

ALLIES LAUNCH NEW OFFENSIVE FROM SEA TO SWISS FRONTIER

Berlin Sees Attempt to Divert German Forces From Russia — Paris Claims Advantage in Argonne and Champagne Fighting.

Austro-German Dash Menaces Russian Supremacy in Bukovina — Teuton Allies Reported in Cernowitz—Kovno Invested, Koenigsberg Says.

Commencement of a general battle from the Swiss frontier to the North Sea is indicated by details of engagements reported in today's French communique, which reports German activity near Verdun, and repulse of hostile attacks along the Meuse and in the Argonne and Champagne.

Beginning of this vigorous offensive by the Allies all along the Franco-Belgian lines in order to relieve the pressure that the Germans are exerting upon the Russians in the east is intimated in the Berlin report.

The staff, however, declares that the attacks have all been repulsed, except in the Champagne region, where the French succeeded in penetrating the Kaiser's lines. The capture of many British at La Bassée and French near Rheims is announced.

A great battle is raging for possession of Cernowitz, Vienna reports, adding that Austro-German forces are closing in on the Russians in Bukovina on three sides.

Koenigsberg reports to Berlin that German troops have completely invested the heavily fortified city of Kovno, 50 miles inside the Polish border.

Berlin officially reports capture of 20,000 Russians and vast quantities of war munitions in the rout of the 10th army, only a remnant of the 11 divisions of which succeeded in crossing the frontier into Poland.

Petrograd's official report speaks of obstinate resistance to the enemy on the East Prussian frontier, from Grajewo to Osmowitz, tacitly admitting the German advance. Denial is made of a great German victory in East Prussia, though "orderly retirement" under pressure of superior numbers is acknowledged.

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Woman Dead on Doorstep

Dead on a doorstep, an unidentified negro woman was found at 12th and Lombard streets today by a policeman, who at first thought she was asleep.

Physicians at the Pennsylvania Hospital said she died of uremic poisoning. The woman, who was about 45 years old, wore men's shoes.

THE WEATHER

Today is Ash Wednesday. In six weeks Easter will be here. That means spring, which brings summer a very short time afterward, and with it weather such as the seasons are not so very far apart on the calendar or according to climatic conditions, are they? It is merely a question of getting the proper perspective, if you are young, or stopping the wheel of time long enough to consider, if you are old.

FORECAST

For Philadelphia and vicinity—Fair tonight and Thursday; not much change in temperature; moderate north winds.

Observations at Philadelphia

Table with weather observations for Philadelphia, including temperature, wind, and other data.

Almanac of the Day

Lamps to Be Lighted

The Tides

CHRISTNITZ STREET WHARF

BEERY ISLAND

BRICKLAW



Three of the Northeast High School athletes who competed this afternoon in a meet with West Philadelphia High boys are shown in this picture. McCutcheon won the fifteen-yard event in the fast time of two seconds.

DEMOM RUM TAKES THE COUNT IN BATTLE WITH BILLY SUNDAY

Thousands of Persons in Great Wooden Temple Cheer Sturdy Evangelist, Who Prays for Success of Governor Brumbaugh.

Another indorsement of Governor Brumbaugh's efforts to give the people a chance to vote on local option, a strong boost for woman suffrage and a strong attack on church members who vote for the saloon were made by "Billy" Sunday in the tabernacle this afternoon.

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BATTLE GENERAL ON LINE FROM VOSGES TO THE SEA

Paris Reports German Defeats in Champagne and Argonne.

PARIS, Feb. 17.

Details of the various engagements now in progress along the battle line from the Swiss frontier to the North Sea indicate commencement of another general battle. Along the heights of the Meuse and in the Vosges the artillery exchanges continue, while the Germans are again showing activity near Verdun.

The Belgian artillery is declared to be very active in the north.

Near Frencheville-Charmes, in the Argonne region, a German line of trenches has been destroyed, together with the pivotal blockhouse. The Germans attacked in force between Four de Paris and west of Bourlennes, but were defeated with heavy losses and a number of prisoners were taken by the French.

In the Champagne region the Germans attacked 30 times during last night, but were repulsed each time. The fighting here is declared to be continuing and to be increasing in violence.

A movement apparently is in progress to force a diversion of German troops from the eastern war zone.

BRITISH SHIPPERS SUSPEND TRAFFIC ON CHANNEL ROUTE

Submarine Menace Cause of Cancellations for France.

FOLKSTONE, Eng., Feb. 17.—Steamship offices here posted notice today that beginning tomorrow they will suspend traffic between Folkstone and Calais and Boulogne in the English Channel.

The suspension, however, is believed to be for an indefinite period, until there is no further danger from German submarines.

LONDON, Feb. 17.—A news agency dispatch today states that a number of ships engaged in sailing from Dutch to British ports will be kept in commission around the British Isles.

GERMANS BLOCK HIS MAIL, U. S. CONSULAR AGENT SAYS

Complaint to State Department From Luxembourg Agent.

LONDON, Feb. 17.—The United States consular agent at Luxembourg has protested to the American State Department against the action of the German military authorities in interfering with his official correspondence, according to a dispatch from The Hague.

The agent at Luxembourg is Deaire Deulle.

GROTESQUE FUNERAL FOR BROWN, REBEL

Body of Anarchist Is Cremated by His Comrades, Without Ceremony.

George Brown's ashes Have been scattered on the wind, But his soul is marching on.

To the tune of this old refrain, the words modernized, the friends of George Brown, shoemaker and social rebel, accompanied the remains of the old Philadelphia anarchist to the Chelton Hill Crematory today, and there all that was mortal of him was surrendered to the flames.

Only his spirit remained, unconsumable; for long after the simple yet grotesque ceremony was over the few friends that accompanied the wooden box used as a coffin continued to speak of Brown and his life. The last tribute to Brown's memory was paid by Hugh S. Monroe, his life-long friend and president of the Friendship Liberal League.

Brown died as he lived—a rebel. He was even buried as a rebel. No prayer was intoned over his body, and no tear shed. Instead, a few friends, men and women, assembled round the coffin at the undertaking establishment of Joseph W. Vickers, 228 Ridge avenue, there Mr. Monroe made a short address, others read several verses and quotations from Brown's favorite writings and the small procession of "comrades" who, like their dead friend, have thrown the gauntlet of revolt into the face of the world, moved toward the crematory.

The burden of Mr. Monroe's address was immortality. "We are all immortal," he said, addressing the congregation of anarchists, single taxers, spiritualists and social reformers in general. "We are as immortal as the flowers that bloom in the field. We live and die only to remain immortal in the influence we wield on the hearts and minds of those about us."

Among those in the procession were Brown's widow, her mother, Marie, and George Brown, Jr.; James Robinson, A. B. Elliot, George Schelling and James Broadbent.

Brown was removed from the Pennsylvania Hospital, where he died, to the undertaking establishment this morning. Dressed in his best suit of blue serge, an aged suit worn by him on "festive" occasions, he was laid in a wooden box. His family and friends were too poor to afford a coffin. For many hours the body lay, unattended, in the sombre room of the undertaking place.

A whimsical smile faintly played upon the waxen face, the smile which Brown wore when he "shocked" the Arden community about three years ago by appearing as a blind beggar in the midst of the beautiful and picturesque pageant staged on that day by members of the single tax colony. At that time Brown displeased the gaily attired crowds of men and women, who, although many of them professed to be radicals, resented bitterly the intrusion of "this beggar" into the company of courtly attired gentile folk. The same smile which proclaimed Brown a man of no mean histrionic abilities played upon the face in the box today, a smile of contempt for the world as it is.

Like the winds upon the sand. On their way back from the crematory the small company stopped in for lunch at a cheap wayside inn. For a while there was a feeling of depression, but it soon wore off. Some one ordered food and drink and immediately started a conversation on Tom Paine and "Billy" Sunday.

YOUTH HELD FOR ROBBERY

A man, 21 years old, who the Main Line police say has confessed to more than a dozen burglaries and hold-ups, was arrested today and held without bail by Squire Roy Blackburn at Lanserch. He gave his name as Harry S. Snyder, but refused to give an address.

The police believe he is responsible for many of the robberies which have happened along the Main Line during the last two months.

One Cent Damages for Loss of Eye

HAGERSTOWN, Md., Feb. 17.—In a suit against George Kline, from whose building mortar dropped and splashed in the face of Walter Crowe, 10 years old, destroying one of his eyes, the jury awarded damages of 1 cent.

Cobbler Found Dead in Chair

S. L. HAINES SHOT AT AS GERMAN SPY

Stranger Attacks Philadelphian in a New York Hotel This Afternoon.

NEW YORK, Feb. 17.—A panic was created in the lobby of the Hotel McAlpin today, when a well dressed man about 50 years old drew a heavy calibre revolver and, discharging a blank cartridge at Samuel L. Haines, of Philadelphia, shouted:

"You are a German spy!" The man was grabbed by hotel detectives and later locked up on the charge of felonious assault. He refused to give any information about himself. Samuel L. Haines is in the rug business, with offices at 101 Chestnut street. His home is at the Stoneleigh Court Apartment House, in West Philadelphia. His wife said this afternoon that Mr. Haines went to New York this morning, that he usually stopped at the Hotel McAlpin, and that she expected him back on Saturday.

CORONER INVESTIGATING DEATH OF OLD MAN

Otto Hunger, Found Unconscious, Succumbs in Hospital.

Coroner's detectives are investigating the circumstances surrounding the death of Otto Hunger, 70 years old, who died shortly after being admitted to the Episcopal Hospital early today after being found unconscious by his nephew, Carl, with whom he lived at 313 Tulip street. Doctor Longacre, of the hospital staff, said the old man had died of pulmonary codema, but Patrolman John Marks, who was summoned, said he found a bottle which had contained carbolic acid in the man's room and that he had previously threatened to commit suicide.

"MA" SUNDAY'S GIFT

She Buys Shoes and Stockings for Nine Little Boys.

Nine little boys who left home early this afternoon wearing ragged, worn shoes and stockings returned a few hours later newly shod with good, stout shoes. "Ma" Sunday, wife of the evangelist, bought the new shoes and stockings.

"Billy" Sunday used 11 little boys today in his sermon on "Booze" to show to his audience the "raw material" for drunks. After the sermon Mrs. Sunday took them down to Wanamaker's, where each boy got a new pair of shoes and a new pair of stockings.

CIGARETTE LAW LESS DRASTIC

Amendment Reduces Fines for Violations of Statute.

HARRISBURG, Feb. 17.—An amendment to the law which forbids the sale of cigarettes or cigarette papers to minors was introduced in the House today by Representative Stern, of Philadelphia, at the request of Judge Brown, of the Municipal Court of Philadelphia.

BOOM SCOTT FOR SHERIFF

A boom for Magistrate David S. Scott for Sheriff on the Republican ticket has been launched by the Business Men's League of the 11th Ward. Plans have been arranged for a meeting to indorse the Magistrate's candidacy by the manufacturers and citizens of the ward. It will take place at Latasche Hall, Germantown avenue and Thompson street, on Tuesday night, February 23. The Business Men's League held its first meeting last night. Thomas F. McFar presented.

Bender's Sister Saved From Death

WASHINGTON GETS GERMANY'S REPLY TO U. S. PROTEST

Ambassador Count Von Bernstorff Submits Note of His Government as Answer on Decree Relating to Foodstuffs.

WASHINGTON, Feb. 17.—The State Department today gave out the text of the German note presented to the State Department by Count von Bernstorff, German Ambassador, dated February 13, relative to the German Federal Council decree relating to foodstuffs. The note follows:

"The Federal Council's decision concerning the seizure of food products, which European states are the cause of food products shipped to Germany being treated as contraband, bears exclusively on wheat, rye, both unmixed and mixed with other products, and also wheat, rye, oat and barley flour."

"The Federal Council makes an express exception in section 45 of the order, which provides as follows: 'The stipulations of this regulation do not apply to grain or flour imported from abroad after January 31.'

"Consequently with that saving clause the Federal Council's order contains a provision under which imported cereals and flour could be sold exclusively to the municipalities or certain specially designated organizations by the importers. Although that provision had for its object simply to throw imported grains and flour into such channels as supply the private consumption of civilians and, in consequence of that provision, the intent and purpose of the Federal Council's order, which was to protect the civilian population from speculators and hoarders, were fully met. It was, nevertheless, resented so as to leave no room for doubt.

"My Government is amenable to any proposition looking to control by a special American organization under the supervision of the American consular officers, and, if necessary, will itself make a proposition in that direction."

"The German Government further calls attention to the fact that municipalities do not form part of or belong to the Government self-administrative bodies which are elected by the inhabitants of the commune, in accordance with fixed rules, and, therefore, exclusively represent the private part of the population and act as it directs. Although these principles are generally known and obtain in the United States as well as in England, the American Government desires to point out the fact so as to avoid any further unnecessary delay."

"Hence it is absolutely assured that imported food products will be consumed by the civilian population in Germany exclusively, and there remains no ground upon which England can prevent the exportation of food products from America to Germany for the use of civilians."

COMMUTERS' TRAIN DERAILED

Passengers Try to Leap From Windows and Rush to Doors.

HOBOKEN, N. J., Feb. 17.—Seven cars of an eastbound Lackawanna local train were derailed early today just outside the Bergen tunnels on the way to Hoboken, and 500 commuters were badly shaken up.

The train of 10 cars was approaching the tunnel when an axle on the front trucks of the second car snapped. Instantly the car left the track, tearing loose the airbrake connection between the cars and automatically applying the brakes. The train bumped along for a hundred feet, six more cars leaping the tracks and running over the ties. Passengers tried to climb out windows and rushed to the doors in a panic, but were soon calmed.

Company Sues Former Drivers

The Pilgrim Laundry brought suit against John T. Day and Richard J. Furlong in Court No. 4 today, for an injunction to stop the defendants, who were formerly drivers for the company, from soliciting business on behalf of themselves or others on the routes which they covered before their employment with the petitioner was terminated.

Spaghetti Lover Kicks Stove Over

NORTHEAST ATHLETES IN DUAL MEET TODAY

Win Opening Event From West Philadelphia High Team.

Northeast High School and West Philadelphia High School were represented by indoor track teams in a dual meet this afternoon in the latter's gymnasium. McCutcheon, of Northeast, won by the first event, the 15-yard dash, in the fast time of 2 seconds, flat.

The summaries follow: 15-yard dash—Won by McCutcheon, Northeast High School; second, Houckler, West Philadelphia High School; third, Weidel, West Philadelphia High School. Time, 2 seconds flat. Standing broad jump—Won by Clouder, Northeast High School; second, Freeman, Northeast High School; third, 3 inches. 100-yard run—Won by Retzler, Northeast High School; second, Lilly, West Philadelphia High School; third, tie between Kirby and McCutcheon, of West Philadelphia High School. Time, 2m, 20 2-5s.

INDIANS ON WARPATH VICTORS IN SKIRMISH

Posse Sent Out to Force Renegades Back on Reservation Sends for Help.

CORTEZ, Col., Feb. 17.—Defeated in a skirmish with 50 renegade Piute Indians, who have fortified themselves in the mountains of southwestern Utah, a posse of 50 men, sent out to force the Indians back on their reservation, telegraphed here for help today. Reinforcements will be sent at once.

The Indians are led by Old Polk, who has been arrested four times for murder, and his son, Tse-Na-Gat, who is wanted for murdering a Mexican sheepman.

COTTON POOL PROMOTER IN BANKRUPTCY COURT

Livermore, Who Captured Fortune Few Years Ago, Files a Petition.

NEW YORK, Feb. 17.—Jesse L. Livermore, who engineered a cotton pool that netted him a fortune a few years ago, today filed a voluntary petition in bankruptcy.

He listed liabilities totaling \$102,474. Value of his assets, the petition states, is unknown.

WILSON ANSWERS MITCHELL'S FOOD EMBARGO SUGGESTION

Has Facts Which Will Reassure the Country, He Intimates.

WASHINGTON, Feb. 17.—President Wilson, in a letter to Mayor Mitchell, of New York City, intimated that the country would feel less fearful of a food shortage when facts now in possession of the Department of Agriculture were made public within a few days.

The President's letter, in reply to the Mayor's suggestion of a food embargo, follows: "The matter is one to which the Administration has, of course, from the first given the most careful and thoughtful attention. The Agriculture Department is in possession of all the facts. About these facts some very erroneous impressions obtain, and it is our purpose in the immediate future to remove these misunderstandings by a full and clear statement. This will, I believe, reassure the country."

COAL STORAGE ROOM NEEDED

Water Bureau Chief Says Facilities Are Inadequate.

Need of a yard for coal storage at the Queen Lane pumping station was brought to the attention of Mayor Blankenburg today by Chief Carlton E. Davis, of the Water Bureau.

Chief Davis pointed out that the present storage capacity at the Queen Lane plant is only 200 tons, or less than three days' supply, as 50 tons of coal are consumed at the plant daily in pumping 50,000 gallons of water. A two-acre tract of ground owned by the city on Shawmont avenue near the pumping station and near the Reading Railroad is located by Chief Davis as the proper location for a coal storage yard.

A bill will probably be introduced in Council tomorrow providing an appropriation for the storage yard.

FIFTY ENTOMBED IN MINE

One Known Dead, Nine Injured and Many in Peril.

WILKES-BARRE, Pa., Feb. 17.—A gas explosion in the Oakwood shaft, Prospect colliery of the Lehigh Valley Coal Company, this afternoon may result in the loss of a score of lives.

Fifty men are entombed. Nine injured have been rescued and one dead.

Order for War Material Refused

WILMINGTON, Del., Feb. 17.—Because the stockholders of the company do not believe in war, J. E. Rhoads & Sons, belt and pulley manufacturers of this city, have refused a number of orders for belts to be used for manufacturing war materials in foreign countries.

Seeks to Stop Payment on Check

Samuel J. Riebel, a retail shoe dealer at 225 North 23rd street, today filed a bill in equity praying for an injunction to enjoin the Cash Saving Club, Incorporated, from negotiating a check for \$50 drawn by him, and also from representing him to be a director of the concern.

Pocahontas Inn Burned

BLUEFIELD, W. Va., Feb. 17.—The Pocahontas Inn at Pocahontas, Va., was destroyed by fire today. A score of guests jumped from the windows. The loss will exceed \$25,000.

War Risk Bureau Won't Raise Rate

WASHINGTON, Feb. 17.—The Government War Risk Bureau will not increase rates because of the German war submarine attacks, Assistant Secretary of the Treasury Peters said today.

STATUS OF GERMANY'S ORDER FOR BLOCKADE

LONDON — Great Britain has completed naval plans to meet German submarine campaign in blockade which becomes effective tomorrow. British confident of her ability to ward off German attacks and also to effect a blockade of German coast.

HAVRE — British collier Dulwick torpedoed by German submarine in English Channel.

BERLIN — Germany's reply to American note transmitted to Washington by Ambassador Gerard. Stated that reply was couched in friendly terms. Berlin newspapers refer sarcastically to suspension of water traffic by English firms.

WASHINGTON — President Wilson certain United States will not be involved in war. United States will deal firmly with situation, but believed that German submarines will not blow up any American ships.

PARIS — German submarine U-16 sank French steamer Ville de Lille in English Channel.

PARIS, Feb. 17.—Official announcement was made at the Ministry of Marine this afternoon that a German submarine sank the French steamship Ville de Lille yesterday off Harfleur. The ship was torpedoed while on her way from Cherbourg to Dunkirk. The commander of the submarine gave the crew of the steamship 20 minutes in which to leave the vessel.

The German submarine was the U-61. The Ville de Lille attempted to escape when she was halted by the submarine, but was overtaken and compelled to stop. The announcement states that after sinking the French steamship, the submarine attacked a Norwegian vessel, but that French torpedo boats came up from Cherbourg while the submarine was pursuing the neutral vessel and compelled her to dive beneath the surface.

This is the first time that an attack by a German submarine upon a neutral vessel has been reported.

BRITISH VESSEL SUNK BY GERMAN SUBMARINE

HAVRE, France, Feb. 17.—The Dulwick, a British collier, bound from Hull to Rouen, was torpedoed by a German submarine in the English Channel 20 miles northwest of Cape de la Heve at 6 o'clock last night. The torpedo struck the middle starboard side.

Two members of the crew of the Dulwick are missing. Twenty-two were picked up by a French destroyer and brought to Havre, while seven others, who succeeded in lowering a small boat before the Dulwick sank, rowed to Fecamp.

The German submarine which sank the Dulwick was plainly seen by the collier's crew as it sped away after launching a torpedo that struck the Dulwick on her starboard side.

Captain Hunter, of the Dulwick, declared upon arrival here on the destroyer Argus that the German craft had fired its torpedo without warning.

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COMPLAINT AGAINST READING

Pork Packers Charge Railway Company With Discrimination.

Hearing of a charge of discrimination against the Philadelphia and Reading Railway Company, preferred by John J. Felix & Co., Nicetown pork packers, was started late this afternoon in the Federal Building by Examiner Ulysses Butler, for the Interstate Commerce Commission.

The complainants allege the road discriminates in charging yardage for hogs shipped from points west to the Nicetown yards and also asks an allowance of eight cents a hundred pounds on hogs covering the same route from the present freight rate maintained by the Reading. This rate, it is alleged, is discriminatory. The hearing will be resumed tomorrow.

The Kensingtonian Says:

John McCarthy and Jack Houlihan, the two typical wise guys of the Capital, have at last got a job after 12 years' vacation.

LOST AND FOUND

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