

J. PIERPONT MORGAN UNDER THE KNIFE

Operation Performed on Financier for Appendicitis.

QUICK RECOVERY EXPECTED

Physicians Assure Banker is Resting Comfortably—Illness Not Result of Shooting by Frank Holt Last July.

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27 DIE IN SCHOOL FIRE

CHILDREN BURNED OR CRUSHED IN MAD RUSH FROM THE FLAMES.

TWENTY BODIES RECOVERED

Three-Story Building of St. John's Parochial School at Peabody, Mass., Swept After 600 Boys and Girls Had Entered Structure.

Peabody, Mass., Oct. 30.—Fire swept through the three-story brick building occupied by the St. John's parochial school, burning or driving to death in the panic that followed the alarm 27 of the 600 boys and girls who a few minutes before had assembled for their daily lessons on Thursday.

Twenty bodies have been recovered from the ruins. Twelve of these bodies were removed from the vestibule, where the jam of terrified little ones had resulted in the greatest loss of life.

The first alarm brought a hundred distracted mothers to the schoolyard, where soon they were joined by other relatives of the pupils, until the building was surrounded by a great crowd of hysterical men and women, who rushed the police lines in a wild effort to reach their children.

The students, who ranged in years from seven to thirteen, were in charge of 16 sisters. When the fire started the sisters marshaled their charges for a fire drill and started them from the building.

Suddenly there was a cry of fear from one of the through. It was taken up by a hundred others, and panic ensued. The smaller children fell under the feet of those behind them, and soon the vestibule was so jammed with living and dead that the firemen could not force an entrance. The 16 sisters escaped.

The origin of the fire remained in doubt. Michael Dunn, who lives near the school, said he heard a muffled explosion.

A large percentage of the pupils were children of foreign parents, in the number were many of Irish and Italian descent.

FLASHES OFF THE WIRE

New York, Oct. 27.—M. W. Baylis of Washington, D. C., was elected secretary of the committee on the American Council of the Ancient and Accepted Scottish Rite of Freemasonry here.

London, Oct. 27.—The war office announced on Tuesday that the British transport Marquette has been torpedoed by a submarine in the Aegean sea.

Madrid, Oct. 27.—The newspaper Imparcial, which made the following announcement: "Prince Campese, an Italian senator and brother-in-law of Prince von Bielow (former German ambassador to Italy), says that Prince von Bielow will shortly submit to the king of Spain and President Wilson a scheme indicating the lines on which Germany is disposed to discuss peace."

Washington, Oct. 27.—The American note to Great Britain protesting against the order in council and interference with American trade in the route to London by special messenger, Alexander W. Kirk, third secretary of the American embassy to Berlin, who will deliver it to Ambassador Page next Monday.

CZAR'S FLEET SHELLS VARNA

Attack on Bulgar Port Paves Way for Landing Troops to Co-Operate With Allies.

Rome, Oct. 30.—A Bucharest dispatch to the Stefani News agency, filed Wednesday, says that the Russians have begun an attack on the Black sea coast of Bulgaria.

A Russian fleet arrived at four o'clock this morning on the Bulgarian coast, the correspondent wires.

Austrian Ship Torpedoed.

Athens, Oct. 30.—An Austrian merchant ship, flying the Turkish flag, was sunk by an allied submarine while on her way to the Gallipoli peninsula with provisions and ammunition for the Turks.

F-4 to Serap Heap.

Washington, Oct. 30.—The submarine F-4 which sank in Honolulu harbor last March at a cost of \$11 lives, is going to be sent to the scrap heap, it was announced at the navy department.

5,900 Bales of Cotton Burn.

Charleston, S. C., Oct. 29.—Five thousand nine hundred bales of cotton are burning aboard the steamer Colorado. The fire is not yet under control. The vessel itself is badly damaged.

German Aviators Taken by British.

London, Oct. 29.—An official report of Sir John French issued on Wednesday says two German aeroplanes have been brought down by British aviators. One of these fell inside the British lines.

American Force for Europe.

St. Catherine, Ont., Oct. 27.—An American regiment is in process of organization along the Niagara frontier. It will be composed of 1,200 American citizens, most of whom are in business in the Dominion.

THE BALKAN SITUATION



NEW FRENCH CABINET BOMB PLOT IS FOILED

MINISTRY FALLS FOLLOWING VIVIANI'S RESIGNATION.

Aristide Briand, Socialist, Forms New Government—General Gallieni Portfolios of Minister of War.

Paris, Oct. 28.—Premier Rene Viviani of France resigned and his resignation was followed by the collapse of the entire cabinet.

Aristide Briand, a socialist, was offered the premiership by President Poincare, and immediately took steps to form a new cabinet.

The resignation of Premier Viviani is attributed to the Balkan crisis. He was the second retirement from the cabinet for the same reason, the first being that of Foreign Minister Theophile Delcasse, who resigned on October 11.

Information available indicates that M. Briand will become foreign minister as well as premier, with Jules Cambon, who was ambassador to Germany at the outbreak of the war, as his principal secretary.

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OPEN WAY TO CAPITAL

TEUTONIC FORCES JOIN THOSE OF BULGARIA IN SERBIA.

CAN NOW AID THE TURKS

First Connecting Link Formed in the Northeast by Invaders—Prime Purpose of Balkan Drive Is Accomplished—Serbs Battle to the Death.

Berlin, Germany (via London), Oct. 29.—Directly connected between the Austro-German forces in Serbia and the Bulgarian army of General Boyadjeff has been established on the Danube river east of Braza Palanka, according to the official announcement given out on Wednesday by the German army headquarters staff. The statement follows:

"Dobrin, east of Visegrad (Bosnia), has been taken.

"The armies of General von Koozev and General von Gallwitz have driven back the enemy wherever he has made a stand.

"As regards the main forces, the general line of Vayevoy-Moravos (on the Ljig) Docola has been reached. East of this line, the Jasenica and Raca have been crossed on both sides of Sviljava, in the Pek valley Neretka has been taken.

"Forces advancing east of Orsova captured twelve heavy cannon near Kladovo.

"At Ljugevac, on the Danube east of Braza Palanka, direct connection with the army of General Boyadjeff (the Bulgarian commander) has been established by patrols. The right wing of this army is pursuing the enemy from Negotin northeast to southwest. Fighting continues for possession of Knjazevac.

"The junction of the Austro-German armies with the Bulgarian troops was made in the extreme northeastern corner of Serbia.

All dispatches to London continue to describe the Bulgarian resistance of the Serbs. According to accounts received here concerning the capture of Uskup, the Serbs defended every foot of ground furiously and no quarter was given on either side.

Reports from Constantinople say that the Serbs have lost 80,000 troops at Salonki, including 19,000 British. Twelve thousand soldiers have been sent by rail to Madjad while 8,000 are proceeding on foot.

The progress of the German advance cannot be so great that all hope the Serbs may have had of a halt while they are waiting for the allies to arrive must be gone. The invaders have driven the Serbs from their most important positions, especially those that were fortified and entrenched during the spring and summer. The best allies of the Serbs now are the weather and the mountainous character of their country.

FORGAN STOOD BY MUNDAY

Chicago Financier Says He Did All in Power to Avert Failure of LaSalle Street Bank.

Morris, Ill., Oct. 29.—James B. Forgan, president of the First National Bank of Chicago, in testifying at the trial of Charles R. Munday, charged with bank-wrecking, declared he did all in his power to avert the financial ruin of the LaSalle Street National Bank.

Forgan warned them several times, he testified, and even when this advice was unheeded he stood by them and succeeded in prolonging their affiliation with the Chicago Clearing House association.

Forgan proved a valuable witness for the prosecution, despite efforts of the defense to show he was responsible for a "run" on the Lorimer-Munday bank just before it failed.

GIRLS ARE BURNED TO DEATH

Twelve Dead and Ten Missing Following Fire Which Destroyed Box Factory.

Pittsburgh, Pa., Oct. 27.—Thirteen persons were killed, 12 of whom were girls, and ten girls are missing in a fire on Monday that destroyed the Union Box factory in Sandusky street.

Peter Valion was burned to death in an attempt to rescue girls.

Mayor Joseph G. Armstrong wept as body after body was brought from the ruined building by firemen.

Ten girls are in the Allegheny General hospital, all seriously injured. The most of these jumped from third and fourth-floor windows.

Rush to Join British Army.

London, Oct. 30.—There has been a great increase in recruiting throughout the country. The Manchester Guardian says recruiting is now going on at a higher rate than any reached since the early months of the war.

Makes Shells for Neutrals.

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Lady Paget Made Prisoner.

London, Oct. 28.—Lady Ralph Paget, one of the leaders of the British Red Cross in Serbia, has been made a prisoner by the Bulgarians at Uskup, according to word received by her mother.

TWO COUNTIES ARE INVOLVED

IN FIGHT OVER EMERGENCY TAXES FOR WORK ON PUBLIC HIGHWAYS OF STATE.

CASE WILL BE LITIGATED

Tax Commission Request Attorney General to Defend County Auditor in Resisting Commissioner's Order.

Western Newspaper Union News Service.

Columbus, O.—In Brown county, as well as in Mercer county, the question of what constitutes an emergency for the purpose of levying extra road taxes is to be litigated.

The State Tax Commission asked the attorney general to defend the county auditor in resisting the county commissioner's order for a 2 mill levy for the repair of highways that have been worn out by much travel and by heavy rains.

The allegation of heavy rainfall raises a question of fact that is not presented in the Miami county case where an effort is being made to put on a special emergency levy.

Great Record Shown.

The first time in the history of Ohio penitentiary the tubercular ward of the prison hospital was empty. There are no cases of tuberculosis among the 1500 prisoners.

Warden Thomas considers this significant, particularly since only 15 years ago the penitentiary's antiquated cell blocks were notorious as breeding places for tuberculosis. Convicts at that time called their cells "Consumption Root."

Now prison officials question whether any other similar institution in the country can show such a record.

"Take even any city, pick any 1800 men and women at random from its streets or homes, and you will not find so good a record as we have among these men," said Dr. O. M. Kramer, prison physician.

Final Step Taken.

Final steps to carry out the merger of five independent telephone companies in eastern Ohio with the Central District Telephone company were taken when formal application was made to the public utilities commission for approval.

The properties are to be taken over at a price approximately \$750,000. The companies to be merged with the Central District Telephone company and the prices to be paid for each property follow:

Washington Telephone company, \$154,000; Jefferson Telephone company, \$112,000; Belmont Telephone company, \$308,593; Union Telephone company, \$45,585; Woodfield Telephone company, \$80,610.

State Wants an Editor.

The state civil service commission will hold an examination in the senate chamber at the state house November 17, for positions of editor of the agriculture bulletins issued from Wooster and for a scientific assistant in animal husbandry to be employed at Wooster.

The first named position pays \$1,800 a year and the latter \$1,000. Applicants may obtain application blanks by addressing the commission. These must be filed before November 14.

Newspaper Man Chosen.

George V. Sheridan, former Columbus newspaper man, was elected executive secretary of the Ohio State Medical Association at a meeting of the Council of the state society.

Sheridan is a layman, and his selection is a precedent, no other than a medical man having held the position in 69 years that the association has been in existence.

To Address Corn Boys.

Governor Willis notified T. P. Riddle, of Lima, manager of the Corn Boys' excursion to Washington and other Eastern cities, that he will address the Ohio party either at Philadelphia, December 2, or at New York, December 2. He also promised to accompany the boys and girls on the entire trip if possible.

Light Deal On.

The Northwestern Ohio Light company, authorized authority from the state public utilities commission to purchase the property of the Electric Light company of Ottawa. The property is to be paid for in part by exchange of \$40,000 worth of capital stock, and the purchaser also assumes a bond issue of \$55,000.

Teachers Enjoy Banquet.

A reception at the State Archaeological and Historical society building and a banquet, marked the close of the joint meeting of the Ohio History Teachers' association and the Ohio Valley Historical association, in session at Ohio State university.

Opinion On Liability Insurance.

Frank Taggart, superintendent of insurance, asked Attorney General Turner for an opinion on the question of the correctness of his ruling that liability insurance companies have no legal authority to sell physicians' malpractice insurance in Ohio.

Physicians Leading Fight.

Reopening of Insurance Superintendent Frank Taggart's ruling that liability insurance companies may not practice their profession in Ohio was sought by the Ohio State Medical Association's legislative committee. A brief was filed with Superintendent Taggart protesting against his ruling on the ground that it is against public policy.

LARGE FAMILIES POPULAR

The nineteenth child was born in one Ohio family last year, according to statistics compiled by Morton W. Bland, chief of the bureau of vital statistics.

There was one family in which the eighteenth child was born, four families in which the seventeenth was recorded, eight families in which the sixteenth child was born and 31 families in which the fifteenth arrived.

Of the 8,710 children born during the year, 125 were twins and 125 in sets of triplets. There were 1,555 illegitimate births. March was the banner month for babies, with 9,143, and December the lowest, with 6,921.

The number of first children born was 30,769; second, 32,222; third, 15,015; fourth, 10,233; fifth, 6,082; sixth, 4,987; seventh, 3,285; eighth, 2,228; ninth, 1,392; tenth, 863; eleventh, 466; twelfth, 242; thirteenth, 137; fourteenth, 66.

Summit county has had the highest birth rate three years out of the last six years, and Lake county holds an equal record for the lowest rate. Registrar Bland accounts for the high birth rate in Summit county by the fact that a large percentage of the population is of foreign origin, and foreigners believe in large families.

He refuses to advance a theory for the low birth rate in Lake county, being content to point to Painesville, which has had an abnormally low rate for a number of years.

Garage Owners Meet.

Automobile garage owners from all parts of Ohio met in Columbus and formed a state association. The organization is to be separate from the automobile dealers' association. One of the aims of the association will be to secure in Ohio a garage lien law, modeled after the mechanics' lien law, but applying to repairs on automobiles.

Speakers on the program were J. C. Thorpe, of Urbana, Ill., president of the Champaign County Automobile Trade Association, who spoke on "Benefits of Organization," and G. A. Waddell, of Akron, representative of the Goodyear Tire Company, who gave a talk on "Description of the Ideal Garage."

Prize Accident Man.

Columbus.—The prize accident man is a student at the State university. His name is withheld by the officials. He was discovered when examining by the student health service. He has scars all over his body from 15 accidents. The officials wanted to know if he had been in a bayonet charge somewhere when they saw him stripped.

When four years old finger crushed off in clothes' wringer, burned when he upset bottle of carbolic acid, drank pure ammonia which he thought was maple syrup, thrown from motorcycle, bitten on neck by a horse, shot in leg by a friend who mistook him for a rabbit, chink pierced by three stables, ran nail through his hand, foot injured when punch press fell on it, caught in a drill press, foot crushed beneath an automobile, fell from horizontal bar, breaking nose and losing teeth, and lost more teeth when an automobile backfired, striking him.

Prevent Illegal Votes.

Columbus.—Instructions and legal blanks have been sent to all the counties from which illegal registration has been reported to the state dry headquarters. These will be filled out and filed with the judges of common pleas court as one of the plan to prevent illegal voting.

When the judges do not succeed, the dry workers have been instructed to procure arrests, and in case arrests are not possible before election day, to arrest at the polls any alleged illegally registered voter who attempts to exercise his franchise.

At dry headquarters the amount of illegal registration that has been discovered would not be disclosed. Those in authority content themselves with saying that every case reported will be watched and every violation prosecuted.

Accused of Killing.

Ravenna.—William S. Bissell, charged with throwing a stone that caused the death of 18-year-old Roy Fox at Rootstown last May 2, was acquitted of manslaughter. Bissell had trouble with his wife and young Fox, with others, started to investigate and shortly afterwards was found dead in a field.

Must Pay \$12,000 for Loss of Arm.

Columbus.—William C. Hagan of Newark must pay \$12,000 damages by the Baltimore & Ohio railroad for the loss of his left arm as the result of an accident five years ago while he was working on a freight train of a locomotive in Newark. The supreme court refused to review the case.

Train Hits Buggy, One Dies.

Kenton.—Alfred Barkley, 27 years old, was instantly killed and George Thomas, 65, injured in a collision with a freight train hit a buggy in which they were riding. Both are prominent farmers of near Foraker.

Taft to Speak at Youngstown.

Youngstown.—Former President William H. Taft will deliver the principal address at the dedicatory exercises of Youngstown's new \$300,000 Young Men's Christian association building Nov. 13.

Another Babe in Bed.

Youngstown.—Mrs. George Protnar another to death her five-month-old child by rolling on it as it slept beside her.

Burglars' Tools Dumped Into Lake.

Toledo.—A big boat load of firearms, burglars' tools and gamblers' paraphernalia, valued at \$10,000, was dumped into Lake Erie by Toledo police.

Ohioan Is Electrocuted.

Marysville.—When Leo Schoby, aged 23, of Plain City, this county, went to hitch his horse he touched a telephone wire dangling near the ground which crossed a high voltage electric light wire and was electrocuted in front of his home.

Killed by a Colt.

Marysville.—John Fox, the six-year-old son of Mr. and Mrs. P. H. Fox of Liberty township, was accidentally killed by a Colt.

GIRLS DROP DRESS FADS FOR UNIFORM

Akron High Pupils Head Protest of Chic Women—White Middy Blouses and Blue Skirts to be Winter Style

Western Newspaper Union News Service.

Akron.—High school girls of this city set the pace for their sisters throughout the state when they launched their dress reform, long sought by Cleveland club women. Overcoming the love for ultra modern fads and fancies in clothing as evidenced in the appearance of high school girls some time ago brought a protest from club women. South high school girls of Akron took the suggestion to heart.

When the president of the Akron Chamber of Commerce, J. E. Good, visited the school and congratulated the girls on their "declaration of independence," he told them the uniform is a mark of honor and referred to the garb of trained nurses and sisters in religious orders for proof.

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