

## CHRISTMAS TREE HAS BEEN PURCHASED

**Big Norway Spruce, 70 Feet High,  
Has Been Secured for Municipal Event.**

## CHURCH BELLS ARE TO RING

A giant Norway spruce, 70 feet long, gaily decorated with scintillating electric lights, wreaths, and strings of popcorn and cranberries, and a beautiful white star on the topmost branch, and placed on one of the town's principal thoroughfares, will greet Indiana residents and strangers Christmas evening, when the first Municipal Christmas Tree will be formally dedicated. The committee is busy with the final preparations and hope to announce the completed program within the next few days.

At five minutes before seven on Christmas evening all the church bells in Indiana will ring and as the old town clock sends out its first note in the hour of seven the lights will flash on the tree and the band will burst into a gay Christmas song and the long-heralded Christmas tree for everyone will be a reality. There will be much singing, folk dances and of course, a few speeches to start the program in the right direction.

## How to Win Our Sympathy

The following letter was written by J. W. Sutton, of this place, to the editor of the North American: There is a syndicate of Germans in the United States that is spending a vast sum to print and distribute booklet favorable to the German cause, hoping thus to create sympathy for Germany in this country. This town has been flooded with them.

If this syndicate would devote the same amount of energy and funds to alleviate the hunger and suffering in Belgium it would do more to create a favorable impression of the Germans than all its pamphlets will accomplish.

J. W. SUTTON.  
Indiana, Pa., Dec. 7, 1914.

## Many Candidate for the Indiana Judgeship

One of the most spirited political fights in the history of Indiana county is expected next year when the term of President Judge S. J. Telford expires. Among those who have been mentioned as being possible candidate are J. Wood Clark, Samuel Cunningham, who was defeated by a narrow margin nine years ago by Judge Telford; John L. Getty, Congressman J. N. Langham, John H. Pierce, John A. Scott, E. Walker Smith, S. J. Telford, Elder Peelor and D. B. Taylor. It is expected that Judge Telford will be a candidate for reelection.

## Offers Armory Site.

A. C. Ferrier, proprietor of the Point store, has offered a site for an armory for Company F, Tenth infantry, N. G. P. The site is five blocks from Main street and four blocks south of the site accepted by the government for the postoffice building. Many believe the site will not meet with the approval of the state armory board.

## Son Charged With

### Killing His Father

Latrobe, Dec. 17.—John Amanich, Jr., charged with shooting to death his father, John Amanich, Sr., and then attempting to end his own life, is in the Westmoreland county hospital in a critical condition. The men had been drinking. The shooting took place near Harrison City.

## Artilleryman Home.

Harl Langham, one of the United States gunners, who helped to shell Vera Cruz, is visiting his parents, Mr. and Mrs. Wilson Langham, of this place.

## Christmas Rush is On at Local Postoffice; Mailing Gifts Early.

Postmaster H. W. Fee is pleased with the manner in which the people of Indiana have responded to the call of the postoffice department to mail packages early. Since Thursday the Christmas rush has been on in Indiana and mails are much heavier than usual. The rush started almost a week earlier than last year.

It is believed that the last minute rush will be avoided to a large extent this season. Additional clerks are on duty.

Santa Clause letters are not so numerous as in other years. Each year some of the youngsters put letters addressed "Santa Claus" into the mails, but always omit to place the name of the particular spot on the map where that gentleman may be found.

## Grand Jury Pleased With Juvenile Ward

In making its return the December grand jury, of which C. C. Campbell was foreman, complimented the officers of the juvenile home, which has just been established by Indiana county on the Campbell farm, southeast of town. The grand jury said: "The Newly Juvenile Home has been opened and is in operation. We think it is a good idea and should be maintained in a proper manner, which we found to be done. We think the new home is well managed by Mrs. Sue Willard and Mrs. S. J. Telford, who have the same in charge." The Juvenile Home is the farm house on the County Home farm and is admirably situated for the keeping of juvenile offenders.

## Criminal Found in County Jail

A man in the Indiana county jail on a charge of the larceny of an overcoat and who gave the name of John Zelaneous, was on Tuesday morning identified as Vincent Bhurbuck, of Vandergrift, who had just been paroled from the Western penitentiary after serving six years of a 13-year sentence on a charge of burglary. The alleged parole breaker was returned to the penitentiary to complete his sentence.

## Directors End Convention.

The twenty-third annual convention of the Indiana County School Directors' Association was concluded here Wednesday night, with the re-election of J. Taylor Bell as president, and the selection of these officers: E. M. Lockard, Indiana, secretary; vice presidents H. E. Roney, of Trade City, and John F. St. Clair, of West Wheatfield township; William S. Daugherty, of Indiana, treasurer. Francis Elkin, of Smicksburg, almost continuously a school director for 39 years, was the most interesting figure of the convention.

## List of Letters

Remaining uncalled for in the Indiana postoffice December 12:

Miss Mareel Cark, Miss Burma Ferguson, Margaret France, Wm. Kelly, J. A. F. Landenschlager, J. A. F. Landenschlager, H. D. Lloyd Joseph Moyer, J. R. Patterson, L. H. Pinkerton, Mike Priskin, S. M. Stewart, Meri Szenteszki, J. omko.

When inquiring for letters in this list please state that they were advertised, giving date.

HARRY W. FEE, P. M.

## Fruits, Nuts and Vegetables.

Again the glad Xmas time is at hand—a special carload of fruits, vegetables, nuts, etc., at low prices. Come and see us.

F. RUNZO,  
13 North 6th St. Opp. Court House

Advertise in The Patriot.

# RUSSIANS RETREAT along whole front SMASH CZAR'S FORCES

## WINTER HEADWEAR OF THE GERMANS.



Photos by American Press Association.  
The first picture shows the hood worn under the helmet, the second the hood without the helmet and the third the hood worn over the helmet.

## REPORT GREAT VICTORY.

### Main Army of Muscovites Shattered.

### New Big Battle for Possession of Warsaw May Decide the Eastern Campaign.

Vienna, Dec. 17 (via London)—An official announcement says the Russians are retreating along the entire front in Galicia and Poland. Continuing, the communication says:

"The latest news permits of no further doubt that the resistance of the Russian main force has been shattered. After the defeat of the southern wing in the battle of Limanovo, which lasted several days, our allies also gained a victory near Lodz.

"The Russians are now completely routed on the River Bzura. Threatened by our advance across the Carpathians from the south the enemy began a general retreat, which they are trying to cover by stubborn fighting in the regions before the Carpathians. "Our troops are attacking on the line of Grodno—Zakliczyu. "Along the other parts of the front the pursuit has begun."

London, Dec. 17—"The Russians are retiring along the entire front in Galicia and Poland." This statement, officially issued at Vienna, is the outstanding feature of tonight's news from the battle fronts.

"While there is no confirmation from other sources, such a move on the part of the Russians would

be quite in line with the announcements in dispatches from Petrograd that the Russians, threatened on both flanks, had decided to take up new positions where they would be able better to meet the onslaughts which are being launched against them by the Austro-Germans from the Carpathians to the East Prussian frontier.

## Sultan Loses Egypt, Britain Has Assumed Protectorate.

London, Dec. 17—The official Press Bureau tonight issued the following statement concerning the making of Egypt a British protectorate: "His Britannic Majesty's principal Secretary of State for Foreign Affairs gives notice that in view of a state of war arising out of the action of Turkey, Egypt is placed under the protection of His Majesty, and will henceforth constitute a British protectorate.

"The suzerainty of Turkey over Egypt is thus terminated and His Majesty's government will adopt all measures necessary for the defense of Egypt and the protection of its inhabitants and interests.

"The King has been pleased to approve the appointment of Lieut. Col. Sir Arthur Henry MacMahon to be His Majesty's High Commissioner for Egypt."

## SULTAN WANTS NO FIGHT WITH ITALY JUST AT PRESENT

The Turkish charge d'affaires assured the Italian foreign office

Thursday that his government could make a satisfactory explanation of the recent attack on the Italian consulate at Hodeida. Calling at the foreign office for second time in 14 hours, he said that he expected the Porte's reply to Italy's representations within a short time.

Despite the delay of Turkey's reply the belief is strong here that the matter will be smoothed over without war. It is known that Germany has exerted its influence in Constantinople to prevent the Ottoman government from giving Italy an affront that will lead to hostilities.

## TURK TRAINING SHIP GOES DOWN WITH ITS CADETS

London, Dec. 17—In a dispatch from Rome the correspondent of the Central News says:

"A Trieste official has announced the blowing up by a mine and the stoking of the Austrian training ship Beethoven with the loss of the crew and all the cadets on board."

None of the standard naval reference books has mention of training ship named Beethoven belonging to Austria-Hungary. The dual monarchy has four or five ships devoted to the training of cadets and it is possible since the outbreak of hostilities other vessels have been used for this purpose. When a ship is assigned for training purposes her name often is changed.

## Found Frozen to Death.

Uniontown, Pa., Dec. 17.—Frozen solidly in six inches of ice, the body of Arthur Robbins, proprietor of the Robbins Hotel and a well-known pottery manufacturer of New Geneva, was found last night by a searching party. Robbins, aged 42, was in Pittsburg on Tuesday. It is supposed he was walking home when he fell into the stream. A 25-foot embankment leads down to the stream and a narrow path winds along the road at this point.

## McGregor Is Improved.

The condition of Pure Food Agent James McGregor, who has been ill at his home for the past month, is greatly improved.

## Three Miners Burned

John Leslie and Raymond Tuskey, miners, and William Kerr, a driver—were painfully burned in the West Branch mine at Barnesboro recently, when five kegs of powder exploded. The building in which the letgo occurred was blown to atoms and Kerr was thrown many feet. All of the injured are under treatment at their homes and are expected to recover.

## Banquet for Hotelman.

In honor of C. M. Wortman, who recently purchased the Moore Hotel, he was tendered a banquet by a number of prominent Indiana men.

## FALL TERM CLOSES AT NORMAL SCHOOL.

Special Train Took Students to Their Homes—Opening Day January 5.

## NEW WING IS COMPLETED

The fall term of the Indiana State Normal school closed with the end of the 3:30 class period on Thursday afternoon. A special train on the Pennsylvania railroad Friday morning took the students who live in towns and cities along route from here to Pittsburg to their homes. A dance, customary at the close of the term, was held in Recreation Hall on Thursday evening. The winter term will open on Tuesday, January 5, 1915.

When the winter term opens, a majority of the students who have been living with private families and in the school cottages, will be given rooms in the main building, as the new wing to the girls' dormitory, is now completed. Even with the new rooms, there will not be enough for all and several of the cottages will be retained.

## Hunting Embargo Issued.

The state livestock sanitary board has issued a general order prohibiting hunting in all of the counties under quarantine for foot and mouth disease.

## DuBois Becoming a City.

DuBois today filed its formal application to the governor for a charter as a third-class city. It voted in favor of cityhood last month.

## Report Deep Drifts.

Drifts from 10 to 12 feet have been reported from the northern part of Indiana county since the heavy snowfall of Sunday. In many cases it is necessary to take to the fields to travel in that section.

## Two Killed in Mine

Deputy Coroner Dunsmore, of Barnesboro, was in Colver Thursday and conducted an inquest into the death of two foreigners, father and son, who were killed at about 5 o'clock Thursday morning in the Colver mine of the Ebensburg Coal Company.

The son, it is said, was working on night shift and was visited early Thursday morning by his father. The men, it is said, were run down by some cars that got away. Several other miners had narrow escapes, but these two were the only ones hit by the cars.

The bodies were turned over to Undertaker C. Doerr, of Colver, and arrangement have been made with him to bury them at Carrolltown, probably on Saturday.

The killing of the two men is the second serious accident in this mine within the past week or two. Two miners are recovering at the Miners' hospital, Spangler, from burns received in an explosion of powder several days ago.

## Auto Bandit's End.

(Pittsburg Dispatch.)

The fate which finally overtook Frank G. Hohl, the auto bandit and bank robber in Cincinnati, yesterday, was inevitable sooner or later if he persisted in his crimes. His success in robbing the bank at Altoona last March and in robbing the two in Cincinnati yesterday was made possible, of course, by the unexpected nature of his raids. While there was always a possibility of just such a desperate act, it was deemed so remote in view of the danger of being caught that it could hardly be guarded against without an expenditure wholly out of proportion to the possibility.

Emboldened by his getting

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