



BIG TUNNEL AT TEKHA IS DYNAMITED

Disaster Causes the Severing of Commu- nication Between Ser- via and Rumania

TRANSPORTS OF RUSSIA HALTED

Details of the Lodz Fighting Easily Prove That East Poland Conflict Has Been the Most Bloody Struggle of the Entire War

Amsterdam, via London, Dec. 5, 9.55 A. M.—The great tunnel near Tych-jetchair (Tekha) has been blown up by dynamite, thus severing communication between Serbia and Rumania, according to advices from Nish, Serbia, to the Rotterdam "Courant." The passage of Russian transports along the Danube, the dispatch stations, has therefore become impossible.

London, Dec. 5, 12.20 P. M.—While reports continue to come into London that the battle of Lodz has ended in a Russian victory, an official confirmation still is lacking and it is apparent to British observers that conditions in the north of Poland are to-day virtually the same as they were one week ago, after the German army had been saved from overwhelming defeat by the brilliant operation of General Mackensen.

Details of the Lodz fighting are beginning to filter through, and they easily prove it to have been the most bloody struggle of the entire war. The Germans are described as fighting their way through the Russian lines over the heaped-up bodies of their comrades. Berlin claims heavy captures of prisoners in this struggle, while from Kiev comes the announcement that the fortress there is crowded with German prisoners. Incidentally Kiev reports that since the beginning of the war 130,000 soldiers and 2,500 officers have passed through Kiev as prisoners of war. The allies have ceased claiming a tremendous victory in Northern Poland but they do assert that the operations there have been a strategic defeat for Germany and a tactical victory for Russia.

ROAR OF HEAVY CANNON IS HEARD IN UPPER ALSACE

Berne, Switzerland, Via Paris, Dec. 5, 3.15 A. M.—The sound of heavy cannonading in Upper Alsace has been heard as far as Basel and other localities near the Swiss frontier. The main struggle between the French and Germans, according to report reaching the Swiss frontier, is around Altkirch and Damerkirch.

The inmates of a large mad house near Zennheim, more than 400 in number, were so frightened by the roaring of the guns that they became frantic and tried to break out of the asylum. The German authorities were obliged to convey all of them to Mulhausen.

A newspaper dispatch states that the Germans are mounting guns before the City Hall and church in Colmar with the object of forcing the French to bombard the town in the hope that the population will be thus turned against the French.

LATE WAR NEWS SUMMARY

The desperate character of the hand to hand fighting in assaults on trenches the use of hand grenades and bomb throwing machines, are described in a British official eye witness report issued to-day, which also discloses that the allies are using tunnel boring apparatus for subterranean approach to the German entrenchments. It is said that subterranean life is the rule along the firing line where defensive operations have been brought to a state of such efficiency that the Germans have practically ceased to break through the line of the enemy by assaults. Open fighting consequently has almost disappeared and the contest has taken on the nature of siege operations.

This report, however, covers the situation only up to November 29, since which time, as is shown by recent official statements, there have been heavy infantry engagements.

To-day's announcements from the French and German war offices contain claims of progress on both sides. At one point north of the Lys, says the French statement, an advance of 500 yards—a noteworthy movement in view of the character of the operations—was made. The intense character of the fighting is indicated by the fact

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CHARGED WITH FIENDISH CRIME



LOUIS AND HERBERT COTE

As a result of the death by torture of little Hartley Webb at Presque Isle, Me., last June, Louis and Herbert Cote, boys of that town, have been indicted for murder and will plead at the criminal term of the Supreme Court now being held at Houlton, Me. The slaying of the Webb boy is one of the most brutal that has ever come to light in the criminal annals of New England. It is charged that the Cote brothers met the Webb boy on the banks of the Presque Isle stream. They tortured the little chap and after trying a shoestring about his neck, it is alleged, forced him into the water. When he attempted to make his way to land he was met with blows. Death at last ended his sufferings.

PLEAS TO CUT SENTENCES FAIL TO IMPRESS COURT

Judge Johnson Tells Lawyers Who Ask for Leniency for Clients That If He Changes Penalties It Will Be to Make Them Heavier

Judge Albert W. Johnson, of the United States judicial circuit, presiding in court here this week, told attorneys and court attendants this morning he wanted it understood that once he does show a disposition to be lenient with defendants he does not want to be prodded for "further mercy."

The remark came when Bessie Drewett, Daisy Brown and Christ Gembe, inmates, and Emma Stager, his counsel, Crook, operators of a disorderly house, were called for sentence. The Stager woman was given nine months and Crook got a year in the Dauphin county jail. Fines of \$25 and costs only were imposed upon the inmates of the house.

James G. Hatz, representing the defendants, asked Judge Johnson to reduce the amount of the fines imposed on the inmates.

"I will not do that, and if you keep on arguing I will make it more," snapped Judge Johnson.

J. E. Rice, convicted of embezzling \$750 from Francis Heck, got six months, a fine of \$25 and was ordered to pay the costs.

Morris Muff, convicted on a charge of seduction, was given a similar sentence. W. Justin Carter, his counsel, then asked the Judge to consider reducing either the prison term or the amount of the fine, saying that Muff will be obliged to remain in jail three months additional because he cannot pay the fine.

"If I change that sentence I am afraid I will have to give him more," began the Judge. "You can tell your client that he got off lucky. He ought to have been given no less than one year or more than three in the penitentiary. Nine months is not too much for him."

VESSELS ASHORE IN GALE

British Cruiser Venus Badly Damaged in Violent Storm That Is Sweep- ing Over England

London, Dec. 5, 3.35 P. M.—The British cruiser Venus ran ashore in the storm to-day, striking with her full force. Her foremast and a portion of the bridge were carried away by an enormous sea. The warship was running for a port in the south of England when the storm broke.

London, Dec. 5, 2.40 P. M.—The Norwegian steamer Waterloo of 1,283 tons foundered off the Lizard at midnight. Three persons were saved. The remainder of the crew is missing.

London, Dec. 5, 2.40 P. M.—The Booth Steamship Company's liner Antony, bound from Liverpool for Para, has been disabled by the storm now sweeping over England and is in distress fifty miles north of the Lizard.

Carranza Planning to Destroy Tunnels?

Washington, Dec. 5.—Sir Cecil Spring-Rice, the British ambassador, informed the State Department to-day of a dispatch from British Charge Holder in Mexico City, saying reports were current that General Carranza was planning to destroy the British-owned railroad between Vera Cruz and Mexico City by blowing up certain tunnels.

HIGH OFFICIALS IN INDIANA INDICTED

Large Sums of Money Unlawfully Drawn From State's Treas- ury, It's Charged

GIGANTIC FRAUD, SAYS GRAND JURY

Lieutenant Governor, Secretary of State and Eleven Others Connected With the 1913 Legislature Charged With Wholesale Plundering

By Associated Press.

Indianapolis, Dec. 5.—Very large sums of money were unlawfully drawn out of the treasury of Indiana during the session of the 1913 Legislature, according to the report made late last night by the Marion county Grand Jury, which indicted Lieutenant Governor William P. O'Neill, Homer L. Cook, Secretary of State, and eleven others connected with the Legislature in 1913, for the alleged signing or presentation of false claims which were paid out of the Legislative funds. The report continues:

"The total amount due to the 150 members of the Legislature for their per diem and mileage was \$60,803.60. The total money drawn from the treasury as expenses of the Legislature was \$160,000 plus, making \$100,000 of expense outside the pay of members of both bodies for their services."

"It is due to many members of the General Assembly and perhaps to a considerable majority of them to state that they had no knowledge of the vast sums of money that were being paid out to so-called employees."

"The evidence in this investigation also discloses a situation that calls aloud for penal legislation upon the subject of what is called 'lobbying' about the Legislature. It shows that men of great political influence, on account of their position in some instances and their relation to party organizations, do not hesitate to demand and receive large sums of money, running into thousands of dollars, to influence and control the legislation of the State. Men of different political parties under another employment from the same employer demand and receive large sums of money for their effort to control or influence legislation upon public bills. Such conduct is inimical to the very foundation of republican form of government and ought to be prevented by severe legislation so far as legislation can effect it."

WOMAN UNDER \$3,000 BAIL

Serious Charge Made Against Midwife as Result of Alarming Condition of an Alleged Patient

A serious charge growing out of a report of the condition of Mrs. Katie Nickoloff, of Royaltown, made to County Detective Walters by the Royaltown woman's physician was lodged yesterday against Mrs. Bertha M. Winfield, 607 North Sixth street, a midwife.

A warrant issued on information made by County Detective Walters was served on Mrs. Winfield last evening at 5 o'clock and she was held under \$3,000 bail for a hearing before Alderman Hooverer next Tuesday. Dr. Louis C. Goldman, 710 North Sixth street, entered that amount of bail in behalf of the midwife, before Mayor Royal last evening.

The reported condition of the Royaltown woman was such that County Detective Walters went to her home yesterday afternoon and took her statement. It was then feared she would not outlive the night. Her condition was very serious to-day and her physician held out no hope for recovery.

TROLLEY MAN IS ROBBED

William Mell Felled By Assailant at Sixteenth and State Streets at Midnight

William Mell, 1911 Forster street, was felled by a blow from an assailant who crept out of the bushes in the grass plot at Sixteenth and State streets at midnight last night, and his watch and a pocketbook containing \$7, were taken from him while he was prostrate on the street.

Mell, who is an employee of the Harrisburg Railways Company, was on his way home and crossed State street near the grass plot when the assailant jumped out struck him across the right cheek with a blunt instrument. He was dazed for a minute and on arising from the street did not notice that he had been robbed.

After cleaning the blood from the wound in his face at home he found his watch chain hanging from his vest and then discovered the loss. He reported it to the police.

Rolling Mill Sale Postponed

The sale of the old "Loebel Row" of houses and the site of the old Harrisburg rolling mill, which was scheduled to take place this afternoon at 2 o'clock, was again postponed because of the absence of bidders. The property will be put up again at auction on December 19.

MONEY FOR THE SHOPPERS SOON

Many Banking Institu- tions Will Pay Out Christmas Funds in Coming Week

IN THIS CITY AND STEELTON

Depositors Who Have Learned to Save in Small Amounts Are Rejoicing in Prospect of Having Cash for the Yuletide

In addition to the large sum of money which will be paid out by the Union Trust Company's Christmas Saving Fund many thousands of dollars will be put in circulation in the holiday season by the various other saving funds throughout this city and Steelton.

D. W. Sohn, president of the Commercial Bank, announced that his institution will pay between \$25,000 and \$30,000 to its 1,500 club members. This money will not be paid by check, but in cash on the presentation by the depositors of their cards. This, he thinks, will be a help to the depositors as it will do away with all lost check trouble.

The members of the Security Trust Company's Christmas Savings Club will receive their checks in the latter part of next week. While this club is only one year old the amount to be paid out is very large, and a substantial increase in membership is expected next year. The officials of the bank consider the showing of this new club most gratifying and an official announcement of the distribution will be made to the members in a few days.

The East End Bank will make distribution for several clubs organized in various industrial establishments in this city. This bank will start a Christmas Savings Club of its own on December 21, the particulars of which will be announced later.

W. H. Nell, cashier of the People's Bank, of Steelton, stated that at an early date it will distribute about

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BLUECOAT'S TRIAL LATER

Case of Patrolman Scott, Accused of Murder, Will Not Come Up in Court Until Next Month

Robert F. Scott, the negro patrolman who, it is charged, shot and killed Nathaniel Banks, also colored, at the Banks home, 1119 Monroe street, on the night of August 1, last, will not be placed on trial for the alleged murder until the next term of criminal court, beginning January 11, 1915.

The accused was brought into the court room at 11 o'clock this morning, just before the windup of this week's special term of criminal court, and his counsel, W. Justin Carter and Harry B. Saussaman, asked for a continuance of the hearing. They said it would be impossible to try the case now unless the present term of court be continued into next week.

The District Attorney approved this suggestion and Judge McCarrell permitted the case to go over. Counsel for the defense said no less than forty-five witnesses will be called in Scott's behalf, most of whom will confine their testimony to the character and reputation of the patrolman prior to the alleged crime.

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GETKIN KILLED BY TRAIN

Pennsylvania Railroad Employee Crushed in Paoli—His Father, Too, Met Death on Railroad

Edward Getkin, 26 years old, 643 Harris street, this city, employed in the signal department of the Pennsylvania Railroad Company, in Paoli, was almost instantly killed at 6 o'clock last evening when he fell beneath the wheels of a passenger train at the latter place.

The Getkin family moved to Harrisburg about two years ago, coming here from Sunbury some time after the young man's father was killed on the railroad.

The body of Edward Getkin was brought to this city from Paoli this afternoon. The man is believed to have attempted to alight from the passenger train when it was within a few blocks of the Paoli passenger station. His mother, Mrs. Ella Getkin, and one brother, survive him.

Samuel Greer, of Bryn Mawr, 42 years old, a Pennsylvania policeman, was killed shortly after midnight. His body was found near Rosemont and he is believed to have been struck by a train while he was walking along the track.

PASTORS COMING TO SEEDR. STOUGH

Invitations Are Sent to 250 To-day to Visit Here Tuesday and Watch Him in Action

CAMPAIGN MAY BE PROLONGED

Evangelist Serves Notice He Will Stay in City Until He "Licks the Devil," But Continuation Is Not Yet Re- garded as Settled

Ministers from Lancaster, York, Carlisle and other towns within a radius of twenty-five miles from Harrisburg, will be in this city next Tuesday to see Evangelist Henry W. Stough in action, and to witness the workings of the local campaign. Invitations have been sent out to-day to at least 250 ministers, regardless of denominations, by the pastors of co-operating churches in this city.

The letters of invitation state that there will be a conference between the visiting ministers and Dr. Stough at Market Square Presbyterian church at 10 o'clock in the morning. In the afternoon and in the evening at the tabernacle, seats will be reserved for the preachers. Provisions will be made to give them dinners and suppers free of cost.

Campaign May Extend Six Weeks

At last night's meeting in the tabernacle, Dr. Stough, after ridiculing a statement made on postcards purporting to be addressed to business men of the city tending to discourage a continuation of the Stough campaign beyond the six weeks, declared that he did not know whether he would "even quit at the end of seven weeks."

"I serve notice on the gang in this town right now," he said, shaking his fists, "that I am going to stay right here irrespective of anybody but you if it's till next Fourth of July, but I'll lick the devil in Harrisburg."

"I don't want to interfere with the preacher. If they want to start up their churches after the six weeks they can. I'll stay right here. I never went out of a town yet under fire. I have always stayed until I have licked or got licked, and the last never happened. God's been with me, and with me of folks like you have been with me. I serve notice right now I'll stay here seven, eight, nine, ten or 'steen weeks, and clean up the gang. Show them you want it right now."

Crowd Wants Him to Stay

Throughout his remarks Dr. Stough was interrupted by loud applause, and at his request for an expression of opinion regarding a continuation of the campaign beyond the specified six weeks, thousands of persons rose to their feet, shouting, "We're with you, doc," and "Stay, stay."

Thus encouraged, the evangelist

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JURY FINDS THAT SMITH IS INSANE

His Lawyer Contends He Cannot Be Sent to An Institution for Criminal Lunatics

THE COURT WILL DECIDE QUESTION

The \$2,827 Taken From the Youth at Time of His Arrest on the Charge of Murder Will Be Distributed Among the Bush Heirs

After a special inquiry covering five days the criminal court jury, selected to pass on the mental condition of Edward G. Smith, accused of murdering his grandfather, John E. Bush, at Angle-nook, December 17, last, brought into the court room at 6 o'clock last evening a verdict finding the accused to be insane. The jurors deliberated only forty minutes and took but one ballot.

The decision acts as a bar to trying the defendant on the charge of murdering the aged grandfather and the Court soon will make an order directing that Smith be committed to a State institution for the insane. John Fox Weiss, one of Smith's counsel, this morning said he will make an application next week to have his client sent to the Pennsylvania lunatic hospital, north of this city.

This motion is to be made to raise the question whether Smith should be sent to an ordinary State institution or to a place for the criminal insane. Mr. Weiss now contends that Smith is not a criminal, that the law presumes him to be innocent of the Bush murder so long as he is not proven guilty, and that only such persons as have been convicted of crime and then are found to be insane are fit subjects for an institution for the criminal insane.

Stroup to Oppose Motion

District Attorney M. E. Stroup this morning said he will oppose the Weiss motion and will ask that Smith be committed to the State hospital for the criminal insane in Parvieu, Pa. The county prosecutor said the matter will be taken up with the court early next week, probably on Monday.

Alienists who testified during the special inquiry declared that Smith's mental condition is such that he never can be cured. However he will be treated at the institution to which the court commits him and if at any time in future years his reason is restored he will be brought back to this county and be compelled to stand trial for the alleged murder.

William Bush, the eldest of the murdered man's sons, as administrator of the deceased's estate, will receive the \$2,827.15 now in the hands of the county detective, which was taken from Smith at the time of his arrest on the murder charge and which the

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LOOK! LOOK! LOOK!

Beginning, Monday, December 7,

THE STAR-INDEPENDENT WILL GIVE AWAY

2 Reserved Seat Tickets to the Orpheum Every Day Until the Close of the Season

We don't know who will get these tickets, but someone will get two every day.

Perhaps YOU will be one of the lucky ones.

HERE IS THE PLAN

Every week day a young lady, an employee of the Star-Independent, will be blindfolded. She will open Boyd's Directory of Harrisburg and vicinity and will make a mark on one of the pages. The person whose name is nearest the mark will be given absolutely free of charge two reserved seats, which will be good at the Orpheum on a date which will be announced with the name of the person to whom they are awarded.

The announcements will be hidden among the Want, Lost, Found, For Rent, For Sale, etc., ads, but will be so plain that any one can easily find them.

LOOK! LOOK! LOOK!

Start Monday. Read over the Classified Columns every evening. Perhaps your name will be there.