

FRENCH TOWNS LAID WASTE BY KAISER'S GUNS

Furious Cannade at Three Points—Ypres in Flames and Soissons and Rheims Again Attacked.

Fresh German Artillery Massed at Belgium Front and Heavy Cannon Thunder Along Sea Coast—London Alarmed.

Along the Franco-Belgian front the battle continues to be carried on mainly by the artillery, and, according to the official statement issued this afternoon by the French War Office, the Germans are directing their attacks chiefly upon Ypres, Soissons and Rheims.

The French report that three sharp attacks by the invaders in the Argonne region have been repulsed.

From Dutch sources come reports that the Kaiser is again shifting his forces, withdrawing cavalry from Belgium, where there is little opportunity at present to use mobile forces, and sending these troops to Poland.

Heavy firing along the coast is believed to mark the beginning of a new battle between the allied fleets and the German artillery on shore.

The German army in its new invasion in Poland has advanced two-thirds of the way back to Warsaw. By a sharp attack the important railway centre of Lodz was captured, and the Kaiser's forces were enabled to cross the Bura River in force.

The Russian army contesting the German advance on Warsaw has administered a severe defeat to the enemy in the region between the Wartha and Vistula Rivers, according to the latest Petrograd advices.

Berlin states that activity in East Prussia has subsided for the time being. Petrograd, however, claims vigorous operations and reports the capture of Gumbinnen.

British officials regard as "German fabrications" the reports of Turkish successes against Russian and British forces in Asiatic Turkey near the Persian Gulf and on the Egyptian frontier.

Heavy fighting on the Suez Canal, and forces being engaged in battle 18 miles from that point. Rout of British outposts is reported.

A Turkish cruiser, it was announced, captured the Russian steamer "Korona" in the Black Sea.

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WATCH THE ARMY GROW

TURKS SLAY CHRISTIANS IN RAIDS AT TREBIZOND

Three Killed and Shops Sacked in Black Sea City.

ATHENS, Nov. 22.—Shops owned by Christians were sacked and three Christians killed by a large force of Turks at Trebizond, a message received here today from Constantinople states.

Trebizond is a seaport of Asiatic Turkey on the Black Sea, 120 miles northwest of Erzerum. The Christian inhabitants are chiefly Greeks and Armenians. The Christian quarters are outside the walls.

CZAR'S FORCES CUT GERMANS TO PIECES ON ROAD TO WARSAW

Kaiser's Advance Met With Vigorous Assault, Which Checked Sweep on Polish Capital.

PETROGRAD, Nov. 22.—Reports of successes today against the Germans moving on Warsaw say the advance has been checked and that the invaders have lost more than 12,000 prisoners.

It is now only a question of how many Germans succeeded in escaping, it is declared in a Petrograd report of fresh and important successes gained by the Russians between the Vistula and Wartha Rivers.

The battle, which has been raging in the region between the Vistula and Wartha Rivers, has resulted in the forward movement being checked, it is asserted. The German losses are said to be enormous. At Kutno, 25 miles west of Lodz, 12,000 prisoners were taken.

Another terrific battle is raging between Czenstochow and Cracow.

KAISER TAKES THREE TOWNS IN ADVANCE ON WARSAW

Column Crosses Bura River and Seizes Line of Communication.

BERLIN, Nov. 22.—Weichsel (Vistula) river, the German forces in Russian Poland have captured the three towns of Lodz, Debesko and Roslawow, according to a semi-official dispatch received here from the front early today.

These three towns are on the Bura river. Roslawow is only 31 miles west of Warsaw.

News of the capture of Lodz, which is on the south bank of the Bura, indicates that the Germans have crossed that stream in force.

Lodz is an important railroad point, two lines from there running to Warsaw, one through Skierniewice, the other through Roslawow, just across the Bura from Roslawow.

Debesko and Roslawow are on the second line mentioned, and are located on the north bank of the Bura. Their capture gives the Germans control of the railroad up to the bridge between Roslawow and Sochaczew. This is reported to have been destroyed and the only way in which the Germans can cross in this region is by means of pontoon bridges.

The German column between the Wartha and the Vistula Rivers, according to today's reports, comprises six army corps and presents a front 50 miles in extent. The two rivers prevent flanking by either side, hence the fighting consists of straight frontal attacks, in which the losses of both armies are heavy, but neither side so far has been able to gain a marked advantage.

General von Hinkenburg's army thus has advanced beyond Lodz-Skierniewice line, which means that the Germans have covered two-thirds of the ground to the Polish capital, from which they are now only 40 miles distant.

Further south in Poland, however, the Teuton allies are said to have been repulsed between Radom and Kielce.

STEEL MILL REOPENED Illinois Company Gives Employment to 2000 Additional Men.

CHICAGO, Nov. 22.—The South Chicago converting works of the Illinois Steel Company reopened this morning, giving employment to 2000 men who were laid off last spring.

U. S. MAY PURCHASE MIDVALE PLANT TO MAKE ARMOR PLATE

Special Congressional Committee for Manufactory Here, if the Government Decides to Buy One.

PITTSBURGH, Nov. 22.—With something of a shock, and before the investigation of the congressional committee was well started at the first stop it has made, Carnegie Steel Company officials today learned that if the Government decided to buy one of the existing armor plate plants and manufacture its own armor the plant to be purchased in all likelihood would be that of the Midvale Steel Company, Philadelphia.

The special Congressional Committee, coming from Washington, opened its inquiry into armor plate making with a tour of the armor plate department of the Carnegie Steel Company, the biggest auxiliary of the United States Steel Corporation, at Homestead, after paying President A. C. Dinkley, of the Carnegie company, a visit at his office in Pittsburgh.

In the party were Senator Tillman, chairman of the Senate Naval Affairs Committee; Representative Padgett, chairman of the House Naval Affairs Committee; Admiral Joseph Strauss, the third member of the committee appointed by President Wilson; Lieutenant Commander C. C. Bloch, chief of the Bureau of Ordnance, and Secretaries G. B. Knight, E. S. Theall and F. S. Ray.

Strictest secrecy surrounded the movements of the committee, which will visit the Bethlehem Steel Company's plant at Bethlehem, and then wind up at the Midvale plant, Philadelphia. A day will be spent at each plant.

The committee's partiality for the Midvale plant developed when some of the members were sounded on having the Government, if it should decide to build, locate the plant in Pittsburgh. The first objection raised to this was the impracticability of taking over the armor plate plant of the Steel Corporation, since only a part of its armor plate is purchased by the United States Government.

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"Twilight Sleep" An authoritative discussion of the use of anesthetics to relieve the terrors of motherhood is printed on the editorial page of this issue. It is from the pen of Vance Thompson, author, playwright and scholar.

200 WORKMEN IMPERILED

Escape Injury From Explosion of 2000 Pounds of Nitroglycerine. GARY, Ind., Nov. 22.—Two hundred workmen in the plant of the Aetna Powder Company, Aetna, Ind., had narrow escape from death or injury when 2000 pounds of nitroglycerine exploded today.

No one was killed. The principal damage was done in Gary, where hundreds of windows were broken.

KILLED BY NITROGLYCERINE

Man, Team and Wagon Blown to Bits at Titusville. TITUSVILLE, Pa., Nov. 22.—Ralph Tubbs, an oil well shooter, his team and wagon were blown to bits and nearly every window in this town was broken today when nitro-glycerine blew up as Tubbs was loading it on his wagon at a pit near here.

GOVERNOR APPOINTS JUDGE

Names John Faber Miller to Montgomery County Bench. NORRISTOWN, Pa., Nov. 22.—John Faber Miller was today appointed Judge of the Common Pleas Court to succeed the late Henry K. Weand.

The appointment was announced by Governor Tener this afternoon.

WOMAN SHOTS HERSELF WHILE HUSBAND SLEEPS

Suicide at Buckingham Apartments After Long Illness. Mrs. John Roberts, 65 years old, 419 Walnut street, ended her life in her room early this morning by shooting herself through the head with a revolver while her husband was asleep.

Melancholia induced by several years of illness prompted the suicide, according to the police. She had been treated several years for a complication of disease.

Within the last few weeks, her condition became worse.

At 1:30 o'clock this morning Mrs. Roberts arose and took her husband's revolver from a bureau. Then she sat on a chair and shot herself through the head.

The husband found her unconscious on the floor and summoned a physician. Mr. Roberts is on the verge of prostration. The couple lived at a Buckingham Apartments.

After the death of her four children, Mrs. Roberts became active in social and charity work. For two years she was vice president of the Infants' Home, 46th and Locust streets.

She became president of the institution, a position which she held for ten years.

Mrs. Roberts was Miss Rosalie Magill before her marriage. Mr. Roberts is said to have been connected with the Pencoyd Iron Works before his retirement.

"JERSEY DEVIL" A BOY

Robberies in Germantown Charged to 15-year-old Lad. Willard Horton, 15 years old, 339 East Wister street, was given a hearing before Judge Gorman in the Juvenile Court today charged with robbing half a dozen stores in Germantown. The boy admitted his guilt.

He was testified young Horton had been committed to Glen Mills in December, 1911, by Judge Carr for similar offenses, and was only released from that reformatory before his marriage. Mr. Roberts is said to have been connected with the Pencoyd Iron Works before his retirement.

PITCH UPSET, STREET ABLAZE

Ellsworth Street Folk Have Scare When Caudron is Overtaken. Residents of Ellsworth street near 26th were badly frightened this afternoon when Robert McCuslin, of 226 Federal street, fell from a ladder and upset a big cauldron of boiling pitch that filled the street with fire for 30 minutes.

The cauldron was burned about the legs, but refused to go to a hospital. He was treated by John H. Hahn, proprietor of a drug store at 26th and Locust streets, where a pitch filled dwelling with smoke and the choking fumes drove pedestrians from the street. Firemen easily put out the blaze.

ACCUSED OF TAKING TURKEYS

Car Inspectors Dismissed From Service of Railroad. Two car inspectors of the Baltimore and Ohio Railroad lost their jobs today. The police say they tried to get Thanksgiving turkeys without paying for them.

The men, Fred Haase, father of six children, 144 South 33d street, and James White, 154 South 33d street, father of two children, broke into a car, it is alleged, selected three fat turkeys and started with them. A railroad detective arrested them.

As the men had been employed by the railroad for many years, the company did not prosecute, and Magistrate Reshaw, in the central station, released them.

KILLED UNDER WRECKED AUTO

Armin Fuchs, Steamship Agent, Dies in Accident—Two Hurt. NEW BRUNSWICK, N. J., Nov. 22.—A blow-out automobile tire today caused the death of Armin Fuchs, a steamship agent, and the serious injury of two other men.

The car, driven by Karas, crashed down an embankment on the road to Perth Amboy, a few miles from this city, following the bursting of the tire. The car, driven by Karas, crashed down an embankment on the road to Perth Amboy, a few miles from this city, following the bursting of the tire.

Fuchs was crushed to death beneath the car. Karas' skull was crushed and John Karas, the son, was badly hurt. The wires of the two men, who were in the car, were thrown clear of the car and escaped with bruises.

CONSUMER TO PAY MEAT RISE, 20C. IN \$1, IF FREIGHT GOES UP

Railroads' Proposed Increase in Rates Declared Outrage by Packers, Who Will Fight It Before Commerce Commission. The consumer must bear the burden of the increase in freight rates on live stock and packing house products announced by the railroads to become effective December 15, according to J. J. Fellin, president of the American Meat Packers' Association. Mr. Fellin was seen today at his office, 418 Germantown avenue.

"The increase will average more than 20 per cent. on this class of goods," said Mr. Fellin. "Two per cent. of the total tonnage of the railroads is live stock and packing house products. The railroads asked for \$20,000,000 increase in freight receipts for all their tonnage, and they now want to get \$20,000,000 of it from the meat business."

"It is one of the greatest outrages that has ever been attempted by the railroads on the people. Nothing more unjust could be thought of. The increase must be borne by the consumer. It will affect every working man. The packing business is operated on such a close margin of profit that it will not be able to pay the increased rates demanded out of its profits, and accordingly there must be an increase in the price of meat at retail."

The Interstate Commerce Commission allowed the railroads a general 5 per cent. increase in the territory east of Pittsburgh and Buffalo and east of Chicago. Mr. Fellin contends that the brunt of the increase is being paid by the consumer and live stock business. His estimate is that the total increase will be 20 per cent. inclusive of a raised minimum of carload weights, and a change in classification, he says, has been made in certain items.

FOOT AND MOUTH DISEASE FACTOR. The foot and mouth disease has caused an increase of one cent a pound on all live stock, according to dealers in this city. Live stock may be bought now only in three markets, South Omaha, Nashville and Kansas City, the other large stockyards being under Government quarantine.

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Telegrams have been received by packers from wholesale firms all over the country, asking that the packers of the United States appeal to the commission to forbid the increase.

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PRICES OF ALL MEATS TO RISE. Charles Harlan, treasurer of the Consolidated Dressed Beef Company, reiterated what Mr. Chandless had said. The minute such an increase was permitted by the Interstate Commerce Commission, he said, the price of meat all over the country, of all kinds and grades, would rise at once and exactly in proportion to the additional freight charges.

The increase would affect the shipment of meats between Chicago and Philadelphia, New York, Baltimore and other large cities of the East. It is scheduled for central freight association territory entirely. This territory is west of Pittsburgh and Buffalo and east of Chicago. All the big trunk lines of Pennsylvania, Baltimore and Ohio, and New York Central, traverse this territory.

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E. T. STOTESBURY QUILTS DIRECTORATE OF BANK

Financier Resigns as Official of Franklin National. Edward T. Stotesbury, head of the firm of Drexel & Co. and president of the Philadelphia and Reading Railway Company, today resigned from the directorate of the Franklin National Bank. Last week he resigned as director of the Philadelphia National Bank, and his action today severed all connections between Drexel & Co. and national banks in this city.

The belief prevails in financial circles that Mr. Stotesbury's action was due directly to the passage of the Clayton anti-trust bill, prohibiting interlocking directorates. The measure is believed also to have inspired the resignations last week of three other members of the Drexel firm from bank boards. G. Clymer Brooks resigned as director of the Central National, H. G. Lloyd quit the Girard National and Arthur E. Newell severed his connections with the Fourth Street National.

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AMERICAN TROOPS QUIT VERA CRUZ HOMEWARD BOUND

Evacuation Proceeding Without Disorder and Constitutionalist Soldiers Ready to Replace Them. Vera Cruz, Nov. 22.—With transports steamed up and ready to sail the American soldiers who have occupied Vera Cruz marched from their positions today and embarked for home.

A mile outside the city General Aguilar Jara was waiting with 800 disciplined Constitutionalist soldiers. He will enter Vera Cruz as soon as the last American soldier is out. As the American outposts in the sand hills outside the city were evacuated during the morning Constitutionalist moved forward and took up the positions.

The evacuation of the city by the Americans proceeded quietly. Great crowds of natives lined the streets, but perfect order was observed. General Funston ordered all sauncho closed.

On board the refugee ship Antilla are nearly 1000 Mexican fleeing from the country. Scores of others begged to be taken aboard the transports, but all such requests were denied. Over \$1,000,000 is being taken in through the custom office and will be turned over to the Mexican Government the United States may receive.

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SEVEN DIE, NINE INJURED, IN LONG LIST OF MISHAPS

Auto Accidents, Coal Gas in Homes, Fire in Factory and Woman's Fall Responsible for Deaths. Seven persons are dead and nine are in hospitals from serious injuries today as the result of accidents in this city. Had-donfield, N. J., and South Bethlehem, Pa. Automobile mishaps caused two of the deaths, coal gas in three, a man was burned to death in a factory fire and a woman died as the result of injuries suffered in a fall. The dead are: Samuel Bowers, 32 years old, 5536 Girard avenue. Frank Toby, 60 years old, 1342 South 16th street. Henry Haman, 61 years old, 227 Buttonwood street. Joseph Kane, 62 years old, 21 East Seitzer street.

John Clymer, University of Pennsylvania student, Riegelville, Pa. Mrs. Clara Shivers, 76 years old, Had-donfield, N. J. Nicholas Gaudin, 1522 South 8th street. The injured are: James McCandless, University of Pennsylvania student, Honolulu. Hugh Kelly, University of Pennsylvania student, 407 Powelton avenue. Charles F. Childsey, Jr., University of Pennsylvania student. James Howard, 265 Braddock street. Ernest Shaddock, 265 Braddock street. Mrs. Shaddock, same address. Daniel Hill, 2674 Martha street. James Scott, 263 East Fifth street.

TRAIN CRASHES INTO AUTO. Clymer, who was a student at the Wharton school, of the University of Pennsylvania, met his death at South Bethlehem when an automobile in which he and four other students were riding was struck by a Lehigh Valley freight train and wrecked. The students went to Easton Saturday to see the Lehigh-Lafayette game. They spent the evening calling on fraternal friends in Easton and Bethlehem and started home early yesterday morning.

McCandless, who has been arrested twice in this city for automobile accidents, was driving the car. Apparently he did not see the freight train approaching and tried to drive across the tracks at the Broadhead street crossing. The heavy train crashed into the automobile, sending its occupants hurtling in every direction.

Kelly caught the hand rail of a freight car, slipped on the track and fell. It is believed Clymer tried to jump and slipped. He fell on the track in the path of the train and was decapitated. The four injured were taken to St. Luke's Hospital at South Bethlehem. All will recover. McCandless and Miller each suffered a fractured leg, while Childsey and Kelly escaped with severe cuts and bruises.

McCandless is the son of a Hawaiian sugar planter and a second-year student at Wharton school.

The following report of the accident was made public by the Lehigh Valley Railroad Company: "The automobile was struck by a slowly moving train. There was a brakeman on the shifting car who shouted a warning to the party. They did not hear him or did not understand, for they dashed directly in front of the cars. The party evidently had missed their way for there is a road going under the tracks and another which is guarded. They crossed at a point which is practically never used. It crosses on a siding.

"The injured are recovering."

FOUR HURT IN EXPLOSION. Four persons hurt at the home of James Howard, 265 Braddock street, by an explosion of illuminating gas, due to a search for a leak with a lighted candle, are in serious condition. The explosion occurred in the kitchen. The explosion wrecked the house and damaged an adjoining dwelling.

Scott went into the basement to look for the leak and a moment later there was a terrific report. Mr. and Mrs. Shaddock, Mrs. James Howard and Daniel Hill all were in the kitchen. The explosion tore a hole through the floor of the room and Mrs. Howard fell through this after being hurled against a wall. Scott was blown against the ceiling, cellar and his eyes were slightly burned.