

GET 100,000 RUSSIANS IN TAKING LODZ

Report That Germans Capture Great Army of Prisoners as the City Falls

BERLIN JUBILANT OVER THE VICTORY

Entire Crew of Swedish Steamer Perishes When Vessel Strikes a Mine Off the Finnish Coast—Two Other Boats Similarly Lost

London, Dec. 8, 11.50 A. M.—A "Central News" dispatch from Amsterdam says that according to a message from Berlin, it is reported there that upwards of 100,000 prisoners were taken by the Germans when they captured Lodz, Russian Poland.

News of the capture of Lodz, this message says, aroused extraordinary enthusiasm at Berlin. The houses there are decked with German and Austrian flags. No official report has yet been received concerning the number of prisoners and guns captured.

London, Dec. 8, 5.10 A. M.—A dispatch from Stockholm reports that the entire crew of 37 men of the Swedish steamer Norra Sverige perished when the ship struck a mine off the Finnish coast.

Two Swedish steamers, the Luna and the Everilda, were reported yesterday as having been lost in a similar manner.

Nish, Servia, Dec. 8, Via London, 11 A. M.—The Servian victory on December 5 on the northeastern front is further emphasized in the Servian official statement issued to-day which concluded as follows:

"The enemy was overwhelmed and had to retire in disorder. In pursuit we took six officers and 1,800 men prisoners. We captured two howitzers and nine other guns and also ambulances, many rifles and telegraphic material."

DENY CAPTURE OF WHOLE CORPS OF GERMAN ARMIES

Berlin, Dec. 7, Via Wireless to Sayville, Dec. 8.—An officer of the general staff states that the report from the front that the French near Ypres, Belgium, had captured a whole corps of German aviators is absolutely unfounded. Denial is also made of the London report that aviators belonging to the allies had thrown bombs on the Krupp factory at Essen.

The Russian statement contained in the official communication of November 29 that the German attack near Zentstochowa had failed with heavy losses is declared to be untrue. On the contrary, it is said the Seventeenth Russian army corps, which was met in this attack, was defeated on November 29 and suffered heavy losses. The Russians, it is declared, left a large number of killed and wounded on the battlefield.

The situation in the western battlefield shows little change, it is stated. News of decisive results in the east is expected here.

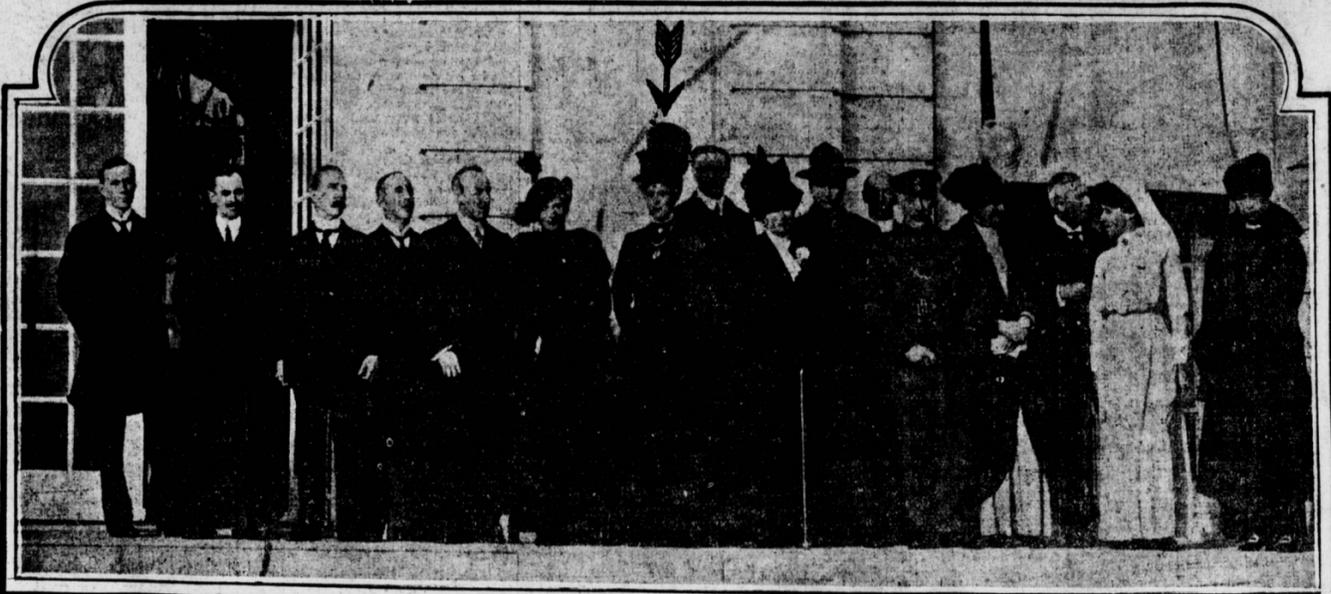
LATE WAR NEWS SUMMARY

Official advices from Berlin to-day confirm the reports that the allies have assumed the offensive in France and Belgium, but do not indicate that the movement has yet grown to formidable proportions. The attacks, it is said, have been few in number and have been defeated. Private dispatches from Holland are to the effect that fierce fighting is in progress along the Yser Canal. These reports are in partial agreement with the latest official French communications, which, however, tend to show that the forward movement of the allies is being attempted at points all along the lines.

Berlin is already looking toward the possible investment of Warsaw, as a result of the capture of Lodz, Russian Poland. It was said officially at the German capital to-day that news of decisive results in the campaign against the Russians may be expected at any time, and that latest reports from the military headquarters lead to the belief that "operations thus far have been successful." It is reported unofficially

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ENGLISH ROYALTY AT AMERICAN WOMEN'S HOSPITAL IN ENGLAND



QUEEN MARY AT THE AMERICAN WOMEN'S HOSPITAL AT OLDWAY HOUSE, PAIGNTON

For the first time in the history of Paignton, royalty visited that place on the occasion of the Queen's presence at the American Women's Red Cross Hospital at Oldway House. The hospital was flying the American and the British flags. During the Queen's progress through the hospital she passed through the magnificent marble hall in which is the large oil painting by the French artist, David, depicting the ceremony of Napoleon I. crowning the Empress Josephine. The photograph shows the Queen with the staff of the hospital and her attendants. Left to right—Dr. Carter, Dr. Stiel, Dr. Frampton, Dr. Stabb, Dr. Bennett, Mrs. Paris E. Singer, the Queen, Mr. Paris E. Singer, Lady Arthur Paget, Dr. Beal (American), Rev. R. A. Fuller (the vicar of Paignton), Colonel Gunning (the commandant), Sir Charles Cust, Miss Fletcher (the matron) and Mrs. Harcourt. Mr. and Mrs. Paris E. Singer, who are Americans, accompanied the Queen to the railroad station. Lady Fortesque is fourth from the right.

THE STORM CENTER GOES TRAVELING OUT TO SEA

Weather Bureau Says Precipitation Is Ended Although It Will Be Cloudy To-night and To-morrow—Little Prospect of Cold

While it will take some time to repair the damage caused by the Atlantic sea-coast storm, the fog end of which has been felt in this city in the last few days, there is not likely to be any further damage in this vicinity or throughout the East. The storm center has moved off the New Jersey coast and beyond a high surf. Weather Bureau officials expect no further developments.

There was some belief that following on the heels of this storm a high pressure area from the northwest would find its way South, but the local weather reports coming into the office of the Weather Bureau showed at noon to-day the presence of another depression of moderate strength from the west which will likely give cloudy weather here and keep the temperature slightly above normal for the next few days.

Weather Bureau officials have very little hope of clear cold weather in the near future, although there is no depression of strength enough to cause precipitation, according to the forecasters.

To-day's forecast for Harrisburg reads: "Generally cloudy to-night and Wednesday. Not much change in temperature."

The lowest temperature registered in Harrisburg in two days has been the freezing point and that occurred during last night, the mercury being two degrees lower than the minimum mark of the previous night. Although the snow here was heavy at times it did

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GIRL TAKES DEADLY PILLS

Bessie Hagey Swallow Bichloride of Mercury Tablets by Mistake—Her Condition Is Alarming

Miss Bessie Hagey, 23 years old, of 321 Poplar street, Steelton, was admitted to the Harrisburg Hospital late this afternoon suffering from poison, taken by mistake.

Suffering from headache, Miss Hagey, who is employed at the Harrisburg Cigar Factory, took a pill and a half under the impression that they were headache pills. Her condition in a short time led to inquiry when it was found that the girl had taken bichloride of mercury, a deadly poison.

Her condition this afternoon was reported to be very serious, with but faint hopes of her recovery. She is a daughter of Henry W. Hagey.

FIFTH BABY BOY BORN

Polyclinic Hospital Has Busy Day With Many Patients

To-day has been a very busy day at the Polyclinic Hospital, in addition to attending to their regular patients, the physicians performed two successful operations. Miss Catherine Ross, of New Cumberland, was operated on this morning for appendicitis and Miss Edith Miller, North Nineteenth street, Harrisburg, had an abscess removed from her neck.

So far five babies have entered the world at the Polyclinic Hospital and all of them have been boys, the fifth being born yesterday.

Six cases of typhoid fever treated at this institution have been successful. The seventh case of this disease is about ready to be discharged. The officials feel that this is a very satisfactory report and expressed a desire to have their success continue.

LOWER TAX RATE IS NOW ASSURED

City Commissioners Let It Be Known Today That the Budget Will Be Reduced

WILL ACT ON IT ON THURSDAY

Mayor Asks for Increase in the Salaries of Hutchison and Ibach—Wants Auto for the Sealer and Standard Scales for Markets

The City Commissioners in session this afternoon fixed next Thursday as the time for submitting their departmental budget estimates for 1915 and putting the annual budget into shape. The budget, when complete, is expected to be many thousands of dollars less than was allowed in 1913, and it will come within the revenue to be derived from a reduced tax rate, nine mills. The tax rate this year was nine and one-half mills.

The Mayor said his budget is about same as that of a year ago, yet a number of salary increases and changes are suggested and will be carried out if his requests are granted. He asks for \$1,000 for an auto for the Sealer of Weights and Measures; \$500 to cover the cost of installing standard scales in three of the markets; an increase of \$300 in the annual salary of Chief of Police Hutchison, making it \$1,800 instead of \$1,500, and an increase of \$180 in the salary of City Detective Joseph Ibach who now receives \$1,020 a year.

In addition the Mayor asks for \$500 to cover the cost of opening Front street, from Paxton street to Iron alley.

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34 PERISH IN GASOLINE FIRE

Cargo of British Steamer Vedra Ignites as Vessel Is Driven Ashore in a Heavy Gale

By Associated Press.
Bairrow, Dec. 8, Via London, 11.15 A. M.—The British steamer Vedra, from Port Arthur, Texas, with a cargo of gasoline, went ashore near here this morning in a heavy gale. The cargo ignited and of the crew of thirty-six men on board the Vedra only two were saved, and they were severely burned.

The steamer Vedra left Port Arthur for London November 14 and passed Norfolk on the 21st. She was reported yesterday as passing Tuskar, in the Irish sea, which would indicate that she had changed her destination and was bound for some port on the west coast of England. The Vedra was under the command of Captain Brewster. She was built in 1893 at Sunderland, England, was of 4,057 tons and belonged to the Associated Oil Carriers' Company, of London.

Falls From Top of Church Steps

Lebanon, Dec. 8.—Seized with what was probably an attack of vertigo, Harry B. Shultz, a clerk, fell from the top step of Salem U. B. church Sunday evening and was rendered unconscious, in which state he remained until yesterday.

BOTH SIDES IN DEADLOCK FIRM

Boyer Says "They'll Have to Knock Me Out" of Fight to Head School Board

78 BALLOTS ARE TAKEN IN VAIN

Independent Members of the Board Indicate They Are Determined Not to Give Way When Struggle Is Resumed on Saturday Evening

There was no indication of yielding on the part of either side to-day to break the deadlock on the presidency of the School Board which was responsible for seventy-eight ballots being taken without result at the annual organization meeting of the Board late yesterday afternoon.

Harry A. Boyer, who has been president for four terms and is a candidate to succeed himself, was loath to discuss the election this morning. He declared, however, that he knew of no plan to break the existing deadlock.

"They have drawn me into it," he added, "and now they will have to knock me out. And I am not going to vote for myself either."

The independent ranks in the Board were split between Adam D. Houtz and the Rev. Dr. William N. Yates. Harry M. Bretz, a Democratic member of the board, who was temporary chairman of last night's meeting, would not discuss the plans of his colleagues except to say that he knows of no plan for a conference of the independent members to agree on a course of concerted action.

It requires five votes to elect a candidate. The first ballot showed Messrs. Boll, Kohl, Kennedy and Saml for Boyer. Mr. Boyer voted with Messrs. Werner and Yates for Mr. Houtz, and Messrs. Houtz and Bretz voted for Mr. Yates. With the exception of the ten times that Mr. Werner voted for Dr. Yates all the ballots showed the same results as the first one.

A recess of five minutes was taken after the third ballot and again after the seventh-fifth vote. It was then moved for a recess until Saturday evening at 7.30 o'clock. Temporary Chairman Bretz ruled that several more ballots should be taken. Three more were counted and the meeting was declared adjourned.

FEW ANIMALS DIE IN FIRE

Destroyed This Morning When Barn of John Swartz, Near Boiling Springs, Burns to Ground

Carlisle, Pa., Dec. 8.—Three horses and seven cows perished in flames that started at 6.45 o'clock this morning and destroyed a barn belonging to John Swartz one mile southwest of Boiling Springs. The barn was burned to the ground and most of the contents were lost. The damage is \$5,000 and is covered by insurance.

The flames started from the explosion of a lantern that a farmhand was using while feeding the cattle. The fire spread with great rapidity and practically nothing of the contents of the barn was saved. Besides the loss of the animals, a large number of farm implements and much hay, feed and crops were destroyed. The barn was situated on what was formerly the Oyster farm.

LIQUOR LICENSE FIGHT IN COURT

Rev. B. H. Hart and Superintendent F. E. Downes, Oppose Relocation of Hotel

1,679 SIGNERS IN OPPOSITION

Decision Reserved on Application of Owner of Hostelry in Capitol Park Extension Zone to Move Business to Third and Dauphin Streets

Hearing on the application of Patrick T. Sullivan for the transfer of his retail liquor license from 727-729 East State street, in the Capitol Park extension zone, to 1819 North Third street, at the corner of Dauphin, was held in court this morning before Judges Kunkel and McCarrell. Testimony was offered both by those favoring and those opposing the transfer after which the court took the papers and reserved decision. It is likely that a decree will be entered within the next day or two.

Sullivan is seeking to relocate his hostelry by reason of the fact that more than four-fifths of the properties which, up until two years ago, had been situated in the Capitol Park zone, have been taken over by the State and the majority razed, and his place of business will also soon be taken over.

In support of his application Sullivan presented a petition signed by 217 electors of the Eleventh ward. A remonstrance signed by 1,679 men and women was filed by James A. Stranahan.

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MACK PARTS WITH COLLINS

The Athletics' Famous Second Baseman Is Sold to the Chicago American League Team

Philadelphia, Dec. 8.—Eddie Collins, star second baseman, was to-day sold to the Chicago Americans.

According to Connie Mack, manager of the champion Athletics, negotiations have been under way for some time and the deal was consummated in New York to-day, the contract being signed in that city.

New York, Dec. 8.—Ban Johnson, president of the American League, said that Collins had signed a five-year contract, the consideration being cash and some players of the Chicago Americans which Connie Mack will select later on.

New York, Dec. 8.—Jacob Ruppert, New York brewer, is negotiating with William S. Devery and Frank Farrell for the purchase of the New York American League baseball club. The price wanted by Devery and Farrell is \$500,000. The deal has not yet been closed but Ban Johnson, president of the American League, is endeavoring to put it through.

Struck by a Trolley Car
Mark Brown, of Wormleysburg, was struck by a trolley car at Cameron and Magnolia streets last evening. He received a lacerated face and left knee. His injuries were not serious and he was sent to his home after treatment at the Harrisburg hospital.

COCK-A-DOODLE-DO! HAVE YOU BEEN TO POULTRY SHOW?

Party at Chestnut Street Hall—At Least the Hens That Are There Are Not Doing the Cackling—Open for Rest of Week

The cock that crowed in the morning, having been removed from its favorite roost to the Chestnut street auditorium for the second annual show of the Central Pennsylvania Poultry Association, now crows all the time. After assembling the seven hundred odd fowl for the exhibit the managers stood back and listened to the racket. Straightway it was decided that there would be no orchestra engaged to provide music for the show.

The poor little hens are there in numbers, but they cannot attract any attention but that of the judges, the roosters taking so much of the spotlight. So the average layman will pass up the hens while the roosters yell greetings to each other across the hall. It is a splendid exhibit and shows great improvement over last year's show. There are more exhibits and better birds, exhibitors coming from ten different States. Some are from as far west as Missouri and others from as far north as Connecticut.

For the show's opening this morning more than 700 birds were on hand. The exhibition will be open mornings, afternoons and evenings during the rest of the week.

Judges have been appointed as follows: J. W. Anderson, white Wyandottes; Henry D. Reily, barred Rocks; A. B. Cox, leghorns of all kinds; J. D. Koons, white Rocks and minors, and A. W. Newcomer, all other varieties. Eleven cups will be awarded to the winners in each class.

The officers of the Central Pennsylvania Association are Harry Stonebraker, president, and C. S. Smith, secretary. They are in charge of the show.

BIG P. R. R. CONTRACT LET

Brown-King Company Successful Bidders on Excavation Work for New Freight Station Here

The contract for the grading and excavating work for the great freight station that the Pennsylvania Railroad Company is going to build at Second and Mulberry streets, was awarded yesterday to the Brown-King Construction Company of Philadelphia. The specifications provide that the work will be completed by April 1, 1915. The work will start at an early date.

The improvement will be a big winter job for Harrisburg and should provide work for a large number of men as approximately 50,000 cubic yards of earth will have to be removed. In addition to this the job will include the laying of about 2,000 feet of sewer pipe and much concrete work.

The concrete will be used in the construction of a retaining wall to extend from the subway abutment on the east side of Second street, along Mulberry street. This wall will support the tracks out of the yards beyond Third street.

Freight Rate Cancellation Suspended

Washington, Dec. 8.—Cancellation of joint freight rates between certain small roads in connection with trunk lines operating in official classification there which would result in an increase in the rates from five to twenty percent, was suspended to-day by the Interstate Commerce Commission until June 20. The rates of these short lines now are under investigation.

WILSON MESSAGE ANSWERS CRITICS

President Talks to Congress on the Unpreparedness of Uncle Sam for War

LARGE STANDING ARMY A MENACE

Would Not Turn America Into Military Camp and Ask Young Men to Spend Best Years of Their Lives Making Soldiers

By Associated Press.
Washington, Dec. 8.—President Wilson, in his annual address to Congress to-day, gave his answer to those who contend the United States is unprepared for national defense.

"Let there be no misconception," he said. "The country has been misinformed. We have not been negligent of national defense. We are not unmindful of the great responsibility resting upon us. We shall learn and profit by the lesson of every experience and every new circumstance; and what is needed will be adequately done."

Assembled in joint session in the hall of the House, Senators and Representatives heard the President reading his address in person from the clerk's desk, outline the administration legislative program and voice a fervent hope that the United States might be instrumental in bringing peace to Europe. The legislative program includes passage of the conservation bills, the bills for ultimate independence of the Philippines, ratification of the London convention for safety at sea, a government owned merchant marine, charting the perilous waters of the Alaskan coast and measures for economy in all branches of the government.

The Regulation of Business

The President's remarks in full with relation to business legislation were as follows: "Our program of legislation with regard to the regulation of business is now virtually complete. It has been put forth as we intended as a whole and leaves no conjecture as to what is to follow. The road at last lies clear and firm before business. It is a road which it can travel without fear or embarrassment. It is the road to ungrudging, unclouded success. In it every honest man, every man who believes that the public interest is part of his own interest, may walk with perfect confidence."

Subject of National Defense

But the portion of the President's address which commanded intense interest was that in which he discussed the subject of national defense. "It is said in some quarters that we are not prepared for war," said the President. "What is meant by being prepared? Is it meant that we are not ready upon brief notice to put a nation in the field, a nation of men trained to arms? Of course we are not ready to do that, and we shall never be in time of peace so long as we retain our present political principles and institutions. And what is it that it is suggested we should be prepared to do? To defend ourselves against attack? We have al-

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WANT BETTER CAR SERVICE

Residents of Allison Hill to Petition Railways Company for Extended Trolley Accommodations

Residents of Allison Hill met in the Shamrock hose house, Fifteenth and Herr streets, last night to arrange for the presentation of petitions to the Harrisburg Railways Company for better and more extended service of the lines touching the Hill section. At present the requests will be for a belt line out Herr street and across Allison Hill and more frequent and rapid service on all lines on the Hill.

W. VanDyke was elected chairman of the organization and H. E. Klugh, of the Department of Agriculture, was made secretary. Plans were made for the presentation of petitions signed by 4,000 residents of the Hill and they will be perfected at another meeting to be held at the Mount Pleasant engine house on the evening of December 22. It is planned to place petitions urging this improved service in various business places on the Hill and secure as many signatures as possible.

It is understood that further requests will be made of the trolley company involving one fare to Rutherford, all night service on Allison Hill, better seating capacity on the Berryhill line, and east and west cars on Market street beyond Thirteenth.

CHARGES AGAINST SULLIVAN

Wilson Orders Probe at Suggestion of Dominican Minister

By Associated Press.
Washington, Dec. 8.—President Wilson announced to-day that he had instructed the State Department to make a full investigation of published charges against James M. Sullivan, American minister to the Dominican Republic. Mr. Sullivan cabled to President Wilson to-day asking for an investigation of the charges that he had used his influence to get contracts for friends and relatives from the Dominican government. Such charges have once been investigated by the State Department, and after the last investigation Mr. Sullivan was allowed to return to his post.