

GERMANS PUSHING ON TO WARSAW

After Having Occupied Lodz, the Kaiser's Troops Are Pursuing the Fleeing Russians

LOSSES OF BOTH ARMIES HEAVY

Lull Expected Soon on Eastern Battle Front While the Troops Recuperate From Terrific Strain Both Sides Are Experiencing

London, Dec. 9, 11.40 A. M.—The center of the German line in Russian Poland having occupied Lodz, it is continuing to push on to the eastward after the retiring Russians, according to official announcement made in Berlin. Nevertheless the strain on both sides has been terrific and the losses heavy, so that a lull probably soon will set in on this part of the eastern battle front while the troops recuperate.

The Russians continue to assert that their retirement from Lodz was a strategic necessity rather than a defeat, but it will take future developments to show whether this claim is correct or not.

Germans in Position to Advance

Twice driven back from Warsaw, the Germans again are in a position to advance on the capital of Russian Poland, and even the British press points out that it is on the trunk line railroad between Kalisz and Warsaw, which line is now held by the invaders probably to a point considerably to the east of the occupied city.

Viewing the fighting in the vicinity of Lodz in retrospect, it would appear that Germany had a crushing victory almost within her grasp and lost it by not being able to unite her forces, while later the Russians were successful in gaining a dominant position which they could not hold.

Violent Attack Near Ypres

In the western arena it would appear still generally true that the Germans are more on the defensive than the offensive, but the news that they have made a violent attack to the south of Ypres indicates that they have not abandoned the idea of breaking through to the French coast and it is said that the pick of the German western army has been concentrated for this latest effort.

The fate of General Beyers in South Africa has not yet been absolutely cleared up. If he is dead as is believed it will remove the last of the important South African rebels. General De Wet is a prisoner, Colonel Maritz a fugitive and most of the commands have been broken up.

A FORMER GERMAN CONSUL TO DIE FOR HIGH TREASON

London, Dec. 9, 4.52 P. M.—Nicholas Ahlers, former German consul in Sunderland borough, was to-day convicted by the Durham Assizes of high treason and sentenced to death.

The grand jury of the Durham Assizes returned a true bill against Nicholas Ahlers on a charge of high treason early in November. According to the indictment Mr. Ahlers was naturalized in 1905. After the declaration of war he engaged in helping German reservists leave England for Germany.

LATE WAR NEWS SUMMARY

Important advance of the allied troops, in their new effort to throw back the German invaders in France are reported to-day by the French War Offices. In the east, according to a statement of the Russian military authorities, a serious defeat has been inflicted on the Germans, in the Galician campaign.

The French statement of to-day is one of the most optimistic of any which has been issued since the Germans settled down in trenches across France and the long siege begun. It indicates that the offensive movement of the allies is even more general than had been disclosed previously. Although the announcement gives few details, references to the capture of entrenched positions and the blowing up of a French trench by Germans tends to show that the engagements now in progress is being contested furiously. The statement refers to the advantages of the allies from Arras southward along the Aisne, on the heights of the Meuse, in the Argonne and in the Vosges. Roughly speaking, this takes in all of the line from the Belgian border across France and into Alsace.

It is reported unofficially from Berlin that Emperor William, whose illness was announced yesterday, is suffering from pneumonia and nervous depression. The Emperor is quoted in Berlin as having told his troops recently that

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FINE OLD BUILDINGS OF YPRES AFTER BOMBARDMENT



BUILDINGS IN YPRES SHATTERED BY SHELL FIRE.

In the above picture is shown the destruction wrought on some of the fine old buildings of Ypres. The town is now in a most pitiable condition. It has for many weeks borne the brunt of the heaviest fighting yet experienced in the present war, with disastrous results. Formerly it was one of the most beautiful towns in Belgium, boasting of almost perfect architectural beauty.

FRENCH SUFFER HEAVY LOSSES IN ATTACKS AT NANCY, STATES BERLIN

Berlin, Dec. 9, by Wireless to London, 4.10 p. m.—The official statement issued by the German army headquarters this afternoon says:

"To the west of Rheims, a fishery, although flying the Red Cross flag, has been bombarded and set on fire by our troops as we had ascertained by means of photographs taken by our aviators, that behind the fishery was hidden a French heavy battery.

"French attacks in the district around Soudin and on the villages of Varennes and Vouquiers, in the eastern part of the forest of Argonne, were repulsed at heavy losses to the enemy.

"In the forest of Argonne it is said ground was gained in several places, on this occasion we took a number of prisoners.

"The French suffered heavy losses in the battles reported yesterday to the north of Nancy. Our losses were comparatively small. No new reports are at hand from East Prussia.

"In Northern Poland our troops are in close touch with the Russians who have come to a standstill in a strongly fortified position. East of the Warta the fighting for Lovicz continues.

"In Southern Poland, Austro-Hungarian troops fighting side by side with our troops, have successfully renewed the attack."

LADY DECIES WOUNDED BY AN AEROPLANE BOMB

London, Dec. 9.—A correspondent of the "Westminster Gazette," telegraphing from Dunkirk, says in an undated dispatch:

"As I write, a Taube (German aeroplane) is reported approaching.

"On the occasion of the last visit of a Taube one of the bombs killed a woman and wounded a young girl so that it was necessary to amputate her arm.

"Lady Decies (formerly Miss Vivien Gould), who has been active in Red Cross work here for the past couple of months, happened to be passing close to the spot where the bomb fell. She was struck in the shoulder by a splinter of iron, and as long as she lives will carry the mark as a memento.

"Regardless of her own wound, Lady Decies went to the assistance of the little girl."

EMPEROR WILLIAM REPORTED SUFFERING FROM PNEUMONIA

London, Dec. 9, 3.05 P. M.—Emperor William is suffering from pneumonia, which is combined with nervous depression due to overexertion, according to telegrams from Berlin forwarded by the Amsterdam correspondent of the Exchange Telegraph Company.

The message adds that the German Emperor's doctors have advised him not to return to the front.

May Take Charge of Turks

Constantinople, Dec. 9, Via London, 3.10 P. M.—Field Marshal Baron Von Der Goltz, who had been governor of the territory in Belgium now occupied by the Germans, has arrived at the Ottoman capital. The report has been circulated that he is to take charge of the Turkish troops

WINNERS IN THE BARGAIN CONTEST

Letter Writers Are Basing Reasons for Choices on Needs of Christmas Season

SCHOOL GIRL GETS AN AWARD

Those Presenting Best Reasons for Their Selections Are Lucetta McElheny, Gladys T. Kaufman and H. B. Hoagland

The Christmas spirit has begun to pervade the many letters coming to the Bargain Editor's desk, selecting what the writers consider the best offers on the Star-Independent's Bargain and Educational Page. Contestants for the prizes are basing their reasons for their selections in many instances on the needs of the season, thus to some extent strengthening their arguments.

The winners of the prizes this week are: Lucetta McElheny, Eshant, first prize of \$3; Gladys T. Kaufman, 1607 North Sixth street, second prize of \$2, and H. B. Hoagland, 1401 North Front street, third prize of \$1.

The second prize-winner, who says she is a 9-year-old school girl, was selected solely on the merit of her letter, without allowances for her age. Her reasons for considering cakes the best bargain are simple and natural ones, and she presents them as though she means exactly what she is saying. Her contribution is above many entries, coming from her elders.

School children, by going over to-day's Bargain Page of the Star-Independent very carefully, with the assistance of their parents perhaps, should be able to write letters to the Bargain Editor which will stand a good chance of winning prizes next week. The money will be acceptable to children, as well as to older folks, for the purchasing of Christmas presents.

The prize-winning letters this week follow:

First Prize-winner
Bargain Editor:
Dear Sir—
The best bargain offered this week on your Bargain and Educational Page

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MRS. LITTLE AND SON DIE

Wife and Child of Dr. Eugene W. Lyttle Succumbed to Pneumonia

Many of the teachers of the city will recall Dr. Eugene W. Lyttle, of Albany, regent of New York State University, who has spoken at several teachers' institutes here. Two weeks ago Dr. and Mrs. Lyttle and their sons were taken to an Albany hospital suffering from attacks of pneumonia. Mrs. Lyttle and Warren, the oldest son, died this week, and the other son is still in a critical condition.

The Albany "Journal" says that the entire city is sympathizing with Dr. Lyttle. He is a cousin of Mrs. Mabel Cronise Jones, of this city.

GREAT CALAMITY AVERTED BY U. S.

Secretary McAdoo, in Annual Report, Tells How Impending Panic Was Thwarted

TREASURY DEPT TO THE RESCUE

By Formation of \$100,000,000 Gold Pool, \$135,000,000 Cotton Loan Fund and Other Timely Moves, Situation Was Relieved

Washington, Dec. 9.—Secretary McAdoo, in his annual report to Congress to-day outlined at length the steps taken by the Treasury Department to restore confidence and support American business, shaken and weakened by the European war.

"A catastrophe of calamitous proportions," said the report, "was narrowly averted. It is a tribute to the economic strength and soundness of the country and to the patriotism of its people in every class and walk of life that the shock has been so admirably withstood. A panic of cataclysmic proportions might easily have resulted and if it had, the injury to the country would have been incalculable and many years would have been required to overcome its effects."

Factors in Reviving Confidence

By formation of the \$100,000,000 gold pool, the \$135,000,000 cotton loan fund, issues of emergency currency and the deposit of crop moving money in national banks, the situation was relieved, and confidence was revived, the report says.

"Through the prompt and effective action of the Treasury Department and with the cordial and intelligent co-operation of the banking and business interests of the country, the danger has been averted," says the report, "confidence has been restored and specie payments have been maintained in the face of the world. At no time since the war broke out has there been, to the knowledge of this department, with the exception of a few isolated cases, a failure on the part of any solvent national bank to honor its checks in currency or money or to meet its obligations. The general revival of busi-

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Bichloride Vouches Better

Physicians at the Harrisburg hospital believe they will save the life of Miss Bessie Hagey, 321 Poplar street, Steelton, who took bichloride of mercury tablets yesterday in mistake for headache tablets. Her condition was somewhat improved this morning, but she is not out of danger.

Mrs. McCauley Has Pneumonia

Mrs. Gilbert M. McCauley, whose late husband was superintendent of the Central Iron & Steel Company, who has been quite ill with incipient pneumonia at her residence, 13 South Front street, is reported as improving to-day.

STEPS TAKEN FOR A NEW HOSPITAL

Movement Started for Municipal Institution to Care for Cases of Contagious Diseases

POOR DIRECTORS ARE BACKING IT

Mrs. Lyman D. Gilbert, for the Visiting Nurses' Association, and Representatives of Other Local Charities Give the Plan Their Endorsement

With charitable societies and the City Board of Health offering their co-operation and assistance, both financially and otherwise, it was officially announced from the office of the Directors of the Poor this morning that a movement is to be begun at once toward the establishment of a municipal hospital.

This institution is intended to take care of all contagious diseases, small-pox excepted, and while the cost of the treatment of patients suffering from such diseases will be borne by the county and city alone, it is not intended that the hospital shall be recognized as one to be used exclusively for indigents.

The plan to establish such a hospital has been the subject of a number of suggestions made to the Directors of the Poor within the last year, the last of which came this morning from the Visiting Nurses' Association through a committee composed of Mrs. Lyman D. Gilbert and Miss Mary Miller, the visiting nurse. The plan also was incorporated in suggestions which Dr. John M. J. Raunick, City Health Officer, made to the old City Councils. He also referred the subject to the present City Commissioners a year ago.

To Cost \$10,000 First Year

Under the tentative arrangements, data on cost of the hospital construction and maintenance will be gathered from the managers of similar institutions in the State and then will be submitted to the Directors of the Poor for action. This, it is believed, will not exceed \$10,000 in the first year. The cost of maintenance alone will be comparatively small, it is believed.

The need for a municipal hospital, the Directors of the Poor say, is now apparent and, in their opinion, its es-

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\$10 FOR BELGIAN RELIEF

Wormleysburg United Brethren Sunday School Gives Money For Relief

The United Brethren Sunday school of Wormleysburg, has sent \$10 to the Belgian relief committee to aid the starving Belgians through the Star-Independent. This money was sent yesterday to the proper officials.

The official board of the Sunday school decided on November 30 to take that amount from the treasury and the treasurer, T. F. Baker, was directed to forward the money to this newspaper for that purpose.

JURY WHEEL USED 80 YEARS SPINS LAST TIME TO-DAY

Old Device, Known to Have Been Operated as Long Ago as 1834, Is Removed and a Modern, Fire-proof, Steel Wheel Is Substituted

The little jury wheel which has been in service in Dauphin county for at least eighty years—records show it was in use in 1834—passed into history to-day. Hundred and hundreds of times it has been opened and the names of men liable for jury duty placed in it to be drawn subsequently. More than fifty thousand names have been dropped into it through the little slot. To-day it was brushed aside and a steel, fire-proof and much larger wheel substituted.

The new wheel has a capacity of 2,000 names. President Judge George Kunkel and Jury Commissioners Edward Dapp and Samuel M. Taylor to-day inserted in the wheel the names of 900 Dauphin countians from whom the 1915 court juries will be selected.

It has been the custom for years to place that number of names in the wheel annually. From the abandoned wheel 157 names were extracted this

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SHOOTS GIRL AND HIMSELF

Petty Naval Officer Kills Sister of Conway, Member of a Tri-State Baseball Team

By Associated Press.

Philadelphia, Dec. 9.—Jesse Adams, a petty officer on the battleship Illinois, stationed at the Philadelphia navy yard, shot and killed a young woman named Anna Conway at her home here early to-day and then committed suicide.

According to the police, Adams shot the girl because she refused to marry him. Adams, whose home address was given as Oakland, Ill., was 35 years old. The girl was 24.

Miss Conway was a teacher in a public school and was a sister to Conway, a member of a Tri-State baseball team.

Officials of the Harrisburg baseball team of the Tri-State League said this afternoon they could not recall that a man named Conway played with any team in the league.

P. KUNKEL TO RUN AGAIN

Announces He Will for the Second Time Oppose Michael E. Stroup for District Attorneyship

Paul A. Kunkel, brother of Judge George Kunkel and a member of the Dauphin county bar, who was defeated by Michael E. Stroup in the race for District Attorney in 1911, to-day announced he will again enter the race for that office in the election in 1915. Stroup already has announced himself a candidate for re-election.

Kunkel said he has not decided definitely what party nomination he will seek, although he added that he may run independently, so as to be non-partisan. Later he said he will likely be a candidate at the Democratic primaries and also oppose the County Prosecutor for the Republican nomination.

The fight for District Attorney in 1911 waxed into a hot contest and ended with Stroup having a plurality of less than 100 votes. Kunkel was the Fusion candidate on the Democratic and Keystone tickets, and reports that some of the tickets marked in his favor, crosses, one in the Democratic and another in the Keystone blocks, had been thrown out, led to Kunkel contesting his opponent's election.

About one hundred witnesses were called to testify in the inquiry which was conducted by Judge McCarrell and during which several ballot boxes were opened. However, Stroup was ultimately found to be the winner. A part of the costs in that suit have not yet been paid, the question of liability for the costs not yet having been decided by the court.

MRS. KEITER FOUND DEAD

Mother-in-law of George W. McIlhenny, Republican Leader, Victim of Apoplexy in Bathroom

Mrs. Florence Keiter, mother-in-law of George W. McIlhenny, leader of the Republican organization in this county and treasurer of the Harrisburg School Board, was found dead at 8.10 o'clock this morning in a bathroom in the home of Mr. McIlhenny, 25 North Thirteenth street, where she had lived for the last eight years. Dr. G. E. Bill found the cause of death was apoplexy.

Mrs. Keiter was the widow of the late P. W. Keiter, of Williamstown, and was 81 years old. She left seven children: Dr. I. A. Keiter, Wisconsin; Dr. C. F. Keiter, Philadelphia; Charles O. Keiter, Liverpool, Pa.; Mrs. Ellie Thompson, Williamstown; Mrs. George W. McIlhenny, Annie R. Keiter and Jennie M. Keiter, of this city.

The following sisters also survive: Mrs. James Messersmith, of this city; Mrs. Emma Messer, Williamstown; Mrs. H. Roush, Middleburg. There are seven surviving grandchildren, and three great-grandchildren. The funeral arrangements had not been made late this afternoon.

MRS. BATT'S BAD AIM MAN'S SAFETY

Wife of State Statistician Fired at Masher Who Followed Her Maid Into the House

BALL LODGED IN THE CEILING

Intruder, Who Had Forced His Attention on the Girl, Fled at the Report of the Pistol—Banging of Screen Door Told of His Departure

The poor aim of Mrs. Wilmer R. Batt, wife of the register of vital statistics in the State Department of Health, is responsible for the escape from injury of an unwelcome masher who followed a maid servant into the Batt home, 2138 North Second street, early this morning. Mrs. Batt fired one shot from a revolver pointed down the stairs from the second story of her home, but it missed the mark, lodged in the ceiling and the intruder got away. The banging of a screen door an instant after the shot was fired told the two women of his hasty departure.

Phyllis Gablonska, the maid, is an Austrian, who speaks broken English. She was waiting for a car in Market square at 11.30 o'clock last night after attending a show at a motion picture theatre, when she was approached by the man.

"What car do you take?" he asked.

"Second street," she replied. The man got into the same car and later asked her what street she intended to get off at. She told him "Woodbine," and he replied that he lived in Woodbine street. When Woodbine street was reached both the man and girl left the car.

Until she started along Second street the girl did not know she was being followed. She walked to the rear door of the Batt home and remonstrated with the man when he went up on the rear porch. He refused to leave and the girl attempted to get into the house. He, however, forced his way into the kitchen. The girl told him she could call her mistress and then she fled to the second floor to Mrs. Batt's room. She hurriedly told her story to Mrs. Batt, who went to the head of the stairs and shouted:

"If there is a man down there he would better get out, for I'm going to shoot."

She followed that declaration with a shot from a 22-calibre pistol and then the screen door banged, telling of a hurried departure. The bullet lodged in the plaster ceiling of the stairway and did no other damage. The maid described the man to the police as about 26 years old and a feet 6 inches tall.

SNOW OR RAIN IN PROSPECT

Little Change in Weather Conditions for To-morrow

There is little hope for an improvement in weather conditions before to-morrow night, according to reports from the local office of the Weather Bureau to-day. Except for the departure of the severe storm and its place being taken by a secondary one of considerable less strength there is no big change in conditions, cloudiness being still general over a greater portion of the country.

Snow or rain is forecasted for this afternoon and to-night and probably tomorrow, with not much change in temperature. With its center in Montana a high pressure area has moved in from Canada lowering temperatures there somewhat. Snow, however, is still falling in the central valleys.

The minimum temperature still hovers around the freezing point and no change is expected to-night.

TWELVE LUCKY PERSONS GET ORPHEUM TICKETS FREE IN PRESENT WEEK

Twelve persons have enjoyed or will enjoy the excellent show at the Orpheum this week as guests of the Star-Independent.

Last Monday the Star-Independent began a plan of giving away, absolutely free, two Orpheum tickets, each day for the rest of the theatrical season.

The persons who get these tickets are selected in a novel manner. A young lady is blindfolded and is given Boyd's Directory of Harrisburg and vicinity. She opens it at random and makes a mark on the page with a pencil. To the person whose name is nearest the mark is awarded the tickets.

In this way no partiality is shown—the name of the person who gets the tickets is announced in the form of a "Want," "For Rent," "For Sale" or similar advertisement in the classified columns.

The idea of putting the announcements in this way is to get people in the habit of reading through these interesting little advertisements. So far four tickets have been awarded—two on Monday to George Giovanni, 208 Market street, and two yesterday to Miss Blanche V. McCormick, 530 Race street.

Two more will be given away to-day.

Perhaps you are lucky enough to get them. Look through the classified ads and find out. If your name is there you will easily find it.

The Star-Independent takes great pleasure in giving out these tickets. There is an satisfaction in affording two persons every day the enjoyment of a treat at the Orpheum.