

GREAT CHECK TO GERMANS AT LABASSEE

French War Office Report Claims Kaiser's Forces Lost Two Full Battalions

OVER 400 BODIES FOUND ON ROAD

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Paris, Jan. 27, 2:40 P. M.—The French report given out by the War Office this afternoon records yesterday the customary artillery exchanges, and says that on January 25 the Germans lost near Ypres what amounted to a battalion and a half of men (one German battalion contains 1,000 men). The French claim that a check was administered to the Germans near La Bassée yesterday. Here the losses of the Germans are placed at two battalions. The statement follows:

"In the sections of Nieuport and of Ypres there were artillery engagements yesterday. A German aeroplane was brought down within the lines of the Belgian army. Statements made by prisoners establish the fact that it was not a battalion but a brigade which, on January 25, attacked our trenches in the east of Ypres. The enemy lost in this affair what amounted to a battalion and a half of men.

"It has been confirmed to-day that near La Bassée, Givinchy and Guinchy the Germans yesterday suffered a great check. On the road from La Bassée to Bethune the bodies of six officers and 400 men were found. The losses of the Germans consequently must represent at least two full battalions.

"From Lens to Soissons yesterday saw artillery fighting. In the region of Craonne we maintained ourselves in the trenches recaptured by us during our counter attacks of January 25.

"In the region of Perthes, Hill No. 300, four violent attacks on the part of the enemy have been repulsed. In the Argonne, in the vicinity of St. Hubert, a German attack was repulsed with the bayonet. At St. Mihiel we destroyed new foot bridges thrown over the Meuse by the enemy. Yesterday passed quietly in Lorraine and in the Vosges."

THREE TURKISH ARMY CORPS ARE MARCHING ON EGYPT

London, Jan. 27, 3:17 P. M.—Dispatches from Cairo state that great military activity prevails at the Suez canal. Troops and warships are being assembled and all inhabitants are leaving the vicinity of the canal. Important reconnaissances are being made.

Athens, Jan. 27, Via London, 3:17 P. M.—It is reported here that three Turkish army corps (about 120,000 men) are marching on Egypt in command of Djitte Pasha.

Cairo, Egypt, Jan. 27, Via London, 4:20 P. M.—An engagement occurred yesterday to the eastward of El Kantara, in Egypt, presumably with the advance guard of a Turkish army, although details are lacking. The Egyptian losses were one officer and four men slightly wounded.

Detachments of Turkish troops have been sighted at three other points to the east of the Suez canal, but no fighting has resulted except that in the vicinity of El Kantara. In this engagement the Turks opened fire at long range with mountain guns. The British replied with machine guns and rifles. A British aeroplane dropped bombs upon the Turkish forces near Birmurhadad, inflicting losses.

Fighting in this locality indicates that not only has a Turkish invasion of Egypt been begun, as was reported in an earlier dispatch from Athens but that Turkish forces have penetrated a considerable distance into Egypt. El Kantara is 28 miles south of Port Said and is on the Suez canal, which, it is assumed, is the immediate objective of the Turkish advance. The territory to the east of El Kantara, referred to in the foregoing dispatch, is the northern part of Sinai peninsula, which extends to the Turkish frontier.

German Colonel Killed in Africa
Cape Town, via London, Jan. 27, 9:44 A. M.—Colonel Seydembreck, commanding the German forces in German Southwest Africa, has been killed at Windhoek according to advices received here. He was examining hand grenades when one of them was accidentally exploded and caused his death.

AUSTRIANS INFLICT HEAVY LOSSES IN SEVERAL FIGHTS

Vienna, Jan. 27—(By Wireless to London, 9:32 A. M.)—The official Austrian communication issued to-day reports successes in the fighting in the passes leading into Northeastern and Northwestern Hungary. The statement follows:

"In the valleys of Ung, Latorca and Nagy-Szames the enemy has been forced to evacuate some important heights after repeated and fruitless counter attacks which cost the enemy heavy losses."

LATE WAR NEWS SUMMARY

Emperor William is 56 years old to-day and although there is little information of the day's military activities the latest reports available made it apparent that the Emperor's troops were endeavoring to win for him a birthday gift in the shape of a victory at arms. Two days ago violent German attacks were begun at several points. They developed with greatest force against the British along La Bassée canal in France, near the Belgian border, and against the French further south, in the region of Craonne.

To-day's official communications from Paris and Berlin which deal with yesterday's fighting show that on the day before the Emperor's birthday, the Germans won a measure of success near Craonne. The French war office admits that trenches were lost, but says that some of them were retaken later. The German statement, however, claims sweeping victories in this region, including the capture of several points of support along a section of the front nearly a mile in extent.

Concerning the fighting at La Bassée

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KAISER ISSUES TWO AMNESTY DECREES ON 56TH BIRTHDAY

Berlin, Jan. 27, By Wireless to London, 9:37 A. M.—Two birthday decrees of amnesty were issued by Emperor William to-day, the fifty-sixth anniversary of his birth.

The first releases the active military from the disciplinary punishment inflicted upon them by court martial within a limit of six months imprisonment; the second decree annuls the prosecution of soldiers for offenses committed previous to the receipt of their call to arms.

Wilson Congratulates Kaiser

Washington, Jan. 27.—President Wilson to-day sent a message to Emperor William of Germany, congratulating him on his 56th birthday. His message was as follows:

"In behalf of the government and people of the United States, I have the pleasure to extend to Your Majesty cordial felicitations on this anniversary of your birth, as well as my own good wishes for your welfare."

U. S. Wants Colored Recruits

Captain R. C. Williams, in command of the local recruiting station in the Bergner building, received instructions to-day from the War Department to accept desirable colored applicants for enlistment in the infantry branch of the United States army. All such applicants accepted are forwarded to Columbus barracks, O., for assignment to duty.

COURT HOUSE EXCITED BY "SMALL-POX" SCARE

Monotony in Life of the Office of the Directors of the Poor Is Disturbed When Visitor Is Suspected of Having a Contagious Disease

"You stay right there and don't move out of that corner until you are ordered to do so, or you will be jailed! Hear me!"

The speaker was William D. Block, city license tax collector, erstwhile assistant city health officer, and he was addressing a young man who was standing this morning behind the desk in the office of the Directors of the Poor, awaiting a reply to a request for assistance to get him to his home in Indiana.

The stranger was dumfounded. Miss Rachel Staples, connected with the poor board, was too badly frightened to speak. Charles L. Boyer, one of the Poor Directors, sat by, staring as Block spoke on, and John P. Guyer, clerk to the Directors, stopped "pounding" on a typewriter to get an "earful."

Then Block commanded Miss Staples to "call the City Health Department and get Doc Raunick or Doc Ritzman down here right away to examine that man."

Dr. Raunick is the health officer and Dr. Ritzman is his assistant. Miss Staples obliged, but the Health Department wasn't so eager to put the Indiana man and the office of the Directors of the Poor under quarantine.

"Send the man up," advised the health officer, "we'll give him the once over."

But here was a man in the office of the Directors of the Poor, a public office, with red spots on his face and something that looked like a rash—it might be smallpox—and Block was reluctant to accept the advice of his former "boss."

Eventually, however, the stranger was taken to the Health Department. Dr. Raunick just laughed when he saw him. What really was the matter with the visitor was indigestion or something no more contagious. Block got a scowling glance from the stranger as the latter headed again for the office of the Poor Board.

SIDES WITH MAN HE PROSECUTES

The District Attorney Takes Part of Defendant for "Justice's Sake"

ROW IS ABOUT HUNTER'S TAG

County Prosecutor Surprises the Court by the Attitude He Assumes in Defense of Man Who, Stroup Believes, Ought Not to Have Been Fined

Rather than have what he regarded as an injustice done to the defendant, District Attorney Michael E. Stroup, in court this morning, forgot all formalities and in the face of the Judge's suggestion that he might be overstepping his official duties, undertook to defend George F. Fleck, a North Cameron street man, who is accused of violating the game laws, whom Stroup had gone into court prepared to prosecute.

Stroup thought Fleck should go free and expressed that opinion to the court.

The District Attorney, of course, did not offer to shirk any part of his official duty, but he repeatedly said he wanted to see "justice" done to the defendant, whom, Stroup figured, had been the victim of an overzealous constable. Fleck had been fined \$20 and costs by Justice of the Peace E. B. Dunkle, of Susquehanna township, on a charge of refusing to show his hunter's license tag, and the case was brought into court on an appeal from the summary conviction. The court took the papers.

The arrest of Fleck was made in November by Deputy Game Warden John A. Smith, who is the superintendent of the E. B. Mitchell farms in Susquehanna township. Fleck maintains that he had the license tag on his arm and offered to show it to the deputy by throwing up his arm. He ran, he said, "when Smith ordered me to come over to him and show him my number."

'SWITCHES' AWAIT OWNERS

Harrisburgers Who Gave Up "Combing" Can Recover Loss by Identifying Them at Police Station

Nine bundles of hair nicely wrapped and labeled, each one "combing" for the manufacture of hair "switches," are at police headquarters awaiting the identification of Harrisburgers. The hair was taken from W. E. Pelar, arrested here yesterday and taken back to Altoona to-day to answer a false pretense charge.

WHEAT PRICES STILL SOAR

May Cereal Breaks All Previous Records and Climbs to \$1.47 1/2 in To-day's Dealings

Chicago, Jan. 27.—Dealings in wheat expanded rapidly to-day, and high record war prices continued to be broken. Gains of nearly two cents a bushel as compared with last night were quickly made. July wheat, which had closed at 1.30 1/2 and 1.31 jumped to 1.32 1/2. May climbed to 1.47 1/2. The highest point attained before by May since the beginning of the war was yesterday, 1.46 1/2.

"MOVIE" MEN INVITED TO JOIN NATIONAL BODY

Newly-formed State Organization Declares to District the State for the Purpose of Establishing Branch Locals—Law Committee to Be Named

This morning's discussion in the convention in the Bolton House of motion picture exhibitors of the State who yesterday decided upon the formation of a State-wide body centered largely upon the purpose of the organization which has chosen as its name "The Motion Picture Exhibitors' League of Pennsylvania."

TRIES TO END LIFE WITH RIFLE

Miss Mary E. Kennedy in Critical Condition at Harrisburg Hospital

Miss Mary E. Kennedy, 22 years old, 529 Filbert street, who attempted to commit suicide last evening by shooting herself in the head with a twenty-two calibre rifle, is in a very critical condition at the Harrisburg hospital and physicians entertain little hope for her recovery.

She is believed to have been despondent over ill health. She went to a store room at the front of her home and seizing the rifle placed the barrel against the right side of her head and pulled the trigger. The bullet fractured the base of the skull. Her stepfather, George Lewis, heard the shot and later found her in the store.

RESCUED BY POLICEMAN

Man Found Hanging by Foot in Cellarway Gets 30 Days

UNCLE SAM HALTS STATE IN IMPORTATION OF QUAIL

Washington Orders Pennsylvania to Cease Bringing Mexican Game Birds Here Pending an Investigation to Learn If They Are Healthy

The State Game Commission had just made all arrangements to import from 12,000 to 15,000 quail into Pennsylvania from Mexico, and already had imported 200, all but a dozen of which have been distributed, when further importation and distribution was halted to-day by the authorities in Washington. The federal authorities feared there "might be some disease among the Mexican quail" and it would be best to make an investigation before permitting Pennsylvania to import any more.

This was a very great disappointment to the State Game Commission which was sending the birds by the half dozen pairs throughout the State to be released early in the spring in order that they might get acclimated and be hardy for breeding purposes. The demand for the birds has been larger than usual, and the 15,000 could easily have been placed in counties and localities that have not heard a Bob White whistle for years.

The 200 birds received from Mexico, nearly all of which have been distributed, were fine lively creatures, but they were neglected on the way up from Mexico and were thin. A few days' careful treatment, however, caused them to perk up and they were so lively that as soon as they got to the capitol and saw the park they wanted to get out. Two of them escaped from the boxes at the Game Department and ran through the capitol until they reached an open window when they darted out into the park. They were recovered without any trouble, but not until their whistle had attracted much attention from the department attaches in the capitol.

Some of the remaining dozen here will be sent to the Pathological department of the University of Pennsylvania for examination as to their condition and to ascertain whether they are in any manner diseased.

E. S. MARTIN DIES ON MOVING TRAIN

Stricken This Morning With Heart Trouble, He Succumbs Before Station Is Reached

SERVED AS CITY ASSESSOR 1896-99

A Resident of Harrisburg Most of His Life, He Was Well Known Here, Especially in Lodge Circles—State Chemist Kellogg His Son-in-Law

While on a train going between Blain and Newport, early this morning, Edmund Smith Martin, 1731 Green street, this city, became suddenly ill and died. Heart trouble was given as the cause of death.

Mr. Martin was 59 years of age, had lived in this city most of his life, and was especially well known in lodge circles. He was city assessor from 1896 to 1899, and belonged to the Masons, the Elks, the Modern Woodmen and the Royal Arcanum.

For the past thirty years he had been a traveling salesman for the Young, Smith & Field Company, a Philadelphia notions and dry goods firm. His territory was in this section of the State. He was on the road for the firm at the time of his death.

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It was decided to-day to appoint, before the adjournment of the convention, a committee to prepare proposed laws for submission to the Legislature. One of these laws will call for the repeal of the law which created the Pennsylvania board of censors, it being the sense of the delegates that even in an amended form the act would be unfair to the motion picture business. It also was decided to appoint a committee which will district the whole State for the purpose of creating local branches of the new State league.

COLD WAVE IS COMING HERE

Material Drop in Temperature Expected—40 Below in Northwest To-day

A cold wave is headed this way and will arrive here to-morrow night or Friday morning, according to the estimates of E. R. Demain, Harrisburg's forecaster, made this afternoon.

The coldest weather of the season is covering the Northwest to-day with temperatures as low as 40 degrees below zero. While it will show its effects in the East, Mr. Demain was not prepared to say that it will be anything like that cold in Harrisburg. There is a disturbance in the Southwest which may intervene and prevent this city feeling the full effect of the present very low temperature in the Northwest. The mercury is expected to touch 25 above zero here to-night and go lower to-morrow night or Friday.

Duluth Shivers at 31 Below

Duluth, Minn., Jan. 27.—Street thermometers at 8 o'clock this morning showed from 27 to 31 below zero, the coldest of the winter. On the iron ranges the cold was reported five to eight degrees lower than in Duluth.

WEDDED MANY MILES APART, BRIDE GOES TO GREET HUSBAND



Denver, Col., Jan. 27.—Miss Eugenia Campbell, who was married in this city to John Pieter Scholten a young Danish engineer now located at Samarang, Java, is now on her way to meet her husband. The marriage which made them one took place after a special dispensation had been obtained from the Queen of Holland, so that the young woman would not be subject to the immigration laws of Holland when she reaches Java, which is in its province. At the wedding Harvey V. Denel, a Brooklyn youth, now resident here, acted as proxy bridegroom and a girl unknown to Miss Campbell was her proxy in a ceremony performed simultaneously in Java. Miss Eleanor McFall was maid of honor and Russell Chelgard, of Minneapolis, best man. Colonel G. B. McFall gave the bride away. A sister of Miss Campbell and another girl, attired in Dutch costume, were the bridesmaids.

THAW TO REMAIN TOMBS PRISONER

Pleads Not Guilty to Charge of Conspiracy and Trial Is Set for February 23

COUNSEL NOT TO APPLY FOR BAIL

Supreme Court Justice Davis Denies Motion to Have Thaw Sent to Bellevue Hospital to Have His Sanity Passed Upon There

New York, Jan. 27.—Harry K. Thaw pleaded to-day not guilty to the charge of conspiracy under which he was brought here from New Hampshire last Sunday. His trial was set for February 23. Meanwhile he is to remain a prisoner in the Tombs, his counsel having agreed not to apply for bail.

No attempt will be made by the State to have Thaw committed to the Matteawan asylum pending his trial, unless his lawyers change their decision not to apply for bail. Deputy Attorney General Franklin Kennedy, who is in charge of the State's case now that William T. Jerome has dropped out of the litigation, made this announcement to-day.

In accepting Thaw's plea and fixing the date for trial, Supreme Court Justice Davis denied the motion made by Thaw's counsel last Monday to have the prisoner sent to Bellevue hospital so that physicians there might pass upon his sanity.

Thaw was elated to-day when his counsel confirmed the news that Mr. Jerome was no longer connected with the case. "It is a long lane that has no turning," he said.

For the first time in nearly nine years that the case of Harry K. Thaw has been before the courts of this State, William T. Jerome, former District Attorney of New York county, did not appear for the State to-day when Thaw was brought before Justice Davis. Mr. Jerome's connection, with the case ended yesterday, when he was relieved from duty as a special Deputy Attorney General by Attorney General Egburt F. Woodbury. Franklin Kennedy, Deputy Attorney General, will hereafter have charge of the case for the State.

WALL STREET CLOSING

New York, Jan. 27.—Selling was renewed in the later trading, but rallies of a point in Union Pacific and Reading imparted a better tone to the final dealings. The closing was weak. Unexpected suspension of United States Steel common dividend provoked heavy selling and sharp declines in to-day's stock market. Losses of 2 to 4 points were general, leading shares showing the greatest weakness.

STANDARD OIL REDUCES PRICES

New York, Jan. 27.—The Standard Oil Company, of New York, to-day reduced the price of refined petroleum for export, 25 points, making oil in cases 10.25 cents per gallon, in the tanks 4.25 cents and standard white, 7.75.

SUFFRAGE BILL IS INTRODUCED

Women on Hand at the Capitol When Measure Is Presented in the House To-day

SEEMS CERTAIN TO BE CARRIED

Would Give Voters Right to Decide at the Next General Election Whether There Is to Be Equal Suffrage—Adjournment Until Next Monday

The Woman's Suffrage amendment, which political leaders say is practically assured of passage in this session of the Legislature, was introduced in the House this morning by Representative William H. Wilson, of Philadelphia. There were a number of suffragists from the Central Pennsylvania Association and from the State Suffrage headquarters at work in the hall during the session.

The amendment calls for the submission of the question of whether women can vote, to the people at a general election, and during the next two months spirited battles are expected to be waged for and against the passage of the amendment by the suffragists and the anti.

One of the heaviest appropriation bills ever introduced for extraordinary expenses was that fathered by Representative Hess, of Lancaster, calling for the appropriation of \$558,000 for expenses in eradicating the foot and mouth disease and for the control of transmissible diseases in animals. The United States government has appropriated half of the amount needed to pay for the expense incurred in stamping out the foot and mouth disease which recently infected cattle in almost every section of the State.

PROPOSED NEW LEGISLATION

Through a bill introduced by Representative Mearkle, of Allegheny, it will be a misdemeanor to issue a check without funds in bank, and fines and imprisonment for persons found guilty are provided for. The bill allows a period of twenty days for restitution before suit can be brought.

Representative Gans, of Philadelphia, introduced a bill providing for the incorporation of trackless trolley companies.

Representative Hess, of Lancaster, introduced an appropriation bill providing \$30,000 to the several State Normal schools under State control.

Through a bill introduced by Representative Showalter, of Union, boroughs owning electric light plants will be authorized to supply current for power purposes. Representative Duann, of Philadelphia, offered an amendment to the school code which extends the pension requirements to janitors.

BIG SLUMP IN U. S. STEEL

The Market Disturbed To-day As Result of Dividend Suspension on Common Stock Yesterday

New York, Jan. 27.—Between 40,000 and 50,000 shares of United States Steel common stock were offered for sale at its minimum price of 48 when the market opened to-day but only a few hundred shares of the big offering were accepted. Yesterday afternoon the stock was selling at 51 1/2. Suspension of the dividend was not announced until the market closed.

The entire market was disturbed to-day as the result of the dividend suspension. Active railroad stocks broke from one to more than three points. Steel, pfd., on which the regular dividend was maintained, broke over four points and the bonds weakened also. There was practically no market for steel common at its minimum price.

Steel common hung at the minimum throughout the morning while the preferred made a total decline of over 5 points. In the so-called unofficial market steel sold at 46, two points under its official minimum.

Officials of the Stock Exchange received many inquiries as to whether there would be any revision in the present minimum. They intimated that any action they might take would be guided largely by the character of the selling during the next few days.

PENNSY DECLARES REGULAR DIVIDEND

Philadelphia, Jan. 27.—The directors of the Pennsylvania Railroad Company to-day declared the regular quarterly dividend of 1 1/2 per cent.

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