



GERMANS NOW OCCUPYING BRUGES IN THEIR ONWARD MARCH TOWARD OSTEND

Kaiser's Troops Are Within Fifteen Miles of Last Capital Deserted by the Belgian Government --- French Official Declares Situation in Center Is About to Develop More Rapidly and That the Allies Continue to Make Progress -- Paris Newspaper States Germans Lost 12,000 to 15,000 Men in Defeat at Arras -- Austrians Attacking Russian Positions in Galicia

By Associated Press.

London, Oct. 15, 1.50 P. M.—A dispatch to the "Central News" from Amsterdam confirms the report that the Germans have occupied Bruges, fifteen miles east of Ostend.

The Hague, via London, Oct. 15, 6.35 A. M.—Train service between Rosendale and Antwerp has been ordered resumed Thursday. The concentric movement of German troops in Belgium upon Ostend is progressing. The vanguards are believed to be at Bruges, Thourout and Dixmude.

At Selzaet (30 miles north of Ghent) a proclamation issued by the Germans demands the registration of all males between the ages of 18 and 40 years. The proclamation says that soldiers in uniforms are to be treated as prisoners of war and that soldiers dressed in citizens' clothes will be treated as spies.

ALLIES' POSITIONS FAVORABLE

Bordeaux, France, Oct. 15, 1.15 P. M.—A high official of the French government declared this morning that the last dispatches from the front showed that the military situation was about to develop more rapidly in the center, in the region of Berry-au-Bac and on the left in the La Basse Estaires and Bailleul district.

The allies continue to make progress, this official continued. Several hotly contested positions which had changed hands repeatedly during the past few weeks, were now held strongly by the French, and the Anglo-French situation was most encouraging.

THE GERMAN DEFEAT AT ARRAS

Paris, Oct. 15, 1.02 P. M.—The newspaper "France du Nord" declares to-day that when the Germans were defeated at Arras they lost from 12,000 to 15,000 men who were surrounded by the French in some marshes.

AUSTRIANS PURSUING RUSSIANS

London, Oct. 15, 8.05 A. M.—Reuter's Telegram Company has received from Amsterdam the following official statement issued in Vienna at noon Wednesday:

"General staff says that the Russians have occupied fortified positions on the line of Stry, Samber and Midyra, in Galicia. The Austrians are now attacking the positions. In the Carpathians the Austrians occupied Toronya after four days of fighting and pursued the enemy in the direction of Wyskow. Smaller successful skirmishes have taken place in the Visso valley."

The Germans who are moving on Ostend are reported to have occupied Bruges, fifteen miles east of the former city. This report is confirmed from neutral sources.

A German official statement coming direct from Berlin by wireless says that their troops in Belgium are now marching in part towards Ostend and in part in a south-westerly direction towards the French frontier. There has been heavy fighting east of Soissons and the Argonne, the Germans have at no point lost ground, it is declared. French claims of successes in the Woivre district are denied.

This afternoon's French official statement announces that the allies have made marked progress in the region of Lens and between Arras and Albert. On the center the allies, it is said, have advanced in the direction of Cronne, while a German offensive movement to the north of Saint Die has been definitely checked.

The reports and claims regarding the situation in the eastern theatre are as conflicting as before. A dispatch from Petrograd says that the Austro-German army was completely defeated Wednesday in the neighborhood of Warsaw, Russian Poland, suffering enormous losses in casualties and prisoners. A wireless message from Berlin says that it was officially announced there to-day that the battle to the east of Wirballen in Russian Poland continues after eleven days of fighting, favorable to the Germans. Repeated advances of the Russians having been repulsed with heavy losses.

Paris says that the fighting continues along the front from Warsaw to Przemyśl but gives no details.

GERMANS MAKE SPIRITED ATTACK ON THE FRENCH; MANY SOLDIERS WOUNDED

Paris, Oct. 15, 6.30 A. M.—The right wing of the allies is now beginning to show signs of activity. According to reports reaching Paris this morning there was yet an almost continuous firing of heavy artillery along the frontier. A force of Germans delivered a spirited attack on French troops in which numbers were wounded. As night closed this force of the enemy was driven back in the direction of Muelhausen.

Lieutenant Colonel Rousset, the French military critic, in his article to-day, declares that the recent official communications are lacking in clearness and that it is impossible to find in them any indication, even an absolutely harmless one, of the present military situation.

Colonel Rousset says he calls attention to this fact without any thought of recrimination. He is well aware that it is difficult to reconcile the legitimate curiosity of the public with the safeguarding of national interests, but when these interests are not at stake more liberality could be shown. The French people have given evidence of dignity with firmness, wisdom and patriotism and they should be taken more into the confidence of the government. In concluding his article the critic points out several instances in which, in his opinion, the official communications have been lacking.

The Hotel De Villa (town hall) at Arras, which was burned down after the bombardment of that place, was a building of Gothic style. It was erected in the beginning of the sixteenth century and was one of the finest types of this style of architecture in Northern France.

THE BELGIANS AND ENGLISH LOSE HEAVILY AT ANTWERP

Berlin, Oct. 15, By Wireless to Sayville, L. I.—A telegram received here from Rotterdam says that the losses of the Belgian and English troops during the bombardment of Antwerp were tremendous. Bursting shells from the German side repeatedly killed at one time between forty and fifty soldiers in the Antwerp trenches.

The statement from Russian sources to the effect that the two German submarines were sunk during the attack off the Gulf of Finland last week on the Russian cruiser Pallada was to-day given official denial in Berlin.

More than 2,000,000,000 marks (\$5,000,000) already have been paid in on the war loan. This is nearly 1,000,000,000 marks more than required.

HAMBURG-AMERICAN LINER SUNK BY BRITISH CRUISER

London, Oct. 15, 4.53 P. M.—The admiralty announces that the British cruiser Yarmouth has sunk the German Hamburg-American Line steamer Markomannia in the vicinity of Sumatra and has captured and is taking into a harbor the Greek steamer Pontports.

Both the Markomannia and the Pontports have been reported previously as accompanying the German cruiser Emden. The Yarmouth has sixty German prisoners of war on board. The Markomannia had a gross tonnage of 4,595 and was engaged in the African service.

AUSTRIAN WARSHIP BURNS IN TRIESTE ARSENAL FIRE

London, Oct. 15, 3.30 P. M.—Fire in the government arsenal at Trieste, the principal seaport of Austria-Hungary on the Adriatic sea, has virtually destroyed an Austrian dreadnaught under construction there, according to a "Central News" dispatch from Rome. Six torpedo boat destroyers also were damaged by the fire which quickly enveloped the workshop. It is alleged that a quantity of wood work in the arsenal was soaked with petrol. A number of workmen have been arrested. The arsenal is said to have been greatly damaged.

RUSSIANS CLAIM BIG VICTORY AT WARSAW, RUSSIAN POLAND

London, Oct. 15, 3.44 P. M.—A dispatch from Petrograd to the "Messagero" of Rome says that the Austro-German army yesterday was completely defeated in the neighborhood of Warsaw, Russian Poland. The Austrians and Germans suffered enormous losses. The Russians are stated to have taken thousands of prisoners.

\$5 GIVEN FOR BELGIANS

George B. Stucker Heads List of Contributors as Result of Appeal Made to Harrisburgers

In response to the appeal for funds for the aid of the war sufferers in stricken Belgium, published in the Star-Independent last evening at the request of P. Hagemann, Belgian Consul General in Philadelphia, a contribution of \$5 from George B. Stucker was sent to this office this morning. This money will be forwarded at once to the proper agency in Philadelphia.

The Star-Independent desires to call the attention of prospective contributors to the fact that, while the Star-Independent will gladly forward any further amounts received, it was the request of the Consul General in Philadelphia that all money be sent to "Charles C. Harrison, Jr. & Co., Lafayette building, Philadelphia, treasurer of the Belgian Relief Fund for Destitute Non-Combatants, who will forward the money direct to the Belgian Minister in Washington, who has endorsed the movement."

The Philadelphia firm will promptly acknowledge all contributions thus sent and will send receipts to the contributors.

LOCAL RED CROSS FUNDS

Recent Contributions Swell the Amount to \$237.63

Recent contributions from the Pennsylvania Amusement Company and the People's Bridge Company, for moneys taken in on Red Cross baseball day and a contribution of \$50 from the Pine Street Presbyterian church, has swelled the European war fund of the local Red Cross chapter to \$237.63.

The money from the baseball game on August 28 turned over recently to George W. Reilly, local treasurer, amounted to \$74.88. Bridge toll on that day, which was turned into the fund, amounted to \$14.50. Contributions previously acknowledged amounted to \$118.25.

TO TURN DOWN MAYOR'S MAN

City Commissioners Will Appoint Seymour as Policeman Instead of Kinley

George W. Seymour, Sr., 1070 South Cameron street, it was said upon reliable authority to-day, will be named to succeed Andrew Murphy, the patrolman whom the Mayor has suspended on charges of insubordination and who, it is said, will resign.

Seymour's appointment will in all probability be made at next Tuesday's meeting of the City Commissioners. Murphy has not yet sent in his resignation, although City officials say they expect it will be received by the City Clerk before the Commissioners' next meeting.

Seymour's appointment will come in the form of an amendment to Mayor Royal's resolution, which has been pending for several weeks, under which the Mayor proposes to appoint Jacob Kinley in Murphy's stead. The Republican Commissioners, it is understood, will back Seymour, and they have sufficient strength to appoint him.

ALL TRANQUIL AT NEW GERMANTOWN

Autumnal Robe Has Arrived on Time and Squirrels Scamper, Says Space Writer

FOREST'S AFIRE —BUT NO MATTER

Levi Swartz Has a 4-pound Potato, Cider Is Oozing From the Presses and Special Correspondent's Millinery Store Has a Fine Fall Opening

(From Our Special Correspondent) New Germantown, Perry County, Oct. 14.—Nature's gay autumnal robe is changing to a more sombre hue since the fine rain we had last week and more is badly needed now.

Farmers are busy seeding and tilled are the resisters that come from the cornfields these evenings, for it is an abundant crop.

Hundreds of gallons of cider and apple butter have been made and the apples are being packed and stored for winter's use.

Rifles are being fitted for use and the squirrels are doing their best scampering after nuts, not knowing that the hunting season is on. The Nimrods will soon be climbing our ridges.

Nuts of all kinds are plentiful, but not nearly as large and perfect on account of the drought.

Sweet potatoes are fine and a plentiful crop.

Levi D. Swartz had a sweet potato that weighed 4 pounds.

A forest fire is raging northwest of town.

John Odell is the potato-raiser of this county. He had 140 bushels this year.

A party of fakirs, eight in number, from Bedford county, passed through town to the Newport fair on Monday.

Fine turkeys by many farmers are being fed for the Thanksgiving.

The stores here have a fine line of winter goods, and the latest and stylish millinery for the winter at M. E. Morrison's.

Editor's Note.—M. E. Morrison is the correspondent.

INDIAN "CHIEF" CALLED IMPOSTOR

Soliciting Aid From Clergymen and Others on Pretext That He Was Robbed

POLICE CHIEF LOOKS HIM UP

Hutchison Asserts That Redskin Is Telling Conflicting Stories and Later Departs When Closely Questioned by the Officer

A tall Indian, who says he is 78 years old and who claims to be the chief of at least two tribes of red men, is working clergymen and police departments in this section for a living.

According to Chief of Police Hutchison. Last night a clergyman tried to induce the Police department to give some aid to the aged man and, fearing that he was still in this vicinity plying his trade, Chief of Police Hutchison decided to make public the manner in which the man is working.

Several days ago the Indian walked into police headquarters and gave his name as "Frank Wilson," saying he was chief of the Oneita tribe and that he had collected all of the Indians of this tribe in the East and was following them to a reservation in Green Bay, Wis., when his money was stolen, leaving him enough to get only as far as Harrisburg.

Chief Hutchison wired the Indian Bureau in Washington and in the meantime sent the redskin to Carlisle. At the Carlisle Indian School, according to Chief Hutchison, the man told an entirely different story, claiming to be the head of a different tribe. In addition, Chief Hutchison received word from Washington that there is no record of a chief of that name, instructing the police here to wire on his Indian name for identification.

Chief Hutchison walked into police headquarters with the Indian chief, saying that the man had appealed to him for aid, whereupon Chief Hutchison confronted him with the conflicting stories.

"If you will tell me your Indian name I will try and identify you and secure aid," said Chief Hutchison.

"You don't want to help me," replied the Indian and he walked out of the office.

Last evening another Harrisburg clergyman telephoned the police that the man asked that a collection be taken for him in the church. Fearing that other attempts would be made by the Indian to get aid in this way, Chief Hutchison is warning the clergymen.

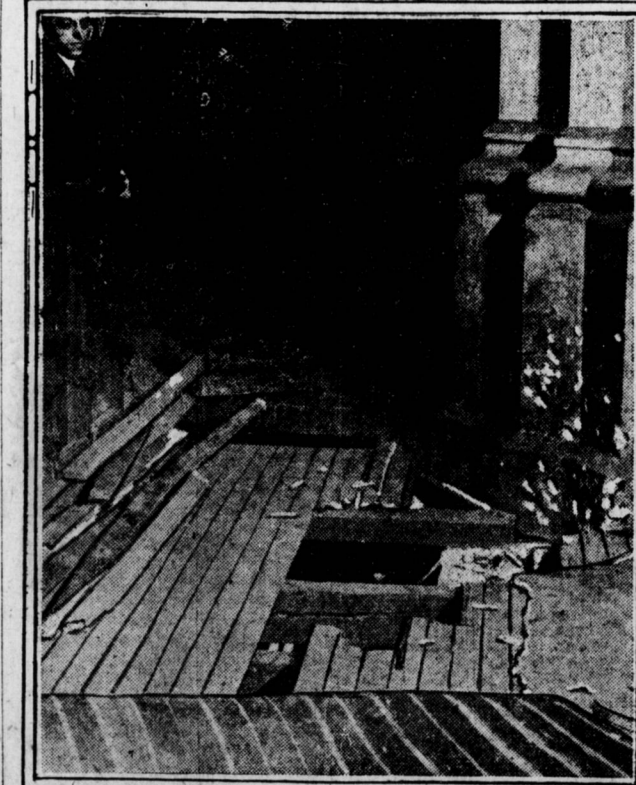
HURT SUCKING A LOLLYPOP

Little Girl Sent to Hospital Following Injury Caused by Sweetmeat

Evelyn Morgan, 8-year-old daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Philip Morgan, 1608 Berryhill street, suffered severe lacerations of her palate and the roof of her mouth at 2.30 o'clock this afternoon when she fell at her home while sucking a lollipop.

She was taken to the Harrisburg hospital where she was operated on immediately.

WHAT BOMB DID TO CATHEDRAL



HOLE BLOWN IN FLOOR OF ST. PATRICK'S CATHEDRAL BY BOMB

The police of New York are confronted with one of the most mysterious cases of bomb throwing they have yet had to deal with. While fifty men, women and children were praying a bomb was exploded in the famous St. Patrick's Cathedral. The explosive hurled fragments of iron and steel throughout the nave of the great cathedral, wrecking pews and memorial windows. A few hours later another bomb explosion occurred in St. Alphonsus' Roman Catholic Church. The police have absolutely no clue.

RAT POISON KILLS WOMAN

Arsenical Preparation Taken With Suicidal Intent at Her Home Near Beaver Station

(Special to the Star-Independent.)

Hummelstown, Oct. 15.—Mrs. Ruth M. Crook, 21 years old, died at 12.30 o'clock this morning at her home on the Wright farm, a mile north of Beaver Station, near this place, from the effects of rat poison, an arsenical preparation, taken Sunday with suicidal intent, according to Coroner Eckerling, who investigated the death this morning.

No reason is given for the woman's rash act, but persons said she had been losing interest in life for some time past. She leaves her husband, tenant farmer on the Wright farm, two small children and her mother, Mrs. Bertha Gingrich, who resides at Beaver Station.

Funeral services will be held at the farm Saturday afternoon. Services will be private. Burial will be made in the Hummelstown cemetery.

DR. STOUGH IS SURELY COMING

Mr. Gross Removes a Wrong Impression Given by a Rumor To-day

The issuance of circular letters calling upon the members of the special committees now arranging for the Stough evangelistic campaign, to be held in this city beginning November 1, in which it was pointed out that the meeting to-night may determine the result of the work accomplished by the individual committeemen, is believed to have been responsible for the spreading of a baseless rumor that the future of the campaign itself hinges on to-night's session.

E. Z. Gross, one of the leaders in the movement, said the success of the campaign never was in question. Mr. Gross also denied a rumor that Dr. Stough had decided not to come to Harrisburg.

Mr. Gross declared emphatically that Dr. Stough will positively be here. He will arrive on November 1 and a house for him has been opened preparatory to his coming.

PLAN FOR MUMMERS' PARADE

Association Will Have Rules Ready for Next Meeting, November 6

When the Harrisburg Mimmers' Association meets Friday, November 6, definite plans for the New Year's Day parade will be made. Representatives of twenty-one organizations which met with the association last evening will return to the next meeting ready to vote on the time of parade for that day. It is expected that 1 p. m. will be the time fixed.

It is also expected at that time that a preliminary announcement will be made of how \$1,000 in prizes will be distributed in the parade. One of the important actions taken at last night's meeting was admitting organizations to membership in the association with a voice in the meeting on payment of the \$5 parade fee.

All rules and regulations will have been perfected by the association before the next meeting.

ENDORSES WOMEN'S SUFFRAGE

State Federation of Women's Clubs Gives It Their Support

The State Federation of Women's Clubs that is meeting this week in Pittsburgh passed a resolution at 12.30 o'clock this morning endorsing women's suffrage by a very large majority.

Mrs. E. W. Biddle, of Carlisle, chairman on resolutions, presented the resolution, which was voted on by the delegates.

SCENT DEATH-BED INSURANCE FRAUD

Inspectors Allege Well Persons Are Impersonating 'Risks' Who Are Close to Grave

ONE WOMAN IS UNDER ARREST

State Authorities Say They Are About to Spring Trap on Others Alleged to Have Operated in Pittsburgh and Philadelphia

The State Insurance Department, through Inspectors D. E. Hunihan, of Pittsburgh, and William H. Hazlett, of Philadelphia, is now engaged in unearthing an alleged insurance swindle that has been operated in those two cities with some success. It consists of the impersonation by a vigorous, healthy person, of an old, decrepit or sickly applicant for insurance for the purpose of obtaining the certificate of the examining physician that the applicant is a good "risk." The party in whose name the risk is taken does not live long thereafter and the insurance company pays the insurance to the heirs of the insured.

This scheme, according to Deputy Insurance Commissioner McCulloch, is not a new one, having been played in Scranton last spring, where it led to the arrest of three persons, one of whom pleaded guilty. The other two are now awaiting trial.

An insurance company doing business in Pittsburgh had reason to believe that it was being swindled and notified Inspector Hunihan who began an investigation. The trail led to Philadelphia where it was found the same game was being played, the parties in the two cities acting in unison. Inspector Hazlett, in his investigations, said he found that a woman named Bertha Epstein, who was said to claim a residence in both Pittsburgh and Philadelphia, was implicated, and she was arrested on Saturday in Philadelphia and placed in jail. The two inspectors are still working on the case, and it is stated that when he and Hazlett report their revelations will show that the game was a widely-worked one and the swindlers profited considerably.

The Insurance Department is determined to break up this "death bed insurance" game, and believes that it has worked the coils about the swindlers so that they cannot escape. Mrs. Epstein is the first known arrested, but there are a number of others under surveillance and they will be taken into custody.

RESIGNATION OF CARRANZA

Adjournment of Mexican Convention Without Taking Action Awaiting Arrival of Zapata Delegates

(By Associated Press.)

Washington, Oct. 15.—Adjournment of the Mexican convention at Aguascalientes last night without acting upon the proposed resignation of General Carranza as first chief, pending the arrival of additional delegates representing Zapata, was announced to-day in official dispatches to the State Department from Consular Agents Carothers and Kanova.

October 20 was tentatively agreed upon as the date for reconvening the convention.

BANK RE-ELECTS DIRECTORS

Old Members of the Board Retained by the Citizens

The seven directors of the Citizens' bank, Thirteenth and Derry streets, all were re-elected at a meeting of the stockholders held this afternoon. They are as follows: Spencer F. Barber, Joseph C. Eshleman, John F. Fessler, C. Newton Herb, Charles H. Hoffman, John H. McIlhenny and Edwin C. Thompson.

The directors will meet next Wednesday for the election of officers. The bank was organized on July 15, 1907, having deposits totaling \$21,284.27. To-day the bank statement shows that deposits to be \$221,951.65. The increase in deposits over last year exceeded \$27,000.