



50,000 LOSS OF GERMANS IN POLAND

Surrounded by Russian Troops, Whole Corps of Kaiser's Army Surrenders in a Body

ANOTHER CORPS IS PUT TO ROUT

Official Vienna Report States Fighting in Russian Poland Is a Continuous Battle With the Czar's Troops Being Repulsed in Western Galicia

Paris, Nov. 27, 4:50 A. M.—Telegraphing from Petrograd regarding the fighting around Lodz in Russian Poland, the correspondent of the "Matin" says:

"One German army corps which was surrounded by Russian troops surrendered in a body. This represents nearly fifty thousand prisoners. Another corps which also had been cut off, has now been completely put to route.

"The Russians are attacking along the Czeszostowa-Cracow line with redoubled intensity.

Berlin, by Wireless to London, Nov. 27, 8:55 A. M.—An official report issued in Vienna says:

"The fighting in Russian Poland has assumed the proportions of a continuous battle. In Western Galicia, our troops have repulsed the Russians. Marked progress has been made in the fighting in the Carpathians.

"Near the Kolibara river in Serbia, the enemy's center is in a very strong position near Lazarevatz, but we attacked and took 1,200 prisoners, three gun, four ammunition wagons and three machine guns. To the south of Ljid (?), we took the eastern heights and 300 prisoners. From Valjevo our troops have advanced to Kosjovici."

Petrograd, Nov. 26.—An official communication from the general staff of the army of the Caucasus says:

"In the direction of Erzerum the pursuit of the routed enemy has been terminated. In the past few days a series of engagements have taken place south of the Valley of Alaschert, where we have disposed of considerable Kurdish forces, who were reinforced this time by regular troops. In other sections no important changes have taken place."

BRITISH WARSHIP BLOWN TO PIECES AND OVER 700 PERISH IN THE DISASTER

London, Nov. 27.—A mysterious explosion on board the British battleship Bulwark, off Sheerness, at the mouth of the Thames, 25 miles from London, totally destroyed the vessel early yesterday morning, and of her crew of between 700 and 800 officers and men only 14 escaped. The news of the disaster soon reached this city, and Winston Spencer Churchill, First Lord of the Admiralty, officially announced it yesterday afternoon.

The explosion is believed to have occurred in the ship's forward magazine. Whether it was caused by accident or design is a question to be determined by a commission which has been appointed by the Admiralty to investigate. In the opinion of naval men, it was an internal explosion that put an end to the battleship, which for 12 years had done service at home and abroad, and lately had been doing her part in guarding England's shores.

There was no great upheaval of water, such as would have occurred if she had been torpedoed or struck by a mine. Instead, the ship was enveloped in smoke and flame, and when this had cleared nothing could be seen but wreckage floating on the water. Houses in towns seven and eight miles away were shaken by the explosion and, even before men on ships anchored nearby could reach their own decks, the Bulwark had disappeared. The neighborhood was strewn with an enormous amount of wreckage, while pieces of the ship were thrown six or seven miles upon the Essex shore.

The Bulwark in her early career was quite a famed ship. For a long time she was the flagship of Admiral Charles Beresford, the Mediterranean. She was of 15,000 tons displacement, cost \$5,000,000 to build and was completed in 1902. The ship was 411 feet long, 75 feet wide and drew 29 feet of water. Her armament consisted of four 12-inch and 12 6-inch guns, 16 12-pounders, 13-pounders and four submerged torpedo tubes. She had a complement of 50 men.

Sheerness, Eng., Via London, Nov. 27, 2:35 A. M.—It is believed here that the explosion of the Bulwark was caused by a fall and bursting of a 12-inch shell her magazine.

LATE WAR NEWS SUMMARY

The campaign in France and Belgium, commonly regarded as the main conflict of the European war, seemed today to have entered, at least temporarily, upon a new phase. For the time being Germany has relinquished the offensive, which she held so relentlessly during the earlier weeks of the war. Official statements from Berlin and Paris showed that the fighting, which has been diminishing steadily in severity for at least two weeks, has now flattened out to a mere series of detached skirmishes involving only small numbers of men. It remained to be seen whether this state of affairs was the prelude to another German onslaught, as London has been predicting, or whether it meant that Germany had adopted new tactics which would thrust upon the allies the burden of the attack in an effort to drive out the invaders.

The French statement said that in the Argonne, where some of the most spirited fighting has been in progress recently, there were only small engagements yesterday. Ground was taken by the Germans and retaken by the allies but the insignificant scale of these operations, measured by the magnitude of the war as a whole, is shown by the statement that fighting involved no more than one battalion and the disputed ground extended over no more than 25 yards. The German statement reports some progress in this region. At a few other points further west in France and in Belgium, there were small brushes.

The situation in Russian Poland, the present object of such great concern to

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HELMSMAN OF LAUNCH IS BLAMED FOR THE TURKISH FORTS FIRING ON VESSEL

Washington, Nov. 27.—The Turkish commander of the forts at Smyrna lays all responsibility for the firing upon the cruiser Tennessee's launch "to the indifference of the helmsman of the launch," who, it is said, did not heed the warnings of the presence of mines.

Secretary Bryan today issued a supplemental statement on the Tennessee incident based upon the latest communication from the Turkish Minister of War to Ambassador Morgenthau in Constantinople.

"The War Minister's report," said the statement, "states that he ascertained from the commander of Smyrna that two blank shots of warning were first fired and that the sentinel, after waiting two minutes, was obliged to fire the third shot in another direction from that of the launch, which latter shot was merely to prevent the helmsman of the launch from holding his course which would lead directly on to the mines at the entrance of the port, and to rescue him from a very certain danger. The commander of Smyrna expresses very great regret that such an obligation was presented to the sentinel of the port which he attributes to the indifference of the helmsman of the launch."

Secretary Bryan said this latest report closes the incident.

BRITISH COLLIER KHARTOUM WAS BLOWN UP BY A MINE

London, Nov. 27, 5 P. M.—The British Admiralty this evening announced that the collier Khartoum had been blown up to-day by a mine off Grimsby. The crew of the Khartoum was landed at Grimsby.

Grimsby is on the south bank of Humber, fifteen miles southeast of Hull.

New York, Nov. 27.—The Khartoum was of 1,320 tons net. She was 315 feet long, 40 feet beam and 20 feet deep. The vessel was built at Stockton in April, 1893.

WILSON AGAINST DROPPING BOMBS

Disapproves Attacks by Aircraft on Cities Occupied by Non-Combatants

PERSONAL LETTER TO AMBASSADORS

President Careful Not to Take Matter Up Officially and Even Did Not Make His Communication Through the State Department

Washington, Nov. 27.—President Wilson has communicated unofficially to the diplomatic representatives of the United States in the belligerent countries of Europe his disapproval of attacks by bombs from air craft dropped on fortified cities occupied by non-combatants.

The President was careful not to take the matter up officially and did not even make his communication through the State Department but personally addressed the American ambassadors abroad. The President took this course, it became known today, nearly two months ago. The facts came to light through the publication of a report that the President had discussed the matter with European diplomats here. This however, was denied by some of the prominent diplomats mentioned in connection with it, including the German ambassador.

Just how the American diplomats abroad were to convey President Wilson's feeling in the matter to the foreign governments has not been disclosed, as White House officials, in the absence of the President, declined to discuss the subject.

It is believed here, that the President called attention to the article in The Hague convention of 1907, to which all the principal belligerents are signatory, which provides for notice of twenty-four hours before bombardment or attack in order that non-combatants may remove themselves from the danger zone.

Whether there have been an unofficial response from the belligerents, was not known here today but American diplomats were instructed by the President, it is understood, to handle the matter with such discretion and delicacy as would tend to end aerial attacks without notice and at the same time preserve the friendship which the United States feels toward all the belligerents involved.

It is not believed that the President mentioned any specific violation but expressed his views on the general subject of aerial attacks.

It is supposed that the American diplomats used their good offices consequently, in a personal way with the belligerent governments without perhaps even mentioning the fact that they were doing so at the request of the President, such methods of obtaining a desired end are not unusual in diplomacy.

Woodman Chops Foot

William Knapp, of Dauphin, a woodman employed by the Zortman Lumber Company, was painfully hurt this morning when an axe he was plying slipped, striking him in the instep of his left foot. The laceration was five inches long, ligaments and blood vessels being torn. He was brought to the Harrisburg hospital for treatment.

901 Convictions for White Slavery

Chicago, Nov. 27.—Nine hundred and one persons have been convicted under the Mann white slave act since its passage, according to statistics received today by Arthur Burrage Parwell.

DISCUSS THE UNION OF TWO LOCAL CHARITIES

Representatives of the Nursery Home and the Children's Aid Society Consider Consolidating These Organizations

The consolidation of the Nursery Home and the Children's Aid Society as a means of economizing and at the same time of making the work more effective was advocated at a meeting of representatives of those charitable societies held in the offices of the Dauphin County Directors of the Poor this morning.

Besides Harry A. Walters and Charles L. Boyer, representing the Poor Board, there were present Mrs. George Kunkel and Vance C. McCormick, representing the Children's Aid Society, and Mrs. J. H. Patton and Mrs. J. D. Hawkins, representing the Nursery Home. No definite plans were laid, although it is expected that the committees again will meet in the near future at which time action will be taken.

The Nursery Home now is located in the Watts homestead, at the Maple Hill playground, in the extreme upper end of the city. The Aid Society confines its work chiefly to finding proper homes for boys and girls, outcasts and youngsters whose home surroundings justify their removal.

The directors of the Poor suggested the consolidation of the two societies. This would include a plan to educate the children, the cost of which, Mr. Walters assured the committee, the county would bear its proportionate share. The county, through the Poor Department, now is paying twenty-five cents a day for the maintenance of homeless children.

"What the Directors of the Poor would like to have done," said Mr. Walters, "is to educate and train these children until such time as they are able to go out and be self-sustaining and this department is willing to work toward that end."

TROLLEY HITS STEELTON LAD

Little Albert Ferenia Is in the Harrisburg Hospital With Probably Fatal Injuries

Albert Ferenia, 6 years old, son of Frank Ferenia, 681 South Second street, Steelton, was so seriously hurt when he was struck by a trolley car at Front and Highland streets, Steelton, at 1 o'clock this afternoon that physicians at the Harrisburg hospital, where he was taken, hold out little hope for his recovery.

So serious was his condition that operations were immediately begun. He suffered three severe injuries, all of which may have fractured his skull. His right hand was crushed off at the wrist and it will have to be amputated near the elbow. His body is covered with bruises.

The boy, according to friends of his family who accompanied the grief-stricken parents to the hospital, say that he was playing in the street and happened to get in the way of a rapidly moving trolley car.

One Club Ready for Parade

The parade committee of the Harrisburg Mimmers' Association will meet to-night at 9:30 o'clock in the office of Clarence O. Backenstoss, secretary to Mayor Royal, to lay plans for the New Year Day celebration. The first return blank of an organization for entrance in the parade was received from the Keystone Motorcycle Club, which will have a large number of men in line.

P. R. R. WANTS ITS CITY TAXES CUT

Appeals for Revised Assessments on the Properties to Be Razed Down Town

C. V. R. R. ALSO MAKES PLEA

Owner of Russ Building in Market Square Declares \$98,630 Is Too High an Assessment—Board Gets 25 Appeals by Noon

The City Commissioners sitting today as a Board of Revision of Taxes, by noon had received about twenty-five appeals from property owners who raised objections to the revision of the assessments against properties which have been erected or improved within the last year. Some of the appeals will be allowed, the Commissioners said, but they would not indicate which ones, saying they will defer action in all cases until after 4 o'clock this afternoon by which time all appeals must be filed.

The appeals involving the greatest number of properties were filed by the Cumberland Valley Railroad Company and the Pennsylvania Railroad Company. These concerned properties in the First ward, principally on Mulberry and South Second streets, which have been or will be razed in connection with the construction of the Mulberry street subways and the building of the Penn's warehouse.

Railroad Companies Appeal
The properties of the Cumberland Valley razed or to be razed include two buildings on South Front street; twenty-eight on Mulberry; twenty-three on South Second and four on River avenue. Seven properties on which the company declares the assessment is excessive will not be razed. The Tax Revision Board this morning said a general inspection of the properties will be made before a decision is reached.

William Russ, owner of the Russ building on Market square, is another applicant. The assessment against his property is \$98,630 and he contends it is too high. In support of his claim he cites the assessments levied against other properties in the business section including the following: Bolton House, \$109,000; Commonwealth Trust Company building, \$178,560; Bergner building, \$142,255; Telegraph building, \$84,935; Union Trust Company building, \$111,560.

A real estate firm which is erecting a dozen houses on Market street, took an appeal saying that the properties in question have not yet been completed, that none has been sold and that all yet are in the hands of the contractors.

Coal Dealer Objects
When asked about the railroad companies' appeals members of the board said that in most cases some changes will be made. This is due, it was said, to the fact that the buildings have been or will be removed and that the value of the ground will not be increased to the amount of the assessments by reason of the planned improvements.

Burned to Death in Auto Accident
Wilmington, Del., Nov. 27.—An automobile accident in which Harry Doughty, of Franklin City, Va., was burned to death happened about four miles south of New Castle, last night.

PLAN TO ROB STEELTON POSTOFFICE A FAILURE

Steel Drill Such as Cracksmen Use Is Picked Up at Rear Door of Building—Evidence That the Burglars Were Frightened Away

The finding of a steel drill just outside the rear entrance to the first floor of the Steelton postoffice, at Second and Locust streets, early this morning was the first intimation employees of the office had that cracksmen last night had planned an attempt to smash the safe. That the plan was nipped in the bud is the belief of postoffice employees, who are of the opinion that the would-be robbers were frightened away by the passing of some one in the street who did not actually see the cracksmen.

The steel drill is highly tempered and is the kind used by postoffice robbers in attempting to open safes. The door near which the drill was picked up is the one used by letter carriers in going to and from the building.

The last previous attempt of burglars to rob the Steelton postoffice was made during President Cleveland's administration, when Christian Hess was postmaster. At that time the office door was forced and several holes drilled in the safe door near the combination lock. The holes were charged with some explosive, supposed at that time to have been nitroglycerine. The explosion which followed was heard for some distance and before the burglars could follow up their advantage a number of men appeared on the scene. The safe-breakers fled and were never apprehended.

THIEF'S VISIT TOO LATE

Thanksgiving Night No Time to Steal Turkey

One day too late a thief at the home of W. A. Rupp, 1515 State street, at 9 o'clock last night, was so incensed because the turkey and cranberry sauce were gone that he threw the contents of the refrigerator on the rear porch and over the rear yard.

The family discovered the presence of the marauder about 11 o'clock last night and telephoned the police, who today are investigating the visit. The police are of the belief that the thief got his notes mixed and instead of finding a big fat turkey, found only the ingredients for turkey hash. Food-stuffs to the value of \$3 were destroyed.

STOCK EXCHANGES TO OPEN

New York Starts Business To-morrow and Philadelphia Monday

New York, Nov. 27.—The Stock Exchange announced that the plans for restricted trading in bonds, which will be resumed to-morrow, had been revised to permit actual transactions being printed upon the tickets.

It had previously been the plan of the exchange to have prices and transactions distributed to brokers upon printed slips. The committee of five, it was expected, would make some announcement regarding minimum prices during the course of the day.

Philadelphia, Nov. 27.—Announcement was made today that the Philadelphia Stock Exchange will be reopened on Monday, November 30, at 10 a. m., for the transactions in all securities listed on the regular and unlisted departments of the exchange.

PAY UP FOR FINE WEATHER

Temperature to Drop and Rain Is in Prospect

Harrisburg seems about to suffer in the matter of weather to pay up for the extraordinary fine day yesterday. Weather Bureau forecasters hold up little hope for the continuation of fine weather, saying there will be a considerable drop in temperature with increasing cloudiness which will likely bring rain to-morrow.

Last night's minimum temperature was unusually high, the 50-degree mark being the lowest. To-night's mark is fixed at 38 degrees by Weather Bureau officials.

STOUGH MAY STAY HERE EXTRA WEEK

He Would Sacrifice Rest Between Engagements for Good of Local Campaign

SUNDAY SCHOOLS MARCH TO-NIGHT

Following Sermon at Tabernacle Last Night 46 Persons Hit the Trail—Thanksgiving Service in the Afternoon

That the evangelistic campaign in this city be extended beyond the six weeks specified in the contract has not yet been definitely decided upon, but is altogether possible, according to a statement made by Dr. Stough this morning when he was asked concerning such an extension.

The end of the specified six weeks will be December 13, two weeks from Sunday. There has been some talk about continuing the tabernacle meetings until Sunday, December 20. The campaign in Altoona does not open until the following Sunday.

Dr. Stough did not say whether the likelihood is that the campaign in Harrisburg will cover six weeks or seven weeks.

"That depends on the people of the city," he said, "as much as upon us. Our crowd is always glad to dig for home after a busy six weeks. In cases where there is an actual demand, however, for the continuation of a campaign, the party is glad to sacrifice a week of rest between engagements, if it can accomplish good by doing so."

Sunday Schools to March To-night

To-night will be Sunday school night at the tabernacle. Members of Sunday schools of city churches will gather at their separate houses of worship and march in bodies to the tabernacle, where a large part of the seating capacity will be roped off for them.

But forty-six persons hit the trail at the tabernacle last night, following the sermon by Evangelist Stough, who told of the leper who came to Jesus to be healed. The speaker compared the ravages of leprosy to the ravages of sin, saying:

"A little spot on the skin is the first indication of leprosy. It continues to grow until the skin begins to crack. It causes the body to rot. That's the way with sin. When it enters the soul one is unconscious of it, but it starts to grow and spread until it leaves the soul and the conscience reeking with remorse."

In a representation of the beggar's appeal to Jesus, Dr. Stough fell to his

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FIRST PERIOD ENDS IN TIE

Scrub Teams of the Two High Schools Battle on Island—Frasch Runs Thirty-five Yards

Central and Tech scrubs battled to no score in the first period of their annual game on the H. A. C. field at the Island this afternoon.

Central High kicked off. Succeeding rushes by Tech failed to gain the required distance and they were compelled to kick. Central returned the kick when Frasch electrified the fans by making a thirty-five yard run. Tech lacked the power to push the ball over although it was within twenty yards of the goal line. Killing played the best game in this period.

At the end of the first half neither team had scored.

The teams which clashed to-day are those that gave practice all season to the first teams of the respective schools, doing lots of hard work nearly every afternoon but getting little credit for it other than from the school fellows who realize what a good scrub team means in developing a strong eleven.

Schools were closed to-day, for the regular Thanksgiving vacation, and many went to see the game. The teams entered the game as follows:

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| Central Scrubs. | Tech Scrubs. |
| Grissinger L E | McCurdy |
| Mutzbaugh L T | MacFarland |
| Doehne L G | Phillips |
| Markus R G | Snyder |
| Frank R T | Shellenberger |
| Siegelbaum R T | Little |
| McMame R E | Cocklin |
| Froehlich Q B | Killing |
| Sanders L H B | Yoffe |
| Hall R H B | Frasch |
| Zimmerman F B | Mell |
- Officials—Referee, Bob Good, Lehiga and Tech; umpire, Smeltzer, Oberlin.

POSTAL MESSENGER HURT

Cloyd Stengler Seriously Injured In Collision With Auto

Cloyd Stengler, 1248 North street, special delivery messenger for the local postoffice, is in a serious condition today, suffering from internal injuries received last evening when he was struck by an automobile at Second and Cumberland streets.

The collision was unavoidable, witnesses say. The car with Harold Whistler at the wheel was going north on Second street when Stengler shot out from the corner on his bicycle. The front of the car struck Stengler and the front wheel passed over him. He was taken to the Harrisburg hospital in another automobile. Several of his ribs were fractured.

WITH BRITAIN'S FIGHTING INDIANS IN THE WATER-FILLED TRENCHES IN FRANCE



The cable despatches from the seat of war in Eastern France, and in fact from all quarters of war activity, tell of the terrible condition of the troops fighting their country's battles in the trenches. Sometimes waist deep in water, mud and damp straw, it takes a soldier of iron will and determination to stand the strain. The above photograph is the first picture showing the troops fighting not only their enemy of flesh and blood but their natural enemy as well. That the Indian troops, from a warm climate, can stand the strain speaks well for their fighting qualities and their loyalty to the British Empire.