

RUSSIANS HOLDING OFF GERMANS

Czar's Forces Keeping Kaiser's Soldiers in Check in Advance on Warsaw

FIERCE BATTLE TO CROSS RIVER

For Three Days German Army of 200,000 Men Endeavors to Cross Channel and Throw Back the Russians on Right Bank

Petrograd, via London, Dec. 21, 1.48 P. M.—The Russian forces are still holding at bay the German column which is seeking to cross the Ezura river at Sochaczew and advance on Warsaw, thirty miles away. For three days this German army of about 200,000 men has been endeavoring to cross the river and throw back the Russians who are holding the right bank.

Sochaczew continues to be the German objective in the attempt to reach Warsaw. The Russian forces on the right bank of the Ezura are heavily entrenched. Their artillery is so placed that commands the river to its junction at Vistula eighteen miles north. Southward the Russian line extends to Opatow, twenty-five miles east of Pietrkow, which recently was evacuated, and forty-five miles east of Sochaczew, where the Russians first opposed the German extreme right.

It is pointed out that the Russians have thus assumed positions on their third line of defense. The evacuation of Lodz, which lies to the west of this line, was thus in logical sequence to this movement and, according to the general opinion here, had no bearing on the attack on Warsaw. The Russians for the present apparently are attempting nothing more than to retard the enemy and to defeat attempts at flanking movements.

KAISER IGNORES DOCTORS AND AGAIN GOES TO FRONT

London, Dec. 21, 3.10 P. M.—The departure of Emperor William for the front, announced yesterday, is said by the Exchange Telegraph Company's correspondent at Amsterdam to have been decided upon against the advice of the Emperor's physician, who strongly opposed his making the trip at this time. The military chiefs, however, insisted, the correspondent adds, that the Emperor spend Christmas with his troops, and he decided to do so.

MEETS DEATH IN COAL MINE AFTER HE DESERTS COLORS

Pittsburgh, Pa., Dec. 21.—After emerging unscathed from a number of battles while serving under the Russian colors, Joseph Kaminski deserted, made a perilous trip to a seaport, boarded a steamer as a stowaway and came to America, only to meet death three days after arriving here. Kaminski was employed at a coal chute and was killed yesterday when he fell and was buried under tons of coal.

January 10 Day of Repentance

Amsterdam, via London, Dec. 21, 9.40 A. M.—The newspaper, "Nieuwe Rotterdamse Courant," learns from Cologne that the archbishops and bishops of Germany have ordered that January 10 be kept as a general repentance day by the Catholics in the army.

Japs Loosen to Salvation Army

Tokio, Dec. 21.—The Emperor and Empress, according to an announcement made to-day, have donated 3,000 yen (about \$1,500), to the Salvation Army. This is the first time, it is stated, that imperial recognition has been given to that organization.

Christmas Hours at the Markets

All of the Harrisburg markets will be open on the usual days this week, with the exception of the State street market, which will be open all day on Thursday, the only day in the week. The East Harrisburg market will be open Wednesday, Saturday and Sunday night; the Chestnut street market on Wednesday, Saturday and Sunday night; the Verbeke street market, on Wednesday, Saturday and Sunday night, and the Kelker street market on Tuesday, Thursday and Saturday.

LATE WAR NEWS SUMMARY

The operations of the allies in Flanders. The heaviest fighting in the west since the Germans made their attempts to force a way to the English channel is now in progress. The French and German statements of to-day show that yesterday's engagements were contested keenly along most of the front from Alsace to Flanders and on each side claims are made of the capture of trenches and other victories of importance. The German War Office gave out what was described as a French army order signed by General Joffre and found on the body of a French soldier, calling for a general attack on the Germans. The order recites that heavy reinforcements had been received by the allies and "it is now our business to check the fatherland of the invaders." In Poland the Russians are offering determined resistance to the German armies which are advancing on Warsaw. Less than 30 miles from the city one of the most stubbornly-contested battles of the campaign is still in progress, the Russians for three days having held in check the German column which is seeking to force a passage of the Bzura river.

Emperor Williams' departure for the front, announced yesterday, is said to have been decided upon against the advice of his physician, notwithstanding his improvement in health. The Emperor desires to spend Christmas with his troops. For a long period of sporadic fighting at detached points, apparently has assumed the character of a general movement in an attempt to press back the entire western end of the German line. The latest French official statements say that appreciable gains have been made, although it is admitted that the Germans are resisting with determination.

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CITY TREE HAS ARRIVED

Six-Horse Team Brings It From Nine Miles Beyond Dauphin, Without a Mishap

The city's Christmas tree, from the mountains nine miles northeast of Dauphin, arrived in Harrisburg at 1 o'clock this afternoon after a trip free from mishap but an hour behind scheduled time on account of the ice covered roads. It came by six-horse team. It was in plenty of time, however, and immediately arrangements were started by the tree committee to have it unloaded at Front and Market streets where it will be erected. A force of men from the Harrisburg Light & Power Company will be put to work early tomorrow and they will stay on the job until the tree is placed and fully decorated with electric lights. A platform similar to the one of last year will be erected. Final plans for the celebration on Christmas Eve will be made by the committee which will meet at the mayor's office this evening at 7.30 o'clock. Professor E. J. Decevee yesterday issued a call for singers of the various church choirs to meet him in the Technical High School building to-morrow evening at 7.30 o'clock to rehearse carols.

17 FIREBUGS ARE CONVICTED

State Fire Marshal Is Active During November and December

During November, and up to the present time in December, the Department of the State Fire Marshal has obtained the conviction of seventeen firebugs, the majority of whom set fire to buildings in order to get the insurance money. These convictions covered a wide territory, showing the extensive work of the deputy marshals, convictions being made in Berks, Crawford, Carbon, Westmoreland, Lackawanna, Franklin, McKean, Westmoreland, Schuylkill, Clarion and Beaver. There was one case in Dauphin county, that of Ward Sheets, who pleaded guilty to setting fire to the property of R. I. Young, near Middletown, in October, and was sent to the penitentiary from two to ten years. Six of the men sentenced, when confronted with the evidence of their guilt gathered by the deputy marshals, confessed rather than go to trial. All were sent to the penitentiary except one who was sent to the insane asylum, and two county jails and two who are awaiting sentence.

CLAIMS INSURANCE BENEFIT

Mrs. Ella Getkin Enters Suit Against Pennsylvania Relief Department

Suit for \$2,250, the amount of an insurance benefit claim, was to-day filed by Mrs. Ella Getkin, counsel for Mrs. Ella Getkin, against the relief department of the Pennsylvania railroad. The claim, Mrs. Getkin alleges, is due as the result of the death of her husband, David Getkin, who she sets out, was killed in a railroad accident at Williamsport and who was a member of the railroad relief.

Attache of Attorney General's Office Is Suffering From Gangrene

Daniel W. Brubaker, messenger at the Attorney General's Department, is seriously ill at his home, 1101-12 Capital street. Gangrene developed in his left foot making the amputation of two toes necessary. Mr. Brubaker was able to be about for a while after the operation but his entire foot became affected and yesterday an incision was made, an exceedingly painful operation. He was reported as better to-day and resting comfortably.

Mummers' Committees Meet To-night

The parade and prize committees of the Harrisburg Mummers' Association will meet this evening in the Mayor's office to make plans for the New Year's Day parade.

BOSCHELLI BACK, ADMITS HIS GUILT

Man Who Ran Notorious "Rose Garden" Sentenced to Pay \$2,000 Fines and Costs

CONFESSES TO TEN CHARGES

No Prison Sentence Imposed On Hotel Man Who Surrenders Himself After Absence Following the Revoking of His Liquor License

A. A. Boschelli, who, until his liquor license was revoked, ran the "Rose Garden," a notorious resort on Market street, near the Pennsylvania railroad, this morning surrendered himself to the authorities, after having been absent many months from the city. He entered pleas of guilty to each of ten separate charges of violation of the liquor laws, and was sentenced to pay fines and the costs, aggregating close to \$2,000. The fines alone amount to \$1,300.

No jail sentence was imposed. The court, at the suggestion of D. S. Seitz, Boschelli's counsel, followed the rule laid down in the case of Jacob Eckert, former proprietor of the White Hall hotel, which license was revoked, who escaped a prison sentence after it was shown his hostility was conducted in a disorderly way.

The Boschelli penalty, however, is heavier than that imposed upon Eckert. Three of the ten Eckert indictments were quashed at the suggestion of the District Attorney for want of sufficient evidence. On each of seven counts charging Boschelli with furnishing liquor to minors, the court imposed fines of \$100 and directed the defendant to pay the costs. A fine of \$150 and the costs was imposed in each of two indictments charging "furnishing liquor to persons visibly affected by intoxicating liquor," while on a single disorderly house charge he must pay a fine of \$300 and the costs.

Boschelli's Health Broken

Boschelli appeared to be much broken in health and his counsel was prepared to put physicians on the stand, the attorney said, who would testify that prison confinement would place his life in jeopardy.

War on ill kept saloons was begun by District Attorney Stroup more than a year ago when he petitioned to the court to revoke the liquor licenses held by the proprietors of the "Rose Garden" and the White Hall hotel, at 217 Market street. Court hearings were conducted by Judges Kunkel and McCarroll at which mere children, boys and girls anywhere from fourteen to twenty years old, told of being served intoxicants at the Rose Garden. The White Hall cases differed from Boschelli's, so the District Attorney said, in that the minors who obtained beer and whiskey at the Eckert place were of more mature age, the youngest being nineteen years old.

Friends to Pay the Fines

Immediately after the court revoked these hotel licenses and ordered the hostilities to be closed, the District Attorney drew up several indictments criminally charging the hotel proprietors with violating the liquor laws. After many of the Commonwealth's witnesses had testified in the Eckert case, the defendant changed his plea to that of guilty and he was sentenced. The Boschelli case, however, never went to trial. The defendant, so the story goes, had, in the interim gone to Chicago, where he entered a hospital for treatment. At one time the county authorities here declared they knew not the whereabouts of Boschelli.

SNYDER DECISION STANDS

Court Refuses to Grant a Rehearing in Divorce Case

A motion for an arrest of judgment and a rehearing of the Jacob against Louisa Snyder divorce case, was refused by the Dauphin county court in an opinion filed with the Prothonotary this afternoon. The court holds that the jury's decision shall stand and sets out that a decree granting Snyder legal separation from his wife will be signed. Snyder is his wife's senior by a score or more years. Their separation occurred shortly after the wedding, the wife going to New York. While she was being paid alimony, the husband brought suit for divorce, alleging willful and malicious desertion. Mrs. Snyder opposed the suit, claiming that the desertion was forced upon her through her husband's failure to carry out a pre-nuptial contract. At the hearing Mrs. Snyder said her husband before marriage promised to grant her title to a part of his real estate. She admitted that she did not love her husband and that she entered into the marriage contract solely because she would have a home and also because she would get the real estate holdings.

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FINDS WORK FOR MOTHER OF A STARVING FAMILY

Home and War Relief Association Hunts Out Woman and Gives Her the Opportunity to Earn Bread for Her Four Little Children

Weary from tramping the streets in a fruitless search for work, a mother of four children, who had lost her "part-time" position in a factory where she got \$2 a week, dragged herself into her fireless home Friday night. She had only bread and cabbage for the evening meal. The children gathered round her she slowly prepared it. As she worked, tears for her hungry little ones came to her eyes. She could see no way out. One day's washing each week couldn't keep the little family going.

The five were eating their meal in silence when a representative of the Associated Charities knocked. She brought with her nourishing food and better still—news of work to be had if the mother could sew.

The mother could, so on Saturday, Mrs. Francis Jordan Hall, chairman of the Home Relief Division of the Home and War Relief Association, gave her enough work to permit her to earn \$3, and at prices which would still permit of her keeping the day's washing she had obtained.

Throughout a full day—Saturday was no half holiday for the division chiefs at headquarters, 7 South Front street—busy volunteers passed out unsewn clothing to needy and worthy women. There was a brisk demand for sewing though announcement of the fact that work was to be had had not then been widely published.

Mondays, Tuesdays and Wednesdays work will be given out. It is to be returned Thursdays, Fridays and Saturdays.

Stranded Steamer Total Loss

By Associated Press. Turks Island, Dec. 21.—The Norwegian steamer Anita, 734 tons, from Halifax for Jamaica by way of Turks Island and Santiago, Cuba, stranded on North Caicos island on the night of December 19 and probably will be a total loss. She was carrying a general cargo which is now being saved. The members of the crew of the Anita also were saved.

"CHIEFY" GILNER READY TO DON CHRISTMAS TOGS



It was too cloudy to-day to take an effective photo of "Chiefy" in his new Christmas togs, so last year's picture is used. He looks just the same as then except that he now has a "Bill McCann".

"Chiefy" Gilner, self-appointed custodian of the public grounds and buildings and all that appertains there to, enclosed in the Capitol Park, blossomed forth to-day—if the weather is fine—in all the glory of fine raiment, with a pride that goeth not before a fall.

Ed. S. Easley, messenger in the State Health Department, made his annual pilgrimage among the departments this week and collected the money to decorate "Chiefy" with new glad rags, etc., and has succeeded in getting quite stunning in the way of joyful toggery. The careful watcher of the destinies of the public property, has been furnished with a new suit of clothing, a "Bill McCann" overcoat, as he calls it, one of those swell ones that bell out behind; new shoes of a beautiful ecrú shade; a new lid or topper of late style; shirts, underwear, gloves, collars, neckscarf, socks of cerulean hue; suspenders of those same socks; suspenders of the dependable kind, handkerchiefs, a new cane, a bull dog pipe, a horsehoe scarf pin with an emerald in it, and, on his manly bosom, a new set of medals for long service.

Before donning this gorgeous outfit, "Chiefy" got his annual bath in the fine Taj Mahal bath room in the Capitol basement, and had his hair cut, which with a close shave will sufficiently disguise him, so that even the park squirrels will have to look twice to make sure that it is their "old college chum." To all of this will be added a new \$2 bill, and to crown his joy "Chiefy" will be seated at a dinner that will consist mainly of roast turkey.

Christmas will be a great day for the custodian, and there will be no prouder man than he in all the wide domains of the old Keystone State.

TABERNACLE IS BEING TORN DOWN

No Trace of Structure Will Remain, It Is Said, by End of Next Week

MECHANICSBURG TO GET SAWDUST

At Closing Meetings of Campaign Yesterday Dr. Stough and Party Received \$6,000—Trail-hitters Total 7,000

Work was to-day begun on the dismantling of the Stough tabernacle, where the last service was held last night. The plumbing is being taken out to prevent freezing and consequent bursting of pipes, and the electric light globes are also being removed. At a meeting this morning of the committee in charge of the disposition of the building it was decided to continue the fire protection on the structure for several days. It is said that by the latter part of next week there will be nothing on the tabernacle site to show that the building stood there for seven weeks.

The structure will be razed by the company which supplied the lumber, according to the contract made with them. There will be no cost to be met by the campaign committee in the work of demolition. The sawdust will be taken to Mechanicsburg to be used in a tabernacle now being erected there, together with the signs on the posts. Many applications have been received by the committee for the use of the building for secular purposes, but all have been refused. It is thought best that the tabernacle be used for no other purpose except that for which it was particularly erected.

Thank Offerings Total \$6,000

The "thank offerings" taken at all tabernacle services yesterday for the benefit of Dr. Stough and his party amount, it is thought, to little less than \$6,000. The morning collection was \$1,700 and the afternoon collection \$1,100, in round numbers. The receipts in the evening, in hills, amounted to \$2,200. Pan collections, which Dr. Stough took with him in bags, uncounted, would bring the total close to \$6,000. The running expenses of the campaign together with this remuneration to Dr. Stough and his party for the seven weeks, amount to approximately \$25,000. The total number of converts is 7,000.

Dr. Stough Bound for Home

Although Dr. Stough has been subpoenaed to appear at Wilkes-Barre this afternoon for a hearing before a board of arbitration in his slander suits, he left at 1.25 o'clock this morning for

LEE M'CLUNG DIES IN HOSPITAL

Former U. S. Treasurer Was College Mate of Vance C. McCormick

Knoxville, Tenn., Dec. 21.—Lee McClung, former treasurer of the United States, died in a hospital in London after a three months' illness of typhoid fever. Relatives here received a cablegram from his brother. Mr. McClung was a former treasurer of Yale University and had held executive positions with the St. Paul and Duluth Railroad Company. The body will be brought to Knoxville for interment.

AMOS SHEESLEY OBSEQUIES

Aged Man Found Frozen to Death Identified by His Niece

Funeral services for Amos Sheesley, 72 years old, who was found frozen to death Saturday in South street, will be held this evening at 7 o'clock in the funeral chapel of Undertaker R. K. Spicer, 313 Walnut street.

Mrs. George Wentzel, a niece, who identified the body, said that Sheesley left her home two months ago to go to a soldier's home in Tennessee. A hundred dollars which he is supposed to have had on his person has not been located by the authorities.

Liquor Licenses Transferred

Two Lykens liquor licenses were transferred by the court this morning. John Stadner will take over the wholesale liquor store heretofore conducted by D. S. Matter, while John Andulis has purchased the hotel of which Stadner has for some time been the proprietor.

Stores Remain Open To-night

The big department stores in the city will remain open for the Christmas shoppers for the first time this evening. The stores will be closed at 6 o'clock on Christmas eve. A number of clothing and jewelry stores have been open evening for a week.

Well-known Band Leader Dies

Leacock, Dec. 21.—Charles S. Mearig, 37 years old, died yesterday from a complication of diseases. He was a trombone player of note and a member of the Knights of Malta band. He was for many years the head of the Mechanicsburg band.

Woman Dies in Hospital

Mrs. Henry Phinney, 63 years old, of Hummelstown, died at the Harrisburg hospital Saturday evening of a complication of diseases. She was admitted to the hospital December 16.

AT 62 HE ROBS 6 HOMES

Gray-Haired Offender, With Prison Record, Sent Back to Penitentiary for Two to Three Years

His hair iron gray, his face wrinkled and his body stooped with age, Harry Fortney, 62 years old, stepped up to the bar before Judges Kunkel and McCarroll this morning and coolly admitted that he stole money, jewelry and clothing from half a dozen Harrisburg homes, all within two weeks.

City detectives said Fortney is one of the "slickest" boarding house thieves known to them. His scheme, they said, was to engage boarding at a place by representing himself as a carpenter and his residence as Mechanicsburg, and a day later to "skip out" with any valuables he can get his hands on.

In one home he took a child's bank containing \$3; in another he got a purse containing money, and in a third he walked out with \$16. He got a pair of trousers in the next, stole a watch from the fifth and got money in a sixth.

Fortney had no excuse to offer, preferring to have his story told by his attorney who said the defendant is "simple-minded."

SMITH TO BE SENT AWAY

Insane Youth Indicted on Murder Charge Ordered to Norristown Hospital—Not a Criminal Institution

Edward G. Smith, under indictment on a charge of murdering his grandfather, John E. Bush, and who, a criminal court jury has decided, is a lunatic, will be sent to the State Hospital for the Insane, in Norristown, Pa., under an order filed by Judge McCarroll at the opening of court this afternoon. Smith will be transferred from the local prison to the hospital within the next several days by Sheriff Wells.

This order practically marks the closing of the last chapter in the Smith case, since physicians have said that he can never be entirely cured of his insanity. However, if he should at any time recover his reason and his release from the Norristown institution be recommended by the superintendent there, he will be brought back to Dauphin county and compelled to stand trial on the charge of murder.

The Norristown hospital is not an institution for the criminal insane and attorneys here figure that the court's decree really settles all doubt as to where shall be committed insane persons who, before being tried of crimes for which they are indicted, are found to be lunatics. It was contended by Smith's counsel that only such persons as are acquitted of crime on the ground of insanity or who after being convicted are found to be mentally unbalanced can be sent to a hospital for the criminal insane.

MAY REDUCE COAL HERE

Service Commission's Ruling May Have Its Effect on Harrisburg

Just how the decision of the Public Service Commission in the matter of reducing anthracite coal carrying rates from the coal regions to Philadelphia, will affect rates from the coal regions to Harrisburg, is not yet known by the Harrisburg dealers. If the decision applies all along the lines of the coal carrying roads it is expected that the reduced rates will apply to this city—in other words, if there is a reduction to Philadelphia, there ought to be a corresponding reduction here, and a consequent drop in the retail prices.

A manager of a big Harrisburg retail coal company said this afternoon that he could not see why the decision reducing rates to Philadelphia should not make a difference all around, including Harrisburg. In the matter of the rates for carrying egg coal from the mines to Philadelphia the rate has been \$1.70, and to Harrisburg \$1.50, or a difference of twenty cents for an additional carry of 104 miles, which, to Harrisburg dealers, seems to be out of all proportion. It may mean an all-around reduction in retail prices of coal, but dealers here cannot figure it out until the decision is interpreted by the commission to apply locally.

This information will be obtained as soon as the commission meets here on January 4, but it is possible an interpretation on the Harrisburg rate can be obtained sooner.

1,500 TURKEYS ARE HERE

Carload of Virginia Fowl Received by Local Dealer

Fifteen hundred Virginia turkeys, exactly a carload, were received at the H. D. Koons stock yard, Sixth and Marley streets, yesterday, and this morning more than two hundred of the birds were sold. Koons said the demand for turkeys is far greater than the supply. The turkeys are being sold by live weight, the price ranging from 23 cents a pound for 100 pound lots to 22 and 25 cents a pound for single birds. There are all sizes of turkeys some weighing as little as six pounds and others exceeding twenty-five pounds.

Governor Will Act as Santa Claus

Governor and Mrs. Tener will pass their last Christmas in Harrisburg in the Executive Mansion. On Christmas morning the poor children will be remembered, as usual, by the Governor, with boxes of candy. James Auter will superintend the distribution and the small child who tries to double-cross the distributing agency by assuming a disguise will be foiled.

Schools Close Wednesday

Schools will close for the Christmas holidays Wednesday afternoon, to remain closed until January 4.

BODY OF BANDIT IS HELD IN WEST

Action of Cincinnati Coroner Upsets Plans for Hohl Funeral Here To-morrow

\$8,160 OF LOOT IS RECOVERED

Money Is Found Concealed in Various Articles of Furniture in a Room the Harrisburg Desperado Had Occupied in Western City

Arrangements for the funeral in this city of Frank G. Hohl, the automobile bandit, who last Thursday robbed two Cincinnati banks and fatally wounded a policeman before being killed after a revolver duel with bluecoats, were held up to-day by the refusal of the coroner's office in Cincinnati to release the body.

According to advices received in this city this morning the body had not been released although all arrangements for its shipment to the mother in this city had been made. Money covering the cost of transportation has been deposited with an express company here and everything had been planned for its reception by a local undertaker, but the Ohio coroner must release the body before it can be shipped and that legal formality had not been gone through with at an early hour this afternoon.

It was at first believed that the disposition of \$8,160 found in one of the rooms in Cincinnati that had been occupied by Hohl had some bearing on the failure of the western authorities to release the body. District Attorney Stroup, of this county, however, when asked what bearing this could have on the case, said he could not see how it could have any bearing whatever.

The plan of Mrs. Hohl was to hold the funeral from the undertaking rooms of C. H. Mauk, Sixth and Kelker streets, at 2 o'clock to-morrow afternoon, with the Rev. A. M. Starnets, of Augsburg Lutheran church, officiating, but this arrangement may now have to be altered. The funeral, when held, will be private, and there will be a squad of police reserves on hand to keep back the curious crowd.

The \$8,160 was recovered Saturday in a room at 1405 Vine street, Cincinnati, according to a dispatch from that city. Detectives found the money stuffed in mattresses, behind pictures and in many other places concealed from the eye. A valise and a revolver also were found in the room.

It had been believed that Hohl had obtained \$13,100 from the two banks, but a final check up to-day revealed that the West End branch of the Provident Savings Bank and Trust Company had lost \$7,100, while the Liberty Banking and Savings Company was minus \$5,560, and the total of the loot \$12,660.

FUND FOR FAMILY OF BLUECOAT KILLED BY HOHL

(Special to the Star-Independent.) Cincinnati, Ohio, Dec. 21.—Public spirited citizens have started a movement to raise a fund for the family of Patrolman Edward Knaul, who died from bullet wounds inflicted last Thursday by Frank G. Hohl, the Harrisburg, Pa. bandit, who looted two banks here and finally was shot to death on that day. The wife and mother of the dead bluecoat are practically penniless, and it is proposed either to hold a benefit for the family in Music Hall or to circulate a subscription list to raise \$5,000 to lift the mortgage carried on the home Knaul bought last spring.

The police relief fund, immediately advanced enough money to tide the bereaved family over for the present. The brave policeman was insured in the Police Protective Association and his heirs will receive about \$1,500 from that source.

The surgeons in the City Hospital who operated on Knaul just before his death learned that the last death-leaving bullet from Hohl's revolver, penetrated the policeman's liver, tearing its way through the anterior and posterior abdominal walls, and the marvel is that the bluecoat did not die in his tracks. One bullet pierced the right lower arm, coming out above the elbow; another imbedded itself in the middle upper arm; a fourth entered the right shoulder and the fifth plowed its way into the left leg between the knee and the thigh.

PATROLMAN CHASE IS THE MAN WHO KILLED BANDIT

(Special to the Star-Independent.) Cincinnati, Dec. 21.—Fred O'Connor, a fireman of Engine Company No. 8, who was standing at Richmond and Freeman avenues, and was shot at several times by the bandit, Hohl, in the latter's dash for the automobile after the shooting of Policeman Knaul, last Thursday, dispels all doubt as to who killed Hohl. O'Connor to-day told his

WALL STREET CLOSING

New York, Dec. 21.—The closing was weak. Concentrated selling of steel sent the entire list to its lowest average in the final hour. Steel declined to 49%, or within 1 1/2 points of its minimum. From the very outset today's market movement was one of steady recessions, which reached their climax in the final hour. Most of the prominent issues then registered their lowest quotations since resumption of business.