

# BRITISH SHIP ALSO IS LOST WHEN GERMAN CRUISER BLUECHER SINKS

## Biggest Naval Battle of War Fought in the North Sea Yesterday When Five of Great Britain's Most Powerful Vessels Intercept Four of the Kaiser's Squadron on Way to Bombard English Coast—More Than 700 of Crew of the Bluecher Perish as the Vessel Goes Down While the Rest of the German Ships Make Their Escape

Berlin, Jan. 25, via London, 11.35 A. M.—The following official announcement on the naval engagement in the North Sea yesterday was given out in Berlin to-day:

"During the advance of our armored cruisers Seydlitz, Derflinger, Moltke and Bluecher, which, accompanied by four smaller cruisers and two flotillas of torpedo boats were steaming in North Sea, these vessels became engaged with a British detachment composed of five battle cruisers, several smaller cruisers and 26 torpedo boat destroyers.

"The enemy discontinued the engagement after three hours time at a point seventy miles west northwest of Heligoland, and retreated.

"According to the information available one British battle cruiser and one armored cruiser, the Bluecher, were sunk. All the other German ships returned to port.

(Signed) "Von Behncke."

London, Jan. 25.—The biggest naval battle of the war, so far as size of ships and weight of guns is concerned, was fought in the North sea yesterday and the result was a victory for Vice Admiral Beatty and the British battle cruiser squadron.

This squadron, composed of the Lion, Tiger, Princess Royal, New Zealand and Indomitable, accompanied by a flotilla of light cruisers and destroyers, under Commodore Reginald Y. Terwhitt, soon after dawn met a German squadron, composed of the battle cruisers Derflinger, Seydlitz and Moltke, and the armored cruiser Bluecher, and escorted by light cruisers and torpedo craft, heading toward the English coast.

In a four hours' running fight that ensued the armored cruiser Bluecher was sunk, and the remaining three, two of them showing marks of heavy pounding, took refuge behind the mine fields off the German coast, whether the British ships did not venture to follow.

The British ships suffered only slight injury. So far as is known only 123 of the Bluecher's crew of 885 were saved.

**Official Description of Sea Battle**

The official statement issued by the Press Bureau follows:

"Early this morning a British patrolling squadron of battle cruisers and light cruisers, under Vice Admiral Sir David Beatty, with a destroyer flotilla, under Commodore Terwhitt, sighted four German battle cruisers and several light cruisers and a number of destroyers steering westward, and apparently making for the English coast.

"The enemy at once made for home at high speed. They were at once pursued, and at about 9.30 a. m. action was joined between the battle cruisers Lion, Tiger, Princess Royal, New Zealand and Indomitable on the one hand, and the Derflinger, Seydlitz, Moltke and Bluecher on the other. A well-contested running fight ensued. Shortly after 1 o'clock the Bluecher, which had previously fallen out of line, capsized and sank.

"Admiral Beatty reports that two other battle cruisers were seriously damaged. They were, however, able to continue their flight and reached an area where danger from German submarines and mines prevented further pursuit.

"No British ships have been lost, and our casualties in personnel, as at present reported, are slight, the Lion, which led the line, having only eleven wounded and no killed.

"One hundred and twenty-three survivors have been rescued from the Bluecher's crew of 885, and it is possible that others have been saved by some of our destroyers. No reports of any destroyer or light cruiser fighting have yet been received by the Admiralty, though some have apparently taken place.

"Their Lordships have expressed their satisfaction to Vice Admiral Sir David Beatty."

**London Crowds Cheer Victory**

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## PROTESTS AGAINST SHIPPING PLANES

Germany Complains to United States That Curtiss Aircraft Are War Vessels

36 BEING MADE FOR THE BRITISH

German Ambassador Bernstorff Claims the Selling of Hydroaeroplanes to the Belligerent Countries Constitutes a Breach of Neutrality

Washington, Jan. 25.—Germany protested to the State Department to-day through her Ambassador, Count Bernstorff, against shipments of American hydroaeroplanes to the European belligerents, on the ground that such aircraft are war vessels. A statement issued by the embassy to-day says:

"The Curtiss works at Hammondsport, N. Y., have sold and sent to England the well known hydroaeroplanes 'America' and five hydroaeroplanes of the same type. Thirty-six hydroaeroplanes of a different type have been ordered by England and are under construction by the same firm. Also, Russia has ordered a number of these vessels from Curtiss for use in her navy.

"There is no doubt, and it does not need any explanation, that from the standpoint of international law, hydroaeroplanes have to be considered as war vessels and that, therefore, by Article VIII of the agreement concluded at The Hague on October 18, 1907, neutral countries are prohibited to supply belligerent countries with such vessels. The selling of hydroaeroplanes by the Curtiss works, therefore, constitutes a breach of neutrality. Hydroaeroplanes are not especially mentioned in The Hague agreement for the simple reason that this kind of war vessel did not yet exist at that time."

## LATE WAR NEWS SUMMARY

A new attack on the Russian armies has been initiated by Austria, in conjunction with the German forces in the east, in accordance with the plan believed by the Teutonic allies. Austria's forces have struck at their opponent all along their 300-mile front. Heavy fighting is in progress, so far as is known in Petrograd, no important results have been achieved as yet. The object of the attack apparently is to relieve Hungary from further danger of invasion by clearing the Russians from Galicia, Bukovina and Northern Hungary. Vienna reports state that the Russians already have been checked in Bukovina.

Desperate fighting in close quarters

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## FIGHT MT. HOLLY INN BAR

Remonstrants Oppose Transfer of License From Present Tenant to Owner of Famous Hotelry

(Special to the Star-Independent.)

Carlisle, Pa., Jan. 25.—Although no disposition had been made of the cases during the morning session, the court sitting here to-day intimated that all of the seventeen applications for wholesale and retail liquor licenses, to which no remonstrances had been filed, would be granted for 1915. The court, however, did urge the hotel men to follow strictly the rule laid down some years ago regarding the closing of saloons on holidays and at 10 o'clock at night.

Testimony was taken this morning in three of the fourteen cases in which remonstrances have been filed. One of these was the application of H. W. Gill, owner of the Mt. Holly Inn, who seeks the liquor license which now is held by D. Fred Souder, as tenant. The remonstrance to this application, Gill alleges, was gotten up at the instance of Souder.

Another case was that of Fred Breneman who wants the Hogestown hotel released. Ten years ago a license for this hotelry was denied to Frank Buffington.

## NO RETRIAL FOR BLUECOAT

Lawyers So Announce in Case of Scott, Who Killed Nathan Banks

The plan to file reasons for a retrial of Robert F. Scott, the city patrolman convicted of second degree murder, growing out of the fatal shooting on August 1, last, of Nathan Banks, has been abandoned, so Scott's attorneys announced to the court this morning.

District Attorney Skroup subsequently stated that Scott will not be called for sentence for a week or ten days, and possibly not until February 8.

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## ARRESTED HERE FOR MURDER OF WOMAN

Paul Van Horn, Known Also as "Buffalo Sears," Seized in the Harrisburg Postoffice Shortly After Noon To-day on Charge of Strangling Mrs. Mary Jane Fulmer, 84 Years Old, in Williamsport Last Wednesday

## HIS WIFE ALSO IS APPREHENDED

Pair Are Alleged to Have Been Living in 137 South Third Street, This City. Since Last Thursday—Presence Here Is Learned Through a Letter He Sent to Williamsport—Loot Found in Local Pawn Shop

After a vigil in the Harrisburg postoffice, Third and Locust streets, which had lasted since early Saturday evening, in which City Detectives White and Murnane, of Harrisburg, and County Detective Fred W. Tepel, of Williamsport, took part Paul Van Horn, alias "Buffalo Sears," who is formally charged with the murder last Wednesday of Mrs. Mary Jane Fulmer, 84 years old, in her Williamsport home, was arrested at 12.30 o'clock to-day by Detective Murnane.

Van Horn said immediately that he had been living in 137 South Third street, this city, with his wife, who also was wanted by the Williamsport authorities because she was believed to have left with Van Horn.

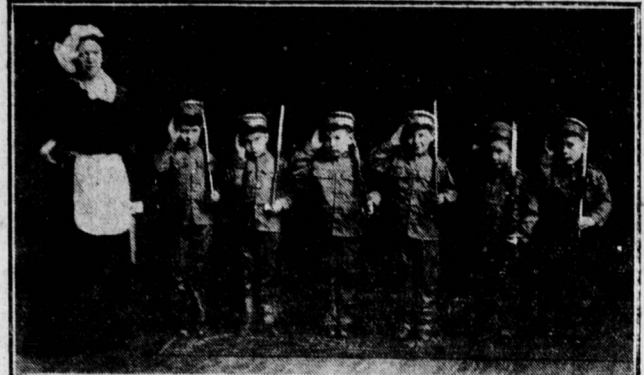
She was arrested a few minutes later by Detectives White and Murnane. Both prisoners were taken to police headquarters, where they were met by Detective Tepel. He started with them for Williamsport at 3 o'clock this afternoon.

**Woman Was Strangled**

Van Horn had no intention of doing any bodily harm to Mrs. Fulmer, he said this afternoon, and did not know she had died as the result of the alleged attack until he read a Williamsport Sunday paper yesterday. He told detectives he merely was waiting for money from Williamsport and he had intended to return there. According to advices from Williamsport, Mrs. Fulmer was strangled to death when her tongue was forced down her throat.

The fire intimation the Harrisburg police had that the pair were in Harrisburg was at 3 o'clock Saturday afternoon when word was received that a letter had been mailed out of the Har-

## SOLDIERS TO APPEAR TO-NIGHT IN PLAY, "PAPA'S DAUGHTERS"



The brave soldier boys who appear in "Papa's Daughters," at the Majestic to-night and to-morrow night are from left to right, Richard Roth, Kirby Lawson, Walter Rittle, William Rittle, Jerry Douglas and Howard Albright. The assistant nurse, on the left, is Pierce Shope.

The little fellows in the soldiers' chorus, promise to be one of the big hits in the home talent play. They drill just like grown-up soldiers, and even if some of them do turn on the wrong heel at times, that will add all the more to the fun.

The hundred and twenty-five players in "Papa's Daughters" held a dress rehearsal this afternoon and to-night, when the curtain goes up at the Majestic they will make their public appearance, many of them for the first time. Some of the performers are already well known in amateur theatricals, and will make a try for added laurels, but many are to-night to have their first stage experience.

"Papa's Daughters" has been presented in many other places, but it is said that in no city has the talent of the amateurs developed as rapidly as here. The principals carry off their roles with precision, and the choruses execute their numbers with charm and grace.

The seat sales have been encouraging to the ladies in charge. The proceeds will be used for the benefit of the Harrisburg Polyclinic hospital, which is in urgent need of additional equipment and is depending largely on "Papa's Daughters" to get it.

## SAYS HUSBAND'S CAMERA SNAPPED POSING WOMAN

Mrs. Earl Beebe, Who Seeks Order For Maintenance Money, Declares in Court That Her Spouse Got Letters Signed "Your Baby, Madeline"

Half a dozen photo prints which she said she had made from films taken from her husband's camera, a few postcards, each of which contained a message of affection, and a letter, were offered in Judge McCarroll's side of the division court this morning by Mrs. Earl Beebe, a daughter of Charles McCauley, 528 Race street, who left her husband on November 17, last. She is asking the court to compel her husband to pay her weekly maintenance money. The case had not been ended at the time for noon adjournment.

This afternoon Beebe was ordered to pay his wife \$20 a month.

The Beebes had been living in Easton, where the husband is employed as an insurance solicitor. Mrs. Beebe said she found the postcards and letters by accident when she was cleaning her husband's desk.

"He said nothing when I asked him to explain," she began, "but he struck me right here (she pointed to her cheek), and I struck him, too."

Later Mrs. Beebe said her husband offered the excuse that he couldn't keep girls from sending the postcards.

Reference to the husband's camera was contained in a letter alleged to

## THAW IS ARRAIGNED TO-DAY

Decision on Motion to Send White's Slayer to Bellevue Hospital Postponed to Wednesday

New York, Jan. 25.—A motion to have Harry K. Thaw sent to Bellevue Hospital so that it might be determined whether he were sane, was made to-day by Thaw's attorneys at his arraignment in the Supreme Court here on a charge of conspiring with others in affecting his escape from the Matteawan Asylum in August, 1915. Decision on the motion was reserved.

No attempt was made to obtain Thaw's release on bail. He was remanded back to Tombs prison to remain there till Justice Davis should notify the lawyers of the day to be selected for Thaw's pleading to the indictment.

Justice Davis announced later that Thaw would be arraigned next Wednesday. The justice will, on that date, decide the motion to have Thaw sent to Bellevue.

## STOUGH FUNDS NOT ALL USED

About \$400 Surplus Will Be Distributed Among Local Charities

When all bills have been met by the executive committee of the Stough campaign in this city, it is estimated that there will be a cash balance on hand of from \$350 to \$400, which is to be distributed among local charities.

An itemized statement is now being prepared.

**City Solicitor Seitz Ill**

City Solicitor D. S. Seitz, 1211 North Second street, is confined to the house suffering from grip. His condition is not considered alarming.

## PAL OF HOHL IS FOUND GUILTY OF HOMESTEAD JOB

## Joseph Kaufman Convicted This Morning of Helping Harrisburg Bandit Steal \$12,000

## GUARDED DOOR WITH REVOLVER

## Chicago Youth Says He Was Hypnotized by Desperado, Formerly of This City, Who Recently Was Shot to Death by the Cincinnati Police

(Special to the Star-Independent.)

Pittsburgh, Jan. 25.—An echo of the looting of the Homestead National bank last August by Frank G. Hohl, the Harrisburg desperado, who was shot to death by the police recently while endeavoring to escape after robbing two Cincinnati banks, was heard in the Allegheny county court this morning, when Joseph Kaufman, of Chicago, Hohl's pal in the Homestead crime, was found guilty of assisting in the robbery.

William J. Brennan, counsel for the defense, told the court on Saturday that Kaufman had been hypnotized by Hohl and thus was influenced to take part in the robbery. District Attorney Jackson declared that this was inconsistent with testimony of witnesses for the defense, who had said that Kaufman had been coerced by Hohl. Corcoran, the Prosecutor contended, is the direct opposite of hypnotism.

Kaufman himself was placed on the stand and told in detail of the robbery of the bank. He said he had been threatened with death if he did not take a revolver, filled with blank cartridges, and guard the entrance to the bank while the money was being taken and if he did not help in the escape in an automobile.

Hohl, he said, had "posed as a good, moral man until we were about to rob the bank. Then he revealed himself."

Kaufman's father, who is a hotel proprietor in Chicago, and Samuel M. Booth, an attorney, of Chicago, were the principal witnesses in behalf of the defendant.

Despite the pleas made to the jury in his behalf, Kaufman, who is 20 years old, was found guilty to-day on the charge of robbery. The Homestead bank was robbed of \$12,000 through a daring exploit of Hohl and his accomplice. None of the money has been recovered.

## Sentence Suspended in Brooks Case

Sentence was this morning suspended in Judge Kunkel's court in the case of Roy Brooks, who was arrested in an attempt to break into the St. James' hotel. He pleaded guilty to the charge, but letters from city officials of Port Amboy, N. J., his home, influenced the court to suspend sentence. It appears that the boy comes from a prominent family. Both his father and mother were in court.

## Engine and Car Jump Track

A local passenger train No. 206, running on the Pennsylvania railroad between Frazer and West Chester, was derailed near Green Tree at 7.45 o'clock this morning, the engine and the truck on one coach leaving the tracks. The train was running slowly and no passengers were injured.

## Russians Sink Sixteen Aeroplanes

London, Jan. 25, 4.35 A. M.—A Petrograd dispatch to the "Times" asserts that the Russians have sunk near Sinope, Asia Minor, the Georgios, on board of which were sixteen aeroplanes, comprising the entire Turkish aerial fleet.

## Wheat Higher Than Ever To-day

Chicago, Jan. 25.—Prices for wheat soared higher to-day than ever. May delivery touched \$1.45 5-8, a rise of 1.1-8 as compared with Saturday.

## WALL STREET CLOSING

New York, Jan. 25.—Renewed pressure upon Steel and an abrupt advance in Union Pacific indicated the uneven tone of the late dealing. The closing was irregular. With a decided increase in business to-day's stock market drifted aimlessly for the greater part of the session, making partial recovery at the close.