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London, Dec. 2, 11.10 A. M.—In a dispatch from Sofia, Bulgaria, the correspondent of Reuter's Telegram Company says reports received there indicate that the situation in Serbia is critical. The Servian army, it is declared, has been withdrawn from Belgrade, and telegraphic communication between Belgrade and Nish, the present location of the capital, has been interrupted.

Germany Lose Barges on Vistula

London, Dec. 2, 3.47 A. M.—The Petrograd correspondent of the "Post" sends the following:

"Special significance attaches to the capture by the Russians of ammunition barges on the Vistula near Plock, inasmuch as the Germans are relying mainly on the Vistula for securing easy communication to their armies in Poland.

"Lavish supplies of ammunition have been kept up by barges which, starting from Danzig, Elbing, Graudenz, Thorn and other points easily reached by the German railways, have brought supplies to the heart of the German positions in Poland. The capture of the barges is thus a step in cutting communication.

"The surrounded German corps are the Twentieth and the guard corps."

No Definite Decision in Poland

London, Dec. 2, 4.20 A. M.—The "Times" Petrograd correspondent, reviewing the war situation, says there is still no definite decision in Poland, but that the Germans, while making desperate efforts to reinforce their army, which he believes can only be done from the Franco-Belgian theatre, are holding their position facing Lodz and Lowicz, despite the awful climatic conditions.

In Petrograd, the correspondent adds, there is no disposition to underrate the magnitude of the task still before the Russians. According to the view held in military circles, he says, the situation is one of extraordinary and unprecedented importance. Nothing like it in respect to interest and even danger, the correspondent concludes, has presented itself hitherto and all the indications point to the maintenance and even an increase of the present tension.

Two Sons of Belgian Premier Killed

London Dec. 2, 1.57 P. M.—Telegraphing from Amsterdam, the correspondent of Reuter's Telegram Company says one son of M. De Broqueville, the Belgian Premier, has been killed in battle and it is rumored a second son also has lost his life in action.

STRONG FRENCH POSITION IN THE ARGONNE FOREST CAPTURED, SAYS BERLIN

Berlin, Dec. 2.—By Wireless to London, 3 P. M.—The German official statement issued to-day claims the capture of a strong French position in the Argonne forest by Emperor William's own regiment. The text of the communication reads:

"In the western theatre of the war the enemy made insignificant advances which were checked. In the forest of Argonne a strong point of support of the enemy was taken by the Wurtemberg infantry regiment number 120, His Majesty the Kaiser's own regiment. On this occasion two officers and about 300 of the enemy's troops were made prisoners.

"There is no news from Eastern Prussia. In Northern Poland the battles are taking their normal course. In Southern Poland the enemy's attacks were repulsed.

"The report circulated in the foreign press that the 23,000 prisoners taken by us at Kutno are now included in 40,000 Russian prisoners reported by us previously, is untrue.

"In the battles at Wloclawek, Hutno, Lodz and Lowicz, the eastern army has taken between November 11 and December 1 over 80,000 unwounded Russian prisoners."

LATE WAR NEWS SUMMARY

Heavy fighting has been resumed in the region of the Argonne forest, toward the eastern end of the battle line in France, and, although to-day's French and German official communications disagree as to the outcome, it was apparent that the conflict is marked with considerable violence. The German Emperor's own regiment was selected to make an assault on a strong French position, which the Berlin statement says was won. The French statement, in referring to what apparently was the same engagement, says that the German attack was repulsed and that progress was made by the allied troops.

In Belgium infantry fighting has been resumed, although it is not clear whether the Germans have begun another general movement. The French War Office reports that German attacks on entrenchments were beaten back and that the Germans suffered heavily in the artillery duel.

At other points in the line fighting has become more spirited than had been the case for some time. According to the French statement, ground has been won by the allies in certain sections, including the occupation of German trenches.

Berlin still insists that affairs in the east are progressing to its satisfaction, although no new details of the movement are given. It is stated that in the fighting in Russian Poland between November 11 and December 1, 80,000 Russians were captured unwounded.

The situation in Serbia is reported at Sofia, Bulgaria, to be a critical one for the home army, which is seeking to

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BIG DECREASE IN RECEIPTS

Customs and Internal Revenue Show Marked Falling Off

By Associated Press.

Washington, Dec. 2.—Customs and internal revenue receipts for November show a marked decrease from the same month last year. Customs receipts were \$16,924,409 compared with \$21,173,628 for November, 1913, while internal revenue receipts at \$24,359,963 were nearly \$5,000,000 less than in the same month last year. For the month the excess of ordinary disbursements over receipts was \$15,880,863 compared with an excess of the same sort last year of \$2,713,732.

Income from the war tax will begin to show this month. Custom receipts, despite the comparison with November, 1913, were \$650,000 greater than in October.

Gold coin and bullion in the Treasury trust fund increased during the month nearly \$26,000,000.

\$1 More for Belgian Fund

The Star-Independent acknowledges the receipt of \$1 from J. Crutchley for the Belgian relief fund. It will be forwarded to the proper persons at once.

IT COST PINCHOT \$49,275.95 TO RUN

Washington Party Candidate for Senator Paid That Amount Out of Own Pocket

FLINN GAVE MOOSERS \$8,555

Expenses of Judge Frazer's Campaign Totaled \$8,902, of Which He Contributed \$1,574—Judge Trexler Spent \$5,116 of His Personal Funds

William Flinn, of Pittsburgh, Progressive party National Committeeman from this State and head of the Washington party in Pennsylvania by virtue of being the right hand man of Colonel Roosevelt in this State, gave \$8,555.86 toward the Washington party campaign this year, according to the expense account filed to-day by Robert K. Young, treasurer of the party's State Committee. Mr. Young received in all \$32,475.07, and paid out \$31,756.34, leaving a balance of about \$700 on hand for the next campaign.

Besides the Flinn contribution, Mr. Young received \$1,500 from Vance C. McCormick, the Democratic-Washington candidate for Governor; \$5,000 from Mrs. Charles B. Woods, of Washington, Gifford Pinchot's sister; \$1,000 from Harry Watson, candidate for Congressman-at-large; \$1,000 from Fred E. Lewis, candidate for Secretary of Internal Affairs; \$300 from William Draper Lewis, who retired from the contest for Governor, and \$4,300 from Amos Pinchot, of New York, brother of the candidate for United States Senator.

Outside of these large amounts, Treasurer Young received hundreds of contributions running from \$1 to \$25, but mostly of the smaller sum. The

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STAR-INDEPENDENT MAN TO TAKE 'DEEP SEA' DIVE

Leland F. Schaner, Reporter, in Captain Sorcho's Suit, Will Telephone His Sensations From the Bottom of the Ten-Foot Tank at the Orpheum

This afternoon following the regular program at the Orpheum theatre, Leland F. Schaner, 3 South Sixteenth street, a reporter for the Star-Independent, is scheduled to dive into Captain Sorcho's ten-foot tank of water, wearing the captain's deep-sea diving suit, on the stage of the vaudeville house.

Mr. Schaner has volunteered to do this to test a submarine telephone invented by Captain Sorcho. While under ten feet of water he will telephone a description of his sensations at the bottom of the tank to an editor who will be at his desk in the Star-Independent building.

All new wires have been installed in making the connection from the submarine telephone apparatus to the surface line. This work was under the supervision of S. B. Watts, local manager of the Bell Telephone Company, and F. F. Lutz, plant manager of the Bell Telephone Company.

The using of all new wire was suggested by Captain Sorcho so as to prove conclusively that his invention is not a fake but is a practical apparatus which may be a great benefit to deep-sea divers in the future.

The story telephoned to the Star-Independent by Mr. Schaner will be printed in to-morrow's edition of this paper.

MEN GET BARGAIN CONTEST PRIZES

Writers of the Best Letters This Week, as Last, Happen All to Be of Male Sex

WOMEN STILL SEEK THE PRIZES

The Decision of the Judges, Necessarily Impartial, Gives the Cash Awards to Charles L. Gerdes, P. Vanderloo and W. Kent Gilbert

Women are losing their reputations as "bargain fiends," in the bargain picking contest being conducted by the Star-Independent. This week, as was the case last week, the winners are all men.

The men have just been carrying off the prizes because they seem to be able to tell why a bargain is a bargain in a more logical and convincing manner than women competitors. It seems unlikely that the women will let them continue to win the prizes indefinitely, since that would reflect too much on their ability to pick good bargains.

The winners of the prizes this week are Charles L. Gerdes, 536 Forrest streets, \$3; P. Vanderloo, Third and State streets, \$2, and W. Kent Gilbert, Camp Hill, \$1.

The prize winning letters follow:

First Prize Winner
The Bargain Editor:
Dear Sir:

The most conspicuous advertisement in this week's issue of the Star-Independent's Great Bargain and Educational Page in my estimation is the announcement of the School of Commerce.

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SEIZED ON MAIL ROBBERY CHARGE

Pennsylvania Railroad Station Porter Is Accused of Thefts Covering Two Years

SHADOWED BY SECRET SERVICE

Frank B. Gotshall Will Be Arraigned For a Hearing Late This Afternoon Before United States Commissioner Wolfe

Frank B. Gotshall, 29 years old, a baggage porter at the Pennsylvania railroad station, was arrested this morning by P. L. Barclay, captain of police of the Philadelphia division of the Pennsylvania railroad. Gotshall is charged with systematically robbing mail and parcel post packages and baggage entrusted to the railroad company for transportation.

The arrest followed an investigation carried on by the railroad police and postal inspectors and covered a period of two years. Postal Inspectors D. E. Lucas, D. M. O'Neill and T. N. Disten, at times worked on the case.

The charge against Gotshall is brought by Postal Inspector Lucas. In it the inspector mentions a number of instances of larceny from the mails.

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DR. STOUGH HITS AT RUSSELLISM

In Sermon on Hell He Calls Leader of Sect Most Dangerous Man on Earth

SPIRITUALISM ALSO GETS RAP

Revivalist, in Hour and a Half of Rapid Preaching, Tries to Show That Place of Eternal Torment Is Worse Than Fire and Brimstone

"There is no more dangerous man to-day walking this earth than Charles Russell," shouted Evangelist Stough at the tabernacle last night, in a violent denunciation of the doctrine of a second chance in the hereafter, and of the doctrine's originator. "We need to be alarmed over the devil-inspired teachings of Pastor Russell. He has enough truth mixed with his lies to deceive people of superficial thinking, and that is why his beliefs are becoming so widespread. The explanation he tries to advance about the story of Lazarus is one that only an idiot could have thought of. Those of you who have read that explanation can appreciate what I am saying."

Hell was Dr. Stough's theme, and he preached about hell unceasingly for an hour and a-half, introducing argument after argument in justification of his belief in a place of the most horrible eternal torment. His speech came more rapidly than usual, if that were possible, and some of his sentences he strung out clause after clause for several minutes with scarcely a breathing interval from beginning to end.

SEPARATION OF GOOD AND BAD

He began his sermon by saying that he believed the story of Lazarus to be not a parable but a piece of biography, by reason of the fact that Jesus assigned a name to the beggar. He then proceeded with an argument that since it is thought wise to separate good folks from bad folks here on earth, in

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MAYOR'S SENTENCE LEADS UP TO MAN'S CONVERSION

William Simmons, of Lemoyne, Obeys Mandate of City's Executive to Attend Tabernacle Meetings and He "Hits Sawdust Trail"

Mayor Royal, who has met every type of man, the petty violator as well as the hardened criminal in the course of his duty as magistrate in police court, was never so much cheered during the occupancy of his office as this morning when he learned that one of the sentences he imposed in police court has turned out better than he dared hope when he imposed it.

A man sentenced to attend the tabernacle meetings carried out that mandate, heeded the admonitions of the evangelist and has been converted. Police court was his road to salvation.

On the man's own admission, William Simmons, of Lemoyne, had gone to the tabernacle meeting to hear Dr. Henry W. Stough, the evangelist, on the night of November 11 with a flask of whiskey in his pocket and later, on attempting to walk to his home across the bridge, suddenly lost consciousness. Policemen Schelhas and Wiesman found him on the island and sent him in under a disorderly practice charge. After his name in the docket was written "drunk."

Mayor Royal thereupon sentenced Simmons to attend the tabernacle meetings and he promised faithfully to do so. Indirectly Mayor Royal learned this morning that Simmons has not only been faithfully carrying out his sentence to attend the meetings but has since "hit the trail" and is living a clean, upright life.

SCHWAB AND BRYAN MEET TO DISCUSS BUILDING OF SUBMARINES FOR THE WAR

Washington, Dec. 2.—Secretary Bryan to-day invited Charles M. Schwab, president of the Bethlehem Steel Company, to the State Department and gave him the views of the American government on the building of submarines in this country for European belligerents. Mr. Bryan declined to disclose what was the position of the American government. He declared the question was not yet concluded, but was "under consideration."

Mr. Schwab, accompanied by two assistants, also refused to discuss their mission. "Mr. Schwab came," Mr. Bryan said, "in response to our inquiry concerning the manufacture in this country of ships or materials for shipbuilding."

Recent reports that the Bethlehem Steel Company had contracted to build submarines, which would be shipped in sections, have been variously denied and partially confirmed. The visit of Mr. Schwab, however, revealed that the State Department had taken official cognizance of the subject, although Secretary Bryan announced yesterday that government agents, after a thorough investigation, had been unable to learn that any work was being done anywhere in this country in the construction of foreign warships or parts thereof.

It was believed, however, that the State Department desired to consult with the steel company officials so there would be no violations of neutrality if contracts were taken. While the export of munitions of war, such as guns, shells or ammunition, is not prohibited by the neutrality laws, the fitting out of warships or any armed expedition from American soil would be considered a violation.

MUCH LOOT IS RECOVERED

Police Take Goods Valued at Several Hundred Dollars From Room of Alleged Shop-Lifter

When the police this morning searched the room in a boarding house on North Sixth street, occupied by A. J. Silks, who was arrested last night on Market Square charged with the larceny of an atomizer valued at \$2 from the Golden Seal drug store, a large stock of articles of varied kinds was found and taken to police headquarters.

The goods came from hardware, jewelry and drug stores, and are of several hundred dollars' value. Among them are tools marked P. R. R. and railroad policemen are among the men who are this afternoon seeking to identify their property. Because of delays in identification, the hearing will not be held until to-morrow afternoon at 2 o'clock.

Silks was arrested last night on the complaint of Dr. Henry Reuter, proprietor of the Golden Seal. He was seized by Patrolman Buch in front of the Market Square Presbyterian church. It is the opinion of the police that he is a systematic shop-lifter.

TRAGEDY IN APARTMENTS

Prominent Club Man Killed by Head of Shoe Company

By Associated Press.

Atlanta, Ga., Dec. 2.—James P. Callaway, a prominent young business and club man, was shot and instantly killed here to-day by W. B. Carhart, president of a shoe manufacturing company.

The tragedy occurred in Carhart's apartments in the fashionable residence section of the city. Carhart immediately notified the police and surrendered.

In a statement to the police Carhart declared he thought Callaway was a burglar. He told the police that he and his wife returned to their apartment at a late hour and Mrs. Carhart saw a man leaving the room of her son. She called to her husband who shot the man as he was climbing over a rear porch. The dead man is said to have been a personal friend of Carhart and the latter's son, Louis.

Partner in Morgan Firm Dies

New York, Dec. 2.—Temple Bowdoin, a partner in the firm of J. P. Morgan & Company, died here to-day. He was 51 years old and succeeded his father as a partner in the Morgan firm.

SMITH FED CHICKS TO THE HOGS

Father Says Youth Accused of Murder Put 42 Live Peeps in the Oven to "Dry" Them

ALIENISTS TAKE STAND TO-DAY

Mother Testifies the Boy Shunned Associates and Refused to Work—He Bought Only Candy When He Was Sent to Store for Groceries

That Edward G. Smith, charged with the murder of his grandfather, John E. Bush, at Inglebrook December 17, last, whose mental condition now is the subject of a special inquiry by a court jury before Judge McCarrell, is an idiot, subject to fits and brainstorms, ignorant, unintelligent, bashful, and a fit person for an institution for the insane, were the declarations of Mr. and Mrs. Charles Smith, the parents of the accused, made in court this morning.

The parents were the only witnesses called at the morning session to-day, the examination of each taking exactly an hour and a half. Alienists were called to the stand this afternoon after which it was expected the other side would be opened. It is not likely that the jury will make a decision before Friday.

Mrs. Smith said her son, by shunning boy and girl friends at the Inglebrook cottage, had frequently caused her embarrassment.

"He refused to work and when he did do little chores for us, it was because we drove him to it," the mother declared. "Frequently I sent him to the store for groceries and he came back with nothing but candy. Later we were obliged to give him a note telling the grocer what things we wanted."

The Mother's Testimony
"Ever since this terrible thing has happened he has not once asked for me. He has shunned me and refused to talk to me when I went to the prison to see him."

On a visit to her son in the prison last March, more than three months after the alleged crime, Mrs. Smith said to-day the youth would not speak to her. Although she kissed his cheek as she greeted him and before she departed, the mother said he remained unmoved and stared out the window.

She called on him last on Monday, she said.

"I asked him if he knew me and he said, 'yes.' Mr. Smith then spoke up and told the boy that I was his mother. To that he said, 'Oh, no. It's Mrs. Smith, your wife.'"

After declaring that her son, while in the Inglebrook cottage, allowed potatoes to cook for several days or until they would get black, before he would eat them, the mother added:

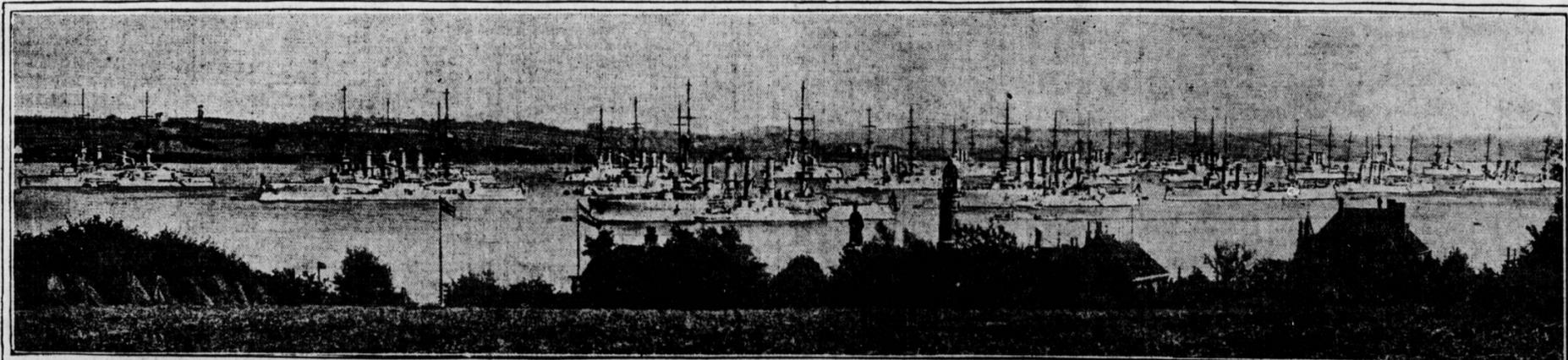
"That boy has not been right since birth, but I always objected to his being placed in an institution for the insane. I know he would have been put away if it had become known what my father (the murdered man) had told me about his mother ago."

Youth Pushes Mother Away
The husband and father followed Mrs. Smith to the witness stand. When he said he is the father of the prisoner the accused youth spoke aloud, saying: "You notify Mr. Smith to go out and get his son and bring him into court."

Instantly the mother seized her son

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PRECAUTIONS TAKEN AT KIEL FOR ATTACK ON CANAL BY AIR OR LAND ONLY SIGN OF WAR IN KAISER'S WATERWAY



GERMANY'S PRE-DREADNAUGHT FLEET MOORED IN KIEL HARBOR

A correspondent, concerning his first visit to Kiel since the outbreak of the war, writes the following:—"A pair of gray submarines lie alongside the dock where the American sonderklasse yachts were moored during their last stop at Kiel. The war ships anchored in the fjord wear war paint and have their torpedo nets rigged. A Red Cross flag flies from the Imperial Yacht Club. The skylights in the shipyard buildings have been blackened to prevent lights from within being seen by hostile aviators, and for a similar reason occasionally sentinels may be seen on the tops of high structures. A broad expanse of fortifications and barbed wire entanglement is traversed here and there when one is driving on the outskirts. These precautions have been taken against any possible attack on the all important Kiel Canal by air or by land. Otherwise the Kiel of these days of warfare appears little different from the Kiel of ordinary times. In the harbor steamships and tugs with long tows go about their customary work, and in town, although there naturally is more activity, the people seem to be pursuing their ordinary course of life."