

NEW LEGIONS
HALT GERMAN
ARMY'S DRIVE
ON WARSAW

Defenders Mass West of Polish Capital and Halt Advance of Von Hindenburg's Force—Germans Abandon Attempt to Pierce Reformed Russian Front.

Germans, Also Reinforced, Continue Stubborn Assaults on Teresin—Austrians Storm Piotrkow and Gain Ground in Southern Poland, Vienna Announces, and Reports Russian Retreat Along Entire Poland Line.

Throwing heavy reinforcements along the battlefield west of Warsaw the Russian General Staff has checked the German pressure against the Kaiser's objective. New troops have hastened from the interior to aid in the defense of the Polish capital, toward which von Hindenburg's recent drive has carried the army of invasion as near as 16 miles.

Berlin, while celebrating Marshal von Hindenburg's announced victory on the Vistula, is disappointed at lack of definite details explaining the magnitude and value of the triumph. In the Allies' capitals reports of this victory are heavily discounted.

Vienna reports contradict all Petrograd statements, and declare that the Russians are in general retreat along the entire eastern battle line, extending 250 miles, from northern Poland to Galicia. In southern Poland the Austrians have stormed the im-

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POLICE SEEK MISSING GIRL

Disappears While on a Shopping Trip.

The police of this city are searching for 17-year-old Rose Silverstein, of 7116 Germantown avenue, who has not been seen since Tuesday, when she made a shopping trip to the central part of the city. When she did not return it was at first thought that she had eloped, but inquiry showed that her fiance knows nothing of her whereabouts.

THE WEATHER



CLOUDY

By the law of averages that "cloudy" out should not appear for some time yet, judging by the little monopoly it maintained for some ten days running a short time ago. But there it is again just the same. Nuff said. The weatherman does not know whether it is about to snow or not. Don't think harshly of him for that, because it is hard to be accurate in such things. And if you're sunbathing for a white Christmas, it might be well to remember it is getting warmer.

FORECAST

For Philadelphia and vicinity—Unsettled tonight and Sunday, with probably rain; colder Sunday afternoon and night; increasing southerly winds becoming strong.

For details, see page 2.

Observations at Philadelphia

Barometer 30.11
Thermometer 31.1
Wind S.W. 10
Humidity 75
Direction of surface wind S.W.
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Almanac of the Day

For 1915
Sun rises 7:14 a. m.
Sun sets 4:54 p. m.
Moon rises 1:10 a. m.
Moon sets 11:58 p. m.

Lamps to Be Lighted

At 4:30 p. m.
At 4:30 p. m.
At 4:30 p. m.

The Tides

At 4:30 p. m.
At 4:30 p. m.
At 4:30 p. m.



OFFICIAL WAR REPORTS

AUSTRIAN.

The beaten Russian main forces are being pursued on the entire battle front 400 kilometers wide (about 250 miles), from Krasno, in Galicia, to the mouth of the Bzura River, in Poland, where it empties into the Vistula.

The enemy yesterday was driven from his positions north of the Carpathians, between Krasno and Zaklady. On the Lower Donajec River we and our allies are doing battle with the enemy's rear guard.

In South Poland our advance so far has been made without important fighting. Piotrkow, day before yesterday, and Przedsbor, yesterday, were stormed.

The position at Przemysl has continued further fighting in front of the fortress with success.

The situation in the Carpathians has not yet substantially changed.

RUSSIAN.

On the left bank of the Vistula an almost complete jolt on nearly all of the front has replaced the attacks made by the enemy in the course of the last few days. All of these attacks were repulsed.

In connection with the advance of our troops toward the Bzura River, Russian Poland, and in view of the fact that the Austrians are continually receiving reinforcements in the Carpathians, we have thought it fit to retrace the positions of some of our armies.

We checked the offensive of the enemy yesterday in western Galicia. On the front between Sank and Lislo, we have succeeded in our offensive, and have captured 3000 prisoners, several guns and mitrailleuses.

FRENCH.

In Belgium, during the day of December 18, we fortified the ground gained the day before to the south of Dixmude and pushed forward our front to the south of the Kortker Inn. Our advance to the south of Ypres is being continued in marshy ground very difficult for our troops.

From the Lys to the south of the Canal de Consoletion, south of La Bassée, more than a kilometre. In the course of the last two days we have made equal progress in the direction of the second line of the enemy's trenches. Several German trenches have been captured by us in the region of Mamet and in that of Limons. Three violent counter attacks by the Germans have been repulsed.

In the region of the Alsace artillery duels continue. In the Champagne district the enemy's artillery showed more activity than on the preceding day.

In the Argonne, in the forest of Currie, we blew up a German mine. Near St. Hubert the enemy succeeded in advancing slightly by means of a very fierce attack. It is confirmed that on the heights of the Meuse our artillery, directed by aviators, has destroyed two heavy batteries and damaged a third.

From the Meuse or the Vosges there is nothing to report. In the Vosges there have been sharp fusillades from the Germans, but no attack.

RESCUES DROWNING MAN

Councilman Greer, of Camden, Plunges Into River and Saver Worker Not taking time to remove his overcoat, Councilman Charles Greer, of Camden, mechanical foreman of the Philadelphia and Camden Ferry Company, plunged into the river at the Market street pier, on the Camden side today to rescue James Conroy, a workman.

The men were in the river almost 30 minutes before they were lifted through a trap door in the paddle box of the ferryboat. Wagon. After changing their clothes for warm apparel they said they felt no worse for the experience.

Conroy was working at the end of the ship when the fall occurred. Greer, knowing he could not swim, plunged in to a rescue. Many commuters are the

HENRY CLEWS, JR.,
AND MRS. GOELET
TO WED TONIGHT

Former Miss Elsie Whelen, of This City, to Be Bride of Banker's Son—Recently Divorced Husband.

Mrs. Elsie Whelen Goelet, second daughter of the late Henry Whelen, wealthy banker and prominent member of Philadelphia society, who divorced her husband, Robert W. Goelet, last March, will be married to Henry Clews, Jr., son of the multimillionaire New York banker, in New York tonight.

A license was applied for and issued in New York this afternoon. This was the first intimation that had reached the public of Mrs. Goelet's plans.

Mrs. Goelet is 33 years old. She became socially notable in the Newport season of 1905, when, as a debutante, her

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NEUTRALITY NOT VIOLATED

British Ambassador Explains Act of Collier Lena.

WASHINGTON, Dec. 19.—Violation of the neutrality of the Panama Canal by the British auxiliary collier Lena was impossible, the British Ambassador, Sir Spring-Rice, informed the State Department today. In a formal statement he said Governor Goethals, in a letter to the British Minister at Panama, had admitted he had been misinformed regarding the alleged violation of wireless neutrality by the collier. The ship was nominally fined \$50 for violation of quarantine regulations of the isthmus by having arrived at Panama without a bill of health. At Balboa, where a British warship, she was ordered to leave at once, and being unable to await clearance papers, rather than violate the neutrality laws she violated the customs laws by sailing without the papers.

Secretary of the Navy Daniels, as a result of this explanation, has abandoned his intention of sending a warship to the Pacific end of the Panama Canal to preserve neutrality.

MAN THIRSTS FOR REVENGE

Six Men Required to Hold Him After He Is Assaulted.

It took six men to hold a wounded man who, with blood flowing from a cut in his forehead, pursued his assailant up Chestnut street between 9th and 10th streets this afternoon.

He was overpowered by physicians at the Jefferson Hospital and strapped to a table before his wound could be treated. He shouted that he would have revenge on the man who cut him.

When quieted the man gave his name as Ernest Villius, 48 years old, 1419 Parrish street. According to witnesses, he became involved in an argument over the way before a bulletin board near 9th and Chestnut streets.

DESTRUCTIVE FIRE IN TRENTON

Business Houses in Central Part of City Burned.

TRENTON, N. J., Dec. 19.—Business and traffic were tied up for several hours at noon today in the center of the city when a fire of unknown origin broke out in lodge rooms in the Biltmore Building, South Broad street.

The blaze gained considerable headway before the entire Trenton Fire Department managed to check the fire.

While the fire is not yet under control it is estimated that the damage will approximate \$50,000.

The store conducted by Dr. Leo Gumbel, a dry goods merchant and a relative of Gumbel Brothers, of New York and Philadelphia, suffered by the water. The slapping of a ladder precipitated the flames from the roof to the fire below.



The largest crowd of the season sought Gustine and Concourse Lakes in Fairmount Park, Hunting Park Lake, Cresheim Valley Lake and Wissahickon Creek today where the ice still held firm. Warmer weather, however, is liable to put an end to the sport before Monday.

MYSTERY INVOLVES NAME
OF MRS. KEITH DONALDSON

Woman Arrested After Dispute at 2003 Chestnut Street.

Mystery veils the arrest this afternoon of a woman who gave her name as Mrs. Keith Donaldson, 39 years old, of 2003 Chestnut street, on the charge of trespassing and assault and battery.

The Donaldsons, who live at that address, are socially prominent.

Policeman McLaughlin, of the 15th and Vine streets police station, made the arrest. It is said, when called upon to do so by members of the household at 2003 Chestnut street.

It is said that the woman endeavored to obtain possession of a child, but was prevented from doing so. This child is said to be her own, now in the possession of her husband from whom she is divorced.

No information about the trouble could be obtained at the Donaldson residence, where Mrs. William F. Donaldson, who is socially prominent, resides.

TWO MORE SHIPS BLOWN
UP BY GERMANS' MINES

British Loss Vessels Off Coast Raided by Cruisers.

SCARBOROUGH, Eng., Dec. 19.—German mines claimed two more vessels off the coast this afternoon. Two British mine-sweepers, endeavoring to remove the mines left by the German warships, were blown up and sunk. Another ship was damaged.

The disasters occurred between Scarborough and Fliley, seven miles south of here.

TWO DEAD, FIFTY INJURED

Train Ditched on Nashville, Chattanooga and St. Louis Railroad.

ATLANTA, Ga., Dec. 19.—Two persons were killed and 50 injured today in a wreck on the Nashville, Chattanooga and St. Louis Railroad near Cartersville, Ga.

The locomotive and five crowded coaches jumped the track and rolled down a steep embankment. Only the Pullman coach and one of the coaches remained on the rails.

A defective rail is believed to have been the cause.

AUTOS GO LIKE HOT CAKES
AT DEFUNCT CONCERN'S SALE

Jake Gilman, Ex-constable, Buys One at Auction for \$375.

It would require a Solomon to unravel the complications connected with the failure of the S. and F. Automobile Company, of 629-631 North Broad street, whose stock of machines, gasoline and office fixtures was sold today to an immense crowd of enthusiastic buyers.

William J. Eisenhower, who is conducting the sale, managed to get into the establishment after besieging the doors for a long time.

The levy was made by Louis J. Kolb, owner of the property, to whom George Sattler, said to be the company, owed five months' rent, amounting to \$500.

The automobiles in the place were sold like hot cakes, the first being bought for \$375 by Jake Gilman, ex-constable in Magistrate Call's office. Others were sold for prices ranging from \$15 to \$65.

PICKPOCKETS BUSY IN CITY

Entire Detective Force Looking for Band of Thieves.

The entire detective force from City Hall was assigned to the central business section of the city this afternoon to apprehend an organized group of pickpockets which has been operating on the streets and in the department stores.

Thefts totaling nearly \$1000 have been reported to Captain Cameron since noon.

It is known that at least one man and two women are in the group. One of the victims reported a loss of \$100 in a store at 12th and Market streets. Another, a woman, had \$150 removed from her purse at 18th and Market. It cost N. Lacayo, of 227 Walnut street, \$20 to lose three blocks on a 12th street car. Lacayo got on the car at Market street, and when the car reached Locust street he missed his wallet containing \$20.

FRANK EXECUTION STAYED

Judge Newman Grants Writ of Error to Supreme Court.

ATLANTA, Ga., Dec. 19.—Execution of Leo M. Frank was automatically stayed this afternoon. Federal Judge W. T. Newman announced he would certify a writ of error to the United States Supreme Court.

Thief Snatches Woman's Purse

As Mrs. C. B. Nelson, 106 Third street, was about to enter her home this afternoon, her handbag was snatched from her side. The lady said that she is in this case charged with several department stores.

REA SAYS P. R. R.
POLICY UNALTERED
BY RATE DECISION

President of Pennsylvania Railroad Says Efforts to Augment Revenues Will Be Continued.

Samuel Rea, president of the Pennsylvania Railroad, in a statement today, declares the granting of a 5 per cent. freight rate increase to the Eastern railroads by the Interstate Commerce Commission is not so far-reaching as the roads believe necessary. Therefore, he says, the railroads must continue their efforts to conserve and augment their revenues from the sources the Commission previously recommended.

This statement was taken in financial circles here to imply the railroads, despite the increased freight rate, will refuse to annul the increase in passenger rates which they announced a month ago. Mr. Rea says the Federal Government should award the railroads the admittedly just compensation for the carriage of mails and parcel post, and he calls upon "the fair-minded citizens" to see that the Legislature, Federal and State, relieve the railroads from enforced wasteful expenditures.

MR. REA'S STATEMENT.

Mr. Rea's statement follows:

I regard this decision as the beginning of a broad, constructive policy in railroad regulation as an imperatively required. It certainly indicates that the commission has been seriously impressed by actual railroad and financial conditions, and we recognize that the commission has carefully considered the entire situation and rendered what it believes to be a fair and equitable decision. The decision, however, grants an increase on only about 50 per cent. of the freight business of our system and is not so far-reaching as the railroads believe to be necessary. Therefore, the railroads, as the commission emphasizes, must continue their efforts to conserve and augment their revenues from the sources the commission previously recommended.

"We desire prosperity, but it is impossible for the country to prosper while railroad revenues and credit are inadequate, and, therefore, the increased rates should be generally helpful. Relying on the protection of public regulation, we will make the additional revenue in continuing our lines and equipment in good condition to render the best possible public service and in sustaining our credit on a sound basis.

"The Federal Government should, in the same spirit, award the railroads the admittedly just compensation, as long withheld, for the carriage of mails and parcels post; and the citizens should see to it that the Legislature, Federal and State, relieve the railroads from enforced wasteful expenditures. Under such a helpful policy public regulation rests on a solid foundation and confidence, and prosperity will be greatly encouraged."

RAILROADS WILL ACT PROMPTLY.

"The railroads will lose no time filing their new tariffs," it was said today at the offices of the Interstate Commerce Commission in Washington. As soon as the tariff experts of the roads can prepare the schedule the Commission expects them to be filed here.

Estimates of the amount of money the new tariffs will yield the railroads vary from \$25,000,000 to \$100,000,000. Those who believe the European war is affecting the interstate business of the United States make the lower estimate while others who see "a boom in business" in the country make the lower estimate. While others who have been in close touch with the roads said today. He added that the amount of money this decision would yield the railroads depended entirely upon the movement of freight which, he said, because of uncertainty in international business conditions, no one could estimate with a degree of certainty.

CULLOP SAYS BOOM
WILL FOLLOW RULING

WASHINGTON, Dec. 19.—Prosperity will follow in the wake of the Interstate Commerce Commission's 5 per cent. rate increase decision, in the opinion of Representative Cullup, a member of the House Interstate Commerce Committee.

"I think it will give business all over the country a great stimulus," he said. "The roads' condition, whether real or imaginary, has caused them to hold back and this spirit has been reflected in all other business. The railroads will be more prosperous and their activity will be reflected in other lines. I predict that the prosperity increase will be enormous."

Chairman Adamson declined to analyze the decision further than to comment. "Two things are patent," he said. "The railroads will get more and the people will have to pay more."

SUICIDE'S SON GUARDS DOOR

Holds Back Inquisitive Neighbors With Revolver.

With the aid of a tube attached to a gas jet in his mouth, Philip Burton, a tailor, of 223 South 4th street, was found dead in the bathroom of the house by his son Samuel this morning. He had been worried over business difficulties.

Police officers called for the father for the police station at the front door with a revolver in his hand holding back to inquisitive neighbors.

LOST AND FOUND

ALL "LOST AND FOUND" ADVERTISEMENTS in this paper are subject to the following regulations: (1) All advertisements must be paid for in advance. (2) All advertisements must be in the English language. (3) All advertisements must be in the English language. (4) All advertisements must be in the English language.

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