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GERMANS LOST 2,000 IN SEA FIGHT

British Naval Victory in South Atlantic Is Chief Topic of Discussion in London

A COMPARISON OF SEA BATTLES

In All Naval Engagements of Present War Thus Far There Is a Great Disparity Between Losses of Victor and Vanquished

London, Dec. 10.—The British navy has squared the account with Admiral Count von Spee. In the most important naval engagement in point of guns and tonnage yet fought in the war, Vice Admiral Sir Frederick C. D. Sturdee's cruiser squadron yesterday engaged near the Falkland Islands the German squadron of Admiral von Spee, sank his flagship, the armored cruiser, Scharnhorst, of 11,600 tons; a sister ship, the Gneisenau, and the light cruiser Leipzig, of 3,250 tons.

The light cruisers Nurnberg and Dresden escaped and are being pursued by the victorious British fleet. Two colliers attached to the German fleet were captured.

Admiralty's Official Statement

The official statement of the admiralty, published by the press bureau last night says some survivors of the Gneisenau and Leipzig were rescued. No mention is made of any survivors of the flagship Scharnhorst, and it is believed Admiral von Spee went down with his ship. The complacements of the Scharnhorst and the Gneisenau were 765 men each, that of the Nurnberg was 322 and of the Leipzig 286. Thus more than 1,800 officers and men were aboard the three ships sunk, and it is believed the total German loss was not far from 2,000.

The British casualties are unofficially reported as three in killed and wounded.

Discussing Victory in London

London, Dec. 10, 12.57 P. M.—The British naval victory in the South Atlantic is being discussed in England today almost to the exclusion of all other phases of the war news. The last word regarding the naval engagement was that the British squadron, after sinking the German cruisers Scharnhort, Gneisenau and Leipzig, with the loss of nearly 2,000 men, was pursuing the fleeing Dresden and Nurnberg, the other two vessels present when the action opened. The British public is awaiting anxiously for news of the outcome of this chase.

Naval observers, commenting on the action off the Falkland Islands, makes note of the fact that in all naval engagements in the present war there is great disparity between the losses of the victors and vanquished. In the case of the British cruisers Monmouth and Good Hope, sent to the bottom by a German squadron off the coast of Chile early in November, the Germans were practically unscathed and the same is true of the British in their victorious engagement in the South Atlantic.

Defeat Means Annihilation

In other words, defeat at sea means virtually annihilation and the loss of all crews with the exception of such men as the victors may be able to save. This is attributed to a great extent to the fact that naval engagements have been between ships of unequal armament. The German guns outranged the British off the coast of Chile and the role was reversed off the Falkland Islands. Nevertheless, it is argued that even with ships of similar armament the disproportion of losses between the victor and the vanquished would be greater by far than anything possible in land warfare.

Montewidio, Uruguay, Dec. 10.—Wireless reports received here indicate that the German cruisers Dresden and Nurnberg, survivors in the engagement with an English fleet December 8, in which the Scharnhorst, the Gneisenau and the Leipzig were sunk, closely pursued by British warships are fleeing in the direction of Port Santa Cruz, on the Argentine coast, north of the Atlantic entrance to the Straits of Magellan and west of the Falkland Islands.

It is reported here also that the Geramn auxiliary cruiser Prinze Eitel is cruising in the South Atlantic and that she has on board 1,500 German soldiers.

Santiago, Chile, Dec. 10.—Reports received here of the sinking of the German cruisers Scharnhorst, Gneisenau and Leipzig by British warships off the Falkland Islands say that the Nernberg and Dresden, the two other German cruisers in the battle, were badly damaged.

LATE WAR NEWS SUMMARY

The German line that stretches across France for more than 200 miles is said by the French war office to be giving way before the attacks of the allies. The official statement from Berlin to-day gives few details of the fighting in France, although asserting that the allies in one instance were repulsed with heavy losses.

The French announcement says that the allies have prosecuted the offensive successfully at points scattered much of the way across the country. Specific mention is made of the capture of trenches, of victories in artillery duels and of advances of 200 to 600 yards. These onslaughts have led to spirited counter attacks by the Germans, who yesterday are said to have made no less than six of these attempts in the Argonne.

The German statement is confined so far as the fighting in the west is concerned, to a reference to the conflict in the Argonne where it is stated an attack of the French was repulsed.

The German military authorities say that in the east the advance along the Vistula river is being continued and that a small Polish town has been captured. As to the campaign in the Southern Poland where, according to unofficial advices from Berlin, the Russian wings have been thrown back, the war office statement merely says that attacks of the enemy were repulsed. To the north, in east Prussia, the fighting has diminished in intensity, apparently pending the outcome of the battle west of Warsaw. In this region, says the German war office, only artillery encounters are taking place.

The naval battle in the South Atlantic and the illness of the Emperor William diverting attention to-day from the great struggles now in progress in Belgium, France and Poland. The fate of the small German cruisers Dresden and Nurmburg, which at last accounts were being pursued by British warships had not been disclosed.

The British admiralty preserved its silence as to the makeup of the squadron which sent to the bottom the formidable German cruisers Scharnhorst

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ALLIED FORCES REPULSED WITH HEAVY LOSSES IN THE ARGONNE FOREST, REPORT

Berlin, Dec. 10, by Wireless to London, 3 P. M.—To-day's official communication issued by the German army headquarters staff asserts that a French attack resumed in the forest of Argonne was repulsed the allied forces losing heavily. The text of the statement reads:

"In the district of Souvain the French yesterday confined themselves to heavy artillery firing. A renewed French attack on Rocro and Courcelles did not make any progress. The attack broke down under the fire of our artillery, the enemy suffering heavy loss.

"Yesterday three of the enemy's aviators dropped about ten bombs on a town situated outside the range of operations the town of Freiburg (Baden). No damage was done. The incident merely shows again that an open town not situated within the range of operations has been attacked with bombs by the enemy.

"To the east of the Mazurian lakes (East Prussia) only artillery encounters are taking place. In Northern Poland our columns advancing on the right bank of the Weichsel (Vistula) took Przasnysz by storm. Six hundred prisoners and some machine guns were captured. The attack along the river Weichsel is being continued. In Southern Poland the Russian attacks were repulsed."

Say Allies Are in Dixmude

London, Dec. 10, 4.59 A. M.—Unconfirmed reports which have reached Amsterdam, according to the correspondent of the "Morning Post," state that Dixmude has been occupied by the allies.

KAISER IS REPORTED TO BE ON THE ROAD TO RECOVERY

London, Dec. 10, 3.35 A. M.—The British public is manifesting fully as keen an interest in the reports of the German Emperor's illness as in the news of the naval victory. From dispatches received here during the night it appears that Emperor William was seized with an attack of influenza while on a secret visit to Emperor Francis Joseph. The most reliable sources of information by way of Holland and Copenhagen indicate that he now is making progress toward recovery.

It is noted that the Emperor's quiet and unheralded arrival at Berlin last Thursday night as a sick man threatened with nervous breakdown was his first visit to the capital since the beginning of the war. The German newspapers of Friday, Saturday and Sunday, which have just arrived here, make no mention of his name beyond the brief announcement that the Emperor had returned to Berlin. This apparently indicates that the news of his illness was suppressed until danger was past.

To Give Luncheon for Mrs. Tener

One of the farewell functions to be given for Mrs. John K. Tener, wife of the Governor, during the last few weeks of her residence in this city, will be next Thursday afternoon, when Miss Caroline Pearson and Miss Mary H. Pearson will entertain at a luncheon in her honor at their residence, 503 North Front street.

START TO REBUILD EDISON'S PLANT

Entire Force of Destroyed Structures Put to Work Removing Debris

LOSS PLACED AT $7,000,000

Eleven Out of Eighteen Buildings Licked Up by Flames—One Man Is Known to Have Perished in Big Fire

By Associated Press.

West Orange N. J., Dec. 10.—When the fire which swept the ten-acre manufacturing plant of the Thomas A. Edison companies here was extinguished today a hurried inventory of the damage revealed that eleven of the eighteen buildings had been destroyed, others had been damaged and that the loss would approximate $7,000,000. Seven thousand men are employed at the plant and half of these, it is estimated, will be out of work temporarily.

The entire force of employes was put to work to-day at removing the debris. Under the active supervision of Thomas A. Edison they began tearing down the concrete walls which had to be removed while the embers were cooling. Immediate steps to rebuild have been taken.

One Man Perished in Flames

At least one man perished in the flames. This became known to-day with the finding of a charred body in the ruins of the film house, where the explosion occurred which started the blaze. Two other men, both workmen, were reported missing.

The flames were beaten back from the laboratory and workshop of Mr. Edison, where were stored innumerable records and materials gathered from ever corner of the world, the result of more than 30 years of the inventor's efforts. At the height of the fire a force of men removed the most valuable records to Mr. Edison's home, not far away.

Newark, N. J., Dec. 10.—Thomas A. Edison last night watched the destruction by fire of the greater part of his immense manufacturing plant on Valley road, West Orange, which bears his

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GEN. FUNSTON RELIEVED?

Said That George Bell, Jr., Will Succeed to Command of Fifth Brigade at Galveston

By Associated Press.

Texas City, Tex., Dec. 10.—According to telegraphic advices at the headquarters of the Second division, U. S. army, from Washington to-day, General Frederick Funston has been relieved of the command of the Fifth Brigade at Galveston and the belief is that he will not return to Texas.

His successor in command, it is said, will be Brigadier General George Bell, Jr., who is now at Vancouver barracks, Wash. The Fifth Brigade formed the troops recently returned from Mexico and now is in camp at Galveston. Colonel Charles M. O'Connor, recently in command of the Sixth cavalry here, was assigned to command the Second cavalry brigade on duty along the Mexico border in Arizona with headquarters at Douglas.

In addition to the above a dozen of the best known officers here have received orders consigning them to regiments on duty at Panama, Hawaii, Manila and China early in the new year.

STOUGH'S LAWYERS TO APPEAL

Will Demand Trial by Jury for Evangelist on Slander Charges

Hazleton, Dec. 10.—No defense will be made by the attorneys of Henry W. Stough, the evangelist sued for slander damages totaling $200,000 by Max Friedlander, H. W. Jacobs, William Cullen and John Fierro, who were scored by Stough during the campaign in Hazleton last spring.

Attorneys Walsh, of Pittston, and Harris Hamlin and William Goeckel, of Wilkes-Barre, will arbitrate the case December 21. Stough's lawyers declare they will avail themselves of the constitutional right to jury trial and will appeal from the decision of the arbitrators to court.

STOUGH HERE IN FEBRUARY

May Address Anti-Saloon Convention From Tabernacle Platform

Dr. Henry W. Stough is scheduled to address the State convention of the Anti-Saloon League in this city on Monday, February 1. There will be meetings at 10.30, 2 and 8 o'clock, and five thousand delegates are expected to be present.

It is expected that Dr. Stough, who will then be conducting an evangelistic campaign in Altoona, will address the gathering from the platform he is now using in his local campaign, for efforts are to be made, it is said, to secure the use of the Stough tabernacle for convention sessions.

ELECTRIC CHAIR IS READY NOW FOR ITS GRIM WORK

Warden Francies, Here To-day, Says Institution That Will Put an End to Hangings in This State, Is Equipped for Execution of Murderers

The death house and electric chair are ready for their grim work in the new State Penitentiary near State College, according to a statement made here to-day by John Francies, warden of the Western Penitentiary, who is to have charge of the new institution which is to put an end to hangings in this State.

The building is completed and all of the cells in the death house are ready to receive men condemned to die; the death cap is ready; the electric machinery has been installed, including the generators; the clamps to be fastened on men about to die have been obtained, and the wires have been strung to be attached to the fatal clamps that are placed on the condemned.

"We are ready at any time," said Warden Francies, when seen at the capitol to-day.

When the Governor fixes the date for the electrocution of a murderer and sends the necessary papers to the sheriff of the county where the condemned was convicted, the murderer will be taken to the death house and confined there until the day set for his execution. A jury of six will be appointed, and these men, with the necessary physicians and six newspapermen to be selected by the warden, will be the only witnesses of an electrocution.

At present six men await the date to be fixed for their electrocutions. Two are in Philadelphia, and one each in Lancaster, Tioga, Allegheny and Montgomery counties. The papers will be taken up in due time by the Governor, the date of death determined, and the death chamber will then be used for the first time.

IMMENSE U. S. COTTON CROP

Greatest This Year In the History of the Industry

By Associated Press.

Washington, Dec. 10.—The United States this year has produced the greatest crop of cotton in its history. More than sixteen million bales, 15,966,000 of lint cotton and linter cotton unofficially estimated at from 600,000 to 650,000 bales, are the crop.

The total production for the season will amount to 15,966,000 bales of 500 pounds gross weight, the Department of Agriculture announced to-day in its final estimate of the crop.

HEAD IS CUT OFF BY FALLING RAIL

Workman in the Second Street Subway Excavation Instantly Killed Late To-day

GREAT WEIGHT DROPS 30 FEET

Strikes Man Who an Instant Before Had Tumbled From Flat Car at Top of Embankment—No Inquest Necessay, Says Coroner

John Walters, 23 years old, of Penbrook, employed by the maintenance of way department of the Harrisburg Railways Company, was instantly killed at 2 o'clock this afternoon when the top of his head was cut off by a 60-foot rail which fell on him. The accident occurred while Walters and a gang of men were preparing to lay the trolley line through the Mulberry street subway on Second street.

A moment before the fatal accident Walters, who had been standing on a low work car, lost his footing and plunged down the thirty-foot embankment to the proposed new street grade in the subway.

The grading work on the one side of the subway site has been completed and the Railways Company is now planning to move its trolley tracks so that the cars can run through the subway, instead of around it, thereby permitting the excavation work on the other side of the street to go ahead.

Walters and fellow employes on the car had dropped two rails over the embankment and were about to drop a third when he slipped. He landed on one of the rails that had been dropped. He was stunned by the blow and could not escape the falling third rail.

This rail struck him as he lay stunned and crushed the upper half of his head off, against the edge of one of the rails on the ground.

Walters was killed instantly. The rail which crushed out his life weighs 2,320 pounds.

Walters was married and the father of one child. The coroner decided an inquest was not necessary and the body was sent to the Walters' home.

INDIAN ATHLETE HITS THE TRAIL

Son of Berwick Minister, a Sunbury Backslider and a Hobo Also Penitents

ONE MAN GIVEN A NEEDED BATH

During Excitement at Last Night's After Meeting a Woman for First Time Refuses Dr. Stough's Appeal to Join Husband on Front Benches

The after meeting at the Stough tabernacle last night, when the evangelist shook hands with the trail hitters as they stood to their feet one by one, had more thrills from beginning to end perhaps than any former gathering at the front seats.

There were the usual married couples, husbands having gone front at the persuasion of wives, or wives at the importuning of husbands, or both at the urging of personal workers. There were young men andyoung girls, too, in the throng of about eighty penitents. But there were some extraordinary cases in addition, which made the meeting stand out.

One of the first men to shake hands with Dr. Stough was a full-blooded Indian, who said that he was from Nebraska, had attended the Carlisle Indian school, had later been playing professional football and baseball, but was now "down and out, through booze." He promised that he was going to lead a different life.

Another penitent was a man from Sunbury who had hit the trail there, but he testified that when he came to this city with the Stough party a month ago he "went out for a couple hours with the boys," and after his return to Sunbury could not content himself until, he said, he "came back to this dirty rotten old burg to get right with God." He intends to take a course in the Moody Bible Institute.

Minister's Son There

In the company was also the son of a minister of Berwick who had co-operated in the Stough campaign there. The young man had come to this city with the sole intent of hitting the trail.

For the first time since the opening of the campaign, a woman in the audience last night refused to join her husband on the "mourners' bench." Dr. Stough had asked one of the unaccom-

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TRIES A DAYLIGHT ROBBERY

Negro Wields Piece of Iron Pipe in Attempt to Fell Mrs. Rebecca Rosin

An unknown negro attempted a bold daylight robbery yesterday afternoon in the little grocery store of Mrs. Rebecca Rosin, 516 North Cameron street. Mrs. Rosin's cries awakened a boarder on the second floor and the would-be robber fled.

He went into the shop and asked for a package of cigarettes. Mrs. Rosin had to turn her back toward the man to get the package from a shelf. He struck her over the head with a piece of iron pipe, and turning, she guarded off a second blow by throwing up her arm. She screamed, when the man, becoming frightened, ran out of the store and up State street toward the cemetery.

Mrs. Rosin's injuries are not serious, the blow on the head not inflicting an open wound. She reported the case to the police last evening, telling them that the man had been in the store twice before laying his plans for the robbery. The police were instrumental in sending a man to the penitentiary several years ago who robbed the store in a similar manner.

HELPED FIGHT ANDOVER FIRE

Elliott Speer, Nephew of Edward Bailey, Lost Clothing, Books and Camera

Among the boys who were at Phillips Andover Academy, Andover, Mass., last Tuesday morning, when Bartlett Hall, one of its oldest dormitories, was wrecked by fire, are John C. Kunkel, Jr., of Harrisburg; John P. Charlton, Jr., of Reading, whose father was a native Harrisburger, and Elliott Speer, a son of Robert E. and Emma Bailey Speer, and nephew of Edward Bailey, of this city.

Mr. Kunkel had just returned to the academy after his father's funeral in this city. He arrived in Andover on Monday night. The building containing his sleeping quarters was not burned, but he was one of the volunteer firemen. Mr. Charlton, who is living in Bishop Hall, was in no immediate danger and he too, was one of the volunteer fire company that performed deeds of valor.

Mr. Speer was not so fortunate. His quarters were in Bartlett Hall and he was aroused by the cry of fire. He found the room full of smoke. He escaped in his pajamas and sweater, but lost all of his property in the room, including his clothing, books and a fine camera.

The building destroyed was one of the landmarks of the historic academy. It is thought that coals from a fireplace started the blaze. After five hours of fighting the firemen managed to control the blaze, but two of them were overcome by smoke. All the occupants of the rooms, 143 in number, escaped death, some by a narrow margin.

COAL TAX CASE ARGUED

Question of Distribution of Revenues Among Counties Occupies the Lawyers This Morning

Half a dozen of sixty or more coal companies that are attacking the act of July 1, 1913, which taxes them two and one-half per cent. on each ton of coal prepared for the market, this morning began their second attempt to show that the legislation is in itself a violation of the State Constitution. Testimony was taken before Judges Kunkel and McCarrell as the basis for the claims, dealing principally with the amount of coal mined by the companies involved in the test suits.

Few witnesses were called, the proceedure generally being confined to both sides filing affidavits of facts agreed upon. For half an hour or more the lawyers wrestled with a problem of determining the liability in three specific cases.

It was shown that coal is being mined in three separate counties and then run through one breaker. The act provides that fifty per cent. of the tax collected shall go to the State and the rest shall be proportionately divided among the counties in which the coal is prepared for the market. The question naturally arose whether three counties giving up coal that is run through a breaker in one county can share in the distribution.

The lawyers were figuring yet when Judge Kunkel announced the close of the morning session.

HIS LIVING IN PARIS COSTLY

Former Ambassador Herrick Now Wants to Earn Some Money

By Associated Press.

Cleveland, Dec. 10.—Myron T. Herrick, former Ambassador to France, accompanied by Mrs. Herrick, arrived here early to-day and was escorted to his home where he will rest up for a public reception to be given in his honor at Central armory this afternoon. "It feels good to get back," said Mr. Herrick, as he stepped off the train on which he had been accompanied from New York by a delegation of prominent Clevelanders.

He declined to discuss the plan of friends to boom him for President in 1916 and said he would have "to earn some money," as his duties in Paris had cost him $400,000.

U. S. Unfilled Steel Tonnage

By Associated Press.

New York, Dec. 10.—The unfilled tonnage of the U. S. Steel Corporation on November 30 totalled 3,324,592 tons a decrease of 136,505 tons from October.

HARDSCRABBLE TO PASS NEXT APRIL

The City Will Compel People to Vacate by That Time and Begin Demolishing Houses

THE LAST DAY TO FIX VALUES

Condemnation Proceedings Will Be Started Against Property Owners Who Do Not Otherwise Come to Terms—City Will Give Security

By April 1—certainly not later than April 15—city officials said to-day, every house on the river side of "Hardscrabble" will have been vacated and the work begun of razing the buildings, preliminary to the reopening of Front street, from Herr street to Calder.

To-day is the last day on which property owners in the "Hardscrabble" section may submit to City Solicitor D. S. Seitz estimated values of their properties. Up to noon eighteen owners had presented their claims. These cover the estimated cost and damages to fifty per cent. of the forty or more homes and will be submitted to the City Commissioners at their meeting next Tuesday.

Solicitor Seitz said he will offer these estimates without making recommendations and will leave these matters entirely up to the commissioners. He will, however, suggest to the commissioners the advisability of getting in touch with real estate dealers with a view to getting their ideas of the market values of the houses.

Unless agreements are reached on the price question with all property owners, the City Solicitor will within the next month or two be directed to start condemnation proceedings against those owners who cannot otherwise come to terms with the city.

That will make necessary the appointment of a board of viewers to fix the amount of damages to be sustained by the owners through the loss of their properties. Bonds then will be filed by the city as security to the property owners, the homes be razed and the street opened as planned.

Viewers then again will go over the ground and determine what benefits have been derived by the property owners on the east side of Front street through the improvements. Assessments then will be levied against the latter.

If agreements are reached between the city and any number of property owners without condemnation proceedings, the owners in those cases will be asked to vacate and they will receive the city's bond as security for payment of the consideration.

START WORK OF PRUNING CITY BUDGET

Commissioners in Special Session To-day Strive to Keep Within 9-Mill Tax Rate

SEVERAL NEW EXPENSES ARISE

148 Posts on Mulberry Street Bridge Are Dangerous—Must Be Repaired —Assistant Plumbing Inspector Asked for at $900

The City Commissioners, in extraordinary session starting at 3 o'clock this afternoon, began putting into shape the annual budget and tax levy measures for 1915. Departmental estimates were placed in the hands of the City Clerk and work at once was begun on paring down estimates so that the general total will be low enough to be covered by a nine-mill tax rate, a decrease of half a mill from that of the present year.

The Commissioners by late this afternoon expected to have the ordinance in shape so that it can be printed in time for the regular meeting next Tuesday. By holding a special meeting on Friday of next week the Commissioners hope to pass both measures finally on that day.

Highway Commissioner William H. Lynch put in his estimates this afternoon. The total is $117,105, which, he says, is an increase of less than five per cent. over that of this year, when allowance is made for the facts that this official "year" is only a nine-month period and in 1915 it will be twelve months.

In addition to his Water Department budget, Commissioner Bowman's estimates, coming under the head of the Public Safety Department, were offered to-day. He said they are a proportionate increase of approximately $3,400 over this year. New requests covered by the Bowman and Lynch budgets include the following:

Some of the New Expenditures

Eleven thousand dollars for equipment and operation of asphalt repair plant.

Automobile truck, costing $2,500, to be used at the asphalt plant.

Fund of $1,000 out of which cost of repairing posts on Mulberry street viaduct shall be paid.

Sixteen new cluster light standards, eight on Walnut street and eight on Locust street.

Fifteen additional arc lights for various sections of the city.

Assistant to P. J. Bradley, Plumbing Inspector, at annual salary of $900.

The majority of the estimates con-

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"LAMB BOY" BORN ABROAD

Italian Newspaper Printed in New York Tells Strange Story of Birth of a Monstrosity in Nulvi

Cagliari, Italy, Dec. 9.—From Nulvi, a small village in the interior islands, comes a strange story of a sheep giving birth to a monstrosity that in all respects resembles a human being. It created great consternation among the populace and the attention of noted men of science has been attracted to an event that is almost beyond belief.

The house of the owner of the sheep that gave birth to the phenomenon, attracted immense crowds of the curious, as the people in long processions flocked to the scene of the occurrence.

Giovanni Fiori is the name of the shepherd who was in charge of the flock when one of its number is said to have given birth to the monstrosity, which weighed twelve pounds. The head is round and the rear legs are much longer than those of the front part of the body. All who have seen the phenomenon pronounce it a close resemblance to a human being and Fiori has donated the "lamb boy" to the University of Sassari, where it will be given very careful nursing as noted scientists of the institution investigate the mysteries connected with the case.

TOO MUCH MEAT IN TRAINING

Probable Cause of Captain Brickley's Attack of Appendicitis

By Associated Press.

Cambridge, Mass., Dec. 10.—Too much meat in the training diet of the Harvard football squad may have been responsible for the attack of appendicitis which kept Captain Brickley out of the game most of last season, in the opinion of Dr. Richard C. Newton, president of the New Jersey State Board of Health.

In a letter to one of the university publications, Dr. Newton says: "The idea that meat eating may cause appendicitis is so prevalent that it would seem to have some foundation in fact. He suggests that this extremely important matter deserves all the study and research necessary to elucidate the question."