

## THE KURDS GIVING WAY TO RUSSIANS

### Nicholas' Forces Turn Tables on the Turk- ish Troops and Latter Are Routed

## CZAR'S ARMY IS NOW IN SERVIA

Several Thousand Russian Officers and Soldiers Have Made Appearance There, According to a Dispatch From Sofia, Bulgaria

Paris, Nov. 19, 4:10 A. M.—A dispatch to the Havas Agency from Urmia, Persia, says:

"The Kurds everywhere are giving way before the Russian troops against whom they dare to make only desultory attacks. That portion of the Kurd force whom the Russians defeated previously at Tergeven have gone to Schabibian where they are rallying."

Berlin, Nov. 19, Via London, 1:34 P. M.—The Cologne "Gazette" publishes a dispatch from Sofia, Bulgaria, saying several thousand Russian officers and soldiers have appeared in Servia.

Under present conditions it would be impossible for Russia to send troops to the assistance of the sorely-pressed Servians unless she transported them by water from Archangel, in the Far North, around almost the whole continent of Europe, or else invaded neutral territory. With the Dardanelles closed to her, her only alternative would be to send troops across Rumania or Bulgaria.

London, Nov. 19, 3:05 A. M.—Telegraphing from Petrograd the "Morning Post's" correspondent says:

"Three Turkish torpedo boat destroyers are reported to have entered Sulina on an arm of the Danube delta which, under the public law of Europe, is protected by treaties. Thus Rumania must decide whether she sides with Germany and Turkey or whether she supports the rights of European law."

Sulina, Rumania, is the mouth of the south branch of the Danube about forty miles southeast of Ismail.

## LATE WAR NEWS SUMMARY

Germany's new attack on the Russian army in the center of the eastern battle line stood out conspicuously today as of chief immediate importance in the European war. The sudden assault of the Germans in Russian Poland, from which territory they were described recently as being driven in disorder, has lent a new aspect to this campaign, which for Germany is no less important than the conflict in France and Belgium.

Russian military officials admit a reverse in this territory and Berlin is celebrating a great victory, but the meagreness of authentic information from the front makes it impossible to determine the extent of importance of the German successes. Meanwhile Russia is proceeding with her other two adventures in her three fold campaign. Her troops to the north, Petrograd announces, are penetrating steadily into east Prussia, while to the south they are closing in on Cracow, Galicia, in an attempt to crush the Austrians.

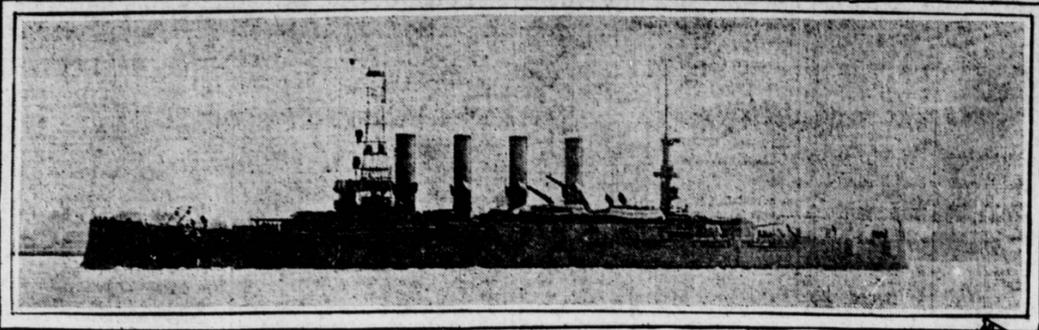
Refugees from Belgium says that west Flanders, which is virtually cut off from the rest of the world, continues to be the scene of incessant military operations. They speak of an inferno of shot and shell and devastation, with continuous cannonading and endless processions of the wounded. The French and British are reported to have captured a small Belgian town. Paris reports that the hopes of the allies are again rising; that they believe the Germans are fast weakening, but there was no tangible evidence to indicate that the grip of the Germans on Belgium and France was being shaken loose, or that any decisive change in the immediate future could safely be predicted.

The sound of cannonading was reported off the coast of Sweden in the Baltic sea. It was thought possible that the main Russian fleet, which recently set out from Helsingfors, Finland, might have engaged the Germans.

The general staff of the Russian army which invaded Turkey announces that the advance of the Turks had been checked and that their troops which have been successfully pursuing the

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## U. S. CRUISER WHOSE MEN WERE FIRED UPON BY TURKS



THE U. S. TENNESSEE AND MARINES LINED UP ON THE AFTER DECK



## MISSING LINKS IN TURKISH INCIDENT

### Nothing Further Received by U. S. Officials Concerning Firing on Americans

## AWAITING NEWS FROM SMYRNA

Secretary Daniels Is Undecided as to Whether the Cruisers North Carolina and Tennessee Will Be Withdrawn From Turkish Waters

By Associated Press.

Washington, Nov. 19.—Although the Navy Department continued every effort to get a further report to furnish the missing links in the chain of incidents connected with the firing upon the cruiser Tennessee's launch by the Turkish forts at Smyrna, nothing had been heard early to-day from Captain Decker or from Ambassador Morgenthau.

As nearly a week was taken in getting the last message through to the State Department from Ambassador Morgenthau at Constantinople, information is expected from him before Captain Decker is heard from. Yesterday he got through his first report of the incident within a few hours.

Secretary Daniels said to-day he would not state whether the North Carolina and Tennessee would remain in Turkish waters until all the facts were known concerning the firing at Smyrna.

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## NOW FIGHTING IN BOATS AT DIXMUDE AND NIEUPOORT

Bruges, Belgium, Nov. 19, via London, 1:44 P. M.—Fighting between the German and allied forces in the inundated territory between Dixmude and Nieupoort on the North sea coast is now frequently being carried on in boats.

Artillery, for the first time in the war, has proved ineffective, but personal bravery and enterprise are counting for much and the battle is beginning to resemble the classical siege of Lyden in the sixteenth century with raids and counter raids by means of flat-bottomed boats.

Two corporals of the Seventh Belgian Infantry have been made Knights of the Leopold Order for transporting forty men, including fifteen severely wounded, across the inundations under heavy fire.

The battle in its present stage, the German officials say, may last several months.

## 50,000 RUSSIANS ARE LOST; BERLIN CELEBRATES VICTORY

London, Nov. 19, 3:30 A. M.—Berlin was decorated yesterday in honor of General Von Hindenberg's victory in Poland, according to a Copenhagen dispatch to the "Times."

The Russian losses, the dispatch says, are estimated at between forty thousand and fifty thousand men.

## CENTRAL YOUTHS FOOL INITIATORS

### Neophytes Don Jerseys When Compelled to Go Necktieless and Collarless

## "TEDDY BEARS" ARE DRAWBACKS

New Members of Philonian Debating Society Could Not Cover Iodine Painting on Foreheads as Haircut Does Not Allow Bangs

By Associated Press.

Seven neophytes put one across on the Philonian Debating Society of the Central High school this morning, the older members of which stood back to watch how their orders of last night, that they appear in school-to-day collarless and necktieless, worked out.

It worked out well enough for the newly initiated who dug up jerseys with turtle necks to take the place of the neat collars and ties, to the chagrin and disgust of the wise debaters of former years.

While the neophytes outgeneraled the older members in one instance they could not do it in another, for the gay initiators labeled them debaters by painting with iodine the letters "P. D. S." on their foreheads. Now it is the prevailing style that school boys should have "teddy bear" haircuts, the kind which does not allow the hair to cover the foreheads, so the letters stood out in bold relief on high foreheads. The professors were tolerant.

The painting took place at the home of Ralph Mickey, 608 Oxford street, who entertained the club. It was there that the new members decided on the jersey brigade, of course, when the initiators were not close enough to overhear or the jersey wearing would also have been tabooed. It was voted a complete and joyous initiation until this morning when school opened.

Those who were to have been laughed at in the decollete garb were: Clarence Cooper, Jonathan Black, Samuel Handler, Charles Glessner, Paul Clouser, Homer Balsbaugh and H. Zeiders. Those who were cast for the laughing part this morning were: Samuel Froehlich, Anson Devout, Elwood Baker, Carroll Denny, Leroy Smucker, Frederick Lyter, Raymond Meek, Charles Peace, Ralph Enck, Paul Walters, Kenneth Patterson, George Fox, Richard Hamer, Jesse Wells, Paul Cresswell and Lloyd Pierce.

The society decided not to accept an invitation to join a triangular debating league, with the Reading High school and the Technical High school, of this city.

## STATE SECRETARY O. U. A. M.

H. O. Holstein Fills Position Left Vacant by Father's Death

The board of officers of the State Council O. U. A. M., appointed Howard O. Holstein, the present National secretary, to also fill the position as State secretary of the Council, which office was made vacant by the death of H. M. Holstein, his father, who was State secretary for the last seven years, having retired from his trade as blacksmith to accept this position.

## FLAMES KILL 27 HEAD OF CATTLE

### Big Barn on the George Woods Farm Near Carlisle Destroyed This Morning

## AUTO APPARATUS GIVES ASSISTANCE

Bellowing of the Animals As They Tug at Their Fastenings Is Pitiful—Firebugs May Have Caused the Blaze

(Special to the Star-Independent.)

Carlisle, Pa., Nov. 19.—Twenty-seven head of livestock were burned to death in a fire which at 3 o'clock this morning destroyed the large barn on the George Woods farm, two miles south of this place, and damaged several adjoining buildings. The farm is tenanted by G. Loy Woods, a son of the owner, and the loss to stock, crops and the barn will approximate \$6,000, with \$2,000 insurance.

The origin of the fire is unknown, but the blaze is believed to have been the work of an incendiary. The livestock burned included eight horses, five mules and colts, nine cows and five head of young cattle. Several head of cattle that perished were registered stock. The tenant farmer did not discover the fire until the interior of the barn was a roaring furnace. The subsequent bellowing of the suffering cattle, which then were kicking and tugging to try to free themselves, was pitiful. It was a vain appeal to those who stood by helpless to give aid.

The Union Fire Company, of Carlisle, with its motor apparatus, responded to a call for assistance. Although a record run was made the fire laddies were obliged to confine their work to saving adjoining buildings. A small barn containing 1,400 bushels of corn, was slightly damaged.

## TENEMENTS MUST GO, SAYS DIXON

### Health Commissioner Tells Welfare Delegates About Unsafe Housing Conditions

## SESSIONS END THIS AFTERNOON

### "Safety First" Exhibit In Chestnut Street Hall, However, Will Continue Through To-morrow Evening—1,150 Delegates Here

EPIGRAMS BY DR. DIXON  
Often the air in a hotel is purer than that in a pretentious mansion.  
More people die from the improper use of steam heat than freeze to death.  
Health has no monopoly on cleanliness.  
Houses must not only be well planned, they must be well used.

The closing sessions of the Pennsylvania Industrial Welfare and Efficiency conference were held to-day, although the exhibit in Chestnut street hall will continue through to-morrow night. Commissioner John Price Jackson, of the Department of Labor and Industry, who was the moving spirit in the holding of the conference, was much gratified over the large attendance at the various meetings, and William H. Horner, chief of the Bureau of Statistics, who had charge of the registration, reported that 1,150 persons had registered as in attendance, many states besides Pennsylvania.

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## SPAT OF LAWYERS ENLIVENS COURT

### Mr. Seitz and Mr. Hain Have Spirited Argument During Cross-Examination

## CITY OFFICIALS ON THE STAND

Clerk Miller and Engineer Cowden Testify This Morning In Suits for River Front Damages Against the City

The fact that a man has a permanent residence in a city or town, pays a tax there and obeys the laws of the municipality, amounts to an expression of confidence that the municipal authorities will carry out plans of improvements to which the city has committed itself.

That is the gist of statements made late yesterday afternoon by Judge Albert W. Johnson, of the Union-Snyder county circuit, presiding in court here this week, who is hearing claims for damages against the City of Harrisburg as set up by Mrs. Barbara Koenig, Mrs. Mary Miller and Benedict Schiltzer, South Harrisburg property owners. There are three individual claims for \$1,000 each, all of which are based on the city's taking a strip of ground alleged to be a part of the plaintiff's real estate along the river front in South Harrisburg.

The case already has taken up almost three days, and although Judge Johnson is constantly urging the attorneys to "make better progress," the hearing is dragging along slowly. Objections to hypothetical questions, both in form and in substance, have repeatedly been made by Herman & Hain, the plaintiffs' lawyers, when City Solicitor Seitz begins the cross-examination of witnesses.

The City's side of the case was opened this morning. Two witnesses, City Clerk Charles A. Miller and City Engineer M. B. Cowden, had been called before the noon adjournment. The session was marked by more wrangling between counsel of the opposing sides.

City Engineer on the Stand  
City Clerk Miller confined his testimony to identifying letters, ordinances, resolutions and other legal papers which figured in the opening of South Front street. The City Engineer identified the maps. Mr. Cowden said that the width of Front street at the part under discussion was 60 feet. This, he said, he ascertained by referring to a map on which the scale was indicated, com-

## HEARS OF HIS SON'S DEATH

### Lawrence Janssens, of This City, Reported to Have Received Word That Boy Was Slain In War

A report that William Janssens, 19 years old, son of Lawrence Janssens, expert manager of the Elliott-Fisher Typewriter Company, was killed in the battle of the Aisne was current here to-day. It is said that word of the fatality has been received by his father here several days ago, but that he was reticent about it and would not speak. The father could not be found this morning to confirm the report.

William, with two older brothers, Harry, 21 years old, and Lawrence, Jr., were enlisted in an engineer corps in Paris at the start of the war and were sent to the front. All of them were made non-commissioned officers, according to report, and since the start of the hostilities have received commissions. Harry was shot in the arm in the same battle, but the wound was not serious.

Mr. Janssens resides in Perdis, near Harrisburg. Although not a native Frenchman himself, he married a French woman and his sons were raised in France.

## Campaign Cost Kunkel \$1,500

Judge George Kunkel, of the Dauphin county court, who was a candidate for Supreme Judge in the last election, to-day filed his personal expense account at the State Department. He received no contributions personally but paid \$1,500 to Charles C. Stroh, treasurer of the Kunkel Campaign Committee, which committee will make a report later.

## 33 CENTS CAUSE AUDITORS WORRY

### Carelessly Kept Records, They Say, Are Responsible for Delayed Report

## NO EVIDENCE OF ANY FRAUD

### Men Who Are Going Over County Treasurer's Records for 1913 Assert There Are Many "Ship-Ups" in Bookkeeping System

Angered because a newspaper said they "are bungling the audit," members of the Board of Dauphin County Auditors this morning declared that the "bungling of former county officials are now causing us the most of our troubles and are mainly responsible for the report on the audit of the County Treasurer's 1913 accounts not having been issued long before this date."

The auditors have fixed no time for filing their report although it is understood that it will be ready for presentation to the County Commissioners at an early date. The auditors now charge that the official records do not correspond with the vouchers which passed through the treasury; that many errors for which they are not responsible have delayed the work for days and weeks and that the notations are in some instances so ambiguous as even to cause experts to spend days in correcting matters.

County Controller Henry W. Gough reluctantly made a statement this morning in which he said he offered, unsolicited, to aid the auditors in finding discrepancies amounting to 33 cents. Mr. Gough and his deputy, G. Fred Holtzman, both recognized as expert accountants, said they spent the greater

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## SNOW MAY FALL TO-NIGHT

### A Storm From the Lake Region Joins One From Coast—Result Problematical

A storm from the lake region is hanging imminent to-day over northern Pennsylvania and is about to join with one along the south Atlantic coast line; the northern one has caused snow and the southern one rain, three things being possible here as a result. The first snow of the season may fall, it may only be rain and again there may be no precipitation at all.

Clouds that overcast the sky all day created more or less talk about the first snow coming to-night because of the particular biting cold, which seemed to cut into the bones, despite the clothing.

The temperature still remained below freezing point last night, 28 degrees being registered. It is expected to go somewhat higher to-night. It has been known to snow in a temperature of 40 degrees, so snow is entirely within the bounds of possibility. A drop in temperature is expected to-morrow after the storm passes out.

Two Degrees Below Zero  
Omaha, Neb., Nov. 19.—The first severe cold of the season struck this vicinity last night. The local Weather Bureau reported the temperature two degrees above zero this morning. At Sioux City, Ia., it was reported two below.

## BAGS FOR THANKSGIVING GIFTS TO HOSPITAL READY

### Annual Distribution Starts To-day of Receipts for Donations of Jellies, Canned Goods, Soap and Linens—Money Is Very Acceptable

Bags for the annual Thanksgiving contributions to the Harrisburg hospital are being distributed to-day to former and new contributors through the agency of the Woman's Aid Society. The distribution will continue to-morrow and on the corresponding days next week collections will be made.

For several years the aid society has been instrumental in having given to the hospital a large quantity of groceries, clean linens and money through the annual Thanksgiving donation. Harrisburg has been joined in the movement by helpers in nearby towns. Every year this suburban list grows and it is expected that this year will show the usual increase.

A remarkable feature of these donations is the ready response of those persons who have been patients or are near and dear to others who have been patients of the institution and who consequently realize the great work of charity it is performing. To such persons the annual donation days are seized as an opportunity to repay in part or in entirety the benefits received and perhaps the life saved by the hospital's work.

Particularly desirable to the management are jellies, canned groceries, soap, clean linens or money with which to buy these essentials. These articles have been contributed in generous measure and it is the hope of the members of the Woman's Aid Society that the donations will keep pace with the growing needs of the institution.

Contribution bags will be supplied promptly to persons desiring them if the request is made at the hospital by telephone or otherwise.

## BUILDER OF TABERNACLE HITS TRAIL

### Eight Married Couples in the Throng Which Came to the Front Last Night

## BLIND MAN LED TO SEAT

### Evangelist Extends Invitation to Hit the Sawdust Last Night After Sermon on the Text "Prepare to Meet Thy God"

Prominent among the trail-biters at the tabernacle last night were eight young married couples. There have been instances on preceding nights of men and wife coming forward, but not so many. The women cried a bit, but for the most part looked happy, and their husbands appeared to be proud of the step they had taken.

The individual attracting the most attention among the penitents was William S. Roebuck, chairman of the tabernacle committee of the local Stough organization, under whose direction the tabernacle was erected. When the invitation was issued he was among the first to go down the sawdust aisle which he had laid out and to take a place on the board seats the construction of which he had supervised. During the building of the tabernacle he had been constantly on the scene, and it was his energetic work which brought the great structure to its completion in time for the opening of the campaign.

Blind Man Led to Front

There were 80 trail-biters in all, including many different classes and conditions of people. There was a High school football star among them, one of the first students to make the public confession. A blind man was in the throng also, led to his seat by willing helpers.

Dr. Stough's sermon preceding the trail-hitting was on the theme, "Prepare to Meet Thy God." Passages follow:

Passages From Sermon  
"Every one of you here is going to meet your God face to face one day. I am going to deal to-night with tremendously solemn things, and I know that many of you would rather not hear them. But I would be unfair, untruthful if I were to go through this campaign without bringing to you the sum total of the irrevocable truth you some day must face.

"Death, death, the last, the great enemy of humanity. Listen as I count—one, two, three, four, five, six. While I counted what did you do? I'll tell you, you made a deliberate fight against death. Every pair of lungs in here breathed in support of life—inhaled and exhaled all unconscious to yourself. And yet what you did was an absolute necessity, you say, to maintain life and I can say to fight away death. On we go every hour of the day, battling the enemy that would destroy us if we did not battle."

## STOUGH CAMPAIGN, \$19,000

### Estimate of Total Cost Is Made at Closed Session of Ministers This Morning

That the total cost of the Stough evangelistic campaign in this city will be \$19,000 was the estimate made in the report of the treasurer, E. Z. Wallower, at a closed session of the cooperating ministers held at 10 o'clock this morning in the Market Square Presbyterian church. This amount is greater than the usual cost of a Stough campaign, because of the greater expense of building the tabernacle, the largest in which Evangelist Stough has ever conducted meetings.

Another piece of business transacted which has been given out for publication was the setting apart of next Thursday afternoon, Thanksgiving Day, for a union evangelistic thanksgiving service at the tabernacle. The meeting will begin at 2:30 o'clock and will include a special sermon by Dr. Stough and appropriate music by the chorus.

The session of the ministers in conference with Dr. Stough this morning was a closed one. The Rev. Mr. Cartwright, of the Stough party, said after the meeting, which lasted from 10 until 12:30 o'clock, that opportunity was given ministers present "to unload," and that many varying opinions were expressed by pastors on ways and means of conducting the campaign. He said that there was no discussion, even though there had been much earnest speaking.

"All the ministers," said the Rev. E. E. Curtis, ministerium secretary, "are filled with a unanimity of purpose, and have no differences of opinion on the one great object of this campaign."

New Director for Indian Band (Special to the Star-Independent.)  
Carlisle, Nov. 19.—C. S. Tyrrell, director of the Tyrrell band, of Lebanon, who yesterday was appointed bandmaster and musical director at the Carlisle Indian school, assumed his new duties this morning. Mr. Tyrrell formerly was director of the military band at Ft. Meyer, near Washington, D. C. He expects to move his family here from Lebanon within the next few weeks.