



BOMB DROPS INTO DOVER; NO DAMAGE

A Missile From Hostile Aeroplane Falls in Garden and Explodes Without Effect

BRITISH AIRCRAFT GOES IN PURSUIT

Obstinate Fighting Continues Along the Russian Front on the Left and Right Banks of the Pilica—Petrograd Reports Successes

London, Dec. 24, 1.25 P. M.—Hostile aeroplanes dropped a bomb over Dover this morning and then disappeared according to a statement made this afternoon by the official press bureau. The text of the statement follows: "An aeroplane of the enemy dropped a bomb while passing over Dover this morning. The missile fell in a garden and exploded, but no damage was done. The aeroplane was seen for a few seconds only. It left immediately passing over the sea. A British air craft went up but did not see the enemy again. The weather was cloudy and foggy."

This German raid from the air on the city of Dover is the first news of an authentic character of any hostile air craft visiting Great Britain. The machine to-day came from the direction of Deal and was flying very high. It was not sighted from Dover until it suddenly emerged from the clouds. Apparently Dover Castle was the objective of the raid, for the bomb thrown from the aeroplane fell in the garden in the rear of St. James' rectory which is located in front of the castle. The windows in the rectory and some of the houses immediately surrounding the rectory were broken.

Fog made easy the escape of the hostile airship. Immediately after he had dropped his bomb the pilot straggled straight across the channel. Two British aeroplanes went up in an endeavor to catch the raider, but the hostile ship had too much of a start and could

German Aeroplane Brought Down
Paris, Dec. 24, 4.30 A. M.—A German aeroplane trying to reach Paris, says the "Journal," was pursued and brought down by the French air patrol at Pontoise, 19 miles northwest of Paris, Sunday.

Fierce Fighting on Russian Front
Petrograd, Dec. 24.—A statement issued by the official press bureau today regarding the fighting upon the Russian front says:

"On the left bank of the Pilica obstinate fighting continues in the region of the villages of Jeszenec and Rokowlaolia, about six miles west of Nowemiasto. On the right bank of the Pilica we have made progress in the vicinity of Opeczo and Tomaszow.

"In Galicia our success continues. South of the Vistula we captured, during the 20th and 21st, sixty-six officers and 5,600 men, and three cannon. In the Carpathians, while pursuing the retreating Austrians, we captured on December 22, thirty officers and about 1,500 men.

"Near Przemysl the Austrians attempted a new sortie during which several of their advance companies were completely annihilated. Other advance companies were made prisoners. In this affair we seized about a mile of railway leading into the city."

EMPEROR FRANCIS JOSEPH DYING, IS ROME REPORT
Rome, Dec. 24.—A rumor is in circulation here that Emperor Francis Joseph of Austria-Hungary is dying. The report is that the Emperor has received the last sacraments.

Kaiser's Son for Hungary Throne
London, Dec. 24, 3.58 A. M.—The "Morning Post's" Petrograd correspondent says: "Germany is energetically pushing the candidacy of Prince Eitel Frederick for the throne of Hungary, the independence of which is expected to be one result of the war." Prince Eitel Frederick is the second son of Emperor William.

LATE WAR NEWS SUMMARY

To-day's official statements reveal the intense nature of the fighting now in progress both east and west, but indicate that, with the possible exception of East Prussia, there has been no significant change in the alignment of the opposing forces.

The German statement tells of a fight for possession of a trench in France which was won by the French, recaptured by the Germans and finally abandoned. So fierce was the struggle that the trench was almost levelled by artillery fire. No important movements are reported in the German communication.

The French statement, while saying that small gains have been made here and there, mentions German attacks at so many points that it is apparent the allies have not been permitted solely to take the offensive into their own hands. Such ground as they have won recently is not to be held without hard fighting.

The fighting in Poland has become most severe and at the points along the line west of Warsaw the issue is being fought out with bayonets. The Berlin War Office states that the Russian advance in East Prussia has been checked and that the Russians at Miawa in Poland near the Prussian border have been defeated.

A French cruiser in the strait of Otranto, near the Southern end of

KAISER GIVES CHRISTMAS CHEER ALONG THE FRONT

London, Dec. 24, 3.55 A. M.—Emperor William is traveling in an armored special train among his troops scattered along the Belgian and French front, delivering to them the season's greetings, according to a "Daily Express" frontier correspondent.

The train, the correspondent says, "makes stops at all important points and the Emperor receives the local chiefs at each halting place, discusses the local situation and leaves his greetings to his soldiers."

"Of course it is not announced where he will spend Christmas Day, but he will be close to the front and a Christmas message from him will be delivered to each soldier through the general staff."

"Christmas will be celebrated in the German trenches. There will be plentiful feasts, many gifts from home and many small Christmas trees in most of the underground shelters, camps and hospitals, and even on board the troop trains."

ESSAD PASHA'S PALACE IS REPORTED TO BE ON FIRE

London, Dec. 24, 9.50 A. M.—A dispatch from Durazzo, Albania, to the "Central News" says that the palace of Essad Pasha at Tirana has been set afire.

Essad Pasha, always prominent in Albanian military and political circles, was named provisional president following the recent retirement of Prince William of Wied, who had been selected by the Powers to rule Albania. Essad Pasha was last reported as advancing on Scutari and it was said that he had proclaimed a holy war in Albania.

Tirana where his palace is located is about 70 miles south of Scutari.

SECOND INDIAN SEIZED ON CHARGE OF ROBBERY

Genus Baird, a Graduate of the Carlisle School, Accused With Lewis Twinn in Connection With Brutal Assault on Old Woman

(Special to the Star-Independent.)
Carlisle, Pa., Dec. 24.—The arrest of a second Indian was made to-day in connection with the robbery last Monday night of Mrs. Lydia Lewis, who was choked and sandbagged and at the point of a revolver compelled to tell the hiding place of her Christmas savings, \$20. Her home is within two squares of the heart of the town and she was attacked while she lay ill in bed.

The police this morning took into custody Genus Baird, a graduate of the Carlisle Indian school and now employed in the printing department of that institution. Baird, the police say, is a friend of Lewis Twinn, also an Indian, who yesterday was arrested in connection with this same crime. Both redmen for a month or more had been employed at the Indian school, Twinn having come here from Harrisburg and Baird from Philadelphia, to which cities they had gone after graduation at the Carlisle Indian school.

When arrested Baird denied that he was in town on Friday night, the time of the robbery, although the police say he later admitted having been here for several weeks. However Baird disclaims having any knowledge of the crime.

The two defendants were to have been given a preliminary hearing before Justice of the Peace W. G. Hughes today, but it had to be postponed because of the illness of Mrs. Lewis, the victim. Physicians now say that Mrs. Lewis, who is past 60 years old, will recover.

Baird, while attending the Indian School, was a member of the baseball team. He also was a catcher on an independent team on which Sherwood Magee, long a member of the Philadelphia Nationals, was a player.

Boston Nationals Get Magee
Philadelphia, Dec. 24.—Sherwood R. Magee, the hard-hitting outfielder of the Philadelphia National League Club, was to-day traded to the Boston Nationals for cash and some players.

SAWDUST YIELDS MANY TREASURES

Coins, Pocketbooks, Hatpins and Other Valuables Are Found on Tabernacle Floor

COSTLY MESH BAG UNCOVERED

All These Articles May Be Obtained by the Owners After Identification—Big Supply of Coats and Umbrellas Awaits Claimants

If you have, while attending meetings at the Stough tabernacle, lost any coins, hatpins, handkerchiefs, buttons, or perchance pocketbooks, the articles are now being recovered, for the sawdust is giving up its treasures.

For the last day or two workmen engaged in dismantling the big building have been kicking industriously around in the sawdust covering of the ground floor and the kicks have brought to light a great variety of lost articles. There are coins of various denominations—none so high in value as to cause much excitement—but sufficient in number to make up a total of many dollars.

And of hatpins there is no end. All women while attending tabernacle meetings were asked to remove their hats, and then in the confusion of changing to make room for the trail blazers, they naturally dropped their hatpins if they were not extremely careful, and the sawdust promptly closed in over the pins. The harvest of these hatpins covers a period of seven weeks, so there are enough of them to equip a small army of militant suffragists.

Many Pocketbooks Found
The buttons, from men's coats as well as from women's coats, are no small consideration either. In some cases they are of no value but it is believed that many of the buttons lost by their owners, since they are of the sorts that cannot readily be replaced and without them the women would have to wear coats with different buttons which they do not as a rule fancy doing.

Among the pocketbooks there is a mesh bag of some value. Some of the pocketbooks are entirely empty, evidently having been lost after the collections had been lifted. Others contain a few small coins.

Handkerchiefs there are sufficient to

5 DEAD IN TENEMENT FIRE

Suffocated When Trapped by Blaze That Starts in Basement and Gains Headway Through Elevator Shaft

(By Associated Press.)
New York, Dec. 24.—Five members of a family occupying an apartment on the top floor of a five-story apartment house, 316 West Forty-ninth street, were trapped in a fire early to-day that started in the basement and spread rapidly up the elevator shafts. Four members of the family were suffocated before aid could reach them, the fifth dying soon after being taken to a hospital. The dead are:

Mrs. Mary Corso, 48 years old; her three sons, Charles, 21; Frank, 19, and Harry, 7, and her niece, Grace Anadale, 8 years old.

The only surviving member of the family, Arthur Corso, a telephone operator at the Polyclinic hospital, was on duty when the fire started and ordered out ambulances and surgeons to the scene. He did not learn of the deaths of his relatives until his mother was brought into the hospital where she died.

SHE GETS BACK LOST \$505

Mrs. Filling, Through Detective White, Recovers Money That Vanished During Shopping Trip

Mrs. William Filling, 1408 North Sixth street, at noon to-day reported to the police the loss of a purse containing \$505.

Mrs. Filling said she believed she was robbed while shopping in a store on North Third street. City Detective Harry C. White traced the purse to a home in the West End of the city and recovered it from a woman who told him, he said, that her daughter had found it.

Nothing had been removed from the purse. The money was made up of \$105 in cash and a \$400 certificate of deposit.

JAMES A. ANDREWS TO WED

Manager of Harrisburg Baking Company to Be Married To-morrow

Announcement was made to-day of the engagement of James A. Andrews, president and general manager of the Harrisburg Baking Company, and Miss Josephine Henry, of Chicago, Ill. The wedding will take place at the home of the bride in Chicago, at high noon to-morrow, Christmas Day.

FINE VIEW OF OLD CAPITOL IS THE NEWSBOYS' GREETING

The Star-Independent Carriers To-day Are Distributing Their New Year's Calendar, Which is a Work of Rare Historic Value and Artistic Beauty

The Star-Independent's faithful carrier boys—the youngsters who every day all year 'round, whether in the heat of summer or through winter's snow drifts, bring the news to your home in the evening—are to-day distributing their annual New Year's greeting—a beautiful reproduction of a photograph of the old Capitol building, with a calendar attached.

From an architectural viewpoint, for its natural beauty and for its historic value, the old Capitol, which was destroyed by flames on February 2, 1897, was a building the memory of which is dear to all loyal Pennsylvanians and especially to the people of the city in which it was so long a landmark.

In reproducing the building for the Star-Independent newsboys' greeting the artist has produced an exceptionally fine picture. The clear outlines of the old building as it stood for years on the summit of Capitol Hill are brought out as never before, and not a single feature of the colonial architecture of the structure is lost. The calendar is of interest and value not only to those who remember the old Capitol and cherish that memory, but also to the younger generation who never saw this building.

The newsboys who have served the Star-Independent's readers so well and so faithfully throughout the last year are a worthy set who believe thoroughly in the existence of Old Saint Nick, and they are not being forgotten in their rounds of the city to deliver their greeting to-day.

WOMAN, 80, NEAR FROZEN

Old Servant of Bossler Family Found With Feet in Stream and Ice Formed Around Them

(Special to the Star-Independent.)
Carlisle, Pa., Dec. 24.—Betty Taylor, a colored "mammy" past eighty years old, last evening was found by a policeman when she was sitting half frozen along the bank of the Letort Spring, a small stream running through the town, with her feet hanging down in the water. She was in a semi-conscious condition when discovered and to-day a physician said she is dangerously ill as a result of exposure. It is feared she will not recover.

Members of her family said the old woman, at times, becomes mentally deranged and that she suffered such an attack last evening when, instead of going shopping as she had planned, she wandered aimlessly about until she reached the bank of the stream. She left her home early in the evening and the search for her was not begun until almost two hours afterward when the prolonged absence.

Patrolman Johns joined the family in the search for Mrs. Taylor and he found her at the Letort Spring. She was thinly clad. Ice had formed around her shoe top. Although she was visibly affected by the cold, she made no complaint or explanation to the policeman or her family.

For many years the old colored woman has been employed as a domestic in the home of Frank Bossler in Carlisle. The Bossler family recently went away on a pleasure trip and since then she had been staying at her own home in the east end of town.

SQUIRE'S OFFICE BURNED OUT

Bucket Brigade Saves Nearby Buildings in Hamlet of Benvenue

(Special to the Star-Independent.)
Inglenook, Pa., Dec. 24.—Fire of mysterious origin was discovered at 7 o'clock last night in the office of Squire John Ziegler, a Benvenue coal dealer, in Benvenue, two miles south of here. The flames consumed the building, causing a loss estimated at \$500. One hundred dollars insurance was carried on the building.

Not more than a dozen families live in Benvenue, which is a hamlet without organized fire protection, and the men attracted to the fire formed a bucket brigade, turning their efforts toward saving nearby buildings.

Resides being the justice of the peace of Reed township, Ziegler is a member of the township School Board and he was attending exercises which were being held in the school house here when the fire was discovered.

The squire lost some of his law books, carpenter tools and other property. Mrs. Ziegler was alone in her home not more than fifty feet from the office when the fire was discovered.

HELPS YALE DEFEAT NAVY

E. J. Stackpole, Jr., of This City, Thought Injured Aids in Victory

The Yale basketball team smothered the Navy team at Annapolis yesterday by a score of 22 to 14, the first defeat the Academy team has sustained in two seasons, and the second in five seasons.

E. J. Stackpole, Jr., of Harrisburg, who had been suffering from a badly sprained ankle, was in the game for fifteen minutes with Yale, and then gave way to another man, the game being as good as won. John C. Herman, 24, of Harrisburg, is manager of the Yale team.

CHRISTMAS—1914

Mabel Cronise Jones

This is the season of gladness! Hail it ye war-scarred lands,
Reeking with gore, sing the anthem of yore,
Chanted by heavenly bands!
On fertile fields now crimsoned
And blighted by War's grim frown,
On pillage and black desolation,
The Christ of Peace looks down.

This is the season of mercy! Hail it ye millions who slay!
Battlefields red, 'neath your mantel of dead,
Welcome the Holy Day!
Ye monarchs who wear His symbol
And praise Him for realm and crown,
On hosts ye have maimed and murdered,
The Christ of Peace looks down.

This is the season of kindness! Greet it ye Christians to-day,
Wading Death's flood, drunken with blood,
Cursed by the loves ye betray!
By temples reared for His worship,
Ye slaughter for paltry renown,
While waiting with infinite patience,
The Christ of Peace looks down.

IN DYING BREATH HE NAMES SLAYER

Then Foreman of Semet-Solvay Plant at Lebanon Succumbs to Bullet Wound

RAY SEIDERS IS ACCUSED OF CRIME

John E. Mills, Victim of Holdup, Makes Supplement to Statement in Effort to Be Fair If He Wrongfully Accused Seiders

Lebanon, Dec. 24.—The residents of this city are greatly excited over the daring and fatal holdup of John E. Mills, the well-known foreman of the Semet-Solvay coke plants at North Lebanon, near this city, Monday night at 10 o'clock, when he was shot through the liver and robbed by two highwaymen. Mills succumbed to his wounds early this morning.

Lying on his deathbed, the victim of the brutal attack yesterday made an ante-mortem statement in which he accused Ray Seiders of being the man who shot him, saying: "You stopped back three paces and shot me." He then added: "If it was not you who shot me, then it was your double." This was his supplement to the statement in an effort to be fair to the accused man.

The accusation was dramatic. Standing beside Mills in his room at the Lebanon sanitarium was Dr. A. B. Gloninger, who was there to see that his patient would not exert himself to a great extent. At the foot of the bed stood the prisoner and directly behind him District Attorney Paul G. Adams and County Detective Aaron Sattzeahn.

Before Seiders was led to the bed Mills was informed by Dr. Gloninger that a man, held on suspicion of shooting him, was to be brought into the room for identification. Mr. Mills' condition was such that he knew every

NEWVILLE STORE BURNS

Fitee's 5-and-10-Cent Emporium Destroyed by Flames That for a Time Threaten Business Center

(Special to the Star-Independent.)
Newville, Pa., Dec. 24.—The 5-and-10-cent store of S. M. Fitee was gutted by a fire which broke out in the second floor of the three-story building at 10 o'clock last night, causing losses estimated at \$5,000. The building is a frame structure and the fire at one time threatened an entire block in the heart of the business section.

Excellent work on the part of the local firemen, however, prevented the spread of the flames to the frame house of A. M. Maxwell, immediately adjoining the store.

This is the second serious fire that has visited this town within the last thirty days. Recently the town council decided to purchase a \$6,000 motor-driven chemical wagon.

The origin of last night's fire is a mystery. It was discovered by Mrs. Harry Hoover who lives directly opposite the Fitee store. The loss is partly covered by insurance.

LITTLE BABY SWALLOWS LYE

Child of Mr. and Mrs. Harry McClain in Serious Condition at Hospital

Mervin McClain, 18 months old, son of Mr. and Mrs. Harry McClain, 542 South Tenth street, to-day is in a critical condition in the Harrisburg hospital suffering from mouth and throat burns, the result of eating a quantity of lye last evening.

When the child screamed the mother snatched him up into her arms and rushed with him to the hospital.

ELKS TO SHOW CHILDREN A BIG TIME ON SATURDAY

All Youngsters of City Are Invited to Visit Club House Where Christmas Trees and Presents Have Been Prepared for Them

Here is a tip for youngsters of the city who are looking for the time of their young lives. Let them go to the Elks' club house, 216 North Second street, on Saturday between 9 o'clock in the morning and 2 o'clock in the afternoon, since a big surprise is in store for them there.

The grill room of the club house has been fitted up for the exclusive use of the youngsters at this time. All are invited. They can come singly or in crowds, and need not be accompanied by their parents or by anybody else's parents. It is children's day at the Elks' and the sole object is to show the children a good time.

There will be music to begin with, but that is only the beginning. What will take the eye of every youthful visitor will be the three big Christmas trees, on a platform crowded with mechanical toys and illuminated with numerous colored electric lights. There will be no toys to play with and there will be nobody to shout "hands off" at the merry-makers. Oranges will be distributed and the shells will be thrown all around. What active youngster's heart could desire more!

Boxes of candy will be given to all visitors as remembrances of the occasion, remembrances which may not last long perhaps, but which it is safe to say, will be highly acceptable.

It had been hoped that the children's day could come before Christmas, but as it is the children who take advantage of the Elks' hospitality will prolong their celebration and have two Christmas days instead of one.

To-day, wagonloads of baskets containing provisions for needy families left the Elks' club house, and were distributed throughout the city. The baskets contained potatoes, canned goods, flour and fruits. The addresses of the families where food is needed to make to-morrow a joyful Christmas, were received through the Associated Charities and from other sources.

CITY'S TREE ALIGHT TO-NIGHT

Choir Will Sing Carols and Hymns 'Neath It to Usher in the Christmas Season

Amid a fall of light snow thousands of Harrisburgers will gather at the big tree at Front and Market streets this evening at 7.30 o'clock to celebrate the coming of Christmas in an grand ceremony. Six thousand school children, hundreds of men and women singers recruited from the various church choirs, and the Commonwealth band will take part in the ceremonies.

The program follows: Concert, Commonwealth band; hymn, "Joy to the World," choir; carol, "We Three Kings," children's choir; short address, Mayor John K. Royal; selection, Commonwealth band; hymns, "Come All Ye Faithful," and "O Little Town of Bethlehem," choir; carol, "There's a Song in the Air," children's choir; hymn, "The Silent Knight," children's choir.

During the exercises the tree will be lighted and motion pictures on the life of Christ will be thrown on a screen to the side of the big tree. Market street will be closed to traffic between Front and Market squares, the members of the day force of the police department being called out for special service. A space in the front of the tree for the singers will be roped off by the police department.

Ambler Runs Down and Kills Man
Philadelphia, Dec. 24.—Charles A. Ambler, of Montgomery county, candidate for Speaker of the State House of Representatives, to-day ran down and killed a man named John Forsyth, at Noble, Pa., near here, while driving his automobile. Mr. Ambler gave himself up to the police of Abington township, who after investigating the accident, absolved him from all blame.

Senator Dupont Under the Knife
By Associated Press.
Rochester, Minn., Dec. 24.—Senator Henry A. Dupont, of Delaware, underwent a serious operation for abdominal trouble at St. Mary's hospital here to-day. His condition this afternoon was reported as satisfactory.

WALL STREET CLOSING

New York, Dec. 24.—Stocks fell back again in the last hour on a steadily diminishing volume of business. Northern Pacific was then at its weakest, selling within a fraction of its minimum. The closing was heavy. Over a score of stock, active and otherwise, descended to their established low prices in the course of to-day's dull market. There was an absence of demand throughout, except for occasional short covering.

SNOW COMES IN TIME FOR OLD ST. NICK

White Christmas Blows in to Make Good Running for Reindeer and Sleigh

COLD AND CLEAR FOR TO-MORROW

Celebration of Yuletide Starts To-night With Exercises Around the Municipal Tree at Front and Market Streets—Suspension of Business

Snow that began falling before 10 o'clock this morning will likely accumulate on the ground in such quantities by midnight that Santa Claus will have no trouble driving behind his reindeer to usher in the greatest of all holidays—Christmas.

To be sure, the snow was not on the official program of the Weather Bureau, but that does not interfere with the plans of old St. Nick when he decides on a white Christmas, so he just naturally upset the calculations by sending East a piece of a New Mexican storm—just enough of it to cause snow to-day and to-night. It will pass off to-morrow, leaving in its place cold and fair weather. While the lowest temperature forecasted for to-night is but twenty-five degrees, the mercury is likely to take such a drop by to-morrow night that December temperature records will be in danger.

There was some probability early today that the snow would turn to rain by night, but early this afternoon this doubt seemed to have been dispelled. The best advance information available at the local office of the Weather Bureau at that time was that the dry, light snow would continue to be falling during the celebration this evening around the municipal Christmas tree at Front and Market streets.

The snow did not detract one iota from the Christmas plans of the thousands of busy Harrisburgers as they added a few presents to the already long list and prepared for the annual mission of distribution to-night and to-morrow. On every hand, in the stores and on the streets, was heard this cheerful greeting:

"Well, it looks as if we are going to have a white Christmas to-morrow."

To Gather at Tree To-night
Everybody but the confirmed grinch believes that the snow is the proper stage setting for a very merry Christmas celebration and, if anything, the detailed plans for to-morrow are progressing more rapidly on account of the snow.

The Christmas evening celebration in Harrisburg will begin at 7.30 o'clock to-night with the exercises under the passenger station in this city—had a full share of the Christmastic activity. Trains that came into the city on time were held out of the train shed for periods ranging from ten minutes to half an hour this morning, because of a blockade of express cars which had to be left standing in the station to permit the transfer of the thousands of Christmas packages.

To say there were thousands of packages received and shipped at the Harrisburg transfer doesn't give a real idea of all that the station attaches were doing to-day. Everywhere in the train shed could be seen stacks and stacks of parcels and bundles.

Trucks were piled four and five feet high with the Christmas gifts and on the platforms and in the parcel room they were stacked even higher and every employe was a real busy Santa Claus.

As fast as express cars could be loaded or unloaded they were taken from the train shed and then only could the regular trains enter to discharge their passengers. Parcel post bags containing the smaller packages were to be seen piled high on many trucks.

Passenger traffic also was unusually heavy. All day the station proper and the annex waiting room were crowded. Practically the same conditions prevailed at the Reading terminal.

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