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KIELCE NOW IS OCCUPIED

Austro-German Forces Capture Important Naval Base of Czar in Russian Poland

HEAVY FIGHTING IN THAT REGION

Capture of Kielce Follows the Initiation German and Austrian Armies Along Eastern Battle Front

Berlin, Jan. 26, via London, 12.25 P. M .- A dispatch received to-day from Cracow, Galicia, says that Austro-German forces have occupied Kielce, Russian Poland.

Kielce is the capital of the Russian province of that name and lies in Southern Poland, about 50 miles north of the border of the Austrian province of Galicia. In that region has occurred some of the heaviest fighting of the castern campaign. Kielce has been a Russian hase and is of considerable.

A contingent of the Red Cross corps was at the dock with ambulances to receive twenty-three men who had been received twenty-three men who had been Russian base and is of considerable strategic value because of the fact that it is the most important railroad junetion northeast of Cracow. Its capture, if effected, follows the initiation of the new offensive movement by the German and Austrian armies all along the eastern battle front.

German Victory Near La Bassee

Berlin, Jan. 26, By Wireles to London, 3.26 P. M .- The German war office in its statement given out this afternoon says two strong points of sup port in the possession of the English were captured by German troops yesterday in a general assault on the English positions near La Bassee.

The text of the communication

'In the western theatre the enemy following his custom, placed Middel-kerke and Westende (in Belgium) under fire yesterday. A large number of aged, she was all the inhabitants were killed or injured port of Sassnitz. by this fire, they including the burgo master of Middelkerke. "Our losses yesterday were small

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BIG GERMAN GUN IS PUT OUT BY THE BRITISH ARTILLERY

St. Omer, France, via Paris, Jan. 26 4.45 A. M.—The heavy artillery of the British has destroyed an enormous gun which the Germans were placing on hill about a mile behind their first ish guns demolished it.

their fire on a group of German artillerymen engaged in placing a similar gun a mile further behind, scattering with a few well-timed shells. They also smashed three pumps brought up by the Germans to empty water out of their trenches.

LATE WAR NEWS SUMMARY

The German armies of the west have suddenly taken the offensive, delivering violent attacks simultaneously at several points. The German War Office report to-day claims an important victory over British troops along La Bassee canal, in France, just south of the Belgian border. Positions of the British extending over about two-thirds of a mile, including two strong points of support, are said to have been taken storm and held in the face of counter attacks. The French official statement, however does not concede this victory to the Germans. It admits that they made progress temporarily, but asserts that subsequently they were re-

Both communications report progress for the Germans near Craonne, where trenches of the allies were taken and retained in part. Elsewhere, according to the French version of the fighting, to the French version of the ngnting, the Germans were repulsed, with the possible exception of Alsace. It is said that the Germans bombarded Sentheim. This town lies six miles south-

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GERMANS CLAIM TO HAVE SUNK THREE OF BRITISH VESSELS IN SEA BATTLE

Berlin, Jan. 26, (By Wireless to Lor on, 9.45 A. M.) -Additional details of the sinking of a British battle cruiser in the naval fight in the North ea, west of Heligoland, which is claimed by the Germans, is given in a state ent issued here to-day. The statement follows:

"According to well-informed German sources this cruiser suffered heavily from the fire of our cannon and was then sunk by a German torpedo boat by two well directed shots. The sinking was observed by a German airship which followed the battle closely. Two English torpedo boats were also sunk. The airship also observed the serious Garner Shows That Through an Error damaging of other English ships."

Berlin, via London, Jan. 26, 10.36 A. M .- In the absence of further details of the naval battle in the North sea the newspapers confine themselves to comments about the great superiority of New Offensive Movement By the and strength of the British units en-

and strength of the British units engaged. No credence is given to a British Admiralty's report that no British vessel was lost in the fight.

Much more space is given in the newspapers to the new orders of the federal council concerning breadstuffs which are welcomed by all writers.

Prince Joachim, the youngest son of Emperor William, has been unable to start his convalescent leave as recently planned as he has been affected with a high fever for several days.

50 Bluecher Survivors Land

Edinburgh, Scotland, Jan. 26, via London, 2.38 P. M.—Fifty survivors of the German armored cruiser Bluecher, which was sunk in the North sea

receive twenty-taree men who had been wounded in the fight. One of the wounded Germans had died while on the

wounded Germans had died while on the way to this port, but the body was landed. Several of the wounded were terribly injured.

The prisoners of war were taken in automobiles to Ediburgh Castle. The men who had escaped unscathed looked fit and were not down cast. They watched interestedly the soldiers drilling on the parade grounds. The survivors were dressed mostly in the blue of the pays. dressed mostly in the blue of the navy.

RUMOR GERMAN CRUISER GAZELLE WAS TORPEDOED

Malmoe, Sweden, Jan. 26, via Lon don, 4.35 P. M .- It is persistently asserted here that the German protected cruiser Gazelle was torpedoed yesterday That's All the Governor Consents to

built by the Krupps in 1908, and her news. armament consists of ten 4.1-inch, fourteen 1 pounders, 4 machine guns and 3 torpedo tubes.

HURT IN MOTORCYCLE CRASH

Condition of Former Harrisburger Injured in Savannah Is Alarming

line of trenches, and about two miles from Festubert, with the object of sileneing the English howitsers and bom- 1516 Green street, the latter a conbarding Bethune. The position of the ductor on the Philadelphia division of big gun was marked by a British avi-ator and the fourth shell from the Brit-riously hurt in Savannah, Ga., last Sun-The British gunners then directed crashed against a wagon, continues to it.

he so alarming that his two brothers, Ira and John, of this city, will go to his bedside in Savannah next week.

Mr. Arthur suffered a split knee cap, severe bruises and lacerations of the face and scalp and internal injuries. He was born and reared in this city, but left here about two years ago and settled in Savannah, where he has a lucrative position. He married Miss Elsie Smith, daughter of George Smith, 1632 North Fourth street.

SAYS STOUGH IS IMPROVING

Dr. Cartwright Assures E. F. Weaver Evangelist Will Preach To-night

"Dr. Stough was never any more alive in his life than he is now I guess, was the reply E. F. Weaver, executive secretary of the local campaign, made this afternoon to inquiries concerning a rumor of the death of the evan-gelist. Where the rumor started, neither he nor anyone else seems to know.

Mr. Weaver is certain, however, that not later than 1.39 o'clock this afternoon he spoke with the Rev. Mr. Cartwright, Dr. Stough's associate, by long distance phone to Altoona, and that Mr. Cartwright assured him that the evangelist was regaining his health and would appear on the tabernacle platform at Altoona to night.

Introduced in the House This Morning Along With Measure Aimed at Sale of Heroin

SODA BENZOATE CAUSES A STIR

In the Reading of His Bill He Was Made to Look Like a Champion of the Cause of Adulterants

When the House of Representatives opened this morning, Representative Garner, of Schuylkill, stirred the members when he declared that he was surprised that he had become regarded as the champion of benzoate of soda and adulterant; in candy. Representative the champion of benzoate of soda and adulterants in candy. Representative Garner declared that he had asked the Legislative Reference Bureau to prepare him a bill that would absolutely do away with all use of benzoate of soda and adulterated candy. He said he had not had time to go over the bill that was introduced last night and that if he had been deceived he would appeal for the ousting of the Legislative Reference Bureau.

Morning newspapers had said the bill as introduced under Mr. Garner's name "permits the use of certain chemicals in candies and permits more than one-tenth of one per cent. of benzoate

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"If the newspapermen have misinterpreted the bill, then I'll buy them glasses," declared Mr. Garner.

Mr. Garner later asked for the privilege of the floor for James Moore, the head of the Legislative Reference Bureau, whom he said would explain the bill.

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Mr. Moore told of the request of Mr. Garner to the bureau to prepare the bill and said care was taken in quoting the original act and making the amendment. Mr. Moore said that the bill, as introduced by Representative Garner, absolutely prohibited the use of benzoate of soda and the use of adulterants in early.

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Mr. Garner also asked the privilege of the floor for the newspapermen in order that they could state how they had made him a champion of adulterants when he was strongly opposed to them and had openly attacked an opponent in political speeches for voting for

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"NIX KUM' RAUS" --- BRUMBAUGH

by a submarine of unknown nationality at a point in the Baltic near the island of Ruegen, which is off the coast of Russia. Although the Gazelle was damaged, she was able to return to the port of Sassnitz.

The German cruiser Gazelle, a sister ship to the Niobe has a displacement of 2,645 tons, a complement of 264 men and is 32% feet long. She was built by the Krupps in 1908, and her

news.

In the course of a few questions that were hurled at the Governor by the more daring of the reporters, he said he had not considered the matter of a constitutional convention. A delega-tion of miners called on him this morn-ing in the interest of the workingmen's compensation bill, especially that fea-ture embodying the liability clause, which they desired to have made ex-plicit.

Along With Them Are Taken Two Women and a Man Accused of False farming and his hearers listened closely as he started to talk about his early Pretense in Soliciting Human Hair

in the City of Altoona

There are in this city two trunks full of hair belonging to Altoona folk awaiting identification by the owners.

With one trunk full of human hair in the sidewalk in front of 329 Chestunt street and in the age.

on the sidewalk in front of 329 Chest-nut street and in the act of packing another for shipment, W. E. Pelar, wanted in Altoona on a charge of false pretense in which the hair figures prominently, was arrested at 3 o'clock this afternoon by City Detective White. The police say they are certain that some of the hair belongs to Altoona people and they believe that some of it comes from Johnstown, and there is a chance that some of it is Harrisburg Mr. Weaver is certain, however, that not later than 1.30 o'clock this afternoon he spoke with the Rev. Mr. Cartwright assured him that the wangelist was regaining his health and would appear on the tabernacle platform at Altoona to-night.

Swallows Toothpick at Dinner

J. M. Zwok, 3615 Samson street, Philadelphia, a salesman, got a toothpick in his throat while eating dinner in the State Capital Hotel last evening. He hurried to the Harrisburg hospital for treatment. The bit of wood was later xemoved by a throat specialist.

MILLIONAIRE SLAYER BACK IN PRISON CELL



Herein is shown Harry K. Thaw in the famous Tombs in New York city. After an absence of years from the stone prison the slayer of Stanford White was placed there soon after his arrival in New York city from New Hampshire, where he enjoyed compartive freedom for nearly eighteen months. Thaw is buoyant and cheerful, more so than he was in Canada immediately after his sensational escape from

the Asylum for the Criminal Iusane at Matteawan on Sunday morning, August 17, 1913. He believes that following his trial on an accusation of conspiracy incidental to his escape he will be a free man and able to go to Pennsylvania and be with his aged mother for the remainder of her days.

Home Was on a Hill So Steep That Apples Rolled Down Into the Public Road

And HE PRESIDES ONE HOUR AT MEETING

Brumbaugh, as an Ex-officio Member, entific Methods of Production

The Governor jollied the reporters a delegate from each of the agricultural The Governor jollied the reporters a or horticultural societies in the State, The Governor joilied the reporters a condition of Jacob B. Arthur, cars oid, son of Samuel Arthur, green street, the latter a condition of pennsylvania railroad, who was seedly hurt in Savannah, Ga., last Sunafternoon when his motorcycle and against a wagon, continues to a larming that his two brothers, and John, of this city, will go to be diside in Savannah next week. The Arthur suffered a split knee cap, re bruises and lacerations of the and scalp and internal injuries.

ARE SEIZED BY THE POLICE

The Governor joilied the reporters a or horticultural societies in the State, or horticultural societies in the State, or horticultural senior in the Board of Trade anditorium this morning. The sessions will last until to-morrow aftenoon. Governor Brumbaugh, an exofficion member of the board and its president, assumed charge at the opening of the session. He gave an informal talk on the possibilities of increased agricultural production by use of scientific methods and told the board that it could do a lot toward bringing that the added, and the ad

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Crop, Yet in Ground Is Being Sold For Export

By Associated Press, Chicago, Jan. 26 .- All grains-

prices in many years at this season. The volume of trading in corn and oats was extremely large. Assertions were current that the 1915 crop of wheat which is not yet out of the ground, was

Mayor John K. Royal made a few remarks, welcoming the exhibitors, but he will be called upon again to-morrow for a more lengthy speech. Marion S. Pearce, president of the National Monearly five cents a bushel from quotations in the early trading this morning. May wheat overtopped yesterday's highest war price and reached The biggest rise in price to-day wa

CONTENDS HIS MARRIAGE CITY CANVASSED WAS NOT A LEGAL ONE Samuel Looper Raises Unusual Plea

When Judge Orders Him to Pay \$25 Monthly Maintenance Money -Court to Hear Argument on Point Before Judge McCarrell made an or-

der last evening directing Samuel Loop er to pay his wife \$25 a month, Loop er to pay his wife \$2a a month, Looper, defendant in a non-support case, put in the musual plea that the woman seeking the financial aid is not actually his wife. He admitted, however, that since 1885 he has recognized her as such and to his friends had referred to her as his wife.

Looper admitted that he went through a marriage engement with Mrs.

HOUR AT MEETING

Looper admitted that he went through a marriage eeremony with Mrs. Looper in 1885, but he contends that was before she had obtained legal separation papers from her first husband and that therefore the second marriage was not legal. Judge McCarrell gave Looper's counsel permission to move to have the \$25 a month maintenance to have the \$25 a month maintenance and the second marriage was not legal. Judge McCarrell gave to have the \$25 a month maintenance to have the \$25 a month maintenance and the second marriage was not legal. order vacated, saying that he will en-tertain argument on the technicalities

Governor Martin G. Brumbaugh, as an honorary officer of the organization, availed himself of the organization, availed himself of the opportunity today to do something no Governor has chairman of a meeting of the State Board of Agriculture.

This board, which is made up of one weleigate from each of the agricultural corp horizently and a property of the ewere continued and the rest were shared to be heard at the afternoon session to day, due to the remainder of the dozen cases listed for argument, a case involving technical times was beard this morning.

MOVIE' MEN HERE TO FORM STATE-WIDE ORGANIZATION

ated with the National Motion Picture the \$50 contributions are just as wel-Exhibitors' League, and which will advocate the passage of Pennsylvania the buy committeemen. laws beneficial to the business, was laws beneficial to the business, was opened this morning in the Bolton House. One aim of the organization, it is understood, will be to work for the repeal of the present State law providing for the eensorship of films, and it was said by some of the members attending the meeting to-day that Senater Penresa has required to use his in. corn, cats, rye and barley, as well as wheat—sold to-day at the highest tion will close with a banquet Thurs-

tion will close with a banquet Thursday evening.

At the session this morning preliminary arrangements were made for the rest of the convention. Ben H. Zerr, of Reading, was selected as temporary chairman; James Delves, of Pittsbugrh, secretary, and Frank A. Goul, Reading, publicity representative.

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Full Force of Collectors at Work To-day in All Districts to Raise Funds

MANY PLEDGES START CAMPAIGN

Women in Legislators' Families Are Invited to Aid in Work at Headquarters-Housewife Says She Has Taught Husband to Sew

That full forces of collectors work ing for the Ways and Means commit tee of the Home and War Relief Cor mittee will be at work to-day, giving all the citizens opportunity to aid this charity, was the report of seven neighborhood executive committeemen last night to the Ways and Means committee, which heard details of the first day's efforts. Pledges and collections totaling more than \$500 were reported, although but five collectors had turned a complication of diseases.

About a week ago Mr. Russell had in totals.

Open Three-Day Convention in Bolton
House During Which It is Understood They Will Urge Legislation
Including Reveal of Censorship Law

Or an the centrioutions reported the Capitol. Up to that time he had selected one exciting most interest was that of G. C. Young, of the First ward disconserved the battle flags were removed from the Museum building to the Capitol return the form of 10 cents, pledged each week by a widow with five children. Other committeemen told of \$165 being the cases in the flag room.

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Legislators' Families Invited Wives, sisters, daughters or mothers of legislators are invited to spend a day, or many of them, at headquarters, 7 South Front street, sewing or knitting. Materials of all kinds will be provided, along with needles and even

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Legislators Move In At 312 Chestnut

Street

Assemblyman James F. Woodward; of McKeesport, and his fellow legislators who club together each session in a home run and inhabited by themselves, have leased the former Hedrick home at 312 Chestnut street, for this purpose this year. It is the most com-modious dwelling the legislators have

Homes Will Not Be Razed This Year and Possibly Not Even in 1916

"NO HURRY." SAYS OFFICIALS

City Commissioners Admit That Complications in the Matter of Acquiring Property Titles Will Cause Long Delay in Removal of Settlement

"Hardscrabble" property owners whose homes the City proposes to raze to permit changing the lines and reopening that section of North Front street, between Herr and Calder streets, need now have no fear that they will be asked or compelled to vacate their home on April 1, next, as had been announced, or even before the same date in 1916, so the City Commissioners said this afternoon.

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Without going into detail the Com-missioners announced that the "Hard-scrabble" case looks to them like one that will mean years of litigation in the courts beforse all of the property owners and the City can be satisfied. There is no reason for burry, they say now.

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officially no action was taken on the matter at the Commissioners' meeting this afternoon but after the adjournment Commissioner Lynch raised the point that the property owners and tenants, who are eager to know whether they must vacate by April 1, next, should be given some satisfaction.

"Tell them that it will be at least a year before they will have to get out," suggested Mr. Gorgas. "There is no immediate necessity for hurrying this thing along. Besides it is too important a question to rush through."

Then it was suggested that the estimates of damages to be sustained by the property owners through the surrender of their homes, which recently were given to the City Solicitor by the property owners, should be considered and some action taken. A tentative plan was suggested under which the City Solicitor would ascertain if all or any number of these estimates are fair and should be accepted, and if all are not equitable, the legal adviser then would be directed—probably next Tuesday—to ask the Court to appoint a board of viewers who would fix the present values of the real estate.

That work alone would require months, and the Commissioners now figure that they will not be ready to order the razing of the houses before the

months, and the Commissioners now figure that they will not be ready to order the razing of the houses before the spring of 1916 and possibly not then. A few of the estimated property values, as submitted, the Commissioners figure, should be accepted, but the majority of them, they contend, are so high as to call for the appointment of the viewing heard. To those whose igh as to call for the appointment he viewing board. To those whose crices are accepted bonds will be given converts owner. Of prices are accepted course to protect the property owner. Of course bonds also will be filed to protect

DEATH OF FLAG ROOM KEEPER

Enoch M. Russell, on Capitol Hill Twen ty-eight Years, Dies at New Cumberland Home

(Special to the Star-Independent.) New Cumberland, Jan. 26.—Enoch M. Russell, 75 years of age, who for the past twenty-eight years had charge the

though but five collectors had turned a totals.

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U. S. Steel Suspends Dividends

New York, Jan. 26.—The United States Steel Corporation to-day suspended the dividends on the common

The regular quarterly dividend of 1 3.4 per cent. was declared on the preferred stock.

WALL STREET CLOSING

New York, Jan. 26.—Speculation became stagnant in the final hour. The closing was irregular. Trading was narrow and dull for the greater part over occupied during sessions.

The first floor is used as dining rooms and the second and third floors for sleeping quarters. There are sixteen sleeping rooms in the dwelling. The rooms are all occupied by members.