

CZAR DRIVES FOE ACROSS VISTULA AND TAKES PLOCK

Germans Forced Out of Town Occupied Recently, As Russians Sweep Westward Against Prussia—Teuton Stronghold of Thorn Menaced.

Eight Turkish Transports Sunk by Russians in Black Sea—French Artillery Holds Invaders at the Aisne After Kaiser Seizes Foothold on South Bank.

The Czar's forces operating in northern Poland have retaken Plock, recently occupied by the Germans, who have been forced to retire to the south bank of the Vistula.

Operations in the eastern war zone have shifted spectacularly to North Poland, where to the drive on East Prussia by way of Mlawa has been added a direct westward offensive on Prussia, with the great Thorn fortress as immediate objective.

Eight Turkish transports with troops from Anatolia (Asiatic Turkey) were sunk by the Russian Black Sea fleet, according to a Russian statement.

In the Caucasus, the 62d Turkish regiment was annihilated by a Russian bayonet charge in the Kara Urgan region.

The Germans have captured a bridge across the Aisne at Misny, east of Soissons, and have thus been able to gain a foothold on the south bank of the river, according to Berlin reports.

In the region between the Lys and the Somme, the French admit the invaders have recaptured trenches at Carancy that were taken by the Allies on Thursday, but Paris announces continued gains at Biangy, near Arras.

Paris Admits Loss of Ground Between Lys and Somme.

KAISER QUICKLY RETAKES TRENCHES AT CARENCY

Paris Admits Loss of Ground Between Lys and Somme.

German troops operating near Carancy between the Lys and the Somme, have recaptured part of the trenches which they lost on Thursday.

In the region of Soissons, it says, the French artillery has gained appreciable results at several points, dispersing a regiment that was attempting to concentrate, blowing up a battery and destroying earthworks.

From the sea to Ypres there have been violent cannonading without particular advantage to either side.

The Germans have been shelled from their positions along the hills to the north of Clermy, east of Pont-a-Mousson.

Elsewhere on the battle line there has been little action.

Since yesterday's report, the Russians have moved another score of miles westward and have occupied Serpitz, which stands on the same meridian as and about 20 miles north of Plock.

The Russian advance posts have reached the Skirwa River, which is a few miles west of Serpitz and 40 miles east of the German fortress of Thorn.

BERLIN, Jan. 15.—German military experts, commenting upon the resumption of the offensive by the Russians in northern Poland and East Prussia, say that this is an effort to relieve the pressure upon the Allies in the western theatre of war.

It is asserted at the War Office that the Russian attacks cannot gain any great strategic advantage because of the positions occupied by the Germans.

FURNES AGAIN SHELLED BY ALLIES' WARSHIPS

Germans Compelled to Shift Positions on West Flanders Front.

Calais, Jan. 14.—Furnes has again been bombarded, a number of shells from the Allies' fleet falling into the town.

In West Flanders the accuracy of the French and British artillerymen is compelling the German artillery to shift its positions constantly.

The Germans have great difficulty in moving their guns through the Flanders lowlands, where the wheels sink into the soft mud to the axles.

The following interesting dispatch was received from St. Omer, in northern France:

"When Princess Patricia's Canadian light infantry went into action against the Germans the regimental standard-bearer carried a flag, the colors of which were worked by Princess Patricia herself. The Canadians covered themselves with glory in the first action, and may already be classed as seasoned veterans."

GERMANS LEAVE COAST TOWNS, IS DUTCH REPORT

Withdrawal Forced by Bombardment of Allies' Warships.

AMSTERDAM, Jan. 16.—The Ostend correspondent of the Tyd says that the Germans have evacuated all of the coast towns as far north as Maria Kerke, but that the Allies have not yet occupied them.

Maria Kerke still remains in German hands.

The German withdrawal has been due to the continued shelling of their positions from the sea by the British and French monitors and torpedo-boats.

FRENCH CLOSE IN ON FOE ALONG ST. MIHIEL LINES

German Positions on Meuse Fast Becoming Precarious.

PARIS, Jan. 16.—Unusual interest is attached to the official military dispatches telling of French attacks at Alilly, south of St. Mihiel, on the Meuse, and the destruction of German footbridges at that point.

This shows that the German foothold on the western bank of the Meuse, south of Verdun, is becoming precarious.

Concluded on Page Six

SENATORS ROAR RETORTS IN WAR FOR "DRY" WASHINGTON

Sheppard Accuses Ollie James of Using Unfair Tactics.

WASHINGTON, Jan. 15.—A clash so sharp that the Vice President had to intervene to restore order occurred in the Senate this afternoon at the opening of debate on the District of Columbia prohibition amendment.

Senator Sheppard, author of the "dry" amendment, denounced the tactics used by Senator James as unfair, but not more unfair than had characterized the tactics of all those fighting for the saloons.

At this point the retorts and counter-retorts could not be distinguished above the rapping of Mr. Marshall's gavel.

Open churches as a substitute for the saloons were suggested by Senator Lane, of Oregon, who declared that the saloons ought not be abolished without providing something in their stead—a place for tired folk to rest.

He said he had often wondered why it was that churches were closed six days a week, while the saloons were open six days a week and closed only one.

Senator Lane and Senator Gallinger are the only physicians in the Senate, and both are fighting for prohibition in the District. Doctor Lane talked at length on the effects of alcohol on the system.

"The use of alcohol never benefited any one," he declared. "It has no food value, and it has no medical value, despite some opinions to the contrary. It is one of the poorest of the drugs at the service of the physician. All it is good for is to get drunk, and that is the principal reason for its production."

"BILL" SUNDAY FAMILY, AUGMENTED, HOLDS REUNION AT PHILADELPHIA HOME



From left to right, are William A. Sunday, Sr., William A. Sunday, Jr., "Ma" Sunday, Mrs. M. P. Haines, the only daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Sunday; Paul Sunday and George M. Sunday.

UNION TRACTION MEN FOLLOWING ELKINS' LEAD

Sentiment Rapidly Developing in Support of Director Taylor's High-speed Plans.

Union Traction stockholders are following the example of George W. Elkins, and are lining up in favor of Director Taylor's high-speed transit lines.

Mr. Elkins' declaration in favor of rapid transit on a basis that would protect the stockholders has been generally discussed among men "on the street" who are financially interested in traction.

Mr. Elkins is a director of the Union Traction Company, and represents the 650 shares of Union Traction held by the Elkins estate, in addition to a small block which he personally owns.

"At present \$1750 has been paid on Union Traction and \$22.50 a share can be called," he said. "If the city or any responsible company will guarantee 5 per cent on \$22.50, approximately \$900,000 a year they would invest under his plan. Since the publication of Mr. Elkins' statement many Union Traction holders have informed their bankers and brokers that they have come to believe that the construction of high-speed lines under Director Taylor's plans will rebound to their credit."

Albert E. Turner, of Harper & Turner, which number among their clients many of the smaller holders of Union Traction stock, said today that Union Traction holders now know that they face two alternatives. One, he said, is to do their share under Director Taylor's plan, and the other is to face an opposition system.

RAPID TRANSIT INEVITABLE. "The position taken by Mr. Elkins relative to the attitude of the Union Traction stockholders toward the comprehensive transit plans is strong," said Mr. Turner.

HOUSE RESUMES REVEL AT "PORK BARBECUE"

Hungry Ones Find Opposition and Promise of Appeal to Newspapers.

WASHINGTON, Jan. 15.—The third day of the annual "pork barbecue" in the House began today with little probability that it would be the last.

The most vigorous objections against "pork" come from a few Democrats. When Representative "Jerry" Donovan pointed out that only ducks and two gasoline launches ever plied the "inland waterway" through Beaufort, N. C., to Norfolk, for which \$600,000 was being appropriated, all he started was a snicker.

However, the fight isn't over if the threat of Mr. Frear (Rep., Wisconsin), is carried out. Mr. Hughes, of West Virginia, had charged him with appealing to the newspapers.

"I admit it," Mr. Frear replied, "we are. The newspapers helped us kill the monster last year after the House had passed the bill. They'll do it again this year."

Mr. Goodwin, of Arkansas, pointed out that Smith's Creek, Texas, for which \$2000 was appropriated, runs its whole course through William Smith's farm.

Mr. Henry, of Texas, declared the bill contained much less "pork" than usual.

"The amount of 'pork' in a bill like this is a matter of opinion," said Representative Leader Mann. "Most men think the projects in their States are meritorious. There's less 'pork' this year than last."

PADEMONIUM REIGNS AS WHEAT DROPS 4-1-2 CENTS

Market Panicky at Flood of Selling Orders.

CHICAGO, Jan. 15.—Amid scenes bordering on pandemonium in the wheat pit, the May option on wheat dropped 4 1/2 cents shortly before 10 o'clock.

A flood of selling orders was responsible for the break, the market appearing to be bare of any support at that time.

Rubber Cargo Starts for U. S.

AKRON, O., Jan. 15.—A cable has been received by officials of the B. F. Goodrich Company, stating that the first shipment of East India plantation rubber from England since the embargo went into effect two months ago will leave Liverpool on the Lusitania today.

Lord Roberts Left \$385,520

LONDON, Jan. 15.—The estate of Lord Roberts amounts to £77,934 (\$385,520).

TURKS LOSE FLEET OF TROOP SHIPS AND A WHOLE REGIMENT

Eight Transports Sunk by Russians in Black Sea. Another Blow to Sultan in Caucasus.

PETROGRAD, Jan. 16.—Another sweeping Russian victory over the Turkish forces was announced today.

Eight transports, conveying Turkish troops from Anatolia, are reported to have been sunk by the Russian Black Sea fleet.

Nothing is known of the fate of the troops, but it is believed many must have been drowned.

At the same time the Turkish 11th Army Corps and remnants of the 10th, who were endeavoring to reform in the vicinity of Kara Urgan, have been completely defeated.

The fighting in the vicinity of Kara Urgan is declared by the official reports to have been desperate in character and to have resulted in enormous Turkish casualties.

The 62d Turkish regiment was annihilated as the result of a Russian bayonet charge. The official report says that only the commandant and several of his officers and men were left alive and they were taken prisoners following the charge.

The total number of prisoners taken in this engagement to date exceeds 5000. In addition there were captured 14 guns, 10,000 head of cattle and an enormous quantity of supplies.

HUGE COAL BREAKER BURNS

Chief Clerk Loses Life at \$200,000 Blaze Near Hazleton.

HAZLETON, Pa., Jan. 15.—One man was killed and \$200,000 damage was done by fire which destroyed the largest breaker of the G. B. Markle Company, anthracite coal operators, at Highland, near here, today.

Howard Howells, chief clerk of the company, was killed by being struck by a heavy piece of timber while helping to fight the fire.

Planes leading into the mine were dynamited to prevent the blaze spreading to the underground workings.

GUS WILLIAMS DYING

Widely Known Comedian Attempts to Commit Suicide.

YONKERS, N. Y., Jan. 15.—Gus Williams, Civil War veteran and for the last 20 years one of the best known comedians on the stage, shot himself here today and is now dying in St. Joseph's Hospital.

Williams fired a bullet into his head while standing in the Putnam Railroad station here shortly after noon. No reason is known for his act.

\$100,000 IRWIN ESTATE BEQUEATHED TO RELATIVES

Late School Head's Will Probated Today.

The will of Sophia Dallas Irwin, late of 727 De Lancey place, admitted to probate today, disposes of an estate, estimated in excess of \$100,000, among relatives including, principally, Miss Bache McCarthy, a sister; Frank Irwin, a brother; and John Baldwin, a grandnephew.

Miss Irwin conducted a fashionable school for girls at 201 De Lancey place. Her death occurred in Birmingham Hospital, Boston, Mass., January 7, resulting from a fall on an icy pavement.

Amie H. Barry, who died at Wynnewood, Montgomery County, January 5, left an estate of \$42,600 in private bequests. Other bills making private distribution of estates are those of James H. Crossingham, 245 Ashmead street, who left property valued at \$35,700; Harry C. Dunn, 507 Woodland avenue, \$19,000; Francis H. Vogel, 422 Mount Pleasant avenue, \$200; Joshua B. Howard, 8711 Dismal street, \$3900; Walter T. Dugan, who died in Washington, D. C., \$247.

PENROSE PUTS PARTY PLEDGES FIRST IN HARMONY PLANS

Senator Refrains From Indorsing Brumbaugh's Personal Platform in Describing His Attitude.

Senator Penrose, in a statement made immediately after his return from Atlantic City, said the Legislature would "work in harmony with Doctor Brumbaugh," but he withheld assurance of aid to the Governor-elect's personal platform by adding that the harmony would extend to carry out "party pledges."

This statement, however, was not accepted today by politicians as a real menace to the new Governor's platform.

They do not consider that by making the distinction between the party platform and Doctor Brumbaugh's platform Senator Penrose has "put it up to Brumbaugh" in any way.

The Senator, they pointed out, was elected with the support of the better interests of the State, and in every public utterance he has made since the primaries has discussed only the party platform, and has not mentioned Doctor Brumbaugh's personal program.

The fact that it is only a matter of hours before Doctor Brumbaugh will announce appointments tended today to quiet any talk of the Senator's statement being in the nature of an ultimatum to the Governor-elect.

The Senator went back this afternoon to Atlantic City, where he will spend a few days recuperating from his recent bronchial trouble, and then will go to Washington. He will not attend the inauguration of Governor Brumbaugh.

"I hope that Doctor Brumbaugh will appoint only good Republicans as members of his cabinet," he said. "That is my only concern in the matter."

Senator Penrose had no idea of the possible appointments. He is of opinion Doctor Brumbaugh has not yet made up his mind as to the personnel of his cabinet.

The Republican organization leaders apparently are as much in the dark concerning Doctor Brumbaugh's cabinet appointments as every one else except the Governor-elect himself.

Doctor Brumbaugh has used his silence concerning his appointments as a club over the heads of the legislative leaders.

It was pointed out today that at the first sign of lack of harmony with his personal program Doctor Brumbaugh might show fight, and would probably leave the Republican organization "out in the cold" so far as any principal appointment is concerned.

If the Senate fought back, the appointments could be held up until the end of the session, and then announced as recess appointments.

CARRANZA REMOVES OIL EMBARGO

LONDON, Jan. 15.—General Carranza has notified the British Foreign Office that the embargo on the exportation of oil from Tampico has been removed.

'QUAKE VICTIMS DIE IN FLAMES; MANY STARVING

Official Death List Is Now 26,186—Troops Work Night and Day to Save Folk Held in Ruins.

ROME, Jan. 15.—Fire and starvation have added their horrors to the great earthquake disaster. Flames have broken out in several of the towns wrecked by the earthquake and many persons trapped in the ruins of their homes have been burned to death.

The Italian troops sent into the stricken district to succor the injured and survivors have been unable thus far to reach all the ruined towns and in these scores of women and children are perishing for lack of food.

After receiving reports from 25 towns today Premier Salandra stated that 26,186 had been listed as dead. At that time there remained 35 of the shattered towns and villages to be heard from.

Earthquake tremors continue throughout central Italy, but are decreasing in violence and the intervals between them are increasing in length.

Professor Palazzo, of the Rome Observatory, said today that his seismograph had registered 151 shocks since Wednesday morning, 49 of them occurring yesterday.

Severe shocks lasting for four seconds raised many of the walls left standing at Sora today. A number of soldiers working the ruins are reported to have been killed and injured.

The shocks were also felt in towns near Sora. Unverified reports say that more than 1000 persons died in the earthquake.

Working night and day among the ruins to save those imprisoned by heaps of debris, the Italian troops are performing heroic deeds. More than 500 soldiers have been hurt more or less severely in the great task that is being performed.

Many of the soldiers are working in their native towns and are spurred on to additional efforts by the hope that they may be able to save relatives or friends.

A graphic picture of the conditions at Avezzano was given today by Lieutenant Colonel George Dunn, military attache of the United States Embassy at Rome. He was in charge of the automobiles that took to Avezzano the blankets contributed for the relief of the sufferers by Mrs. Thomas Nelson Page, wife of the American Ambassador.

"The devastation at Avezzano was the most awful my eyes have ever witnessed," he said. "We entered Avezzano at what had been Naples street. As far as the Piazza Torlonia there was not a single house standing on either side of what had been the town's main thoroughfare."

"In many places the debris was seven and eight feet high, so that no person could have lived in the street, even if they succeeded in escaping from their homes."

"There is not a single private dwelling or public edifice that is not a mass of crumbling ruins. I discovered only three buildings intact and these were stables."

"Avezzano is a town of the dead, not of the living. Under the wreckage lies practically the entire population of the ill-fated town, with the exception of the few who have been dug out by the soldiers."

"I found many rescue parties working to save those entombed alive. In two houses near the Piazza Torlonia 10 persons were found still alive while I was there. The soldiers set to work to save them."

MRS. VANDERBILT BETTER

Recovering From Injury Caused by Flying Steel Splinter.

NEW YORK, Jan. 15.—It was stated at the home of Mrs. Cornelia Vanderbilt, the younger, this morning, that Mrs. Vanderbilt had passed an easy night after the injury which she suffered yesterday afternoon, when a piece of flying steel from a subway excavation at 57th street and 5th avenue, crashed through the carriage window, striking her beneath the right eye, cutting an ugly gash in her cheek.

It is expected that she will be out in a few days.

BILLY SUNDAY AGAIN LASHES SIN AND LACK OF RELIGION

"Martha and Mary" Subject of Evangelist's Sermon in One of Most Stirring Meetings of Campaign—Thousands Turned Away.

Crowds Weep, Laugh and Cheer as They Hear Story of Jesus' Love—"We Need Marthas in the Pews," Cries Revivalist.

"Billy" Sunday Campaign Activities

Program for Today. 12:15 p. m.—"Jack" Cardy delivered an address in the Automobile Club of Philadelphia, 23 South 23d street.

2 p. m.—Tabernacle service. Mr. Sunday's subject will be "Martha and Mary."

2:30 p. m.—Miss Grace Gamlin will hold a meeting for girls and boys in the Market Square Presbyterian Church, Germantown avenue and Church lane.

4:30 p. m.—Tabernacle service. Mr. Sunday's subject will be "Three Groups."

Program for Tomorrow. 10:30 a. m.—Tabernacle service. Mr. Sunday will repeat his sermon, "Three Groups."

2 p. m.—Tabernacle service for men only. Mr. Sunday will deliver his sermon, "When Chickens Come Home to Roost."

7:30 p. m.—Tabernacle service for men only. Mr. Sunday will repeat the afternoon sermon.

Statistics. Attendance. Yesterday afternoon ..... 15,000 Yesterday evening ..... 19,000 Approximate grand total ..... 453,000

Number of persons converted yesterday ..... 636 Number of persons converted to date ..... 2,746 Collections. Yesterday afternoon ..... \$47,775 Yesterday evening ..... 645,214 Grand total ..... 20,885,46

A record-breaking throng heard "Billy" Sunday smash sin and the devil in the tabernacle at 19th and Vine streets this afternoon. Thousands were turned away for lack of room long before the hour for the preaching arrived.

"Billy" preached on "Martha and Mary," taking for his text the words: "Take ye away the stone." It was a strong sermon to illustrate the love of Jesus for Martha, Mary and Lazarus, and to show "the sham, the deceit, the lack of faith in God and the neglect of continued efforts to please Him among many church members."

"The trouble with so many people today is that they need a personal inter- view with the death of Jesus and need to see how He saved them."

"Since I have been in Philadelphia I've seen mothers and fathers working to save their children. I don't find the masses here to reach, I find the Church of God hard to arouse to reach the masses."

It was a gripping discourse, intended to arouse the people to a realization of man's weakness in life. It was one of the most vital, virile and dynamic sermons Sunday has preached since the beginning of the campaign.

"Death takes precedence over everything," the evangelist shouted. "When death comes we'll let the party go. When death comes we'll let the horses stand by the death of Jesus and we'll leave all wealth behind. It's a good thing to think about this sometimes."

"The trouble with a lot of our churches today is that they have a lot of bench warmers and Marys. We need Marthas in the pews, women and men too, who will always be on the job for the Master. Religion should come first every day."

"I have seen a lot of people who people who knock him and the campaign. I never saw a revival begin any other way than to have a lot of knockers. Nothing good ever began with the majority."

In final appeal "Billy" urged the men and women "to make up and help bring salvation to other people."

"I'm called to preach," "Bodey" to sing. "You go to the piano; the choir to sing; you do personal work," said Sunday. "What will Jesus do? He will save. And when they saw the body they wept, and Jesus wept with them. Who did Jesus weep for? Because He sympathized with them. He knew He could raise him, but He sympathized. That's the way today. He will sympathize with you and help you. And He said, 'Lazarus, come forth,' and he came out, and Jesus said, 'Loose him and let him go.'"

"Now, there was a bunch of Pharisees who were here to kill him."

LOST AND FOUND

ALL "LOST AND FOUND" ADVERTISEMENTS inserted in this paper are subject to the "Lost and Found Bureau" of Ledger Central will be held for 30 days. Those not claimed will be sent to the State Office, 525 and 531 Chestnut street, and can be reclaimed by sending larger size or can be telegraphed to Ledger Central. Call Walnut 3-2000.

LOST—Friday night in dressing room at Navy yard, a gray, open-top coat and hat, with white buttons. If returned to 286 Locust street, Philadelphia, Pa., \$100 reward. Call Walnut 3-2000.

LOST—Monday, Jan. 12, gold coin safe key attached to irregular watch, reward. Call Walnut 3-2000.

LOST—A blue and white checkbook, containing \$100.00, in Germantown, Thursday, Jan. 14, 1915. Reward, \$25.00. Call Walnut 3-2000.

Other classified advertisements on page 16.

THE WEATHER



CLOUDY

These are the days of discontent. One really decides to wear an overcoat after much debate as to whether it is cold enough. Then on the way to work it seems a bit unnecessary, and when going out to lunch one leaves it in the office, only to find it was really pretty cold after all, and that the chillsome air is making things quite uncomfortable. Now if some one would only invent a thermo-static coat, which would automatically change in weight to suit the weather's shifting moods, there would be a little fortune in the offing for him that would make the pot of gold at the end of the rainbow look like small change. However, with a half holiday today and a whole one tomorrow, why should we let any little thing worry us? Well, of course, there is Monday, always, after Sunday!

FORECAST

For Philadelphia and vicinity—Increasing cloudiness tonight, followed by rain and somewhat warmer Sunday; gentle easterly winds increasing to fresh Sunday.

For details, see page 2.

Observations at Philadelphia 8 A. M.

Table with weather data including temperature, wind, and other observations for Philadelphia at 8 A.M.

Almanac of the Day

Table with almanac data including sunrise, sunset, and other daily information.