



THE FRENCH REPULSED AT VERDUN

And the Russian Retreat in Northwestern Poland Continues, Says Berlin Report

ENGLAND CALLS A MILLION MEN

London "Daily News" States Hamburg-American Liner Ekbatana Has Been Sunk in the Persian Gulf—Petrograd Reports Turkish Defeat

Berlin, Nov. 20, by Wireless to London, 3.10 P. M.—The German troops have repulsed a French attack in the neighborhood of Verdun, in France, and the Russian retreat in Northwestern Poland continues, according to an official communication issued to-day by the German general army headquarters. The text of the official statement reads:

"In West Flanders and in North France no appreciable change in the situation has taken place.

"Heavy rains and snows which had soaked and then partly froze the ground, have made our movements very difficult. A French attack at Combre, to the southeast of Verdun was repulsed.

"The situation on the East Prussian frontier remains unchanged. East of the plain of the Mazurian lakes the Russians captured and unoccupied forest in which were some obsolete cannon. The retreat of the enemy through Lipno and Neuwami continues. Our attack has made progress to the south of Plock.

"No decision yet has been reached in the fighting around Lodz and to the east of Czestochowa."

Million More Men For England

London, Nov. 20, 1.57 P. M.—The House of Commons to-day formally passed the vote for the supplementary army estimate which provides for an additional army of one million men.

This is the additional million men mentioned by Premier Asquith in the House of Commons last Monday. It is quite apart from the territorial, and is additional to the 1,100,000 men said to be under arms.

Hamburg-American Liner Sunk

London, Nov. 20, 5.22 A. M.—The "Daily News" states that news has been received that the Hamburg-American liner Ekbatana has been sunk in the Persian Gulf. There are no details of how this was accomplished. The Ekbatana, a vessel of about 5,000 tons was last reported as having arrived at Bussorah, Asiatic Turkey early in August.

Turks Defeated and Forced Back

Paris, Nov. 20, 2.30 A. M.—A dispatch from Petrograd to the Havas Agency contains a statement issued by the general staff of the Russian army in the Caucasus, which says:

"Engagements of secondary importance continue in the region of Zatcharekh. In the Valley of Glychah, a Turkish column was defeated and forced back towards Bar.

"In the Erzerum region action occurred along the whole front but the fighting is impeded by the state of the roads which have been rendered impassable by rains. There is no activity in other parts of the zone of operations."

TWO MORE RED CROSS UNITS TO SAIL TO-MORROW FOR WAR

Washington, Nov. 20.—Two additional American Red Cross units for service in Serbia will sail from New York to-morrow on the Red Star liner Finland. Arrangements for their departure were completed to-day.

The two units—six surgeons and twelve landed Red Cross trained nurses—will land at Patras, Greece, whence they will embark on another ship for Saloniki, then journey inland either to Nish or Belgrade.

LATE WAR NEWS SUMMARY

The coming of winter having interrupted the fighting along the North sea coast, Germany is making an effort to press the line of the allies at another point. The French War Office announced to-day that in the region of the Argonne forest, where severe engagements have been in progress for the last few days, three vigorous attacks had been made by German infantry. These assaults, it is said, were repulsed.

The importance of this battle, foreign military critics explained, lies in the fact that if the Germans should succeed in pushing back the allies they would be able to join forces with their troops which, further to the east, have thrust a sharp wedge into the line. Such a junction of forces would result in the surrounding of the strong fortress of Verdun, which the German Crown Prince attacked in vain during the earlier days of the war.

The reply of the allies to this challenge was an attack on Germans in the neighborhood of Verdun. An official German statement to-day said this attack had been repulsed.

In Belgium the diminution of activity has become still more pronounced. There was almost a total absence of infantry attacks in the northwest and even the artillery fire, which recently has been unusually severe, has lessened. The Germans, on their left wing, have reoccupied a section of the town of Chauvencourt, which they recently blew up with mines after the French had forced their way in.

Either the censorship or the absence of decisive events was responsible for the fact that from other fields of battle, in Russian Poland, Turkey, Serbia and Persia, there came only fragmentary information to-day. The German statement said that the Russians were continuing their retreat in Poland, but that in eastern Prussia they had captured an unoccupied fort.

Comparative calm in the west and awakened activity in the east are taken by London to indicate that the German military chiefs have decided to

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A LULL IN INFANTRY AND ARTILLERY ATTACKS IN NORTH FRANCE REPORTED

Paris, Nov. 20, 2.46 P. M.—The French official communication issued this afternoon says that yesterday there were hardly any infantry attacks on the part of the enemy, and that their artillery activity also was largely reduced. The text of the communication follows:

"The day of November 19 was marked by the almost total absence of infantry attacks on the part of the enemy; at the same time their artillery fire was much less violent than on the afternoon of November 18.

"To the north the weather has been very bad, and snow has fallen. All the region of the Yser canal, to the east of Dixmude, is invaded by the waters.

"In front of Ramskapelle we have withdrawn from the water two 16 centimeter mortars abandoned by the Germans. There has been a very fairly intense artillery fire to the south of Ypres.

"On the center there have been no important actions to report. In the Argonne three vigorous attacks on the part of the enemy's infantry have been repulsed.

"Our right wing the Germans have reoccupied the destroyed section of Chauvencourt. Further to the east we have made some progress."

FOR BELGIAN RELIEF FUND

Employees of Moorhead Knitting Company Will Give Vaudeville Entertainment Next Tuesday

The Moorhead Entertainment Company, an organization of employees of the Moorhead Knitting Company, will give a vaudeville performance on Tuesday evening, November 24, in the Moorhead Knitting Company's factory for the benefit of the Belgian relief fund. The members of this organization have been rehearsing for several weeks on a play to be given on the occasion of the first anniversary of the occupancy of the new factory, Cameron and Walnut streets.

Since the appeal for funds for this worthy cause has been brought to the attention of the organization through the press, its members have decided to make a nominal charge for admittance, whereas, heretofore, all entertainments of this organization have been free for the employees and their families and friends.

The following are representing the different characters in the play entitled "A rehearsal at Ten":

Hiram Cheep, the theatrical manager, Harry B. Davis; Willie Jump, "props," John A. Earley; Percy Penn, the author, William Miller; Alexander, the colored chauffeur, Clarence W. Oddy; Herman Von E. String, the musician, Harry Mark; Simon Saw, the stage carpenter, Earle D. Bare; John Draw Knott, the leading man, Guino L. Fox; Charles Olden Grey, the character man, Bernard Lloyd; Mrs. Sippi, the scrub lady, Miss Hattie Nelson; Tottie Twinkleton, the soubrette, Miss Lucretia Lutz; Madame Whereami, the leading lady, Miss Fannie Walls; Jane Gabb, the character woman, Miss Kathryn Radley; Yura Goode Wonn, the ingenue, Mrs. Harry Davis; Mrs. Ima Pest, the aspiring model, Miss Kathryn Schreffler; Camille Pest, the aspiring daughter, Miss Lillian Goodyear.

Car Inspector Hurt

Jacob Hoark, 1343 Vernon street, a car inspector for the Pennsylvania railroad, was struck by a bar this morning, sustaining a fracture and a severe laceration of the nose.

GALLANT ALGERIANS OF FRENCH ARMY



ALGERIAN MOUNTED TROOPS IN CHARGE OF GERMAN PRISONERS
The Algerian cavalry regiments attached to the army of France have been greatly distinguishing themselves during the war. In the above picture the prevailing tendency of the Belgian dune country is seen in a marked degree—the land is uniformly flat and the roads cut straight through it. To the left is a canal, without which a Belgian landscape would be incomplete. Waiting for the Spahis to pass is a French convoy drawn up in the shade of the trees.

AUDIT FINISHED; MAY COST \$1,000

Members of Board Say Their Salaries and Expenses Will Not Exceed That

ALMOST FOUR MONTHS' WORK

Judge Kunkel and Commissioners Had Estimated Task Could Be Accomplished in 30 Days—An Auditor's Pay Is \$3 a Day

The examination of official records and vouchers by the Dauphin county auditors, as required by law, in connection with the 1913 accounts of County Treasurer A. H. Bailey, was completed this morning when a balance was struck, and it is now believed that the auditors will be ready to make their report to the County Commissioners next Wednesday.

The auditors received the county books and began their work on July 27, last, so that if the report is filed next Wednesday, November 25,—they will have had four calendar months, all but two days, in which to make the audit. The bills for the audit last year, including the salaries and mileage of the auditors, totaled \$1,595.76, and this year, one of the auditors said to-day, the amount will not exceed \$1,000.

Although the audit has consumed almost four months it was recalled about the Court House to-day that at the start of the audit Judge Kunkel and the County Commissioners estimated that the work could be done in thirty days.

The law allows each auditor \$3 for each day he works as salary exclusive of other expenses. There have been approximately 100 working days since the audit was started, so that if each of the three auditors were to charge for a full day's work for each of these days the total charge for salaries alone would be \$900. There is a good deal of interest being expressed in Court House circles as to whether the auditors will put in claims for a full day's salary for each of those 100 days.

None of the auditors has announced the number of days for which he will make charge. Francis W. Reigle, however, said he spent little or no time on the audit during the Firemen's Convention week; that he worked only two days during the week of the election, and that he was absent on several other occasions, on account of holidays and illness, and that his salary charge, together with that for mileage would not exceed \$300. Mr. Reigle lives in Elizabethtown and is allowed \$4.32 mileage from that borough once a week. If mileage is charged for eighteen weeks, that item alone would amount to approximately \$77.76 in Mr. Reigle's case.

The mileage allowed Fred W. Housh, the Harrisburg member of the board, and John W. Cassel, of Swatara township, will be comparatively trifling, it is said.

Harvard Medical Professor Dies

By Associated Press.
Boston, Nov. 20.—Dr. Charles Sedgwick Minot, a noted anatomist, died last night. He was professor of histology and embryology at Harvard Medical School and director of the anatomical laboratory at that institution.

\$250,000 Fire in New Jersey

Keansburg, N. J., Nov. 20.—Twenty-five small buildings, most of them stores, were levelled by flames which swept through this town early to-day. The damage is estimated at \$250,000.

CAUGHT ONE 'POSSUM AND FOUND THAT 'IT' WAS NINE

Former Bluecoat Tells How a Prize That He and a Companion Captured When Hunting in Perry County, Multiplied Over Night

How he captured one opossum only to learn, when he got it home from the mountains that "it" actually was nine, was told to-day by George L. Marshall, a former policeman, of 415 Verbeke street. Marshall is a brother of John Marshall, who ran for the Legislature on the Democratic ticket this fall. He is an enthusiastic sportsman and with Martin Slatzman, of York county, went coon hunting in the Perry county mountains not long ago.

"During the hunt," said Marshall to-day, "the dogs treed a opossum. More to quiet the dogs than because we wanted it, we put the opossum in a bag and took it along home. Next morning when we looked at the opossum we found nine instead of one. Investigation showed it was a mother opossum that we captured and that the mother had eight little ones concealed in her 'pocket or pouch.' At that time the little fellows must have been about four weeks old and were no larger than a small-sized mouse. In the last two weeks they have grown wonderfully until now they are much larger than an ordinary rat."

As soon as the young opossums were old enough to be weaned away from their mother, Marshall distributed them among his friends. Jesse J. Lybarger, a Democratic candidate for the Legislature this fall, for several days had three of them on exhibition in the display window of his store, 908 North Third street. Four of the little fellows are now being kept as pets by G. C. Furl, 919 Myrtle avenue, and the rest of the family have been given to friends of Marshall outside of the city. They feed on vegetables and meat.

On the same hunting trip Marshall and Slatzman captured six coons which were presented to the Central Democratic Club of this city and eaten at a supper given by that organization.

MOVING MEXICO'S OFFICES

Reported General Obregon's Troops Are Entraining for Orizaba—Capital in State of Unrest

By Associated Press.
Washington, Nov. 20.—American Consul Silliman in a dispatch filed in Mexico City at 8 o'clock last night reported that General Obregon's troops were entraining for Orizaba and moving the offices of the government with them.

Consul Silliman added that the city was in a state of decided unrest. He did not indicate whether the Obregon troops were evacuating the city to leave it undefended before the troops approaching from the north or whether his forces were to be replaced with other Carranza troops moving down from Queretaro under General Gonzales, one of Carranza's chief supporters.

Mr. Silliman added that railroad communication northward and also between the capital and Vera Cruz was interrupted.

Previous reports have left it to be understood that a sufficient garrison would remain in the capital to maintain order and prevent entrance of the Zapata forces until Villa's forces were in the immediate vicinity and ready to enter when the Carranza troops would withdraw.

Later the State Department received notification that General Obregon had declared war on Villa. It added that Obregon was going to Salina Cruz. As that port is on the Pacific side of the isthmus of Tehuantepec and far from the scene of threatened hostilities, officials could not understand it.

VERDICT NEAR IN CITY DAMAGE SUIT

Dispute About River Front Property Is Likely to Go to the Jury Late To-day

LAWYERS KEEP ON SQUABBLING

Mr. Hain Tells City Solicitor Seitz to "Keep Cool" and Judge Johnson Takes Occasion Again to Urge Counsel to Eliminate Delays

With the remote possibility of the jury rendering a decision late to-day, the trial of the civil suit brought by three South Harrisburgers on claims against the City for damages growing out of the taking a strip of ground for the opening and extension of South Front street dragged along this morning before Judge Albert W. Johnson, of the Union-Snyder county judicial circuit, specially presiding here in common pleas court.

At noon it was though all the witnesses yet to be called could be heard during the first hour of the afternoon session. The attorneys then would begin their argument to the jury, after which Judge Johnson would deliver his charge. Whether a decision will be reached to-day is speculative. Some persons in the Court House were of the opinion that counsel would take up most of the afternoon with their arguments and that the jury would not get the case before to-morrow.

Judge Johnson again had to prod the lawyers, William M. Hain and John C. Herman, for the plaintiffs—who are Barbara Koenig, Mary Miller and Ben-

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EDWARD ADAMS HURT

Knocked From Wagon in Collision With Trolley Car

Edward Adams, a driver for John W. Gates, coal dealer, was knocked from his wagon at Tenth and Market streets this morning at 11.15 o'clock when the vehicle was struck by a trolley car.

He sustained a laceration of the head and was taken to the Harrisburg hospital for treatment. The wagon was damaged somewhat but the horses were unhurt. Adams resides in Edgemont and has been a driver for fifteen years.

Five Killed as Train Strikes Auto

By Associated Press.
Fort Dodge, Ia., Nov. 20.—Five persons were killed and one injured when an automobile in which they were riding was struck to-day by a Minneapolis and St. Louis northbound passenger train at Halligan, twelve miles from here.

Believe Hunter Has Tetanus

Albert P. Smith, of Newport, who was accidentally shot in the right leg by a man in his hunting party near Watstown, Wednesday, as he was getting off the train preparatory to going deer hunting, is in a serious condition at the Harrisburg hospital and it is feared that tetanus may develop. The bone in his leg was shattered by a soft nosed bullet.

Mother and Two Children Perish

Pittsburgh, Nov. 20.—Mrs. Maria Petro and her daughters, Amie and Elizabeth, were burned to death when their home in Homestead was destroyed by fire to-day. Mrs. Petro was burned while trying to save her sleeping children.

COLD WAVE WILL SEND THE MERCURY TUMBLING HERE

Weather Bureau Officials Say Temperature Will Drop to Eighteen Degrees To-night—A Killing Frost in Palm Beach, Florida

A cold wave suddenly developing from the southwest which sent the storm, which was expected to cause precipitation here last night, off to New England, will send the mercury tumbling here to-night, Weather Bureau officials fixed to-night's temperature at 18 degrees.

Should this mark be verified, the temperature to-night will prove to be eight degrees lower than any temperature here so far this season. It will likely, with one exception, break all records for this month for twenty-six years, which is during the extent of the existence of the local office of the Weather Bureau.

With the cold wave comes fair weather and brisk winds, according to forecasts to-day. The lake storm has been pushed rapidly eastward, causing snow and sleet in the New England states but the cold wave developed to such strength that the storm's influence did not reach Pennsylvania.

Unprecedented temperatures are expected in the Southern States, officials predicting killing frosts as far south as Palm Beach. The extreme cold extended this morning northwest from Florida into the Ohio Valley and the Plain States. Cold wave warnings have been issued for all of the Gulf States.

STOUGH RAISES \$5,684.33

Collections for First Half of Campaign Less Than Third of Required Total

To-morrow will close the first half of the Stough evangelistic campaign in this city. The total cost to be met by offerings at the tabernacle has been estimated at \$19,000 by E. Z. Wallower, chairman of the finance committee. The total amount collected at tabernacle meetings up to and including last night is \$5,684.53, less than a third of the required amount, according to Treasurer E. A. Hefelinger.

The treasurer's records show that the largest offering at any one meeting was \$597.98, taken up at the men's mass meeting on Sunday afternoon, November 8. The largest evening offering was that of Tuesday, November 10, amounting to \$271.77. The women, at their mass meeting last Saturday afternoon, gave \$259.89.

"I have no doubt," said Executive Secretary Weaver this afternoon, "that the total of \$19,000 will be raised within the next two weeks."

After the expenses of the campaign are raised, offerings will be taken for benevolent purposes, and when there will be no collections taken until the last Sunday, December 13, when there will be an offering for Evangelist Stough's personal benefit.

NO JURY TRIAL FOR STOUGH

Hazleton Men Who Instituted Slander Suits Against Him Want to Arbitrate

Wilkes-Barre, Nov. 20.—Slander suits instituted against Dr. Henry W. Stough, evangelist, for remarks alleged to have been made in Hazleton when he attacked William J. Cullen, a Councilman; Max Friedlander, a merchant; Henry W. Jacobs, a brewer; and John P. Pardo, police magistrate, will not be tried before a jury. Counsel for the prosecutors, each of whom has asked \$50,000 damages, yesterday applied to the court for a rule to arbitrate the cases.

December 7 has been fixed as the date for the naming of arbitrators. Dr. Stough has been held under \$2,000 bail in each case. The application for the right to arbitrate means that the cases will be speedily settled without any heavy expenses.

Dr. Stough said to-day that he has as yet received no formal notification of the petitions of the lawyers to arbitrate the cases. He knows no more concerning the procedure, he said, than is contained in to-day's newspaper dispatches. He will make no statement regarding the matter until he has received a formal notification.

FIRE TRUCK AND CAR COLLIDE

Mt. Vernon Apparatus Has Close Call at Fourth and Market Streets

After making a wide turn at Fourth and Market streets, in response to an alarm of fire from box 13, Race and Paxton streets, at 1 o'clock this afternoon, the Mt. Vernon hook and ladder truck, driven by Lester King, could not avoid a car of the Reservoir Park line in getting back to the right side of the street and there was a slight crash.

The collar on one of the horses was loosened when the horse struck the car, but no further damage was done. No trouble was experienced in stopping the big three-horse team or in hooking up the collar again. Firemen say that the car should have stopped when the motorman saw the truck rounding the corner.

An overheated oil stove started the blaze in the third floor of the home of the Rev. Robert W. Runyan, 116 Vine street, pastor of the Vine Street Methodist Episcopal church. The blaze was extinguished without the aid of the firemen.

Policeman Fleck Taken Ill

Charles T. Fleck, deskman at police headquarters, was taken ill while at his post at police headquarters. He suffered a severe chill and seemed to have difficulty in walking. He had been ailing for several days. Ambulance men took him to the office of Dr. Haessler and then to his home on orders of his physician.

SARCASTIC SERMON BY DR. STOUGH

Evangelist Has Words of Ridicule for Some of the Usages of the Churches

FALLING OFF IN TRAIL HITTING

Revivalist Calls Bible Commentators "Bug House," Preachers "Dull Heads" and "Bone Heads," and Lawyers "Refrained Crooks"

Evangelist Stough last night at the tabernacle delivered the most sarcastic sermon he has yet given in this city, denying assumptions that a man can "be born again," through ordinances of the church, through changed environment, or through education. Among the victims of his biting rebukes were "the people that live along the river bank," "the college and university bred lawyers," and former president of Harvard, Dr. Elliot. Comparatively few persons hit the trail.

Firemen and railroad men were lauded by the evangelist in his speech of acceptance of a big basket of flowers presented him by the Philadelphia and Reading delegation which attended the services.

"There are two classes of every-day heroes," he said. "First of all the firemen who protect our homes, who are ready night and day to go out at the call of the bell. The other class is the railroad men, the men who take the trains over the tracks at the risk of their lives."

A Mother's Calling High One
Following his welcome of the railroad men, the evangelist spoke to the Bohyan and Fine Street Mothers' organizations present, saying that "there is no higher or nobler calling God ever gave a woman than that of being a mother."

More than a thousand railroad men, from the Philadelphia and Reading and the Pennsylvania, marched into the tabernacle before the service. The Philadelphia and Reading men brought with them a locomotive bell which rang loudly as it was carried down the aisle to a position in front of the platform. It will be in evidence at the men's mass meeting Sunday afternoon.

Evangelist Stough's sermon last night on "The New Birth," was in part as follows:

Church Membership at Times Useless

"You cannot walk far from the Pennsylvania or the Philadelphia and Reading railroad station on Market street before you decide that something is the matter with Harrisburg. The matter is that men are out of proper relation to one another. If there is a God, they are out of proper relation to Him."

YOU CAN LEARN ABOUT SNAKES

M. B. Foster, Reptile Expert, Will Give a Free Lecture on Them To-night

Are snakes of no use to us? If you come upon one in the woods, do you straightaway dispatch it and glory in your murderous deed? Do you enjoy a good snake story? Can you tell snake facts from snake superstitions?

The Natural History Society's monthly free lecture to-night at 8 o'clock in the Technical High school auditorium, will doubtless go a long way toward answering these questions, when M. B. Foster, a noted expert on reptiles, will give his popular talk on "Snakes an' sich," illustrated, with colored lantern slides and living specimens.

FIRES STARTED PURPOSELY

Blazes Then Promptly Put Out in Demonstration of Extinguishers

Fires deliberately started in different ways at Fourth and North streets this afternoon did no damage. They were extinguished at once by patent extinguishers in a demonstration of the devices.

First acetylene gas was generated by the combination of water and calcium carbide and set on fire, next a bucketful of gasoline was lit, then a fire was applied to waste saturated with gasoline, and finally a big box was set on fire. The extinguisher put out all the blazes promptly.

CAMP HILL MAN GREAT HUNTER

W. C. Enteline Kills More Than One Fourth of Game Secured by Camp

W. C. Enteline, of Camp Hill, has just returned from a successful hunt with the Taylor Hunting Camp, which was situated at Pine Grove Furnace. The camp, which was comprised of four teen men, succeeded in bagging four deer and one red fox, of these Mr. Enteline bagged one deer and the fox. The other men were all from near Gettysburg.

There were four other camps located near the Taylor camp, one of which was the Brysonia camp, which bagged five deer. The other camps go three deer.