



FIVE IN PERIL AS RUSSELL HOME BURNS

Head of Mt. Holly Clay Works Is Seriously Injured and May Not Recover

HIS SON LEAPS FROM WINDOW

Cook and Her Two Children Escape—Aquarium Containing a Fish Valued at \$1,000 Destroyed—Danger in Exploding Chemicals

(Special to the Star-Independent.) Carlisle, Pa., Jan. 22.—W. S. Russell, head of the Mt. Holly clay works and regarded as one of the wealthiest residents of the Cumberland Valley, was seriously burned, and his son, Richard, escaped with his life by jumping from a second story window in his night clothes, when the handsome Russell home near the mountain, about a mile south of Mt. Holly, was totally destroyed by fire which started at 12.45 o'clock this morning. The elder Russell may not recover from his injuries, but the son, a student in the Carlisle High school, is unhurt. The only other persons in the house, a woman cook and her two children, escaped unharmed.

After his escape from his burning home, the elder Russell was removed to the Mt. Holly Inn. Attending physicians say he inhaled flames and that his condition is very serious, although they entertain some hope of saving his life. Mrs. Russell, who was visiting relatives here last night, went to her husband's bedside this morning, making the trip in an automobile.

One Fish Worth \$1,000 Is Lost

One of the fish in the aquarium was valued by Mr. Russell at \$1,000. The total loss will amount to at least \$8,000. It is partly covered by insurance.

An overheated furnace is believed to have been the cause of the fire. The explosion of chemicals, with which young Russell experimented in a miniature laboratory on the ground floor, awakened those in the house.

By that time the fire had gained much headway and the son found it necessary to escape from the building by jumping from a second-story window. He first dropped a mattress out of the window. Then he snatched his clothing and jumped.

The elder Russell made a dash down the stairway from the second floor, but, it is said, afterward ran back to get some valuable papers which he kept in a box in his sleeping room. On his second rush from the house he was enveloped by the flames. He was exhausted by the time he got outside.

Persons attracted to the scene of the fire by the blowing of the whistle at the clay works by George Starnier, the night watchman, threw an overcoat about Russell and rushed him to the inn.

Nearly Buildings Saved

A bucket brigade was formed by neighbors and the fifty employees of the clay works, and in that way the barn, located nearby, in which were stabled many horses, was saved.

Russell takes keen interest in collecting different kinds of reptiles and fish, and his aquarium, situated within a few feet of the house, was quite large. This was totally destroyed and the fish were boiled and burned when the flames attacked the aquarium. A hot house, in which Russell had many rare plants, also was ruined.

Russell figured in the newspapers recently when he began a civil suit in the Dauphin county court against Congressman Arthur R. Ruple, of Carlisle, making a claim for \$200 on an "I. O. U." which he alleges was given to him by Ruple.

Takes Deserters Back to Barracks

Captain of Police Joseph P. Thompson left for Portsmouth, Va., at noon today with three United States marines who were absent from their barracks there without leave. They got tired wandering over the country and gave themselves up to Captain Thompson on Tuesday. A standing reward of \$50 is paid for the return of each deserter.

Brakeman's Foot Amputated

William Kope, of Hummelstown, a brakeman in the Rutherford yards of the Philadelphia and Reading railway, fell from a car yesterday while at work and was seriously hurt. He was taken to the Harrisburg hospital where his foot was amputated.

\$15,000 LOSS BY FLAMES IN PIPE BENDING PLANT

Valuable Motors and Other Electrical Apparatus Damaged by Fire Early Today—Firemen's Good Work Saves Main Building

Stored motors and other costly electrical devices were damaged this morning at 6 o'clock when the electrical shop, a part of the rolling mill of the Harrisburg Pipe and Pipe Bending Company, was gutted by fire. The fire will not result in any inconvenience in the running of the mills, as the apparatus damaged was the reserve supply.

The loss will reach \$15,000, but is entirely covered by insurance. This applies both to the building and the contents. The only mill now in use which was damaged by the fire was the rolling mill, a part of the roof of which was destroyed. This can be replaced in forty-eight hours and the work in the mill will not be halted in the meantime.

The building, which is on the State street side of the plant near the Pennsylvania railroad and adjoining Kelley's coal yard was seen to be on fire at 6 o'clock and an alarm was turned in from Tenth and State streets. The firemen were in service for more than an hour. The peculiar construction of the frame building, which had a corrugated iron covering made it a difficult fire to fight.

The firemen did excellent work in confining the flames, for the most part, to the original building, keeping them from seriously damaging the rolling mill, of which it was a part, a partition only separating it from the main building.

BASEBALL MEN MAY RESIGN

Rumored That Two Harrisburg Directors Will Quit—No Meeting Yesterday

Not only in the management of the Harrisburg club in the Tri-State League will there be a change but it is rumored that two of the directors of the Pennsylvania Exhibition Company, owners of the Harrisburg franchise, will resign at a meeting to be held some afternoon next week.

A meeting of the board of directors was scheduled for yesterday afternoon but a quorum was not present and nothing was done. The recent gossip about the local team is but an unconfirmed rumor and nothing definitely will be known until after the directors meet.

How Cocklin's loss as manager and now the coming resignation of two of the directors back of the team will affect baseball here, of course, can only be speculated upon.

The directors will prepare for the coming annual meeting of the league which will be held in the near future in Philadelphia. President George M. Graham has not yet announced the date for the meeting. Club representatives will go to the meeting prepared to take a stand on the size of the league circuit and a salary limit. There has been some discussion about a lower limit for the league, but this proposition has supporters. William S. Tunis will likely represent the Harrisburg club.

CHAYNE TO HAVE CITY POST

Planned to Appoint Him Next Week as Second Assistant Assessor

Horace A. Chayne, 407 North Second street, for twenty years a book-keeper with the old Bous Planning Mill Company and who during the last three years has been in the same capacity with Witman Brothers, wholesale grocers, Tenth street, will at Tuesday's meeting of the City Commissioners be named the second assistant to City Assessor W. H. H. Bickley, so City Commissioners said today.

At the same time Howard C. Townsend will be reappointed first assistant at an annual salary of \$1,200. Chayne's salary will be \$900 a year.

Carothers Joins Villa Force

El Paso, Tex., Jan. 22.—Word was received here early today that George O. Carothers, special agent of the American State Department, had joined General Villa's headquarters in the field below the city of Chihuahua.

ASK FOR \$14,000 IN FEES

Seventeen Constables Submit Claims Based on Recent Court Decision Making County Liable

Seventeen city and county constables, whom the Dauphin County Court, in deciding a test case brought by George W. Charters, holds are entitled to increased back fees charges as provided in the act of 1901, to-day presented their itemized claims to the County Commissioners amounting in all to about \$14,000. The back fees charged by the constables amount to \$9,984.68, the interest charges total \$4,002.73 and the costs of the court case will run to \$140.10 so that the total claims against the county approximate \$14,127.51. The Commissioners to-day held up the bills pending an inquiry as to the correctness of the charges.

The seventeen constables and the bills of charges which they presented are as follows: George W. Charters, \$1,336.79; John G. Hill, \$306.42; James H. Johnson, \$748.71; Henry Miller, \$646.40; Richard Reese, \$805.83; Harry Roat, \$712.22; R. H. Sinkfield, \$827.98; Jeremiah Still, \$842.21; W. L. Windor, \$408.32; David J. Challenger, \$739.50; Peter R. Day, \$838.97; Harry Emmanuel, \$1,193.38; W. G. Gardner, \$2,082.68; Alexander Gibbons, \$440.75; Robert Gottschall, \$873.73; James W. Haines, \$356.99; John H. Stipe, \$826.53.

4 DEATH TOLL IN TUBE EXPLOSION ON U.S. CRUISER

Warship Had Just Completed Steaming Trial of Four Hours When Disaster Occurred

NINE INJURED; SOME GRAVELY

Rear Admiral Howard's Report of Accident Says Endurance Runs Were Attempted When Boiler Tube Was Ruptured, Due to Low Water

By Associated Press. On Board U. S. S. San Diego, La Paz, Mex., Jan. 21, by Wireless via San Diego, Cal., Jan. 22.—Four men were killed and nine seriously injured Thursday afternoon on board the armored cruiser San Diego when a boiler tube blew out after a steaming trial of four hours had been completed.

The dead: Oscar J. Wyatt, El Centro, Cal.; Ambus J. Hardee, Joplin, Mo.; William P. Elliott, Brooklyn, N. Y.; Clifford A. Western, Davenport, Cal. All were injured.

Benjamin H. Tucker, R. B. Glidden, Darrell L. Varnado, William H. Miller, Ernest A. Ledwith, Charles W. Peterson, firemen; George Ohm, water tender; Emanuel A. Shippi, seaman; and Patrick A. Merriman, coal passer.

Immediately after the accident the cruiser left for Guaymas, where she arrived at 2 o'clock this (Friday) morning.

The San Diego is the flagship of the Pacific fleet and is in command of Captain Ashler H. Robertson.

Washington, Jan. 22.—A brief official report to the Navy Department on the explosion aboard the cruiser San Diego said that some of the nine injured were in a grave condition and others were not so badly hurt. The next of kin of the dead were notified at once by the department. Rear Admiral Howard's report gave this account of the accident:

"The San Diego completed her four-hour full power trials and made 21.45. Just as the completion of the trials, a tube in No. 4 boiler ruptured, due to low water. Endurance runs were attempted. A full investigation has been ordered. Am proceeding to Guaymas."

PTOMAIN KILLED PRIZE DOGS

Miss Kennedy's Pets Will Lie in a Burial Plot of Their Own

Hempstead, L. I., Jan. 22.—Champion Parkneuk Blackthorn and Shamrock Boy, the valuable Pomeranian dogs belonging to Miss Marian Kennedy, which died on Tuesday afternoon, were not victims of poison given them by some person who wanted to kill them. An autopsy shows that they died of ptomaine poisoning.

Some food left outside the house at Fair Oaks, the Kennedy place, was eaten by the Pomeranians and their dainty stomachs were upset. Miss Kennedy yesterday morning said that she was not fully satisfied that the dogs died from that cause, but, as the veterinary had performed an autopsy, she must take his word for it.

The dogs will be put in little boxes made especially for them and buried in a plot fenced off in a large pasture on the Kennedy place.

U. S. DROPS AS SEA POWER

Goes From Third to Fourth Place As France Advances

Washington, Jan. 22.—The United States will drop from third to fourth place among the world's sea powers with the completion of all ships under construction up to July 1, 1914, according to the calculations in the navy book, issued to-day by the Senate Naval committee.

France will move from fourth to third place, according to the official table.

PROPOSES CHANGES IN THE AGRICULTURAL DEPARTMENT

Brumbaugh Would Take Away Educational Functions From That Branch of the State Government—Farmers' Institutes May Go

A rumor that the friends of local option will hold back their proposed measure to be submitted to the Legislature until all of the "personal platform" registration of Governor Brumbaugh has been introduced and is fairly well advanced is said to have no basis. When asked about it this morning, Governor Brumbaugh said he knew nothing whatever of such a plan.

Megaworth's "personal" legislation the governor said that he does not know that it will be introduced next week, but he rather intimated that it will not be ready then, and that there will be such a rush of bills next week that it would make no difference if the other platform bills were not introduced in the rush.

Governor Brumbaugh said, regarding the agricultural educational project advocated in his inaugural address, that he had in mind the fact that the federal government gives a certain amount for agricultural education, and that its donation to the State could be combined with what the State gives for that purpose and the agricultural educational scheme centralized in the State College.

To him it would be wise to centralize the educational features of agriculture, and make the State Agricultural Department purely administrative.

"Teaching functions," said the Governor, "should be separate and distinct from administrative functions."

Under this new idea of the Governor's the farmers' institute policy which now exists in this State may be done away with and all educational matters relating to the farmer centralized. In any event the State Agricultural Department will be divorced from the educational features of the department as now administered.

Asked whether the story that the Public Service Commission is to be reduced in membership from seven to five, Governor Brumbaugh smiled and said such a story had no basis.

SNOW IS HEADED THIS WAY

Scheduled to Arrive This Evening and Continue Into To-morrow

A storm from the southwest, the influence of which was felt over three-fourths of the country to-day, threatened to bring snow to Harrisburg to-night and to-morrow. The storm caused snow last night in the Mississippi Valley, but did not reach blizzard proportions. Unless the storm develops unusual strength in its course northeastward, the snowfall will not be unusually heavy here.

The heaviest fall reported this morning was in St. Louis, which had five inches of snow. The minimum temperature forecasted for to-night is twenty degrees.

Lynching Bee in Georgia

By Associated Press. Arlington, Ga., Jan. 22.—Peter Morris, a negro, charged with the murder of a farmer, was taken from the custody of the Farley county Sheriff late last night and lynched.

OLD VEGETABLES ON RIVER FRONT CAUSE PROTEST

Persons Living in the Neighborhood of Fill Complain of Lawns Obliterated by Paper

DUST SIFTS INTO HOMES

Member of City Commission Pleads for Patience and Says That Men Are Employed to Prevent the Conditions Which Are Complained Of

Old newspapers that almost obliterate the lawns in front of Front street homes, between Peffer and Muench streets, and even north and south of the latter two thoroughfares have caused dwellers in the neighborhood to protest against the plan of the city to make part of the river bank fill by the dumping there of the ashes collected by the Pennsylvania Reduction Company, which has the contract for collection of ashes and garbage from twelve of the thirteen wards of the city.

Those who are complaining point to the established fact that in addition to "clean ashes," which the city has directed the Reduction Company to use in making the fill, considerable quantities of decayed or decaying vegetables, such as old potatoes, lemon and grape fruit rinds, pumpkins and so forth, are being emptied and left exposed along the bank of the river, and that in addition to the eyesores that the lawns of the neighborhood have become by reason of the papers which litter them, the dust, every time a cart of ashes is dumped, shifts into the

AMERICAN GIFTS SAVED LIVES IN WAR YEARS AGO

Edward Moeslein, Franco-Prussian Veteran, Tells How Soldiers Got Aid in Trenches

GRATEFUL TO UNITED STATES

Harrisburg Man Gives Convincing Word-picture of Terrible Suffering of Fighting Men as It Must Be Today—Collections Start Monday

Ragged and unkempt with open wounds from the bayonets or bullets of the foe in the freezing winds of the north, 50,000 soldiers stood at attention on the sodden, half-frozen grounds on the outskirts of Rouen, France. Some wore parts of shoes, others had wrapped their feet in rags. None had uniforms of sufficient weight of material to keep them warm. Their faces were emaciated and wan. For three months they had been existing, mainly on uncooked foods which they had dug from the ground as they hurried along in an endless series of battles. There was no grade to condition of hunger or want. Officers and men were in the same plight.

Along those scarred ranks, between files, came oxen and horse-drawn carts. Officers, without regard to rank, dealt out warm clothing, underwear and coats and trousers, along with shoes and warm knitted scarfs and socks. As the carts went on the ranks broke and wavered, as the soldiers began clothing themselves against the biting wind. And as they did it, their eyes streamed tears of joy. Some knelt in prayer. Others cheered. Stunned-faced officers and privates who had laughed as bullets and shells tore their way through bodies of their comrades, wept openly and unashamed.

The reason for this unusual demonstration was that relief had come to the starving, suffering soldiers of war torn Europe. And this relief had come from America.

Experiences of a Harrisburg Man

That scene was enacted more than forty years ago in the German armies invading France during the Franco-Prussian war. At least one of Harrisburg's citizens took part in it—stood in those suffering ranks and received his portion of the life-saving supplies—and, with thousands of others of his comrades, knelt in prayer of thankfulness to the generous American people, whose kindly charity had saved them suffering—even life.

A few days ago that veteran told the story to some of the men and women who are directing the operations of the Home and War Relief Committee here. He told of the heart-felt thanks of the men who had suffered privations which their own countrymen and women had been unable to assuage, owing to the fact of the army's having been

J. B. DUKE'S BIG BARN BURNED

Thought Fireproof, Loss Is Estimated at \$25,000

Somerville, N. J., Jan. 22.—One of the big barns on the 20,000 acre estate of James B. Duke, near here, was burned last evening. The building was a handsome structure of rough stone and contained hundreds of tons of hay. The blaze illuminated the country for miles around.

The fire started at about 8 o'clock, when the 125 firemen of the Somerville department were at a banquet. The men scattered at the first alarm and were soon at the fire with their apparatus and prevented the spread of the flames to the house of Superintendent David Smith and other costly buildings. A barn that stood on the site of the one destroyed last night was burned some years ago, and the structure now in ruins was believed to be fireproof. The fire was well under way before it was discovered. The loss is estimated at \$25,000.

UNION TRUST HEAD RESIGNS

Charles S. Boll Retires to Take Up Private Business

At a meeting of the board of directors of the Union Trust Company Charles S. Boll resigned as president, owing to the fact that the growth of the institution required so much of his time that he could not give his personal affairs their proper attention. Mr. John P. Melick is not been chosen.

Mr. Boll has been president of the Union Trust Company since its organization in 1906, the company having its headquarters in its own building in Market Square, one of the first office buildings of its size in the city. Mr. Boll said to-day that he intends to devote all of his time to his own private business.

Controller Gough Is Ill

The condition of Henry W. Gough, Controller of Dauphin county, who for several days has been suffering from an attack of grip, was such to-day that his physician advised against his going out of the house. The Controller this afternoon could not speak much above a whisper, but he was not confined to bed.

LATE WAR NEWS SUMMARY

The Germans have halted the French advance designed to cut communications with the important fortress of Metz, in Lorraine, and isolate the German forces in the St. Mihiel region. The official statement from Berlin to-day says that the French lost heavily in an attack near Pont a Mousson and were repulsed. The French statement acknowledges that the Germans have retaken part of these lost trenches.

Another violent battle is in progress in Alsace, in which troops are engaged in hand to hand struggles. The Berlin War Office asserts that the French were driven from the heights near Sennheim. In the eastern campaign no change is reported to-day.

A dispatch from Berlin to Copenhagen states that the German aerial raid on the east coast of England on January 19 was the work of Zeppelins of the latest type, with full crews, and armed with heavy guns.

A conference was held in Paris between Representatives of England, France and Russia who it is said has under consideration a joint loan of \$3,000,000,000.

Heavy fighting is in progress once more along the western front. Unofficially reported to-day.

GERMANS REPORT DEFEAT OF ALLIES IN IMPORTANT ENGAGEMENTS IN FRANCE

Berlin, By Wireless to London, 3.15 P. M., Jan. 22.—Defeat for the allies in two important engagements is announced in an official statement given out to-day by the War Office. A French attack near Pont a Mousson, where the allies are attempting to cut the German communications with Metz, is said to have been repulsed with heavy losses for the attackers. In Alsace the French were driven out of the heights near Sennheim. The Germans were compelled to evacuate a trench near Berry Au Bac, but gained some ground in the Verdun region. There is no change in the eastern campaign. The statement follows:

On January 21 in the western theatre of war, a continuous rain rendered impossible any important fighting between the coast and the canal of La-Basse. Artillery duels took place near Arras. One of the trenches which we took on the day before yesterday, to the southwest of Berry au Bac, was abandoned and blown up. It had been partially destroyed by the collapse of the wall of a factory.

The capture of the village of Verdun was repulsed easily. After the battles of the day before yesterday to the south of St. Mihiel small French detachments still held out in the neighborhood of our positions. By means of an advance in the region before our front was cleared of all Frenchmen as far as their old positions.

The battle for Pont a Mousson, northwest of Verdun, continued. A strong French attack on the recaptured part of our positions, were repulsed with heavy losses to the enemy. "In the Vosges, north of Sannheim, our troops drove the enemy out of the heights of the Weilerkopf hills. We took two officers and 125 men prisoners.

"In the eastern theatre of war the situation is unchanged. Our attacks on a branch of the Szechua made slow progress. There is nothing new east of the Pillica."

EXCITEMENT OVER ARREST OF AN ITALIAN CONSUL AT LIEGE

Rome, Jan. 21, 10.35 P. M.—Considerable excitement was caused here today by news of the arrest of Filippo Greppi, the Italian vice consul at Liege, a member of one of the best known Malinese families and who had a Belgian wife.

The Foreign Office, answering inquiries regarding the case, said it was awaiting precise information from the German authorities while in the meantime it was working for his liberation. It seems, however, according to information already received, that Greppi's arrest was caused because of contraband postal matter.

Kissmiller Hurt Under Box

Clarence Kissmiller, 1229 A Bailey street, a driver for the Peiper line, suffered a fractured right leg this morning when a heavy box fell on him at the plant of the Blough Manufacturing Company, Reilly and Fulton streets. He was taken to the Harrisburg hospital for treatment.

MR. FORD'S GIGANTIC TASK

Auto Magnate Would Take All Sing Sing Convicts and Make Men Out of Them

By Associated Press. New York, Jan. 22.—Henry Ford, of Detroit, manufacturer of automobiles, will guarantee to take every convict out of Sing Sing Prison and make a man out of him. He so stated to-day when he appeared to testify before the United States Commission on industrial relations which is investigating the great philanthropic foundations of the country and the cause of industrial unrest.

BIG BATTLE NOW RAGING IN FRANCE

Fighting Has Continued Uninterruptedly for Three Days Between Nieuport and Ostend

MANY GERMANS ARE WOUNDED

Exceptionally Heavy Artillery Firing Going on in Region of Cernay and Thann in Alsace—Deadly Work of Projectiles Recorded

By Associated Press. Amsterdam, via London, Jan. 22, 9.08 A. M.—Between Nieuport and Ostend a hard battle has continued uninterruptedly for three days, despite rain, flooded trenches and almost impassable roads, says the Sluis, Holland, correspondent of the "Telegraaf." The correspondent reports large numbers of German wounded passing Sluis.

Berne, Switzerland, via Paris, Jan. 22, 1.10 A. M.—Exceptionally heavy artillery firing is going on in the region of Cernay and Thann, in Alsace. The German wounded state, according to reports that come over the border, that the frozen ground makes shell fire much more deadly as the projectiles in striking the hard surface, explode with increased violence, scattering frozen clods of earth which cause ugly wounds.

FEROCIOUS FIGHTING IN HAND-TO-HAND BATTLES IN ALSACE, SAYS REPORT

Paris, Jan. 22, 2.50 P. M.—The report on the progress of the war given out by the French War Office this afternoon says very determined infantry fighting, with ferocious hand-to-hand encounters, is going on to-day in Alsace, but that the situation at Scissons is showing no change. Other infantry encounters mentioned appear to be of minor importance. Artillery exchanges, in which the French were successful, occurred between Ypres and the Oise, near Berry au Bac and in the Vosges, while in the forest of Apremont the German artillery drove the French away. The statement follows:

"In Belgium the enemy yesterday bombarded Nieuport with a fair degree of violence. Our infantry made some slight progress to the east of Lombaeytzde highway. Between Ypres and the Oise successful operations on the part of our artillery against field works, batteries and detachments of infantry of the enemy took place yesterday."

"From the Oise to the Argonne: The situation in the vicinity of Soissons shows no change. Near Berry au Bac a trench which we were compelled to evacuate following a violent bombardment was recaptured by us. In the region of Perthes the enemy delivered an attack during the night of January 20-21 at a point northwest of Beaulieu, but without success.

"Between the Meuse and the Moselle: To the southeast of St. Mihiel, in the forest of Apremont, an exceedingly violent bombardment made it impossible for us to retain the German trenches occupied by us yesterday for a distance of 150 yards.

"To the northwest of Pont a Mousson, in the forest of Lepretre, the enemy yesterday recaptured a portion of the trenches taken by us January 20, but we are maintaining ourselves at all other points of this position.

"In the Vosges the enemy hurled against St. Die six projectiles of great calibre, without, however, doing any serious damage.

"At a point between Mount Bonhomme and Mount Schleit there has been an artillery engagement, in which the German batteries were reduced to silence.

"In Alsace the infantry fighting in the region of Hartmann and Weilerkopf is going on with great ferocity. The struggle is actually hand-to-hand. In front of Dannernar our artillery dispersed gatherings of the enemy."

WALL STREET CLOSING

By Associated Press. New York, Jan. 22.—Speculative favorites declined to their lowest in the last hour, Reading falling 1 3/4 below yesterday's final. Virginia Certificates advanced six points on the recommendation hold West Virginia liable for its share of the debt of the Virginia at the time of the former's secession. The closing was heavy. Persistent selling, largely for foreign account, caused a general reaction in to-day's stock market, after an early period of strength and activity.