

## FIGHTING IS LIMITED TO ARTILLERY

### French Official Report Says Germans Were Driven Back in Attempt to Cross Yser

## OTHER ATTACKS ALSO REPULSED

### German Regiment Reported to Have Been Destroyed South of Bixchoote and Two Attacks by Kaiser's Troops Near Ypres Repulsed

Paris, Nov. 16, 2:51 P. M.—The French official announcement given out in Paris this afternoon says yesterday along the Yser canal between Nieuport and Dixmude the fighting was limited to artillery exchanges. The Germans who endeavored to cross the Yser canal between Dixmude and Bixchoote, were driven back and a German regiment was destroyed south of Bixchoote. Two German attacks near Ypres were repulsed and the French have taken the offensive and driven the enemy from positions taken by them several days ago. On the remainder of the line there have been artillery exchanges and engagements of relatively minor importance. The text of the communication follows:

"During the day of yesterday, along the Yser canal, from Nieuport to the country up the river from Dixmude, the fighting was limited to artillery exchanges.

"The country having been further inundated, the submerged territory now stretches to the south of Dixmude to a point five kilometres (three miles) north of Bixchoote.

"The forces of the enemy which endeavored to cross the canal between the region of Dixmude and Bixchoote all were driven back beyond the bridges. A general regiment was completely destroyed at a point to the south of Bixchoote.

"To the southeast of Ypres two other German attacks were repulsed. On our part we have taken the offensive and reconquered certain points of support which the enemy some days ago succeeded in capturing.

"Between the Yser and the Oise there have been only operations of minor importance and partial progress made by our advance positions.

"In the region of the Aisne and in the champagne country there have been artillery exchanges without result.

"In the Argonne the town of St. Hubert has again been attacked by the Germans, but without success.

"In the region of St. Mihiel a surprise attack undertaken by the enemy against Apremont resulted in failure.

"There has been little activity in the Vosges."

## KHEDIVE WILL COMMAND FOR THE TURKS IN EGYPT

Berlin, Nov. 16, via Wireless to London 1:15 P. M.—According to reports reaching here from Constantinople the Khedive of Egypt will leave the Turkish capital shortly to assume command of the Turkish operations against Egypt. He will be accompanied by a suite of fifty persons.

Abbas Hilmi, Khedive of Egypt, has been in Constantinople since the outbreak of hostilities. He owes spiritual allegiance to the Sultan as the head of the Mohammedan faith. Dispatches from Constantinople a month ago said the British government had ordered him not to return to Egypt.

A message from Berlin received yesterday said the Khedive had declared to the correspondent of the newspaper his loyalty to the Sultan which was dictated by his religious obligations. This same message said the Khedive intended to accompany the Turkish army which is marching on Egypt by way of Palestine.

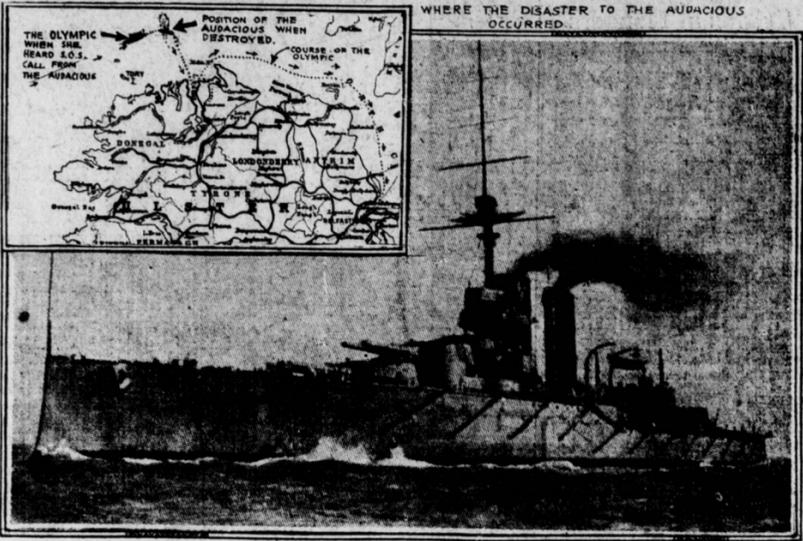
## TURKS ADVANCING WHILE RUSSIANS ARE RETIRING

Paris, Nov. 16, 4:45 A. M.—A statement given out by the Russian army staff in the Caucasus dated at Tiflis and sent to the Havas agency here, announces the retirement of the Russian advance guard in the region of Koprakene, east of Erzerum. The statement says:

"After a series of combats, fought in the Koprakene region our advance guards definitely located the grouping of the principal forces of the enemy. In view of the considerable reinforcements received by the Turks in the last few days, coming from Chynskala, Erzerum and Trebizond, our advance guards are retiring, still fighting to the regions allotted them.

"The attempts made by the Turks to regain the Khnessouk pass, previously taken by us have failed. The Russian detachments were not seriously engaged."

## THE BIGGEST DISASTER TO ENGLISH NAVY



Above is a picture of the British dreadnought Audacious, one of the most powerful and finest in Britain's great navy, which was sunk twenty-five miles off the Irish coast by a German submarine or German mine. This disaster, the most serious loss of the war, so far as battle efficiency is concerned, overtook the Audacious on October 27. With the possible exception of one or two men, the entire 800 officers and men of the Audacious were saved by the White Star line steamship Olympic. Over all, the Audacious was 596 feet long, with a beam of 80 feet. Her displacement was 23,000 tons. She was supposed to make about 22.5 knots.

## U. S. KNEW OF DISASTER TO AUDACIOUS 2 WEEKS AGO

Washington, Nov. 16.—The United States government has known officially for two weeks of the destruction of the British dreadnought Audacious by a mine off the Irish coast, but has kept the secret at the request of the British government.

Ambassador Page cabled the American government of the sinking of the Audacious within a day or two after she went down. He said he had been officially informed of the sinking, as well as of the delay to the Olympic. He gave no details, however, but merely stated that the British government wanted the loss kept secret for the present. Officials here scrupulously guarded the news.

With the mail advices from Ireland and statements of eyewitnesses, however, the fact that Ambassador Page had reported on the incident leaked out. In the same communication in which the loss of the Audacious was mentioned Ambassador Page transmitted a warning to American ships concerning the presence of mines off the Irish coast.

## 3 BRITISH WARSHIPS ARE DISABLED BY GERMAN GUNS

Berlin, Nov. 16 (By Wireless)—According to information given officially to the press to-day, reports reaching Berlin from Geneva set forth that the British torpedo boat destroyers Falcon, the cruiser Brilliant and the sloop-of-war Rinaldo had been disabled by German guns on the Belgian coast.

The Falcon is a torpedo boat destroyer 210 feet long, launched in 1889. She had a speed of 30 knots, a complement of 60 men and two 8-inch torpedo tubes.

The light cruiser Brilliant was launched in 1891. She is 300 feet long, has a complement of 273 men and carries two 6-inch and six 4.7-inch guns.

The Rinaldo, sloop-of-war, is 180 feet long, has a complement of 130 men and an armament of four 4-inch guns and four 3-pounders.

## LATE WAR NEWS SUMMARY

The battle in Flanders was continued to-day with the same ferocity which has consistently marked this crucial struggle since it began more than a month ago. From French sources came reports of minor advantages in the fighting, but the great issue there, as on the eastern frontier in Germany, still hung in the balance. Berlin made the statement that three British warships, part of the fleet which had been assisting the allies to stem the German onrush toward the English channel, had been disabled.

Of greater importance to Great Britain than any of the day's pressing events was the question of the attitude in the world war to be taken by the millions of Moslems in her colonial possessions. Reports emanating from Germany were that the Moslems, in some instances at least, were siding with the Sultan of Turkey, to whom they owe spiritual allegiance, as against Great Britain.

The German attack in the extreme west is shifting slowly southward in Belgium, toward the French border. The country to the west of Dixmude has been transformed by the tapping of canals and the heavy rains into a vast swamp, in which heavy fighting is almost impossible. South of Dixmude, the French War Office said to-day, renewed German efforts to cross the Yser canal were beaten back, with the destruction of a German regiment. The French claim the recapture of positions

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## COTTON EXCHANGE REOPENED TO-DAY

### First Resumption of Trading Since the Market Became Demoralized July 31

## FLOOR IS ALIVE WITH BROKERS

### During First Few Minutes Trading Is Exceedingly Brisk and Somewhat Nervous—The New Rules Imposed Cause Some Confusion

By Associated Press.

New York, Nov. 16.—The New York Cotton Exchange reopened for unrestricted trading at 10 o'clock this morning. It had been closed since July 31 when the market went into convulsions and three firms failed through the demoralization caused by the impending war in Europe. The floor of the exchange was thronged with brokers when the gong sounded. During the first few minutes trading was exceedingly brisk and somewhat nervous. There was some little confusion because of unfamiliarity with the new style contract and the new rules imposed on the market by the operation of the so-called cotton futures law.

Early trading was confined almost entirely to December cotton, sold on the old style contract. The market opened at 7.45 cents and dropped quickly to 7.40. A low level of 7.35 was reached in the first half hour. The market then grew steady and the nervous tone departed.

At the end of the first half hour trading appeared to be normal and the number of brokers on the floor had dwindled. Prices were approximately three cents below what they were when the exchange closed on July 31. January sold at 7.75 to 7.85, March at 7.85, May at 8.10 to 8.12 and October at 8.40 to 8.50, all on old style contract.

## WOOD MARRIED 25 YEARS

### Governor Tener Will Attend Celebration Wednesday Evening

Mr. and Mrs. George A. Wood, 2243 Logan street, will celebrate the twenty-fifth anniversary of their wedding on Wednesday night at their home.

Mr. Wood is marshal of the Public Service Commission, having previously been a clerk in the State Department, and came here from Philadelphia. He was one of the professional baseball stars in 1889, being a member of the Philadelphia team, and at the time of his marriage in that city had just returned from a tour of the world as a member of the All-American team, which toured with the Chicago.

Governor Tener, who was one of the Chicago team, will be one of the guests at the anniversary, with Mrs. Tener. Other guests will be Secretary McAfee, Deputy Secretary Hertzler and other State officials.

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## THREAT TO SUE RECALLS KUNKEL-STROUP CONTEST

### Wetzel, a Deputy Sheriff, Says He Has Not Yet Received \$135 Due Him for Summoning Witnesses in Post-election Fight

Declaring that he has not yet been paid for summoning to court the witnesses who testified in the proceedings at which Paul A. Kunkel made a vain effort to show that he had been elected District Attorney of Dauphin county, over Michael E. Stroup, the present incumbent, J. Edward Wetzel, a deputy sheriff, to-day sent out letters to the Kunkel petitioners who staged the contest, in which he threatens to bring legal action if the money is not paid to him within the next week.

Wetzel has retained William L. Loefer as his legal adviser, and this afternoon said he will bring suit for the full amount of his claim, \$135.19, unless he at once is paid for his services.

District Attorney Stroup assumed the duties of his office nearly three years ago and more than two years have elapsed since it was definitely decided that he was elected over Kunkel by a plurality of less than a hundred votes.

The signers to the petition through which the County Prosecutor's election was contested, who now are being called upon to pay the deputy sheriff for his services, include the following: J. C. Saltgiver, John Edwards, Wilson Gutshall, George H. Lodge and Harry M. Bretz. The bond that accompanied the original petition as a safeguard to the county against the payment of the costs of the contest, contained the names of the defeated candidate: Edward Moeslein, chairman of the Democratic County Committee, and T. K. VanDyke, an attorney.

At the court hearing on the contest more than a hundred witnesses were summoned and the costs amounted to between \$1,000 and \$2,000. Many of the witnesses have been paid, although it is said that the amount yet unpaid will run close to \$1,000.

Kunkel was the fusion candidate opposing the present incumbent and the post-election contest chiefly was based

## RAT BIT HIM SEVEN TIMES

### Drug Clerk's Thumb Severely Torn by Rodent He Attempted to Capture With His Hands

Ray Brough a drug clerk employed in Tolbert Prowell's pharmacy, 385 South Front street, Steelton, is receiving medical attention for a series of rat bites inflicted on his right thumb by a rodent which he had cornered in the cellar of the drug store and had picked up with his bare hands.

Brough often catches rats in a trap with the object of using them for scientific experiments. Last Friday he spied a large sewer rat in the cellar and determined to capture it without use of a trap. After driving the rodent back of a box the clerk placed his hand in the animal's hiding place and pulled it out.

A succession of shrieks from Brough followed and the owner of the drug store rushed to the clerk's assistance. The rat was tenacious and Brough could not get rid of it until it had bitten him several times. Dr. W. P. Daily cauterized the wounds and it is hoped to avoid blood poisoning.

Scott Chief of Staff U. S. Army  
By Associated Press.  
Washington, Nov. 16.—Brigadier General Hugh L. Scott became chief of staff of the United States army to-day, succeeding Major General William W. Wotherspoon who was retired on account of age.

Caesarian Operation at Hospital  
Mrs. Viola Stieckel, 1245 Kittittany street, underwent a Caesarian operation at the Harrisburg hospital Saturday afternoon. A daughter was born, whose respiration was started by a pilmotor. Mrs. Stieckel's condition was serious to-day.

## WELFARE EXHIBIT NOW IN PROGRESS

### Many Industrial Concerns Represented in Display at the Chestnut Street Hall

## EXPERTS ARE IN CHARGE OF SHOW

### Are Carrying Their Safety First Ideas Out in Teaching the General Public to Safeguard Itself in Every Possible Way

When you enter the Chestnut street hall, where the Welfare and Efficiency exhibit is in progress, and see a red sign screaming "Danger, Men Working Overhead," don't pay any attention to it for it's just a sample of the signs used by a big industrial concern in its campaign for safety. But when you see a sign in the general office at the exhibit saying "Low Bridge, Safety First," dodge or you will strike the balcony in the big hall.

Thus do the efficiency experts in charge of the exhibit, which by the way is the best yet, carry their safety first ideas out in teaching the general public to safeguard itself in every possible way. The little sign in the office demonstrates to the highest possible degree to what lengths the safety first movement can be carried with success.

### Conference Begins To-morrow

The exhibit is held in connection with second annual Pennsylvania Welfare and Efficiency Conference which will last for three days, beginning to-morrow in the hall of the House of Representatives at the Capitol. The conference was called by the Department of Labor and Industry under the auspices of the Engineers' Society of Pennsylvania. Many other sectional meetings will be held in other rooms in the Capitol building.

While experts will speak on welfare and efficiency at the conference, actual demonstrations of how many of the advanced ideas are being carried out in industrial plants will be shown at the exhibit which will be open every afternoon and evening, beginning at noon to-day and lasting until Friday night. The sessions of the conference are open to anyone interested in welfare work.

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## FIRE DESTROYS \$1,275 CAR

### Alarms Sent Simultaneously From Two Boxes Cause Confusion for the District Firemen

A new five-passenger touring car, belonging to John Black, stone contractor, was destroyed by fire along with Black's private garage, at Seventeenth and Vernon streets, at 1:45 o'clock this afternoon. The automobile was valued at \$1,275 and was not covered by insurance. One hundred dollars will cover the loss of the building.

Archibald Black, a son, had just put the machine in the garage and started for his home, fifty yards away, when turning he saw the garage building in flames. It is not known how the fire originated. Alarms were simultaneous turned in from boxes No. 34, Fifteenth and Derry streets, and No. 17, Seventeenth and Market streets, and the district apparatus responded. The garage and the car were wrecks when the firemen arrived and nothing could be saved.

The two alarms turned in at the same time, caused some confusion for the firemen. Only five taps,—a three and a two,—had sounded from box No. 34 when the alarm was interfered with by the ringing of No. 17, which is on the same circuit. No. 17 then struck four times. As firemen are ordered not to respond to an alarm until it strikes the second time they responded to box No. 17 at Seventeenth and Market streets. On the return, however, the Friendship motor apparatus was sent to Third and Boas streets, where box No. 32 is located, but it was seen that that box had not been opened and the firemen returned immediately to quarters.

## GIRL FORGER IS PAROLED

### Court Gives Another Chance to Daughter of Once Rich Parents

The Lancaster girl, of wealthy parentage, who pleaded guilty here to a forgery charge and whose case on three occasions was continued in order that the proper officials might get information concerning the defendant, this morning was told by Judge McCarrell that she will be paroled if she can get housework in a proper home. Mrs. Anna Simonetti, probation officer, was directed by the court to make an effort to get work for the girl.

The defendant's once wealthy parents were divorced after a separation, which it is said, was preceded by the father's financial ruin in stocks. The mother, by letter, made an appeal to the court in her daughter's behalf. She added, "I too, must now work to make a livelihood."

## Carlisle Footballist Out of Danger

### By Associated Press.

Chicago, Nov. 16.—Gustave Welsh, quarterback of the Carlisle football team, who was knocked unconscious in the game here last Saturday with Notre Dame, rested well last night and to-day was declared out of danger. His check bone was crushed in.

## MOST POPULAR FIREMAN TO BE BURIED WEDNESDAY

### Mt. Pleasant Company Will Meet to Do Special Honor to Memory of John G. Willis Who Left Sickness to Parade With Comrades

A special meeting of the Mt. Pleasant Steam Fire Engine Company will be held to-night to plan to pay honor to the memory of John G. Willis, a member of the company, who was voted the most popular fireman in Harrisburg, and whose death occurred last night at his home, 15 North Eighth street.

Willis, who was 36 years old, had been ill for many weeks. He had been



JOHN G. WILLIS  
Man Voted City's Most Popular Fire-Fighter Died Last Night

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## REPUBLICANS TO TAKE ALL OFFICES IN LEGISLATURE

### Kephart, Baker and Miller Will Be Retained—Speakership Is Likely to Go to Habgood, of McKean—Baldwin Seeks That Post

If there are any Republicans in the State who had hopes of picking up the important offices in Senate and House when the organization of the Legislature is effected it may be interesting to them to know that the old officers are to be retained, according to an announcement that came from Republican headquarters in Philadelphia on Saturday night.

Herman L. Kephart, of Fayette, will be chief clerk of the Senate, and W. Harry Baker, of Harrisburg, will be the Senate secretary, while Herman P. Miller, of Harrisburg, will again be the Senate librarian. This leaves the position of reading clerk and journal clerk open for the disposition of the Senate slate committee which will be appointed at the Senate Republican caucus on the Monday night preceding the assembling of the Legislature.

In the House Thomas S. Garvin, of Delaware, is to be the chief clerk, his old office, while William S. Leib, of Schuylkill, will again be resident clerk, the other clerkships to be apportioned by the House Republican slate committee which will be created in the Republican caucus to meet on Monday night, January 4.

The indications are that there will be a very lively scramble for the main positions, the applicants being numerous. One thing agreed upon, it is said, is that no Washington or Democratic party applicants will receive the slightest recognition. The Republicans will take all.

The contest for Speaker of the House grows lively. Representative Baldwin, of Delaware, who is very active in his campaign to win the place of presiding officer, was in Philadelphia on Saturday looking up his chances, but it is said he will lose out because the place of chief clerk will go to Delaware for Mr. Garvin. Representative Robert P. Habgood, of McKean, an old member, is said to have the inside track for Speaker and has the promise of support from a number of leaders. Senator Kline, of Allegheny, will be President pro. tem. of the Senate, having been chosen at the close of the last session by the Republicans.

## LOCAL MAN IS HONORED

### District Typographical Union Re-elects L. B. Wanbaugh Secretary

Delegates from this city who attended the quarterly convention of the East Pennsylvania district of the International Typographical Union at Scranton yesterday were: Richard Gray, Harry Fry and F. C. Hoffman, and Linwood B. Wanbaugh, secretary of the district. Mr. Wanbaugh, of the Star-Independent, was re-elected secretary at yesterday's session. Other officers elected were:

President, William Corless, of Scranton; vice president, M. L. Mason, Reading; treasurer, James McPherson, of Philadelphia.

The delegates present at the convention represented 3,000 men. A feature was the attendance of nearly all of the officers of the international union. The next place of meeting will be Pottsville.

## CREW MATES MEET IN THE SAWDUST

### Gettysburg Student in City for Football Game Also Hits the Trail

## STOUGH TAKES PIPE FROM MAN

### Services Held Morning and Evening at Tabernacle Yesterday, and Meetings for Men, Women, Young Women and Children in the Afternoon

The scenes incident to the trail hitting at the Stough tabernacle Saturday night and last night notwithstanding the hysterical crying and loud shrieking which marked the events of the two preceding nights. The men and women and boys and girls who came forward, for the most part, with serious faces, many of them sobbing but not loudly. Evangelist Stough conducted everything in a brisk, matter-of-fact way. For the first time since the trail hitting began, last Thursday night, trail hitters on Saturday night laughed heartily as they shook the preacher's hand, expressing joy rather than grief that they had hit the sawdust.

At the after meeting Saturday night there were more interesting incidents than at any time since the opening of the campaign. When most of the audience had left the building at 9:30 o'clock, Dr. Stough began his work with the trail hitters, about a hundred of them, who were sitting with bowed heads in the front benches. When he had led them in prayer, he went down among them and called for each to rise, one at a time, to shake his hand and publicly accept Jesus Christ.

### Crew to "Run Train for God"

Among the first to rise were a man and wife and 10-year-old daughter, formed by the evangelist, "a whole family in the Kingdom." Only a few minutes later the revivalist reached a man accompanied by his wife and 10-year-old son. The son's name would not have been so remarkable had it not developed that the two men were conductor and brakeman on the same train on the Pennsylvania railroad. When Dr. Stough was told about it by the second man, he brought the two men together and putting his arms around them said:

"Now you're going to run the train for God, aren't you?"

Among the trail hitters was a young man, unaccompanied, who quietly told the evangelist he "accepted Jesus Christ." He was in this city only for the day, and had come primarily not to hit the sawdust, but to root for his college football team, Gettysburg, at

## LOWEST TEMPERATURE OF SEASON EXPECTED HERE

### Cold Wave Comes Here on Heels of Heavy Rain Storm and Will Send the Mercury Tumbling—25 Degrees, Says Weather Man

A cold wave that to-day gave below zero temperatures in Wyoming moving east on the heels of yesterday's storm will carry the temperatures hereabout to way below freezing point to-night. A real cold wave is indicated and Weather Bureau officials in this city fix to-night's minimum at twenty-five degrees.

While this temperature will not break any absolute minimum records for this month in Harrisburg it will be the coldest weather so far this season, a previous record for this year being twenty-eight degrees. The area now covered by the cold wave would indicate that it will cause low temperatures for several days.

A storm that was central off the Gulf coast Saturday morning moved rapidly northeastward merging with an eastern storm in the Ohio valley causing precipitation generally in the east. The rainfall here was .96 of an inch. Heavier rain was reported from some station on the Susquehanna to the north of the city. A slight rise in the river is expected, a stage of about 2.3 feet being indicated for Harrisburg to-morrow.

Rain beginning here early in the morning, continued heavy throughout the day until nightfall. It was accompanied by a high wind, which made it particularly disagreeable. With the coming of the cold wave the high winds will diminish.

## STABBED IN NOON-DAY FIGHT

### Charles Cheney in Hospital With His Intestines Punctured

Charles Cheney, colored, 34 Lochiel row, was stabbed in the abdomen by another colored man in a fight at noon to-day near his home. He was taken to the Harrisburg hospital by the police in such a serious condition that an operation was performed immediately. The intestines were punctured.

Cheney said that he was fighting with several colored men, when one of them whipped out a razor and slashed him. The wound is nine inches long at the left side of the abdomen. He would not say who his assailant was and no arrests were made.