

### THE EUROPEAN WAR A YEAR AGO THIS WEEK

Nov. 15, 1914.

Allies drove the Germans across the Yser.

Germans gained in the Argonne region, and prepared defensive lines from the North sea to the Rhine.

Germans withdrew from Kallaz and Weljun and were repulsed near Czenstochowo.

Russians reached Angerburg. Turks occupied Kotur, Persia. British troops landed in Basra province.

Indian troops occupied Turba, Arabia.

Nov. 16, 1914.

Fighting in West checked by snow and floods.

Russians checked in East Prussia and driven back near Soldau and in Russian Poland.

Cracow besieged. Russians defeated by Turks near Kopruckei.

British took Turkish camp at Fao.

Nov. 17, 1914.

Allies gained ground on Yser between Armentieres and Arras. Germans resumed bombardment of Reims.

Great battle in Poland between Vistula and Warthe rivers.

Germans fell back on line between Gumbinnen and Angerburg.

Austrians reached the Kolubara river and captured 8,000 Serbians. Turks checked Russians near Fao and occupied Duzkuey.

German squadron bombarded Li-bau.

Russian Black sea fleet attacked Trebizond.

All allies expelled from Frankfurt.

Nov. 18, 1914.

French took forest near Bixchoote.

Germans mined and blew up part of Chauvoncourt.

Germans won near Cirey and in the Argonne.

Russian advance guard between the Vistula and Warthe driven back.

Battle fought at Soldau.

Russians advanced in East Prussia.

Serbian and Montenegrin won fight near Trebinje forts.

Cardinal Mercier appealed to America to help Belgians.

Nov. 19, 1914.

French retook Tracy-le-Val but were repulsed in the Argonne.

British bombarded Dixmude.

Russians were driven back behind the Bzura river, but advanced in East Prussia and Galicia.

Russians defeated Kurds in Persian Armenia.

French cruiser Waldeck-Rousseau sank Austrian submarine.

Names of Germans struck from rolls of Legion of Honor.

Nov. 20, 1914.

French abandoned Chauvoncourt. British gained at Bixchoote.

French wrecked German earth-works and supply train near Reims.

Russians checked Von Hindenburg on Vistula-Warthe line and won success near Lodz.

Russians took four towns in Galicia and in East Prussia reached the Mazurian lakes.

British house of commons voted additional army of 1,000,000 men.

Nov. 21, 1914.

French captured heights at Ornes and advanced in the Argonne.

Russians took Przemysl trenches. Turkish cruiser Goeben badly damaged in Black sea.

French artillery stopped German attacks in Woerve district.

Heavy fighting in Poland and at Cracow.

Serbian fell back before Austrians.

Allied aeroplanes bombarded Zeppelin sheds at Friedrichshafen.

#### Draft Riots.

The only notorious "draft riots" of the Civil war took place July 13, 14, 15 and 16, 1863, in New York city. It is estimated that more than a thousand men were killed, and property worth \$1,500,000 was destroyed in the four days. The draft was resumed, however, on August 19, and was completed in ten days without resistance. There were slight disturbances in Boston on the night of July 15, in Portsmouth, N. H., and in Holmes county, Ohio. In Philadelphia and Chicago prominent Unionists asked the president to postpone the draft, and it was avoided in Illinois until the next year.

#### Baseball 4,000 Years Old.

It is now believed that Egypt is the birthplace of the original ball game. How it was played history does not record. Recent excavations made near Cairo have brought to light a number of small balls, some of leather and others of wood, dating back to at least 2000 B. C. These are the oldest balls of this sort known.

#### Path to Women's Love.

Of all the paths leading to a woman's love, pity's the straightest.—Beaumont and Fletcher.

## ANCONA CHARGES DENIED BY AUSTRIA

### Declares Submarine Did Not Fire Upon Lifeboats.

### 45 MINUTES TO LEAVE

Washington Still Withholds Details. Uneasiness Over Steamer's Destruction Continues in Official Circles.

Berlin.—The Austro-Hungarian Admiralty officially announced that the Italian steamship Ancona attempted to escape at full speed after a warning shot had been fired across her bow, and that the vessel only stopped after being shelled several times by an Austrian submarine.

Given 45 Minutes To Leave.

The submarine commander, it is further asserted, allowed the Ancona's passengers and crew 45 minutes to abandon ship, after which the vessel was torpedoed, sinking three-quarters of an hour later. The report that the submarine fired on the lifeboats is denied.

The statement issued by the Austro-Hungarian Admiralty, after declaring that the foreign press had spread false rumors regarding the Ancona incident, says the sinking took place as follows:

"The submarine fired one shot in front of the Ancona's prow, whereupon the steamer fled at full speed, in accordance with the order issued by the Italian authorities, which instructs ship commanders to flee or to sink the submarine. The submarine pursued the steamer and continued firing, but the vessel stopped only after being hit several times.

Says Crew Took Boats.

"The submarine allowed 45 minutes for the passengers and crew to abandon the steamer, on board of which panic reigned, but only a small number of boats were lowered and these were occupied principally by the crew.

"A great number of boats, probably sufficient to save all the passengers, remained unoccupied.

"After a period of 50 minutes, and as another steamer was approaching, the submarine submerged and torpedoed the Ancona, which sank after an additional 45 minutes.

"If any of the passengers lost their lives this was due to the fault of the crew, because the steamer tried to escape after it had received orders to stop, and then the crew saved only themselves and not the passengers.

"Reports published in the foreign press that the submarine fired on the Ancona's lifeboats are mendacious inventions. When the steamer stopped the submarine ceased firing."

#### FLYER TUMBLES INTO OCEAN.

Life Belt Saves Him When Hydroaeroplane Turns Turtle.

Marblehead, Mass.—One of the new hydro-aeroplanes which are being experimented with here prior to delivery to the United States Navy Department turned turtle 50 feet in the air over the Marblehead Neck. The machine left the Burgess plant in charge of Clifford L. Webster, and after a first satisfactory flight one plant refused to work. Mr. Webster operated the new life belt successfully, falling free from the hurtling machine and landing feet first in the ocean, where he was quickly rescued, the new invention probably saving his life.

#### ELKS' NATIONAL HOME.

Present Plans Call For Its Dedication Next July.

Lynchburg.—It is the present purpose of the committee of the Elks Grand Lodge, which has in charge the construction of the new national home near Bedford, to have the dedicatory exercises of the home just prior to the meeting of the Grand Lodge in Baltimore the second week in next July, so as to have the delegates from the West and South stop over at Bedford to participate in the ceremonies.

#### WAR IN AFRICA NOT OVER.

Union Decides To Send 25,000 Men Against Germans.

Pretoria, Union of South Africa.—Gen. Jan Christian Smuts, Minister of Defense, has been given supreme command of the military expedition against German East Africa. The Union of South Africa has decided to send against the German colony as many as 25,000 men, if a force of that size should be deemed necessary.

#### ON PAN-AMERICAN COMMISSION.

President and Vice-President Of Peruvian Section Elected.

Lima, Peru.—Eulogio Larrabure y Unanue, former Vice-President of Peru, and Ramon Ribeyro have been elected president and vice-president, respectively, of the newly installed Peruvian section of the Pan-American Commission. The members are now studying the conventions which were approved by the Pan-American Congress in Buenos Ayres in 1910.

## KEYSTONE STATE IN SHORT ORDER

### Latest News Happenings Gathered From Here and There.

#### TOLD IN SHORT PARAGRAPHS

The stringent State law against permitting shipment of game for sale in markets is responsible for the very small number of rabbits exposed for sale in the markets in the cities. Ordinarily, hundreds of rabbits are available for purchase, but this year, owing to the strictness with which the law is being enforced, the cottontails are hard to get, except from farmers who shoot them.

With his Minorca hen, "Queen Elizabeth," W. S. Geremeyer, of Carlisle, claims to have beaten the world's egg-laying record recently established by Lady Englantine, at Delaware College. "Queen Elizabeth" is said to have eclipsed the Englantine record by laying 343 eggs in 343 consecutive days, the former record being 314 eggs in 365 days.

Religious holidays, carefully observed in the Connellsville coke region by hundreds of workers, cut down production last week, in spite of the fact that four hundred ovens which have been idle for a long time, were placed in operation. The 31,000 active ovens have a weekly capacity of approximately 450,000 tons.

Plans for extension of work among young women in cities were outlined at a conference at Harrisburg of representatives of the Y. W. C. A. in most of the cities of the State. It was arranged to have a celebration with Maryland and Delaware of the fiftieth anniversary of the organization of the association next year.

At the meeting of the Berks County Conservation Association, a movement was started to acquire the mountains surrounding Reading and plans were made for the planting of 700,000 young trees in Reading and vicinity.

Litz, one of the most thriving boroughs in Lancaster county, will be divided into wards. Recently, the village of Warwick and other land adjacent was annexed.

Frank L. Rimel, the eleven-year-old Chester county boy who raised 148 bushels of corn on one acre of land, has written to Governor Brumbaugh telling him how he did it and the Governor has told him that if he looks after his work so well he will become one of the most successful farmers of Pennsylvania.

The Pottsville School Board decided to ask State authorities for one year's grace for the establishment of "continuation schools," as required by the new child labor law. To accommodate the pupils in this industrial district, it would be necessary to erect a new building, as all of the Pottsville schools are overcrowded.

State investigation into the cause for the large number of typhoid fever cases in South Philadelphia, conducted under the guidance of Dr. Samuel G. Dixon, Commissioner of Health, revealed that the eating of fruits and vegetables purchased from the curb markets without cooking was the cause of many of the cases.

Orders have been received in Sharon by Superintendent W. C. Fletcher to get the local plant of the American Steel Foundries Company ready for immediate resumption at full capacity. The plant, which has been idle for thirteen months, employs about 600 men.

Some of the turnpike companies of the State are showing a disposition to fight back in the complaints made against them before the Public Service Commission. Several have asked that the commission send inspectors to see if the charges are sound.

There has been effected an organization at Nesquehoning, called "The Federation of New Citizens," the aim of which is "to promote citizenship among the Slavs and to prepare all who desire to become citizens."

Three men are under arrest and several strangers are being watched closely as a result of the finding of a trunk full of dynamite at the home of Eugene English, of Peckville.

Highway Commissioner, Harry Ingram, Lansdowne, has been suspended from service by direction of Council for irregularities in office.

B. Frank Roeller, of Royersford, has been appointed deputy factory inspector in the Department of Labor and Industry.

Joseph R. Rohlfman, of Columbia, was appointed deputy factory inspector by Commissioner Jackson.

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## GOVERNOR URGES DAY OF PRAYER

### Designates Thursday, November 25, as Thanksgiving Day.

#### UN SOUND ECONOMIC BASIS

Brumbaugh In Proclamation Declares Prosperity Due To The Great War—Exhortation To Worship.

Harrisburg.—Governor Brumbaugh issued his first Thanksgiving Day proclamation, calling upon the people of Pennsylvania to observe a day of thanks for "a year of health, plenty and social advance" and declaring that at the same time people should take steps to reach "a sound economic condition." The proclamation says:

"Let us observe reverently our day of thanksgiving, not alone because it is a custom so to do, but because it is a privilege annually to make public acknowledgment of gratitude to God for His manifold mercies and blessings. We are a worthy people only as we are an humble and a devout people. Not to see the guiding wisdom of God in the affairs of men is to be ignorant of the vital controlling force in the uplift of the race.

"We have had vouchsafed to us a year of health, plenty and social advance. Our Commonwealth has been signally free from calamities. Our crops have been abundant. Our industries at the beginning of the year were languishing. They now are increasingly prosperous. The deplorable war in Europe may be the occasion of this prosperity. It is regrettable that the misfortunes of our neighbors should be a cause of our prosperity. The sooner we reach a sound economic condition based upon a normal competitive market, the better it will be for us. The present situation is one that well may cause us to take heed. The law of love is the only abiding law of progress.

"In the spirit of solemn gratitude that we have been kept from the horrors of war and that we have been blessed of God with material and spiritual good, let us gather in our several places of worship to take our reckonings, to give thanks for bounteous blessings, and to apply our Heavenly Father for continuing guidance and help.

"To this end and that we may be a holier and happier people, I, Martin Grove Brumbaugh, Governor of this Commonwealth, do designate and set aside Thursday, November 25, 1915, as Thanksgiving Day."

#### State Insurance Fund Rates.

Official announcement of the general plan of the State's rates for liability insurance in the workmen's compensation insurance fund was made by State Treasurer Robert K. Young, chairman of the Insurance Fund Board, in the following statement:

"The board will make a reduction from the approved rates of the insurance rate manual of ten per centum and the minimum premium is fixed at \$5.00."

In connection with this announcement, the following explanatory statement was issued by Albert L. Allen, assistant manager of the State insurance fund:

"This approved rate reduction of ten per cent. on all rates concerns all employers of labor in the State. The law creating the fund requires that the premium rates shall be fixed at the lowest amount consistent with the maintenance of a solvent fund and the creating of an adequate surplus and reserve. The fund pays no commissions to agents and does not have to earn profits for stockholders, while for the first three and one-half years the entire expenses of the management are paid by the State. The elimination of these expenses is sufficient to allow the board to write insurance at this reduced original rate. The balance remaining also gives every prospect of returning a very substantial rebate in dividends to subscribers at the end of the year, so as to bring the cost of insurance in the State down to a much lower basis. Employers may obtain their compensation insurance in the State at a rate lower than that charged by the stock and mutual companies and secure a complete release of their personal liability and full protection of their property against compensation liens. If the subscriber to the fund makes the report of an accident within seven days, his liability ceases and is transferred automatically to the fund, so that no valid lien can be filed against the property of an employer insuring in it. Every other form of insurance leaves the employer personally liable.

#### May Name Justice November 25.

Governor Brumbaugh announced that he would not hurriedly name a Justice of the Supreme Court. He added that he might name one Thanksgiving Day or December 1.