



PEACE MOVE BY GERMANS IS REPORTED

Petrograd Advances Say That Berlin Has Ap- proached Russia With Overtures

CZAR'S MEN IN KAISER'S REALM?

That Is a Rumor That Comes From Russian Capital—Another Story Is Austrians Are Quitting Western Galicia

London, Nov. 11, 10 A. M.—Coinciding with the news that every German soldier has been swept from Russian soil comes a whisper of peace negotiations in the report from Petrograd that Berlin has approached Russia with overtures looking toward a cessation of hostilities.

Contrary to the German report that the Russians had been checked on the frontier of East Prussia, Petrograd declares that a brilliant success in that region has been succeeded by an actual invasion of German territory. An equal triumph is reported from the other end of the long Russian battle line. With Cossacks raiding within twenty miles of Cracow, the commandant of that fortress has ordered the civilian population of the Napoleonic area had been followed further, even to the extent of the surrender of Warsaw, the invaders never would have remained in their own country with intact fighting organizations. Others feel that political motives quite justified the government in its determination to defend Warsaw.

Russian Infantry Effective
Contrary top tactics, infantry and not artillery has been the dominant force used by the Russians along the western battle front in pushing the invaders back across the border. Showing disregard of the German batteries, superior forces of Russian infantry time after time have advanced and won positions by the use of cold steel.

From Moscow comes a report that during the fighting near Arzavik, on the river Warthe, the Russians captured General Von Makengo, commander of the Seventeenth German army corps, together with members of his staff. It is reported also that General Von Liedort, who was in command at Lodz when the Germans occupied that city, also has been captured by the Russians.

Rome reports come that the Austrian army is abandoning entirely its positions in western Galicia and will winter at the foot of the Carpathians, reneaving the war from that base in the spring; but the stubborn defense of Przemysl and the evident determination to defend Cracow hardly confirm this report.

Dispatches reaching London from Belgium and Holland continue to insist that the Germans are withdrawing many of their troops from their western battle front, but the official communications from the headquarters of the allies do not indicate any diminution in the force of the German attack, which is proceeding with its usual fury. The food situation in Belgium is daily becoming more critical. Even Antwerp, which is the best supplied of the Belgian cities, is clamoring for the provisions brought into the country by the American committee.

Fighting South of Dixmude
This attack seems to be taking place south of Dixmude. What is described in an official bulletin as "very violent fighting" in the North continued this morning. Foggy weather of the last few days apparently has cleared and the Germans are pushing the attack. Nevertheless Paris seems well satisfied with the situation of the allies and the optimism of the last two weeks continues unabated.

REPORT THAT POPE WILL MAKE MOVE FOR PEACE

London, Nov. 11, 10.20 A. M.—Telegraphing from Copenhagen a correspondent of the Central News says: "A dispatch received here from Cologne affirms that the Pope shortly will endeavor to initiate negotiations for peace through the medium of a pastoral letter."

"The German view on this is that any such action by His Holiness would raise the question of the Pope's temporal power and force Italy into taking an attitude against the proposal."

Crown Prince in Command in East
Paris, Nov. 11, 6.15 A. M.—The Petrograd correspondent of the "Matin" telegraphed the following: "It is reported that after a council of war presided over by the Kaiser, the Crown Prince was appointed commander-in-chief of all the German and Austrian armies operating against Russia, with General Von Hindenburg commanding the left wing and General Dankl the right."

LATE WAR NEWS SUMMARY

The German war machine has battered its way into the Belgium town of Dixmude. To-day's official French statement contains the admission that the allies were obliged to fall back from this point of vantage in the great battle for possession of the eastern shore of the British channel. As an offset the French war office states that the allies' forces have advanced along the North sea coast, pushing back the Germans and taking Lombaertzyde, a small Belgian town a few miles northeast of Nieuport.

The warring nations awaited with keen suspense the outcome of the struggle in Belgium, which for the moment overshadows the conflicts on the many other fields of battle. From neither point came reports of important changes in the situation.

The capture of Dixmude was the first indication that the new attack of the Germans, described as their supreme effort and as probably marking a turning point in the war, had brought definite results. Between Dixmude and Ypres, which lies to the south close to the French border, the fighting has been most intense, since the Germans elected at the opening of the week to begin the new onslaught with the help of their reinforcements of fresh troops and new artillery.

On October 15, during the advance on Ostend, the Germans occupied Dixmude, but later were compelled to fall back. The allies gained possession of the town temporarily, but their presence there was challenged repeatedly by the Germans, resulting in some of the most important and sanguinary fighting of the war. Whether the German victory will exert an important influence on the outcome is not as yet disclosed.

Along the remainder of the battle line, says the French war office, there is no change, except for slight progress by the allies at a few points. The Berlin view of the situation, however, is optimistic. Comment is made there of the use of expression "good advances" in the latest official German reports concerning the fighting in the West, being the first occasion on which such terms have been employed in this connection.

Paris also is hopeful as to the outcome in Belgium. Military critics there take the view that the Germans are faced with the imperative necessity of defeating the allies in order that they may turn their attention to the menacing armies of Russia.

The German Crown Prince is reported to have been placed in supreme command of the German and Austrian forces in the East.

Petrograd contradicts the German claim to an important victory along the northern border, asserting that a brilliant success has been won there and that the Russians have begun an invasion of East Prussia.

On the southern end of the line Cossacks are approaching Cracow, while the investment of Przemysl, from which the Russians were swept back several weeks ago, is said to have been completed for a second time.

There were further indications today that the Turks were offering determined resistance to the Russian advance. An official Turkish statement laid claim to much success in operations in the Caucasus as well as on the Egyptian frontier. The Turks announced that they had captured the city of Erzerum.

CRITCHFIELD TO QUIT HIS PLACE

Secretary of Agriculture Formally Announces He Will Not Seek Reappointment

HE IS NOW IN HIS 76TH YEAR

Has Served Under Three Successive Governors But Feels Now He Is Entitled to Rest and Will Not Ask Brumbaugh to Retain Him

Norman B. Critchfield, Secretary of Agriculture, made it known publicly today that he will not be an aspirant for his present position under Governor Brumbaugh, as he considers that he has served in public position long enough and it is now time for him to take a rest.

"I expect to retire when Dr. Brumbaugh takes the office of Governor," said Secretary Critchfield today, solely for the reason that I think it necessary for me to seek the rest that belongs to men of my age. The work here has been pleasant, the associations very pleasant, and I am sure they would continue so under Governor Brumbaugh. If I were a younger man I would take my chances on an appointment."

Secretary Critchfield is past his 76th year. He was born in Somerset county in 1838 and when the Civil war broke out he was engaged in teaching school. He enlisted in a Pennsylvania regiment and served until the close of the war when he returned home, taught a while and then took up farming, in which occupation he was successful for many years.

WAITING FOR ZEE ZEE CO. DIVIDENDS

Investors Who Pur- chased Stock Won- dering When Pay- ments Will Be Made

\$12.50 SHARES DROP IN PRICE

Company Alleged Not to Have Lived Up to Guarantee to Replace Auto Tires That Failed to Last for 3,500 Miles

Three Philadelphians claiming to be representatives of the Zee Zee Tire & Rubber Company, a concern chartered under the laws of Delaware, came into Harrisburg a year ago and sold to auto owners and dealers in this city, Dauphin and Cumberland counties, several hundred shares of the "Zee Zee Tire & Rubber Company" stock, par value \$10. Some purchasers here paid as high as \$12.50 a share for this stock, which can be purchased now at a much lower figure.

At the same time some of the stock buyers were induced to purchase auto tires at figures which, it is said, were made lower to stockholders than to persons who were not stockholders. Many of the local stockholders are seeking now to learn whether the Zee Zee Tire & Rubber Company is actually manufacturing the tires; whether the company has been operating a profitable business; and whether a dividend will be paid by the company and if so, when.

Some of the stockholders are inclined to wonder whether they are going to lose through the investment, especially since they have heard a report that stock in the company can now be bought at \$1 a share or \$11.50 lower than was paid by local buyers when the Philadelphians were here a year or more ago.

Hortling & Mingle, proprietors of the Dauphin Hotel, this city, stockholders and purchasers of tires, to-day declared that the Zee Zee Tire & Rubber Company has refused to comply with a guarantee "to replace all tires that blow out before covering 3,500 miles." Other stockholders have made the same complaint.

One man, who said he represented the Zee Zee Company, only recently, according to the police, was arrested on a charge of defrauding his boarding house keeper here, and would likely have been jailed had he not made settlement. The Dauphin Hotel, on Market street, is where the three stock sellers made their headquarters last week.

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FIERCE FIGHTING RESUMED AT NIEUPORT AND THE LYS

Paris, Nov. 11, 2.55 P. M.—The French official statement this afternoon says the fighting was resumed yesterday with great severity between Nieuport and the Lys. The French forces were successful in maintaining their front. The text follows:

"On our left wing the fighting was resumed yesterday morning between Nieuport and Lys with a very great degree of severity. Generally speaking our front was maintained, in spite of the violence and the strength of the German attacks directed against certain of our points of support."

"To the north of Nieuport we were even able to recapture Lombaertzyde and advance beyond this town, but to ward the end of the day the Germans succeeded in taking possession of Dixmude. We still hold our positions on the approaches to this town, along the canal from Nieuport to Ypres, which has been firmly occupied. The fighting was very hot at these places."

"The British troops, attacked also at several points, succeeded everywhere in stopping the enemy."

"On the rest of the front the general situation shows no change with the exception of slight progress by our forces to the north of Soissons and in the region to the west of Vaillay on the right bank of the Aisne. Outside of these two points the state of the weather permitted only minor engagements, which resulted successfully for us. Particularly at Comcourt, three kilometers north of the forest of Parroy, we routed a detachment of the enemy."

Think U. S. Warships Safe

Washington, Nov. 11.—No word had come to the Navy Department today from the armored cruisers North Carolina and Tennessee in the Mediterranean. Officials, confident that the silence of the cruisers is caused by difficulties of communication through the war zone, reiterated their belief that no mishap had befallen either.

Engine Kills Two on Motorcycle

Monmouth, Ill., Nov. 11.—J. R. Warringer and his wife, who were riding on a motorcycle, were killed by a Burlington switch engine here to-day.

TRY TO REACH ENTOMBED MEN

Rescuing Force Hopes to Dig Through Debris to Imprisoned Miners Be- fore Evening

(Special to the Star-Independent.)

Tower City, Nov. 11.—William O. Shriner and William Evans, Tower City miners, have been entombed alive in the Reading Company's West Brookside mine for two days, and thus far a rescuing force has vainly worked to restore them to liberty. It is not known whether they are still alive or not.

The men were enclosed in a living grave by a fall of top rock from the roof. Hundreds of tons fell, cutting Shriner and Evans off from their fellow-miners.

The prisoners are in the East No. 4 run, and between them and their tireless and anxious rescuers is a great wall of debris caused by the slipping of a pillar of coal. The rescuers hope to penetrate the wall late this afternoon.

Experts are heading the rescue force, which strenuously works in short relays, and the suspense of the large families of the entombed men, the elder ones of whom refuse to leave the scene of disaster, is pitiable. They know the terrible danger not only of new cave-ins, but of the air in the close confines of the mining tomb becoming deadly in its gases.

The accident calls to mind vividly to the people of Tower City the series of explosions at that place only recently, when a score of miners lost their lives and others were injured. At that time a number of the officials met death with the rescuing parties which went into the mine.

MRS. MUTZABAUGH INJURED

Woman Returns to Hospital After Two Weeks at Home

Mrs. Minnie Mutzabaugh, who has been out of the Harrisburg hospital only since October 21, returned there this morning with injuries received in a fall down a flight of steps at her home. She received a laceration on the top of her head and a contusion of the breast.

Mrs. Mutzabaugh was admitted first to the hospital on September 21 and underwent an operation, being discharged a month later. Her injuries are not believed to be serious.

67 War Horses Burned in Ship

Newport News, Va., Nov. 11.—Sixty- seven horses were burned to death or smothered in the fire which turned the steamer Rembrandt to this port yester- day from her journey from Baltimore to France with more than 800 animals for the allied armies.

WINNERS IN THE BARGAIN CONTEST

Many Letters Are Re- ceived Arguing as Strongly for One Of- fer as for Another

NEW CONTEST OPENS TO-DAY

Prize-winning Letters as Chosen by Judges This Week Are by Mrs. H. K. Taylor, John O. Edmondson and P. Vanderloof, in Order Mentioned

Most persons know a bargain when they see it, but when there is an entire page of bargains from which to choose the biggest and best offer some difficulty is experienced. That is why the answers in the Star-Independent's bargain-picking contest are so widely different. Letters were received in the contest just closed arguing almost as strongly for one bargain as for another. The choice of the judges was based on the most concise reasons given in the letters for picking the various advertisements.

The winners this week are: Mrs. H. K. Taylor, 903 North Second street, first prize of \$3; John O. Edmondson, 1717 Regina street, second prize of \$2, and P. Vanderloof, Third and State streets, third prize of \$1.

Some contestants hold that the greatest reductions from market prices are the best bargains, while others assert that any advertisements offering great advantages can be considered as embodying good bargains. So long as sound reasons are given in any case, no differences are made in judging the prize-winners. It must also be remembered that spelling and rhetoric are not taken into consideration, only the thoughts behind the letters. It is preferred, however, that contestants write on but one side of the paper in preparing their letters.

The next bargain-picking contest opens to-day on the "Bargain and Educational Page" of this paper, where its provisions are fully explained. Many subscribers are having fun picking out the good bargains, and those who can best explain their selections are getting cash prizes.

First Prize-winner

The Bargain Editor:
Dear Sir—
The best bargain is offered by the School of Commerce. The value of a business education to everyone cannot be estimated. Once acquired you cannot lose it, sell it or give it away. To one who has to make his way unaided in the world it is absolutely essential and there is no other investment of money which brings in such large finan-

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CITY COULD BE WORSE —DR. STOUGH

Asserts His Belief That Harrisburg Is Clean- er Now Than It Ever Has Been Before

HAS PRAISE FOR POLICE CHIEF

Tabernacle Preacher Attacks Ministers and Church Members Who Do Not Come Out Squarely Against Dancing and Card Playing

Evangelist Stough's aggressive spirit was manifested particularly on the tabernacle platform last night when he "pitched into" an unnamed pastor of a co-operating church who, he had been told, criticized his language; into an attorney of this city who in a letter given space in the Star-Independent, took exception to his advice, "Go home and give your kids a good looking;" into ministers who refuse to come out squarely against the dance and other evils, "when the laws of their churches oppose such things; into high school principals who permit amateur theatricals and encourage girls to go on the stage; into church members who 'hem and haw'" when asked their position on dancing and card playing, and into parents who "provoke their children to wrath."

For the first time since his appearance in this city, the itinerant preacher or reformed somewhat in last night's sermon in his attacks on local conditions, and admitted that things are not so very bad in Harrisburg after all. He spoke of "the splendid work of your chief of police," and asserted his belief that "Harrisburg is a cleaner city now than ever before."

"One of the pastors in this town," began the revivalist last night admitting that he knew about what he was speaking only as it had been reported to him, "one of the co-operating ministers in this campaign I believe it was, got up in his pulpit on Sunday morning and said that he had heard vile language on the street and at vaudeville shows, but that he had never heard any to surpass the language he heard me use on this platform. Now, I told you preachers something like this would happen if you didn't shut down your churches. That minister admits he's used to attending vaudeville shows. He even told his congregation he was not going to hear me preach in the evening, but was going to hear Miss Palmer. That was a polite way for him to tell his congregation not to come to hear me. If he ever gets to one of Miss Palmer's meetings and she doesn't skin him, I'll fire her. He'd better look out, because she's Irish. Now

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THIEVES AT TABERNACLE

Blanket Stolen From Automobile of Charles Barnhart

Charles Barnhart, a plasterer, 1821 Whitehall street, reported to the police last evening that a blanket worth \$6.50 was stolen from his automobile in front of the Stough tabernacle at North and Fifth streets.

He had left his machine, he told the police, outside the tabernacle during the meeting when some one ransacked it, taking the blanket.

Banks Decide to Reduce Reserves

New York, Nov. 11.—Members of the Clearing House Association which comprises all the leading banks and trust companies in Greater New York met to-day to consider the advisability of reducing their reserves from 25 to 18 per cent., in conformity with the new Federal Reserve act. It was unani- mously voted to comply with this fea- ture of the new law and formal action on the proposition will be taken next Friday.

Shortstop Maranville a Bridegroom

Springfield, Mass., Nov. 11.—Walter J. (Rabbit) Maranville, shortstop of the World's Champions Boston National Baseball team and Miss Elizabeth Renette Shea were married here to-day in Church of the Sacred Heart. Gifts were received from Manager Stallings, Captain Johnny Evers and other mem- bers of the Braves.

Adams Express Reduces Dividend

New York, Nov. 11.—The directors of the Adams Express Company de- clared to-day a quarterly dividend of \$1 per share out of the accumulated surplus. This is a cut of fifty cents from the preceding dividend and brings the annual disbursements down to \$4 as against the regular \$12 rate de- clared for the five years from 1909 to 1913 inclusive.

Bomb Kills Thirteen

Canton, China, Nov. 11.—Another bomb outrage committed by Chinese revolutionaries occurred to-day outside the residence of General Cho Kuang- Lung, who is in charge of the Canton district. Thirteen persons lost their lives. An attempt was made to assassi- nate General Lung a year ago. He has been active in recruiting for the Chi- nese army in the province of Kwangsi.

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HEAVY BAIL FOR FORGERY

Fred LeBrun and H. R. Mercer Held Under \$3,000 Each After Hear- ing by Mayor Royal

Fred LeBrun and H. R. Mercer, charged with forgery and false pretense, were held in \$3,000 bail each by Mayor Royal in police court this afternoon. During the hearing a warrant from the New York Police department was read by Chief of Police Hutchison, who is the prosecutor in the local case. The New York warrant charged LeBrun with grand larceny. A telegram from the Burns Detective Agency saying Mercer is wanted in New York was also read.

The arrests were made Saturday night when the Mechanics' Trust Company, who accepted a check for \$1,000 as a deposit, learned that it was worthless. A similar check deposited in the Dauphin Deposit Trust Company was found on investigation by that institution to be worthless. On a single charge drawn from those two transactions the men were held for \$1,500 bail.

On three other charges of false pretense they were held in \$500 each, making the total bail \$3,000. No efforts were made on the part of counsel to have the bail reduced. If the men should obtain that amount of bail, the New York warrant could be read to them as a detainer and additional bail would have to be obtained to insure their freedom.

SHOOTS OWN HEAD OFF

Despondent Man Had Asked Friend Best Way to Commit Suicide

(Special to the Star-Independent.)
Millsburg, Pa., Nov. 11.—Edwin L. Lance, of Millsburg, 50 years old and married, committed suicide this morning in the bushes along Wisconsin creek, just outside of the borough limits, by shooting himself in the head with a revolver.

Mr. Lance was local agent for a New York tea and coffee house. This morning he walked up along the creek until he got about a hundred yards outside of the borough limits, when he went into the bushes, sat down and placing a revolver in his mouth blew the top of his head off. Death was instantaneous.

The body was discovered by Mrs. William McKissick, who in passing by saw Lance's hat in the road. Looking about her she discovered the body in the bushes. Coroner Eckinger was sent for and a verdict of death by suicide was given. Lance is survived by a widow and son, Edwin. That he premeditated suicide is evident from the fact that in conversation with a friend yesterday he asked the latter what he considered the best way for a man to kill himself.

Tea at the Country Club

Miss Nancy Etter, 206 Pine street, has issued invitations for a tea at the Country Club Tuesday, November 24, from 4 to 6, in honor of her niece, Miss Katherine Etter, who is one of the season's debutantes.

U. S. IS READY TO QUIT VERA CRUZ

Expected the American Forces Will Be With- drawn Very Soon From Mexican Soil

CARRANZA HAS MET CONDITIONS

Intimated That Uncle Sam Will Now Permit the Factions to Fight It Out, Meantime Withholding Custom Receipts

Washington, Nov. 11.—American troops probably will be ordered out of Vera Cruz very soon, leaving the Mexican factions to settle their own differences, as a result of the recent developments which have brought the guarantees the Washington government demanded.

Carranza promises not to reimpose customs duties collected by American officials during the occupation and to protect natives who have served Brigadier General Funston, probably will be accepted as sufficient. Similar pledges from Gutierrez, the new provisional president, are expected.

The American officials have collected several millions in customs dues which are to be turned over to the Mexican government. That fact is taken by many officials as a guarantee that the Washington government's demands will be complied with.

Copies of Carranza's decree were received to-day by the State Department. It grants amnesty to all Mexicans who served the American government in reward for their patriotic spirit in rejecting the protection of the United States and trusting to the justice of the Mexican government.

Nothing is said about protection for nuns and priests who took refuge in Vera Cruz. Oral assurances, however, have been given that they would not be harmed and the general opinion is that the Washington government will not argue that question further.

The understanding among officials is that President Wilson is willing to

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GROSS AND MEALS WANT MAYORALTY

Former Incumbents Will Oppose Each Other for the Repub- lican Nomination

ROYAL MAY ENTER FIGHT

Present Democratic Mayor, However, Is Not Prepared to Commit Himself Just Now—Forer to Seek a City Commissionership

Two former Mayors of Harrisburg, both Republicans, it was learned positively to-day, will oppose each other for the nomination in 1915 to be candidates to succeed the present Mayor, John K. Royal, Democrat.

Edward Z. Gross and Dr. Ezra S. Meals both have declared their determination to be candidates for the nomination and will go before the people at the September primaries next year. The election will take place next November, and in the meantime candidates will be very busy building fences to secure the nomination.

Regarding Mayor Royal, his friends hold he can succeed himself under the new third class city law. When he was asked this morning regarding whether he intends being a candidate, he said he "did not know." He said he would rather not discuss the subject at present.

Up to the time of the third class city law the law of such a city could not succeed itself in office, that being specifically prohibited, for the reason, as it was argued by those who had such prohibition incorporated into a law that a mayor in office who could succeed himself would have the means to build up a powerful political machine.

At the meeting of third class city solicitors held here a few weeks ago there was the unanimous opinion of all that there is no provision in the new law forbidding the mayor to succeed himself. It was pointed out, moreover, that as the mayor acts in conjunction with the city commission, he is shorn of the power to make appointments and thereby build up a political machine. Mayor Royal may declare his position later.

In the meantime both Dr. Meals and Mr. Gross are avowed candidates for the Republican nomination for Mayor. That the former is a candidate has been known for some time, for he has repeatedly made it known in public that he will again endeavor to obtain a nomination and election in 1915.

"I am a candidate for the office of Mayor of Harrisburg," repeated former Mayor Meals to-day, "and I am going to use every legitimate means to secure a nomination and election. I am not a factionist in any sense of the term, and I propose to represent the common people—the plain people—of Harrisburg. Since it has become known that I purpose being a candidate I have received assurances of support from very many friends, and not all

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\$1,000,000 JEANETTE FIRE

Destruction of Huge Warehouse of Glass Company May Have Been Work of Incendiarists

(By Associated Press.)
Jeanette, Pa., Nov. 11.—The mammoth warehouse of the American Window Glass Company here was destroyed by fire which started early to-day, with an estimated loss of \$1,000,000.

The warehouse is said to have contained in the neighborhood of 250,000 boxes of window glass, the greater part of which is believed to have melted or been broken. The factory nearby was not damaged.

The origin of the fire has not been determined, but the police advance the theory that it was of incendiary origin.

GUNSHOT WOUND FATAL

August Cretaurand, 43 Years Old, of Waltonville, died late yesterday after- noon at the Harrisburg hospital from a gunshot wound accidentally received when his brother's gun falling from his arms discharged.

Cretaurand was so weak from the loss of blood when taken to the hospital that he failed to respond to treatment. He lived in Waltonville and was employed in the quarries of the Hummelstown Brownstone Company.

To Probe Order for Submarines

Washington, Nov. 11.—If it finally develops that a foreign belligerent actually has placed an order for twenty submarines with an American shipyard, as reported, a neutrality board probably will be convened to look into the situation. This was the general understanding to-day in official and diplomatic quarters.