Germany Claims an Overwhelming Victory Over Russian Forces in Poland

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BANDIT HOHL'S BODY TO REACH CITY TODAY

Funeral Will Be Strictly Private at His Mother's Request

FIRST WIFE TELLS HER STORY

Bertha Holtzman Hohl Says He Left Her Because She Wouldn't Steal

Hohl Robbed Post Office At Dayton on August 6

By Associated Press

CINCINNATI, Dec. 19.—Frank G. Hohl, the dead automobile bandit, was identified to-day b ytwo money order clerks in the Dayton, Ohio, post office as the man who robbed that office on August 6 last. He obtained $947

No trace of the missing $13,100 obtained by Hohl in the robbery of the two Cincinnati banks on Thursday had been found to-day. The Louisville post office authorities have not located the money there as yet.

The dead bandit has been further identified by two saloonkeepers from Covington, Ky., as the man who recently hel pup their places of business at the point of a gun and obtained small amounts from the cash drawers.

The body of Frank G. Hohl, the slain bank bandit, will reach Harrisburg late to-night or early to-morrow morning from Cincinnati, where he was killed Thursday afternoon after he had robbed two banks.

The body will be placed in charge of Undertaker Charles H. Mauk, Sixth and Kelker streets. The funeral will probably take place Monday and will be strictly private. Services will be held at the Mauk chapel. The officiating minister will be selected to-day. Burial will be made in Harrisburg Cemetery.

"There will be no public funeral," said Mrs. Annie Hohl, mother of the dead bandit, to-day. The wishes of the mother will be carried out by Undertaker Mauk and no person will be permitted to view the remains except his immediate family.

When the mother learned that the wife refused to have anything to do with the body she was at a loss for an explanation. The mother said:

"Bertha probably still holds a feeling against me. When she left with Frank last August Bertha was cross at me. I have not heard from Bertha since she left. The story that she got a letter from me is not true. I did not write her a letter."

Release His First Wife

A dispatch from Cincinnati states that Bertha Holtzman Hohl, wife of the dead bandit, was released last night after the police found she knew nothing about the robberies or money. Mrs. Hohl told her story to the detective chief. She said:

"My maiden name was Bertha Holtzman. I was born in Harrisburg, Pa. I had known Frank from childhood. He was always a good boy, but he got into bad company. We were married in March, 1911. He had been in the reformatory at Huntingdon, Pa., for stealing railroad brass. I knew it. But it did not make me think any the less of him.

"The next I heard of him he was arrested again. At that time he told me it was because he had forged the name of another man to his parole papers at Huntingdon. I believed him. Later I found he had been stealing again. He served eighteen months in the penitentiary and when he was released he and I were married.

"He was a good workman. He worked about the railroad shops and at the machinist trade and he made a good living.

"Then he got in with another man. The other man was a thief, and soon Frank was in trouble again. One day he came home and told me he would have to leave the city. He said he was in some trouble. He blamed the other man and said that if he would get away where the other man could not reach him he would be all right.

"I went with him to Columbus, Ohio. He secured work in an automobile factory in Columbus.

"He was doing nicely and we were getting along fine. One day he told me another man had made a rich haul in a jewelry store. He said the other man's wife had assisted him in the robbery.

Wanted Her to Steal

"'Bertha,' he said to me, 'I am going to get you some fine clothes. Then

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THE WEATHER

For Harrisburg and vicinity: Cloudy weather to-night and Sunday; probably light rain or snow; colder Sunday afternoon; lowest temperature to-night about 35 degrees.

For Eastern Pennsylvania: Cloudy to-night and Sunday, probably with rain or snow; colder Sunday afternoon; fresh to strong south and southwest winds.

River

The Susquehanna river and all its tributaries will continue generally icebound and nearly stationary.

General Conditions

Cloudy weather prevails this morning over practically all the territory east of the Mississippi river and in the Southwestern and Northwestern States and light to moderately heavy rains and snows have fallen over most of this territory in the last twenty-four hours.

Temperature: 8 a. m., 28.
Sun: Rises, 7:24 a. m.; sets, 4:39 p. m.
Moon: First quarter, December 24, 10:59 a. m.
River Stage: 2.6 feet above low-water mark; frozen

Yesterday's Weather
Highest temperature, 28
Lowest temperature, 5.
Mean temperature, 16.
Normal temperature, 32

PROMOTION TWICE A YEAR IN 8 GRADES

Board of Directors Eliminates Ninth in City Course Below High School

THROUGH IN 12 YEARS NOW

Time For Pupil to Graduate Cut Down Year—Bretz Succeeds Houtz

Semiannual promotions and the establishing of an eight instead of a nine grade system were the radical changes in the conduct of Harrisburg's school government unanimously adopted last evening by the school board in accordance with the recommendations of Dr. F. E. Downes, city superintendent. This means that it will require twelve instead of thirteen years for a child to go through school.

The proposed changes became effective September, 1915, the ninth grade will be eliminated the following June, 1915, and the first promotion February, 1917. The examinations and transfers in February will be informal and without change of teachers. The changes proposed will not effect the teaching staff as the ninth grade teachers will gradually be absorbed in the other grades. The grades will be designated as follows: First four, primary; second, grammar; third, high school. What promoted pupils cannot be taken care of at once in the high schools will be accommodated for a time among the other grades.

President, Harry A. Boyer, recently elected on the one hundred and fifty-sixth ballot over Adam D. Houtz, announced the committees for the ensuing year. There is but one change; Mr. Houtz is dropped from the chairnanship of the teachers' committee with a dull thud. Harry M. Bretz, the vice-president, was appointed in his place.

The board decided to complete a couple of rooms in the Shimmel building which the contractor is not required to finish. The Lebanon Valley College glee club was granted the use of the Technical high school auditorium January 7.

Man Frozen to Death Found in South Street

An unidentified man was found frozen to death this morning about 6.30 o'clock in South street near the Paxton Flour and Feed Company warehouse. The dead man was found by William Devan, 708 South street.

He was about 5 feet 4 inches in height, weighed 135 pounds and was blind in the left eye. He had no money on him and the only means of identification was a stickpin with a "J" on it. Some stomach medicine was found in one of his pockets.

CHARITY OF CAMP FIRE GIRLS

Will Collect Food, Clothing and Toys For Poor Children

Special to The Telegraph

Camp Hill, Pa., Dec. 19.—Desirous of supplementing the admirable work now being done by the various charitable organizations in Harrisburg, it is the purpose of the Camp Hill Camp Fire girls to collect toys, food and clothing which any resident of Camp Hill may be disposed to give. Any one who has clothing which their children have outgrown or do not need, may dispose of it and feel that it is going to help someone who needs it to keep warm this winter. The means the Camp Fire girls will have of knowing where they may call for clothing will be through Mrs. L. H. Dennis, Mrs. A. E. Strode, Mrs. William M. Dennison and Mrs. George W. Kehr, who will see that the information is imparted to the Camp Fire girls who will call anywhere in Camp Hill Tuesday, December 22.

CHARITABLE WORK OF U. S. IS DISCUSSED IN LETTER

By Associated Press

London, Dec. 19., 4.15 A. M.—A letter signed by the Hon. Maude Paunchefote, daughter of the late Lord Paunchefote, at one time British ambassador at Washington, which appears in the Times to-day, discusses the aid that has been extended by the United States to the distressed people in the countries which are at war.

The letter suggests that some means should be taken to make known in America before Christmas the deep appreciation felt in the United Kingdom for the magnificent aid in the shape of Red Cross work, provisions for Belgium, presents for orphaned children and help for the distressed in England and other countries due to the private generosity of the American people.

CLEARY'S FATE WILL BE IN JURY'S HAND BEFORE NIGHT

By Associated Press

New City, N. Y., Dec. 19.—The fate of William W. Cleary, former town clerk of Haverstraw on trial here for the murder of his son-in-law, Eugene M. Newman was expected to be in the hands of the jury this afternoon. All evidence against Cleary was presented before adjournment of court last night. Counsel were to sum up the evidence to-day and the case will be given to the jury when Justice Morschauser has finished his charge.

USE SHIPS AS TRANSPORTS

By Associated Press

Washington, Dec. 19.—Since the practical completion of the Panama Canal and the lessening demand for cement on the isthmus it has been found possible to dispense with two of which have been transporting cement. The Cristobal sometime ago was turned over to the army transport service and now the order has gone out to lay up the steamship Ancon at New York awaiting disposition.

CHRISTMAS GIFTS ARRIVE

By Associated Press

Berlin, Dec. 18, via London, Dec. 19, 5.15 A. M.—The American Christmas gifts for the children of fallen German soldiers, arrived to-day. They were accompanied from Naples by representatives of the German foreign office.

OFFICIALS WHO HELPED CUT CITY'S CHRISTMAS TREE

SUNDAY MARKS END OF STOUGH CAMPAIGN

Freewill Offering For Evangelist Will Be Lifted at All Services Tomorrow

STILL CHANCE TO HIT TRAIL

Lecture to Men Big Feature of Last Day; Conversions Total 5,158

The last sermon to unconverted souls will be preached to-night at the tabernacle and a large number of trailhitters are expected to take the last chance to get into the fold. The booster chorus will make its final appearance before a mixed audience and give several special selections.

To-morrow is the wind-up of the campaign with the free-will offering to Dr. Stough and his party as the feature of each service. The night sermon will be "How to Make a Success of the Christian Life," a special message to trailhitters and professing Christians.

Dr. Stough will give the last of his familiar talks to men on the subject,

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SENATE HOPES FOR PEACE

By Associated Press

Rome, Rec. 18, 11.15 P. M.—(Delayed in transmission).—The Senate adjourned to-day after a unanimous manifestation in favor of peace. In the course of the session Premier Salandra expressed the hope that as 1815 had marked the conclusion of peace after the Napoleonic wars, so 1915 would be marked by a lasting peace in which Italy would acquire yet more glory and greatness.

FRANK APPLIES FOR WRIT

By Associated Press

Atlanta, Ga., Dec. 19.—Hearing on a petition fo ra write of habeas corpus fo rthe release of Leo M. Frank under sentence for the murder of Mary Phagan, was set for to-day before Federal Judge Newman. In the peition counsel for Frank had contended he was convicted without due process of law in that he was deprived of his constitutional rights because of his absence from the court room when the jury returned its verdict.

TROLLEY CARS NOW RUNNING IN SECOND STREET SUBWAY

South Second street trolley cars yesterday afternoon began using the permanent track through the new subway under the Cumberland Valley tracks. Work will be started Monday on the removal of the earth on the western side of the street.

The temporary line on the west side was taken up to-day.

RAILROAD HEARING RESUMED

By Associated Press

Washington, D. C., Dec. 19.—When the Interstate Commerce Commission resumed hearings here to-day on the financial operations of the Cincinnati, Hamilton and Dayton and Pere Marquette Railroads, Frederick W. Stevens, representing J. P. Morgan and Company, presented testimony to support the contention that operations of the Cincinnati, Hamilton and Dayton had burdened the road with $24,700,000 in financial obligations and sent it into a receiver's hands before the Morgan house bought control of the road, for the Erie.

STEAMER IS STILL SAFE

By Associated Press

San Diego, Cal., Dec. 19. — Stout bulkheads and a comparatively quiet sea promised early to-day to prove the salvation of the American-Hawaiian steamer Isthmian which with a hole in her how and her stern high out of the water, continued to proceed slowly toward the harbor and safety.

CHILD SCALDED

Special to The Telegraph

Millersburg, Pa., Dec. 19. — Catherine, a five-year-old granddaughter of Samuel Weaver, residing near Killinger, was horribly scalded on Friday, when she fell into a bucket containing boiling water. The skin came off with the child's clothing from the waist down. Dr. Hottenstein is the attending physician.

CELEBRATES 40TH ANNIVERSARY

The Rev. Alex. McMillan, pastor of the St. John's Reformed Church, of Carlisle, will observe his fortieth anniversary of ordination as a priest tomorrow. Bishop Darlington, of Harrisburg, will conduct the services in the St. John's Church to-morrow.

Chairman Robert W. Hoy, members of the City Commission and others on the municipal Christmas tree committee journeyed into the woods nine miles back of Dauphin yesterday afternoon and selected a mammoth pine tree to serve as the municipal Christmas tree at Front and Market streets during the Christmas holidays. The tree will be brought to this city by C. M. Bayard, who lives near where the tree was found. It will probably arrive Monday or Tuesday and then the Harrisburg Light and Power Company will make arrangements for having it placed in position and strung with electric lights. In the small etching is C. M. Bayard, the man who will bring the tree to Harrisburg. The large picture shows the men who made the trip and from left to right they are C. M. Bayard, Commissioner Harry M. Bowman, Commissioner W. H. Lynch, Commissioner M. Harvey Taylor, Mayor John K. Royal, Robert W. Hoy, C. M. Kaltwasser, John Keffer and C. O. Backenstoss.

ASKS GOVERNOR TO FIND HIM A WIFE

Let "Those Who Is Willing" Apply; Doesn't Matter How She Looks!

Governor Tener was to-day asked by Edwin Lovekelley, of R. F. D. No. 2, Match, Tenn., to find him a wife.

The letter received by the Governor gives the life history of the applicant and states that he is "very industrious, a willing worker" and has "a kind disposition." He adds that he has brown eyes and hair, 5 feet 8 inches in height, weighs 165 pounds and is 25 years old. His letter continues:

"I would be glad to become acquainted with a few of your ladies in Pennsylvania for the purpose of matrimony. I would prefer one not over 30 years of age, one who is nice, and it doesn't matter as to her looks. Those who may be interested in this overture may write and enclose their photo and reference, etc. Those who are willing to help a trustworthy man in business and Home, Sweet Home affairs are welcome to my help."

NAVAL COMMITTEE AT WORK

By Associated Press

Washington, D. C., Dec. 19.—With the completion of public hearings and with a great mass of testimony before them individuals of the House naval affairs committee to-day began study of this year's naval appropriation bill. Public hearings were concluded yesterday with the testimony of Representative Gardner, of Massachusetts, who initiated in Congress the movement for an investigation of the preparedness of the United States for war.

FIRE AT PARKERS LANDING

By Associated Press

Parkers Landing, Pa., Dec. 19.—An overheated stove in a livery stable here caused a fire early to-day which destroyed two hotels and a number of business blocks with a loss of $75,000.

BANNER ORDERED REMOVED

By Associated Press

Berkeley, Cal., Dec. 19.—A banner extending across the street leading to the entrance of the University of California, adevertising "The Bazar of the Allies," was taken down at the order of Mayor Charles Heywood yesterday as a violation of President Wilson's desire for neutrality.

TWO STEAMERS COLLIDE

By Associated Press

New York, Dec. 19.—The steamer Bratsberg, outward bound for Rio Janeiro collided with the Greek steamer Themistocles, lying at anchor off quarantine to-day. Apparently the Themistocles was undamaged. The midship bridge of the Bratsberg was smashed but after she had stopped and investigated the steamer proceeded on her way.

CHARITY DAY IN MISSOURI

St. Louis, Dec. 19.—This is charity day in Missouri by proclamation of the governor and all the proceeds are to be devoted to the relief of the European war sufferers.

CITY WILL REDEEM $192,400 IN BONDS

Treasurer Copelin Says Big Wad Will Be Paid Out on January 2

WATER, PAVING AND GRADING

Ninety Thousand For Street Work; Remainder Cuts Down Water Debt to $381,000

City paving, grading and water department bonds to the amount of $192,400 will be redeemed by City Treasurer O. M. Copelin on Saturday, January 2.

Of this total $102,400 represents a series of the twenty year 4 per cent. bonds of the issue of 1895, floated for the construction of the pumping station and extension of the water system. The amount to be redeemed in January cuts the original water bonded indebtedness of $483,400 to $381,000.

The other $90,000 represents paving and grading bonds—$87,200 of the paving and $2,800 of the bonds issued for street grading purposes. In addition to the nearly $200,000 that the city will have to pay out for the redemption of these bonds, some additional thousands will be required to pay the interest coupons on some paving and water bonds.

All told there will be three hundred and seventy-two $500, one hundred and fifty-six $200, and one hundred and seventy-seven $100 paving, and two $500, three $200 and twelve $100 grading bonds.

Woman Burned to Death at Cumberland County Home

Special to The Telegraph

Carlisle, Pa., Dec. 19.—A fatal burning accident occurred at the Cumberland County Home near here last evening about 8 o'clock, resulting in the death of Mrs. Mary Crimmins, an inmate. She was 70 years old and has been in the institution about two years. After supper last evening Mrs. Srimmins went to her room and it is thought lighted her pipe, which she has been accustomed to smoking. In some way her clothing took fire and she attempted to extinguish the flames herself without calling for help. She was unable to do so and the bed clothing took fire. Attendants nearby went to her aid, but she was terribly scorched, all of her body with the exception of one shoe, being burned from her body. Word was sent to the Carlisle fire department and three companies responded, but their services were not needed, as the fire had been extinguished with very little damage to the building.

After suffering all night, Mrs. Crimmins died at 5 o'clock this morning. She formerly lived at Huntsdale, several miles from here, and the body will be taken to the home of her nephew, Daniel Wagle, where funeral services will be held.

State College Boys to Do Charity Work Here

The students of State College, who are from Harrisburg, are taking a collection of money to be used to buy Christmas gifts of clothing, food and other needed articles for the poor and needy of this city.

The amount collected will be entirely from the college boys and will be given to the Associated Charities of this city probably by next Wednesday.

NEUTRALITY NOT VIOLATED

By Associated Press

Washington, D. C., Dec. 19.—Colonel Goethals, governor of the canal zone, according to information to the British embassy to-day, which was communicated to the State Department, has found that the British collier which was thought to have violated the neutrality of the Panama canal zone waters by sending a wireless message, actually had no wireless equipment.

SOLDIERS ARE ARRIVING

By Associated Press

Naco, Ariz., Dec. 19.—The Sixth Brigade of Infantry, reinforcing the American cavalry troops already here, began to arrive to-day. The first train with six companies of the Eighteenth Regiment came at dawn. It is expected that most of the brigade will arrive by night.

GERMAN ATTACKS ON VISTULA RIVER ARE REPULSED BY RUSS

Victory of Kaiser's Forces in Poland Is Without Verification; Germans Suffer Near East Prussian Frontier; Allies Claim Gains in Flanders During Past Few Days

It is indicated by the German war office to-day that the affensive in the west now rests with the allies. The Berlin communication speaks of a series of hostile attacks which it says were repulsed. The French statement, however, assert that further important advantages have been won by the allies, who apparently are now making an effort to push back the German line at the sharp angle north of Paris where it swings eastward.

At Albert, it is said that the allies under a heavy fire, pushed through to the entanglements in front of the second line of entrenchments. At several other points, according to the French war office, ground has been won and German trenches have been occupied. In two instances it is admitted that the Germans have made progress.

Situation Unsettled

The day's official reports fail to clear up the situation in the east. The German announcement was as indefinite as before merely stating that in Poland the pursuit of the Russians was continuing and that a Russian cavalry attack on the east Prussian frontier had been defeated.

The German war office announcement of an overwhelming victory in Poland still fails to bring a response from Petrograd. Berlin is puzzled by the absence of details and is said to be experiencing "a shade of disappointment," although still celebrating the reported victory.

Petrograd dispatches say that the new Austrian expedition across the Carpathian mountains into Galicia has been checked, and that the Russian forces near the Silesian frontier are holding their positions firmly. The Cracow region is described as the real pivot of the operations now developing which would indicate that the Russians were content for the present to remain on the defensive in North and Central Poland, while planning an attempt to invade Germany from the south.

Roulers Report Revived

London newspapers have revived the report that the allies have captured Roulers, in one of the most furiously contested regions of Flanders. Like the rumored capture of Westende, however, this report lacks official confirmation. About all that is known definitely of the situation in the west is that the allies are exerting steady pressure at the German line, and while advancing in some locations have suffered reverses elsewhere.

It is announced in Athens that 100 men, including several German officers lost their lives when the Turkish battleship Messudieh was sunk by a British submarine. A previous official statement from Constantinople stated that the crew had been saved.

England is preparing to express its gratitude for the help of war sufferers extended by the United States by cabling a message of thanks at Christmas time.

BOMBS KILL TWO SOLDIERS

By Associated Press

Berlin, via London, Dec. 19, 4.07 A. M.—Two of the allies' aeroplanes flew over Saarburg, Lorraine at midnight Thursday and dropped ten bombs which killed a Uhlan corporal and a cavalryman and severely wounded a servant girl. The material damage done in the town was considerable.

100 LOST OF TURK BATTLESHIP

German Officers Among Those Lost as Result of Torpedoing

By Associated Press

Athens via London, Dec. 19, 9.55 A. M. — Semiofficial announcement is made here that 100 lives were lost, including some German officers, when the Turkish battleship Messudieh which was torpedoed by a British submarine sank in the Dardanelles.

The fact that the Turkish battleship Messudieh had been torpedoed by a British submarine was made public by the British official bureau on December 14. The work was accomplished by Lieut. Norman B. Holbrook in charge o fsubmarine B11. He took

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WRIT REFUSED LEO M. FRANK

Atlanta, Ga., Dec. 19.—A petition for a writ of habeas corpus for the release of Leo M. Frank, under death sentence, for the murder of Mary Phagan, was refused to-day by Federal Judge W. T. Newman.

READING TO BUILD FIVE ENGINES

Reading, Pa., Dec 19.—As a forerunner of better times, since the decision of the Interstate Commerce Commission in granting an increase in freight rates, the Reading railway officials to-day decided to build five passenger locomotives at its shops in this city.

VILLA GARRISON SURRENDERS

San Antonio, Tex., Dec. 19.—A dispatch received by the local Mexican consul to-day said: "The Villa garrison at San Luis Potosi revolted against Villa this morning and surrendered the city to General Samuel De Los Santos, who is loyal to General Carranza."

LANGFORD AND McVEY BARRED

Milwaukee, Wis., Dec 19.—The Wisconsin Boxing Commission to-day ruled against granting a permit to a local boxing club for a bout between Sam Langford and Sam McVey, negro heavyweights, early in January. Permits for contests in Wisconsin, it is announced, will be confined to white boxers.

OTTO EISENLOHR DIES

Philadelphia, Dec. 19.—Oto Eisenlohr, a widely known cigar manufacurer, died a his home here o-day. He was 73 years old.

$15,000 FOR MILITARY OBSERVERS

Washingon, Dec. 19.—The army appropriation bill, aggregating $101,000,000 agreed upon to-day by the House Military Committee, carries a special fund of $15,000 for United States military observers in Europe.

MARRIAGE LICENSES

Harry A. Shoemaker, Linglestown, and Pearl Minnich, Shellsville.
Eugene Cobaugh, Hummelstown and Pearl Nunemacher, Rutherford.
Clayton George Brown and Louisa Agues Landreth, Penbrook.