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## RUSSIAN VISE TIGHTENS ON FOE GUARDING KOENIGSBERG

### Czar Drives at East Prussian Capital From Tilsit and Insterburg—Teutonic Allies Mass Million to Protect Hungary, But Van Loses Battle to Seize Verezke Pass.

**Allies Gain Foothold on Sand Dunes Along North Sea Coast by Brilliant Infantry Charges. Attacks in Argonne Cost Invaders Dearly—British Wreck Turks' Railway in Syria—Ottomans Reach Suez.**

Koenigsberg is menaced more directly than at any time since the drive early in the war. Two columns are marching on the East Prussian capital, one from the northeast from Tilsit and the other from the southeast on the Darnehmen-Insterburg line.

Success for the allied troops in their operations against the Germans near the North Sea coast is claimed by the French War Office this afternoon. The French infantry has gained a foothold on the great sand dunes near Nieuport, and a German flying machine has been destroyed by French artillery.

There is a lull in the fighting at Soissons, Craonne and Rheims. An attack made by the Germans on the French at Fontaine Madame, in the Argonne, cost the attacking forces dearly.

British troops landed at Alexandretta in Syria and cut railway lines that are supplying the Turkish invasion of Egypt. The Ottoman advance guards already have reached the Canal.

Austria's offensive in the Carpathians has been broken, Petrograd reports. A vigorous attempt to retake Verezke Pass, an important gateway into Hungary, 28 miles southeast of the Uzsok Pass, was repulsed by heavy artillery fire near Volovco, near the southern entrance to the pass. The Russians are pressing a flank movement on the Austrian left from the Dukla Pass.

Austria is making an organized effort to pierce the Carpathians at Dukla, Verezke and Uzsok Passes to pour troops into Galicia. Reinforced by Germans, 1,000,000 troops are in the field to bar the Russian advance against Hungary.

Berlin reports repulse of a Russian division near Biesun, only 15 miles from the Poland-West Prussia border. Admission is thus made of Slav aggression in this field and progress beyond Skempe, the closest the Russians hitherto had come to West Prussia.

### RUSSIAN HOSTS SWEEP DOWN ON KOENIGSBERG

**Two Armies Drive Back Germans in East Prussia.**

PETROGRAD, Jan. 29.—Two Russian armies are now menacing Koenigsburg, capital of East Prussia, according to official dispatches received here today.

Moving down from the north a force is descending upon Tilsit, 60 miles northeast of the city, and already has driven back the Germans and destroyed their supply station at Pogegen, three miles north of Tilsit.

A second great army, whose advance upon Koenigsberg was officially reported two days ago, continues to press westward along a line extending in a southwesterly direction from Lasdehnen to Mallwischken, a few miles northeast of Insterburg.

The northern army is marching to an attack on the left flank of the German army along the Inster River between Lasdehnen and Mallwischken.

### FRENCH INFANTRY GAINS IN FIGHTING ALONG COAST

**German Position Captured Near St. George's in 24-Hour Battle.**

PARIS, Jan. 29.

Slight gains for the Allied forces along the seacoast near Nieuport, where infantry fighting has been in progress for the last 24 hours, was reported in dispatches from the battle front today.

The French took a German position between St. Georges and Lombaertzyde. Elsewhere around Nieuport and in the region south toward Ypres there were infantry clashes, but the Germans evidently are awaiting the arrival of reinforcements reported by aerial scouts before resuming the attack on a large scale. Capture of a German aviator, whose machine was shot down, was one of the incidents of the day's fighting near the seacoast.

Artillery duelling and infantry clashes also occurred near Ypres, Arras and Lens, but a lull in the fighting at Craonne and Soissons is reported. French artillery has silenced German guns directed at French northwest of Pont-a-Mousson, in the Lapretre forest.

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### TWO APARTMENT HOUSES IN DETROIT FLAME SWEPT

**Several Families Saved by Firemen. Many Narrow Escapes.**

DETROIT, Mich., Jan. 29.—Two big apartment houses in Detroit's most beautiful residential section were partly destroyed by fire today. Several families were carried down ladders from third-story windows by firemen as the flames poured through the halls and corridors. Several were reported injured and many firemen had narrow escapes.

The flames spread with great rapidity and the fire fighters worked heroically in rescuing the imperiled occupants of the apartments. At 11:30 the fire was under control. The loss was $100,000.

Three women are reported missing. It is believed they escaped.

### MAN LEAPS TO DEATH SEEKING TO ESCAPE FIRE

**Several Others Injured When Flames Destroy Factory in Newark.**

NEWARK, N. J., Jan. 29.—One man leaped to his death and a score of employes were injured during a fire which swept through the spice and pickle factory of J. C. Gruman & Co. here today. The building was in the heart of the factory district and the entire Newark fire department hurried to the scene at the first alarm to prevent a spread of the flames. Five minutes after the blaze started the factory was a raging furnace.

The employes became panic-stricken. They rushed for the fire escapes. Charles K. Brown, cornered by the fire on the third floor, leaped to the ground and was killed. Other employes, men and women, suffered burns and other injuries as they scrambled down the fire escapes to safety. All but four were able to go to their homes. This quartet was sent to the hospital. One of them, Conrad Resmunsen, will probably die from his burns. The loss was $40,000.

### FLAMES DESTROY OAKMONT HOME OF MRS. J. R. CONNELL

**Owner and Daughter-in-law Flee in Scant Attire.**

Mrs. Joseph Richard Connell and her daughter-in-law, Mrs. Fassano Tajada Megargee, who came to this country as a bride from the Philippines several months ago, were forced to flee in scant attire today when fire destroyed the Orchard, the handsome home of Mrs. Connell, at Oakmont, near Ardmore.

Smoke was noticed pouring from the windows of the Connell home by passers-by, who summoned the Ardmore firemen. Firemen were handicapped by a poor water supply. Companies from Llanerch and Oakmont were summoned, but the fire was beyond control and swept through the entire building before it burned itself out.

Mrs. Megargee married Stanley Megargee, Mrs. Connell's son by a former marriage, in the Philippines. She is the daughter of a wealthy importer of Tokio, Japan.

### BIG FIRE IN BALTIMORE

**Flames Sweep Building a Block From Where 1914 Conflagration Started.**

BALTIMORE, Jan. 29.—The dreaded "four twos" was sounded late last night for a fire in the Goodman Hat Company's plant in the Ingram Building, Lombard and Hanover streets. Ten wholesale firms suffered a total loss of about $100,000.

The scene of the fire is only one block from where the great conflagration of 1904 started.

### THE WEATHER

Do you remember seeing a full moon when you wound your weary way home early New Year's morning? Perhaps you don't remember it or, if so, you didn't believe it. Well, it was a full moon, all right. You were not seeing things. Nor will you be tonight, even if there is another full moon then, the second in one month.

Doctor Jacoby, professor of astronomy at Columbia University, says: "The moon reaches its zenith every 29½ days, and whenever it becomes full on the first it is sure to be completely round again on the 30th. Whenever we have two full moons in February then it will be time to take notice."

Or none at all.

*FORECAST*

*For Philadelphia and vicinity—Fair and continued cold tonight; Saturday fair with rising temperature; moderate winds mostly northwest.*

*For details, see page 2.*

**Observations at Philadelphia**

8 A. M.

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| Barometer | 30.33 |
| Temperature | 20 |
| Wind | Northwest, 15 miles |
| Sky | Clear |
| Precipitation last 24 hours | Trace |
| Humidity | 67 per cent. |
| Minimum temperature | 19 |
| Maximum temperature | 41 |

**Almanac of the Day**

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| Sun sets | 5:13 |
| Sun rises tomorrow | 7:13 |

**Lamps to Be Lighted**

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| Autos and other vehicles | 5:30 p. m. |

**The Tides**

PORT RICHMOND.

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| Low water | 8:12 p. m. |
| High water tomorrow | 1:12 a. m. |
| Low water tomorrow | 8:18 a. m. |

CHESTNUT STREET WHARF.

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| Low water | 8:01 p. m. |
| High water tomorrow | 1:00 a. m. |
| Low water tomorrow | 8:07 a. m. |

SWEDE ISLAND.

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| Low water | 4:50 p. m. |
| High water | 9:18 p. m. |
| Low water tomorrow | 4:28 a. m. |

BREAKWATER.

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| High water | 7:02 p. m. |
| Low water tomorrow | 1:16 a. m. |
| High water tomorrow | 7:22 a. m. |

## "YOU CAN'T SAVE SINNERS WITH A POLE"-SUNDAY

### "Drop Your Dignity and Take Them by the Hand," He Pleads in Sermon on "Personal Work."

**"Long-faced Church Members Who Sit and Watch Town Going to Hell" Again Flayed by Evangelist.**

**AT THE TABERNACLE TODAY.**

*2 p. m.—Mr. Sunday delivers his fourth sermon on "Personal Work." Text: Proverbs XI, 30, "He that winneth souls is wise."*

*3 p. m.—Miss Saxe meets her Bible class in the tabernacle.*

*7:30 p. m.—Mr. Sunday delivers his sermon, "Repentance."*

*STATISTICS.*

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| *Attendance.* | |
| *Yesterday afternoon* | *20,000* |
| *Last night* | *20,000* |
| *Approximate grand total* | *940,000* |
| *Converts.* | |
| *Yesterday afternoon* | *141* |
| *Last night* | *306* |
| *Total to date* | *10,431* |
| *Sermons.* | |
| *Preached to date* | *18* |
| *Remaining to be preached* | *69* |
| *Collections.* | |
| *Yesterday afternoon* | *$566.53* |
| *Last night* | *795.67* |
| *Grand total* | *37,385.36* |

Clergymen and church members were again severely admonished for their lack of interest and effort in soul-winning by "Billy" Sunday in his sermon this afternoon. It was the fourth time within five days that he has pounded home his appeal for Christian men and women to get right with God and "be on the job" for Christ.

Again he took the same text, "He that Winneth Souls Is Wise," words found in the 11th chapter, 30th verse, of Proverbs.

"Any man is a fool if he expects to get anything out of religion if he isn't saving souls from hell," declared the evangelist. "And there's a whole lot of the long-faced church members who will only get into Heaven by the skin of their teeth if they don't get busy for Jesus Christ. 'He that winneth souls is wise.' He'll prepare a way to keep himself out of hell. He can't do it by going to church on Sunday and going to the devil the remainder of the week."

"PERSEVERANCE IS CONTAGIOUS."

He made an earnest appeal for enthusiasm. Church members and clergymen were urged to persevere and to keep in close touch with sinners in order that they might save them.

"Perseverance is contagious," he said. "Religion is contagious. Roman soldiers shortened their swords and added to their kingdom. You shorten the distance between you and the sinner and you'll add to the kingrom of God. The trouble is that you have been trying to reach them with a 10-foot pole. Drop your dignity and formality and take the sinners by the hand and lift them up. You are too dignified. You sit in your fine homes and see the town going to hell.

"This campaign stands for everything that is decent and against the saloon, the brothel and everything that is indecent. Therefore, when you hear people knocking it, you can judge for yourself where they stand. If you were decent and wanted to see everybody else and everything about you decent, you wouldn't do a thing but come up here and boost.

"This tabernacle is here to make Philadelphia more moral. If the Christian people would be here and boost our work, it will do it. Have horse sense and you will stop your carping criticisms. I never preach a sermon that I do not go home and wish I had done better. If I don't do as well as you would like or as good as you think you can do, remember I am doing the best I know how. Just remember when you think of criticism that you come down here and get the best seats in the place, but never do anything for Christ."

Professor Homer A. Rodeheaver introduced Edgar Stites, the author of the hymn, "Beulah Land," to the audience before Mr. Sunday started to preach. Prayer was offered by the Reverend Dr. A. Pohlman, of West Philadelphia.

Special delegations present this afternoon included 35 pupils of Miss Jeanette Seywards' School, Overbrook, and 150 representatives of The Bushnell Company.

The Reverend Dr. Maitland Alexander, of Pittsburgh, a moderator of the Presbyterian General Assembly, was in the rostrum today. This is the second time he has been here to see "Billy" since the campaign started.

A committee composed of Bishop Joseph F. Berry, Congressman John E. Andress, of New York, and B. G. Moore, 802 South 48th street, called upon Mr. Sunday in his Spring Garden street home and invited the evangelist to carry on a revival campaign in Ocean Grove, N. J., during the month of August.

Although Mr. Sunday would make no definite answer to the inivtation, he seemed pleased that it had been extended, and assured the committee he would give the matter serious consideration.

For the first time since his arrival in this city "Billy" had an ache—a toothache which necessitated a visit to a Girard avenue dentist after breakfast.

Reports that the evangelist's voice was failing as the result of his strenuous preaching were denied at the Sunday home today. Bentley D. Ackley, Mr. Sunday's private secretary, also declared there was nothing in the rumor that the evangelist was to undergo a surgical operation on his throat February 9.

Mr. Ackley declared that Mr. Sunday's voice had not been causing him any serious difficulty. Mr. Sunday has always had to exercise care to keep from catching cold while in the midst of a campaign, as colds always settle in his throat, he added. Just after his arrival here, Mr. Sunday contracted a slight cold and was somewhat hoarse for several days.

Following the tabernacle meeting this afternoon Mr. Sunday, accompanied by

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**RESCUED BY BURGLARS WHO FIRED HOUSE**

Beatrice Zimmerman, 7 years old, and her small brother, Joseph, were saved from a blaze in their home at 1107 South 2d street, by burglars, who are believed to have started the fire. The men fled after the rescue

## "SNIPERS" KILLED, MEXICO CITY UNDER AN IRON DISCIPLINE

### Attempt to Assassinate General Obregon as He Enters in Triumph Brings Volleys From Troops.

MEXICO CITY, Jan. 29.—Carranzista troops are again in control of this city, which they occupied late yesterday afternoon after a sharp skirmish with Zapatista troops in the Peralvillo district.

As General Alvare Obregon entered the capital at the head of troops loyal to the Constitutionalists' "first chief," an attempt was made to assassinate him. This resulted in volleys being fired through the streets by the Carranza troops. Many persons were wounded. Four of Obregon's men were killed and a dozen wounded.

As Obregon made his triumphal entry, Zapatista snipers opened fire on him and his staff from the Cathedral. A fusillade met the advancing Carranza troops as they were passing up the Avenida Francisco I Madero.

For a moment there was confusion in the ranks, but this ended with a few sharp orders from General Obregon, and then the Carranzistas opened a return fire, while the cavalry charged up the street.

The thoroughfare was crowded at the time by a cheering populace. These excited spectators sought cover in every direction as the bullets clicked along the pavements.

Lines of troops were thrown around the business district. The doors of the National Palace were barricaded. The bodies of two snipers were found about midnight. This increased the total of known dead at that time to six, including a Yaqui woman who had been a soldier in Obregon's army for several months.

General Gonzales was sent toward the suburbs of San Angelo and Xechimilco to drive away the Zapistas lingering in that district.

General Obregon then issued the following proclamation:

"The Army of the Northwest has taken possession of the capital in the name of the Constitutionalist army and the first chief thereof, Venustiano Carranza."

In the fighting that occurred at Peralvillo 100 Zapatistas were killed or wounded. The fighting there was hot, both sides firing from the shelter of houses.

The city is quiet today, and it is expected that business will be in full swing before night. The people here are friendly toward General Obregon, and he has won the reputation of being a stern disciplinarian.

"I am in military command here, nothing more," said General Obregon. "Ten days ago, while in Puebla, I received orders to advance toward the capital. I obeyed at once. There was no fighting worthy of the name until we reached Irolo. There we were able to rout the Zapatistas without great difficulty, and continued on to the capital.

"We expect to push the campaign against our enemies and hope shortly to begin the task of reconstruction. We are here to stay this time."

### U. S. CONSUL IN MEXICO HEARS VILLA IS WOUNDED

WASHINGTON, Jan. 29.—A message was received at the White House today from Consul Silliman saying that rumors were current in Mexico City that General Francisco Villa had been wounded. Consul Silliman said there was no official confirmation of the report. President Wilson had no other advices today on the Mexican situation.

**Carranza to Return to Capital**

VERA CRUZ, Jan. 29.—A special train was made up today to convey General Carranza and his staff back to Mexico City.

## THIEVES FIRE HOUSE, THEN LEAVE LOOT TO SAVE TWO CHILDREN

### "Strange Men Carried Us Out," Little Ones Tell Father, Who Failed in Attempt to Rescue Them.

Burglars who started a fire in the home of Michael Zimmerman, 1107 South 2d street, at 3 o'clock this morning, abandoned their loot and risked their lives to rescue two of Zimmerman's children. Then they disappeared.

The fire destroyed the first floor, used as a candy and cigar store by Zimmerman. The loss is $600. It was not until the blaze had been extinguished that proof was found of the burglars' visit to the house.

Charles Walten, of 2d and Ellsworth streets, saw flames coming from the first floor shortly after 3 o'clock and pounded on the door until he had aroused Zimmerman. The latter helped his daughter Hilda, 13 years old, to escape through a rear window. He dropped her from a shed roof into the yard and then went back for his other children.

In the meantime Mrs. Zimmerman had escaped by the front door with her 5-month-old son Joseph. Zimmerman sought all through the house for Beatrice, 7 years old, and Clarence, 10 years old. He was unable to find them and finally was driven out by smoke.

When the flames were under control Zimmerman went into the alley in the rear of his house and found a carpenter's horse against the fence. In the rear shed he found all his silverware and other valuables carefully bundled up, lying in the middle of the floor.

Examination of the cash register showed that $22 had been stolen, the drawer having been pried open. Zimmerman then asked the two children how they got out of the house. They said two strange men aroused them and, warning them not to make a sound, carried them into the street.

Neighbors took care of the little ones while Walten was arousing the other members of the family.

### WOMAN KILLED BY CAR

**Mrs. Russell Walked in Front of It in Middle of Block, Police Say.**

Mrs. Barbara Russell died at St. Joseph's Hospital today as the result of injuries received when she was struck by a trolley car at 18th street and Columbia avenue last night

When the woman failed to return home shortly after 6 o'clock her relatives started a search. Indentification of her body was made by her son Edward.

Albert Fricke, of Killen's pike, Glenside, motorman of the car, was held to await the action of the coroner. The police declare the woman walked directly in front of the car in the middle of the block as it was going almost at full speed.

**Cold Grips Northern New York**

WATERTOWN, N. Y., Jan. 29.—Northern New York is in the grip of the second cold wave of the winter. It was 16 degrees below zero in this city during the night, but this morning the temperature rose eight degrees.

### WAR RISK LIMIT EXTENDED

The United States War Risk Bureau, which limited the amount of insurance on each vessel to $750,000, notified Collector of the Port Berry today that the limit had been extended to $1,000,000.

**Autoist Killed When Car Skids**

NORWOTON, Conn., Jan. 29.—Arthur Gardner was killed when an automobile owned by Charles Baker skidded early today on the Post road here.

### MRS. ROGERS INDICTED

**Two Murder Counts Against Mother Who Poisoned Children.**

NEW YORK, Jan. 29.—The Bronx County Grand Jury today returned an indictment charging murder on two counts against Mrs. Ida Sniffen Rogers, the "love wife" of Lorlys Elton Rogers.

Mrs. Rogers caused the death of her two children by giving them bichloride of mercury. She is in Lebanon Hospital suffering from the effects of the same drug and could not be removed, although a bench warrant was issued for her arrest.

### RABBIT HUNTING BY TROLLEY CAR A BRAND NEW SPORT

**Wheels Plough Through Ranks of 200 Scampering Bunnies.**

Hunting rabbits with the aid of a trolley car is a brand new, exciting city sport. A score of passengers who rode over Midvale avenue were participants this morning and later stewed rabbit was served on tables in Falls of Schuylkill.

The bunnies had retired for the winter and were leading a quiet life in their secluded burrows which fringe the Wissahickon. Nothing marred the tranquility of their innocent existence until workmen came to build a road through the wilderness. The bunnies were rudely awakened today by a terrific report followed by the crashing of rock and tumbling trees. Then they charged from their burrows and ran pell mell from the woods across Midvale avenue at 53d street. There were nearly 200 of them and they ran directly in front of a trolley car driven by George Jackson. He did all in his power to halt the car, but the momentum was so great that the lives of many of the bunnies were crushed out under the wheels.

Like a flash a score of workmen on the way to Pencoyd Iron Works and other places were off the car and after the feast. They ran with the vision of the high cost of meat uppermost in their minds and landed many of the bunnies as they were scampering for unknown destinations.

At noon today odors of rabbit stew permeated the air around the big industrial plants in the vicinity.

### PANAMA CANAL OPENING POSTPONED UNTIL JULY

**Secretary Daniels Makes Formal Announcement After Cabinet Meeting.**

WASHINGTON, Jan. 29.—Secretary of the Navy Daniels today made the announcement that the formal opening of the Panama Canal has been postponed from March until some date in July, not yet fixed. This decision was reached at today's Cabinet meeting, the Secretary said.

Secretary Daniels also stated that President Wilson would visit the canal in July, according to the present plans, and that a naval review would take place there unless unforeseen circumstances prevented.

Plans for the opening are contingent upon the progress made by the Panama Canal engineers in removing the slides which have caused anxiety in the Zone ever since last October.

### FRICK SORRY FOR THOMPSON

**Denies Report That He Is Negotiating for Coal Lands.**

PITTSBURGH, Jan. 29.—Henry C. Frick emphatically declared today that he had absolutely nothing to do with the negotiations said to be under way for the purchase of Josiah V. Thompson's coal lands, persistent rumors to the contrary notwithstanding.

"Mr. Thompson is a fine gentleman," said Mr. Frick, "and I feel very sorry for him in his trouble. I purchased some coal property from Mr. Thompson about a year ago, and also have loaned him money on coal lands, but so far as a new deal is concerned I am not interested and know nothing at all about it. Neither have I anything to do with his troubles."

### COMMITTEE REJECTS VETO

**Decides to Report Immigration Bill to House Next Thursday.**

WASHINGTON, Jan. 29.—The House Immigration Committee voted today to reject the President's veto of the immigration bill.

It was decided to report the bill to the House next Thursday with the recommendation that it be passed over the President's veto, limiting debate to six hours.

### PREDICTS RISE IN BREAD PRICE

**Mrs. Heath Says Increase Will Come Unless Congress Acts.**

NEW YORK, Jan. 29.—"Unless Congress acts, and acts quickly, bakers will have to raise the price of bread," was the warning issued today by Mrs. Julian Heath, president of the National Housewives' League.

"I have just completed a personal investigation of many of the bakeries here," she said, "and I find that many of them are operating at a loss."

### 9238 PERISHED IN AVEZZANO

**Official Death List in City Striken by Italian 'Quake.**

ROME, Jan. 29.—It was officially announced today that 9238 persons were killed in the city of Avezzano in the recent earthquake. There are 2040 survivors, of whom the majority were injured.

### NEGRO STABBED TO DEATH

A Negro known as Henry "Scipio," was found dead this morning with a knife wound over his heart in the tailor shop of James Bell, 3322 Chestnut street, where he has lived for some time. Bell, who is also a Negro, is missing today and the police of the 22d street and Woodland avenue station are searching for him in the belief that he knows something about the crime.

**Hot Coals Ignite Child's Dress**

John Ochehe, the two and a half-year-old son of Mrs. Mary Ochehe, today was badly burned in the kitchen of his home at No. 168 North Hope street, when hot coals falling from the range ignited his dress. Mrs. Ochehe beat the flames out with her hands. Neighbors summoned a police patrol, which hurried the mother and baby to the Children's Homeopathic Hospital. The physicians do not expect the child to live.

## CONVICTS' PLOT TO BREAK JAIL IS DISCOVERED

### Men in House of Correction Quarry Gang in Solitary Confinement—Sulzberger Suggests Inquiry.

**Judge Declares Grand Jury Should Investigate "Management or Mismanagement" at Holmesburg.**

A well-developed plot for a general jail delivery at the House of Correction's stone quarry in Holmesburg, where seven guards keep watch over 446 prisoners, it became known today, was responsible for prisoners being put into solitary confinement at the institution.

The controversy between Director of Public Safety Porter and Judge Sulzberger, resulting in many of the men being resentenced, had nothing to do with it. This is the substance of a statement made today by Superintendent Patterson, of the House of Correction. Most of the men concerned in the plot to break jail and all the ringleaders have been taken before Judge Sulzberger and have been sent to Moyamensing prison.

A Grand Jury investigation of the "management or mismanagement" at the House of Correction was suggested by Judge Sulzberger in a comment on the institution from the bench today.

"I cannot personally control affairs at the House of Correction," he said. "I doubt that the people who have legal authority over the institution know very much about the way in which it should or should not be conducted.

"This could not be determined without a serious inquiry and it is now too late, even for the present Grand Jury, to inquire into the management or mismanagement of the institution."

The first clue to the plot came to the ears of Superintendent Patterson more than a week ago. It came from other inmates who had been invited to become parties to the jail delivery or had overheard talk about it. Nearly all the men concerned, according to the superintendent, were prisoners who had been sentenced for felonies. They were the most desperate criminals in the institution. Many of them were men willing to take any chance for freedom.

SULZBERGER NOT INVOLVED.

Immediately after learning what was going on the superintendent notified Director Porter. The director suggested that all those known to be in the plot, even those under suspicion, be put in solitary confinement. This was done at once and the plot came to nothing.

Most of the prisoners who appeared before Judge Sulzberger yesterday and today testified that they had been put alone from three to seven days ago. The impression was created by some of them that this somehow was due to the "trouble" between Judge Sulzberger and Director Porter. In some circles it was believed Director Porter had issued the orders for solitary confinement for no other reason.

Superintendent Patterson denied this story. He said today the controversy had nothing to do with the men being put into solitary confinement. As to what the guards told the prisoners when they took them from the comparative freedom of the stone quarry and put them into solitary cells he would say nothing. The real reason for this, however, was the jail-breaking plot.

Judge Sulzberger knew nothing at all of this plot, and his action in resentencing the prisoners was not in any way influenced by it, according to information obtained today.

PRISONERS' QUARTERS CHANGED.

Eleven out of the 15 prisoners, who appeared before Judge Sulzberger in Court of Quarter Sessions today to be resentenced, were transferred from the House of Correction to Moyamensing Prison, two were returned to the House of Correction, one was sentenced to the Eastern Penitentiary and one was paroled.

No comment was made today by Judge Sulzberger in sentencing the prisoners. He made no reference to the suit of Director Porter, of the Department of Public Safety, which impelled the jurist yesterday to recall prisoners he had previously sentenced to the House of Correction.

As at the first day's proceedings, the courtroom was crowded with officeholders, lawyers and friends and relatives of the prisoners. One prisoner was released on parole after an impassioned plea for clemency had been made by his brother.

The prisoner is Francis Halpin, said to have been a divinity student who was sentenced some time ago to six months after conviction on the charge of larceny. His brother, James Halpin, also a divinity student, told Judge Sulzberger their mother was dying of tuberculosis and did not know her son had been in prison. Judge Sulzberger was impressed by the plea and granted a parole.

In nearly every case called, attorneys for the prisoners made pleas for mercy, but all were denied. One of the prisoners who was transferred to the county prison was Walter Egan, alias "Kid Coffey," said to be the son of a local postal official. This man is said to have written a number of short stories of the underworld. His specialty is said to be stealing overcoats.

Numerous social workers were seen in the crowd that filled the courtroom. The cases were handled rapidly. Two out of the 15 prisoners expressed a desire to return to solitary confinement at the House of Correction, and this was granted.

### VESSEL, AFIRE, BEACHED

**Large Damage to Hold of Outward-bound Steamship.**

NEW YORK, Jan. 29.—With a fire in her forward hold, the Norwegian steamship Preston, outward bound, was beached south of Bedloe's Island today.

The damage is large.

### LOST AND FOUND

LOST—At the Tabernacle, or on South 19th st. car, route 16, brown fox boaf, with silver studding. Liberal reward if returned to 4[illegible] Lincoln Drive. Phone Germantown 4[illegible].

LOST—Deposit book No. 18,711, Western Saving Society. Reward. Return to first mortgage at, second floor.

Other classified advertisements on page 12