

FIERY RUSSIAN HITS AMERICAN SCHOOL SYSTEM

Pittsburgh Teacher Is Ordered From Platform at New York Meeting

New York, Dec. 16.—General M. K. Oberutcheff, who formerly commanded the military district of Kiev, but who yesterday presided at a meeting here of the federation of Russian societies, sternly ordered a speaker to leave the platform when he would not obey his rulings and then threatened to clear the gallery if the "boobies" which followed did not cease. He finally was forced to suspend the session until the disturbance ended.

Proposed establishment in this country of a "people's university" was being discussed. After Professor Alexander Petrunkevitch, of Yale, had opposed the plan and Professor M. Galatzky, of the Russian society here, had endorsed it, M. Voronetzvitch, a Pittsburgh teacher, mounted the rostrum.

Tree Committee Searches Mountains For Evergreen Big Enough For Christmas

Members of the committee to select the large tree to be used for the municipal Christmas tree celebration expect to locate one late this afternoon or to-morrow. This morning the committee went to Cove Allen and spent several hours looking for a suitable specimen. One large same size as the first one located, it came from the road and there may be some difficulty in moving it. If another one can be found about the same size as the first one located, it will be taken. On the committee are Frank B. Musser, chairman; Arthur H. Bailey, Warren R. Jackson, George G. McFarland and S. S. Rutherford.

Final plans for the celebration will be made on Friday evening when the general Christmas tree committee will meet. Reports will be received from all the sub-committees and it is believed arrangements will be complete at that time so that the program can be made. The site for the tree has been selected in Market Square and as soon as it is placed a small platform will be erected for the band, chorus and others who will be in charge of the program.

FINED FOR BOOTLEGGING W. H. Head was fined \$25 at police court to-day. The charge against Head was bootlegging.

POLAND SEVERES ITS RELATIONS WITH THE HUNS

Count Reventlow Says German People Must Pay Any Price America Names as Condition for Resumption of Position in World; Scoffs at Wilson in Armistice Terms

Amsterdam, Dec. 16.—Poland has severed relations with Germany, according to a telegram received in Berlin from Warsaw.

RETURNING TROOPS PILLAGE IN RUSSIA

Cracow, Dec. 16.—Tens of thousands of soldiers are moving back and forth across the old Russian frontier. They come from many nations. All are returning to their homes and some of them are pillaging as they go.

Banking Branch Begins New Year's Work Under Most Favorable Auspices

The Harrisburg branch of the American Institute of Banking held its first meeting of the season in its recitation room at Technical High School Friday evening. A. G. Eden, retiring president, called the meeting to order and reviewed the work accomplished during his administration, and spoke of the prospects for the coming year after which F. M. Gilbert, the new president, was introduced.

SOLDIERS AT MARSH RUN WANT XMAS DECORATIONS

The soldiers at Marsh Run are making a strong appeal to the citizens of Harrisburg for Christmas tree decorations. The men are anxious to celebrate Christmas in true home style and have appealed to the public to help in this matter.

ARMY AVIATOR LEAVES THE CITY

guess was ventured that he is plotting proposed aerial mail routes. An interesting bit of information came to light this morning before Lieutenant Tappan left the city. The committee in charge of his reception had received no word yesterday of the lieutenant's proposed arrival, consequently the arrow marking the landing place was not set up as a guide to the aviator.

WOMEN ACTIVE FOR RED CROSS MEMBERS

gan the "mopping up" of the city and outlying districts this morning. They were determined to surpass last year's total in memberships, and this will not be hard to do, it is believed, because only 35,000 of the 175,000 people of the district joined the Red Cross in 1917. That total, distressingly small as it was, was an eye-opener at the time. But a lot of water has run under the bridge since December of 1917, and the people of the district have learned some very real things about war work and self-denial.

YOUTHFUL ROBBERS GROW TIRED OF STAY IN CITY; ARE TAKEN AT READING

At a hearing before Justice of the Peace Roush, at Sunbury, on Saturday last night, three boys charged with breaking into a garage and robbing a Sunbury Store, said they had come to this city after the commission of the crimes, had tired of wandering about the capital and boarded a Philadelphia and Reading freight train for Reading, in which city they were taken while trying to dispose of the stolen goods.

SCHOOL GIRLS' VACATION

Miss Helen Dunlap is expected home Friday from Northampton, Mass., for a holiday visit with her parents, Mr. and Mrs. Edward F. Dunlap, of the Rodezmel apartments. Accompanying Miss Dunlap will be a classmate at Smith College, Miss Margaret McClain, of Duluth, who will remain for the vacation.

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Claims of United Jewry of World to Be Made at Peace Table in France

Philadelphia, Dec. 16.—A committee to present the claims of the United Jewry of the World will be sent to the peace conference abroad. Judge Julian W. Mack, of Chicago, who was elected president of the American Jewish Congress at the opening session of the meetings being held here, made the announcement at to-day's session.

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