

GERMANS IN LODZ AGAIN NOW BELIEF

Reoccupy City From Which They Were Driven in First Re- treat From Warsaw

LATTER PLACE IS AGAIN MENACED

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London, Dec. 7, 11.35 A. M.—A comparison of the reports from Berlin and Petrograd leads to the conclusion that the Germans again occupy Lodz from which city they were driven on their first retreat from Warsaw. Berlin makes positive announcement that Lodz is in their hands, while Petrograd admits that the situation there is desperate.

If the fall of the city is a fact, it indicates that communication with Warsaw again is seriously menaced, but a semi-official statement from Petrograd declares that the Russians are strong enough to hold the invaders in Northern Poland and will content themselves with doing this while devoting their main energies to the reduction of Cracow and the invasion of Hungary.

Hungary, according to reports from the Russian capital, is the weak point in the armor of the Teuton allies. These messages from Petrograd say that even as early as at the time of the fall of Lemberg, Austria asked Russia for terms of peace. The negotiations to this end, if any really took place, apparently proved abortive. The story is again revived in Petrograd in the form of a report that the Hungarian prime minister, on a recent visit to Emperor William, demanded better military protection for Hungary, lack of which would cause the loss of the kingdom.

The latest French official communication declares there is nothing to report on the western front and, with the exception of a special dispatch to the effect that Ostend is burning, nothing has been received in London to dispute the accuracy of this laconic statement.

BRITISH STEAMER IS SUNK BY THE GERMANS IN CHILE

Valparaiso, Chile, Dec. 7.—The British steamer Charcas, of the New York and Pacific Steamship Company, W. B. Grace & Co. local agents of the line, said to-day that the ship carried no passengers and that she probably had discharged the greater part of her cargo before meeting the Prinz Eitel Friedrich.

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FRENCH ATTACK GERMAN TRENCHES ON YSER CANAL

Paris, Dec. 7, 2.45 P. M.—The French war office gave out an official communication this afternoon as follows:

"In the region of the Yser we continue to attack the few intrincaments still held by the enemy on the left bank of the canal.

"In the region of Armentieres and of Arras as well as in the Oise territory in the Aisne region and in the Argonne there is nothing to report, except to refer in general terms to the superiority of our offensive.

"In Champagne our heavy artillery, on several different occasions, has shown marked superiority over that of the enemy.

"There is nothing new on the eastern front of our line, where the positions of preceding days have been maintained."

LATE WAR NEWS SUMMARY

In Russian Poland, where more than anywhere else the fortunes of battle have been unevenly distributed, there apparently has been another of the swift changes which have made the situation a confused one since the beginning of the war. The success with which the Germans succeeded in rallying their forces and renewing the offensive after escaping from the Russian enveloping movement, is indicated by the Berlin announcement which has not been contradicted in Petrograd, that the important Polish city of Lodz has again been captured by the Germans. From Lodz the road leads to Warsaw, the objective in the two previous German advances.

Official statements concerning the fighting in the west still are confined to references to detached engagements.

SNAPSHOT OF KAISER'S SON STARTING FOR THE FRONT



Prince EITEL FRIEDRICH of PRUSSIA WEARING the IRON CROSS of the FIRST CLASS, READY to START for the FIRING LINE

LESS NEEDED TO RUN WATER DEPT.

Bowman Says His Bud- get Will Show Mater- ial Reductions When Offered To-morrow

MORE CUTS IN WATER RATES

Small Manufacturing Plants Will Be Benefited by Proposed Reductions in Certain Charges—Safety Commis- sioner Wants \$1,000 Car

Further reductions in the city water rates and a decrease in the annual expenditures of the Water Department are planned by Harry F. Bowman, City Commissioner of Public Safety, so he announced to-day. Mr. Bowman said that at the regular meeting of the City Commissioners to-morrow he will present his annual appropriation bill, in which he asks for \$124,177.48 to run his department during the twelve-month fiscal year 1915.

That amount exceeds by \$8,000 what was appropriated to the same department for the present nine-month fiscal year, but it is less by \$11,000 than the amount that was allowed during the full fiscal year 1913. The new appropriation bill, if approved by the Commission, will, according to Mr. Bowman, contain an entirely new fund, one of \$17,500 out of which he expects to buy a department automobile for \$1,000 and pay cash for water meters, water pipe and water pipe construction.

Through the abolition of the "credit system" of buying pipe and meters, Mr. Bowman declares, several hundred dollars "discount" can be saved. Practically all of the \$17,500 appropriation, excepting, of course, the cost of the auto, will revert back into the treasury through assessments which are levied against property owners and water consumers for pipe line construction and to cover the cost of the water meters.

Says He Will Save \$27,500
These assessments usually are paid within three months after the water mains and the meters are constructed, although the contractor will not be compelled, under Mr. Bowman's latest plan, to wait for his money and the department will be able to take ad-

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TESTIFY IN POISON CASE

Dozen Witnesses Tell of Illness Suf- fered by 18 Persons—Hear- ing Is Again Postponed

No report yet being received from the chemist regarding the analysis of powder taken from sauerkraut in the home of Mr. and Mrs. John Pollicie, 1101 South Ninth street, which is alleged to have been placed there by Angelo Melotewick, accused of poisoning 18 persons, the preliminary trial in the case was postponed by Alderman Nicholas on Saturday night until a report can be made.

A dozen witnesses were heard by the Alderman and the defendant himself did some talking, in which he admitted putting epsom salts in the pot of food. He denied using poison.

Something alleged to have been in the sauerkraut made the members of the Pollicie family and the boarders, to the total number of eighteen, very ill, so they testified. Paul Raditz, 1409 North Cameron street, acted as inter-
preter.

PIN TAKEN FROM THROAT OF BABY AND LIFE SAVED

Frederick Miller, Eight Months Old, Is Back From Pittsburgh Cooing and Well

PARENTS RACED WITH DEATH

Got Youngster in Hands of Dr. Jack- son, Famous Surgeon, Just in Time —He Never Before Operated on So Young a Patient

Rejoicing in having saved the life of their baby boy, eight months old, in whose oesophagus an open safety pin had lodged, Mr. and Mrs. Newton Miller, 1221 Market street, returned yesterday from Pittsburgh where Dr. Jackson, the famous surgeon, removed the pin in a delicate operation in the Presbyterian Hospital on Saturday afternoon.

The little patient, Frederick, is entirely well now save for a slight soreness of the throat, all danger of infection having been removed. Dr. Jackson, whose specialty is child surgery, never before operated on a patient so young.

It was a veritable race with death that the parents began on last Friday night, a little before midnight, when they started with the child in a Pennsylvania Railroad flyer to go to Pittsburgh to receive the attention of the noted expert.

Last Wednesday the baby began to show evidence of discomfort in his throat and on Friday he was placed beneath the X-Ray in the Harrisburg Hos-

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BURGLARS MAKE 2 CALLS

Twice in 24 Hours Invade Store in Carlisle Business Section and Get Much Loot

(Special to the Star-Independent.)
Carlisle, Pa., Dec. 7.—Twice within twenty-four hours thieves entered the second hand store of W. H. Stonesifer, in the heart of the business section, and got away with much loot. Jewelry, revolvers, knives and clothing was stolen.

By breaking the glass in the rear door, entrance was gained to the place Saturday night. The business place was a wreck when the clerk went there yesterday afternoon. Mr. Stonesifer has been confined to his bed by illness for several weeks and the clerk has been managing the business.

A man with a searchlight was seen prowling around the store last midnight by Stonesifer's wife. She called the police but before they arrived the intruder had made his escape over the back fence.

Cash for the Belgian Fund
The Star-Independent acknowledges the receipt of \$1 cash for the Belgian relief fund, which has been forwarded to the proper persons to receive the money.

German Relief Fund Social
The women of the Harrisburg Maennerchor will hold a box social in maennerchor hall, North and Church streets, this evening, for the benefit of the German relief fund.

LAST SESSION OF 63RD CONGRESS

Legislators Reassemble at Noon To-day for the Third and Final Meeting

JOINT SESSION TO HEAR MESSAGE

President Wilson Will Deliver His Annual Address in Person From the Rostrum in the Hall of the House To-morrow Noon

By Associated Press.
Washington, Dec. 7.—The Sixty-third Congress reassembled to-day for its third and concluding session. President Wilson will deliver his annual address, in person, to-morrow from the rostrum in the hall of the House before a joint session, outlining the administration program. Until that is fully disclosed, the work which will be undertaken during the comparative few remaining days in the life of this Congress, which dies at noon March 4, remains undefined, except that the usual appropriation bills are likely to receive first and chief attention. Whether the Sixty-fourth Congress, chosen at the November elections will be called in special session or will not assemble before another year, no one can predict with certainty.

Appropriation Bills Paramount
After six weeks of respite from legislative grinding, during which many participated in the political campaign, members of both Houses assembled prepared to go on with the unfinished business left over from the last session. That the general appropriation bills would be difficult to complete before March 4, if much other legislation were to intervene, was the consensus of opinion among leaders of both dominant parties.

What circumstances may arise from the European war or changed conditions in Mexico, may be the deciding influence in the meeting time of the next Congress with its new host of Republicans in the House.

Many Relegated to Private Life
With the falling of the gavel in both Houses to-day many legislators, some of them prominent figures for years in the political life of the nation, turn their faces toward private life, for this session of Congress is their last unless changing fortunes return them.

Senators Root, of New York; Barton, of Ohio; Perkins, of California; Bristow, of Kansas; Crawford, of South Dakota; Stephenson, of Wisconsin—all Republicans—and Thornton, of Louisiana, and White, of Alabama, Democrats, will go out of office at the end of the session.

In the House, Representative Un-

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Says Germans Destroyed Monastery
Paris, Dec. 7.—A dispatch from Petrograd says: "The Germans have destroyed the monastery of Lenozya, about 15 miles northwest of Lodz, which has been in existence for a thousand years, on the pretext that the ringing of the angelus was a signal to the Russians. A priest and two monks were killed."

Two Swedish Steamers Sunk
London, Dec. 7.—A dispatch from Stockholm states that two Swedish steamers struck mine off the Finnish coast and that both sank. The crew of one was saved, but all seamen of the other, except one man, were lost.

BAPTIZED HERE IN WATER FROM JORDAN STREAM

Eli Nissley Hershey and Wife Brought It in a Flask From the Holylands

HE KEPT IT FOR A YEAR

Used Yesterday in Service by Which Couple Were Received Into Mem- bership of the Stevens Memorial Methodist Church

Water which Eli Nissley Hershey, of 1032 Rolleston street, brought about a year ago from the River Jordan during a tour of the Holylands, was yesterday morning used in Stevens Memorial Methodist church to baptize him and his wife, who were received into church membership.

The Rev. Dr. Clayton Albert Smucker officiated at the baptism. He also made use of the water from the Holylands in baptizing Miss Blanche Dress, who was admitted into the church at the same time as Mr. and Mrs. Hershey.

Mr. Hershey is manager of the Hershey Creamery Company, 409 South Cameron street. He married several years ago and subsequently made a tour of Palestine. He brought back with him a small quantity of the water of the River Jordan in a little flask as a remembrance of the trip, and had carefully guarded it until yesterday when he had the clergyman use it to baptize himself and wife.

SEEK TO SAVE MORCENTHAU

Friends of Man Condemned to Die in Chair Plan to Carry Case to the Supreme Court

(Special to the Star-Independent.)
Carlisle, Pa., Dec. 7.—Friends of Morcenthau, the Harrisburg man who murdered John Rupp, a Shiremanstown farmer and who Judge Wilbur F. Sadler, of the Cumberland county courts, has decided is guilty of murder in the first degree and must die in the electric chair, have interested themselves in the condemned man's case and to-day announced an appeal will be taken in his behalf to the Supreme Court of the State, if necessary.

The defendant several weeks ago pleaded guilty to the general charge of murder. Testimony was taken by the Court without a jury and the Judge fixed the degree of the offense.

To-morrow is the last day on which counsel for the condemned man may file objections to the decision of Judge Sadler and the lawyers to-day said that such objections will be filed. Judge Sadler, when he read his decision fixing the crime as first degree murder, intimated that the appeal would be in vain so far as his court is concerned.

Friends of the condemned man have been in conference with prominent Harrisburg citizens and it is said that a plan now is on foot to raise money by subscription with which to finance the appeal to the State's highest tribunal.

DISCORD IN SCRAMBLE FOR THE COLLECTORSHIP

At Least Five Democratic Workers Want the Post, Including Warren Van Dyke, T. K. Van Dyke, H. M. Jones, Geo. Harris, Dr. Dougherty

The restoration of the old Scranton internal revenue district by Congress has tossed an apple of discord into the ranks of the Democrats of this vicinity and there threatens to be a real disturbance over it.

When the Scranton district was consolidated with that having its headquarters in Lancaster, Harry L. Hershey, of Harrisburg, continued as collector until his successor, Fred W. Kirkendall, the Wilkes-Barre editor, succeeded him. Mr. Kirkendall hesitated quite a while before accepting the appointment, it being represented to him that the old Scranton district would be restored before he consented to take charge, in which event he would be removed to Scranton to take charge of that office, and a new collector appointed for this district, with headquarters in Lancaster.

During the regular session of Congress, Congressman A. Mitchell Palmer succeeded in having the Scranton district restored, and in a short time Collector Kirkendall will remove his office to that city. This leaves a vacancy in the collectorship of this district, and the problem of filling the office is the

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THIEF NEXT STOUGH HOME

Enters the House of the Misses Lott, 218 Pine Street, by Putting Ladder to Window

The home of the Misses Lott, 218 Pine street, was entered by a second-story thief some time between 7 and 9 o'clock last evening, bureau drawers on the second floor being ransacked, but nothing of value taken, according to members of the family, who made an inventory following the discovery of the presence of the thief last night. The Lott home contains many apartments occupied by well-to-do persons.

This house is next to the residence of Dr. Henry W. Stough, now conducting a revival in this city. The thief gained entrance to the rear of the second story by means of a stepladder while members of the family were on the first floor, according to the police.

P. R. R. TAKES ON BRAKEMEN

Work Again For Score of Employees Who Were Placed on Furlough

During the last few weeks the Pennsylvania has taken on for work as brakemen a number of those who were laid off some time ago because of lack of work. Ten men were reinstated at the Enola yards, and ten more will be given work within the next week.

This increase, as explained at headquarters in Harrisburg, is not because of increase of business, but because the tonnage of trains is cut down in the winter months, making necessary the use of a smaller number of cars to a train, and consequently more trains, requiring more men.

All of the men taken on are old employees and no new men are being employed. The men given work have been on furlough for some time.

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TROUBLE AS RAIN TURNS INTO SNOW

There Is Prospect of Ice Crippling Traffic in City Late This Aft- ernoon or To-night

WIRE SERVICE SUFFERS MUCH

Trunk Lines Are Down in All Direc- tions Outside of Harrisburg—Dif- ficulty in Getting Telegraphic News —Through Trains on Time

Although rain was all Harrisburg got this morning of the storm which has caused much damage to shipping along the Atlantic coast and has made endless trouble for telegraph companies on every hand except in the Northwest, there was much apprehension felt this afternoon when the rain turned into sleet and later into a heavy, wet snow, lest transportation will be crippled to-night. Ice on the tracks and wires was what was feared most. By reason of the storm elsewhere, telegraphic communication with outside cities was seriously crippled all day long and at times entirely demoralized.

E. R. Demain, local weather forecaster, could make no positive forecast for the conditions about Harrisburg for the next twenty-four hours because his weather reports, which generally arrive in this city before 10 o'clock in the morning, were more than half missing at 12.30 o'clock. The messages were delayed on account of wire trouble, which seems to be general throughout the East, South and Southwest.

From his meagre reports, however, Mr. Demain judged that the disastrous storm was central off the Virginia capes and that as it moved northward and out into the ocean it would induce northeasterly winds, shifting to north-west.

"It is rarely ever," he said, "that winds of that character give sleet in this vicinity and, should the temperature drop, snow will more than likely result."

Mr. Demain's statement is verified by the report from the Washington office of the Weather Bureau, whose forecast for Eastern Pennsylvania reads:

Snow Predicted for To-night
"Snow or rain to-night, northeast gales shifting to northwest and diminishing."

There is little likelihood of any immediate material change in the weather.

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LOOK! LOOK! LOOK!

Beginning, To-day, 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 to-day. Read over the Classified Columns every evening. Perhaps your name will be there.

Someone was awarded two tickets to-day. Find out who got them. If you were not lucky this time perhaps your turn will come next. It will be a lot of fun following up the winners.

IF YOUR NAME is announced don't hesitate to call for the tickets. The Star-Independent wants you to enjoy them.

Special Notice—Tickets must be called for before 8 o'clock the evening of the next day after the announcement is made or they will be forfeited.