

EMPEROR FRANZ JOSEF IS DEAD

Aged Ruler Succumbs to Catarrhal Illness;
Archduke Charles Heir.

LONDON, Nov. 22.—Emperor Franz Josef died last night at 9 o'clock at Schoenbrunn castle, according to a Reuter dispatch from Vienna.

A Geneva dispatch said the sacrament was administered to the aged Emperor Saturday.

The first intimation received here that Emperor Franz Josef's health was again the subject of solicitation was contained in a dispatch dated November 12, emanating from a Vienna news agency, which reported that the emperor had been suffering for some days with a slight catarrhal affection. Subsequent reports from various sources, more or less conflicting, represented that his condition was becoming worse, but none of them indicated that his illness threatened to reach a critical stage, and from Vienna came assurances that he was still able to give audiences to one or more ministers daily.

What gave some credence to the suspicion that his condition was much graver than official bulletins indicated was the report, which still lacks official confirmation, that it had been decided to associate the heir to the throne, Arch Duke Charles Francis, in the government of the country and that he was to assume the position December 2, the sixty-eighth anniversary of the Emperor's ascension to the throne.

So far as is known here, Archduke Charles is still at the front in command of the army.

Charles Francis is aged 27 and is a son of Archduke Charles Otto, Franz Josef's brother.

The death of Franz Josef is a remarkable climax to the long list of tragedies in the Hapsburg family—a list unparalleled in any other reigning house in Europe. He died in the midst of the world's greatest war, which he himself largely brought about by his determination to avenge the assassination of his heir, Archduke Francis Ferdinand, as the result of an alleged Serbian conspiracy, while on a visit to Bosnia, June 28, 1914.

MANY FOREIGN SPEEDERS AT UNIONTOWN

UNIONTOWN, PA., Nov. 23.—It will be a polyglot bunch of drivers who will compete for the \$4,250 in prizes and Universal Film trophy in the inaugural meet Thanksgiving Day of the Uniontown Speedway association. Many nationalities are represented, with the foreign talent predominating. This latter fact is pronounced by Director of Contests Whalen to be unprecedented in the annals of American motordom. More nationalities are represented than in any big speedway meet ever held. All of the entrants in the big international contest have followers among their countrymen in this locality and enthusiasm is now running high.

Following is a list of the drivers, their nationality and car, including relief drivers and mechanics:

Hughie Hughes, English, Hoskins Special; Ira Vail, American J. J. R. Special; John DePalma, Italian, J. R. Special; Arthur Klein, German-American, Crawford; Barney Newgard, Danish, Crawford; Frank Galvin, Irish, Premier; Dave Lewis, English, Premier; Charley Devlin, American, Deussenberg; Jimmy Benedict, American, Blue Bird; Bert Watson, Swedish, Olsen; Milt McBride, Scotch-American, Olsen; George Buzane, Greek, Deussenberg; Ralph DePalma, Italian, Mercedes; George Adams, American, Adams Special; Jas. Myers, American, Pugh Special Louis Chevrolet, Franco-Swiss Frontenac; Otto Henning, German, Ogren; Hugh Ogren, Swedish, Ogren; Jack Gable, Pennsylvania Dutch, Erbes Special; Wilbur Monahan (entered in dealers race) Irish, Packard Greyhound.

Frank Galvin and Dave Lewis arrived here yesterday afternoon. Their cars are en route to Uniontown.

Tuning up the racing cars for the Thanksgiving speeders will commence Friday.

The \$3,000 Universal trophy is expected to arrive in Uniontown today from New York and will be placed on exhibition.

The latest entries are the two Ogren models. They will be driven by Hugo Ogren, designer of the machines, and Otto Henning of Chicago.

YOUNG MURDERER SAWS BARS OF JAIL CELL

PUNXSUTAWNEY, Pa., Nov. 23.—Henry W. Mottern, aged 17 who was convicted of killing William Haines of Sprankles Mills, March 22 and was sentenced to be electrocuted Jan. 22, sawed his way to liberty from the Jefferson county jail late today. Immediately after his escape had been discovered, posses were organized and a search begun, but no trace of the fugitive has been found.

With Mottern was George Graham, aged 18, who was awaiting sentence to the penitentiary for aggravated assault and battery with intent to kill. After leaving their cells, both opened a skylight above the corridor and crawled onto the roof. By means of a rope made of blankets they dropped 15 feet to the ground.

JACK LONDON IS DEAD IN CALIFORNIA HOME

SANTA ROSA, CAL., Nov. 23.—Uraemi was the cause of the death of Jack London, the novelist, according to a statement issued today by the physician who attended him. He ate a hearty dinner Tuesday night and was found unconscious yesterday by a Japanese servant. Death occurred at 7:45 o'clock last night after he had been unconscious several hours.



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Villa Defeated in Assault Upon First Line Trench of Defenses of Chihuahua City

EL PASO, TEX., Nov. 23.—Francesco Villa withdrew his surviving forces in defeat from Chihuahua City at 6:15 o'clock tonight after a battle of seven hours during which he made fruitless attempts to carry Gen. Trevino's protecting works by assault, according to reports from Juarez.

Gen Trevino repulsed a fourth massed attack by Villa forces late today, the bondits being driven from their temporary entrenchments with heavy losses, it was announced tonight. The de facto troops are now pursuing the bandits toward the south the same report from Chihuahua City stated.

CREEKSIDE LADY PAYS BILL AFTER 11 YEARS.

"The faith of F. B. Curter & Bros., Conemaugh merchants, in their fellow beings took a decided rise when they received the following communication together with a check for \$4.71," says the Johnstown Democrat:

Creekside, Pa., Nov. 20, 1916.
"Gentlemen:—In looking over old papers last August, I found the enclosed statement, which shows there is owing you a balance of \$3.91.

Enclosed you will find a check for \$4.71, being principal and interest compounded for 11 years.

Yours very truly,

MRS. JOHN E. HART

MCINTYRE MAN STOLE THE FUNDS OF POLISH SOCIETY

Stanley Saraman, of McIntyre, is in the county jail, awaiting action by the court, after having pleaded guilty before Justice of the Peace, J. A. Crossman to the theft of funds belonging to a Polish society of that place. Saraman was the buddy and roommate of Stanley Popik, treasurer of the organization. When Popik went to work in the mines on Sunday he secreted the society's funds in his room at the lodging house. Saraman is alleged to have taken them and then to have come to Indiana in an automobile. When Popik returned from work at noon he discovered the theft and with Sam Maruco came to town to hunt Saraman. They found him in a local restaurant and notified Sheriff Harry Boggs, who placed the man in jail after securing \$49 from him. When taken before Justice of the Peace Crossman Monday morning, Saraman entered a plea of guilty.

MAHONING SCHOOL HOUSE IS DESTROYED BY FIRE

The Mahoning school in East Mahoning township was destroyed by fire Wednesday. The blaze originated through a defective flue. The teacher, Prof. Snyder, had built a fire in the stove and a few minutes later discovered the building was ablaze.

AUTOS FOR RURAL CARRIERS

Instructions have been issued by the United States Postoffice Department intended to cover the use of automobiles for rural routes. The postoffice regulations specifically state that nothing pertaining to horsedrawn vehicles shall be considered to be prohibitive of the use of motor vehicles on rural mail routes.

CAPTURE OF ORSOVA NOW PREDICTED

Berlin Also Claims Allied Advance North
of Monastir Has Been Checked.

BERLIN, Nov. 23.—The retreat of the Rumanian garrison at Orsova, estimated at an army corps in strength, has been cut off by the Austro-German army of General von Falkenhayn.

Dispatches from the Rumanian front today indicated that the capture of Orsova and its Rumanian garrison would be the next big victory announced in that theatre of war.

While the Germans and Austro-Hungarians have been cutting deep into the heart of Rumania, the German allies have also succeeded in halting the advance of the entente forces near Monastir in Macedonia. However, the big battle which developed along the new line of the German and Bulgarian forces, north, west and east of Monastir continues with unabated fury.

Aid for Rumanians.

Russian reinforcements have

just reached the Rumanian theatre of war to help the Rumanian attempt to stem the Austro-German conquest of the kingdom. News of the arrival of these new troops was contained in a war office statement today.

Artillery firing is reported from Drobudja.

Clearing weather is giving rise to more intense artillery activity on the eastern front. The German war office in an official announcement today says that big guns are in action all the way from the Baltic to the Carpathians.

Entente troops, operating east of Ochrida lake, have been defeated by the Bulgar-German forces, and put to flight, says a war office statement today on Macedonian operations. Strong attacks by the allied troops east of Paralove were repulsed.

TENTATIVE MOVEMENT FOR PEACE STARTED

WASHINGTON, Nov. 22.—First unofficial moves toward concerted peace efforts headed by the United States are now under way, it was learned today on high official authority. American diplomatic representatives in the belligerent capitals of Europe are "feeling out" the temper of those countries to ascertain how such a movement would be received. The aid of the important neutral countries of Europe and South America is enlisted, it was stated.

The death of the Austrian emperor has halted the movement for the present. The new ruler of the dual monarchy is understood, however, to look favorably upon any scheme to bring "peace with honor" to the central allies. It is stated by officials here, that unless positive guarantees are given informally that all of the countries now at war will look favorably upon a peace proposal from the United States, the proposal will be withheld until later.

The administration has also received several reports from Americans recently returned from the warring nations. It is understood that the suggestion when made will take the form of a mediation conference.

GEE, BUT IT WILL BE COLD IN PITTSBURGH THAT WEEK

Mayor Joseph G. Armstrong today received a telegram from Thomas A. Dunn, who is attending a convention of ice manufacturers in Buffalo, N. Y., stating that three ice men's organizations had voted to hold their conventions in Pittsburgh in 1917. The conventions will draw about 500 delegates from all over the United States in addition to many cold storage and warehouse men and representatives of associated interests. The telegram was turned over to President Robert Garland, of the Chamber of Commerce.

BRUMBAUGH KEEPS OUT OF PROBE

HARRISBURG, Nov. 23.—Gov. Brumbaugh this morning in a statement to newspaper men concerning his attitude on the insurance investigations being conducted by State Insurance Commissioner J. D. O'Neil, said: "These investigations are purely and entirely matters of the department. They have not come to me nor do I expect them to reach me. The matter will be adjusted in the department according to the law and the equities in the case."

ALLEGED MOONSHINER IS CAUGHT AT WILMERDING

What the arresting officers claim is a moonshine camp was raided last Tuesday night on the bank of Turtle creek, Wilmerding, and George Miksk, 38 years old, taken into custody by Deputy United States Marshall Frank C. Beatty and a squad of Federal agents. The arrest followed an investigation to learn where foreigners of the district secured a supply of white corn whiskey. Miksk occupied a two-story frame dwelling and the officers say they confiscated an old-fashioned still and two kegs, one containing 10 gallons and the other five gallons of corn whiskey. Miksk was placed under \$5,000 bail for a hearing before United States Commissioner Roger Knox next Tuesday.

WAGNER DEAD MARCH STARTS RIOT IN ROME

ROME, Nov. 22.—An attempt to introduce some of Wagner's music into a concert conducted by Toscanini resulted in an uproar which brought the performance to a premature conclusion. The orchestra had com-

menced the funeral march from "Gotterdammerung" when there were loud shouts of "It is for the victims of Padua." A storm of imprecations against Wagner and Germany came from all parts of the great auditorium and the concert had to be abandoned.