

MONARCHS AT FRONT; HALT NEWS

With Emperor William and King George on the Battlefields. Censorship Tightens

THE DOMINATING ISSUE IS POLAND

Result of the Great Clash of Arms in the Eastern Arena Expected to Go Far Toward Determining the Duration of the War

London, Dec. 4, 12.47 P. M.—A few indirect inferences, in the shape of picturesque sketches of the visits of Emperor William and King George to the respective battle fronts and the activities of the Prince of Wales in the trenches, constitute virtually the entire budget of war news which has reached the British public in the past twenty-four hours, apart, of course, from the unilluminating reports given out at the French, Russian and German headquarters. Of the details of the fighting, with its enormous tolls of killed and wounded, the public hears nothing.

For the moment the dominating issue remains in the eastern arena of the war, where the result of the great clash of millions of men in Poland will go far toward determining the duration of the war, as well as its character during the next few months, but those more or less behind the scenes believe they see signs that the deceptive interim of relative calm which has marked the operations in Flanders for the past few days has almost reached its limit.

Predict German Onslaught

The present activity of the German artillery is believed to be a prelude to another formidable and concentrated onslaught somewhere on the allies' line. This line, however, is believed by both British and French experts to have been made impregnable since the last German effort was so nearly successful in hammering its way through.

Signs of Activity in Alsace

There are signs of approaching activity in Alsace, where the French recently have been improving their positions. At the same time the Germans are said to have been heavily reinforced in this section. General Joffre's recent declaration to the Alsations that "we are back here to stay" may soon be put to test.

The Fighting in Russian Poland

In the opinion of British observers, appears to have had no effect on the Russian operations against Cracow, to stop which has been the main object of the Germans. In the possession of heights within three or four miles of the outer forts of the former capital of Poland, the Russians appear to have the Cracow fortress at their mercy. The very fact that the Moscovites have been able to get to such close quarters seems to indicate that the guns of Cracow are not so formidable as has commonly been reported.

33,000 Russian Officers Lost

Berlin, Dec. 4, by Wireless to Sayville, L. I.—Among the items of news given out by the German official press bureau to-day is the following: "The Russian military newspaper, 'Rusky Invalid,' states that the number of Russian officers killed, wounded or taken prisoners now totals 33,000."

Caricatures of Kaiser Barred

London, Dec. 4, 2.12 P. M.—Post cards caricaturing Emperor William and the German Crown Prince have been barred from the fighting line by the English and French authorities. This action is due to the discovery, it is said, that the German military code renders the possessors of such cards who may be taken prisoners liable to summary treatment.

Fractures Arm in Fall

Frank Adicks, 62 years old, of Paxtang, fractured his right arm above the elbow early last evening in a fall from Moyer's dam, on which he was walking. He was admitted to the Harrisburg hospital for treatment.

LATE WAR NEWS SUMMARY

The first official word to indicate that the predicted assault of the allies on the German lines in Belgium may have been begun came to-day. The German War Office statement says that the French have made repeated attacks in Flanders, which were repulsed. This brief reference does not make it clear how extensive the movement is. For several days it had been reported unofficially that the allies had determined on an assault which would lead to one of the greatest struggles of the war, with the object on their part of breaking the German line in the northwest and, if possible, forcing a general retreat.

In Alsace, too, the French apparently have made a new attack. The German statement reports that an attempted advance northward of Altkirch, Upper Alsace, was beaten back with considerable losses for the French.

Paris and London are curiously reserved concerning these reported developments. So far as was related in dispatches from those cities, no events of great importance are under way.

In the campaign against the Russians, Germany asserts that she has won a victory in East Prussia, inflicting heavy losses in checking a Russian advance east of the plain of the Mazurian lakes.

Emperor William has returned from his trip to the battlefields of East Prussia and Poland for a short stay in Berlin.

The almost complete stoppage of news of the war to-day from official or other sources raised the question whether a censorship of unusual severity had been put in force. The cables brought practically no information notwithstanding the fact that surely in the east and possibly in the west there are now in progress battles of the highest importance. On several occasions earlier

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\$800,000 IN ART DESTROYED

Fire in Hold of Freight Steamer on Voyage From Havre

New York, Dec. 4.—Paintings and art objects of an estimated value of about \$800,000 were destroyed by fire in the hold of the freight steamer Mississippi, which arrived here on November 27, it became known yesterday when the shipment was examined by customs officials and representatives of insurance companies.

The fire started soon after the Mississippi left Havre, and no news of the fire was given out. Crates containing other paintings were not opened, but as they are badly charred, their contents are also expected to be a total loss. The works destroyed were consigned to New York art dealers.

Stonewall Jackson's Home Burned

Weston, W. Va., Dec. 4.—The boyhood home of General Thomas J. ("Stonewall") Jackson, a frame house north of here, was destroyed by fire last night. Leaves left burning by children are believed to have ignited the building. The old Jackson mill nearby was not harmed.

FLOWERS FOR A THOUSAND HOMES

Autos Carry Bouquets to Invalids To-day With Compliments of Stough Campaign

BIBLE VERSES ARE ATTACKED

At Tabernacle Last Night, Evangelist Tries to Have Audience Visualize Christ's Crucifixion by Presenting Realistic Scenes of Calvary

To no less than a thousand homes in this city and surrounding towns this morning, automobiles brought flowers for shut-ins, with the compliments of the Stough evangelistic campaign. Cut flowers and potted plants were donated at the tabernacle last night, "Flower Night," in great abundance and banked along the front of the platform making a great display. They were kept there in water until this morning, when several hundred women gathered to sort them and prepare them for distribution among the sick. Owners of automobiles responded in large numbers to the call for conveyances, and transported the women to the homes of the shut-ins.

SAYS WOMAN ROBBED HIM

Edgar Hicks Charges Her With the Larceny of \$25

Rebecca Thomas, colored, was arrested this morning by Policeman McCann and taken to police headquarters where she was identified by Edgar Hicks, 1304 North Third street, as the woman who accosted him on Cowden street near North last night and robbed him of a pocketbook containing \$25.

Hicks is a mail clerk and was on his way to work when he was stopped by the woman who succeeded in getting his pocketbook out of his pocket. He went to police headquarters and described his assailant and Rebecca Thomas was picked up. He positively identified her. She was given a hearing in police court this afternoon.

CHARGE OF TWO AUDITORS \$689

Cassel Has Not Yet Submitted His Bill for Going Over County Records

HOUSTON WORKED FOR 106 DAYS

Riegle Seeks Remuneration for 93 Days Employment—Officials Say the York County Audit Was Made in Two Weeks

The annual report of the board of Dauphin county auditors who examined the 1913 accounts of County Treasurer A. H. Bailey, as required by law, was to-day turned over to Henry F. Holler, the clerk of the courts.

Francis W. Riegle, one of the three auditors, submitted a bill for 93 days' work on the audit at \$3 a day, or \$279, and a bill for mileage of 1,512 miles at 6 cents, or \$90.72, making his total charge \$369.72.

Fred. W. Houston charged for 106 days' work at \$3 a day, or \$318, and for mileage at 33 miles at 6 cents, or \$1.92. His total charge is thus \$319.92. The bills of the two auditors who have submitted their charges thus total \$689.64.

The third auditor, J. W. Cassel, president of the board, had not submitted his bill late this afternoon. He said he has been too busy to make it out and that he would be unable to do so to-day. He added that he does not know how much the amount will be and cannot tell until he consults his records of the time he put in at the work each day.

At the time the audit started Judge Kunkel and members of the board of County Commissioners said that they estimated the thirty days would be all the time necessary for the auditors to complete the work. County officials remarked this afternoon that only two weeks were required to make the audit in York county. They asked, too, why Mr. Houston, who lives in the city, had a bill for mileage.

The charges cover the time the auditors spent on the examination of the county records, from July 27, when the Treasurer's books were given to them by virtue of a Dauphin county court decision, up until to-day. County Treasurer Bailey examined the report immediately before it was given over to the Commissioners and he stated that the auditors' balances do not differ from his.

\$142,562 Balance at Year's End

The funds or balance in the hands of the County Treasurer at the close of the 1913 fiscal year, January 5, 1914,—the report shows, was \$142,562.02. The assets, including the treasurer's balance, were made up as

G. O. P. CHIEFS ARE HERE

Ponrose, Oliver, Crow and Mayor Armstrong Will Confer With Governor Tener To-night

United States Senator George T. Oliver and Mayor Armstrong, of Pittsburgh, arrived here this afternoon to be the guests of Governor Tener, and it is understood that during their visit the political situation in Western Pennsylvania with reference to filling vacancies in certain offices will be considered.

The matter of appointing a successor to Judge Frazer, who goes on the Supreme Bench in January, will not be one of the subjects taken up, as it is said that Governor Tener has already decided on that appointment.

Later it was learned that Senator Penrose plans to arrive here to-night and that William E. Crow, chairman of the Republican State Committee, also will be here.

The political conference will be held to-night at the Executive Mansion. One of the things that will be discussed, it was learned late to-day, is the selection of the man who will become Speaker of the House of Representatives. Beyond that it was impossible to learn what would be discussed at the conference.

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ANALYSIS OF POWDER WILL FIGURE IN POISON CASE

Result Will Be Submitted in Testimony When Man Accused of Causing the Illness of 18 Persons Is Tried Before Alderman Nicholas To-morrow

Analysis is being made to-day of a white powder which Mrs. John Pollicie, No. 1101 South Ninth street, said she removed from the top of sauerkraut she was preparing in the kitchen of her home, it was announced to-day, will be made known at the hearing of Andrew Mlotwick, who will be arraigned before Alderman Nicholas to-morrow on a charge of having poisoned Mr. and Mrs. Pollicie, their five children and eleven boarders in the Pollicie home.

The eighteen persons who became ill after eating the sauerkraut in the boarding house were all reported to-day to be out of danger and they probably will appear as witnesses at the hearing which will be held at 7.30 o'clock in the evening.

The white powder that Mrs. Pollicie removed from sauerkraut she was preparing may not have been what caused the illness of the eighteen persons. The belief was expressed to-day that the white powder was intended as an antidote for something that previously had been put into the food. There is a strong belief, in fact, that the white powder that is being analyzed to-day is nothing more than epsom salts.

None of the original batch of sauerkraut, which is said to have caused the illness, is available for analysis, so far as could be learned.

THIRD MAIL THEFT ARRESTS

William F. Frasch Held in \$1,500 Bail for Connection With Parcel Post Robbery

William F. Frasch, 1710 Carnation street, a baggage man at the Pennsylvania railroad station, was arrested last night by Captain Barclay, of the Pennsylvania railroad police, and W. E. Lucas, postal inspector, on a warrant issued by the latter charging Frasch with larceny from the United States mail.

Frasch was arraigned before United States Commissioner LeRoy J. Wolfe this morning and pleaded guilty to the charge and was held under \$1,500 bail for United States Court.

This was the third arrest in connection with the larceny of parcel post packages in the Pennsylvania station. Frasch was released on bail furnished by his father.

Income Tax Order to Consuls

Washington, Dec. 4.—By an executive order just issued American consuls are required to perform any necessary service in connection with the execution of income tax returns without fee.

BABY SWALLOWS OPEN SAFETY PIN

Mr. and Mrs. Newton Miller Take One-Year-Old Son to a Pittsburgh Surgeon

HIS LIFE HANGS IN THE BALANCE

Presence of Open Pin Discovered Yesterday Afternoon by Physician After X-Ray Examination at the Harrisburg Hospital

With an open safety pin lodged in his esophagus, point upward, Frederick Miller, the one-year-old son of Mr. and Mrs. Newton Miller, 1221 Market street, was taken to Pittsburgh last evening and placed in the hands of the famous surgeon, Jackson, for an operation in the hope that the child's life could be saved.

Arrangements for the operation were made by physicians at the Harrisburg Hospital and the anxious parents left here at 7 o'clock last night with the baby. The result of the operation was not known here late this afternoon.

Late Wednesday morning the baby was playing on the floor of his home and picked up a pin. It was at first thought that it was an ordinary pin and after choking a while the baby seemed to get better, but the mother bundled him up and took him to the Harrisburg Hospital. He was placed in the care of physicians. The child was smiling and it was hard to believe that he had swallowed anything as dangerous as a pin.

13,000 WILL GET HOLIDAY CHECKS

Union Trust Company's Christmas Saving Fund Will Be Released Next Week

MEANS A BOON TO THE SHOPPERS

Money Accumulated by Small Deposits During the Year Is About to Become Available to Santa Claus or for Permanent Investment

Thousands of dollars will be put into circulation in Harrisburg and surrounding towns next Thursday or Friday when the Union Trust Company's Christmas Saving Fund will send out its checks to its 13,000 members. This announcement was made this morning by Charles S. Boll, president of the Union Trust Company.

The many members of this fund who had the account last year to look a year ahead will soon receive the reward of their thrift. For the last several weeks Andrew S. Patterson, treasurer of the Saving Fund, has been working day and night at the tiresome task of signing these 13,000 checks, which range in value from \$12.50 to \$63.75, according to the classes that the members entered.

The checks coming right at the time when every person is wondering where he will be able to get enough money to buy all of the Christmas presents he wishes to give, will be a boon to the Christmas shoppers. The issuing of these checks will mean not only crowded stores and happy Christmas awakenings but also that many persons who never before could start a saving fund will now deposit their checks in their bank so as to have something toward a rainy day.

Any of the local merchants will be glad to cash any of these checks, which are in the same form as those issued last year except for the fact that this year the checks bear the picture of an up-to-date Santa Claus who is driving an automobile instead of the old-time sleigh and reindeer.

In the four years of this saving fund's existence its growth has been remarkable. During the first year the club had 3,500 members, but this year it has almost one-fifth as many men, women and children as constitute the population of Harrisburg.

Next year's club opens Monday, December 21, at which time new members will be permitted to join. This club has taught many people to save small amounts who, without its aid, were accustomed to look forward to Christmas with apprehension that they would be unable to purchase presents for all their friends they wished to remember. It has also aided many in buying "that home" which for many years had been looked at with envy.

Many memberships are kept up by husbands for their wives as a present and by many wives to present to their husbands. Fathers often practice self-denial so as to be able to keep up their fund, and when they receive the check immediately place it in bank to help pay for "Johnnie's" or "Mary's" education.

ENTER PLEAS OF NOT GUILTY

William Rockefeller and Other Former New Haven Directors Change Their Former Action

New York, Dec. 4.—The pleas in abatement made by William Rockefeller and seven others of the twenty-one directors and former directors of the New Haven railroad to indictments charging them with criminal violation of the law, have been dismissed and pleas of not guilty were entered instead to-day.

In addition to Mr. Rockefeller, Robert W. Taft and Charles F. Brewster, Frederick F. Brewster, D. Newton Barney, Henry K. McHarg, A. Heaton Robertson and James S. Hemingway were the defendants who entered pleas of not guilty. The new pleadings were made necessary by the dismissal of the pleas in abatement, which contended that the indictments were improperly drawn.

William Skinner, James S. Elton and George F. Baker entered pleas of immunity on the ground that they had testified before the Interstate Commerce Commission at Washington. These pleas and the ones already filed by John R. Billard, E. D. Robbins and T. DeWitt Cuyler, will be argued before Judge Rudkin on Monday.

ACTOR'S RELATIVES FOUND

Heart Trouble Cause of Death of Colonial Performer

Valvular heart trouble is given as the cause of the death of the actor who was stricken suddenly at Second and Chestnut streets yesterday afternoon, the cause of the death being determined by Dr. George R. Moffitt, who conducted a post-mortem examination under the direction of Coroner Eckinger.

GOVERNOR A LIFE MEMBER

Unusual Honor Granted to Executive at Golfer's Dinner at Harrisburg Country Club

At a dinner given by the golf playing members of the Harrisburg Country Club at the club house last evening, Governor John K. Tener was tendered the honor of the first life membership ever given by the club. It was proposed by Carl B. Ely, a former president of the club and the proposition was roundly cheered, for Governor or Tener has become an ardent devotee of golf since his residence in Harrisburg, where he first started to play the game.

Charles H. Bergner presided at the dinner the feature of which was the presentation of the cups won during the year.

Governor Tener's handsome presentation loving cup, which was won by George W. Reilly, finally reached Mr. Reilly after a series of speeches that began with the Governor and went through officials of the club. Walter P. Maguire was presented with the vice president's cup, a hardy annual, and Mr. Reilly also received the golfers' cup, another annual. The board of governors' trophy, which carries with it the club championship, was won by Jackson H. Boyd and the cup given to him, Ross A. Hickok and Carl W. Davis were winners of the second and third sixteens, respectively.

Those at the dinner were Governor Tener, Mr. Bergner, Dr. Wright, A. S. McCreath, Leslie McCreath, Robert McCreath, William McCreath, B. H. Evans, R. Boone Abbott, A. Boyd Hamilton, Donald McCormick, R. V. McKay, T. D. Baldwin, C. M. Kaltwasser, W. W. Davis, D. M. Dull, H. L. Hosford, E. Kiestler, Paul Hooker, Ross A. Hickok, H. B. Bent, F. J. Brady, Theodore J. Goull, Carl W. Davis, Charles H. Bergner, B. G. Goldsborough, George W. Reilly, F. D. Carney, C. E. Ryder, W. B. McCaleb, B. P. Royer, E. L. Miller, Clarence B. Miller, S. C. Todd, W. H. Gaither, E. J. Hall, J. H. Boyd, Frank Payne, Lew R. Palmer, A. Morris Sides, Carl B. Ely, Lewis E. Johnson, John Fox Weiss, E. J. Bevan, W. P. Maguire, P. M. Davis, John P. Dohoney, J. L. Shearer, Jr., John E. Erierson, W. L. Gillespie, J. H. Forsythe, F. Herbert Snow, Dr. H. M. Stine, J. A. Clement, Neil E. Salsich, T. O. Williamson, W. C. Fowles, Sr., and George R. Moffitt.

Policeman Has Narrow Escape

Had not Policeman John Hess stopped at the foot of the steps in the Market street subway yesterday afternoon to stop two men from drinking from a flask he would have been under the headstone when it was knocked loose by an automobile. The policeman had to jump as it was to escape the falling stone and bricks. A machine containing E. E. Curry, of New York, and E. H. Kyle, of Philadelphia, struck the iron railing when the steering mechanism of the machine failed to work.

Representative Merritt Dies

Watertown, N. Y., Dec. 4.—Representative Edwin A. Merritt, of Potsdam, died here to-day.

KILLS ASSAILANT OF HER HUSBAND

Toledo Woman Opens Fire on Gang That Invades Home and Shoots Spouse

AIR OF MYSTERY ABOUT TRAGEDY

Sensational Shooting Affair Last Night in Residence Section of Toledo When Louisville Gunman Call Former Saloonkeeper to Front Door

Toledo, O., Dec. 4.—One Louisville gunman is dead, three others are hiding in the underworld section of the city, a Toledo man is in a hospital with perhaps fatal wounds and his wife is held by the police as a Coroner's witness as the result of the shooting, which took place in the residence section last night.

The wounded man is Harry C. Plummer until about a year ago a saloonkeeper at Louisville, Ky. His wife is said to have fired the shot which killed the unidentified man.

The shooting occurred at Plummer's home when the men rang the door bell and said: "we have a message for you from Louisville, Harry." Plummer opened the door and the men opened fire. Plummer fell to the floor with two bullet wounds. His wife, in her room upstairs, heard the shooting and seized a revolver from beneath a pillow on her bed. Hurriedly descending the stairs she fired at one of the intruders. They made their exit through a kitchen window. The dead man was found by the police in the rear yard. A dragnet was thrown out. The men were traced to the tenebrous where they were swallowed up.

Plummer says he knew the men in Louisville, but does not remember their names. The police discredit his story. The theory is that the shooting is the result of an infraction of underworld rules and that the four men came here to wreak vengeance.

SMITH CASE WILL GO TO JURY TO-DAY

Impression Strong That Youth Will Be Adjudged Insane Late This Afternoon

STATE'S LAST WITNESS HEARD

If Lad Is Declared of Unsound Mind He Probably Will Be Sent to Parvov Hospital and Escape Trial on Murder Charge

Whether Edward G. Smith now is sane and able to make a rational defense to the charge of murdering his grandfather, John E. Bush, at Inglenook on December 17, last—a crime for which he stands indicted—will be decided late to-day by the special criminal court jury which for five days has conducted an inquiry before Judge McCarroll.

The State's last witness, Dr. Thomas S. Blair, an alienist, who said the accused now is sane, left the stand at the close of the morning session and the County Prosecutor, as well as counsel for the accused, both said the case would likely be turned over to the jury late this afternoon.

This morning court attaches and spectators who have heard practically all of the testimony were predicting the probable decision of the jury. The opinion was almost unanimous that Smith will be declared insane and that his counsel thereupon would make a motion to have him sent to the State Hospital for the Insane in Parvov, Pa.

Such a decision would remove the possibility of a trial for the murder of the grandfather, Bush, so long as Smith's mental condition remains all the same now. However, if he is held to be insane, is placed in an institution for such unfortunates and his reason is restored through treatment, he then will be compelled to stand trial for the alleged murder.

Scott Trial to Come Next

Upon the decision of the jury in this present special inquiry, court attaches say, hangs the probable length of the present continued term of criminal court. District Attorney Stroup is planning to go right ahead with all the pending cases, a plan which, it is believed, will mean continuing the court term for at least one more week and probably two.

If Smith is found to be sane and able to make a rational defense to the murder charge it is not believed that his trial on that issue will be begun at once. The case of Robert P. Seol, the city patrolman charged with murdering a colored man in the Eighth ward, it is said, will be opened immediately after the present hearing.

Judge McCarroll, who has officiated in the present Smith inquiry, will in all probability take charge of the Scott trial. Judge Albert W. Johnson, of the United States judicial circuit, who has been holding court here this week, will not be here next week, so he announced from the bench this morning, and the District Attorney at noon to-day said he is unable to say whether another visiting Judge will be called in.

Dr. McKinniss Cross-Examined

Dr. C. R. McKinniss, one of the alienists who had testified in behalf of the accused, was this morning called to the stand on cross-examination. In his original testimony he said Smith is suffering from dementia precox, a form of insanity. To-day he declared positively that it would be impossible for the accused to feign that particular type of insanity without being informed beforehand just how such subjects act.

Dr. Blair, the State's alienist, this morning said that Smith is suffering from a mental inaccessibility—a form of dementia precox—and that affliction makes it difficult for him to confer intelligently with his counsel; but, Dr. Blair added, Smith is able to make a defense to a criminal charge.

The District Attorney and John Fox Weiss, of counsel for the accused, had verbal tiffs that frequently caused the spectators to laugh. Mr. Weiss many times interrupted the witness, Dr. Blair, objecting to what he considered "irrelevant" testimony. The remarks passed between counsel undoubtedly were "friendly" but they did not always lack a touch of ridicule.

SNIPERS KILL A MEXICAN

U. S. Soldiers Also Wounded in Firing From Trenches

Naco, Ariz., Dec. 4.—Snipers in the trenches of the Mexican combatants across the line, fired into American territory to-day, killing a Mexican civilian and wounding a United States soldier. Private John Miller, of the Tenth Cavalry, was shot in the thigh while in camp.

Miller is the fourteenth soldier to be hit by Mexican bullets. Eighteen Americans and twenty-eight Mexicans on this side of the border have been killed or wounded since the fighting at Naco, Sonora, began.

Dies of Pneumonia at Hospital

Furman F. Kuffman, 28 years old, 564 Camp street, died at 1.45 o'clock this afternoon at the Harrisburg hospital of pneumonia, two hours after he was admitted to that institution.