



FIRING UPON U. S. VESSEL CONFIRMED

Captain of Tennessee Reports Being Shot at by the Turks at Smyrna

DANIELS WANTS MORE DETAILS

Secretary of the Navy Calls Upon Cap- tain Decker to Forward Immediately a Full Report of the Incident to Washington

Washington, Nov. 18.—Captain Decker, of the cruiser Tennessee, sent an official confirmation to Secretary Daniels early to-day that while proceeding from Vourlah to Smyrna to make an official call the vessel was fired upon.

An earlier dispatch from Captain Decker, reporting the Tennessee's arrival at Chios at 4 o'clock yesterday afternoon made no mention of the incident. Mr. Daniels issued a statement saying the American consul at Smyrna had been anxious for the safety of the consulate.

"The Tennessee," added Mr. Daniels statement, "proceeded to and left Vourlah at the request of Ambassador Morgenthau and is now anchored in the harbor of Chios from which Captain Decker's telegram was sent."

Secretary Daniels has called upon Captain Decker to forward immediately a full report of the incident.

Awaiting More Complete Report

Captain Decker's report, confirming last night's news dispatches which officials hoped and believed were inaccurate, left them to-day in a state of amused wonder. Every effort is being made to get more complete reports of the incident from the Tennessee's commander. His report does not say whether the Tennessee or her launch, as was reported in news dispatches, had been fired upon.

Aside from being considered as a hostile act, the firing may be explained in various ways. The first report said the cruiser's launch had been turned by three shots from the forts as it was entering the harbor of Smyrna. Officials say the launch may have been entering during prohibited hours and the forts may have taken that method of warning the ship against mine fields in the harbor.

Uneasiness About U. S. Ships

There has been considerable uneasiness about the Tennessee and also the North Carolina, her sister ship, since they went to Turkish waters to look after the interests of Americans, at the end of their voyage to the European continent with gold for stranded tourists. Reports of mishaps to both ships have been frequent but always have been disproved by official dispatches.

Ambassador Morgenthau's reports of internal conditions in Turkey since the Ottoman empire joined the dual alli-

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TERRIFIC BATTLE ON FOR FOUR DAYS AROUND SOLDAU

Paris, Nov. 19, 4.31 P. M.—A dispatch received here from Petrograd by the Havas Agency is as follows:

"A terrific battle of unexampled violence has been proceeding for four days around Soldau. The cannonading has been maintained night and day. The Russians are endeavoring at any cost to avenge their check at Soldau, and are throwing themselves at the Germans with indescribable fury. They have carried position after position by assault, in spite of the internal fire of the Germans.

"The Germans are offering a most energetic resistance, and their fighting is alternately offensive and defensive.

"In spite of the torrential rains which have turned the ground into a quagmire, the Russians are advancing toward the interior of Germany. They have captured ten big cannon, none of them damaged."

RUSSIANS CLAIM VICTORY; AUSTRIANS FLEE IN DISORDER

Petrograd, Nov. 18.—A dispatch received here from Marmoritz, on the Austro-Romanian frontier, declares that furious fighting is going on in the northern part of the crown land of Bukovina.

The Russian troops are described as victorious. As they advance the Austrians are fleeing in great disorder.

LATE WAR NEWS SUMMARY

The American flag has been fired upon by Turkey. A report to the Navy Department at Washington to-day from Captain Decker, of the Cruiser Tennessee, gave official confirmation to earlier dispatches from Athens and the Greek Island of Chios in the Aegean Sea, to the effect that Turkish gunners at Smyrna had opened fire when the Tennessee was approaching that port.

On the battlefields of Europe there were few changes of strategic importance. The great campaign in the west apparently has settled down to a series of detached battles, related only indirectly to the main issue. At some points along the 300-mile line there is furious hand to hand fighting, and elsewhere comparative inactivity prevails.

To-day's French, official statement was optimistic in tone, stating that German attacks, wherever made, had been repulsed, and that the allies had gained ground at a few points. Along the Belgian coast the fighting has been left chiefly to the artillery. Near Bixschote, a few miles north of the French border, there was a fierce encounter with bayonets, during which the Zouaves, according to the French war office, won possession of a forest which had been contested for several days.

The fighting in Alsace, which has been virtually a separate campaign and concerning which little has been heard, is said by the French to have told heavily upon the German forces. The Landwehr, composed of older Germans, has been used in this district. The French war office announces that the Landwehr battalions have been withdrawn, as they had lost one-half of their effective strength.

On the Italian battle fronts— from the Belgian sea coast to the Swiss border and along the eastern boundary of Germany—renewed efforts were be-

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SOLVAY PLANT IS SHELLED

British Wreck Establishment in Bruges Operated by Interests That Furnish Gas for Harrisburg

London, Nov. 8, 7.53 A. M.—A Rotterdam dispatch to the "Daily Mail" says:

"The British fleet received information yesterday which led them to carry out a vigorous bombardment at Knock and Zeebrugge on the Belgian coast. The Solvay Company's works on the Bruges canal, which are being used as a base for German military trains, was wrecked. A train of five cars, filled with soldiers, was struck by a shell, took fire and was destroyed. Much damage was done to the German stores and supplies."

The Solvay Company has a coke plant in Steelton which supplies illuminating gas for use in Harrisburg. It is one of a score or more that the company operates in the United States and Europe. These plants, in addition to producing coke, are manufacturers of biproducts. On October 20, last, it was reported that at least two of the Belgian plants of the company either had been totally destroyed or were badly damaged through being shelled by the armies of the belligerent nations.

One of the Belgian plants has for some time been in the hands of the Germans who are operating it and using one of the biproducts, "benzol," to operate the high-powered motor vehicles which the Kaiser's troops are using so effectively in battle.

PLANS MUNICIPAL CHRISTMAS TREE

Citizens' Committee Will Meet Friday to Start Movement In- augurated in 1913

A CELEBRATION LIKE LAST YEAR

Mummers Expect to Take Advantage of It for Big New Year's Eve Frolic —Plan Is to Erect Tree Again at Front and Market

Harrisburg will have a municipal Christmas tree celebration again this year, a big tree covered with electric lights will again be erected at Front and Market streets and a large choir will sing Christmas carols on Christmas eve.

It may seem late to say that a celebration this year was decided after last year's municipal celebration proved such a success but it is just what happened. The general committee was so pleased with the way Harrisburgers in general enjoyed that affair that they immediately decided not to disband the committee but to continue it to plan a celebration for this year.

This committee will meet in the office of Mayor Royal Friday morning at 11 o'clock to make preliminary plans. It may not be definitely decided whose woodland tract will give up the tree or who will haul it to the appointed place, but that is a more detail in the plans. It is more than likely that the tree will be lighted for the first time the night before Christmas and be kept lighted all through Christmas week, including New Year's night. In addition

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DROPS DEAD ON HEARING CRY OF 'FIRE'

Charles P. Treadwell Killed by Shock to His Heart Caused by the Excitement

BABY, 3, SETS HOUSE ABLAZE

Woman Nurse, Who Attends His Mother, Extinguishes the Flames Started When the Youngster Plays With Box of Safety Matches

Excitement caused by flames in a house next door where a woman lay-

in bed, resulted in the death at 8.45 o'clock this morning of Charles P. Treadwell, 49 years old, a conductor on the Erie division of the Pennsylvania railroad. His lifeless body was found in the parlor of his home, 51 North Eighteenth street, after he had returned from the scene of the slight blaze. Heart trouble is given as the cause of death. Mr. Treadwell had been suffering from a weak heart for some time.

Mr. Treadwell was seated at the table in his home eating breakfast when cries of "fire" from the home of John S. Hoppes, No. 49 North Eighteenth street, attracted his attention. He and Mrs. Treadwell rushed to the neighboring house prepared to carry out Mrs. Hoppes from her bed on the second floor. The fire, which was in the third floor, had by that time been extinguished by Miss Elsie Lebkicher, 437 South Seventeenth street, who was nursing Mrs. Hoppes.

There being no further danger, Mr. Treadwell returned to his home where his daughter, Martha, a few minutes later, found him dead in the parlor where he must have fallen just after returning. The excitement of the fire was too severe a tax on his heart.

The fire in the Hoppes home was started by James K. Hoppes, 3 years old, who was at play in the third floor. He had obtained a box of safety matches and when he struck one, fire flew to a pile of rubbish and broken toys, starting a blaze. The boy ran down stairs to his mother's room, saying that the house was afire. Miss Lebkicher shouted to the neighbors and then went to the third floor where she threw some water on the blaze. In the meantime a telephone call had been sent to the Mt. Pleasant Fire Company. The firemen responded, but did not have to go into service.

The quick work on the part of the nurse in putting out the blaze made the carrying of Mrs. Hoppes from her bed unnecessary. The excitement made Mrs. Hoppes very nervous and she suffered slightly from shock, but soon afterward it was evident she would experience no serious reaction. Mr. Hoppes is a stenographer in the employ of the Pennsylvania railroad for many years, having occupied many positions in the train service and finally being promoted to conductor. He ran between this city and Renovo. He leaves a widow and one daughter, Martha.

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SCALDED AS COFFEE EXPLODES

Pennsy Employee Severely Burned When Lid Blows Off of Can (Special to the Star-Independent.) Middletown, Pa., Nov. 18.—When the lid of a molasses can in which he was boiling coffee on a stove, was blown off last evening, David Mark, 28 years old, of this place, was so severely scalded about the face and hands that he was sent to the Columbia Hospital for treatment. His injuries are painful but not dangerous. It is believed that his sight will not be permanently injured.

Mark until three months ago was a jockey employed by D. B. Kieffer, of Middletown. Since then he has been employed with one of the maintenance of way crews of the Pennsylvania Railroad in Middletown. He had gone to the cabin of his train for a meal when the accident occurred. The lid had been tightly placed on the can, making it air tight, and the boiling coffee generated sufficient steam to cause the explosion when he was about to raise the lid.

Ten Perish in Reform School Fire

By Associated Press.
Tampa, Fla., Nov. 18.—Ten inmates of the State Reform School for White Boys at Marianna, Fla., lost their lives to-day in a fire which destroyed the dormitories at the institution. The property loss is estimated at more than \$100,000.

CONSPIRACY AGAINST CATS IN GREEN ST. UNCOVERED

Six From One Household Vanish by the Poison Route and "Ted," a Trick Collie Dog, Barely Escapes an Untimely End

The attempted poisoning of "Ted," a Scotch collie, making its home at 1812 Green street, brought to light to-day a condition which residents of the vicinity say has existed there for the last eight or ten years. Cats in great numbers, they say, have come to horrible deaths. Somebody manifestly has been feeding the animals poison.

"Ted," a trick dog, was brought to the home of Mr. and Mrs. William Irwin, at the Green street address, three weeks ago by their daughter, Mrs. Ralph E. Steckley, of Philadelphia. The dog had taken up its residence there but a few days when something evidently began to trouble it inside. "Ted" gave way to grief.

A doctor was summoned and it was found that the pet had been poisoned. For more than two weeks the patient has received treatment, and is now able to be about. "Ted" was taken for a walk this morning, around the block, and showed signs of improvement. The doctor has hopes of "Ted's" recovery.

"Ted" is the first dog in the neighborhood upon whose life an attempt has been made, so far as the Irwins know, but residents testify that many cats have left the world by the sudden poison route. Six cats from the Irwin household alone, it is said, have met horrible deaths through poisoning.

The neighborhood has become so much worried because of these fatalities that residents seldom permit dogs or cats, if they have any left, to appear unaccompanied on the street.

BODY WAS FOUND IN BARREL

Tailor Identified as a Probable Victim of Feud Between Gangs of the East Side

New York, Nov. 18.—The man who was murdered last night and stuffed into a barrel, carried to a lonely street under the Queensborough bridge and left there, to be found before the warmth had left his body, was identified to-day. He was Luigi Maccauso, aged 22, a tailor, who lived in that section of Manhattan's East Side known to the police as the home of gangsters and gunmen. He himself had served a sentence for carrying a pistol and detectives seeking to unravel the mystery of his death thought it due to a feud between rival gangs.

Two men unloaded the barrel from a truck and rolled it to the sidewalk and stood it on end. Then they leaped back on their truck, whipped their horses and dashed away. A woman who had seen the actions of the men went to the barrel and looked in. She saw the body of a man, which had been crumpled and stuffed into the barrel. The woman called a policeman and then made off, horrified by her find.

By Associated Press.

The wheels at the "Safety First" exhibit in Chestnut street hall, will whirl and buzz to-night for the technical experts and mechanical engineers who are attending the Welfare and Efficiency conference at the Capitol, for the managers of the big show are staging what is known as "official inspection night."

For this evening the price of admission is to be put to 25 cents so that the experts will not be hampered by a great crowd of spectators. The price will go down again for the rest of the exhibit, however, and the laymen can mix to-morrow night with the members of the Chamber of Commerce who have been invited to make a visit to the exhibit at that time.

The last exhibit was put in place this morning for the benefit of the engineers but the display will be kept running for the unexpert until the show closes, Friday night at 10 o'clock.

At this afternoon's meeting of the Industrial Welfare and Efficiency Conference at the Capitol, the session was held in the hall of the House. Commissioner Jackson presiding, and the at-

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WITNERS OF THE WINNING LETTERS

Prize Awards Made in the Weekly Contest for Picking the Best Bargains

MANY PERSONS SELECT BANKS

Winners of Prizes For Presenting Most Direct Reasons Are This Week Miss Pearl Crow, A. E. Bodmer and Mrs. Samuel Taylor

Last Wednesday's Bargain and Educational page of the Star-Independent was even more carefully read and deliberated upon than usual, judging from the nature of the letters received by the Bargain Editor, choosing what the writers considered the best offers on the page. The reasons for the selections were in most cases logical and deserving of credit.

A number of contestants chose the offer of "Make Christ King," as the best bargain and submitted well-worded reasons for their selection. Many others chose advertisements of banks, and advanced good arguments. The winners selected by the judges, because their letters are worded in the most direct manner and give the most concise reasons for their selections of best bargains, are:

First prize of \$3, Miss Pearl Crow, 621 Maclay street; second prize of \$, A. E. Bodmer, 813 North Third street, and third prize of \$1, Mrs. Samuel M. Taylor, 903 North Second street.

The prize winning letters follow:
Bargain Editor:
Dear Sir—
S. S. Pomeroy's advertisement of high-grade groceries spells "Bargain" at first glance, because everything advertised is below market price and every article of "standard brands" or "trade marks" leaves no doubt as to quality. As the articles advertised are not for luxury, pleasure or desire, but necessities that must be purchased by every housekeeper, the bargain is double fold. It not only benefits the largest

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"SAFETY FIRST"



TENER TALKS TO EXPERTS ON "SAFETY"

Governor This After- noon Praises the De- partment of Labor and Industry

HE IS HONORED BY ENGINEERS

This Will Be "Official Inspection Night" in Chestnut Street Hall for Benefit of Welfare and Efficiency Delegates

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TWO, DIVORCED, WILL WED

Both, Legally Separated From Former Mates, Get Marriage License

Divorced from their respective mates within the last three months and within forty-two days of each other, Frank Kauffman, of this city, and Bertha Machamer, of Williamstown, this county, this morning obtained here a license to wed. Kauffman is a fireman, 54 years old, and his bride-to-be said her age is 42 years.

The Kauffman divorce was granted by the Dauphin county court on October 21, last, while the woman was legally separated from her first husband on September 9, last.

The only other marriage license to-day was issued to James C. Conrad, of Carlisle, and Eva M. Tucker, of Philadelphia.

RECEIVER FOR BIG CONCERN

Stockholders of U. S. Motor Company Seek an Accounting

New York, Nov. 18.—A receiver is sought for the United States Motor Company, a New Jersey corporation, with authorized capital of \$42,000,000 and plants at Hartford, Conn., Detroit, Dayton, Ohio; Providence, R. I.; New Castle, Ind., and Tarrytown, N. Y., in a suit filed to-day in the State Supreme Court by Emanuel Metzger, of this city, a stockholder.

Besides praying for the appointment of a receiver, Mr. Metzger seeks an accounting from fifteen directors.

WILL PROTEST HERE AGAINST SEGREGATION OF NEGROES



Professor J. E. Spingarn, of Columbia University, Will Discuss the Sub- ject in Bethel A. M. E. Church Next Tuesday Evening

Negro segregation in the federal service and the subject of alleged discrimination against negroes in political and industrial affairs, will be the subject of an address by Dr. J. E. Spingarn, of New York, in Harrisburg, on Tuesday evening, November 24, in Bethel A. M. E. church.

Dr. Spingarn is the chairman of the board of directors of the National Association for the Advancement of Colored People, which has been active in fighting segregation in federal departments ever since the first rumor of it was made public more than a year ago. Dr. Spingarn, for twelve years professor of comparative literature in Columbia University, author of many books some of which have been translated into foreign languages, is widely known in public life. As a candidate for Congress in 1908 he was endorsed by President Roosevelt and Secretary Root, and his efforts as a delegate to the Progressive convention in 1912 to have a plank on the negro question adopted in the party platform attracted wide attention. The association he represents has a large membership of both white and colored people with an organization embracing many important cities.

There will also be an address by Mrs. Wilson, who will discuss the race question in New England. The officers of the Harrisburg branch of the association, under whose auspices the meeting is being arranged are: Dr. C. L. Carter, president; Dr. Stephen J. Lewis, secretary; James M. Auler, treasurer, and Robert J. Nelson, chairman of the executive committee.

The usual tabernacle service will be held this evening. To-morrow evening members of the Mothers' organizations of Pine Street and Bethany Presbyterian churches will meet at the tabernacle and march in a body to the section reserved for them. The time set for gathering is 6.45. Friday night will be church night.

Infidel Hits the Trail

Among the eighty or ninety trail hitters at the tabernacle last night who responded to Evangelist Stough's urging in speech and the choir's leading in song, was a man who said he had been an infidel, and was puzzled concerning the existence of a God.

"I don't ask you to believe there is a God," he said.

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MORE COMMUTERS PROTEST

Public Service Commission Receives Plaints Against Higher Fares

Protests against the increase in suburban passenger fares out of Philadelphia were received by the Public Service Commission this morning from the following persons: E. M. Scofield, Scofield Engineering Company, Philadelphia; Howard Landis, Jenkintown; Falls of Schuylkill Business Men's Association, Philadelphia; William J. Byrnes, Jr., Philadelphia; The Wynnewood Civic Association, Wynnewood.

The feature of the change in rates which meets with most complaint appears to be the abolition of the fifty-trip and hundred-trip tickets.

LOCAL ROTARY CLUB WILL RAISE FUNDS FOR BELGIANS

Members at Last Night's Meeting Also Decide on Matter of Monthly Lunch- eons, at Which Out-of-Town Busi- ness Men Will Speak

A proposition to raise funds for the Belgians by means of some sort of entertainment was launched at a meeting of the Harrisburg Rotary Club last night. Definite plans will be formed and presented at the next regular meeting, December 1.

The business session last night followed a 6 o'clock dinner at the Metropolitan hotel. It was decided that the Rotary Club luncheon plan be adopted by the local organization. Luncheons will be held at noon at the Metropolitan on the first Tuesday of every month, beginning next month. At each luncheon an address will be given by a business man of prominence from another city. The meetings of the club on the third Tuesday of each month will continue to be held as usual at places of business of the members.

The public affairs committee at last night's meeting recommended that the club members through show windows and in other ways, start to convey Christmas greetings and suggestions. The recommendation was adopted.

An invitation was extended the club to visit the "Safety First" exhibit in Chestnut street hall.

A resolution was adopted expressing hopes for the speedy recovery of the Rev. Dr. James F. Bullitt, a member of the club, who is seriously ill.

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MORE TO 'HIT THE TRAIL' ARE SOUGHT

Persons Go to Taber- nacle This Afternoon Only to Find the Big Building Empty

TRAIL HITTERS ARE VISITED

Infidel Among Those Who Hit the Sawdust Last Night Following Sermon on "Prodigal Son" By Evangelist Stough

Members of congregations of all churches co-operating in the Stough evangelistic campaign gathered at their respective churches this morning at 10 and 10.30 o'clock, to prepare for active work among trail hitters. Brief talks were given by the pastors, and volunteers were assigned trail hitters to call upon this afternoon. The occasion is called Church Day.

Several hundred workers started this afternoon to make their visits, calling upon not only men and women not church members, who hit the trail, but also upon families of the congregations, with members who do not belong to the church.

Cards signed by trail hitters up to Sunday night, on which church preferences are expressed, have been placed in the hands of pastors of churches signified, and it is among the signers of cards thus distributed to any one church that volunteers from that church will work.

Because of the church day activities neighborhood prayer meetings were this morning dispensed with and no meeting was held at the tabernacle this afternoon. A number of persons journeyed to the tabernacle and found it empty.

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