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THE SOLVAY PLANT NOW RUINED HEAP

Works Near the Bruges Ship Canal Destroyed Under Fire of British Warships

MUCH DAMAGE TO ZEEBRUGGE CITY

Coast Guard Building and Public Schools Destroyed—Military Trains at Solvay Works Blown to Fragments During the Bombardment

By Associated Press.

London, Nov. 25, 3.35 A. M.—"Germany's scheme to establish a naval base at Zeerbrugge has been thwarted by British warships," says the "Daily Mail's" Rotterdam correspondent. "Zeebrugge is burning, the Solvay works near the Bruges ship canal are a heap of ruins and the sections of six submarine boats which had been brought there are reduced to twisted iron. A large quantity of stores also were destroyed.

"The bombardment lasted from 2 o'clock until 5 o'clock Monday afternoon. The coast guard building and the public schools were destroyed. The military trains at the Solvay works were blown to fragments and a large crane which was being used for putting the submarines together simply disappeared.

"In desperation the Germans tried to remove their stores, including the apparatus for making hydrogen for Zeppelins, to Bruges, but found a section of the railway had been blown up.

"For several weeks Germany had been collecting stores at and fortifying Zeebrugge in the hope of making it a strong naval base."

The same interests that operated the Solvay plant destroyed at Zeebrugge also control the coke plant at Steelton, which supplies gas in this city through the Harrisburg Gas Company.

GERMANS TO SINK KARLSRUHE RATHER THAN GIVE UP VESSEL

New Orleans, Nov. 25.—Officers and the crew of the German cruiser Karlsruhe have sworn to sink their vessel rather than surrender if cornered by hostile warships, according to Charles T. Torraen, a chemist of Baton Rouge, La., who was a passenger on the steamer Van Dyck, which fell a prize to the commerce destroyer October 26. Torraen, who reached here last night from Para, Brazil, said he learned of the Germans' purpose from members of the crew.

Torraen said he was landed at Para from the German steamer Asuncion with passengers and crews of five vessels captured by the German warship late in October.

LATE WAR NEWS SUMMARY

Reports from Russian sources during the last two days of an imposing victory in the war with Austria and Germany are at variance with an official statement to-day from Berlin. While the German military authorities stated previously that the advance toward Warsaw had been checked by the arrival of Russian reinforcements, there was no indication in to-day's statement that any decisive results had been attained by either of the opposing forces.

The official statement speaks confidently of the German operations in the east and says that a counter-offensive Russian movement between the Vistula and Wartha rivers, the scene of the main action, had failed. To the north, in East Prussia, it is said, all Russian attacks were repulsed while similar results are reported to have attended the efforts of the enemy to the south, in the movement against Cracow and the Silesian frontier of Germany.

Later advices from Petrograd made no departure from previous claims of important successes, so that the situation in the east remained obscure.

To-day's official communications from Paris, Berlin and London concerning the situation in Belgium and France gave partial confirmation of private reports that the Germans were beginning another great effort to smash through their way to the English Channel. Both the British and French statements mention fighting along the line south of Ypres, Belgium.

The French war office states that

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N. Y. Herald.

THE GUEST OF HONOR

STOUGH ENACTS DEATH OF BALZAC

Pleads With Angel for Extension of Life, and Then Falls Prostrate on Platform

WIFE TO BURN HUBBY'S CARDS

Prior to Sermon, Revivalist Repeats Assertion That Detectives Are Following Him, and Declares New York Gunman Means Murder

In enacting the death of Balzac, the great man of letters, at the end of his sermon at the tabernacle last night Evangelist Stough put what was manifestly his supreme effort in his performance, and made as deep an impression on his audience as he has yet made by his avowedly sensational preaching in this city.

The evangelist represented Balzac entreating with the Angel of Death to let him live a while longer. Sitting in his chair, pretending to be writing rapidly, he first asked for three years longer to live, then, crouching in his seat and trembling as with great fear, he begged for three more months. Falling from the chair to his knees, he entreated for a postponement of three weeks, and, following the imaginary angel on his knees, as if clinging to the angel's garments, he implored for three days, even three minutes. The supplications were of no avail and the flushed, perspiring man fell at full length on the platform in representation of Balzac's corpse.

As the actor of the death scene rose

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INDIAN TROOPS REPORTED DEFEATED BY THE TURKS

Berlin, Nov. 25 (By Wireless to Sayville)—The British Indian troops along the Suez canal have been defeated, according to a report from Milan, and the Turks are advancing with heavy batteries to destroy the constructive works of the canal and bottle up the British warships now in the waterway.

Pardons as Thanksgiving Presents

By Associated Press.

Columbia, S. C., Nov. 25.—Governor Cole Blease, of South Carolina, announced to-day that he would give 75 State convicts pardons or paroles as Thanksgiving Day presents.

TURKEYS SELL AS HIGH AS 40 CENTS

Big Demand for Them in the Markets—City Dealers Sell Them Cheaper

CRANBERRIES DROP IN PRICE

Bring 10 Cents in Early Hours but Decline to 8—Football Game and Church Services Will Be Important Features of the Holiday

The turkey has been led to the slaughter and will decorate thousands of Harrisburg tables to-morrow in a wide observance of Thanksgiving Day. A substitute for turkey in many instances will be used, because of the high cost of the fowl; but thousands of these birds have been purchased and Harrisburg is sure to have an old-time holiday.

Thousands of persons will give up business routine for a day of rest or pleasure. The city will be closed tight in so far as commercial life is concerned, but other things will occupy the time of Harrisburgers. Union church services will be held and there will be a big meeting in the Stough tabernacle during the afternoon.

"Thursday fair with mild temperature," is the way the local officials of the Weather Bureau are forecasting conditions for to-morrow. From indications it will be a day long to be remembered as a model of autumn weather. It will just be the kind of day that will give everybody a chance to do what he pleases out doors. Officials fix to-night's minimum temperature at 40 degrees. This mark is ten degrees above the lowest temperature for last night.

An event of no mean importance will be the annual football game between the two local high school teams. The greatest crowd of the year is expected to see that game. The kickoff is scheduled for 2.30 o'clock. The students of the rival schools are arranging as never before a demonstration for their respective teams. Parades will feature the early afternoon ending on Island Park, the scene of the struggle. Bands have been engaged by the students of both the Tech and the Central schools and it will be a regular football game with all the trimmings.

The teams have been carefully groomed for the contest, coaches putting in final licks at practice to-day.

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NO PAPER TO-MORROW

To-morrow being Thanksgiving Day, a legal holiday, the Star-Independent will not be published, according to its usual custom.

WINNERS IN THE BARGAIN CONTEST

Opinions Still Differ as to Which Advertisers Are Making the Best Offers

GOOD REASONS FOR CHOICES

The Three Prizes This Week For Submitting Best Letters Go to Albert Senior, A. Gross and Homer Balsbaugh

Opinions still differ widely as to which advertisers on the Star-Independent's bargain page each Wednesday are offering the best bargains. Since good reasons are advanced for the choice of best offers, in nearly all cases, the contest each week is a lively one, and increases in interest with each succeeding Wednesday.

The prize winners this week are, first prize of $3, Albert Senior, 603 Dauphin street; second prize of $2, A. Gross, 2015 North Sixth street, and third prize, Homer Balsbaugh, 634 Camp street.

The prize winning letters follow:

First Prize Winner

Bargain Editor.

Dear Sir—An advertisement does not become a bargain until some one has taken advantage of the offer.

The four per cent. inducement of the Commercial Bank, like all others, is just an offer, but different in results, because when the reader has taken advantage of the advertisement it means the beginning of a career of thrift, prosperity and success.

And since the advertisement offers, and makes possible by its offer, the highest awards on earth to humanity,

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FALLS DEAD ON SIDEWALK

Railway Mail Clerk Succumbs to Apoplexy This Morning

A man identified by a card in his pocket as H. B. Stevens, 77 South Hermitage avenue, Trenton, N. J., fell over on the sidewalk in front of 19 North Fourth street, this morning and died before he could be taken to the Harrisburg hospital. Physicians diagnosed his ailment as apoplexy.

George T. Cunkle and Arthur L. Cunkle, who were working on the building, noticed the man stagger and fall. They called Policeman Murphy who pressed into service a passing automobile in which the body was taken to the hospital. Life was extinct when they reached there. The body was turned over to Coroner Eckinger. Stevens was in the railway mail service and is believed to be about 57 years old.

ROBS OFFICE OF THE PROSECUTOR

Thief Gets Away With Coat While Stroup Is Busy Planning to Convict Crooks

IT BELONGS TO STENOGRAPHER

None of the District Attorney's Office Force Pays Any Attention to Slick Intruder—Police Make Arrest Two Hours Afterward

Almost under the eyes of Dauphin county's District Attorney, Michael E. Stroup, and several of his office attaches, a sneak thief went into the prosecutor's office in the Russ building, North Market Square, at 9.30 o'clock last night, roamed about at will and then walked out with a valuable coat belonging to Miss Clara I. Miller, stenographer.

Edward Welsh, a police character and reputed panhandler, was arrested two hours after the theft and it is said he confessed his guilt to the police. He now is in the county jail awaiting court trial, but Miss Miller yet is without the coat. Welsh is said to have told the police that he sold the garment to a colored woman "over in the Eighth ward," although the purchaser thus far has not been found. What is more, the police say, Welsh declared he sold that perfectly good coat for "four bits," half dollar.

Of course the District Attorney was sorry that his stenographer fell a victim to a thief, and offered her his overcoat to wear on the way to her home, 1440 Derry street. She, however, didn't want to be seen wearing a man's overcoat, so she went to her home in a taxicab.

The District Attorney could have prevented the robbery if he had permitted himself to be interrupted while he was dictating letters on legal subjects to the stenographer, and while the rest of the office force was industriously engaged preparing data for the prosecution of sneak thieves and other crooks to be tried in next week's session of criminal court. As it was the intruder just walked in, looked around, stole the coat and walked out with no one saying a word to him.

"If only I had gone to the outer office when Miss Miller remarked about the noise of the man entering," said Mr. Stroup, who is a powerfully-built former college football player, "I could have caught the thief as he was leaving the office with the coat under his arm."

The watchman in the Russ building noted the appearance of the intruder and aided the police in the apprehension of Welsh.

RICHARD CROKER, 71, TO WED

Former Tammany Hall Leader Will Marry Miss Edmonson, Descendant of Cherokee Indian Chieftain

By Associated Press.

New York, Nov. 25.—Interviewers to-day sought to see Miss Beulah Benton Edmonson, descendant of a Cherokee Indian chieftain, to ascertain from her the truth of published reports that she was to become the bride to-morrow of Richard Croker, former leader of Tammany Hall. Miss Edmonson denied herself to callers. At the Studio club, where she has made her home for the last year, a woman who represented herself as Miss Edmonson's spokesman announced to callers that Miss Edmonson had nothing to say, "one way or the other."

It was reported that Miss Edmonson, who has been studying here for a year, met Mr. Croker at the National Democratic convention in Kansas City, where her father was a delegate from Oklahoma. Miss Edmonson was one of the leading figures in the suffrage parade in this city in May, 1913, when she appeared as a squaw, in buckskins and with her long, black braids bound with red ribbon, rode astride an Indian pony.

The wedding of Mr. Croker is to be solemnized to-morrow. He is 71 and a widower.

TEN THANKSGIVING WEDDINGS

Unusual Activity Shown To-day at the Marriage License Bureau

Ten marriage licenses were issued today to couples who plan to wed to-morrow, Thanksgiving Day. Those who obtained license are:

Percy S. Nicholls, Swissvale, and Jane S. Lea, city; Warren I. Scharadin and Ella V. Barnhart, city; Janko Gajdeh and Anna Berdek, city; Thomas H. Hynica and Nellie H. Gast, city; James H. Albright and Virginia J. Parsons, city; John F. Lenker and Beulah L. Mountz, city; Daniel F. Fasnacht, Lititz, and Mabel E. Yorty, Hummelstown; Roman G. Eckenrode, Steelton, and Alice Clark, city; Guy R. Thomas and Eva B. Rice, Biglerville; Paul H. Furman, city, and Catherine F. Weaver, Steelton.

Change of Venue for Colonel

By Associated Press.

Albany, N. Y., Nov. 25.—The Appellate Division to-day reversed the ruling of Supreme Court Justice Chester which refused a change of venue for the trial of the $50,000 libel suit brought by William Barnes against Colonel Theodore Roosevelt. Colonel Roosevelt bought the change.

IMPROVISED WATER TOWER CHECKS DANGEROUS BLAZE

Rigged Up by Use of Extension Ladder and a Line of Hose to Fight Fire in D., P. & S. Warehouse—Loss Kept Down to $1,000

A water tower improvised by Fire Chief Kindler by use of the Mt. Vernon hook and latter truck was put into service last evening in fighting a fire in a 3-story brick warehouse of Dives, Pomeroy & Stewart on Ninth street, north of Market. This enabled the firemen to reach the blaze more effectively than could have been done in any other way and kept the amount of damage down to $1,000.

Chief Kindler realized that more than the district apparatus which had responded to the box alarm was needed to quickly conquer the blaze, and the Mt. Vernon truck, together with the Good Will and Hope companies, were ordered to the fire in addition.

The Mt. Vernon truck was placed in front of the burning building and an extension ladder run up in a perpendicular position, not resting against the warehouse. A length of hose was attached to the ladder and a stream was directed into the topmost window of the building from this improvised water tower. This stream, coming in from the top, did effective work. Other streams could not be directed effectively on the blaze from the positions the firemen were compelled to take.

Beds, mattresses and other supplies in the second floor of the building were damaged and in the third floor some store decorations were ruined.

It is believed the fire was of incendiary origin. Charles Schriver was going into the building when he saw the flames. He called to a man outside to send in an alarm. The man refused and Schriver himself was compelled to turn it in, later going back to the warehouse, from which he removed several delivery autos which are kept in the first floor.

HOUTZ WINS KUNKEL PRIZE

Eight Orators, Girls' Glee Club, Choir and Orchestra Take Part In Program

The prizes of $25, $15 and $10 in the Samuel Kunkel oratorical contest at Central High school this afternoon were awarded, respectively, to Harold Houtz, Harold Eckert and Horace Nunemacher.

The subjects of the orations given by the eight contestants were: "Our American Flag," Harold Houtz; "Our Responsibility in the World War Crisis," Homer Kreider; "The American War," Robert Michael; "Toussaint L'Ouverture," Horace Nunemacher; "What to the American Slave is the Fourth of July," Alan Carter; "The Necessity of Force in Cuba," George Kenig; "The Naval Holiday," Harold Amos, and "The Affairs in Mexico," Harold Eckert.

At the opening of the program, the Rev. Harry Nelson Bassler, pastor of Second Reformed church, led in prayer. Instrumental music was furnished by the High School orchestra and vocal music by the Junior Girls' Glee club and by the school choir.

The judges were T. Kittera Van Dyke, the Rev. Harry Nelson Bassler and Harry A. Boyer. Mr. Van Dyke presented the prizes.

The prizes in the contest are awarded each year through the generosity of Samuel Kunkel.

THREATENED WITH DEATH

U. S. Calls for Report Concerning Memphis Man in Mexico

By Associated Press.

Washington, Nov. 25.—The State Department has called for a report from Consul Hostetter at Hermosillo, Mexico, on private advices that T. W. Carraway, of Memphis, is threatened with execution there. Carraway, with J. C. Wilson and J. R. McInery, was arrested more than a month ago, charged with complicity in dynamiting bridges in Sonora.

When the Americans were arrested the State Department took the matter up with General Villa, who instructed the authorities at Hermosillo to release them if they were innocent of the charges, which was the report made by the American consul at Nogales, who investigated the case.

GIRL STUDENTS FLEE FIRE

Stonewall Jackson Institute Burned With a Loss of $100,000

Abingdon, Va., Nov. 25.—Fire here early to-day destroyed one girl's school, threatened another and at one time endangered the entire town. One hundred students at the Stonewall Jackson Institute escaped when that school burned and students at Martha Washington College, nearby, were hurried from the dormitories when it appeared that this institution, too, would burn.

The fire was controlled with an estimated loss of $100,000.

Attorney and Daughter Murdered

By Associated Press.

Miami, Fla., Nov. 25.—A. A. Boggs, a prominent Florida attorney, and his daughter, Marjorie, 18 years old, were found murdered early to-day in the charred ruins of their country home near here.

Former G. A. R. Commander Dies

By Associated Press.

Philadelphia, Nov. 25.—Colonel Robert B. Beath, past commander-in-chief of the Grand Army of the Republic, died at his home here to-day. He was 75 years old.

BAFF IS FINALLY A MURDER VICTIM

Lured to Market Place and Killed by Thugs Who Escape in an Auto

WAS A TARGET IN MANY CRIMES

Had Been Threatened Many Times With Death Since His Testimony Sent Numbers of New York City's Poultry Trust to Prison

By Associated Press.

New York, Nov. 25.—The assassination of Barnet Baff, characterized by Coroner Feinberg as the culmination of the greatest conspiracy since the murder of Herman Rosenthal, placed a read murder mystery in the Central detective office to-day for solution. Clues pointed many ways. The authorities declared that the mystery had so many ramifications that it took on the aspects of a Chinese puzzle.

The victim, a well-to-do independent poultry dealer, was lured to his death by a decoy message given him at 6 o'clock last night by a young man who entered his place of business in Washington market. Two shots, fired in the street, killed him. Two men darted away to an automobile, waiting with thrumming engine nearby, who made off. The car had not been located, nor the men identified this forenoon.

Relentlessly Pursued by Enemies

Going over Baff's past life in a quest of clues, detectives learned that he had been threatened many times with violent death since he had testified for the State in a trial that sent numbers of New York City's poultry trust to prison several years ago. In the relentless campaign waged by his enemies, fires had been lighted, bombs exploded, his horses poisoned, his son attacked and his chain of stores robbed. One of his neighbors was killed by a gunman, in mistake, it was believed, for Baff. Baff himself had been scarred for life by an assault made on him by a thug armed with a bottle.

The police worked on the theory that Baff had four sets of active enemies. One of these consisted of those he made while warring against the poultry trust; another of members of the gang that robbed his Harlem market, five of whom were sent to Sing Sing; a third grew out of his differences with certain wholesale dealers, who charged Baff had tricked them by selling poultry at wholesale and then underselling them to retailers.

Parallels Rosenthal Case

The fourth was of more recent origin. Not long ago a number of fowls shipped to New York for other dealers were seized and condemned because it was charged their crops had been filled with gravel to add to their weight. As a result of this a number of men were thrown out of work. They are said to have blamed Baff.

Inspector Faurot announced to-day that detectives were working on the theory that gunmen had been hired to murder Baff, as in the Rosenthal case. District Attorney Whitman's office assigned detectives to the case. Mr. Whitman declared he considered the crime as much an attack on the law as on Baff.

A revolver was found near the spot where Baff was shot. Detectives sought to trace the murder by this weapon.

TO REOPEN U. S. HOTEL

Welsh Brothers, Circus Men, Lease It for Ten Years—Will Refurnish and Run It Without a Bar

The old United States Hotel, at the corner of Market and Cowden streets, which has been closed since last spring, will be reopened by January 1 as a hotel to be conducted on the European plan, having been leased by the Welsh Brothers, the widely known circus proprietors, who have been in the hotel business in Philadelphia for some time.

The hotel, which is owned by Claster & Kay, has been closed since last Spring, when the proprietor, Angelio A. Boschelli, was arrested for selling liquor illegally and his license revoked. Boschelli disappeared, alleged to have forfeited his bail, and although efforts have been made to bring him back here for trial they have been unsuccessful.

The Welsh Brothers, according to Mr. Kay, one of the owners, will completely remodel the hotel and refurnish sixty-five rooms for sleeping purposes with every accommodation. The lower floor will be used for bowling and pool rooms, but there will be no bar in the building. A restaurant will be installed.

The Welsh Brothers obtained a lease on the hotel property for ten years. It is understood that none of the tenants in the store rooms in the building will be disturbed for the present.

Actor Leaves Hospital

Alfred Bilford, of Berlin, Germany, trick cyclist, who fell from a twelve-foot ladder on the stage at the Orpheum on the evening of November 16, suffering a concussion of the brain, was discharged cured from the Harrisburg hospital this afternoon.

Kennedy a Candidate

George W. Kennedy, member of the Harrisburg Board of School Directors, whose terms expires in December, next year, has announced his candidacy for re-election.