



GERMAN HOPES CENTERING ON WESTERN FRONT

Generally Increased Confidence Is Based Upon Russian Armistice and Great Offensive Which Is Regarded as Certainly Impending; Bolshevik Forces Apparently Have Been Successful in Clashes With Revolutionists

London, Dec. 14.—A generally increased confidence in Germany based on the Russian armistice and other obvious factors is shown in extracts from the latest German newspapers telegraphed from Holland. Travellers arriving in Holland from Germany are quoted as saying that the German people are building great hopes on a great offensive in the west, which is regarded as certainly impending.

Germans Rush Troops to Western Lines; Huge Attack Is Anticipated

Artillery and local infantry fighting has been in progress on the western front, to which the Germans are still rushing troops and supplies. The enemy has attempted no further massed attacks since Wednesday and there is still no outward sign of where his expected blow is to come.

Bolshevik Claim Cossack Defeat in Encounter; Reports Are Incomplete

Washington, Dec. 14.—The struggle for power in interior Russia is growing more bitter. Advantages in the civil warfare are claimed by both sides. The Bolsheviks assert success in the fighting with General Kaledines' Cossacks in the vicinity of Bielgorod, some 350 miles south of Moscow while the Cossacks are reported victorious at Rostov-on-the-Don, capturing the city and forcing the Bolsheviks to retreat across the Don.

Mummers Abandon Plans For New Year's Celebration

On account of the war, Harrisburg will be without its annual mummers parade this year. This was decided upon at a meeting of the Harrisburg Mummers' Association, held last night in the Majestic theater.

Cold Wave Is to Follow in Wake of Heavy Snowstorm

Thirteen inches of snow blankets city, cutting off suburban towns for hours; drifts block streets; west winds lower temperature. A real, old-fashioned winter, is the prediction of oldtimers for the coming three months, when they surveyed the blanket of snow that covered Harrisburg this morning.

\$100,000 For Starving Poles

Berne, Switzerland, Dec. 14.—On behalf of the American Red Cross the American legation has remitted to the Polish relief committee \$100,000 for starving Polish children.

Questionnaires Are Ready for Registered Men

Men liable to service have seven days to make detailed report. A new system with which he hopes to thrash out difficult police problems and a system which he believes will be a betterment to the entire department, will be inaugurated by Mayor Keister this evening.

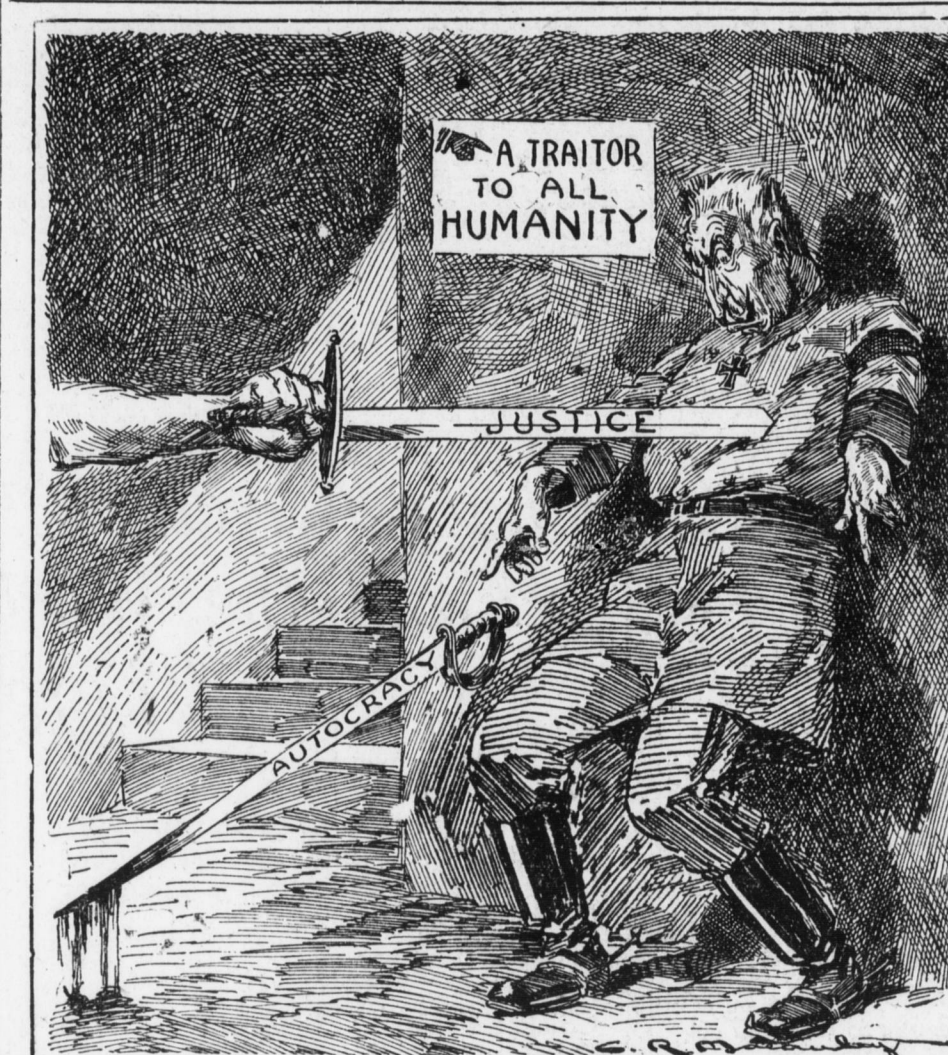
The Weather

For Harrisburg and vicinity: Fair to-night and Saturday with increasing clouds; lowest temperature about 8 degrees. For Eastern Pennsylvania: Fair to-night and Saturday; much colder to-night; fresh, possibly strong, northwest winds.

Steamer Kurland Is Sunk in Collision

Thousands Thrown Out of Employment in Holland. Amsterdam, Dec. 14.—The 200 distillers of Schiedam, which produce vast quantities of gin and other liquor have been notified by the government's grain bureau, the Telegraaf reports, that after this week no more grain will be supplied for conversion into alcoholic products.

LIVE BY THE SWORD, DIE BY THE SWORD



DRIVE ON ITALY CHECKED WITH TERRIFIC LOSS

Austro-German Troops in Hard Fighting Relieved by Reserves. ENEMY'S THIRD ATTACK Downpour of Rain Fills the Piave River, Re-establishing Water Barrier. Italian Headquarters in Northern Italy, Thursday, Dec. 13 (By The Associated Press).—After three days of fighting on the mountainfront between the Brenta and Piave rivers, the enemy is holding some trenches on Col Beretta and the summit of Monte Spiluocca, but all the rest of the Italian line is in its original position.

Mayor to Take Responsibility of Police Work

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Harrisburg Musicians to Sing at Army and Navy Training Cantonments

Mrs. Roy G. Cox, soprano soloist, and Miss Sara Lemmer, violinist, have contributed their services to the Y. M. C. A. War Work Council and will sing before the sailors in the naval training camps at Camp Sewell and Willsieck, New Jersey, Monday evening, Tuesday evening of the week before the Camp Sewell sailors. These are the first Harrisburgers to appear before the men under the auspices of the National Y. M. C. A. War Work Council. Both are widely known in this city as musicians.

HICKOK TRIES TO GET SHIPMENT OF COAL HERE

Steps Are Taken to Aid Suffering Among Poor Families. Following a visit by representatives of the Gates and Dare Coal Companies, Mayor Daniel Keister said today that he would endeavor to have Fuel Administrator Hickok meet the retail coal dealers of the city in the very near future in order that some understanding might be reached. The retailers represented that their yards are full of coal, that people are waiting for coal, that since the appointment of a fuel administrator little coal has reached Harrisburg, and that they did not believe the administrator fully understands the seriousness of the situation.

MARY RUSSELL'S HEART IS RIGHT; SHE GAVE DOLLAR

Postal Messenger Girl Contributes Her Entire Profits on Thirty-three Trips. President Wilson and former President Roosevelt and Taft to-day issued statements calling upon the American people to join the Red Cross. Governor Martin G. Brumbaugh issued a statement addressed particularly to Pennsylvanians. But all of these statements, in the opinion of local enthusiasts, fell short of the deed of Mary Russell, the Postal Telegraph girl, who, from her meager earnings, has bought a Red Cross membership.

CITY IS FREE OF DRAFT FOR SECOND ARMY

Lieutenant Leshler Believes Volunteers Sufficient to Again Save Harrisburg. Records Shows Capital City District Is First Among Those of Nation. The campaign has brought the city district forward until it has taken its stand as being one of the foremost in the country. Five thousand recruits have been sent to the great training cantonments, Lieutenant Leshler's records show.

Robbers Attack Bank During Snow Storm; Escape With \$47,000

Chicago, Dec. 14.—Two hundred pounds of money, totaling \$47,000, was carried off by the five men who yesterday robbed the LaGrange State Bank at LaGrange, a western suburb. It became known to-day after an indemnity insurance company checked up the bank's cash.

DECLARES DIVIDEND IN LIBERTY BONDS

New York, Dec. 14.—The Delaware, Lackawanna and Western Coal Company controlled chiefly by stockholders of the Delaware, Lackawanna and Western railroad, to-day declared a special dividend of \$20 a share, payable in bonds of Great Britain and in Liberty Bonds.

BRITISH IMPROVE CONDITIONS

London, Dec. 14.—Our troops improved their position slightly east of Bullecourt as a result of the bomb fighting in that locality reported in last night's communique, says to-day's official statement. The enemy raided one of our posts last night south of Pronville. A few of our men are missing. On the remainder of the front there was nothing of special interest during the night.

EXPLAINS MEANS' BUSINESS DEALINGS

Concord, N. C., Dec. 14.—John T. Dooling, assistant district attorney of New York to-day took the jury in the trial of Gaston B. Means along the pathway of the defendant's career as business manager for Mrs. Baude A. King, with whose murder he is charged and pointed out and explained link by link the chain of evidence which the state contends establishes the motive for the alleged crime.

MARRIAGE LICENSES

John F. Leedy, Philadelphia, and Mac E. Griffith, Harrisburg.