



GERMANS FIGHTING FURIOUSLY

Kaiser's Troops Break Cordon Encircling Them in Poland—Reinforcements Appear

RUSSIAN CLAIMS ARE PREMATURE

The Complete Victory Formerly Claimed by Czar's Forces Has Yet to Develop, According to Reports Received in London From Petrograd

London, Dec. 1, 12.08 P. M.—Though it seems clear now that the German army in Russian Poland, or that part of it which the Russians surrounded near Lodz, narrowly missed annihilation the Germans fought with such fury that the cordon encircling them was broken and as German reinforcements are coming up the issue is not yet decided.

The British press, interpreting the news dispatches from Petrograd, contends that a Russian success on a colossal scale still is possible, but in all quarters it is admitted that the recent claims of a complete Russian victory were premature.

Kaiser on the Field

Poland, with Emperor William on the field, will likely continue to overshadow all other war areas for some days to come. Even the London press is devoting more space to the battles there than to the conflict in Flanders. This is due, of course, to the fact that there has been so little change in the western situation, conditions which may persist until some sharp turn occurs in the eastern struggle.

Throughout Belgium the Germans are remaining, generally speaking, on the defensive and immediate signs of a renewal of attempts to hack their way to the French coast are lacking.

King George's Visit to Front

Some dispatches say the Germans already have begun to fall back from their rear entrenchments, but as the official statements make no mention of this it is assumed it is only a guess of correspondents working on the theory that the Russian success has been overwhelming and final.

King George's Visit to France

King George's visit to France seems greatly to appeal to the popular imagination. The newspapers are featuring His Majesty's trip, pointing out that it is the first time a reigning British monarch has been with his armies on the field for 171 years, George II being the last predecessor to do so.

VIOLENT FIGHTING ALONG YSER CANAL IN PROGRESS

London, Dec. 1, 1.46 P. M.—Violent fighting is in progress to-day along the Yser canal, according to a telegram from Reuter's correspondent at Sluis. The roaring of heavy guns has been heard all day and houses as far away as Sluis are shaken.

KAISER ON WAY TO FRONT IN MOTOR CAR, AT INSTERBURG

Amsterdam, Via London, Dec. 1, 5.30 P. M.—Emperor William reached Insterburg, East Prussia, yesterday. He continued on the way to the front, traveling by motor car.

Insterburg is 16 miles northwest of Gumbinnen, the capture of which by the Russians was reported unofficially recently, although not subsequently confirmed. The German War Office statement yesterday showed that the invading Russians had penetrated East Prussia to a point ten miles southeast of Gumbinnen.

GERMAN FRONT AT DIXMUDE IS NOW RETREATING, IS REPORT

London, Dec. 1, 12.20 P. M.—Telegraphing from Amsterdam, the correspondent of the "Central News" says the German front before Dixmude has begun a general retreat.

VON HINDENBURG MAN OF THE HOUR

Berlin, Via The Hague and London, Dec. 1.—That Field Marshal Paul von Hindenburg is considered the man of the hour in Germany is indicated by an incident reported in the newspapers. It appears that a field post received a postal card directed simply to "The Most Popular Man in Germany." The card, it is stated, was delivered to Von Hindenburg.

VON MOLTKE RECOVERS HEALTH

Amsterdam, Dec. 1, Via London, 4.46 P. M.—Lieutenant General Count Von Moltke, says a Berlin dispatch to the "Telegraf," has recovered his health and is returning to the front.

LATE WAR NEWS SUMMARY

Unofficial reports that the Germans had undertaken another attack on Ypres, marking the beginning of a great battle, received no confirmation in today's communications from the French and German war office. The French statement, however, contains a vague reference to renewed German efforts in the region in which they have been expected to make their onslaught in case they attempted again to break through to the English Channel. It is said that the enemy was showing "considerable activity" to the north of Arras, a French town near the Belgian border. In Belgium the artillery fire has become more spirited, after a long lull. The German statement dismisses the situation in the west by saying that there is nothing to report. Germany continues to view the military situation in the east in a confident way giving no intimation of a reversal at the hands of the Russians. Today's announcement says that 9,500 more prisoners have been taken in the fighting in the engagements near the Vistula river, which were said yesterday in Berlin to have resulted favorably for the forces of Emperor William. Official Petrograd maintains its attitude of reserve. Such reports as are made by any of the three nations engaged in the east, deal only with particular phases of the campaign so that the picture as a whole is blurred. The fighting in the Balkans in Northern Turkey and the Caucasus in Egypt and near the Red Sea seemed almost to have been lost sight of. Seldom since the beginning of the reported presence of German and British

GERMAN ARMY IN POLAND BROKEN INTO 3 GROUPS, STATES SPECIAL SCRIBE

Paris, Dec. 1, 5.25 A. M.—The present situation in Poland, according to Ludovic Naudeau, the special representative of the "Journal de Paris," who is at the Russian headquarters in the field, is as follows: "General Mackenzin's Eighth German army is separated into three groups. The first, between Gombin to the north and Brzeziny to the south, is being attacked on three sides. There remains an opening on the western road toward Kutno which, however, will be threatened by Russians advancing from Lodz. Part of this first group at Glogno and Strykow is almost entirely surrounded. The second group to the south, at Kozow and Tuszyn, is trying to force its way through to the north, but is opposed by the Russians at Lodz and closed to it by the same Russian army which recently beat two German corps at Wielun. The third group to the west is in a critical but not desperate position for, by a right flank at Zdunzka Wola on the Warta, it still holds the road to Kalisz, which could serve either for retreat or for reinforcements if General Von Hindenburg thinks it still possible to try to save his Eighth army."

FORESTER BILL PASSES, 3 TO 2

City Commission Creates New Post Despite Opposition of Royal and Gorgas

CIVIC CLUB TURNED DOWN

Lynch, Taylor and Bowman Ignore Plea of That Body and the Municipal League for Establishment of Shade Tree Commission

By a vote of 3 to 2—Mayor Royal and Commissioner Gorgas were in the minority—the City Commissioners this afternoon passed finally Commissioner Taylor's ordinance creating the office of City Forester. The Forester, the ordinance provides, shall receive not more than \$1,000 a year, and Mr. Taylor said it is the plan to pay the maximum figure.

The Republican members of the Commission, Messrs. Bowman, Lynch and Taylor, who passed the ordinance finally, all say they have not yet any one to suggest for the new office. Neither would they say when the appointment will be made, although it is generally believed that the name of the new Forester will be sent to the Commission at its meeting one week from today.

The adoption of the Forester ordinance came after a long debate, in which all the Commissioners participated. The adoption of the ordinance will prevent the Mayor carrying out his plan to follow the suggestion of J. Horace McFarland, the Civic Club and the Municipal League, and introduce an ordinance providing that the City shall accept the provisions of the act of 1907 under which municipalities are empowered to create tree commissions.

Fought By Mayor and Gorgas

The Mayor and Mr. Gorgas made a stiff fight in opposition to the ordinance creating the post of forester, saying among other things that it

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TROUBLE IN SCARCITY OF WARSTAMPS

Business Handicapped Here To-day Because Washington Hasn't Sent Enough

TELEGRAMS GO WITHOUT THEM

Offices Which Dispatch the Messages Compelled to Keep Records Separately—Druggists Inconvenienced—Stringency May End To-morrow

The little internal revenue stamps which must by act of Congress, be used on designated articles in payment of the special war tax beginning today, are harmless enough in themselves, but they caused commotion and confusion in business circles in this city this morning and this afternoon such as is seldom experienced. The lack of sufficient quantities of some denominations of the stamps caused most of the trouble.

There were not enough of the new stamps in this city today to meet the initial rush. Of some of the common denominations of the proprietary set, there is not a single stamp in town. Proprietary stamps were on sale at the revenue office in the postoffice building, and documentary stamps at the Harrisburg National bank.

As a consequence of the shortage, caused by delays in getting the stickers from Washington, telegrams, without stamps, are being dispatched at local offices, close record of them being kept, and druggists are selling perfume, cosmetics and other articles subject to taxation without affixing the stamps, by keeping detailed accounts of all goods sold.

These are the only possible arrangements which can be made until the stamps become plentiful enough to meet all needs. It was said at the internal revenue office in the postoffice building this morning that a large supply of the stamps is expected tomorrow to relieve the stringency.

WILL WIPE OUT LOCHIEL POW

Shacks Well Known to Police to Be Sold at Auction

The sale of Lochiel Row, which was to take place yesterday, has been postponed until next Saturday. Lochiel Row is a group of tumble down frame houses in South Harrisburg and as a district is probably better known in police circles than any other portion of the city. Several riots, a couple of murders, innumerable beer parties, craps games and so on, have had their origin in that notorious section.

The ground is the site of the old Harrisburg rolling mills, and when the mills quit business a few years ago the bulk of the inhabitants was forced to look up other quarters. Now the majority of the inhabitants are foreigners. The ground will afford an excellent manufacturing site because of the railroad facilities, so in all probability the "Row" will be wiped from the map of Harrisburg.

6-YEAR-OLD BOY KIDNAPPED

Stolen From His Home and Carried Away in Auto

Moberly, Mo., Dec. 1.—Orville Beach, Jr., 6 years old, was stolen from his home here to-day. His parents were in the house and heard a scuffling on the front porch. From a window they saw the child carried into an automobile and driven rapidly away. Both Beach and his wife said there was no one with whom they had had trouble.

Planning to Cut the Tax Rate

The City Commissioners will hold a special meeting before the close of the week at which they will submit their estimates for preparation of the annual budget. The Commissioners all say it will take only a few days to prepare their estimates which will be on the basis of a nine-mill tax rate, one-half mill less than was charged last year.

J. Borden Harriman Dies

Washington, Dec. 1.—J. Borden Harriman, of New York, died here to-day after a lingering illness.

WILLIAM STROUSE RETIRES FROM THE "GLOBE" FIRM

Dissolution Effected by Mutual Consent Through Which Management of Old Market Street Business Is Undertaken Solely by Ben. Strouse

Formal announcement was made this morning that the firm of W. & B. Strouse, proprietors of the "Globe," has been dissolved by mutual consent, Mr. William Strouse retiring. The dissolution was a friendly one. The retirement of Mr. William Strouse, while regretted by those in-



BEN. STROUSE

Proprietor of the "Globe" Store Who Plans Big Improvements

Interested on account of his long association with the firm and cordial relationship with every one connected with the store, will not change the business policy which, as heretofore, will continue along most progressive lines. Mr. William Strouse said this morn-



WILLIAM STROUSE

Announced To-day That He Retires From the "Globe" Firm

ing that he has plans to establish a new commercial enterprise in this city concerning which he will soon make a public announcement. He said that as a result of the readjustment of his affairs he has become the sole owner of the building occupied by the Kresge & Co. 10 cent store, 326 Market street.

The "Globe," widely known as one of Harrisburg's leading commercial firms, was established in 1896 by a copartnership between William Strouse, who previously had established a suc-

TWO MEN QUIT PENNSY SERVICE AFTER 49 YEARS

William H. Herman and Benjamin F. Pheneager Placed on "Honor Roll" To-day—Shuey, After 33 Years' Work, and Heller Also on Roll

The Pennsylvania Railroad Company announced to-day the retirement to the "honor roll" of three old employees living in Harrisburg—William H. Herman, 1312 Howard street; Benjamin F. Pheneager, 262 Herr street; and William R. Sauey, 266 Cumberland street—and George W. Heller, Oyster Point avenue, Camp Hill.

Mr. Herman had been employed in the Harrisburg yards for the last 49 years and 7 months. When he started to work for the Pennsy he first was employed on the old train that ran between Harrisburg and Dauphin. When he was retired he was conducting an engine in the upper yards. Mr. Herman was 9 years old when his parents moved to Harrisburg from Shippensburg. He has lived here ever since, having been at his present residence, 1312 Howard street, for the last 21 years. When he was retired his fellow workmen presented him with a fine easy-chair, which he prizes very highly.

Mr. Pheneager was retired after 49 years of active service. He was born in Lancaster county October 4, 1844. For many years he was in charge of the round house in Columbia. In 1896 he came to Harrisburg as a machinist in round house No. 2. Mr. Pheneager is an active member of Grace Methodist church.

William R. Shuey, a Civil war veteran, had worked for 33 years in the Harrisburg shops, having been employed as machinist since October 10, 1881. When Mr. Shuey was 15 years old he started to work for the Harrisburg Car Company. When the Civil war broke out he tried to enlist, but was too

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TO RUN THE ORPH'N FOR BELGIANS

Rotary Club Rents the Vaudeville House for One Week to Aid the War Sufferers

FINE PROGRAM IS ASSURED

Every Cent Over Expenses at Playhouse During Week of December 14 Will Go to Needy in Devastated Europe—Club Has Noon-day Luncheon

At its first noon-day luncheon to-day the Harrisburg Rotary Club decided on a great concerted effort in behalf of the starving women and children of Belgium.

The club's plan is to rent the Orphan theatre for the week of December 14 and every cent actually taken in at the box office of the vaudeville house over and above the expenses for running the show that week will be turned over to the destitute in Belgium.

Whether the tickets are purchased from a member of the club or at the box office of the theatre, the money will go to the same good cause. The entertainment committee of the club has been authorized to prepare tickets for sale, which will be exchanged for seats at the theatre box office.

There will be twelve performances at the theatre, as usual. The same prices will prevail, the same theatre employees will be in charge of the house and Manager Hopkins has assured the Rotary Club that a good vaudeville bill will be booked for that week.

"The Rotary Club hopes," said a member of the entertainment committee, "that in view of the small cost for an excellent entertainment that the patronage of the theatre will be much greater that week. Every ticket sold will be a distinct aid for the needy in devastated Belgium."

Paul Gendell, of the Pennsylvania Steel Company, was the speaker at the meeting held at noon in the Metropolitan hotel. Mr. Gendell is director of exhibits at the recent "safety first" show in this city. He emphasized Harrisburg's need of additional hotel accommodations. The show boosted Harrisburg, which has now taken its place as a progressive industrial center, he said.

3 DEAD IN FIGHT WITH BANDITS

Were Pushed From Freight Train in Running Battle With Robbers

Sandusky, O., Dec. 1.—Three men are reported dead and three others seriously injured as a result of having been pushed from a moving Lake Shore freight train during a running battle with three robbers evidently lasting more than an hour while the train sped between Toledo and Cleveland to-day. Dead bodies or injured men were found along the track for forty miles.

Only one of the dead men was identified. He was William C. Gallagher, Cleveland teamster, found beside the track six miles west of Sandusky. Frank Dies, said to be a tramp, was found badly injured a mile further along the track. Police say one dead body was found near Amherst, and another near Port Clinton. Two negroes and a white man are said to have robbed the other men while they were stealing a ride and then threw them from the train.

ANOTHER LORIMER ECHO

Firm of Wholesale Druggists Goes to Wall in Chicago

Chicago, Dec. 1.—Financial troubles beset another enterprise in which C. B. Munday, associated with former Senator Lorimer in the defunct La Salle Street Trust and Savings bank is interested, when an involuntary petition in bankruptcy was filed in the Federal Court here to-day against Truax, Green & Co., wholesale druggists and dealers in surgical and hospital appliances. The liabilities are placed at \$15,000 and assets at \$30,000. Insolvency was denied by counsel for the firm and Judge Landis postponed hearing the motion for a receiver.

Bucket Brigade Extinguishes Fire

Hagerstown, Md., Dec. 1.—What might have been a most disastrous fire broke out in the general store of J. W. Rensburg, Chewsville, yesterday morning, and before the people of the town, who formed themselves into a bucket brigade, succeeded in getting the blaze under control, it had damaged the store to the extent of about \$1,000.

Police Cannot Deliver Telegram

The police here are anxious to find Mrs. C. H. Doughty, to whom a telegram has been sent by C. H. Doughty in Philadelphia. It asks her to return to that city. The woman is unknown to the police.

U. S. District Attorney Appointed

Washington, Dec. 1.—President Wilson to-day appointed John D. Lynn, of Rochester, to be United States Attorney for the western district of New York.

FRIENDLY SUIT TO DECIDE RIGHT TO FLEMING HOUSE

Likely Court Action Will Be Taken to Determine Whether Civic Club, Unincorporated at Time of the Bequest, Can Take the Property

An officer of the Harrisburg Civic Club said to-day that it is quite likely a friendly action will be set up in the local courts in January, as between the club and the trust company of New York City, which is executor of the estate of Mrs. William Fleming, to establish whether the club, which was unincorporated at the time the bequest was made, has the legal right to take possession of the beautiful Fleming home at 612 North Front street, left to the club in her will by the generosity of Mrs. Fleming.

Legal affairs move slowly and several unexpected points arose that had to be settled," said the club's officer. "In the first place, at the time of Mrs. Fleming's death, the Civic Club of Harrisburg was not incorporated. In New York State an unincorporated body cannot inherit property. In Pennsylvania, however, the law is different, special provisions being made for unincorporated bodies to which money is left and which do philanthropic, educational or religious work. The Pennsylvania law provides that in certain cases of this kind a trustee may be appointed to look after the funds until articles of incorporation are taken out. The Civic Club of Harrisburg acted promptly when the fact of the bequest was made known, and articles of incorporation were taken out at the earliest possible moment."

A representative of the trust company of New York, acting as executor of the estate, was in the city recently and asked former Judge M. W. Jacobs to look up the Pennsylvania law and give his opinion as to whether the Civic Club can legally inherit since it was not incorporated at the time of Mrs. Fleming's death. Judge Jacobs has recently given his opinion on the question to John Fox Weiss, attorney for the Civic Club. It is understood that this opinion is favorable to the Club, but that it is thought best for the protection of the Club and also of the trust company to have the matter argued in a friendly suit in court at the January term.

437 MINERS MEET DEATH

Terrible Mine Disaster Reported in Hokkaido, the Northernmost Main Island of Japan

London, Dec. 1, 4.45 A. M.—A Tokio dispatch to Reuter's Telegram Company reports a serious mine disaster in Hokkaido, the northernmost of the main islands of Japan. It is reported that 437 miners are dead.

\$70,000,000 U. S. Trade Balance

Washington, Dec. 1.—A trade balance of approximately \$70,000,000 in favor of the United States will be shown by the November export figures, according to an estimate exhibited by Secretary Redfield to-day to the Cabinet.

Vance C. McCormick Paid \$350 to Organization in Harrisburg; Brother Gave \$675

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SIX WATCHERS HIRED IN CITY

Judge Brumm, Bill Moose Candidate for Governor, Spent Nothing—Allen, Socialist Candidate for Same Office, Spent Less Than \$50

The Palmer-McCormick League of Harrisburg, through its treasurer, George A. Warner, to-day filed its account of money received and expended during the last campaign, showing that the receipts were \$1,102.60, and it was all expended.

The contributors to the fund, as given in the filed account, included: Vance C. McCormick, \$100 and \$250 at two separate times, making \$350 in all; his brother, Harry B. McCormick, \$100, \$150, \$100, \$143, \$130, \$52.10, or \$675.10 in all. Other contributors were Democratic State Committee, \$63; William Collier, \$1; William Corl, 50 cents; John Hinde, \$1; George McWilliams, \$5 and C. B. McConkey, \$5.

Hired Six Watchers

Rent in various amounts was paid for the various ward league meeting rooms

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SMITH FIRES REMARKS AT WITNESSES

Court, in Sanity Test, Has Difficulty in Suppressing Man Accused of Murder

20 TESTIFY BY NOON TO-DAY

Practically All Agree That the Youth Accused of Slaying His Grandfather in Inglewood Is Not Now in His Right Mind

Edward G. Smith, indicted on a charge of murdering his grandfather, John E. Bush, at Inglewood, on December 17, last, and whose mental condition now is the subject of an inquiry by a special court jury persisted repeatedly this morning before Judge McCarell, in interrupting the testimony and talking aloud to the witnesses. It is not likely that Smith will be put on the stand to testify in his own behalf.

A score of witnesses by noon had testified that in their opinion the accused man now is insane and unable to prepare a defense to the charge of homicide. As each was sworn to testify, Smith was seen to mutter something. Twice he talked aloud.

To Dr. W. T. James, the prison physician, Smith said: "Get off the stand. Get off. You are only perjurying yourself!" When J. Clinton Reagle, one of the underkeepers at the prison, said this morning he believes Smith is now insane, the accused said: "How did you dare to tell the truth while your there?"

Memory Good on Some Points

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Bertram R. Speas, storekeeper at the prison, told a story of the accused's alleged peculiarities and wound up by explaining what happened when Smith, was visited at the prison by his parents a month or more ago.

"When Mr. Smith took clothing to the boy on one occasion," continued Speas, "Ed. told his father to 'give the clothes to your own boy. He needs them more'n I do.' I don't think the boy recognized his father or mother."

Smith's parents again were at his side during the hearing to-day and, although they spoke to him several times, he paid no attention to either. When he spoke aloud and broke into the hearing both the father and mother nodded him with an elbow, telling him to keep quiet. He appeared to be restless, shifting his feet from one place to another, leaning on one elbow and then the other and frequently biting and chewing at his cap.

The alienists who will testify for the defense it was expected would be put upon the stand late this afternoon, after which the District Attorney would attempt to break down the insanity defense. A decision in the insanity hearing, it is expected, will not be obtained before the close of the week.

Warden Caldwell Testifies

Following Dr. W. T. James, the prison physician, to the stand late yesterday afternoon, was W. W. Caldwell, warden of the Dauphin county jail. He recalled incidents in connection with Smith's prison life, which he described as "acts of an insane man" and wound up by saying that in his opinion the accused is now and for some time has been mentally unbalanced.

On cross-examination the District Attorney asked the witness to cite a few instances of Smith's alleged peculiarities.

"I visited Smith along with all other prisoners once a day," said Mr. Caldwell, "and I frequently stopped in front of 'Ed's' cell and tried to hold a conversation with him. Once, and for no reason whatever, he yelled at me: 'Caldwell, I sentence you to 900 years in hell!' He pronounced my name 'Caldwell.' Another time he said: 'I sentence you to be scorched so long as your body will stand it.' I recall distinctly one time I stopped in front of his cell and insisted that he speak

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