

STARVING RUSS PRISONERS DIE IN HUN PRISON

German Sergeant Major Hits American Captives With Sword at Langensalza

Berne, Dec. 18.—American officers who have arrived in Switzerland from a German prison camp informed the Red Cross that the Russians at Rastatt, Germany, were dying at the rate of about six or eight daily from starvation. The Americans were given rifles by the German guards to protect their food stores from the Russians, who threatened to raid the American compound. The American cemetery at Rastatt now has nine graves. The German guards left the gates of the camp open for the Americans to escape, but an American sergeant posted American guards around the compound and compelled the prisoners to await the arrival of the Red Cross and American sanitary trains from Switzerland. Herbert Jones, of the 110th Infantry, declared to the American Red Cross that a German sergeant major at Langensalza camp struck American prisoners on the face with the flat of his sword without reason after having them up for roll-call. Jones himself was kicked by a guard until the lower part of his body was temporarily paralyzed. Langensalza is the German prison camp where a considerable number of French prisoners were killed or wounded by guards several days after the signing of the armistice.

NEWS FLASHES OFF THE OCEAN CABLES

Sofia.—Food conditions in Bulgaria are good, according to reports reaching here.

Budapest.—Quinine sells for \$100 a pound in Bulgaria. There is an acute shortage in drugs and surgical dressings.

London.—The Bulgarian government recently sold 2,500,000 pounds of tobacco at nearly \$3 a pound, receiving payment in gold.

Sofia.—Of the 2,000,000 Armenians deported by the Turks, 400,000 survived. Not more than one-fourth of the present Armenian population can survive until the next harvest unless there is outside help.

London.—Many cemeteries will be required to accommodate the British dead. They will be of uniform design, with plots of grass or flowers, separated by paths and set with orderly rows of headstones.

Madrid.—An offer to refer Catalonia's demand for autonomy to an extra-parliamentary commission has been submitted by the government to the deputies from the Catalanian districts.

BRIEFS FROM THE BIG NEWS EVENTS

Philadelphia.—Delegates to the Jewish Congress to-day marched in a body to Independence Hall, where they paid homage to the Liberty Bell.

Annapolis, Md.—All the governors in conference here to-day joined the Red Cross and promised women solicitors to boost the membership campaign on their return home.

Washington.—Governors of states, in conference at Annapolis, will ask the War Department for a number of captured German cannon for the grounds of their respective state capitols.

Washington.—Fifteen states have approved the Prohibition amendment, and the national board declares thirty other states, the legislatures of which meet next month, will vote favorably.

New Haven, Conn.—Connecticut is expected to ratify the Prohibition amendment at the coming legislative session.

Montpelier, Vt.—It is expected the Vermont Legislature will vote favorably on the Prohibition amendment at its session next month.

\$1,600,000,000 Contracts Whose Status Is Doubtful

Washington, Dec. 18.—Informal war contracts, the status of which was rendered doubtful by a recent decision of the treasury comptroller, number 6,474, aggregating \$1,600,000,000, Major General Goethals yesterday informed the House Military Committee, which is considering legislation to legalize the contracts. The comptroller ruled that the government could enter into agreement to save contractors undue loss by cancellations only where provision was made for it in a legally signed contract.

Chambersburg Will Care For Widows and Orphans

Chambersburg, Pa., Dec. 18.—The Associated Charities of Chambersburg has arranged to take liberal care of destitute influenza orphans and widows. As there are many suffering want because of the epidemic the Wilson College girls gave \$41 to the fund yesterday.

MRS. ELIZABETH HORST

Funeral services for Mrs. Elizabeth Horst, aged 72 years, who died Saturday afternoon in Lancaster, were held at 2 o'clock this afternoon at the home of her son-in-law, John C. Reed, Chambers street, Oberlin. Burial will be made in the Oberlin cemetery.

Mrs. Horst was the widow of Jacob Horst, who resided at Oberlin for many years. She was a daughter of the late John and Elizabeth (Hosler) Hammaker. She was a member of the Mennonite church. The following sons and daughters survive: John and Christian, in California; Mrs. Minnie Brown, Missouri; Milton and Charles, Detroit; Mrs. Lizzie Reed, Oberlin; Mrs. Frances Strickler, Harrisburg; Mrs. Adaline Hoffer, HERSHEY; Mrs. Adam Whisler, also of Dauphin county, and Miss Mary, who was residing with her mother in Lancaster.

BERLIN RIOTOUS WITH JOY OVER RETURN OF ARMY

German Capital Is Dancing Mad; Cabarets Overflow With Crowds

London, Dec. 18.—"We are trying to forget," a Berliner said to the correspondent of the Daily Express yesterday. The city's cabarets are filled all afternoon and until 9 o'clock at night. Berlin is dancing mad. The correspondent, dealing with the return of the German army yesterday wrote the Express: "Deutschland Uber Alles" brought me into the street this morning. To my amazement—and to the apparent amazement of the French officers grouped in the window of the embassy—a regiment was passing the Brandenburg gate to the old tunnel. Later, I heard it played continuously as cavalry, infantry and artillery swept by. Regimental flags were crowned with laurel wreaths. The men wore evergreens around their steel helmets and their tunics and guns were covered with flowers. "In a week's time the edict closing dancing halls at 9 o'clock will be removed and dancing then will continue all night. Berliners are looking forward to this. "It is a remarkable sight to see cabarets packed to suffocation with women in expensive toilettes and both soldiers and civilians dancing and drinking wine costing two pounds a bottle. Seats at the theaters can only be booked two days ahead."

Chamber of Commerce to Visit Depot Y. M. C. A.

The Harrisburg Chamber of Commerce will visit the Middletown Aviation Depot Y. M. C. A. hut Monday evening, December 30, and see how the boys at the aviation camp are being cared for. It was announced following a meeting of the board of directors of the Chamber at noon to-day. The visit was arranged as a result of the invitation of Stanley V. Bergen, the Y. secretary. The members will go to Middletown by street car and arrangements were being made for an old-fashioned evening of sociability, beginning and ending on the street car. At Middletown they will be shown over the aviation camp. A buffet lunch may be served.

VATICAN ORGAN REFUTES

Rome, Dec. 18.—Reports that there has been a settlement of the controversy between the Vatican and the Quirinal and that there is a possibility that Pope Benedict may leave, the Vatican, are emphatically denied by the Osservatore Romano, the official organ of the Vatican.

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LOOKING FOR FATHER

The police department has been asked to locate Ben Benton, sometimes called Benjamin Styler, and his wife, Myrtle, who are said to be visiting their relatives, Dewey, William and Mrs. Nobbs, in Harrisburg. Their 10-year-old child, Evelyn Benton, is suffering with diphtheria in the Municipal Hospital in her home town and the parents' aid is needed.



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Russian Peasants Burn and Pillage at Wilna

Warsaw, Dec. 18.—The manner in which the Russian peasants in Volynia have risen against their landlords is shown by the experiences of Princess Potocki, who is one of the refugees gathered here. Her estate at Dombrovitsa was besieged for one week by the peasants. Several Polish peasants aided in beating off the attacks and a dozen or more of the Russians were killed. Finally, the Russians threw benzoline on the roof and set it on fire. The defenders then agreed to surrender if the women could go free. The peasants placed the men against the wall and executed all of them, including two young cousins of the Princess.

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