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THE SIEGE OF CRACOW HAS BEGUN

Report That Russians With Their Heavy Guns Are Now Bombarding the Forts

SUBURB OF THE CITY IN FLAMES

Berlin Officially Reports a Surprise Attack Made by Russians on the German Fortifications East of Darkehmen as Having Failed

Milan, Via London, Nov. 30, 8.10 A. M.—The siege of Cracow has begun, according to a correspondent of the newspaper "Corriere Della Sera" who is with the Muscovite army. He wires that the Russians are bombarding the forts with their heavy siege guns and that one of the suburbs of the city is reported to be in flames.

Russian Surprise Attack Fails

Berlin, Nov. 30, by Wireless to London, 3.05 P. M.—The following official statement was given out at military headquarters to-day:

"There is nothing of note to report from the western theatre of war.

"On the East Prussian frontier an attempt by strong Russian forces to make a surprise attack on the German fortifications east of Darkehmen failed with heavy losses to the enemy, of whom we captured a few officers and 600 men.

"South of the Weichsel (Vistula river) the counter attacks which we mentioned yesterday led to satisfatcory results. Eighteen cannon and more than 4,500 prisoners fell into our hands.

"Nothing of note has occurred in southern Poland."

Queen of Belgium Is Ill

Rotterdam, Via London, Nov. 30, 10.08 A. M.—The newspaper "Maasbode" learns that Queen Elizabeth of Belgium is ill and confined to her bed. Her illness is due to overwork in the Red Cross service.

RUSSIANS CLAIM ANOTHER VICTORY WEST OF LOWICZ

Petrograd, Nov. 30, via London, 2 P. M.—Six hundred prisoners, seven guns and many wounded fell into Russian hands in yesterday's fighting in the west of Lowicz, where the Russians took ten miles of German trenches between Glovno and Sobota, according to information received to-day through trustworthy sources.

Glovno is 16 miles northeast of Lodz and Sobota is 12 miles north of Glovno. The trenches were protected by triple earthwork and wire defenses.

It is semi-officially announced that the Germans have received reinforcements in the shape of two infantry divisions and one cavalry division.

GERMANS ON DEFENSIVE, IS REPORT OF THE FRENCH

Paris, Nov. 30, 2.50 P. M.—The French official communication given out in Paris this afternoon is as follows:

"In Belgium the enemy is remaining on the defensive. The artillery fire has been feeble, and we have made progress at certain points. In the vicinity of Fay we hold securely the positions we occupied November 28.

"In the region of Scissons there has been an intermittent artillery fire directed against the town. In the Argonne several attacks in the town of Dagatelle were repulsed by our troops. There has been a heavy fog on the heights on the Meuse.

"In the Woevre district the enemy bombarded the forest of Apremont, but without result. There is nothing to report in the Vosges."

919,000 AUSTRO-HUNGARIAN CASUALTIES, SAYS RUSSIA

Petrograd, Nov. 30, via London, 2 P. M.—On the basis of reports received in Petrograd from Hungary it is stated here to-day that the Austro-Hungarian casualties to date amount to 900,000 men and 19,000 officers.

PET DOG HELPS RED CROSS COLLECT

THE RED CROSS IN BERLIN - A CANINE COLLECTOR

The Red Cross in Berlin has enlisted the services of a good natured dog who has proven a valuable aid to their cause. As a collector of funds this pet canine sits with a box in his mouth soliciting contributions to the noble cause and rather seems to know and enjoy the work in which he has been employed.

LATE WAR NEWS SUMMARY

Germany acknowledged that the Russian northern army has penetrated into East Prussia to a distance of 15 miles southwest of Gumbinnen, which is about 20 miles west of the German border. In Belgium, says the French official statement, it is the allies and not the Germans who are now on the offensive. These two points stood out in to-day's news from the battlefield of Europe.

The German official statement says that strong Russian forces attempted a surprise attack on the fortifications of Darkehmen, in East Prussia, and that they were repulsed. Semi-official information from Petrograd is that operations along the Prussian front are turning to the advantage of the Russians and that the Germans are retiring in disorder. Meanwhile the great battle in Russian Poland, between the Vistula and Warta rivers, continues without definite result. The German War Office states that the Russians were defeated in a battle south of the Vistula and that 4,500 men were captured. Further south, in Galicia, the Russians are said to have reached Cracow and to have begun the siege of the city.

According to the French official statement, the German forces in Belgium are on the defensive and the allies have made progress "at certain points." Fighting continues in the Argonne, where, the French statement asserts, German attacks were repulsed.

The whereabouts of the German Pacific fleet, of which little has been heard since it sank the British cruisers Good Hope and Monmouth off the coast of Chile nearly a month ago, has become one of the mysteries of the war. Dispatches from Montevideo again report that this fleet is now in the South Atlantic, although it was said last week to have remained off the Chilean coast. British and Japanese naval squadrons

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RUSSIANS CLAIM VICTORY IN GALICIAN OPERATIONS

Petrograd, via London, Nov. 30.—Fighting on the Russo-Prussian front is turning advantageously for our side," telegraphs a correspondent of the "Army Messenger." "Our cavalry has dispersed the enemy who, in retiring, is abandoning his munitions of war. The energetic pursuit of our forces prevents the Germans from taking up the positions which they had prepared for their use in the event of a retreat."

Referring to the operations in Galicia, the "Army Messenger" says:

"All of our operations in Galicia are ending successfully for us. We continue to push the Austrian army in the direction of Cracow. In spite of the intense cold, which is delaying our offensive, we are advancing victoriously.

"Several of our contingents already are abreast of Cracow, the defenders of which are being turned on the south side. The morale of our troops is excellent."

"LONG WAY TO TIPPERARY" IS BANNED IN UNCLE SAM'S NAVY

Washington, Nov. 30.—Secretary Daniels to-day expressed approval of the action of Lieutenant Commander F. T. Evans, commanding the naval training station at Newport, R. I., in forbidding the singing of "It's a Long Way to Tipperary," by naval apprentices.

Secretary Daniels said as "Tipperary" was the marching song of the British forces, it ought not to be sung or played by American sailors any more than should the "Marseillaise" or "Wacht Am Rhein."

Kaiser Confers Order of Merit

London, Nov. 30, 5.03 P. M.—A news dispatch received here from Danzig, in West Prussia, says that Emperor William, in a telegram to General Mackenzen expressed his great satisfaction with the successes achieved by the general's army in Poland. His Majesty conferred on General Mackenzen the Order of Merit.

FOOTBALL CELEBRATION MARKS OPENING OF TECH

Students, Back After Holidays, Pass Whole Morning Cheering Captain Beck and the Members of His Team —Faculty Joins in the Fun

There were "high jinks" at the Technical High school this morning, on the resumption of studies following the Thanksgiving vacation, and the students, faculty and friends of Tech spent the time celebrating the victory of the football team over Central High school last Thursday.

Beck, Tech's star fullback, whose individual work did much toward winning the game, received much praise, as, in fact, did the whole team. Beck's entrance to the auditorium was the signal for which the students had been waiting. He appeared at the door, when a terrific clapping and cheering broke out. Beck blushed like a school girl and quickly took his seat, but the cheering continued, the entire student body seeming to have forgotten all else for the time.

After a while, when the students had cheered themselves hoarse and order was restored, Dr. Charles B. Fager, Jr., principal of the school, announced that time would be given this morning for a "jubilee." This started the cheering again, but this time Dr. Fager, the faculty and all the members of the team came in for their share.

The devotional exercises were conducted by the Rev. S. W. Herman. He also gave a lively and interesting talk,

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SOUGHT MEAL FROM COPPER

Mike Quinn Made Serious Mistake and Lands in Jail

Mike Quinn made a fatal mistake when he went to the rear door of 1907 Swatara street, yesterday morning to beg a meal. Little did he realize that the man who came to the door in answer to his knock was that of Policeman Hicks. Policemen are taught that begging is a thing to stop and he shortly informed the beggar that he could get no meal there.

Mike made the fatal mistake of saying uncomplimentary things about the residents in that neighborhood and Policeman Hicks decided that he would keep others from getting any abuse of that kind and placed the man under arrest on his back porch. He called the patrol and Mike was landed in jail for over Sunday. The arrest occurred at 9.25 so Quinn missed his breakfast, but he was in plenty of time for dinner.

BAKERY WAGON STRUCK BY CAR

Slippery Rails Cause of Accident at State and Filbert Streets

A delivery wagon owned by the Italian-American bakery and driven by the proprietor, E. Intry, was struck at State and Filbert streets this morning about 8 o'clock by a trolley car operating on the line between Progress and Harrisburg.

Intry was thrown from the wagon and the horse was knocked to the ground; however, neither man nor beast was injured. Due to the slippery rails, the motorman could not stop his car when the bakery wagon ran in front of the car.

SKIN GRAFT SUCCESSFUL

Physician Expects Paul Erb to Be on Crutches in Three Weeks

After a second skin grafting operation in which his burned hip was covered with cuticle taken from the leg of Steward G. Forney, little Paul Erb, 236 Charles street, is brighter to-day, although suffering a great deal of pain.

The operation was successful and his physician believes that in three weeks he will be able to be about on crutches. He has not been out of bed since July 3 when he was burned with fireworks on a farm near Enterline.

CITY IS WITHOUT WAR STAMPS FOR USE TO-MORROW

None on Hand Either in the Postoffice or Local Office of the Revenue Collector

COMPLICATIONS ARE EXPECTED

Law Requires That Stickers Be Used on December 1 and Provides Heavy Penalty—Blame Is Placed on Washington

Although the law goes into effect to-morrow requiring the use of United States internal revenue stamps in payment of the emergency revenue or war tax, none of the required stamps are as yet in the city, and the probability is that there will be none here to meet the demand when it begins to-morrow morning.

"The reason that we cannot get the stamps," said the internal revenue collector at the Federal building this afternoon, "is because of a delay in manufacture at the Bureau of Engraving and Printing at Washington. The government cannot supply all of its offices in time for the opening of the stamp sale."

The law provides a heavy penalty for failures to comply with the provisions of the act requiring the use of the new stamps, and no exceptions are made. If persons who are required by law to use the stamps to-morrow do not do so, because there are no stamps here to supply them, some interesting complications may develop.

The Pennsylvania railroad in an announcement it issued on Saturday, said that the revenue stamps would be on sale at all postoffices, and that, for convenience of patrons, the railroads's agents would also handle the stickers. It appears, upon inquiry at the local postoffice, that this statement was the first word Postmaster Sites had received that he was to have a supply of the stamps on hand, and he at once wrote to Washington for instructions. He has not yet received a reply, and there will be no revenue stamps on sale at the postoffice to-morrow.

The Pennsylvania railroad has not as yet received a supply of the stickers and, although every bill of lading, manifest and evidence of receipt which it handles to-morrow must, by law, bear a revenue stamp, neither its agents nor patrons, it seems, will be in a position to comply with the law.

At the Internal Revenue office in the Federal building this afternoon the information was given out that the new stamps would be handled at that office —when they arrive. No supply is as yet available there, however, due to the limited supply in Washington, and it is thought unlikely that any of the stamps will be on hand there to-morrow.

The tax receivers are of the opinion that if they have no stamps they will have to devise some provisional scheme of their own for receipting tax payments until the government's official labels arrive.

WAR TAX ON TO-MORROW

Emergency Bill to Raise $100,000,000 in Full Effect

By Associated Press.

Washington, Nov. 30.—The emergency war tax bill to raise $100,000,000 in revenue will go into full effect to-morrow. The provisions of the measure levying taxes on tobacco, beer and wine went into effect on November 1 and the remaining provisions become effective to-morrow.

The latter include taxes on bankers, pawnbrokers, brokers, proprietors of theatres, including motion picture houses, owners of circuses and other shows, perfume, cosmetics, chewing gum and similar articles; commercial paper of all descriptions, steamship tickets, parlor car seats and sleeping car berths and telephone and telegraph messages where the charge exceeds fifteen cents. Stamps in denominations of from $5 to one cent are to be affixed to these articles.

KREIDER IN AN AUTO CRASH

Congressman's Machine Is Wrecked but He and His Companions in Car Escape Injury

An automobile accident occurred at Second and Penn streets, Reading, on Saturday night, in which Congressman A. S. Kreider's car was badly damaged, but nobody was hurt.

In company with Senator D. P. Gerberich, of Lebanon; David H. Meyer, an Annville flour mill operator, and several other friends, Congressman Kreider was moving slowly eastward, according to the policeman who saw the affair, when another car going west made a short turn and struck the Annville man's machine, jamming the front axel and otherwise injuring it.

None of the occupants of either car was injured, but the Congressman and friends had to take another conveyance to get home.

WILSON APPOINTS STRIKE ARBITERS

President Names Commission in Efforts to Adjust Future Colorado Mine Troubles

MAY INFLUENCE PRESENT DISPUTE

Efforts to Bring About a Settlement of Strike Now on in Colorado Fields Will Be Continued by the Federal Mediators

By Associated Press.

Washington, Nov. 30.—Another effort at settlement of the Colorado coal strike troubles moved forward to-day with President Wilson's appointment of a commission to attempt to bring the operators and miners together. The commission is composed of Seth Low, of New York; Charles W. Mills, of Philadelphia, and Patrick Gilday, of Clearfield, Pa. All of them have been identified with the settlement of labor troubles.

The commission will not deal with the present differences between the operators and miners in the Colorado coal fields, but will attempt to settle similar disputes in the future. Efforts to bring about a settlement of the present strike by an agreement between the operators and miners, it is announced, will be continued by the federal mediators who have been endeavoring for some time to adjust the controversy. They are Hywel Davies and W. R. Fairley.

The President in a statement announcing the appointment of the commission reviewed in detail the various steps taken by the federal government to bring about a settlement of the present trouble. He expressed the hope that the parties to the controversy will make use of the commission as an instrument of peace.

President Wilson's plan for a temporary settlement of the strike, which he suggested some time ago, contemplated appointment of a commission similar to the one he has just named. The plan was accepted by the miners, but rejected by the operators, their principal objection being to a commission.

SEEK TO CHANGE THEIR PLEA

Wm. Rockefeller, Standard Oil Millionaire, and Other New Haven Directors Make Application to Court

New York, Nov. 30.—William Rockefeller, Standard Oil millionaire, besought to-day permission of the Federal Court to change his plea to the indictment charging him and twenty other former directors of the New York, New Haven and Hartford Railroad Company with criminal violation of the anti-trust law. Mr. Rockefeller filed a plea in abatement last Monday. Mr. Rockefeller was joined in his application by Robert W. Taft, Charles A. Brooker, William Skinner and James S. Elton.

In their application to Judge Sessions, the defendants did not indicate the nature of the plea they had in mind but simply asserted their desire to file a substitute plea.

Under the plea in abatement, they sought to have the indictment dismissed on the grounds that it was defective. The alleged defection consisted of the fact that one of the court officials connected with drafting the indictment was a resident of New Jersey instead of New York.

Applications for permission to change their pleas were made also by D. Newton Barney, Frederick E. Brewster, Henry K. McHarg and George F. Baker.

A vigorous argument against the granting of such permission was made by Assistant Attorney General Swacker.

Judge Sessions granted permission to all nine men to change their pleas. Substitute pleas were not offered at once, however, and argument proceeded on the original pleas in abatement.

LEAPS FROM WINDOW

Crazed Negro Fractures Leg at Harrisburg Hospital

Frank Hodge, a big negro who has been in the Harrisburg hospital since Friday suffering from epilepsy, dashed from his bed in the medical ward at 1.40 o'clock this morning, brushed aside two orderlies who tried to restrain him and jumped from the second story window to the lawn at the Mulberry street side of the hospital building, fracturing his left leg.

Hodge imagined that seventy persons were after him and in his frenzy following his drop he fought hard against being taken back into the hospital. He had to be restrained by a straightjacket. He narrowly missed dropping into a lightwell at the side of the hospital, which is as deep as the basement.

Watery Grave for Old Sea Captain

By Associated Press.

New Orleans, Nov. 30.—J. S. Boyd, captain of the Southern Pacific steamship Momus, was lost at sea some time during Sunday night it became known when the boat arrived here to-day from New York. He was missed at 3 o'clock Sunday morning and passengers assumed he fell overboard. He was one of the oldest captains in the New York-New Orleans passenger service.

STOUGH SAYS MEN MUST GUARD SONS

America Could Lead the World in Temperance Miss Palmer Tells 2,500 Women

CHILDREN HAVE BIG MEETING

Men Embrace and Kiss Their Wives on the Front Benches at Last Night's After-meeting at the Tabernacle—Evangelist's Wife Sings

Evangelist Stough gave the fourth lecture in his series to men only at the tabernacle yesterday afternoon before a crowded tabernacle, as usual. His subject was "The Scarlet Man," in the treatment of which he placed particular emphasis on the responsibilities of fathers.

"I am next Sunday going to give the gang in this town another cleaning up, if my life is spared. Last Sunday afternoon the gang started a plot against me. I know, because I have connections with the underworld the same as they have. I know what's going on in some of your gambling holes, your saloons and your brothels.

"They tell me there never was a time when there was less booze sold in Harrisburg than in the last three weeks. My subject next Sunday will be 'Vampires and Bloodsuckers.' The liquor gang has sworn to get me here or at Altoona. I'm after them again next Sunday, God help me. I'll show you how we're electing them trustees in our churches, and Sunday school superintendents and everything else. I'll tell you how they're reaching up and throttling the life of the church. I'm going after the gang, too, that rents property for saloons and brothels.

"I have addresses, if the chief of police wants them, where sporting women are plying their business in this city. I have not had the list verified as yet, but I am willing to pass it over to the chief of police and let him do with it as he thinks best."

Beginning his sermon, the preacher said:

"This is the age of the thorough-

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THOUSANDS FOR CAMPAIGN

Keen Competition Springs Up at Stough Tabernacle During the Contributing Yesterday

Between $5,000 and $5,500 was raised in the Stough tabernacle yesterday, morning, afternoon and evening, toward the wiping out of the $19,000 budget. The entire morning was devoted to the receiving of contributions, and special efforts were made to receive large collections at the other meetings of the day. Since the total amount of money needed has not been raised, it will be necessary to take collections this week, according to Dr. Stough.

A spirit of competition began at the evening meeting while contributions were being received, when the ushers and door-keepers sent to the platform a purse of nearly two hundred dollars. The choir, jealous of its reputation in the matter of liberal giving, promptly pledged two hundred dollars and proceeded to raise the amount. The ushers then raised their sum, in consequence of which the choir announced through its chieftain, Professor Spooner, that it would give $250.

Other joint contributions came from the policemen on duty at the tabernacle, from the orchestra and from the reporters.

Fewer Arrests This Month

Many persons are interested in the morals of the city in view of the evangelistic campaign being carried on in Harrisburg by Dr. Henry W. Stough. The campaign is now a month old. The docket at police headquarters shows that until noon to-day thirty less arrests had been made in November this year than in the same month last year.

10 'HARDSCRABBLE' ESTIMATES

One-fifth of the Owners Have Placed Values on Their Property

"Hardscrabble" property owners have until December 10 in which to file with City Solicitor D. S. Seitz their estimates of damages they will sustain by reason of the City taking over their ground and properties to facilitate the reopening of North Front street between Herr and Calder.

Already ten of the fifty or more property owners have sent in their estimates. These are now being considered. The City's legal adviser to-day said it would not be advisable at this time to say whether the values are satisfactory to the City.

No action will be taken by the City until after the expiration of the time in which to file the damage claims, then the City's course as to acceptance or rejection of the estimates will be decided by the City Commissioners.

Fractures Leg in Fall From Wheel

Harrison Frank, 2219 Jefferson street, a messenger boy for the Western Union, fell from his bicycle at Market and Court streets yesterday afternoon, fracturing his right leg. He was His condition is much improved to-day. admitted to the Harrisburg hospital.

FIRST JURY PICKED FOR SMITH CASE

Twelve Men Chosen This Morning to Pass on Sanity of Alleged Murderer

MUCH HINGES ON THE VERDICT

Believed That if Prisoner Is Found of Unsound Mind He Will Be Sent to an Asylum and That There Will Be No Murder Trial

The present mental condition of Edward G. Smith, indicted on a charge of murdering his grandfather, John E. Bush, whose shot and burned body was found in the ashes of a cottage in Inglenook, on December 17, last, will be passed upon by a jury of twelve men selected this morning at the opening of the continued term of criminal court.

If Smith is held by this jury to be insane now, the Court in all probability will make an order sending the accused man to a State institution for the insane, and he will not be compelled to make a defense to the murder charge.

Judge S. J. M. McCarrell is presiding at the trial and Judge Albert W. Johnson, of the Union-Snyder judicial circuit, will conduct trials in other criminal cases of a less serious nature in court room No. 2. Judge Kunkel, who was on the bench with Judge McCarrell this morning, will remain in chambers and devote his time and attention to other legal matters.

The Smith case was taken up immediately after court organization at 10 o'clock and all of the morning was devoted to the preliminaries and the selection of the jurors who will say whether or not Smith now is sane. In event of a trial on the murder charge a new jury will be picked. The jury chosen this morning is as follows:

Harry B. Etter, clerk, Middletown.

George B. Embig, laborer, Seventh ward, city.

Daniel Bryans, laborer, Royalton.

Charles L. Andrews, rodman, Eighth ward, city.

William B. Gray, gentleman, Halifax.

John Gibb, Jr., clerk, First ward, Steelton.

Albert Potteiger, farmer, West Hanover township.

Frank B. Balmer, stonemason, Conewago township.

Edward L. Forney, blacksmith, Eleventh ward, city.

George L. Fisher, farmer, Swatara township.

William Bowers, laborer, Thirteenth ward, city.

Harry Mattis, laborer, Royalton.

Smith's Appearance Untidy

Smith's clothes looked rather shabby when he entered the court room at 10.38 o'clock on the arm of a deputy sheriff. He had an air of nonchalance. There was a noted lack of tidiness in his dress. His long uncombed hair protruded from beneath his blue cap, which apparently had been carelessly placed on the side of his head, and he moved confidently and speedily to his place near the counsel table. There he was joined by his legal advisers, John Fox Weiss, formerly District Attorney, and William H. Earnest.

The accused's father and mother, Constable and Mrs. Charles Smith, who are the son-in-law and daughter, respectively, of the murdered man, also were at the counsel table. They remained silent as the son approached. So far as could be noticed the parents did not speak to young Smith while he was in the court room.

When the Prothonotary, at the direction of Judge McCarrell, called to the defendant to stand up to be arraigned on the murder charge, Smith remained

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CLOUDS AND RAIN TO REMAIN

Gulf Storm Causes General Precipitation in the East

Cloudy weather with occasional rain accompanied by a temperature slightly above normal is the weather indication for to-day and to-morrow. The persistence with which a high pressure area hung over the Northern States has caused a depression from the gulf to fill up to such a strength that it will control the weather in the eastern part of the country for two days.

There will be slight changes in temperature, the minimum fixed for to-night by local officers of the Weather Bureau being fifty degrees. Last night's lowest temperature was 42.

Follows Sweetheart in Death

Decatur, Ill., Nov. 30.—Despondent over the death of her sweetheart, Frank Summers, who was killed when his automobile overturned last night, Miss Ura Scott, a prominent young Clinton woman, committed suicide today by taking poison. Summers was hurrying to keep a theatre engagement with Miss Scott when he met with the accident.