarchy and of the Czech-Slovak and Jugoslavians in particular, is the greatest concession that Austria-Hungary could make as considered as reflecting the chaotic conditions in the empire. Emperor Charles, it was said, doubtless realized that conditions cannot long remain as they now are, and accordingly is exerting even more strenuous efforts than his ally to obtain a peace not too onerous or too humiliating.

In regard to this Austrian assertion, it was pointed out that nothing is said about guaranteeing the complete independence of those peoples. It was thought that the President would demand that such guarantee be offered before consenting to transmit the Austrian proposal to the Allies.

"UNANIMOUS FOR BEIDLEMAN" IS BOOSTERS' PLEA

Neighbors Asked to Give Him Majorities in Every Precinct in Dauphin County

The Dauphin County Booster Committee, made up of friends of Senator Beidleman, to-day issued an appeal to the voters of Dauphin county to "make it unanimous for Beidleman" at home. In the spring, just before the primaries, the booster committee issued a similar call with the result that the Senator was given a majority for lieutenant-governor on the Republican ticket in every ward and precinct in the city and county. The committee's appeal in full follows: "Make it unanimous for Beidleman is the slogan of the Dauphin County Booster Committee organized last spring in the interest of Senator Beidleman's candidacy for lieutenant-governor. "The voters of Harrisburg and Dauphin county gave the Senator a

Dr. Prugh Gets 10 Cents Mile to Visit Family and Take Army Vote

The Rev. Dr. B. E. Prugh, chairman of the Prohibition State Committee, to-day received the choice assignment to take the votes of the Pennsylvania soldiers at Fort Leavenworth, Kan. from Governor Brumbaugh. The doctor will start very soon.

A few days ago Dr. Prugh, who is quoted in Democratic National Chairman Vance C. McCormick's newspaper to-day as saying that "election day will see the liquor vote going strong for Sproul," expressed the hope that the Governor would give him the Leavenworth trip so that he could visit members of his family at Kansas City on the way. The doctor will get ten cents a mile as a commissioner to take the vote.

M'NICHOLS NAMED BY GOVERNOR IN PALMER'S PLACE

Will Be Chief Factory Inspector and Acting Head of Department

Walter McNichols, of Scranton, former state senator and one of the supervising inspectors of the State Department of Labor and Industry, was to-day appointed as chief of the bureau of factory inspection and ex-officio acting commissioner of labor and industry during the absence in military service of Colonel John Palmer, who succeeds Lew R. Palmer, of Pittsburgh, who retired last night.

Mr. McNichols will take the oath of office immediately and take charge of the department with which he has been connected for several years. He served in the State Senate from 1911 to 1915. It is probable that he will be acting commissioner and that John H. Walker, of Scranton, will continue as acting chief of the factory inspection bureau, as he was under Palmer while the latter was acting commissioner. The Governor made no statement to-day as to his reasons for calling for Palmer's resignation or Palmer's declaration that he had not resigned, but had been dismissed. The announcement of McNichols' appointment was formal and contained the statement that "under act 257 of 1913 Mr. McNichols becomes acting commissioner."

Mr. Palmer to-day reiterated his declaration that he had not resigned, but had been dismissed. He said he knew of no reason except that he had differed over appointments. The Governor declined to make any statement.

Allies Armies Sweep Forward For Great Gains Despite Austria's Resistance

AMERICAN TROOPS ARE HELD IN RESERVE BY GENERAL DIAZ

With the Allied Forces on the Piave, Oct. 29.—The last lines of the Austro-Hungarian resistance on the central positions along the Piave river were broken to-day by the British, French and Italian forces. The Austrians were dealt a smashing blow. It resulted in the Allies making new advances, pushing forward as far as Vayolla, which was taken by the victorious Italians, notwithstanding desperate resistance.

Allied troops maintain their progress east of the Piave and have taken more than 15,000 prisoners. The Italian, British and French seriously threaten the important railroad point of Conegliano and Oderzo and two of the three railway lines supporting the Austro-Hungarians on the Piave front.

On the western front in France, from the Oise to east of the Meuse Allied pressure continues with gains for the French between the Oise, and the Serre. An intense artillery duel is in progress on the American front northwest of Verdun.

Advance on Front of 30 Miles While the Allies have thrown forces across the Piave on a front of about thirty miles, the heaviest fighting has been along a stretch of seven miles between Conegliano and Oderzo, where the Italians and British have advanced more than three miles, making a formidable wedge in the Austrian positions east of the

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PLANE MAKES 2 MILES A MINUTE IN FLIGHT Pittsburgh—A new record time for an airplane flight between Dayton, Ohio, and Pittsburgh, was claimed to-day by James M. Schoonmaker Jr., who covered the distance of 228 miles in de Havilland battleplane yesterday, in one hour and 45 minutes. An average speed of more than two miles a minute was maintained.

GERMANS STRIKE BACK AT BRITISH TROOPS With the British Armies in France and Belgium, bitter fighting took place to-day near the Mont Thibuy wood northwest of Farnets, southwest of Valenciennes. The Germans counterattacked the British in the woods and latest reports are that parts of the forest are held by both sides.

PROFITS TAXES TO BE EXTENDED Washington—The Senate Finance Committee to-day extended war excess profits taxes, imposed only on corporations in the war revenue bill as it passed the house, to individuals and partnerships in trade or business.

CALLAUX TRIAL SITTINGS BEGIN Paris—Sitting as a high court, the French Senate began its sittings for the trial of ex-Premier Caillaux. Deputy Luis Loustalot and Paul Comby. The accused persons were not present as the proceedings are only preliminary.

GEORGE W. HENSEL DIES AT LYKENS Harrisburg—Word was received here of the death of George W. Hensel, from influenza. He formerly was a clerk in the office of the directors of the poor and a justice of the peace at Lykens, where he made his home. He was well known in city and county official circles, and on a number of occasions performed wedding ceremonies at the courthouse when couples who called for marriage licenses said they were unacquainted in the city and could find no one to marry them.

NO ANSWER TO GERMAN NOTE Washington—Although no official announcement has been made, it was to-day considered certain no answer will be made to the latest communication from Germany.

MARRIAGE LICENSES Paris R. Myer and Margaret B. Greenwood, York. [Continued on Page 12.]