

## SLAV ADVANCE ON THORN MENACES REAR OF GERMAN ARMY MOVING ON WARSAW

### GERMAN CROWN PRINCE AND SON.



Photo by American Press Association.

Slav Northern Wing's Offensive in East Prussia May Save the Polish Capital.

#### BERLIN CLAIMS GAIN.

Petrograd, Dec. 22.—The heavy German column which has been driven across the East Prussian frontier from Miawa, Russian Poland, by the Russians, is spreading out to the east and west, according to reports received here from the front. The purpose of the German movement is to debouch to the right of the entrenched Mazur Lake position and to reinforce the troops in the vicinity of Thorn for protection against the continued Russian advance on the Thorn-Allenstein-Insterburg railroad, which is the main strategic line paralleling the North Poland frontier.

The Russian successes here not only threaten the right of the German Mazur Lake position, but also menace the left wing of the army operations before Warsaw.

#### Fierce Fight at Pilica.

The following statement from the general staff of the Russian commander-in-chief was issued tonight:

"On December 21 on the left bank of the Vistula River, between its lower course and the Pilica River a number of fierce encounters took place. Among these the fighting on the left bank of the Pilica developed particularly.

"In general we repulsed all these attacks, inflicting heavy losses upon the enemy.

"We evacuated only some small positions and fell back toward the East in order to occupy more advantageous positions.

"Our counter attacks resulted in the throwing into the river of the German troops who had crossed the Bzua near Sachaczew. These troops suffered heavy losses in killed. Also we captured nine quick-firing guns.

The situation between the Pilica River and the Upper Vistula River in the region of Skrzynno, where the Austrians, after having crossed the Nida River, were pushed back upon that stream by the bayonet attacks of our troops. Eighteen of their officers and about 1,000 soldiers surrendered.

### Kaiser Wants to Enter Warsaw New Year's Day, He Urges Hindenburg.

Paris, Dec. 22.—The Journal states that after a council with his ministers the Kaiser telegraphed Field Marshal Hindenburg as follows:

"I want to enter Warsaw, my new capital, the first of the year. Do what is necessary."

Von Hindenburg replied: "I will try."

#### Marconi to Be a Senator.

Rome, Dec. 18.—Guglielmo Marconi, the wireless inventor, is among those who will be appointed senators by King Victor Emmanuel on New Year's day. King Victor planned to bestow this honor on the inventor a year ago, but Signor Marconi pointed out the fact that he had not attained the required age—forty years—having been born on April 25, 1874.

#### New Ambassador from Germany Is In Italy

Rome, Dec. 21.—Prince Von Buelow, Germany's new ambassador to Italy, called at the foreign office today and was given a cordial greeting. The new envoy is a general favorite among Italian officials, and it is felt here that he can do more than any other man the Kaiser could send to keep Italy from casting her lot with the allies.

Though it is asserted that Italy intends to maintain neutrality, Italy has made all preparations for war. Financiers declare that the action of the government in extending the banking moratorium until March 31 is highly significant, taken in connection with the fact that the soldiers of the 1892 class have been ordered to stay under the colors, though they were to have been dismissed last week, and that all men of the class now on leave have been called up.

#### Fruits, Nuts and Vegetables.

Again the glad Xmas time is at hand—a special carload of fruits, vegetables, nuts, etc., at low prices. Come and see us.

F. RUNZO,  
13 North 6th St. Opp. Court House

#### Widow of a Conemaugh

##### Engineer Passes Away

Mrs. Susan Jane McCormick, a well-known resident of this place and one of the four persons injured in an automobile accident while on their way to attend the dedication of the new Indiana hospital October 29, died suddenly at her home on North Seventh street on Monday evening. Death was due to a stroke of apoplexy.

Mrs. McCormick was the widow of the late Winfield Scott McCormick of Conemaugh, an engineer on the Pennsylvania railroad, who was killed Sept. 25, 1888, while taking his engine from the roundhouse in Conemaugh. She was a daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Wilkins Evans and was born in Brushvalley township. She was educated in the schools of that district and was united in marriage to Mr. McCormick in 1872. She was the mother of five children, all of whom are dead with the exception of a daughter, Ella, who sustained a broken arm in the automobile accident in which her mother was permanently injured. She was a devoted member of the Presbyterian church of Indiana and a regular attendant at the various services of that congregation. Following the death of her husband Mrs. McCormick and children moved to this place from Conemaugh and resided here since that time.

Owing to the fact that Christmas falls on Friday this year, and our desire to give our employes a vacation on the holiday, we have advanced the day of publication this week to today. 'The Patriot' extends their best holiday greeting to their friends.

#### Christmas at the Postoffice.

On Friday, December 25 (Christmas day), this office will observe the usual holiday hours and will be open from 7 to 10 a. m. in all departments, except the money order department, which will be closed all day.

Carriers will make one delivery and one collection over the entire district in the morning!

All mails will be dispatched as usual.

H. W. FEE, P. M.

#### Dr. Ament Again

##### Normal School Head

Dr. James E. Ament has been re-elected principal of the Indiana State Normal school. Dr. Ament came to Indiana to succeed Dr. D. J. Waller, now principal of the Bloomsburg State Normal school. During this time he has been instrumental in building up one of the greatest normal schools in the East. Dr. Ament is an architect of more than average ability in addition to his scholastic attainments and he is the designer of the handsome improvements to the interior of the main building, the annex to that building, which adjoins the dining hall, and the north hall addition which will be formally opened with the winter term. He also designed the power plant situated east of the campus.

#### A Well-Known Indiana

##### Attorney Has Pneumonia

Attorney Harry W. Earhart, formerly a well-known athlete and marksman, who was injured a few weeks ago by a fall from the roof of his home, is in a serious condition from an attack of pneumonia.

#### Sink Bad Negro in

##### Creek With a Stone

Ruleville, Miss., Dec. 22.—Ruleville stepped upon the map today with one of the most novel ways ever devised of lynching, when a mob took Tom Smith, a negro from the city jail, drove him four miles to a deep hole in a creek, tied a rock around his neck and threw him in. Smith was held on a charge of mayhem for biting off John King's chin in a fight. King was a planter and a white man.

#### Judge Dissatisfied With Verdict

Poughkeepsie, N. Y., Dec. 20.—Supreme Court Justice Morschauser, who presided at the trial of William Cleary at New City, N. Y., said in a statement made today that the verdict of acquittal rendered by the jury did not accord with his views of the case. "I was not satisfied with the verdict," said the justice. "I had to accept it and respect it, but it did not accord with my views. There may have been a reasonable doubt as to the degree of crime of the defendant's guilt, but murder is murder, call it by whatever name you will"

#### Find Man Dead in

##### Shanty Near Homer

John Rhoads, aged sixty, was found dead in a shanty near the home of Joseph Mazza at Homer City. Coroner H. B. Buterbaugh announced that death had been due to natural causes and had evidently occurred about three days before the body was found. Rhoads had not been seen for several days and when searchers entered his home the body was found

#### List of Letters

Remaining uncalled for in the Indiana office December 19:

Mrs. Ada Alien, Pesse Geadiono, E. E. Hewitt, Mrs. J. E. Kline, Rev. C. P. Marshall, Miss Helen Muncy, Ida Pelleschi, W. A. Pryde, Miss Theresa Schultz, Grant Shank, M. J. Simpson, Miss Laura Stuchell, R. A. Swasy, Mrs. Isabell Writz.

When inquiring for letters in this list please state that they were advertised, giving date.

HARRY W. FEE, P. M.

#### Employment for 700

##### Kane Glassworkers

Kane, Pa., Dec. 22.—After being closed for two months the plant of the American Plate Glass company at James City resumed operations in full today, giving employment to 700 men. Sufficient orders are on hand, it is said, to insure operations for eight months

#### An Old Larch Tree.

Italy can boast of a larch tree the age of which is estimated to be 2,000 years. It is situated on the northern bank of Mont Chetip in the direction of the huts of Pian Veni, above Courmayeur, a few steps from the footpath that skirts the limits of the meadow land. Due allowance being made for the extreme slowness with which the larch grows, for the altitude above sea level (1,650 meters) at which it is rooted and for its northerly exposure in the near neighborhood of the glacier, where the cycle of its development is barely five months every year, this venerable larch, untouched alike by woodman's ax and thunderbolt, cannot be less than 2,000 years old.—Scotsman.

## Acquittal in a Murder trial

### Jury Decides That Mason Didn't Kill His Relative.

#### HAS TO SERVE YEAR IN PEN

A verdict of "not guilty" was returned in criminal court here on Tuesday in the puzzling murder case of Samuel Mason, of Strangford, charged with the killing of his brother-in-law, John Roof, of Homer City, the evening of Nov. 23. Mason was alleged to have shot his brother-in-law and then placed the body on the Pennsylvania railroad tracks, where it was found a few minutes after the shooting in a mangled condition, a train having passed over it.

Mason and Roof married sisters the name of Starry. Mason, who lived at Strangford, came to Homer City to talk over domestic troubles with Roof. He left the Roof home that evening, about 8 o'clock accompanied by Roof, who was going to the station with him. A shot was heard a short time later and Mason appeared at Roof's home and said that Roof had been hurt. Persons attracted by the shot found Roof's mangled body on the railroad tracks with a bullet hole in his head.

Mason was arrested and as a result of the coroner's inquest was held responsible for the death of Roof. Mason declared that he had attempted to commit suicide and that Roof in an effort to take the weapon from him had been accidentally shot; that Roof's body fell across the railroad tracks and was run over by a passenger train while Mason was momentarily absent in hunt of aid for Roof. The testimony showed that there had been no quarrel between Mason and Roof and that the brief time elapsing between the shooting of Roof and the passing of the train over his body made it practically impossible for Mason to have placed the body on the railroad tracks and to have been at Roof's house, some distance away when the train passed.

After his discharge Mason was re-arrested by Sheriff Jeffries on a charge of carrying concealed weapons and of this charge he pleaded guilty and was sentenced by Judge Telford to one year of imprisonment to the Workhouse.

#### The Periscope.

Permit me to introduce myself to the public generally. Modest and retiring both by nature and occupation, I have hitherto refrained from obtruding myself upon the attention of the multitude.

My name is Periscope. My principal object in life is to rise to every necessary occasion. When this demands my more or less immediate presence I occupy myself by holding up the mirror, not to nature, but to the enemy. Like an occasional idea which renders superfluous old systems of philosophy, I have come to render superfluous an entire cycle of inventions. I am the last triumph of mind over matter. I reflect, and a thousand men go down to their fate. Within the blue zone of my horizon, subject to my orders, sits the angel of death.

I am the naval eye that put the naught in Dreadnought.—Life.

Advertise in The Patriot.

## Three Bands to Furnish Music for Xmas Tree Celebration

The committee composed of members of the Chamber of Commerce and New Century Club having in charge the Municipal Christmas Tree Celebration Wednesday announced the program that will be given at the first celebration on Christmas evening. The program for the New Year's Eve celebration will be announced later. The program for Friday evening follows:

6:55 p. m. All the church bells will ring for five minutes.

7:00. The lights will flash on the tree and a quartet of trombones will break into the first strain of "Joy to the World."

The union choirs and the audience will join in singing "Joy to the World."

Invocation, Rev. J. Calvitte Clarke, pastor of the Christian church.

Choir and audience will sing "Holy Night."

The pupils from the public and model schools will sing three Christmas carols.

Address of welcome to the Italians, Rev. Joseph Sanna.

Native airs by the Italian band of Lucerne.

Three-minute Christmas greeting, the Very Rev. N. P. McNelis.

Native airs by Slavish band.

Audience and choir joining in the singing of Christmas hymns, such as "O, Little Town of Bethlehem."

Everyone joining in the singing of "America."

There are lot of popcorn and cranberries and a multitude of Christmas tree decorations and the first Municipal tree for Indiana will present a beautiful sight. A string of electric lights from the four corners of the square, meeting at the top of the tree in a brilliant white star, will form the principal decoration and scattered through the branches will be 76 colored lights, the strings of popcorn, cranberries and the other decorations.

It is going to be a beautiful sight and one that not a person in Indiana should miss. The success of the first tree now seems assured and it is hoped that it will be a permanent affair and one that will be eagerly looked forward to by everyone.

#### Fires in the Philippines.

The fighting of fires in the dry season is a grave problem in the cities and pueblos of the Philippine Islands. House construction is light, the roofs being made from nipa palm leaves, the framework of bamboo and the sides of either nipa or sawall—a woven product of certain species of bamboo. When this material has been exposed continuously to the sun for several months it becomes as inflammable as tinder. Fires that break out in the nipa districts always gain great headway before any kind of an alarm can be sent in even where there is a fire department. Fires in such districts spread with great rapidity. In thickly populated areas it is not uncommon for a fire to burn several hundred houses before it is stopped.