

ATTACKS BY GERMANS AT WARSAW NIL

Fierce Assaults of Kaiser's Troops on Poland Capital Come to a Standstill

RUSSIANS AGAIN ON THE OFFENSIVE

Austro-German Army Reported to Have Met Reverses on Galician Side of Ussok and Bzd Passes—Russians Lose in Bukovina

London, Feb. 9, 12.42 P. M.—The fierce German attacks on the Warsaw front are again at a standstill, according to reports received from both Berlin and Petrograd. On the other hand the Russian capital reports that on each wing of the eastern battle line the Russian offensive has been resumed.

An official Russian communication claims that the Russians have made progress on the Hungarian side of the western Carpathian ranges, as well as gained success in the direction of Morolaborz, which resulted in driving back the Germans with considerable losses in guns and prisoners.

Dual Monarchy's Reverses
The Austro-German army is said to have met reverses on the Galician side of the Ussok and Bzd passes. Balancing these Russian successes is the Russian admission of their retreats before strong forces in Bukovina and the Russian claim of having entered the town of Kimpulung, in the crown land.

In East Prussia the fighting apparently is assuming a more desperate character. This may account for the lull on the Warsaw front as the East Prussian forces may have been reinforced by some of Field Marshal Von Hindenburg's veterans.

Quiet on the Western Front
The fighting on the western front has been taking its usual monotonous course, with sporadic infantry assaults on the trenches to an accompaniment of artillery firing.

The full text of the German blockade proclamation, published in London today, served as a theme for much comment in which the Lusitania flag incident figures largely. Most of the papers defend the use of the American flag in this emergency, but some of them express misgivings as to the effect of this course of action.

THE BELGIANS DESTROY A FARM AND ROUT DEFENDERS

Paris, Feb. 9, 2.45 P. M.—The report on the progress of the war given out this afternoon by the French War Office follows:

"In Belgium yesterday there were intermittent artillery exchanges and Ypres and Furnes were bombarded. The Belgian artillery destroyed a farm, the defenders of which fled.

"On the road between Bethune and La Bassée yesterday occupied a mill where the enemy had succeeded in installing himself.

"Soissons was bombarded with projectiles, the purpose of which was to set the city on fire. On all the Aisne front, and in Champagne, our artillery effectively engaged the batteries of the Germans.

"In the Argonne the fighting which has developed and continued yesterday in one of the most dense parts of the forest, and consequently became quite confused. Each side, generally speaking, was successful in maintaining its lines. The enemy engaged in this fight, February 7, did not exceed three or four battalions on each side. During yesterday only one French battalion was engaged."

GERMAN WOMEN WITH RIFLES TAKEN FROM THE TRENCHES

Petrograd, Feb. 9, via London, 1.45 P. M.—The engagements are growing in intensity at the two extremities of the eastern battle front, in East Prussia, as well as in the Carpathians, according to information reaching Petrograd today. The same news sets forth that on the Warsaw front the battle has subsided. The fighting line from the province of Plesk in Russian Poland, as far north as Tilsit in East Prussia, is very continuous. The Germans today apparently are taking the offensive from Gubinen and the Mazurian lakes as far south as Lipno, in Poland, on the right bank of the Vistula.

A dispatch reaching here from Warsaw says that among the prisoners taken by the Russians in the fighting at the junction of the Bzura river, were a number of German women. According to this message some of these women were found with rifles in their hands in the first line of trenches.

LATE WAR NEWS SUMMARY

The German army in East Prussia, reinforced with troops sent to help stop the Russian advance into Germany, has undertaken the offensive. The Russians also are believed to have a large army

RIVER BREEZES TOO WARM FOR SIR DOUGLAS MAWSON

Antarctic Explorer Makes Auto Trip to Rockville Bridge Without Hat—Meets the Governor at Capitol This Afternoon

When Sir Douglas Mawson, the antarctic explorer who will tell of his experiences in the South Polar region at the Majestic to-night, was taken this morning on an automobile tour along the river front to Rockville bridge by members of the Harrisburg Natural History Society, he found the river breezes rather too warm for his comfort and he did not wear his hat at any time during the trip.

Sir Douglas was interested in Rockville bridge and the other bridges crossing the Susquehanna, since he is an engineer as well as an explorer, and he spent some time in looking over the filter plant. After the sight seeing tour the party went to the Senate for lunch. "The South Polar region," said the explorer while discussing his expedition at the table, "is very much colder than the region about the North Pole, and what people need to learn is that there is a continent about the South Pole quite as large as North America. It is practically all land there, while in the North it is mostly water."

After dinner, the man who has put a third mile of newly discovered coast on the map, was taken to the Capitol where he met Governor Brumbaugh and other state officials. The Governor will introduce Sir Douglas at the Majestic to-night, and will occupy a box during the lecture.

The valuable films which will be shown to illustrate the explorer's talk were run off this afternoon at the theatre, so that there may be no hitch in showing them this evening. In addition to four reels of pictures there will be stereoscopic views of the South Polar region shown.

Sir Douglas is visiting both two other cities in this State, Philadelphia and Pittsburgh, and will return to England after less than two months' stay in this country.

KREIDLER FIRE LOSS \$2,000

Flames in Cellar of Grocery Store Fill Building With Smoke and Excite Business District

A fire which resulted in a loss of almost \$2,000, was discovered at 7.10 o'clock last evening in the basement of the grocery store of A. H. Kreidler & Brothers, Second and Walnut streets. Most of the damage was caused by smoke and water. The fire, occurring early in the evening, created a good deal of excitement in the business district and attracted a big crowd.

The statement that Miss Clara Fredricks, who has apartments on the second floor of the building, was carried out in a semi-conscious condition, was denied this morning by A. H. Kreidler who said that all the occupants walked out of the building before the smoke got to the second story.

The fire started in a corner of the basement on the Walnut street side. It is believed it was caused by some passerby throwing a lighted cigar or cigarette through an open cellar grate. The blaze soon ate its way among boxes. The canned goods that were stored in the front end of the basement, and attacked the rafters. It was only a few minutes after an alarm was sent in from Box 112, that six streams were playing on the flames. Much of the work of directing the firemen was done personally by A. H. Kreidler, who is president of the Hope Steam Engine Company.

Most of the damage in the store room, on the ground floor, was due to the effect of the smoke on the goods, as the flames did not reach that far. The building, which is owned by the Kreidler Brothers, was but slightly damaged. The whole loss is covered by insurance.

TWO FOUND DEAD IN RECTORY

Mystery in Death of Priest and His Housekeeper

New Britain, Conn., Feb. 9.—The Rev. Joseph Zebris, of the Lithuanian church, and the housekeeper employed at his rectory, were found dead today on the premises, victims of either murder or suicide.

The dead priest was lying on the church floor. Apparently he had been shot and strangled. The woman's body, giving, the police say, indications of strangling, was found in the rectory.

"Trackless Trolley" Company Appeals
Because the Public Service Commission has declined to give the Perkiomen Electric Transit Company, a Delaware corporation, permission to do business with a "trackless trolley line" in this State, the company today appealed from the Commission's decision to the Dauphin county court. The Service Commission holds that there is no law to govern the company or regulate its use of the State's highways. The court were allowed the appeal and will hear argument on a date to be fixed.

Tioga County Dry for a Year
By Associated Press.
Wellsville, Pa., Feb. 9.—All applications for liquor license in Tioga county were ruled out of court today when Judge Davis Cameron sustained the position of attorneys for restraints that the applications had not been properly advertised. Tioga county will be dry for one year as a result. The defect in the advertisement was in not designating the residence of the applicants.

Essig and Brady Admitted to Bail
John Essig and William Brady, hucksters, who yesterday appeared before Judges Kunkel and McCarrel and pleaded guilty to charges of false pretense, were admitted to bail to await the action of the March Grand Jury. Newspaper reports yesterday had it that these men were remanded to jail to await trial.

NO GENERAL PLAN TO BOOST BREAD

Bakers Meet But Leave It to Individuals to Decide on Price and Size of Loaves

B. SCHMIDT HAS MADE NO CHANGE

He Has a Supply of Flour and So Will Not Increase Price or Reduce Weight at Least in Next 4 Months—Some Bakers Make Advances

There has been no general agreement among the Harrisburg bakers either to raise the price of bread or to cut down the size of the loaves. This information was obtained today as a result of inquiries made to ascertain the situation in the local bread market as



BERNARD SCHMIDT

the result of the recent great advance in the price of wheat.

It was learned by questioning a number of bakers that although they got together recently to discuss the matter of raising prices or cutting down the size of loaves there was no agreement, and each baker therefore was left to decide for himself what to do in the matter.

There seemed to be a pretty general opinion among the bakers that those who are now compelled to buy flour at the greatly increased market price are entitled to a higher price for their bread or to cut down the size of their loaves, and this some of them have done. Those bakers, however, who have had supplies of flour on hand, which were bought at the lower prices before wheat began to soar, have, for the most part, refrained from making any changes, but will probably do so when their flour supplies run out if at that time they have to pay the same high prices for flour as are prevailing today.

Some of the smaller bakers, whose supplies of flour have become exhausted and who have to pay the present high prices for flour, have had either to make four-cent loaves a little larger and charge five cents for them, or have reduced the size of the loaves that they regularly had sold for five cents.

Schmidt Makes No Change
Bernard Schmidt, one of the largest bakers in Central Pennsylvania, was asked today what effect the increased price of flour has had on his loaves. "I have had no change to make," he said.

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ENDS HER LIFE AT MILL DAM

Lebanon County Woman Drowns Herself in Tragic Manner

Lebanon, Feb. 9.—Isabella, aged 58, wife of William Sittler, residing near Bethel, this county, drowned herself in the mill dam of Harry Zeller Sunday.

Sittler had left home on Sunday to attend a funeral and returned home about noon. He found dinner prepared and preparations for the evening's work completed. His wife left word that she was going to the home of a friend. When darkness settled down upon Mr. Sittler feared that something had happened to his wife.

A telephone message brought the news that the woman was not at her friend's home. A searching party was later organized. Men, women and boys, with lanterns and torches, tracked the woman across open fields until they came to the Zeller mill dam. Here the body was found floating on the breast of the dam. Mrs. Sittler had not enjoyed good health for some time, and this fact is thought to have preyed on her mind heavily, causing her to commit the rash act.

HARD BLOW TO TIPPLES

Only One Quart a Month Allowed by Alabama's New Law

Montgomery, Ala., Feb. 9.—A bill preventing any person from receiving more than one quart of liquor a month from outside the State became a law automatically today, Governor Henderson declining either to veto or sign it. It is effective June 30, when the State goes dry.

The governor vetoed a bill preventing circulation in the State of newspapers carrying liquor advertisements.

OVERDRAFTS MAY REACH TO \$50,000

Startling Rumors in Connection With Suicide of Schaeffers-town Bank Cashier

ARRESTS WILL LIKELY RESULT

Checks and Notes of Men Involved in Failure Have Been Protested—Efforts of Men to Cover Paper and Help Out

By Associated Press.
Lebanon, Pa., Feb. 9.—To-day's inquiry into the shortage in the affairs of the First National Bank, of Schaeffers-town, this county, and the causes of the suicide of the cashier, Alvin Binner, shows that instead of the overdrafts amounting to \$15,000, they will aggregate fully \$50,000 and there are reports that they will even reach \$50,000.

To-day there are rumors of impending prosecutions. President Uriah B. Horst, of the bank, has called a meeting of the shareholders and a general public to be held in the town hall at 9 a. m. to-morrow when it is believed a startling tale will be told. A full report of the discrepancies in the books will be made at this meeting as the directors do not wish to keep anything from the public. Mr. Horst admitted to-day that a proposition will be made to assess the stock to raise cash to reopen the bank.

The bank has deposits of nearly \$60,000, a surplus of \$10,000 and individual profits of \$2,800 and it is the intention of the directors to appeal to the stockholders. Bank Examiner Logan is still at work on the books.

The intense and searching methods used by Examiner Logan to-day brought to light still another source of shortage which had heretofore not been considered, and which now justifies the estimate of from \$50,000 to \$75,000, as the amount of the loss. He asked that every depositor in Schaeffers-town bring their bank books to be balanced. Quickly it was found that some depositors had been credited in their pass books with sums which do not appear on the books of the bank. In one case this amounted to an even \$1,000.

All the checks and notes of the men involved in the failure have been protested, and efforts will be made to realize on them. Some of the men are endeavoring to cover their paper and help out. There is much accommodation paper on which the endorser will be the loser in many cases. The balance must be made up by the stockholders and directors if the bank is to continue.

PLAN TO AID UNEMPLOYED

Will Be Taken Up On Definite Lines At Meeting of the City Commission to-morrow

Plans under which many of the city's unemployed men will be given work and thereby relieved of depending upon charity for the maintenance of themselves and their families, will be offered to the City Commissioners by Commissioner Lynch, at a special meeting of that body to be held to-morrow afternoon at 3 o'clock.

The subject was brought up by Mayor Royal at this afternoon's meeting of the Commissioners but he said he could offer no solution to the question of unemployment except to introduce a resolution directing department heads to start at once on improvement work. That, it was argued, would mean that the city would have to pay extraordinary prices for the work in view of the prevailing freezing temperature, and it was also said that only such contemplated improvements as are not now under contract could be started now.

In other words the Commissioners felt they could not compel contractors to start before spring on jobs the contractors for which have been awarded during the winter.

The subject was discussed at length, the Mayor contending that the improvement work could be started now, and his colleagues arguing on the question of cost. The discussion ended only when Lynch offered to have a solution of the problem to offer by to-morrow afternoon.

To W. H. Opperman was awarded the contract for a sewer in Geiger street and Henry Opperman got the contract for another in a section of Cumberland street. Contracts for sewers in Market and Wisconsin streets were not awarded because Charles E. Elder, of Elizabethville, the low bidder, had not yet filed his bond.

City Solicitor Seitz secured an opinion to the Commission in which he holds that trust companies, which sometimes act as real estate agents and rent collectors, are exempt from a mercantile tax. Thomas H. Woods, an aged forester, who long since has retired from active work, in a 10-minute talk to the Commissioners dropped a few words of advice on the subjects of tree trimming and planting.

Ordinance passed finally to-day included these: Changing the names of a dozen or more city highways and providing a walk along the east side of the wall on the eastern curb line of Second street, south of Mulberry.

Senate Adjourns Till Monday
After confirming the nominations of several notaries and justices sent in by the Governor, the Senate at 2.30 adjourned to meet next Monday night at 9 o'clock.

INVESTIGATING MYSTERIOUS DEATHS IN ODD FELLOWS' HOME



DANIEL WOLFF, CHIEF OF POLICE

By Associated Press.
Yonkers, N. Y., Feb. 9.—Investigation into the story of Frederick Mors that he killed eight inmates of the German Odd Fellows Home where he was employed as nurse, centered to-day in efforts to obtain sufficient corroboration to warrant exhuming the bodies of three of the alleged victims. These died from poison before the institution moved here from Unionport, according to Mors, but the authorities said to-day they would not act upon this statement until it was supported by other evidence.

The other five victims were put to death with an anesthetic, Mors says, and exhumation of their bodies would be of no value.

Light on the question as to whether Mors is mentally unbalanced was expected to-day from Dr. S. M. Gregory, who has had the nurse under observation at Bellevue hospital, New York.

SHIP FILIBUSTER TROUBLE STILL ON

Another All Night Session of Senate Features Fight on Wilson Measure

EXTRA SESSION MAY BE RESULT

Senator Reed Proposes Order for Arrest of All Absentees and to Keep the Ninety-six Senators in Chamber Until Measure Is Disposed Of

Washington, Feb. 9.—Another all night session of the Senate, threats of many more, and counter threats of what is likely to happen if there are many more, found President Wilson's ship bill still being tossed about in a sea of debate, with the Republican filibuster again in full blast.

The President at a White House conference to-day said he had no intention of dropping the bill and intimated he would call a special session if it were filibustered to death at the present one. The Senate Republicans declared again they were prepared to talk off a vote until March 4.

Reed's Proposal a Hornet's Nest
Some indications of the wearing effects of the long hard fight were coming out in the Senate, however, and Senator Reed, one of the administration Democrats, proposed an order for the arrest of all the absentees; in short, he proposed to bring every one of the 96 Senators to the chamber and keep them there until the bill was disposed of. His proposal drew a roaring attack and gave prospect of furnishing material for an all day's debate. Meanwhile the ship bill itself was waiting, practically where it has been for the last two weeks.

At noon the Senate had been in session twenty-four hours and Senator Reed proposed to keep it going until March 4.

"QUIET ZONE" FOR HOSPITALS

Mayor's Bill Provides Fine for Unnecessary Noises Near Institutions

A distance of 250 feet in all directions from a hospital in the city of Harrisburg is designated as a "zone of quiet," within which noises which may disturb patients in those institutions will not be permitted, in an ordinance introduced at the meeting of the City Commissioners this afternoon by Mayor Royal.

The measure makes it the duty of the superintendent of streets and public improvements to have placed in conspicuous places on streets leading to the hospital, a sign displaying the words: "Notice—Zone of Quiet." The ordinance says further:

"The making, causing or permitting to be made of any unnecessary noise, or the playing of itinerant musicians upon the public streets or alleys within any such zone of quiet that disturbs or that may tend to disturb the peace and quiet of any of the inmates of a hospital is hereby declared to be a nuisance."

The bill provides that persons violating this measure may be fined from \$2 to \$25 on conviction, or in default of payment of fine be confined to the Dauphin county jail for a period not exceeding thirty days.

Another Heir to Austrian Throne
Vienna, via London, Feb. 9, 4.47 A. M.—Princess Zita of Parma, wife of Archduke Charles Francis, heir apparent to the Austrian throne, to-day gave birth to a son. They were married in 1911 and have other children, a son and a daughter.



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OFFER FREE COAL TO FILTER PLANT

Light Co. Interests Ask in Exchange Right to Build Wharf at the Island

PLAN IN FORM OF ORDINANCE

Introduced At Meeting of City Commission By Bowman This Afternoon—He Says It Would Mean a Saving of \$1,140 a Year to Harrisburg

River coal consumed at the city filtration plant, about 1,200 tons annually, hereafter will be furnished free to Harrisburg, a net annual saving of something like \$1,140, if the City Commissioners pass finally an ordinance introduced this afternoon by Commissioner Bowman, whereby permission is given to the Harrisburg Light and Power Company to build a coal wharf, hopper and electric hoist on the island in the Susquehanna river opposite the central part of the city.

The measure authorizes Commissioner Bowman to enter into a contract, for the city, with the Light Company, under which the city for fifteen years is to receive without cost, all coal necessary in the operation of the filtration plant. At the expiration of the fifteen years it is provided that a similar contract may be entered into by the city under the same conditions.

In return for that the city will permit the Light Company the ordinance provides, to utilize a 100-foot square plot of the island ground, directly opposite the city.

STATE Y. M. C. A. TO CONVENE

Prominent Speakers to Address Meetings at Johnstown

A number of Harrisburgers will be in attendance at the forty-seventh annual convention of the Young Men's Christian Association of Pennsylvania, which meets at Johnstown February 19-22, inclusive. Speakers of national importance have been secured and the program as arranged for contains both general and association themes.

Among the speakers are P. S. Claxton, of the National Education Committee; Dr. Howard A. Kelly, of Johns Hopkins University, Baltimore; Prof. G. Walter Fiske, Oberlin, Ohio, an author and authority on boy life; Dr. Thomas A. Storey, director of hygiene and physical training of the New York City College, along with many Y. M. C. A. secretaries.

Themes of great importance such as "Why Christianity Did Not Prevent the War," "The Social Evil and Its Cure," "The Conflict, Its Cause and Cure," and many others will be discussed.

Poor Andy's Vacation Plans Spoiled?

New York, Feb. 9.—The war has spoiled Andrew Carnegie's vacation plans for this summer. For the first time in many summers he will be absent from Skibo castle, his Scottish estate. Instead he will occupy Point D'Acotie, Mrs. George Vanderbilt's place at Bar Harbor, the lease of which place by him has just been announced.

Crippled For Life in Football

Washington, Pa., Feb. 9.—Britain Patterson, left tackle on the Washington and Jefferson College football team, is probably crippled for life as the result of an injury to his right knee sustained in a game with Georgetown at Washington, D. C., last season.

SUFFRAGE BILL IS PASSED IN HOUSE

Approved Finally by Lower Branch and Now Goes to the Senate for Action

VOTE ON MEASURE IS 130 TO 71

Lobbying Against the Amendment by Pittsburgh and Philadelphia Politicians Is Unavailing—Spirited Debate Before Adoption

The bill to submit to the voters, next November, the question of women's suffrage was passed finally in the House of Representatives this morning. It will now go to the Senate. The vote was 130 to 71 and the measure called out the only debate in the House since the start of the session. Mrs. Frank Rossing, president of the Pennsylvania Woman Suffrage Association, lead a group of prominent suffragists who went to the House to watch the proceedings.

The measure lost one friend during the interim of the two years since the last legislative session, when the House passed it by a vote of 121 to 70. Those on the "inside" on Capitol Hill believe the measure will pass in the Senate with a greater vote than in last session, which was 26 to 22.

William H. Wilson, of Philadelphia, who sponsored the resolution in the House, this morning opened discussion on the measure, placing stress on the fact that all of the dominant political parties in the state had made it a platform measure and warning the Assemblymen that they are bound by their pledges to support it.

The principal speaker against the resolution was Representative Beyer, of Philadelphia, whose argument was that the members were acting on a definite proposition and not on a referendum. He warned each member that he must stand for his vote. Representative Cromer, of Allegheny, and Representative Roney, of Philadelphia, both spoke on the bill. The latter said he felt as though the question should go to the people at this time as the delegates to a constitutional convention, to provide which a bill has been introduced, can act intelligently on this phase of the new constitution if the electors pass or defeat the suffrage amendment before the convention. Roney voted against the suffrage amendment last session.

Mr. Ulrich, of Lebanon, in speaking against the amendment, said he did not

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SENATE BOWS TO THE HOUSE

Twice Recedes From Amendments to General Deficiency Measure to Pay Back Bills of State

The Senate twice receded from amendments to the general deficiency bill, appropriating money to pay back bills of the state, before the House would consent to pass the bill to-day.

The first was appropriating money to pay the expenses of the Catlin commission and the second was the inserting of the words "as shown by bills rendered" in the section of the bill appropriating \$100,000 for the payment of publishing advertisements of constitutional amendments.

Both were stricken out by the Senate and the House was ready to pass the bill when Mr. Hagood, of McKean county, precipitated an argument by an attack on the Auditor General who, he claimed, was unfair in the matter of cutting some bills for advertising.

Hagood's effort to have a conference committee appointed was declared to be out of order and the bill was passed. The bill carried \$638,000 when it reached the Senate where amendments were added totaling \$10,000 which were concurred in by the House. This measure now goes to Governor Brumbaugh for his signature.

RESENT SUFFRAGE PRAYER

Antis Not Pleased With House Chaplain's Supplication at the Session Last Night

The chaplain of the House last night prayed for the success of the woman suffrage measure at a time when there were present a number of women representing the anti-suffragists and the latter were disposed to resent the chaplain's getting into the game.

Fearing that the chaplain of the Senate might offer up a prayer in that body for woman suffrage, representatives of the antis called on him with a request that he should refrain from boosting suffrage in that way.

Chaplain Davis informed them that no matter how he felt on the matter of woman suffrage, he certainly would not refer to it in his prayer, and furthermore he did not propose to refer to any legislative matters in his prayers as he did not consider that within the province of his duties.

WALL STREET CLOSING

New York, Feb. 9.—Reading, Pennsylvania and St. Paul were sold in the final hour, when New York Central was weakest. The closing was heavy. Irregularity attended to-day's operations, the stock market sagging in the latter dealings on general selling of prominent railway issues.