

ALLIED MONITORS SHELLING WESTENDE NOW

FRENCH ATTACK GERMANY'S LINE

But There Are No Details Yet as to What the Outcome is There.

BELGIANS ARE KILLED On the Eastern Front Russian Detachments Are Reported as Repulsed.

BERLIN, Dec. 28.—An offensive movement by the French, who have attacked the German line at Hirsztain, is announced by German army headquarters in today's official statement. Details regarding the outcome of the attack are lacking, the statement adds. Allied monitors have shelled Westende on the Belgian coast, three residents being killed, two of whom were women, it is declared. Train movements at Sollessens station were stopped by German artillery fire. On the eastern front the repulse of Russian reconnoitering detachments on the Beresina, northwest of Czartorysk, and near Berestany, is reported.

ARTILLERY ENGAGEMENT OVER THE WHOLE FRONT

PARIS, Dec. 28.—An artillery engagement of great activity over the whole front in the Vosges was reported in the communication this afternoon from the war office.

The statement follows: "In the Vosges there is intense activity on the part of the artillery over the whole front. At Hartmannsweilerkopf on the southeastern slope of the hill at Rohlfelsen an attempt of the enemy to make a sortie from its trenches was arrested by a curtain of fire."

SIXTEEN DAYS

On the Road Gang and Costs of the Case is Sentence Given Polly.

P. A. Polly, who recently escaped from the county road gang, was tried for the offense in Magistrate Carter's court Monday night and was sentenced to serve sixty days on the road gang and pay the costs. Polly was at liberty twelve hours and must serve sixty days for twelve hours' liberty.

He escaped from the road gang in the jail yard one morning before it started out for the day's work and was captured by deputies and members of the local police force at Grassell the same evening.

Magistrate Carter spent Tuesday pondering over the claim of the sheriff that Polly be required to pay or work out the amount of the reward offered by the sheriff for his recapture, as well as other expenses incurred by the sheriff in his efforts to locate the man. This momentous question may finally be decided by the magistrate tonight or not later than the end of the week.

ORE SOARS

In Price as Shown by the Competitive Bidding in the State of Colorado.

BOULDER, Colo., Dec. 28.—Competitive bidding today brought offers of \$48 and \$49 per unit for sixty per cent tungsten ore as compared with \$5.80 last April. At that time the first increase brought the price to \$7 per unit and in the intervening months it has made steady advances. Two buyers placed the schedule for sixty per cent ore at \$47.50 a unit, making the ore worth \$2,850 a ton.

AUSTRIA'S REPLY MAY BRING ABOUT RUPTURE

Of a Diplomatic Kind with the United States is Opinion Expressed in Vienna.

PARIS, Dec. 28.—Unconfirmed advice from Vienna, as published by the Petit Journal, says the impression prevails in Austro-Hungarian governmental circles that the forthcoming reply to the second American note regarding the Ancona incident will bring about a diplomatic rupture between the two nations. The Petit Journal's despatch forwarded from Geneva says: "According to advices from Vienna the Austro-Hungarian answer to the American note was the subject of a long discussion Sunday night between Premier Tisza, of Hungary, and the Austro-Hungarian foreign minister, Baron von Burián. The foreign minister also conferred with Dr. C. T. Dumba, former Austro-Hungarian ambassador at Washington.

Although no definite decision has yet been reached the impression in governmental circles is that the answer will bring about a diplomatic rupture."

IRISH POET

And Lecturer of Renown Will Appear at St. Mary's High School January 13.

Seumas MacManus, of Donegal, Ireland, the famous Irish poet and lecturer, is coming to Clarksburg and will appear at the St. Mary's high school auditorium Thursday, January 13, when he will give one of his best entertainments, "A Merry Ramble Round Ireland," illustrated with 100 beautiful colored views.

Here are what some prominent people say about his work: "Never in my experience have I heard a more wonderful story-telling," Judge Ben Lindsey. "Don't miss the delight of hearing Seumas MacManus tell stories—such stories," Dr. Washington Gladden. "His large audiences were delighted and touched. His pictures charmed and instructed, and his folk-tales held the hearers spell-bound," Prof. Beale, of Harvard University. "No lectures at the university in recent years have given more general satisfaction than those of Seumas MacManus last week," Prof. Potts, of University of Texas. "MacManus captivated our large audience," S. W. Smith, general secretary Young Men's Christian Association, New Kensington, Pa.

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MINISTER LONG ILL

A message received here Monday night stated that the Rev. W. M. Long, former pastor of the Central Christian church here, is very ill at his home at Beechview, Pa., and it contained a request that Dr. Gaston, of this city, go to his bedside. Dr. Gaston left immediately. Mr. Long has pneumonia of a week's duration and his condition is very grave.

ELKS WILL MEET

A regular meeting of the Elks' lodge will be held at 8 o'clock tonight.

HOUSE AND OTHERS SAILING FOR EUROPE

Captain Boy-Ed Who is on Board Denounces Reckless Utterances of Press.

NEW YORK, Dec. 28.—Captain Boy-Ed, the recalled German naval attaché; Colonel Edward M. House, President Wilson's special emissary, and Brand Whitlock, American minister at Brussels, boarded the steamship Rotterdam within a few minutes of each other today to sail for Europe. Col. House and Mr. Whitlock were uncommunicative; but Captain Boy-Ed gave out a written statement in which he denounced as "the reckless utterances of an irresponsible press," and predicted that the American government would "in self defense" some day find it necessary to curb such utterances.

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INVENTORY

Is Being Taken by Officials of the United Woolen Mills Company.

Henry Hensch, treasurer of the United Woolen Mills Company, and Daniel Bloch, Jr., manager of the Parkersburg store, are in Fairmont today conducting the annual inventory of the stock of the Fairmont store of the United. They will come to Clarksburg this evening on similar business. The business of the United Woolen Mills Company for the year just ending has broken all previous records for volume, and the prospects for 1916 are even brighter. In addition to its already large string of branches, the company will open another store at 535-538 Smithfield street, Pittsburgh, having secured a twenty-year lease on this building, possession of which will be obtained May 1.

STEAMER STOPPED

But after Mail and Parcels Are Removed by British It is Released.

NEW YORK, Dec. 28.—The steamer United States, which arrived today from Scandinavian ports, reported that on December 13 it was stopped east of the Shetland Isles by a British cruiser and taken to Greenock for examination. There the British removed 1,961 small parcels and 930 parcel post packages. The steamer was released on the eighteenth.

Advice from Amsterdam, the news agency also states, are that British authorities took from the steamer Tubantia, a Dutch vessel plying between the Amsterdam and South American ports, all the South American mail for Holland it had on board.

AMERICAN MAIL IS TAKEN FROM TWO STEAMSHIPS

BERLIN, Dec. 28.—Seizure by the British government of American mail from two steamships on their way to Holland is reported in a Rotterdam despatch given out today by the Overseas News Agency.

PASSES ARRIVE

GRAFTON, Dec. 28.—The passes for the Baltimore and Ohio Railroad Company for 1916 have nearly all arrived and only a few of the employees on the divisions which meet at Grafton, have failed to receive them. The passes are about the same as usual excepting a slight difference in the color of the cardboard as an aid to conductors and train auditors.

EDWARDS FUNERAL

Tuesday morning from his home in the suburbs of Brooklyn, N. Y., was held the funeral of the late Colonel William Seymour Edwards, of this state, who died at Johns Hopkins hospital, Baltimore, about 4 o'clock Sunday afternoon. Interment was made at Greenwood cemetery, Brooklyn. The death of Colonel Edwards followed an illness of

H. C. Sanderson is here from Elkins. P. D. Sheppard, of Parkersburg, is transacting business here.

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LOCAL FARMERS ATTEND COLLEGE

Farmers' Week at the College of Agriculture Takes Many to Morgantown.

Practically every county in the state will have at least one representative at the College of Agriculture at Morgantown next Monday, January 3, when Farmers' Week activities begin. Many counties will have delegations of fifty or more farmers and a total of nearly one thousand is expected. Special arrangements have been made at Morgantown to provide accommodations for the visitors and a program filled to overflowing with interesting lectures and demonstrations and instructive exhibits and entertainment features, has been arranged.

A number of the foremost agriculturists of the United States will be present and take part in the program. Among the best known are Charles E. Thorne, director of the Ohio experiment station; Prof. Alva A. Auer, formerly of the Pennsylvania college of agriculture and now director of agricultural extension in New Jersey; Dr. Bradford Knapp, of the United States department of agriculture; Dr. John Lee Coulter, dean of the college of agriculture; W. D. Zinn, L. W. Lighty, S. W. Moore, and more than a dozen others.

The annual sessions of the state horticultural society and the state livestock association will take many special visitors to the college and the work for the boys and girls of the agricultural clubs, who won free trips, will also add materially to the total number of visitors.

FUCCY FUNERAL

Funeral services over the body of Mrs. Rosina Fuccy, wife of Dominick Fuccy, a well known contractor of Weston, who died in a local hospital Monday afternoon, will be held at 10:30 o'clock Wednesday morning at St. Patrick's Catholic church at Weston. The Rev. J. J. Swint and the Rev. Daniel Murphy will have charge of the services and the burial will be in a Weston cemetery.

MOUNT CLARE MURMURINGS

Events of the Community Are Set Down by a Telegram Correspondent.

MT. CLARE, Dec. 28.—The Methodist Protestant Sunday school of Mt. Clare gave a pretty Christmas entertainment in their church Christmas eve, which was largely attended. The program rendered by the little girls of the school, and consisting chiefly of songs, was short, but appropriate for the occasion. Besides the private gifts which were suspended from the beautifully decorated tree, "Santa" passed up and down the crowded aisles with well filled baskets containing dainties for all the little folks, both to their joy and amusement. Christmas day was ushered in at midnight with a heavy bombardment of the town by dynamite bombs and all other combustible material that would make a noise. But for John Barrycorn Christmas would have passed off in a very quiet manner, but through the kindness of several bootleggers some of our best (?) citizens had taken on a double portion of the modern Christmas spirit to the detriment of the good morals of our town. The prevailing conditions are becoming so intolerable in this section that if not remedied soon that a demand may be made to have the prohibition amendment submitted to a vote of the people with a view to restoring the saloon, as it is generally remarked that more whiskey, and a very bad grade at that, is being carried here in suit cases now than was shipped and otherwise brought here before the amendment went into effect eighteen months ago. Another bad feature is the booter pays more than twice as much as he did before, and for a much inferior grade of booze.

Mrs. E. G. Vincent, whose illness was reported two weeks ago, is still very poorly. Mrs. Clarence Vincent is still very ill of pneumonia. D. F. Morgan, who has been very ill for several months is now somewhat improved.

Miss Geraldine Bassel is able to be out again after undergoing a severe case of tonsillitis.

Baltzer Crimer, who has been confined to his room for several days with a severe attack of tonsillitis, is able to be out.

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DOOR OPEN

Merchants Policeman Richard C. Brooks found the door of a business house on West Main street open Monday night, while he was making his rounds. An investigation revealed no intruder, and the officer closed the door.

BABY McADOO SMILES AT CAMERA MAN



Baby McAdoo latest picture.

When little Miss Ellen Wilson McAdoo, daughter of the secretary of the treasury and granddaughter of President Wilson, had her photograph taken a few days ago it wasn't necessary for the camera man to ask her to smile, please. She was so full of good will and Christmas cheer that she couldn't keep from looking pleasant. Baby McAdoo is seven months old and was christened on the day of her grandfather's wedding.

ATTORNEYS ARRIVING FOR STATE MEETING

Of the West Virginia Bar Association Here Tomorrow and Thursday.

Lawyers of the state began arriving here Tuesday for the thirty-first annual convention of the West Virginia Bar Association, which is to be held here Wednesday and Thursday. Among the first to arrive were Judge George Poffenbarger, of the state supreme court, who came here from his former home at Point Pleasant; former Congressman James A. Hughes, of Huntington; A. A. Lilly, attorney general of the state; John L. Whitten, of Point Pleasant; Thomas J. Davis, of Huntington; and F. N. Alderson, of Richwood.

Paper on Debt Sunk. Features of the convention will be an address on the Virginia debt case of this state by Judge Thomas P. Jacobs, of New Martinsville; an address by Judge George W. Atkinson, of the United States court of claims in Washington, D. C.; and the report of the committee on legal education by R. R. Spillman, of Charleston. The sessions are to be held in the assembly hall of the Waldo hotel.

The program in full for the meeting is as follows: Morning and People. The morning session Wednesday will be opened by the address of the president, J. W. Underwood, of Parkersburg, his subject being "The Lawyer and the People." This will be followed by a general discussion of the same subject.

Charles G. Goffman, chairman of the committee on admission, will make his report and this will be followed by the election of new members; the appointment of a committee on nominations; the appointment of the auditing committee; reports of the secretary and treasurer; and the reading of a paper by Judge Thomas P. Jacobs, of New Martinsville, on the question, "Has the Supreme Court of the United States the Power to Enforce the Decision against West Virginia in What is Known as the Debt Case?"

Paper on Contempt. The report of the executive council will be made by W. F. Willey, chairman, at the beginning of the afternoon session. This will be followed by a paper on "Construction Contempt," by John C. Palmer, of Wheeling; the report of the committee on nominations; the election of officers, members of the executive council, and delegates to the American Bar Association; the choice of the next annual meeting place; and the report of the committee on judicial administration and legal reform, by B. M. Ambler, chairman.

An address on "Law and Morals" will be delivered in the evening by Roscoe Pound.

The program for the morning session Thursday includes the following: Paper—"The Lawyer as a Public Official"—Andrew Price, of Marlinton. Committee Report.

Report of committee on grievances, Thomas P. Jacobs, chairman. Report of committee on legal education, R. R. Spillman, chairman.

Report of committee on legal biography, Andrew Price, chairman. Report of committee on banquet, E.

BREAK SEEMS SURE TO COME

As Austria Will Not Meet the Demands of United States in Ancona Note. CAN BE NO DISCUSSION

Teutonic Diplomatic Circles Are Prepared, It is Said, for Severance of Relations.

WASHINGTON, Dec. 28.—Austria, according to unofficial information received in authoritative quarters here today, will not meet the demands of the United States in its forthcoming reply to the Ancona note, and Teutonic diplomatic circles are represented as being prepared for a severance of diplomatic relations. Although the state department so far has received from Ambassador Penfield at Vienna no forecast of the reply it was understood that unless some excellent reason for continuing diplomatic correspondence on the subject was presented, no course seemed to remain but to break up relations.

The position of the state department is that there can be no discussion over the official admissions of the Austrian admiralty, which form the basis of the correspondence unless Austria denies the accuracy of that statement. That, however, is regarded as being extremely unlikely as the admiralty statement was forwarded by the foreign office to the United States for its information.

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TEN YEARS

For Beverly Who Killed Mattie Harris at Bridgeport July 15 Last.

J. L. Beverly was sentenced Tuesday in the criminal court here by Judge James W. Robinson to serve ten years in the penitentiary for killing Mattie Harris at Bridgeport July 15 last.

He took was given two months and \$100 fine for a liquor violation but an order of suspension was entered pending the taking of an appeal.

Dewey Dougherty, who confessed to a misdemeanor at a former term and who was on parole was brought before the court and sentenced to the West Virginia Industrial School for Boys.

"Jim" Johnson, convicted at this term of the court of a liquor violation and out on bond, failed to appear thus forfeiting his bond and a capias was issued.

An order requiring Henry Perkins to work on the roads was revoked on account of his physical condition.

INDUSTRIAL PLAN

Convention of Miners and Mine Officials is Begun in City of Pueblo, Colo.

PUEBLO, Colo., Dec. 28.—Miners' representatives and officials of the Colorado Fuel and Iron Company convened today in the first annual meeting under the Rockefeller industrial plan. Under this system adopted by the men in October two representatives from each camp are selected by the miners to participate in the conference.

The company's representatives are President J. F. Welborn, nine members of the advisory committee and the camp superintendents.

PEACE EXPEDITION CAUSES A TUMULT

With Nearly 1,000 Citizens of City of Stockholm Attending the Meeting.

STOCKHOLM, via London, Dec. 28.—The public meeting held last night under the auspices of the Peace expedition is characterized here as the most enthusiastic demonstration for peace that Europe has seen since the war began. Nearly a thousand citizens at Stockholm attended. Every mention of an early end to the war provoked prolonged applause.

When Louis Lochner, secretary of the expedition, announced that the executive committee had secret information that certain ones of the belligerent nations were willing to negotiate for peace, the meeting became tumultuous. "It would save the world," said Mr. Lochner, "if we made known at this time what intentions are at work for peace. This information has been in the possession of the executive committee of the expedition ever since we sailed from New York. It was the real encouragement behind the expedition. We have every assurance that the project will meet with favor although it cannot be said that the time has come when it is behind the main door."

Travelers returning from northern Italy say that in consequence of the terrible methods of the police all the people of Italy are panic-stricken. There is a general dislike of the war and it is said that it only the right man were at the head of the government Italy would make peace in spite of the London agreement. "Another sensational rumor which is generally believed is that a general who is an intimate of the king, has been shot for maintaining relations with the enemy."

Miss Alva Blackburn, of Memphis, Tenn., is visiting Mrs. Glaze Brickline at her home, Mrs. John Craig's on Mulberry street.