



CLEMENCEAU TELLS OWN STORY OF HOW COTTIN SHOT HIM

France's Premier Says Adversaries Are Poor Shots and Clumsy; His Assailant Great Novel Reader

POLICE OF PARIS WARNED AGAINST ATTEMPT ON LIFE OF WAR LEADER

PARIS, Feb. 20.—"The premier certainly is seriously hurt, his condition is as satisfactory as possible," Georges Mandel, Premier Clemenceau's chief clerk, is quoted as saying early this morning.

PARIS, Feb. 20.—Good news came early to-day from the sick-room of Premier Georges Clemenceau, where he was being attended for the wound inflicted on him yesterday by the anarchist assassin, Emil Cottin.

Nothing definite, however, can be known as to the probable results of the premier's injuries until an X-ray photograph of the wound taken this morning is developed and examined by the doctors. The wound in itself is slight, but necessarily serious for a man as old as he. The physicians, however, say his heart and arteries are young, and they point out that he has been a lifelong abstainer, has not smoked for twenty years, and has followed a careful and healthy life.

WILSON CABLES "TIGER" SYMPATHY

On Board U. S. S. George Washington, Feb. 20.—President Wilson sent the following message of condolence on learning of the attack upon Premier Clemenceau: Lansing, American Mission, Paris: Please convey to Monsieur Clemenceau my heartfelt sympathy and my joy at his escape. I sincerely hope that the report that he was only slightly injured is altogether true. I was deeply shocked by the news of the attack.

RECONSTITUTE NATIONAL GUARD ON OLD BASIS

Adjutant General Beary Issues General Orders For Reorganization

The Pennsylvania National Guard division will be reconstituted when the Keystone Division returns from France in the same form as it was when it went into the Federal service in August, 1917, according to general orders issued to-day by Adjutant General Beary.

The order means that the Guard will consist of the same organizations as far as number and designation are concerned as in the summer of 1917. There will be an authorized strength of about 10,700. The infantry units will be in three brigades of three regiments each.

Republican Club to Give Reception in Honor of Frank A. Smith

The Harrisburg Republican Club will give a reception at the Second street clubhouse this evening in honor of Frank A. Smith, Republican candidate for the State Senate at the special election February 25 to fill the vacancy caused by the elevation of Senator E. E. Beidleman to the lieutenant governorship.

THE WEATHER

For Harrisburg and vicinity: Increasing cloudiness and warmer to-night, followed by snow or rain in early morning; lowest temperature to-night about 28 degrees; Friday rain and warmer.

Wilhelm's Youngest Son, Prince Joachim, Arrested as Plotter, Munich Says

Copenhagen, Feb. 20.—Prince Joachim, of Prussia, youngest son of former Emperor William, has been arrested, according to a dispatch from Munich. The dispatch states his arrest was on suspicion of his being connected with "certain intrigues."

Doesn't Sound as Though He Was Hardly Done Yet



COLONEL GROOME CARRIES HIS CANE ONCE TOO OFTEN

Commander of State Police Is "Called Down" by Sergeant in London

WALKING STICK IS TABOO Fur Collars on Uniforms of Major General Also Goes on Scrap Heap

London, Feb. 20.—Major-General Biddle, commanding American forces in England, has been good-naturedly, but firmly reminded by a sergeant of the military police that he was not conforming to regulations of dress. Like-wise Archbishop C. H. Brent, of Boston, an army chaplain and Colonel John C. Groome, of Pennsylvania, at one time head of the military police in France, have been numbered among many officers that have been "called down" for not adhering strictly to uniform regulations.

No Fur Collars "General, I must inform you that the fur collar that you are wearing is a violation of the uniform regulations," the sergeant said.

Col. Groome's Cane Colonel Groome on coming over from Paris acquired a cane, evidently influenced by the almost universal custom among British officers. When entering headquarters he was told that officers were not allowed to carry canes and when he left he was conforming to regulations.

Colonel Groome is commander of the Pennsylvania State Police and has been serving in France for eighteen months. The colonel always has been known in Harrisburg as a staid figure for regulations and with news of this little episode in London with the cane caused many smiles at the capital.

BIG MILITARY PLANE CAPERS OVER THE CITY

Aviator From Middletown Gives Unannounced Thrill to People in Streets

MORE WILL FOLLOW Machines Assembled at Big Warehouse to Be Tested in Trial Flights

Major S. M. Decker, of the Middletown aviation depot, gave Harrisburg a thrill to-day by circling over the city, looping the loop, and doing hair-raising stunts in a military airplane. Major Decker reached the city this morning in what is said to be the first machine assembled at Middletown which has been tested in the air. He looped the loop and performed several stunts over the northern part of Harrisburg, later looping the loop over the Capitol grounds.

Russ Brothers Purchase Big Typewriter Plant on South Nineteenth Street

The Russ Brothers Ice Cream Company had purchased the large three-story building at Nineteenth and Market streets from the creditors of a defunct typewriter company and it is now being converted into a modern ice cream factory. It was announced to-day. An addition will be built and new machinery will be installed. The building was originally built for a typewriter factory but has never been used. It will be opened in April, officials said.

The present Russ plant at Sixteenth and Walnut streets, has been purchased by George A. Hill, and will be converted into a garage. No consideration on the two sales were made public.

MINE WORKERS MEET GOVERNOR

Harrisburg.—Presidents of the five mine union districts of Pennsylvania, embracing both the hard and soft coal fields, called upon Governor Sproul and Attorney General Shafer this afternoon to urge upon them the adoption of amendments to the workmen's compensation law which they recommend. Roger Dever, of Wilkes-Barre, presented the arguments. The principal changes have to do with disfigurement and the adoption by Pennsylvania of the New York state life clause requiring payment of benefits for life in cases of total disability so that injured men may not become charges on the community.

Philadelphia.—Roy Grover, of Seattle, second baseman, has signed a contract to play this season with the Philadelphia American League Baseball Club, according to an announcement made to-day by Connie Mack, manager of the club. Grover also signed Robert Geary, of Cincinnati, pitcher, who left in the middle of last season to join the army.

MAN WITH RIFLE FINED IN COURT

Harrisburg.—Samuel Doan, 1651 Vernon street, was fined \$5 and damages in police court this afternoon. He shot through the window of Mrs. Harvey Adams, 1665 Thompson street. The bullet shattered the window and hit Mrs. Adams on the leg, inflicting a slight wound. Doan was shooting mark in his yard with a 22-caliber rifle.

GERMANS COMPEL POLES TO RETIRE

Warsaw.—Two German divisions attacked Polish forces west of Posen last Thursday and by the use of gas shells compelled the Poles to retire along the line of Lagod and Nowy Tomysl, 35 miles west of Posen.

PEACE CONFERENCE ADJOURNS

London.—The Peace Conference at Paris has decided to adjourn as a result of the attack upon Premier Clemenceau, says an Exchange Telegraph dispatch from Paris this morning.

MARRIAGE LICENSES

to-day the message adds. Hamilton township; Joseph W. Fisher and Mary M. Downey; Harrisburg; Joseph Driscoll and Gertrude E. Driscoll; Herchberg; Clark W. Sheak and Almeda C. Swartz; Harrisburg; Frank Thannhauser and Anne E. Watts, Dawson; William W. Virtue, Harrisburg; and Katherine E. Culp, Lebanon.

MAY NOT SHIP DEAD OFFICER TO WIFE'S HOME

Lieut. Crockett Must Be Buried at Once For Fear of Contagion

The body of Lieutenant D. H. Crockett, aged 28, who died at the Marsh Run Hospital yesterday, will be buried to-day in the National Cemetery, Gettysburg. Lieutenant Crockett's death was due to anthrax, according to Major Hauff, the surgeon at the Marsh Run army depot hospital. Anthrax is a form of blood poisoning, which developed from an infected wound, he said. Officials would not say how the wound was inflicted.

City Council Sits in Judgment on Police

Council met in special session late this afternoon to decide whether charges against Theodore Macnelli, Edward E. Schmehl and Victor H. Bihl had been sustained by the evidence given at the recent hearings and to take action to dispose of the cases. Commissioners said before the meeting that no vote had been taken at the conference Tuesday afternoon as it was agreed to have the councilmen announce their decisions at an open meeting.

REDS BOMBARD ROTTEROP TOWN

Copenhagen, Feb. 20.—Spartan forces are bombarding the town of Rotterop, in Westphalia, with artillery, according to a message received here from Muenster. Assistance to the defenders of Rotterop is being sent from Muenster, the message adds.

MEXICANS HELD FOR ATTEMPT TO ROB WINDOW

Out of Work Three Cast Brick Through Glass to Reach Jewelry

Another downtown business house was the victim of windowbreakers last night whose apparent intention was robbery. Three Mexicans were held in police court to-day on the charge of breaking the window.

Tausig's jewelry store and pawnshop at 429 Market street, was the scene of the night activities. Antonio Dias, Jose Morales and Miguel Lara are the Mexicans. It is said they have been employed as track hands by the Pennsylvania Railroad Company, and have been retired because of lack of work. They said they contemplate returning to Mexico.

RARE DISEASES MAY APPEAR IN WAKE OF WAR

Returning Soldiers and Imported Laborers Exposed to New Hazards

City Health officials have received a report of a death caused by pallegria, a disease not common in this part of the country and usually found to be prevalent where persons use much rice for food. Dr. J. M. J. Raunick, city health officer, said the Harrisburg Hospital authorities reported that a Mexican died there from the disease.

He explained that during the next few months scattered cases of unusual diseases may develop at times. This will probably be due he said to the discharge of many men from the army who have been in various parts of the country and abroad. He asserted that the Government takes every possible precaution to prevent any disease, and has rigid quarantine regulations always well enforced, but now and then a soldier may be released just at the time a peculiar affliction is developing. He reported that there are a few influenza cases under treatment in various parts of the city, and that about twelve scarlet fever cases have developed recently in scattered districts.

LAWMAKERS GIVE NO THOUGHT TO MAN'S PERSONAL LIBERTY

Taking Away Booze Is Least of Abuses of Free Americans

"Personal liberty!" exclaimed John Newton to-day. "There is no such thing. These fellows who complain that the closing of the bar-rooms is taking away their liberty don't know what they're talking about. They ain't had any liberty since the day they were born."

A Dead Letter?

John Newton figures out that "personal liberty" is a dead letter. His experience with the laws of the state, the city and the nation are those of every man. "Figure it out for yourself," says Newton, who, with the men engaged in the manufacture and consumption of booze, sees the Declaration of Independence as a dead letter.

Life's Difficulties Are Pointed Out by John Newton

ing emphasis to his proclamation by adding "one dollar fine." "In the meantime I was filling my pipe and was striking my match on the wall box nearby," Mr. Newton continued, "when the policeman pounced on me. He informed me that my liberties did not permit me to strike matches on mail boxes." "But that was not the end. We were ordered to move on by the overbearing officer. No loitering at the corners is permitted," he warned. "Mr. Newton said, in relating the story of the infringement of his rights. The adventures of a friend from a cross river town were related by Mr. Newton, to give emphasis to the complaint that he is practicing emphasis to his proclamation by adding "one dollar fine."

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Thieves Make Haul of \$40,000 Worth of Silk; Bandits Fire on Towerman

Seranton, Pa., Feb. 20.—A gang of thieves boarded a Delaware, Lackawanna and Western Railroad westbound freight train as it was leaving East Stroudsburg early this morning, breaking open a car loaded with silk between Gravel Place and Analomink. They dumped out many bales of silk valued at \$40,000, which confederates loaded onto two trucks and made their escape. Fourteen bales were left behind. The towerman at Analomink dropped and locked the gates at the highway crossing against the bandits and, saved his life by falling on the floor when fired on, the bandits detouring into the woods nearby.

Argonne General Denies Allen's Charge; Says Attack Was Against Crack Boches

Washington, Feb. 20.—Major General E. Traub, who commanded the 35th Division in the battle of the Argonne, denied before the House Rules Committee to-day the charges of Governor Allen, of Kansas, that the men of the division, Missourians and Kansans, were sacrificed by failure of artillery support. "We were up against three crack Boche divisions," said the general. "We advanced twelve and a half kilometers on a two or three kilometer front and held it. In the first three hours of the battle we had taken what the French had been up against for four years."

Eight German Ships to Bring Yankees Home

Washington, Feb. 20.—Definite information reached the war department to-day that eight German steamships, including the Imperator, had been allocated to the United States for transporting troops from France. American ships with a total capacity of 130,000 men per month are now being used for the transport service. In March, American bottoms will bring 140,000 men, and in April 145,000. As more cargo ships are converted the American total is expected to pass 200,000 a month during the summer.

LIQUOR DEALERS TARDY

Only one liquor dealer in the county has lifted a 1919 license since the court granted the petitions yesterday. The 1919 license will date from March 1 and county officials said that some of the dealers may delay paying the annual tax until it is determined what action the legislature may take on refunding part of the license charge should the July 1 "dry" order remain in effect.

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