

PIFFS CIGARETTE AS HIS SHIP SINKS

Captain of Formidable Gives Orders From the Bridge When Vessel Founders

TO WATERY GRAVE AS HE CHEERS MEN

Graphic Scenes on British Battleship When Explosion Caused by Mine or Torpedo Sends Huge Ship to Bottom of English Channel

London, Jan. 4, 2.11 A. M.—Captain Arthur N. Loxley, of the battleship Formidable, stood on the bridge smoking a cigarette as his vessel went down in the English channel last Friday morning after the ship either had struck a mine or been torpedoed, according to survivors of the disaster.

The survivors give graphic stories of the scene on board the battleship. They state that when the explosion occurred at 2.20 in the morning 500 men were asleep. Their hammocks and bunks were jerked several inches upward by the shock.

The captain of the battleship, according to survivors, was on deck all the time the vessel sank. When the order was given for all hands to come on deck the men swarmed up, saluting the officers as they passed them. Many were almost without clothes.

While the second cutter was being launched another explosion occurred. This, curiously enough, served to lengthen the warship's life. She had tilted to a terrifying angle and it seemed as though she might capsize at any moment, but the rush of water into the portside had the effect of balancing her better, though she laid lower in the water.

MANY GERMANS KILLED IN HAND-TO-HAND STRUGGLE WITH RUSSIAN SOLDIERS

Petrograd, Jan. 3.—An official communication issued to-night by the general staff of the Russian army regarding the fighting in Poland and Galicia, says: "A strong artillery combat has been fought all along the front on the left bank of the Vistula. The attempt of the Germans to gain ground in certain parts in the region of the Bzura river was without success."

"On the night of January 2, we discovered the passage of Germans across the Bzura in the vicinity of Kozloff and Biskoupi. Having watched the concentration of the enemy's forces, one of our glorious regiments surrounded the Germans. They attacked them with the bayonet without firing a shot and in the hand to hand struggle which followed killed several hundred men. The survivors saved their lives by surrendering."

About 3 p. m., on January 3, a brigade of German infantry attacked our position near Borjimon, northeast of Bolimow, but the German assault was repulsed with enormous losses by the fire from several batteries and a counter attack made with the bayonet.

"Desperate fighting occurred during the night of January 2, continuing until dawn, northeast of Rawa where we succeeded in dislodging the enemy from some of the trenches which they had previously taken."

"South of the Pilsda river fighting took place at Metairie and Gaschek, west of Nowolodz, and also southeast of Malozosoz near Volmine, where we repulsed the advance of the enemy. In Galicia the fighting around Gorlice and Kalkicyn continues."

FRENCH ADMIT FAILURE TO TAKE GERMAN POSITION IN THE MEUSE COUNTRY

Paris, Jan. 4, 2.45 P. M.—The official statement given out in Paris this afternoon shows that the artillery fighting along the front is proceeding intermittently and at some points with particularly violence. There seems to have been few infantry attacks recently. The French admit failure in an effort to occupy a German position in the Meuse country. They claim, however, further progress in Steinbach. The text of the communication follows:

"From the sea to the Oise the day passed in almost complete calm. The weather was rainy. There were artillery exchanges at some points of the front. In front of Noulette our heavy artillery reduced the German batteries to silence."

"On the Aisne and in Champagne the cannonading was particularly violent. Our batteries showed their superiority and brought under their fire reserve forces of the enemy. We became possessed of several points of support held by the Germans in the region of Perthes and of Mesnil-Les-Hurlus."

BANDAGES ON WAY TO EUROPE

Work of Women in This City is Now Bound for Battlefields

More than two miles of linen in varying forms has passed through the hands of the volunteer workers for the Red Cross division of the Home and War Relief Committee during the past two weeks. It has become, under skillful manipulation, bandages for use on the battlefields of Europe. More than one hundred women, ranging from the committee members to the skilled hospital nurses, have handled the material, which was shipped Saturday to New York, bound for Europe.

There was a total of 595 bandages rolled by the volunteers. Each bandage is 7 yards long and each one represents several minutes of painstaking work on the part of some woman connected with the Red Cross committee. In addition to the bandages, the Red Cross division sent 38 pairs of blankets, 202 surgical shirts, 60 women's night gowns, triangular and T bandages, 29 knitted scarfs, abdominal bands, knitted helmet bands and pads and pads of old linen.

MRS. HERMANS DIES AT TROY

Was Formerly Antoinette Carnes, Charity Worker of This City. Troy, N. Y., Jan. 4.—Mrs. Frank A. Hermans, 401 North Front street, died at the residence, 32 Second avenue, Mrs. Hermans was a very well known resident of this section, having lived here a number of years. Before her marriage she was Antoinette Carnes and resided at Harrisburg, Pa., where she did a great deal of charitable work. In Lansburgh she continued her benevolent work. She was a member of Healing Methodist church. She is survived by her husband, three children, Sara Grace, Arthur Dale and Carlisle Ricker Hermans; her mother, Mrs. Dale Cresswell, and one sister, Mrs. Elwood Bonar. The funeral was held from the residence this afternoon. It was private, and the Rev. Alexander McKinlay, pastor of the church of which she was a member, officiated.

WOMAN DIES VERY SUDDENLY

Collapses on Street in New York After Visit to This City. Mrs. Nellie G. Newcomer, wife of Harlan G. Newcomer, president of the Eureka Mower Company of Utica, N. Y., was stricken with heart disease while walking with her husband and two sons in Fifth avenue, New York City, on New Year's night, and died before the arrival of Dr. Dineen of the New York hospital.

Mr. and Mrs. Newcomer and their two sons arrived in New York New Year's night on their way home after spending the holidays with Mr. Newcomer's parents, Mr. and Mrs. A. F. Newcomer, 227 South Thirteenth street, this city. The body was taken to Utica, N. Y., yesterday for burial.

BENJAMIN M'CARROLL BURIED

Benjamin McCarroll was buried from his late residence, 224 Reily street, this afternoon at 2 o'clock. The Rev. Harry Nelson Bassler, of the Second Reformed church, officiated. Mr. McCarroll was in his 71st year, having been born February 3, 1844, and was one of the oldest and best known residents of Harrisburg. He lived here all his life. He was from a family of eight boys, all of whom served their country during the Civil war. He is survived by his wife, four daughters, Clara M., Bertha E., Mrs. Charles W. Mealy and Mrs. Samuel P. Shull, and one brother, Charles McCarroll, of New Cumberland. Interment was made at the Harrisburg cemetery.

Peter M. Bloomshine

Peter M. Bloomshine, who died at his home, 427 Keiker street on Friday evening will be buried to-morrow afternoon at 2 o'clock from his late home and will be conducted by the Rev. E. E. Rupp, interment in East Harrisburg cemetery. He is survived by his wife and two children, Harry Bloomshine, and Mrs. Frank Ross. He was an old veteran, having served in Company E, 195th regiment, Pennsylvania Volunteers, as a private.

Funeral of Mrs. Young

The funeral of Mrs. Mary Young, 75 years of age, of Mechanicsburg, who was burned to death on Saturday, will be held at 10 o'clock to-morrow morning, the Rev. H. H. Sharp, officiating. The body will be shipped to Middletown where burial will be made.

DR. SCOFIELD TO LECTURE AT Y. M. C. A. HALL TO-NIGHT

Bible Teacher Will Continue Lectures Begun at Opening of Conference Yesterday—To Speak To-morrow at Grace Church

The annual Bible conference conducted under the auspices of the Young Men's Christian Association, Second and Locust streets, opened yesterday. Dr. C. I. Scofield, who comes to conduct the conference, occupied the pulpit of the Fourth Street Church of God yesterday morning at 10.30 o'clock and delivered a powerful sermon upon the text, "Fear not, for they that be with us are more than they that be with them," 2 Kings, 6:16. He was heard by an audience that completely filled the auditorium, and they gave the preacher and teacher the closest possible attention.

Once again Dr. Scofield demonstrated the fact that the slighting in the Scriptures, and his ability to impart his knowledge so that all can understand makes every discourse plain and simple, both to the student and the non-student.

In the afternoon at 3.30 o'clock the Bible conference proper opened in Fahnstock hall. Dr. Scofield's theme was the one announced, "From Genesis to Revelation," a panoramic view of the Bible, illustrated by charts. The hall was filled with an interested audience, made up of people from all walks in life. The clergy was well represented and the laity turned out in large numbers. Many of the converts of the Stough evangelistic campaign recently closed in this city were present and seemed to be interested hearers. It follows Dr. Scofield throughout the week, judging from yesterday afternoon, he will acquire such a knowledge of the Scripture in his short period of time that could not be secured in any other way.

The session this evening will begin promptly at 7.45 o'clock in Fahnstock hall. Doors will open at 7.30. The session of to-morrow evening will be held in Grace Methodist Episcopal church, State street, since the Harrisburg Choral Society will occupy Fahnstock hall on that date.

Everything now points to the fact that this will be one of the largest and most interesting Bible conferences held in many years under local auspices.

SHIMMEL MEMORIAL SCHOOL

Building Will Not Be Ready For Occupancy Until September

The new Shimmel school building at Seventeenth and Catherine streets, which the School Board officials hoped to occupy at the opening of schools following the Christmas holidays, will not be opened until September, January 1 was the time limit set upon the building but no bonus nor penalty was attached to the contract.

The progress of the building was halted because the contractor, John W. Emery, of Philadelphia, had some differences with the sub-contractors and a clash with the architect, C. Howard Lloyd, who was not pleased with some of the materials used. Only the estimates allowed by the architect from time to time are paid the contractor by the School Board.

The building under roof and the plasterers have about finished their work. The city schools opened this morning after the Christmas holidays including two rooms in the Children's Industrial Home at Nineteenth and Swatara streets, which are now under the control of the public school district.

FALL DOWN STEPS FATAL

Henry Wohlleben Succumbs to Fractured Skull

Henry Wohlleben, 85 years old, 207 Calder street, died at 9 o'clock last evening from a fractured skull received in a fall down a flight of steps at his home on Saturday evening. He was found unconscious at the bottom of the steps by his niece.

Mr. Wohlleben, who was a cabinet-maker by trade, was born in Germany in 1830 and was a resident of this city for many years. He is survived by two daughters, Mrs. William J. Meek, with whom he made his home, and Mrs. William Weber, also of this city, and two sons, Harry Wohlleben and George Wohlleben, both of Philadelphia. He also leaves eight grandchildren and eleven great-grandchildren. The funeral services will be held at his late home on Wednesday afternoon at 2 o'clock and will be conducted by the Rev. Henry Hanson. Interment will be in the Harrisburg cemetery.

MRS. WILSON IMPROVES

Aged Woman Struck by Trolley Car on South Cameron Street

The condition of Mrs. Martha Wilson, 59 years old, 348 South Cameron street, who was struck by a trolley car on Cameron street, at the Swatara street crossing Saturday evening, is said to be slightly improved at the Harrisburg hospital this morning. She received a fractured skull. She stepped around one trolley car and was struck by another car bound southward. She remained unconscious all day yesterday, but had lucid intervals of consciousness to-day.

THE COLD WAVE BROKEN

Depression Causes Mercury to Rise Slightly

The cold wave which threatened temperatures far below normal was tempered somewhat by a depression central in the Saskatchewan Canadian province. Fair weather will continue, but the temperature will increase somewhat.

E. R. Demain, weather forecaster, fixes the minimum temperature for tonight at 25 degrees, which is five degrees higher than the lowest of last night. The river remains generally ice-bound and no material changes will occur.

Scranton's Mayor in the City

One of the interested spectators around the Commonwealth Hotel where the various candidates for speaker of the House of Representatives have established headquarters, to-day was Mayor Germyn, of Scranton. He called on Mayor Royall and Chief of Police Hutchinson. He told some interesting experiences he had during the campaign of Billy Sunday in Scranton last year.

AMBLER HAS ENOUGH TO WIN FIGHT

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in the large cities, have had their headquarters at the Commonwealth Hotel open since Saturday, and have been very busy, each one being accompanied by a coterie of old leaders who have been on the watch for new members as they arrive, to sound them on their views on the Speakership. Representative Charles A. Ambler, of Montgomery who seems to have the field against him, arrived on Saturday night, accompanied by Insurance Commissioner Johnson, who is secretary of the Republican State Committee and who is the principal figure in booming the Ambler proposition for Speaker. Headquarters were at once opened in the Commonwealth, where Mr. Ambler, with his perennial smile, greeted his supporters and received assurances that he will be nominated for Speaker on the first ballot in caucus to-night. The Ambler people were not at all disconcerted over the statement issued by the "Country Four," and Commissioner Johnson said he had no doubt of Mr. Ambler's being the nominee.

Haggood Is Endorsed

During the day Fred Newell, of Canton, Pa., president of the Pennsylvania State Editorial Association; Charles H. Bressler, of Lock Haven, Pa., president of the Pennsylvania Weekly Newspaper Association, and J. H. Zerby, of Pottsville, Pa., in behalf of the Associated Dailies of Pennsylvania, in the absence of E. J. Stackpole, president, who is ill at his home in this city, held a conference and issued a statement on behalf of their various newspaper organizations, irrespective of party, endorsing Mr. Haggood and declaring that he stands for the legislation endorsed by Dr. Brumbaugh and the Republican platform. The Allegheny legislative delegation arrived last night, but the individual members were reticent as to whom they will support for Speaker, saying that the caucus to-day will develop their preferences. It is said that, left to their individual choice, at least twenty out of the twenty-four will vote for Baldwin, and that in the event of there being no action in caucus they will vote that way, which rather complicates matters. Ambler's friends, however, are claiming the whole Allegheny delegation.

The Philadelphia delegation will hold a conference after its arrival this afternoon and it is said, will formally endorse Mr. Ambler. With Ambler endorsed by Philadelphia and Allegheny, there would be no doubt of Ambler's election, and Mr. Zerby declared last night that the "Country Four" thing of the contractor gang in Philadelphia dictating everything, and it is going to take the most vigorous kind of lashing to get a majority of the country members in line for Ambler.

COMMUNICANTS BREAK RECORD

Largest Number Ever Known at Derry Street U. B. Church Yesterday

At the Derry Street U. B. church yesterday Dr. J. A. Lyter assisted by the Rev. H. E. Ulrich and the Rev. E. S. Nickey administered the Holy Communion to the largest number of communicants ever known in the twenty-five years' history of the church. Before the Communion service Dr. Lyter baptized a large number and received into church membership 26 trail hitters. There are still a large number to be received into the church within the next few weeks.

At the Sunday school which met at 2 p. m. Superintendent J. E. Gipple announced that out of a total membership of 1,090, 899 were present. This school, which is recognized as one of the live ones of the city, is growing by leaps and bounds not in numbers only but in efficient, telling work in the community in which it is located. The executive committee, the governing body of the school, has completed plans for a booster chorus which will be started next Sunday.

Officers of the Men's Bible Class of Derry Street church were named at yesterday afternoon's session of the class as follows: O. K. Kines, president; Ralph R. Manley, vice president; D. F. Saul, secretary; and Earl Stouffer, treasurer.

Mr. Gipple has been president of the big men's class for four years. He will make his committee chairman appointments at next Sunday's meeting. Records of the class for 1914 show that the total attendance for the year was 5,516, with an average attendance of 106. The active enrollment is 306. Announcement was made that William F. Fenical has not missed a Sunday in twelve years. J. E. Shultz, George E. Moore and A. F. Sides did not miss a Sunday during 1914.

DR. SMUCKER RECEIVES 127

Membership of Stevens Memorial Church Expected to Reach 1,300

New Year's Sunday was a day of many activities in the Stevens Memorial Methodist Episcopal church, Thirteenth and Vernon streets. At the early morning communion service the crowd filled the auditorium and the overflow part of the Sunday school room. The Communion was the largest in the history of the church. Many Stough converts and others were received into the fellowship of the church. In the afternoon at 2 o'clock the Sunday school rally brought out 850 young, middle-aged and old folk. The men's club service in the evening was in charge of James W. Barker.

The church choir and the male chorus led the singing. About one hundred and twenty-five members of the Stough church occupied reserved seats in the main part of the auditorium. Dr. Clayton Albert Smucker preached on "Perils and Encouragements in a Life Struggle Toward a Moral Goal." The overflow crowd filled most of the Sunday school room. New members were received at the close of the service.

The additions to the membership of the church for the past three weeks total 127. On December 13 and 20, Dr. Smucker received 18 new members; December 27, 58; January 3, 51. The entire membership of the church is fast approaching the 1,300 mark. Next Sunday it is expected that another large class will unite with the church.

Injured in Fall Against Hydrant

George Gebhart, 1118 North Twelfth street, badly lacerated his right forearm this morning when he slipped on the ice in the rear yard of his home and fell against a hydrant. He was treated at the Harrisburg hospital.

LEBANON VALLEY COLLEGE GLEE CLUB TO GIVE CONCERT AT TECH AUDITORIUM THURSDAY



Some novel stunts have been prepared by the Lebanon Valley College Glee Club for their annual concert in this city, to be given Thursday evening at the Technical High School auditorium, and efforts are being made to provide a pleasant evening's entertainment. The concert given by the club last year is favorably recalled by those who heard it, on Wednesday and Thursday at the same hours for holders of other tickets.

FINANCE

NEW YORK STOCK EXCHANGE QUOTATIONS.

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Table with columns for Stock Name, Open, Close, and other financial data. Includes entries like Alaskan Gold Mines, Amal Copper, Amer Beet Sugar, etc.

Philadelphia Closing Prices

Table with columns for Stock Name and Price. Includes entries like Philadelphia Steel, General Asphalt, Lake Superior Cor., etc.

Chicago Closing Prices

Table with columns for Commodity Name and Price. Includes entries like Wheat, Corn, Oats, Pork, Lard, Ribs.

FRENCH LESSONS AT Y. W. C. A.

Language to Be Taught by Conversational Method. A class in French will be taught at the Young Women's Christian Association every Wednesday at 2 p. m., if there is sufficient demand to form such a class. Mrs. Irwin, of Mechanicsburg, is the teacher and the conversational method will be used.

DEATH OF MRS. CLARA BRANDT

Middletown Woman Will Be Buried at 2 O'clock Thursday. Middletown, Jan. 4.—Mrs. Clara Brandt, 53 years of age, wife of D. S. Brandt, died suddenly at 12 o'clock last night at her home on Ann street of heart trouble. She leaves three sisters, Mrs. Jacob Deaky, Mrs. Jacob Catton and Mrs. Samuel Deaky.

Funeral services will be held on Thursday afternoon at 2 o'clock at the house. The Rev. Fuller Bergstresser will officiate. Burial will be made in the Middletown cemetery.

LONDON STOCK EXCHANGE, CLOSED SINCE LAST JULY. AGAIN OPEN FOR BUSINESS

London, Jan. 4, 12.05 P. M.—The London Stock Exchange reopened for business to-day after having been closed on account of the war since July 30. Severe restrictions were placed upon trading in order to prevent anything approaching panic selling or the unloading of securities by hostile countries.

The session opened with a round of ringing cheers and to the strains of the national anthem, heartily sung by a rather smaller attendance than usual. A number of British and French members were absent on account of the war while the exclusion of aliens who were not able to satisfy the committee they had severed all connection with foreign countries, reduced somewhat the foreign attendance.

The single fact that business has been resumed and then on a limited scale and under restrictions is taken to indicate that the greatest crisis in the history of the Exchange has been safely negotiated through the combined efforts of the treasury and the Stock Exchange committee.

The house has been redecorated during the prolonged recess and to-day it presented a cheerful appearance. Several English members appeared in khaki. There were no shouting of bids across the house and business was on a strictly cash basis. The committee decided to allow all dealings between the hours of 11 and 3 inside or outside of the Stock Exchange and with arbitrary business banned, there will be no street dealings in American securities at the present time.

The general opinion was that the restrictions to trading would curtail business to an extent during the first half hour. Not a single bargain occurred in Americans, and only a few of these securities appeared. The war loan was marked at 94 5/8 and then at 94 9/16. India 3 1/2 per cents were quoted at 83 1/8 and Rio Tinto nominally at 57. Union Pacifics were 119 and Consols 68 1/2.

Motor Club Governors to Meet

The regular meeting of the board of governors of the Harrisburg Motor Club will be held to-morrow evening at 8 o'clock in the headquarters of the club in the "Patriot" building. Officers will be nominated.

Union Trust Stock Up \$5

Five shares of Union Trust Company stock were sold at a public auction in front of the Court House this afternoon to John C. Orr at \$155 a share. The par value of the stock is \$100. Several shares of Union Trust stock sold recently at \$150 a share. Five shares of Lemoine Trust Company stock brought \$65 a share, or \$15 above par value. Several shares of this stock brought \$70 a share at a recent sale.

Divorce Charge Indefinite

Wife of Putnam Brandt Wants More Specific Statement of Facts. Claiming that the charges are so indefinite as to render the respondent unable to make a defense, counsel for Mrs. Bertha Brandt, this morning obtained a rule on the husband, Putnam Brandt, returnable in thirty days, requiring him to give a clearer statement of allegations.

State Gets Tax

Roy C. Danner, Register of Wills, this morning sent to the State officials a check for \$2,845.24, that money representing the collateral inheritance tax he collected from the estates of dead persons during the past year.

Need More Skates on Lake

Sport So Popular That Commissioner Is Asked to Get Bigger Supply. One thousand to fifteen hundred persons enjoyed skating on the Susquehanna river and Wildwood Lake yesterday and it's a toss-up which of the two places had the larger crowd. The demand for skates at Wildwood was extremely large, in fact so great as to prompt those in charge to ask Park Commissioner Taylor to order an additional supply. By early afternoon yesterday all of the ladies' skates had been rented and but a few of the men's remained.

Twelve oil lamps furnished sufficient light at night to keep the skaters away from the few dangerous air holes on the lake. The moon also helps make evening skating pleasant.

The ice on both the river and the lake is rough in spots, due to the strong wind of Saturday night, but there is plenty of smooth skating surface.

The Big "Q" Society

INAUGURAL BALL

Chestnut Street Auditorium

Tuesday Night, January 19th

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EAST END BANK

Thirteenth and Howard Streets

We were physically unable to write up cards for all the applicants for our CHRISTMAS SAVINGS SOCIETY during the last few days. We have therefore decided to keep it OPEN UNTIL JANUARY 16th, 1915, inclusive.

OPEN SATURDAY EVENINGS—6 TO 8 O'CLOCK