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## HOW FIGHTING IN BELGIUM IS AFFECTED BY WINTER CONDITIONS

This picture, drawn by Paul Thiriat, special artist for this newspaper, the New York Herald and the London Sphere, comes from the South Belgian battlefield. It gives some idea of the severe conditions under which the French troops on the left wing have been operating. A correspondent from there writes:—"Always the same spotless snow over the same purple and dull woods. From the height to which we have been conducted this afternoon we are on the borders of two regions, clearly divided by the abrupt descent of a plateau as if by a thick wall. At our right the Artois and its chalky slopes descend into steep dykes; at our left is Flanders, the charm of the Low Countries."

# A FRENCH SUBMARINE DESTROYED

### Sunk in an Attempt to Torpedo Austrian Battleships in Naval Base of Pola

### CREW, RESCUED, ARE PRISONERS

**Attacks by Turks in the Caucasus Repulsed, States Official Communication Given Out by the Russian Army Officials This Morning**

Paris, Dec. 26, 6.10 A. M.—The Italian press states, according to advices to the "Matin" that a French submarine belonging to the fleet of Vice Admiral Lapeyrers has been sunk while attempting to torpedo Austrian battleships in the Austrian naval base of Pola. The crew, it is stated, were rescued and taken prisoners.

Petrograd, Dec. 25.—An official communication given out by the Russian army in the Caucasus reports quiet there. Some fighting occurred in the Van region where attacks by the Turks were repulsed. The communication says:

"In the region of Butaka, Turkish Armenia, the enemy attempted an offensive from different directions but the attacks were repulsed. On the other fronts there is no change."

## TURKS ATTACK AMERICAN VESSEL; U. S. CRUISER THREATENS BOMBARDMENT

London, Dec. 26.—Bombardment by an American cruiser of the Turkish port of Tripoli, Syria, is said at Athens to have been threatened on account of an attack by Turks on the crew of an American merchantman on which British and French citizens desired to depart. The incomplete reports received from Athens state that the threat of the warship's commander quelled the attack. The cruiser Tennessee has been in the western Mediterranean for several months and was last reported not far from Tripoli.

## BRUSSELS WAR INDEMNITY HELD UP BY BRYAN, REPORT

Paris, Dec. 26, 5.35 A. M.—"German proclamations announcing a levy of 500 million francs ($100,000,000), indemnity at Brussels have been passed over," says the "Journal" and the report is current that the measure was withdrawn by the German governor as the result of representations by the American Secretary of State, William J. Bryan, through Minister Brand Whitlock, pointing out that the tax was in violation of The Hague convention.

"It is announced that the Germans have imposed a tax of 25 francs on all unmarried persons over 27 years of age in Brussels."

Washington, Dec. 26.—Secretary Bryan reiterated to-day that if Brand Whitlock, American Minister to Belgium, had taken any action to dissuade the German military authorities from collecting a war levy on Brussels he had been acting entirely in a personal and unofficial capacity and without any instructions from the American government. The Secretary said he had no information that Mr. Whitlock had been concerned.

## LATE WAR NEWS SUMMARY

**Although stating that further progress has been made to-day's communication from the French war office lays chief emphasis on the repeated attacks by the Germans, who apparently have undertaken a series of vigorous onslaughts in response to the offensive movement of the allies. Some of these German attacks extended over considerable sections, involving large bodies of troops but the assertion is made that all were checked. Perceptible progress in Alsace is claimed by the French**

**Reviewing conditions in the east the French war office asserts that the Germans have been thrust back along the line before Warsaw and that in the fighting in the region of Cracow the Russians have won the advantage.**

**The Japanese embassy at Washington gave confirmation to last night's report from the official press bureau in**

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## J. KIRK BOSLER STRICKEN DEAD IN CARLISLE HOME

**Member of Wealthy and Socially Prominent Family Succumbs This Morning a Few Hours After An Attack of Paralysis**

(Special to the Star-Independent.)

Carlisle, Dec. 26.—J. Kirk Bosler, one of Carlisle's wealthiest residents, banker, manufacturer, clubman and formerly one of the town's most prominent business men, died at his home, North College street, this morning at 6.30 o'clock. He had been in poor health for about five years. The attending physician said death was due to a stroke of paralysis which he suffered only a few hours before he died.

Mr. Bosler quietly celebrated his thirty-eighth birthday in October. He was born, reared and educated in Carlisle—the son of the late J. Herman Bosler—and until his retirement about five years ago, managed the business of the Carlisle Shoe Company, which his father had successfully conducted before him.

Following his graduation from Dickinson College, Mr. Bosler joined his wealthy father in a number of business enterprises and subsequent to the death of his parent he became a director of both the Farmers' Trust Company and the Carlisle Deposit bank, of this place. Including the Fidelity Trust Company, of Baltimore, he also was identified with other banking institutions in this and other States.

The Bosler family long has been prominent socially both in Cumberland and Dauphin counties. Mr. Bosler was

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### ATTEMPTS SUICIDE IN JAIL

**Tramp, Who Said He Once Was Rich, Cuts Throat With Razor**

(Special to the Star-Independent.)

Carlisle, Dec. 26.—Frank Myers, 60 years old, a tramp who was serving out a jail sentence on a vagrancy charge, attempted suicide in prison here last night by slashing his throat with a razor. His windpipe was hacked and the sharp instrument barely escaped cutting the jugular vein.

Myers was rushed to the Carlisle hospital where this morning it was said his chances for recovery are good.

Other prison inmates, who found the old man after he had attempted self-destruction, said Myers told them he once had much money but had lost it.

**Admiral Dewey 77 To-day**

*By Associated Press.*

Washington, Dec. 26.—Admiral Dewey was 77 years old to-day. Secretary Daniels, his aids and members of the navy general board, called on the Admiral at his home and found him in good spirits and health.

**Sledding Accident Serious**

Edward Cross, 6 years old, 1335 Fulton street, ran into a water plug while sledding near his home Thursday afternoon and lacerated his left arm. He was treated at the Harrisburg hospital.

**Gold Coins for Trust Co. Force**

The clerks and attaches of the Mechanics' Trust Company were remembered on the day before Christmas with presents of double-eagle gold pieces.

## CURBING SEDITION AMONG FILIPINOS

### Eight Are Arrested in an Abortive Uprising in Manila and Its Suburbs

### 10,000 SAID TO BE IN THE PLOT

**Constabulary Agents, as Members of Secret Societies, Disclose Plans of Intended Rising, and Subsequently Disperse a Number of Gatherings**

*By Associated Press.*

Manila, Dec. 26.—Eight Filipinos have been arrested on the charge of sedition as a result of an abortive rising in Manila and its environs on Thursday night. Further arrests are probable. From army sources it is learned that a general warning was sent to all officers on Thursday afternoon stating that fully ten thousand Filipinos in Manila alone were ready for a concerted attack on Fort Santiago, the Cuartel Espana, the Curatel Infanteria and the medical depot. The military units were immediately prepared and a street patrol was started at dusk.

**Plans of Risng Disclosed**

Constabulary agents who are members of the secret societies disclosed the plans for an uprising, thus enabling a force of Constabulary and police to disperse gatherings at Bagumbaya, Paco and Navotas, near Malabon. At Caloocan a squad of American sailors seized chains when a force of Filipinos approached a dance hall in which they were gathered and, using the chairs as weapons, routed the Filipinos, of whom quite a number were injured.

The rising was evidently poorly organized and lacked leaders. It was composed for the most part of persons implicitly trusting the word of Artemio Ricarte, a revolutionary, who conducts a continual propaganda from Hong Kong to which place he was banished by the American authorities some

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**Car Window Falls on Hand**

E. A. Edwards, 169 North Fifteenth street, a conductor for the Harrisburg Railways Company, was injured last evening when a car window fell on his right hand. A laceration of several fingers was treated at the Harrisburg hospital.

**Operation on Miss Rae Snyder**

Miss Rae Snyder, 17 years old, of Duncannon, was operated on yesterday afternoon at the Harrisburg hospital for appendicitis. Her condition is much improved to-day and her early recovery is looked for.

## HANDEL'S 'SAMSON' CHOSEN FOR THE CHORAL SOCIETY

**Rehearsals for the Twentieth Season's Work Will Start January 5, Under the Direction of Dr. J. Fred Wolle, Conductor of the Bach Choir**

The Harrisburg Choral Society announced to-day it will begin the twentieth season of its activities on Tuesday evening, January 5, when it will begin the study of Handel's beautiful oratorio "Samson," the work to be taken up this winter. The conductor will be Dr. J. Fred Wolle, of Bethlehem, conductor of the famous Bethlehem Bach Choir. Last year was Dr. Wolle's first connection with the Choral Society and in the opinion of local musicians he demonstrated wonderful ability. In addition he was most popular with all the members.

The rehearsals will be held each Tuesday evening throughout the winter in Fahnestock Hall, in the Y. M. C. A. building. They will begin promptly at 7.45 o'clock. The old members are enrolling rapidly and many new recruits from the choir of the Stough evangelistic services are coming into the Society.

"If any who contemplate enrolling have not yet done so they should enroll before the books are closed," said an officer of the Society to-day. "Such persons should communicate at once with Harry M. Bretz, secretary of the Society, 222 Market street."

Upon being engaged for the season of 1915, Dr. Wolle wrote the following letter from Bethlehem, Pa.:

"It is with the greatest pleasure that I look forward to resuming rehearsals with the Choral Society on Tuesday, January 5, because my relations with this splendid body of singers during the past season were most pleasant. During those few months the response of the chorus to their leader was so prompt and efficient, it is no wonder that the first year of our co-

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### SHE FILLS FORTY STOCKINGS

**Mrs. Stebbins Acts as Santa Claus for Children of Lochiel Row**

Mrs. Lauretta B. Stebbins, who conducts an eating house at 1519 South Cameron street, made a whole lot of poor little folks in Lochiel Row happy on Christmas Day.

Knowing that some of these children would not have the visit from Santa Claus that they expected, Mrs. Stebbins arranged to present all who called at her restaurant with a remembrance of the day, and when the day closed she had filled forty stockings with candy and oranges which she handed out to her little visitors.

### GLASS CUTS HER ARM

**Margaret Loper Slips on Ice and Falls on Broken Bottle**

Miss Margaret Loper, 1624 Fulton street, who slipped on some ice in the rear yard of her home Thursday afternoon while carrying a milk bottle, painfully cut her left arm when she fell on the broken fragments of the bottle. She was treated at the Harrisburg hospital.

## VARE CLUB WANTS PLACE OF HONOR

### Disputes Right of McNichol-Penrose Men to Head Line In Inaugural Procession

### COMMITTEE TO ADJUST ROW

**Twelve Companies of National Guard From Harrisburg and Vicinity Will March—Local Firemen and Possibly the State Police Will Parade**

Although no committee has as yet been appointed to arrange for the inauguration of Governor Brumbaugh, those who undoubtedly will be selected to make the preparations have been giving the matter some attention, and from what can be learned the members of the Legislative Inaugural Committee will have but little to do except to endorse what will be ready for them when they hold their first meeting. This Legislative Committee will consist of five Senators and seven members of the House, and it has always been customary to place the Senator from Dauphin county at its head, and in this instance Senator E. E. Beidleman will be the chairman of the joint committee.

The vote for Governor will be computed in the presence of both Legislative branches in the hall of the House on Tuesday afternoon, January 5, after the organization of the two houses. The joint committee will then be appointed to arrange for the inaugural, and adjournment until Monday evening January 18, will follow. Meantime the inaugural committee will meet and take up the detail of the inauguration and look over and endorse the arrangements already made.

At present it is planned to hold the inaugural ceremonies on a platform to be built over the large flight of steps leading up from Third street to the top of Capitol Hill, in the same spot as that on which the platform was placed

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**Saws Prison Bars and Escapes**

*By Associated Press.*

Worcester, Mass., Dec. 26.—Sawing two bars from the window of his cell, Albert W. Johnson, 24 years old, who was awaiting grand jury action on a charge of breaking and entering, escaped from his cell in the county jail to-day and beat Curtis W. Sassett, a prison guard, insensible.

**Whitman Takes Oath as Governor**

*By Associated Press.*

New York, Dec. 26.—District Attorney Charles S. Whitman took the oath of office as Governor of New York before Presiding Justice Ingraham of the Appellate division of the Supreme Court.

## NOBODY HINDERS WHEN CHILDREN CARRY OFF TOYS

**Youngsters Help Themselves at Elks' Grill Room While Benefactors Look Away—More Than Thousand Boys and Girls in Crowd**

"Mister, may I take one of these toys home for my little sister, so she can have a happy Christmas too?" came the anxious query from one of the thousand children who to-day crowded the grill room of the Elks' home and amused themselves with the loads of toys provided for their benefit.

"Help yourself," came the answer. "There is nobody to stop you."

That little incident repeated itself over and over, until the youngsters had gotten away with all the playthings in the room, including a second supply, long before 2 o'clock, the closing hour. The toys were all attractive ones. They could not be distributed equally because of the overwhelming numbers of the little visitors, so the men in charge turned their heads the other way whenever a youngster started for the door with one of the playthings under his arm, and left the distribution take care of itself.

**Bells on the Tables Attract**

Nothing was withheld from the guests of the day excepting the ornaments and attachments of the Christmas trees in one corner of the room. Efforts were also made to withhold the bells on the tables which are used ordinarily to call the waiters, and only with difficulty were they saved. Practically all of them were in constant action while the visitors were in the room.

Every child who visited the Elks' home from 9 o'clock until 2 received

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### RUNAWAY HURTS MESSENGER

**Harvey Ensminger Injured This Morning and His Bicycle Wrecked**

Harvey Ensminger, 340 South Fourteenth street, a Western Union messenger boy, was run down and slightly injured at Third and Market streets at 10.30 o'clock this morning when he tried in vain to get out of the way of a runaway horse belonging to N. Freidberg, 420 Walnut street.

The horse struck the boy after making a dash from Third and Pine streets. The lad's bicycle was demolished.

**McCormack Will Sing Here**

John McCormack, the Irish tenor, who has won many admirers since he entered grand opera about five years ago, will give a recital in Harrisburg, probably in the Chestnut street auditorium, on or about February 4. McCormack's coming here is being arranged by Fred C. Hand, an attache of the Pennsylvania Department of Labor and Industry.

**Arm Fractured in Fall**

Mrs. Lydie Caddell, 1851 Swatara street, fractured her right forearm yesterday morning in a fall on the ice at Fourteenth and Derry streets. The fracture was reduced at the Harrisburg hospital.

**Irvin Rubin Improving**

Last evening Irvin Rubin, of the firm of Rubin & Rubin, was operated on at the Harrisburg hospital for appendicitis. The operation was successful and his condition is said to be good to-day.

# BANDIT HOHL BURIED WITH POLICE NEAR

### Small Crowd Orderly At Funeral Services for Desperado Killed by Bluecoats

### MOTHER IS IN TEARS AT BIER

**The Rev. A. M. Stamets Reads Brief Service in Undertaker's Chapel and Then Body Is Taken Away and Placed in Plot Beside Father**

Severe in their simplicity were the funeral services held here this afternoon over the body of Frank G. Hohl, the Harrisburg bandit who was killed on Thursday of last week by the police of Cincinnati, after he had robbed two banks and mortally wounded Patrolman Knaul. More simple still were the services in the Harrisburg cemetery before the body was lowered into the grave in the plot where already Hohl's father, a brother and a sister had been buried.

There was no long line of mourners present at the chapel of C. H. Mauk, undertaker, at Sixth and Kelker streets, where the first services were held at 1 o'clock. Only a few relatives took part in the services. Three score persons, attracted by curiosity, stood on the opposite side of Sixth street but made no demonstration. No provision had been made to have friends act as pallbearers and paid assistants of the undertaker and the undertaker himself took that duty upon themselves.

The sixty curious persons, gathered outside the chapel, stood a respectful distance away and bowed their heads as the body was carried out for its last journey. In expectation of a morbidly curious crowd three policemen had been sent to the funeral to preserve order but their services were not needed.

**Fewer Than a Dozen Mourners**

The mourners, fewer than a dozen, were gathered at the funeral chapel at 1 o'clock when the Rev. Amos M. Stamets, pastor of the Augsburg Lutheran church, arrived to conduct the services. He talked but a few minutes and offered up a short prayer. The weeping mother was left alone for a few minutes with body and then it was carried away. The services in the chapel lasted but twelve minutes. Mrs. Hohl was accompanied to the cemetery by her daughter and a sister-in-law. There was but a short prayer at the grave.

The body of the bandit was brought to Harrisburg last Thursday night and immediately prepared for burial. All through Christmas Day persons went to the chapel hoping to view the body, but all save friends of the family were prohibited from seeing the corpse. Some of the friends did not recognize the body immediately as Hohl had raised a small mustache and it altered his appearance. Hohl's mother, whose hope to the last had been that it was a mistake and that it was not her boy who had been killed, broke down as her doubt finally was dispelled.

**Delay in Shipment of Body**

No explanation other than that the Cincinnati police wanted, as far as possible, to clear up other burglaries in and near that city, by holding the body there for possible identification was given to the undertaker here for the delay on the part of the Cincinnati coroner in releasing the body for shipment to Harrisburg. Its arrival here Thursday night was unexpected as those most interested had been led to believe that it would not arrive until some time Christmas Day, although it originally had been expected last Monday.

## ENGINE RACES FOR A LIFE

**Right of Way Over Tracks of Two Railroads for Shifter Carrying Man Mangled in Yards**

Tony Lemmo, 647 Verbeke street, a Pennsylvania railroad trackwalker, was struck by a shifting engine while walking in the Harrisburg railroad yards at 1.30 o'clock this afternoon and he was so badly injured that he has little chance to live. Lemmo's back was broken, his skull fractured and his left leg cut off.

The man was placed on the shifting engine, which was given the right of way over the Pennsylvania railroad and Cumberland Valley railroad tracks to the Harrisburg hospital, at Front and Mulberry streets, in the slim hope of saving his life.

When taken to the operating room the injured man's watch dropped from his pocket. The timepiece apparently had not been damaged, as it showed correct time.

**President 58 Next Monday**

*By Associated Press.*

Washington, Dec. 26.—President Wilson continued to-day to rest from the cares of office. He is transacting only necessary business during the holidays. President Wilson will be 58 years of age next Monday. He will celebrate the occasion.