



ALLIES CARRY DOUBLE LINE OF TRENCHES

Infantry Charge on the Lys Wins Important Positions. Gains Made in the Argonne.

French Advance Into Upper Alsace Meets Desperate Resistance—Great Battle Developing Near Altkirch.

The capture of two lines of trenches on the River Lys by the French infantry is announced in the Paris War Office's statement issued this afternoon.

A big battle is developing along the Alsace border, where the German attempt to invest the French fortress of Belfort was met by a counter-attack directed against Muelhausen and Altkirch.

Winter weather is seriously interfering with the movements of the armies and causing much suffering. In the north a fierce gale, accompanied by snow and sleet, has been raging, and in the Vosges the troops have been fighting in heavy snow.

Russian officials have failed to confirm the report published yesterday by the Petrograd Bourse Gazette that the battle about Lodz had ended with a Russian victory.

Rumors of decisive Russian success at Lodz persist in dispatches published in the various capitals, but these probably have a common source in an unauthenticated Petrograd original.

Berlin's contribution to the jumble of conflicting reports is that the offensive in the second Poland campaign is taking its normal course.

The Austrian army of invasion is reported to have been little changed in conditions in the north and south, thus covering both East Prussia and the southern Poland-Galicia campaigns.

The Russian armies are within striking distance of Cracow and bombardment is believed to have begun.

RUSSIANS DROP BOMBS TOWARD KAISER AT Breslau

Aviators Aim at German Leaders in Conference. Petrograd, Dec. 5.—It is reported here today that Russian aviators dropped bombs upon the forts at Breslau on Wednesday morning while the Kaiser was holding a conference with members of the German and Austrian General Staffs in the Silesian city.

HORSE FIRES A BULLET Steps on a Cartridge and Sends Missile Through Window.

A horse shot a bullet through a window in the office of the Manayunk Chronicle today. A team was being backed into the driveway of the Klaunder Feed and Coal Company, when one of the horses stepped on a 24 calibre cartridge.

WEST CHESTER Daily Star Quits

RAID ON KRUPPS DENIED

ALLIES' AVIATORS DROP BOMBS ON BADEN CITY

German Report Hostile Air Raid Over Freiburg.

BERLIN, Dec. 5. Hostile aviators dropped four bombs yesterday in the neighborhood of Freiburg (Freiburg in Breisgau). It was reported from Karlsruhe today. Announcement of the attack upon Freiburg was made in an official statement.

THRILLING VOYAGE FOR DOZEN BRIDES HAS HAPPY ENDING

Women Meet Prospective Husbands at Pier When Anconia Docks After Exciting Trip.

Twelve happy bridegrooms, several of whom were accompanied by priests, greeted 12 blushing brides at the Vine street pier today when the Italia Line steamship Anconia docked after a voyage fraught with adventure.

The ship, commanded by Captain Joseph Canigliari, left Naples November 29 with about 200 tons of cargo. She carried 180 cabin and 175 steerage passengers.

Fog, tempests and the belief entertained by the officers of British and French warships which popped up everywhere during the voyage, also the Anconia carried German spies, were responsible for the trials of the merchantman. Warships were sighted almost every watch, and the liner was stopped and searched so often that the Anconia proceeded at a quarter speed, drifting off her course most of the time.

The climactic thrill came when the Anconia nearly rammed the British cruiser Essex in a dense fog 100 miles off the Sandy Hook lightship. The prow of the passenger steamship came within a foot of the warship's starboard strake, and the brides-to-be aboard began looking for bottles in which to throw overboard last night.

From then on bad weather conspired to delay and increase the depression of the passengers and crew. The gale mounted to a veritable tempest. All hatches were battened down and passengers kept below decks for 20 hours. The Anconia proceeded at a quarter speed, drifting off her course most of the time.

The Anconia dropped most of her cargo and passengers at New York yesterday. She brought 120 passengers and 15 steerage passengers to this port.

SHIPPING MEN ELATED OVER TRIBUTE TO PORT

Sailing of Bastian With Relief Cargo Shows City's Commercial Advantage.

A tribute to Philadelphia as an advantageous shipping point was paid today when the British ship Bastian cleared at noon from Girard Point loaded with 200 tons of wheat sent by the New York Belgian Relief Committee to the war-stricken thousands abroad.

The Bastian is in command of G. G. Green. She will touch at Falmouth, England, pick up a battleship convoy and a pilot there and then proceed to Rotterdam, where she is due in 13 days.

The relief ship has a crew of 57 men, 27 of whom are Chinese. The Bastian came here several days ago from Montreal. A certificate of safe conduct was signed today before the steamer left Girard Point by the German Consul in this city.

West Chester Daily Star Quits

RAID ON KRUPPS DENIED

PHILA. ELECTRIC'S PRESIDENT DENIES ANY 'COMPROMISE'

Joseph B. McCall Declares "Wide Concessions" Have Not Been Made—Cheaper Light Not Promised.

President Joseph B. McCall, of the Philadelphia Electric Company, today denied that the action taken at the hearing of the Public Service Commission at Harrisburg implied the possibility of the company's agreement or willingness to reduce the cost of city lighting.

"No 'wide concessions' have been made," said Mr. McCall, "nor has our company agreed to a 'compromise.' The city's representatives intimated that they would like to talk over the 1915 contract terms advanced by us and we agreed. I shall see Director Cooke as soon as a meeting can be arranged. Naturally, this company does not want to supply Philadelphia with light until a contract has been signed."

"Will you throw the city into darkness on New Year's Day if your terms are not accepted?" Mr. McCall was asked.

"No, we won't let Philadelphia suffer. We could not do that. I am sure we shall not be driven to that extreme."

Mr. McCall declared that the statement of Clayton W. Pike, Chief of the Electrical Bureau, before the Public Service Commission that the P. E. C. could cut its price per street lamp to \$16 per year and still make 7 per cent profit, was untrue.

"It's mere theory," he said. "Do you expect to be able to make any reductions in lighting cost to both city and residents?"

"The residents of Philadelphia are satisfied with our charges. They have not complained of our rates. When investigators invited them to join the campaign for cheaper light and sent in their bills for analysis 90 of our customers responded. Four hundred out of 700,000 bills were received by the probe. That establishes the sentiment of the people."

Questioned regarding the appraisal of the company's plant now being made, Mr. Call said he was assured that overvaluation would not be disclosed.

"This inventory was made in the regular course of business," he added. "Not a part of any 'concession.' It has been going on for three months."

Director of Public Works Morris L. Cooke was out of town today. The stand of President McCall was communicated to him.

MILLIONAIRE HELD UNDER MANN ACT ON GIRL'S CHARGE

Col. Charles Alexander, of Providence, Arrested at Instance of Miss Jessie Cope, Society Favorite.

CHICAGO, Dec. 5.—Under the guard of United States Secret Service men, Miss Jessie E. Cope, a former society favorite in Los Angeles, Cal., where she and her mother have been wintering for eight years, today was waiting here to testify against Colonel Charles Alexander, of Providence, R. I., a millionaire, when his trial on a charge of violating the Mann white slave law opens.

Col. Alexander's arrest at Providence, R. I., last night solved part of the mystery of "the millionaire and the girl," who were said to have been indicted separately yesterday. The indictment against Colonel Alexander was voted because the majority of the alleged interstate trips of the couple were alleged to have begun or ended here. The Colonel was released on \$7500 bail.

Col. Alexander is a member of the firm of Alexander Brothers, wholesale grocers, of Providence, and a director of the Canadian Steel Company and a member of many clubs. He is 62 years old and has a wife and two daughters, who are prominent in Providence society.

Col. Alexander and Miss Cope met at a social gathering in Los Angeles two years ago, according to the story in possession of the Federal authorities. The Colonel immediately began to woo her, according to her story. Miss Cope was not moved by his ardor, and when, as she says, Alexander offered to get a divorce from his wife and marry her she agreed.

RESCUERS OF CHILDREN IN FIRE TODAY



MRS. MARY DOLAN AND ALBERT GOLD. Matron of the shelter for young women and young Samuel Beesky, whom she rescued.

CITY'S FIRST FLURRY OF SNOW ANNOUNCES ARRIVAL OF WINTER

Sleet Driven by Gales Raging Over Delaware Bay. Steamship Ashore Off Ft. Mifflin.

The first flurry of snow and sleet that has reached the central part of the city this winter fell today shortly before 2 o'clock, blown by a northwest gale, that is raging over Delaware Bay at 70 miles an hour.

The gale, which started blowing at 8 miles an hour this morning, drove ashore the steamship Great Northern of the Pacific Mail Line off Fort Mifflin. The craft was launched at the William Cramp Ship and Engine Building Company some time ago and started for the Philadelphia Navy Yard at 8 o'clock today.

The operators today were contemplating reopening the mines with non-union labor. The miners were planning to oppose such a movement to the very limit.

The operators have called a meeting following the failure of yesterday's conference, and they plan to serve legal notice on the union miners occupying their houses that they must move out at once and pay back rent.

ROSEMONT OFFICER KILLED AFTER FAMILY CELEBRATION

Samuel Grear Met Death Attempting to Board Train. Members of the family of Policeman Samuel Grear, of Rosemont, were grief-stricken today on learning that he had been killed last night by an inbound Pennsylvania train after a little family celebration in honor of his wife's birthday.

CAPTAIN WASHED ASHORE

Two of His Crew Drowned When Schooner Is Wrecked. NEWPORT NEWS, Va., Dec. 5.—The schooner William Donnelly was blown ashore here last night. The captain, J. H. Phillips, was washed ashore on a hatch. Two members of the crew were drowned. The Donnelly is a total loss. It was bound for Hampton, Va., loaded with coal.

SAILOR'S BODY ON LIFE BUOY

Victim of Chili Naval Battle Found Off Coast. SANTIAGO, Chile, Dec. 5.—The first report of the discovery of the body of a British sailor or officer who was lost when the cruisers Good Hope and Monmouth were destroyed by the German fleet reached here today.

FATHER AND INVALID SON TAKEN FROM ROOF AT FIRE

Crowd Cheers as Firemen Carry Pair Down Ladders to Safety.

Two hundred persons today saw a father and his invalid son rescued from the roof of a burning dwelling at 901 Hoffman street. Firemen of Engine Company No. 10 effected the rescue.

WOMEN ENFORCE DISCIPLINE AT FIRE; SAVE 32 CHILDREN

Discipline, enforced by three women, saved 32 children whose ages range from 2 to 12 years from being overcome by smoke or hurt in a panic when fire from a burning factory building filled the Shelter for the Young Women's Union, in the rear of 431 Monroe street, with dense volumes of smoke at 7 o'clock this morning.

A dozen families were driven from their homes surrounding the factory building, one fireman was overcome, one was hurt, traffic was blocked on 4th and 5th streets for more than half an hour and a loss of \$15,000 was caused by the blaze.

CLEVELAND, Ohio, Dec. 5.—Actual war in the Ohio mine region loomed as a strong possibility today following the failure of the conference of miners and operators here yesterday to reach an agreement by which the eight months' strike should be terminated.

BRITISH REPORT CARRANZA PLAN TO DESTROY RAILROADS

Ambassador Spring-Rice Notifies the State Department of Alleged Intention.

WASHINGTON, Dec. 5.—Reports from Mexico that Carranza has declared his intention to destroy all British-owned railroads were laid before the State Department this afternoon by Sir Cecil Spring-Rice, the British Ambassador.

Information that Carranza had seized British cotton shipments destined to interior points in Mexico was also submitted by the British Ambassador. These advances came from Charge Hohler, the British diplomatic representative in Mexico City.

Other advice said the Carranza garrison at Panuco revolted because the man believed the commander was a Villa sympathizer. General Cabilario sent the commander, Benitez, back to suppress the revolt, which he did.

OVATION FOR ADMIRAL KATO

Tokio Honors Japanese Commander of Tsing-Tao Campaign. TOKIO, Dec. 5. Vice Admiral Tomoshuro Kato, commander of the Japanese fleet which carried on the naval operations against the German fleet at Tsing-Tao, arrived here today and received a great ovation.

LOST AND FOUND

Lost—Last night a black and white dog named "Rascal" was lost. Finder, Mr. J. H. Smith, 1234 Pine street. The dog is at that address if being torn down.

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CLOUDY THE WEATHER

For Philadelphia and vicinity—Cloudy and unsettled. High winds, with no change in temperature.