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TENNESSEE TAKING 500 FROM SYRIA

American Cruiser Is Transporting Many Refugees of Various Nationalities

PERMISSION OF TURKS IS GIVEN

No Reply to State Department on the Unofficial Report That an Unnamed American Warship Had Threatened to Bombard Tripoli

Washington, Dec. 28.—The cruiser Tennessee, with the permission of the Turkish government and at the request of American Ambassador Morgenthau, is transporting 500 refugees of various nationalities from Jaffa, Syria, to Alexandria, Egypt.

Captain Decker, of the Tennessee, reported the departure of his vessel from Jaffa in a message filed last night and received to-day at the Navy Department. Secretary Daniels summarized the report in this statement:

"The Tennessee is transporting about 500 refugees of different nationalities from Jaffa to Alexandria. These refugees were unable to get passage from Jaffa by any other means. Captain Decker states that his action was taken at the request from the consuls, which requests, approved by the American Ambassador to Turkey, had been made after permission had been given by the Turkish authorities."

No reply came to-day, however, from either Captain Decker or Captain Oman, of the North Carolina, to the request for full information regarding the unofficial report that an unnamed American warship had threatened to bombard Tripoli. Athens dispatches said the Turks attacked the crew of an American commercial ship which permitted foreign refugees to board her in the face of a protest from the Turkish authorities and a threat to open fire on Tripoli followed.

SUNKEN SHIP'S OFFICERS SENTENCED FOR NEGLECT

Copenhagen, via London, Dec. 28, 4.15 A. M.—According to the Hamburg "Echoe," a court martial has been held at Wilhelmshaven to try the captain and the commander of the German cruiser Yorck, which was sunk by a mine in Jade bay in November. Three hundred members of the crew were lost.

The officers were charged with disobedience, negligence and manslaughter, and were found guilty, according to the "Echoe." Captain Vieper was sentenced to two year's confinement in a fortress and Commander Cleve to one year's imprisonment.

The Yorck, according to an official dispatch from Berlin, struck a mine in the chain block from the entrance to Jade bay November 4, during a thick fog. Jade bay is an inlet of the North Sea near Wilhelmshaven.

LATE WAR NEWS SUMMARY

The Russian forces which have been attacking the Calician fortress of Cracow have been driven back fifty miles, and Cracow is now free from immediate menace. It is asserted in Petrograd that the Russians have improved their strategic position by falling back. The capture of Cracow, however, long has been sought by Russia, being regarded as an important step on the way to an invasion of Germany across the Silesian border.

Elsewhere in the east few changes have occurred, the Germans having relaxed for the present their assaults on the Russian line west of Warsaw.

The French war office says to-day that further progress has been made by the allies, particularly in the Meuse region. The admission is made, however, that a trench south of Ypres was lost to the Germans. The Berlin communication states that Nieuport has again been under bombardment by British warships and that a few civilians were killed or wounded. It is asserted that attacks by the allies have been unsuccessful.

The American cruiser Tennessee is transporting 500 refugees of various nationalities from Jaffa, Syria to Egypt. Captain Decker, of the Tennessee, reported to Washington that permission to remove the refugees had been granted by the Turkish authorities.

The initiative in military operations

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FRENCH ADMIT LOSING A NUMBER OF TRENCHES TO GERMANS, REPORT TO-DAY

Paris, Dec. 28, 2.45 P. M.—The French official statement given out to-day concedes the losing of certain trenches to the Germans, but otherwise it claims advances for the forces of the republic. Advances have been made in Belgium, and near Lens the French progressed 800 yards. In the Meuse there has been slight progress and a German attack in upper Alsace was driven back. The French lost trenches to the Germans near Ypres. The text of the communication follows:

"In Belgium we have continued to advance. To the west of Lombaertzyde we are actually at the foot of the sand dunes on which the enemy has established his line of resistance. At a point south of Ypres we have lost a section of trenches near Hollebecke. In the region of Lens, near Carency, the enemy yielded under our attacks 800 yards of first line trenches.

"In the valley of the river Aisne and in Champagne there has been intermittent artillery fighting, which was particularly severe in the vicinity of Rheims and around Perthes. Here the enemy directed their artillery fire especially against the positions to the west of Perthes conquered and occupied by us. On the heights of the Meuse there has been slight progress by our troops along the entire front.

"In the Vosges the enemy bombarded the railroad station at St. Die, but the railroad service has not been interrupted. In Uppe. Alsace to the northeast of Steinbach, a counter attack of the Germans was repulsed."

RUSSIANS RETREAT FIFTY MILES AWAY FROM CRACOW

Petrograd, Dec. 28, via London, 3.16 P. M.—The investment by the Russians of the Austrian fortress of Cracow has again been raised. Following the discovery of an attempt made by the Austrians to divide the Russian forces in Galicia, the Russians retreated eastward for a distance of fifty miles.

Russian forces, according to advices received to-day from Galicia, have succeeded in crossing the Biala river and in taking possession of a 20-mile strip of territory south of Tuchow, thereby separating the two Austrian armies. The forces of General Boehm-Ermolli, the Austrian commander, are claimed by the Russians to be retreating precipitately and the western Austrian army is said to be badly crippled.

FRONT ST. FILL ABANDONED

Will Not Be Undertaken Before Next Summer—Cost of Material Would Be $8,000

Because of a lack of funds the City Commissioners to-day admitted that they have practically abandoned the plan of buying additional filling material to place along the river front from Kelker to Maclay streets. The offer of the Brown-King Company, contractors, who are doing the excavating preliminary to the Pennsylvania Railroad Company constructing its massive warehouse just south of Mulberry street along Second, to furnish the city with clay filling material at the rate of forty cents a cubic yard—provided not less than 20,000 yards be taken—the Commissioners say would net an expense which they cannot meet at this time.

It had been suggested to the Commissioners that they make the desired fill with money to be appropriated out of the $100,000 park loan voted in 1913, although it now is held this money all will be needed for the improvement of parks and playgrounds. Commissioner Taylor to-day said he cannot fairly recommend the purchase of the dirt at a cost of not less than $8,000.

The Commissioners now say they will be contented to wait until next summer to make a fill along the river front since 4,000 or 5,000 cubic yards of dirt will be available at that time due to additional street grading. Plans are now being laid for placing light standards along the river wall and some action may be taken at the meeting of the Commissioners to-morrow.

ACADEMY ALUMNI TO MEET

Second Annual Reunion Will Be Held at School To-night

Former students and alumni of the Harrisburg Academy will this evening hold their second annual reunion at the school building. The toastmaster will be John Smith, of Princeton, who will call for toasts on Vance C. McCormick, John Fox Weiss, Headmaster Arthur E. Brown and George Kunkel, Jr.

The old graduates will meet, with the honor guests who include this year's graduating class and trustees of the institution, in the gymnasium of the school at 7.30 o'clock. The trustees who will be present include: Vance C. McCormick, president; John P. Melick, treasurer; Dr. Hugh Hamilton, secretary; Edward S. Herman, E. Z. Gross, Charles Kunkel, James Boyd, Henry McCormick, Jr., and Judge George Kunkel.

Arrested on an Old Charge

For larceny committed September 29, 1913, Clarence Himes was arrested this afternoon by City Detective Harry White. He is charged, according to the police, with entering the store of Hill Brothers, butchers, 1718 North Third street, and taking $14 from the cash register. He was a juvenile at the time of the robbery.

Leo Frank's Appeal Is Granted

New York, Dec. 28.—An appeal to the United States Supreme Court has been granted by Justice Lemar in the case of Leo M. Frank. Louis Marshall, Frank's counsel, announced this afternoon that he had received word from Justice Lemar to this effect.

SAYS POLITICIANS WANT GUYER AND BARBER REMOVED

Walters, However, Says He Will Vote to Retain Almshouse Steward and Clerk to Poor

ASSERTS HE HAS BEEN HOUNDED

Democratic Director Declares Pressure Has Been Brought to Force Him to Side With Minority—Guyer Affirms He Has Been Theatened

Harry A. Walters, president and one of the Democratic majority members of the Dauphin County Directors of the Poor, this morning characterized as a piece of political trickery a reported movement to compel him to oust from their positions John P. Guyer, former newspaperman and now clerk to the Poor Directors, and S. F. Barber, steward at the almshouse.

Mr. Walters added that he repeatedly has been asked to "lineup" with Thomas S. Manning, Republican and minority member, and vote to dismiss Guyer and Barber, but he said he always refused to agree to such a plan and at the reorganization meeting of the Directors on January 6, he said, he again will favor the appointment of both Guyer and Barber. Mr. Walters added that Mr. Manning never approached him on this subject. He said he has no knowledge that Mr. Manning has agreed to aid any such plan.

Mr. Guyer said he had knowledge of an effort to unseat him and he further declared that both Democrats and Republicans are using every means possible to discourage him and embarrass him in his work in relief of the poor. Months ago Guyer hinted to newspapermen that he might consider going back to newspaper work about the beginning of 1915, but to-day he remarked that he will be a candidate for re-election to the clerkship and accept the office if it is tendered to him.

"Hounding Me," Says Walters

A rumor current in Court House circles this morning was that a plan was on foot to dismiss all Democratic county physicians and substitute Republicans. Director Walters, however, said he has not been asked to do that.

"They have been hounding me about Guyer and Barber since I have been in office," said Mr. Walters, "but I don't intend to take orders from any one. I told the fellows who came to me that they should go out into the county, just as I did, get the vote of the people and then come in here and act as the people would have me do. Some have telephoned me, others stopped me on the street and a few even have gone so far as to write m letters and hound m, saying something about Mr. Guyer

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VILLA ATTACKING TUXPAM SEAPORT

Fighting in Progress To-day, According to Advices Received by Washington Officials

ZAPATA ELEMENT REMAINS A THORN

General Situation Not Altogether Encouraging As Friction Becomes Apparent Between the Former Rebel Bandit and Gutierrez-Villa Faction

By Associated Press.

Washington, Dec. 28.—General Villa's forces have suspended their attacks on Ebano, near Tampico, and have concentrated their attack on the seaport of Tuxpam, where fighting is in progress to-day according to advices to the State Department.

Reports issued earlier to-day by the Carranza agency here saying that General Gutierrez had resigned and left Mexico City, were contradicted by dispatches to the State Department from the Brazilian Minister in Mexico City who yesterday had a conference with Gutierrez.

The general situation as reflected in official dispatches was viewed as not altogether encouraging. Friction is regarded as apparent between the Zapata element and the Gutierrez-Villa faction, which thus far, has not resulted in any serious break.

The chief trouble seems to have arisen over the question of execution and punishment of former federals. Gutierrez and Villa have been in favor

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UNCLE SAM'S EMPLOYES CLIMB LADDER TO WORK

Even Dignified Judge of District Court Will Have to "Shin Up" Unless Some One Revivifies Balky Elevator in Federal Building

To be a federal employe, whether a United States District Judge or a floor sweeper, and have business, in the second floor of the Federal building, which is being altered to make more room for the postoffice, you must be an athlete of no mean ability. The weather forecasters, railway postal employes, internal revenue collectors and many others are now using muscles that haven't been used since their apple stealing days,—for they have to climb a ladder to get to work.

The steps in the front part of the building have been torn away and a lone elevator is supposed to carry the human freight, but just now the elevator has a habit a balking and refusing to budge.

The thoughtful contractor, however, has seen to it that employes can reach the upper floors even when the lift is in a contrary state of mind. He has cut a hole in the concrete floor and erected a ladder from the first to the second stories through that opening. Erected is the word. Two two-by-fours were set up and some rough boards nailed across and now it is called a ladder.

Meterorologists, secret service men and others must climb the ladder when the elevator gets out of breath which it does quite frequently. E. R. Demain, head of the local Weather Bureau, who spends his days on the second floor among his barometers, rain gauges and other mysterious things, says he soon will be a hod-carrier of no mean ability. William S. Bricker, internal revenue collector, finds himself quite out of breath after negotiating the uncertain "stairway." The troubles of these officials and their subordinates, however, are mere trifles when the difficulties of United States Marshal Harvey T. Smith are considered. He has an office on the third floor and must climb two ladders.

The present elevator was put in the Federal building when United States Judge Robert W. Archbald did not fancy the climb to the court rooms on the third floor. The present judge will have to climb to the court room on a ladder along with the marshal, inspectors and prisoners when the next session is held in Harrisburg,—unless, of course, some one puts new life into the elevator.

COSTS PUT ON P. KUNKEL

Court Dismisses Exceptions Raised by Him Following His Contest of District Attorneyship Election

Judge S. J. M. McCarrell this morning gave a decision dismissing the exceptions raised by Paul A. Kunkel to the bill of costs, which have been placed upon Mr. Kunkel, incident to the court action by which Mr. Kunkel sought in vain to show that he, and not Michael E. Stroup, had been elected District Attorney in 1911.

Mr. Kunkel said he will not take an appeal from the court's latest decision, that he will pay the costs that have not yet been paid by him and that he now considers the contest proceedings at an end.

It is understood that a large part of the costs incurred by the court proceedings already have been paid by Mr. Kunkel. He will shortly make settlement for the remaining claims which total several hundred dollars.

J. Edward Wetzel, a deputy sheriff, who subpoenaed many of the witnesses when the original contest was on in court, and who recently made a demand on those who petitioned the court for the contest to pay his fees amounting to more than a hundred dollars, said this morning he will not bring suit as he intended, now that the court has rendered a decision.

Kunkel was defeated for the District Attorneyship by less than a hundred votes. After he carried the contest to the courts and lost he took exception to the bills of costs, alleging that the county paid the deputy sheriff mileage for the same trip in which he served subpoenas in the election case, and also that "witnesses were not summoned in good faith, but for the purpose of oppression."

PASSENGERS HAULED OUT TO FIGHT BLAZE IN CAR

Use Milk Cans to Battle Flames Among Baggage in Train Halted in Steelton Station of the Pennsy—Expoding Lamp Cause of Some Loss

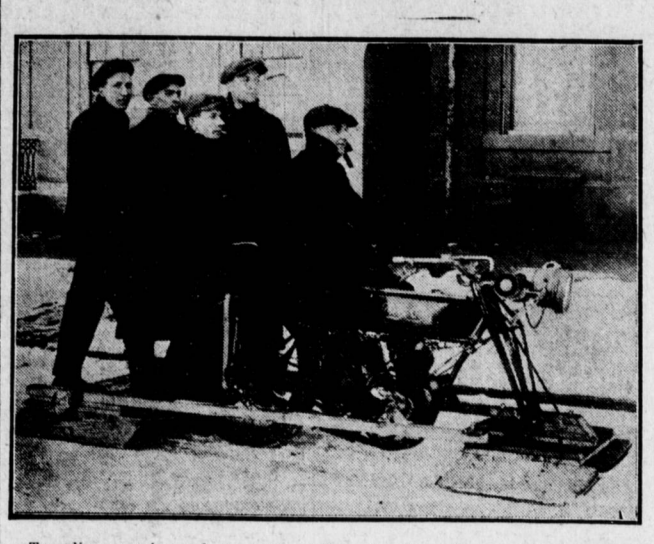
When train No. 274, eastbound over the Pennsylvania railroad, arrived in Steelton this morning, smoke was seen issuing from the express car which was almost filled with valuable packages.

The express messenger, in charge of the car, hastily organized an impromptu fire brigade, consisting of passengers, track hands and all other available men in the vicinity. Utilizing empty milk cans and anything else that would hold water, the amateur firemen did fine work for a short time until the blaze was extinguished.

It was then ascertained that a gasoline lamp, used to light the car, had been filled too full, some of the fluid flowing from the top. This surplus gasoline caught fire, causing the lamp to explode. The roof and floor of the car were somewhat damaged, several overcoats owned by express company employes were ruined, and some damage was done to the contents of the car. The amount of damage to the baggage could not be ascertained from the railroad officials.

NOVEL INVENTION TAKES TO ICE AS FISH TO WATER

C. H. Uhler Turns Motorcycle Into Sled That Carries Occupants Over Streets and River at a Fast Clip



Traveling over ice and snow, or even on the smooth, icy surface of the Susquehanna at the rate of thirty-five miles an hour, is the experience of half a dozen friends of C. H. Uhler, 1317 Derry street, since he conceived the idea of building around his motorcycle a sled which is capable of doing great things. The etching was made from a photograph taken after a trial spin over the city streets and shows C. Bratz, Roy Massimore, Albert Edmundson and Howard Birchfield as passengers. Uhler is at the helm.

The vehicle needed a little perfecting, but it is running in great shape

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MUMMERS READY FOR BIG PARADE

Chief Marshal Backenstoss Issues Final Orders to Assistants and Aids To-day

PLAN TO START AT 1.15 O'CLOCK

Signal From Court House Bell to Tell Waiting Crowd That "Shooters" Are Coming—Long Route Mapped Out Does Not Include Hill District

Final arrangements for the mummers' parade to be held at 1.15 o'clock on the afternoon of New Year's Day, were completed yesterday afternoon at a meeting of the parade committee of the Harrisburg Mummers' Association and were issued to the assistant marshals and aids to-day. Everything has been done to take care of late entries up until the day of the parade.

CLARENCE O. BACKENSTOSS

Chief Marshal

The orders issued to-day by Clarence O. Backenstoss, chief marshal and Francis H. Hoy, Jr., chief of staff, follow:

The Route of Parade

All organizations composing the first division must report promptly to the chief of staff at Front and State streets, not later than 12.45 o'clock, to be assigned to their proper positions and clubs, teams, individuals, floats, etc., will report to the marshal of their division on streets hereinafter mentioned.

The parade will move promptly at 1.15 p. m., at signal of court house bell over the following route and in the following formation: Down Front to Market, to Fourth, to Walnut, to Third, to Reily, to Sixth, to Hamilton, to Second, to Market, to Front and dismiss. All paraders must go either north or south on Front street when dismissed at Front and Market.

Chief marshal and his staff will review the parade in Market square, west side. Following is the order of parade:

Herald, mounted police, band, chief marshal, chief of staff, assistant mar-

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LEADERS PREDICT WILSON WILL WIN SPEAKERSHIP

Confidence Expressed by Politicians That He Will Be Accepted As a Compromise—Wilson, Ambler and Baldwin to Open Headquarters Here

Republican leaders were said here to-day to have agreed to the selection of Representative Henry I. Wilson, of Jefferson county, as the next Speaker of the House. Mr. Wilson has served as a member of the House for two terms and was Reading Clerk of the Senate. It is believed by the party leaders that Wilson will fill the bill as a compromise candidate, and can win out over Charles A. Ambler, of Montgomery, who was reported to be the choice of Governor-elect Brumbaugh, and the other candidates who have been mentioned including Richard J. Baldwin, of Delaware; Robert P. Habgood, of McKean; Henry Williams, of Tioga, and Fred J. Ejrhardt, of Lackawanna.

Mr. Wilson has engaged headquarters at the Commonwealth hotel, and will have them open on January 1. He is an attorney by profession with a large practice in Jefferson and adjoining counties.

Others Still in Fight

(Special to the Star-Independent.)

Philadelphia, Dec. 28.—Candidates for the Speakership of the State House of Representatives and particularly Charles A. Ambler, of Abington, and Richard J. Baldwin, of Chadds Ford, Delaware county, rested their campaign the last few days, but will start lining up supporters in earnest this week.

Mr. Ambler will open his headquarters in Harrisburg on Saturday. He will hold a conference to-night with some of his most powerful supporters and a campaign committee will be organized.

Mr. Baldwin will open his headquarters on New Year's night in the Commonwealth hotel, Harrisburg. Among the prominent men from Delaware county who are represented on Mr. Baldwin's campaign committee are Recorder of Deeds J. Lord Rigby, Register of Wills Theodore F. Kreeger, Sheriff John E. Heyburn, Isaac E. Johnson, H. J. Makiver and County Commissioner J. P. Pierson.

"There is very little change in the situation," Mr. Baldwin said last night. "All the candidates understand each other pretty well. Each of them knows just where Henry I. Wilson's support lies, and that of Mr. Williams, Mr. Ambler and myself. The man who gets most votes wins, and we're all endeavoring to pile up the majority. During the week just past I have been assured of the favorable feeling to me from many agricultural centers."

KILLED BY FALL ON ICE

Steelton Man's Skull Is Fractured and He Dies a Few Minutes Later in His Home

The first fatal accident of the present cold snap in Steelton occurred last evening shortly before 6 o'clock when Pete Dolino, residing at 614 South Third street, fell on the icy street near his home and died shortly after entering his house from a fractured skull which he suffered in the fall.

A few moments after Dolino fell he staggered to his feet and managed to reach his home. He then told his wife to look after the bringing up of their son as Dolino would soon be dead. A physician was hastily summoned but before he arrived the man had succumbed to his injuries.

Funeral services will be held in St. Mary's Catholic church to-morrow morning at 9 o'clock and interment will be made in Mt. Calvary cemetery.

BIG CHANGES AT CAPITOL ARE URGED

Economy Board Recommends a More 'Businesslike' Basis for State Government

WOULD READJUST METHODS OF PAY

Favors Departmental and Divisional Consolidation, Civil Service for Employes, Elimination of Dual Posts and Other Radical Innovations

Civil service for most of the State employes, pensions for old employes, departmental and divisional consolidations, economy in the purchase of supplies by one board for the entire State, fixed hours of service, increase of clerks in some departments and decreases in others, abolition of certain useless offices, bigger appropriations for the care for the port of Philadelphia and other radical recommendations were made by the Pennsylvania Economy and Efficiency Commission in its report to Governor Tener, an abstract of which was made public last night.

The Commission, created by the last Legislature primarily to investigate dual officeholding, but given wide powers of inquiry, studied the whole State government, finances, administration and personnel. Visits were paid to Washington and to the capitals of 15 States, correspondence being had with men engaged in similar work for States and with business experts, while the head of every department was accorded a hearing for suggestions and was asked questions. The Commission was composed of Harry S. McDevitt, Philadelphia, former assistant executive controller of the State, as chairman; Jacob Soffel, Pittsburgh, secretary, and W. H. Fisher, Brownsville. Henry D. Jones, Montrose, served a short time, but resigned. The Commission was voted $25,000 for all expenses, but this was reduced by the Governor to $10,000. The work has been done in less than a year. The report will be transmitted to the Legislature by the Governor, who will refer to it in his farewell message to the General Assembly, when it meets on January 5.

For a Public Property Board

That body will be asked to create a Board of Public Property to handle all building projects and to purchase supplies for the State; re-route the State's main highway system; consolidate or reorganize certain departments of the State government; create all positions by legislation, instead of by appropriation; uniform hours and bookkeeping for all departments; an office building

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IF YOU WOULD LIKE TO GO TO ORPHEUM FREE, WATCH THE WANT ADS.!

Don't forget that the Star-Independent gives away, absolutely free of charge, two reserved seats to the Orpheum every day!

The persons to whom they are given are selected at random from Boyd's directory of the city and vicinity. You are just as likely to get them as any one.

Every day the award of the tickets is announced in the form of a classified ad among the wants, for rent, for sale, etc., in the classified columns.

So far the Star-Independent has given away 32 tickets. Thirty were called for and two were forfeited because the person to whom they were awarded did not apply for them according to instructions.

Two tickets will be given away daily until the Orpheum closes for the season.

Watch the Star-Independent want columns! Perhaps you will be among the lucky ones.

Entire Family Burned to Death

Winter Haven, Fla., Dec. 28.—Harry Alvey, his wife and three children were burned to death early today when fire destroyed their home near here.

Frederick, Md., Dec. 28.—Alvey was the son of former Chief Judge Richard P. Alvey, of the Maryland Court of Appeals. Mrs. Alvey before her marriage was Miss Bertha Keyser, well-known in Baltimore society. The Alveys went to Florida to live about three years ago.

WALL STREET CLOSING

By Associated Press.

New York, Dec. 28.—Further short covering was resorted to when it was seen that the weakness in isolated issues had no effect upon the more seasoned stocks. The closing was strong. Stocks made material recovery to-day from the low level of the previous week, gains ranging from 1½ to 3 points in the better known issues, including the international list.