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GERMAN RUSH ON YSER CANAL THROWN BACK

Kaiser's Troops Fail to Gain in New Attempt to Crush Allies and Cut Road to Sea.

Violence of Fighting Diminishes Following Repulse—Ypres Holds Against Invaders. French Gain on Aisne.

Attempts of the Germans to cross the Yser Canal, west of Dixmude, by a sortie from that town, have been repulsed, according to the official statement issued this afternoon by the French War Office, which also states that the battle in that region is growing less violent as the German efforts to break through the Allies' lines and clear a road to the sea are repeatedly frustrated.

Other German attacks to the north, east and south of Ypres, the key position on the battle line, have also been repulsed. Farther south slight gains for the Allies are reported, including the occupation of the village of Tracy-le-Val, in the operations north of the Aisne.

In northern Belgium, the fighting during the last two days has been in a driving rainstorm, which has caused much suffering, while on the heights of the Vosges snow is reported.

Constant reports the complete rout of Russian forces invading Armenia, and the precipitate retreat of the Czar's forces all along the line.

A German submarine was sunk by a French torpedo boat off Westende, near Ostend, says a Paris report. The French craft was slightly damaged.

A report reached London shippers that the Karlsruhe, German raider, had been trapped by British warships off the coast of South America.

Russian forces have advanced from the ground gained at Lyck and Biala on the far eastern frontier of East Prussia, and in a sharp engagement took Johannsburg, on the Mazur Lakes. This victory and that at Soldau open the way for a projected drive on Danzig, designed to bring the Czar to the German shores of the Baltic. Success in this field will entirely separate the two German armies in East Prussia.

Petrograd reports a sanguinary battle near Kalisz, which one wing of the retreating German army has been using as a base on the Poland-Posen frontier. Thousands of Germans were left on the field and many prisoners taken. The Russian forces now are advancing on favorable ground in Posen province.

Berlin discounts the Russian report of victory at Kalisz, and officially claims that a cavalry dash was repulsed in this quarter.

Austrians have evacuated central Galicia, with the intention of strengthening the defense of Cracow. The Russian advance force against Cracow continues through southwestern Poland. In Galicia the Russian column has passed the Wislok River on the road to Cracow. Przemysl is again under heavy bombardment.

Loyalist commanders, under Premier Louis Botha, inflicted a severe defeat on the Boer rebels led by General Christian De Wet. Several laagers were captured and 250 prisoners taken.

King Nicholas of Montenegro rushed to the front to head his troops opposing an Austrian invasion. Superior forces of the enemy were forced out of western Montenegro.

TURKEYS SHOULDN'T BE DEAR Department of Agriculture Warns Against Exorbitant Prices. WASHINGTON, Nov. 12.—With the approach of Thanksgiving Day the Department of Agriculture has issued a warning to housekeepers against unscrupulous dealers in poultry who may seek to charge exorbitant prices for turkeys.

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FROM 12 TO 30 KILLED IN CHEMICAL EXPLOSION

Factory in Brooklyn Wrecked—Many Bodies in Ruins.

NEW YORK, Nov. 12.—From 12 to 30 persons were killed and a number of others were injured in an explosion this afternoon in the Becker Chemical Company at 107 Underhill avenue, Brooklyn. The plant was wrecked.

Eight of the injured were dug out of the ruins of the building and taken to hospitals. The wrecking crew of the fire department was called out to dig out the bodies.

The factory was a large two-story building. More than 40 persons were employed there. The explosion blew off the roof and let the whole contents of the building, including the employees, fly in the air and then drop into the cellar. Then came the fire in the debris.

Firemen and police worked frantically to extricate the victims. As fast as they could be dug out they were rushed to the hospitals. Twelve of the employees were taken out badly wounded, and this is all the police and firemen have so far accounted for.

Among the injured is S. R. David, of 5 South street, Boston. He is badly injured. Officers of the concern, the superintendent and foreman, were caught in the explosion.

The explosion was heard a mile away. Every window in the block and in the houses opposite the works was smashed. Operatives in a five-story factory on the corner were thrown into a panic and rushed to the street pell mell, but none were hurt.

BARBER AIDS TRAPPING OF COUNTERFEIT SUSPECT

Customer's Silver Dollar Bogus, Detectives Say.

In the arrest of George R. Davis, of 1314 North 24th street, today, the police believe they have the man who has been passing counterfeit money among merchants in Northwest Philadelphia for the last six weeks. Davis was held by Magistrate Renshaw, at the 28th and Oxford streets station, without bail for the action of the United States Commissioner.

Davis walked into a trap laid by Special Policemen Douglas and Clegg and Policeman Kleibacine. He had been in the habit of visiting the barber shop of Rose Zundy, at 224 Ridge avenue. The barber was instructed that the silver dollar piece Davis offered the next time he came in was to be kept separate. When Davis went to be shaved this morning, the police were already there.

POLICE SEEK TWO NEGRO ASSAILANTS OF WOMAN

Miss Lillian Bier Beaten and Robbed Near Kensington Home.

Search is being made today for the assailants of Miss Lillian Bier, 27 years old, daughter of Louis Bier, a former member of the State Legislature, who was attacked by two Negroes within a few doors of her house, Frankford avenue and Pacific street, last night.

Miss Bier was returning from a drug store and when within the shadows of her own residence two men leaped upon her. As she was borne to the ground she received a blow in the face. Beaten almost to insensibility, she screamed and the two men fled with her purse. A chase by men and boys of the section proved fruitless.

A Negro was arrested following an attack last night upon Mrs. Victor Paulin, of 229 Bainbridge street, at 12th and Spruce streets. The man was captured after an exciting chase in which revolver shots were fired by policemen. He gave his name as Horace Hope, 132 Bainbridge street.

THROWN INTO FIERY BED

Man's Assailants Then Thrust Hot Cinders Into His Mouth.

John Walton, 67 years old, a section foreman on the New York division of the Pennsylvania Railroad, while walking the tracks just outside Camden late this afternoon, was attacked and robbed by two Italians, who threw him into a pile of hot cinders and after tying his hands and feet pushed hot cinders into his mouth and gagged him.

He was picked up by the crew of a passenger train and taken to the Cooper Hospital. He described the Italians before lapsing into unconsciousness and said they took \$4 from him.

BERLIN ADMITS DANGER OF RUSSIAN ADVANCE

Reports Repulse of Invaders on Posen Border, However.

BERLIN, Nov. 12.—Semi-official sources admit the seriousness of the Russian movement against Posen and East Prussia. Russian pressure is now being felt along the entire frontier. The advance is being made with ever-increasing forces.

The German border force has repulsed a detachment of Russian cavalry at Kalisz, 60 miles from Breslau, but over the Russian side of the border. There is every indication that the renewed activity is in much greater strength than the advance which was made soon after the war was declared and which was completely repulsed.

KARLSRUHE CAUGHT, RUMOR

London Shippers Hear of German Disaster in Atlantic.

LONDON, Nov. 12.—Shipping firms that received the first news of the bottling up of the cruiser Koenigsberg heard today that British warships had trapped the German cruiser Karlsruhe, which has been active on the east coast of South America.

TURKEY DECLARES WAR ON THREE ALLIED NATIONS

Report of Formal Declaration Against All of Triple Entente.

AMSTERDAM, Nov. 12.—Turkey has declared war upon all nations of the Triple Entente, according to a message received here today from Constantinople by way of Berlin.



AMERICAN MAYORS HEAR ARGUMENT FOR PUBLIC OWNERSHIP

Delos F. Wilcox, Franchise Expert, Tells Conference Utilities Should be Operated by Municipalities.

TOLEDO DEMANDS PUBLIC SERVICE

The people of Toledo have been awakened to the fact that public utilities corporations obtain their right to exist from the people, that the corporations must serve the people economically and well, and that when they no longer serve the best interests and operate only in the interests of a few stockholders and high-salaried officials, it becomes the right of citizens to operate the public utilities corporations themselves.

FOREST FIRES RAGE IN CITY'S SUBURBS, CAUSING BIG LOSS

West Philadelphia the Scene of Two Fierce Blazes. Dry Leaves Feed the Flames.

Two forest fires in West Philadelphia baffled six engine companies for several hours this afternoon, destroyed many hundred dollars' worth of fine timber and threatened the home of Francois Suptot, a gardener.

WOMAN KILLED BY FALL

Body Found Under Window in Hospital Yard.

The body of Miss Marjory McLaughlin, 72 years old, of Gloucester, N. J., was found late this afternoon in the yard of St. Agnes Hospital beneath the window of the room she occupied on the second floor.

GRAND JURY EXPECTED TO RETURN AS MANY MORE IN PROLE

LEXINGTON, Ky., Nov. 12.—Plans were perfected here today to begin a sweeping investigation of wholesale election frauds in many counties in Kentucky. More than 100 indictments have been returned in Pike County and as many more are expected before the Grand Jury finishes its inquiry.

MR. DOOLEY'S SISTER ILL

CHICAGO, Nov. 12.—Mrs. Amelia Hoskey, principal of the Howard School was sister of Finley Peter Dunne (Mr. Dooley), the humorist, is critically ill at her home here. Her condition is said to be hopeless. Mr. Dunne arrived here today from New York.

A STRAP OR A SEAT? Facts which will show the necessity for high speed transit lines, as recommended in the Taylor plan, will be presented in tomorrow's EVENING LEDGER and further illustrations of the beneficial results brought to that section about

MARKET AND 60th STREETS will be given. Business firms of national prominence are arranging to enter this neighborhood. The cause of this is due to the Market street elevated line, which has carried prosperity to West Philadelphia more quickly than any other agency.

TAYLOR INVOKES JOINT CONFIDENCE IN TRANSIT PROJECT

Director Offers Solution of City's Gigantic Problem in Address Before Conference of Mayors.

Director A. Merritt Taylor, of Philadelphia's Department of City Transit, announced at the conference of American Mayors today that a solution to the gigantic transit problem confronting Philadelphia would be attained with honest protection afforded capital invested for the reasonable service of the public.

MUTUAL CONFIDENCE

"We recognize the great part which the railroads and other public service corporations can take in the development of this city and its industries, but so to take this part they must have credit upon which to raise large sums of money and they must be assured of an adequate and attractive return thereon and immunity from unwarranted competition or political and public attacks.

"The capitalists of this country are going to invest their money in communities where capital is justly treated and permitted to earn attractive returns and are not going to invest capital in communities where it is currently ignored and its productivity is unduly curtailed by unreasonable legislation, regulation or competition.

"I believe that the time is past when corporations, through political, financial or other influence, can retard the development of the resources of our great cities, make unfair bargains for franchises, or refuse to co-operate upon just terms in carrying out great municipal developments and undertakings which are dependent upon their co-operation.

"On the other hand, I believe the time has come when the public should have a voice in the management of the public utilities, through political, financial or other influence, can retard the development of the resources of our great cities, make unfair bargains for franchises, or refuse to co-operate upon just terms in carrying out great municipal developments and undertakings which are dependent upon their co-operation.

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GALE COMES SOONER THAN EXPECTED AND PLAYS HAVOC

Windows Smashed, Signs Blown Down and Pedestrians Hindered.

A gale scheduled to arrive in this city tonight arrived several hours ahead of time this afternoon, smashed two 250 windows of the Ford automobile plant at Broad street and Lehigh avenue, tore hats from the heads of men and women and sent them scurrying in all directions, and worked havoc with small signs throughout the city.

The high wind blew down 100 feet of fencing on Market street at 39th street, which surrounded the air dome, an open-air moving picture show place.

The fence was 100 feet high and was topped by several feet of canvas. When it fell it pulled down telephone and electric light wires.

Women near Broad and Chestnut streets and other corners near the center of the city sought the shelter of stores and doorways when the velocity of the wind became so great that it was almost impossible to walk against it. The wind had great difficulty making any headway, being hampered by fluttering skirts.

The gale was not expected to reach this city until tonight. Warning had been received by the weather bureau to hoist storm signals along the entire coast, from Norfolk, Va., to Eastport, Me. A few hours after the warning came the wind, whirling dust into the eyes of pedestrians, upsetting signs and making wires sing.

Although the weather bureau along the coast flashed out the warning of the gale by every possible signal, it is feared many small craft along the coast may not have reached shore in time, and a sharp lookout is being kept at all stations along the coast for vessels in distress.

WIRELESS CALL SAVES 800 ON BLAZING STEAMSHIP

Three Vessels Respond to Appeal and Prevent Big Loss of Life.

ROME, Nov. 12.—A wireless call sent out in the night while 100 miles from the nearest port saved the steamship Citra di Savona, carrying 800 passengers from Port Said to Catania from destruction by fire.

The Minister of Marine this afternoon was advised by wireless that the fire was under control and the steamship would reach Catania this evening, escorted by the Italian torpedo boat Saffo.

The wireless came from the steamer Valparaiso, one of three vessels which hurried to the assistance of the Citra di Savonna when she wirelessed for assistance.

The passengers aboard the ship included 500 Arab soldiers from the Italian colony at Erytrea.

The Citra di Savona sailed from Port Said for Naples late Thursday. Last night a wireless was received from her stating that she was burning and assistance was needed immediately. The plea for help was answered by the steamships Entella and Valparaiso and the torpedo boat Saffo.

WASHINGTON, Nov. 12.—Appeal to the women of the country to contribute to the building of a memorial to Mrs. Woodrow Wilson, late wife of the President, was made today by Mrs. Archibald Hopkins, chairman of the District of Columbia section of the National Civic Federation.

RESERVE THWARTS SUICIDE ATTEMPT ON BROAD STREET

Bluecoat and Unknown Man Struggle for Possession of Revolver.

Walking up to Reserve Policeman Bunch, at Broad and Vine streets, today, a well-dressed man about 35 years old, said:

"I'm going to die soon, and I may as well take you with me."

Bunch tried to console the stranger, but his philosophy on "it is worth while living" didn't appeal to the man. Suddenly the man whipped a revolver from his coat pocket. The revolver was pointed at Bunch. The policeman, besides knowing the traffic rules to perfection, knows all the high points of justice.

For more than five minutes Broad and Vine streets was the scene of a rough and tumble fight. Finally the policeman succeeded in getting possession of the revolver.

Policeman Bunch took his captive to central station, where he was arraigned before Magistrate Renshaw. Search of his pockets revealed there was nothing on him through which he might be identified.

"Dear Sister—I am sorry for this act. Hope you and the world will forgive me. YOUR LOVING BROTHER."

In the prisoner's overcoat pocket the police found a picture of Colonel Roosevelt and his family seated in an automobile. The man told Captain Cameron that he was an admirer of Colonel Roosevelt. He was held in \$500 bail for a further hearing.

Even the inmates of the Eastern Penitentiary have felt the call of the Belgians. Yesterday a letter from Warden McKenty came to the station, announcing a collection had been taken up and enough money had been collected to contribute \$1 barrels of flour toward the stocking of the second ship. A barrel of flour represents \$6.00, therefore the money value of this gift was \$360.00.

Add to this donation of \$1, which came from Wong John, a West Philadelphia Chinese, and his family, and the \$1000 check from the Union League and another \$1000 one from the Thomas Roberts Company, still are now the apportionment of these innocent war victims has reached all classes, regardless of caste, nationality or station in life.

OPTION OBTAINED ON SECOND VESSEL FOR BELGIAN CAUSE

Thanksgiving Ship Scheduled to Depart Week After Next With Food for Starving Thousands.

Second Relief Fund Under Way Lacks \$34,000 of Amount Necessary to Provide Second Relief Cargo.

Some time during the week preceding Thanksgiving a second relief ship, laden with bounty, the result of Philadelphia's generosity, will set sail for Rotterdam to relieve the distress of the hungry women and children of Belgium.

After a meeting held in John Wanamaker's office today of the subcommittee of newspaper publishers who are sponsoring the campaign, it was announced an option had been taken by Mr. Wanamaker on a steamship due to arrive in this port on November 15, and if final arrangements are made to charter her the work of provisioning her will be carried on with as much dispatch as possible.

The name of the vessel was not announced. It will be known as the Thanksgiving Ship. Meanwhile many generous offers are being made to give fresh impetus to the campaign for the second cargo, so that the same remarkable generosity which characterized the sending of the Thelma will mark the going out of the Thanksgiving Ship.

BENEFITS FOR SUFFERING George W. Bennethum, of 23 North 9th street, an owner of 16 moving picture parlors, has promised to turn over to the fund 50 per cent of the proceeds which he takes in at this afternoon's and this evening's performances at all of his houses. Also a benefit performance, for which no date has yet been set, will be held at the Academy of Music, the proceeds of which will go to help toward swelling the fund.

The Thanksgiving Ship will be of practically the same capacity as the Thelma, which means that just as much cargo—300 tons of foodstuffs—will have to be loaded to fill her hold.

A man walked into the headquarters of the Relief Fund in the basement of the Lincoln Building this morning, and with these words drew out a dollar from the innermost recesses of his vest pocket and placed it down on the table.

"Name, please," said the clerk in charge. "No name," he said modestly. "Just make a cash."

"You know," he went on after his contribution had been put down anonymously in the book, "Philadelphia did a mighty fine thing in sending 100 tons of food to the starving children and women of Belgium, but if we talk so much about it we are going to be mighty apt to think that we've done enough. The thing to do is to stiffen up, stop bragging, and get back and forget what we have done. That's the only way to get the second ship off in good time."

He wanted a particularly affluent man as having contributed toward the fund for the Thelma in the first days of the campaign, and in the opinion of the workers up at the station, was the proper spirit.

COMMITTEE RENEWS EFFORTS. Forget the Thelma and bend all of your energies toward stocking out the Thanksgiving Ship. That is the spirit which the committee in charge of the relief work is doing its best to inculcate.

Yesterday, despite the fact it might have been expected that all of the people with any interest in the starving women and children of Belgium would have found their way down to the dock to see the Thelma depart, yet quite a number went to the basement of the Lincoln Building and left donations.

Less than \$4000, however, marked the day's contributions. This makes about \$7000 in total as a "starter" for the second ship. A tidy little sum, it is true, but it took \$104,000 to stock out the Thelma, and since Mr. Wanamaker has announced that the second ship he will charter shall be of an near the same size as can be obtained, then it is easy to see that if the Thanksgiving ship is to sail as quickly as humanity demands that she should sail, then the citizens of Philadelphia will have to put their hands deep into their pockets and bring up all that they can afford.

The receiving station will be kept open indefinitely, from 8 in the morning until 8:30 in the evening. All who haven't contributed their share are invited, and urged, to come in and pay a visit, and those who have given are asked to "come again."

"One little girl who said her name was Sarah peeped in this morning on her way to school and announced she was walking back and forth from the class rooms in order to save her fare for the little Belgians.

"At the end of the week I'll have 35 cents for some hungry little girl," she said proudly, and then went her way.

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Weather forecast: CLOUDY. THE WEATHER For Philadelphia and vicinity—Increasing cloudiness tonight and tomorrow. Colder Saturday. For details, see last page.