

LODZ LOSS TO GERMANS CONFIRMED

Evacuation of City by
Kaiser's Troops Re-
ported in Dispatch
From Petrograd

WAR BILL OF THE RUSSIANS SWELLS

Seven Million Dollars a Day Is Estim-
ated Amount Required By Czar's
Government to Carry On War
Against Germany

By Associated Press.
Paris, Feb. 11, 6:50 A. M.—The
evacuation of Lodz by the Germans has
been confirmed, according to a Petro-
grad dispatch to the Havas Agency
which states that stores, offices and
transports are being removed hastily to
Kalisz.

A refugee who escaped to Czenstoch-
owa, the dispatch credits—with the
statement that the Germans have re-
sumed with redoubled vigor the con-
struction of heavily fortified lines
which was suspended six weeks ago.

Lodz, the second city of Poland, was
captured by the Germans on December
6, when Field Marshal Von Hinden-
burg began his dash for Warsaw, 75
miles to the northwest. The Russians
were driven out of the city only after
a desperate resistance according to Ger-
man reports although Petrograd con-
tended it was evacuated for strategic
reasons. The Russians were reported
yesterday to have assumed the offensive
on the Warsaw front in an effort to
push back the Germans who are said
to have transferred many troops from
that region to East Prussia.

Russian Radical Methods
Petrograd, via London, Feb. 11, 4:54
A. M.—Russia's daily war bill was
estimated at 14,000,000 rubles (\$7,
000,000) in the discussion which pre-
ceded the adoption of the budget.

In the debate upon the best means
of stimulating industries and business
generally, M. Markoff, one of the de-
puties of the Right, proposed the ex-
pulsion from the country of all Teutons
and the donation of their property to
relieve the families of war victims. If
the government had not tolerated Ger-
man colonization on the Vistula, he
argued, thousands of Russian lives
would have been saved.

A similar recommendation was made
by the council of empire, which sug-
gested that all Austrians and Germans
except those of Slav origin, be deprived
of their lands and that all war pris-
oners be compelled to work on farms
and estates with special consideration
for Slavs.

Carpathian Battle Rages Furiously
Geneva, via Paris, Feb. 11, 6:40 A.
M.—The battle which began in the
Carpathians on February 7 still is rag-
ing furiously along a front of sixty
miles from Mount Polonina Ruma to
Mount Mako, according to the latest
information received here. In the
Mezohaboroz region General Dankl is
said to have been obliged to send re-
inforcements to extricate a Hungarian
corps which was almost cut off.

The Russians are reported to have
gained several miles in the valley of
Lyutya, which borders the northern
slopes of Polonina Ruma and also ad-
vanced a half mile in the valley of
Laboroz where the railroad passes. In a
single charge by the Russians upon
Austro-Hungarian trenches 1,800 men
were said to have been killed and wound-
ed in three hours' bayonet fighting.

"ALCOHOL JACK" VANISHES

Goes to Work on Huckerster Wagon
Rather Than Face Stonepile

"Alcohol Jack" Dillon took one look
at the stone crusher at the almshouse
yesterday and he never stopped running
until he was safely within the limits of
Harrisburg. Dillon, being an habitual
spender of the winter months at the
almshouse, induced S. F. Barber, the
steward to take him out for an after-
noon walk. The steward took him "over
the hills away from the poorhouse"
and pointed to a spot where work was
in sight.

It was too sudden for Jack. He
asked to the top of the hill, gazed at
the men at work and started on the
run, whereupon Steward Barber laughed
long and heartily. He wanted to be
rid of "Alcohol Jack."

"Alcohol Jack" was on his huckerster
wagon this morning as usual doing a bit
of work on Allison Hill, according to a
report received at police headquarters.

U. S. WARNS GREAT BRITAIN AND GERMANY ABOUT THE USE OF THE AMERICAN FLAG

Washington, Feb. 11.—The United
States has warned Great Britain and
Germany that general use of the Amer-
ican flag by British vessels would be
viewed with grave concern here, and
that the destruction of any American
vessel in the newly pre-
scribed war zone would lead to serious
complications.

It became known to-day that the text
of the two notes sent last night to
Great Britain and Germany expressed
much more emphatically than had been
generally known the displeasure of the
United States at the use of neutral
flags by British merchantmen and its
solicitude over the implication that
neutral vessels were liable to destruc-
tion by German submarines in the wa-
ters around Great Britain and Ireland.

LATE WAR NEWS SUMMARY

The United States has taken a firm
stand concerning the rights of American
shipping in unblockaded waters. In its
note to Great Britain yesterday it
pointed out that general use of the
American flag by British vessels would
be highly dangerous to neutral vessels
and would be viewed by this govern-
ment with anxiety. It informed Ger-
many that the destruction of an Amer-
ican vessel might lead to a change in
the hitherto friendly relations between
the two countries.

Great Britain meanwhile is preparing
to take still more stringent measures
to cut off German overseas trade. In
the House of Commons Premier Asquith
was asked whether the government
would place all foodstuffs and raw ma-
terials used in German industries on the
list of absolute contraband. He replied
that the government was considering
taking measures against German trade
"in view of the violation by the enemy
of the rules of war."

The cargo of the American steamer
Wilhelmina was seized at Falmouth
to be thrown into a prize court.
The British Foreign Secretary, Sir
Edward Grey, said that it would be
useless for the allies to outline terms
on which they would discuss peace on

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THE WILHELMINA SEIZED BY BRITAIN

Cargo of American Ves-
sel Taken by British
Authorities in Ac-
cordance With Threat

THE DACIA PUTS OUT FOR GERMANY

Notwithstanding Threat of Great Brit-
ain Latter Steamer Sails To-day
For Rotterdam With Cargo of Cot-
ton—Developments Awaited

By Associated Press.
Falmouth, Feb. 11, via London, 1:58
P. M.—The cargo of the American
steamer Wilhelmina was seized by the
British authorities here to-day in ac-
cordance with the decision of the for-
eign office. The cargo is to go to a prize
court.

Prize Court to Decide

Washington, Feb. 11.—The State
Department has concluded that the Wil-
helmina case must be allowed to take a
normal course, which involves going to
a prize court because of the issue raised
by the British contention that Germany
has justified the seizure of the Wil-
helmina's cargo, by its decree appropri-
ating the home grain supply.

The St. Louis commission house,
owning the cargo, and perhaps the Wil-
helmina's owners, will be represented
by counsel before the court but the
State Department, though deeply in-
terested in the outcome will content it-
self at present by instructing the Amer-
ican Ambassador at London to observe
the progress of the case carefully. The
decision of the prize court is not neces-
sarily binding upon the United States
and it may be made the subject of a
protest and diplomatic negotiations at
the discretion of the State Department.

Dacia Sails Under Threats

Norfolk, Va., Feb. 11.—The Amer-
ican steamer Dacia sailed to-day with
her cargo of cotton for Germany, which
goes via Rotterdam. Great Britain has
threatened to seize the ship, question-
ing her transfer from German to Amer-
ican register and she has already been
the subject of diplomatic correspond-

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TWO SEIZED FOR DIAMOND HOLDUP

Men Accused of Rob-
bing Friend of Former
Senator Baldwin Ar-
rested in Ohio

ATTACK MADE ON JANUARY 19

Prisoners Are Declared by the Police to
Be John E. Gibb and Albert Heagy.
Both of Steelton—Latter Is Said to
Be Member of Berwick Ball Team

Two men charged with the assault
and robbery committed against J. F.
Higgins, of Austin, Pa., friend of for-
mer Senator Baldwin, of Potter county,
and of Assemblyman Albee, of Potter,
which occurred on the night of January
19, after Higgins came to Harrisburg
to witness the inauguration ceremonies,
are under arrest in Youngstown, Ohio.
Chief of Police Hutchison received this
information this morning.

According to the police these men
are John E. Gibb, of Steelton, and Al-
bert Heagy, also of Steelton, a baseball
player, who is said to have been a mem-
ber of the Berwick club last season.
Constable Hains, of Steelton, left for
Youngstown this afternoon to bring the
persons back. The warrants for their
arrest were issued from Alderman Mur-
ray's office in this city.

Higgins' story to the police was that
on the night of January 19 he met two
men in a Market street hotel and they
offered to take him to a mythical Elks'
clubhouse, near Highspire, having ob-
served that he wore an Elks' chain on
his watch chain. Higgins said the
trio left here on a Middletown car, get-
ting off at the Whitehouse lane below
Highspire.

When the car went on and they were
in darkness the men struck Higgins
and knocked him down. He told the
police he was relieved of a diamond ring

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\$10,000 FOR CAMERON TWINS

They Share in \$1,100,000 Estate Left
by Grandfather, Alexander Cameron
(Special to the Star-Independent.)
Richmond, Va., Feb. 11.—The will
of Alexander Cameron, tobacco manu-
facturer, filed for probate here this
week, leaves an estate appraised at
\$1,100,000 to be divided among eight
children. Four daughters each re-
ceived 2 1/2 per cent. more than the four
sons. Colonel Cameron left a home
and \$5,000 a year to his widow. To
Alexander Cameron, Jr., and James
Blackwood Cameron, Jr., twin sons of
James Blackwood Cameron, of Reeling,
Pa., is bequeathed \$10,000 each. Other
grandchildren, the children of Mr.
and Mrs. J. Heron Crossman, of Haver-
ford, Pa., will receive similar amounts.

Mrs. James Blackwood Cameron,
whose twin sons receive bequests of
\$10,000 from the estate of Alexander
Cameron, was Miss Dorothy Angell, for-
merly of this city. Mr. and Mrs. J.
Heron Crossman, whose children also are
beneficiaries under the will, also are
former Harrisburgers.

MOVES IN CIVIC CLUB SUIT

Trust Co. Asks to Be Made Defendant
to Decide Title to Fleming Property
The suit to establish ownership of the
Fleming property, at North and Front
streets, instituted by the Harrisburg
Civic Club, assumed a new phase to-
day.

Mrs. William Fleming left the prop-
erty to the Civic Club, but there was
some doubt as to whether the club could
inherit the bequest, owing to techni-
calities in the law, and Frank Payne,
the tenant, declined to pay rent until
the ownership was established. The
Civic Club brought suit against Payne
in order to open up the entire question,
and Payne filed a demurrer to his be-
ing made the defendant, claiming that
the Central Trust Company, of New
York, executor of Mrs. Fleming's es-
tate, should be the defendant.

To-day the Central Trust Company
filed a request that it be permitted to
assume the place of defendant instead
of Payne, thus hoping to bring the
question to a quicker conclusion.

AGREE TO BANK ASSESSMENT

210 of 250 Stockholders Ready to Re-
sume Schaefferstown Institution

By Associated Press.
Lebanon, Pa., Feb. 11.—A stockhold-
ers' meeting was held in Schaefferstown
last evening, when holders of 210
shares of the capital stock of the First
National bank whose cashier, Alvin
Binner, committed suicide, publicly ex-
pressed their willingness to make up
the \$164 assessment which is necessary
to cover the \$41,000 shortage of the
bank. With only 40 shares to be heard
from prospects for the immediate re-
opening of the institution are bright.

A committee was appointed to inter-
view the owners of the 40 shares and
ascertain their views on the subject.

\$20,000 Baking Company Chartered
The Mulgrew Baking Company, of
Carlisle, was chartered in the State De-
partment to-day with a capital stock
of \$20,000. The company will do all
kinds of baking and will seek business
in various points of the Cumberland
Valley. The incorporators are Bernard
Schmidt and Joseph McNeal, Harris-
burg, and J. B. Gould, of Sunbury.

FRED MORS, SELF-CONFESSED MURDERER OF EIGHT INMATES OF ODD FELLOWS' HOME; BOY FOUND POISON



FRED MORS, WHO FOUND A BOTTLE OF MERCURY TABLETS

New York, Feb. 11.—Frederick Mors,
who said he caused the deaths of eight
aged inmates of the German Odd Fel-
lows Home at Yonkers, where he was
employed as nurse, was declared to be
"mentally unwell" by alienists who
examined him to-day at Bellevue hos-
pital.

DIES SOON AFTER HUSBAND SHE WED 55 YEARS AGO

Mrs. Sarah A. McClune Stricken With
Paralysis While Standing at Front
Door—Survived by Six Children
and Eight Grandchildren

Mrs. Sarah A. McClune, in her 73d
year, died yesterday shortly before
noon, a few minutes after she was
stricken with paralysis at the front door
of her home, 220 Harris street. Her
death came less than six months after
that of her husband, Thomas R. Mc-
Clune, whose death occurred on August
26 last, after the couple had lived a
most happy married life for a period of
more than fifty-five years. It was on
May 10, last, that they and their chil-
dren met at their house and celebrated
their fifty-fifth wedding anniversary.

Mrs. McClune felt most keenly the
loss of her husband, and her friends
say her death may have been hastened
on this account, although she main-
tained her characteristic cheerfulness after
his death.

Prior to her death Mrs. McClune had
complained but little. Although for the
last three years she had suffered from
rheumatism, yet she was able to get
about and do much of her own house-
hold work.

Mrs. McClune was born April 20,
1842. At an early age she and her
parents moved to Lancaster county, liv-
ing in Washington borough and Colum-
bia. About thirty-five years ago she
and her husband moved to this city.
Ten years later Mr. McClune opened
an art store at 1322 North Third street.
Mrs. McClune was a well-known resi-
dent of the West End, having lived in
the vicinity of Green and Harris streets
for the last twenty-five years.

Surviving her are the following chil-
dren: Mrs. C. S. Shuster, Mrs. S. L.
Duncan, Mrs. J. P. Given, Mrs. H. M.
Grove, Edward H. and John S. Mc-
Clune. Eight grandchildren and three
great-grandchildren also survive.
Funeral services will be held Satur-
day afternoon at 2 o'clock from the
house. The Rev. John Henry Daugh-
erty, pastor of the Ridge Avenue Meth-
odist Episcopal church, of which Mrs.
McClune was a member, will conduct
the services. The Rev. Mr. Daugherty
will be assisted by the Rev. Dr. Silas C.
Swallow.

EATS GRAPHOPHONE NEEDLE

Boy Places One in His Mouth Tem-
porarily and Lands in Hospital

An X-ray examination was made at
the Harrisburg hospital this afternoon
to discover the location of a grapho-
phone needle swallowed by John
Schmidt, 12 years old, 473 Christian
street, Steelton, last night.

The boy was changing needles of the
talking machine and swallowed one in his
mouth, accidentally placing it on his
tongue. He was taken to the Harrisburg
hospital at 10:50 o'clock last
night. The needle had disappeared and
he was ordered back this afternoon for
an X-ray examination.



BASIDORE LAZITCH, WHO FOUND A BOTTLE OF MERCURY TABLETS

Mors voluntarily told an as-
sistant District Attorney that he
methodically killed eight aged men and
women residents of the home where he
was employed. Mors was sent to the
psychopathic ward of Bellevue Hospital
for observation and an investigation
of his story was begun in this city, in
Bronx county, where the home was

TO RACE 250 MILES TO SAVE THE LIFE OF BABY

Parents of Child With Grain of Corn
In Its Right Lung Will Speed to
Pittsburgh To-night to Obtain
Treatment From Specialist

Byrod Baxter, 2 1/2-year-old son of
John Baxter, a Pennsylvania railroad
man at Marysville, will undergo an
operation by the famous throat special-
ist, Dr. Chevaliere Jackson, at the lat-
ter's sanatorium in Pittsburgh, for the
removal of a grain of corn from the
child's right lung.

The child's life is in grave danger
and the removal of the particle of corn
is a very ticklish operation. Arrange-
ments have been made for the operation
and the parents will take the baby on
its 500-mile trip to-night.

While the baby was playing at his
home he picked up the grain of corn
and placed it in his mouth, inhaling it
into his lungs. The parents took the
child to the Harrisburg hospital this
afternoon, where an X-ray examination
located the grain of corn in the child's
right lung.

When the foreign particle was dis-
covered to be in the lung the parents
were advised to take the child to Dr.
Jackson, and the throat specialists at
the hospital engaged the Pittsburgh
surgeon by long distance telephone this
afternoon. The parents will begin
their 250-mile chase to save the baby's
life this evening.

DOCTOR KEPT FROM AUTO

Police Find Alleged Drunk Interested
in Another's Machine

When Dr. C. M. Rhoads, 236 North
Second street, wanted to take a ride in
his automobile which was standing in
front of his home at 10 o'clock this
morning, he found a man apparently
under the influence of liquor tinkering
with the machine. The physician went
back to his office and notified the po-
lice.

Policeman Schelhas, on duty at head-
quarters, was dispatched to the scene
and found the man still gazing at the
auto, probably wondering why the ma-
chine wouldn't go. He gave his name
as Harvey Bubb when arraigned at po-
lice headquarters but would volunteer
no other information. He was locked
up on a disorderly practice charge. It
was the first arrest in Harrisburg in
forty-eight hours.

Chocolate Plant Ruined By Flames
Philadelphia, Feb. 11.—Three build-
ings of the American Chocolate Com-
pany, at Hatboro, near here, were de-
stroyed by fire early to-day. The loss
is estimated at \$55,000. The fire is sup-
posed to have started from an overheated
stove. The owner of the plant, Elmer
E. Brode, lives in this city.

MAYOR BALKS AT SIGNING MEASURE

Refuses to Put His Sig-
nature to Resolution
Which Calls His At-
titude "Buncombe"

PASSED OVER HIS PROTEST

Royal Asserts, However, That He Will
Endeavor to Carry Out Republican
Commissioners' Instructions to Pro-
duce Plan For Unemployed

Although he steadfastly refuses to
attach his signature to a resolution—
adopted late yesterday by votes of the
three Republican City Commissioners—
Mayor Royal declared this afternoon
he will make an earnest effort to formu-
late a plan to carry out the terms of
the measure which calls on him and W.
L. Gorgas, the other Democratic mem-
ber of the City Commission, to devise
a way to provide work for the unem-
ployed.

The Mayor's refusal to sign the resolu-
tion, which, among other things,
characterizes as "political buncombe"
his proposal to put the unemployed to
work on city improvements, is based
on his contention that the measure is
a reflection on him and Commissioner
Gorgas. The Republicans who passed
the resolution are Commissioners Lynch,
Taylor and Bowman.

If possible, the Mayor will submit
his ideas on how to relieve local con-
ditions of unemployment at the Commis-
sioners' meeting next Tuesday. His
failure to submit a feasible plan, the
resolution says in effect, will indicate
to the remaining members of the Com-
mission that the Mayor "is making a
play for political buncombe only."

Considers It a Reflection

"I am not going to sign that resolu-
tion because it is a reflection upon
myself and my Democratic colleagues,"
said the Mayor, "and, while I know
my refusal to sign it will not prevent
its becoming effective, I hold that, even
though I fail to provide work for the
unemployed, that will not release the
Republican heads of the departments
from abiding by the provisions of my
resolution, which directs them to start
the improvement work at once."

The resolution which the Mayor con-
ceded was an attack upon himself was
introduced by Commissioner Lynch and
passed by the Republicans after the
Mayor had ruled it out of order and
after his decision was appealed from
and defeated. City officials to-
day declared that such action never be-
fore yesterday had been resorted to in
the deliberations of the City Commis-
sioners. The Mayor says that a city
official has not, in all of the twenty-
five years of his public experience, been
attacked before in such a way.

The debate at yesterday's meeting
was a lively one, in which stinging re-
marks were made both by the Repub-

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PHONE OPERATOR A HEROINE

She Stays at Switchboard While Ex-
change Is Threatened With Flames

By Associated Press.
Independence, Mo., Feb. 11.—Fire,
starting in a cafe in the downtown dis-
trict early to-day, burned more than
two blocks of buildings and threatened
the entire business section of the town.
Fire companies from Kansas City as-
sisted the local firemen.

A telephone operator who discovered
the fire notified firemen and owners of
the burning buildings, staying at her
switchboard until the building in which
she was working was practically de-
stroyed.

ISSUES ANTI-NOISE ORDER

Pennsy Directs Men Not to Talk or
Blow Whistles Near Sleepers

The Pennsylvania railroad directed
the attention of its employees to-day to
what the company calls "the necessity
for reducing noises around sleeping
cars during the night." The com-
pany's notice to employees says:

"We wish the co-operation of all
employees in order to avoid complaints.
Employees at passenger stations and on
trains on freight tracks should endeavor
to avoid all loud talking and unneces-
sary noise by engines blowing off
steam while passing or shifting cars
opposite passenger stations."

27 WOMEN FAINT IN CROWD

Overcome While Attending "Billy"
Sunday Services in Philadelphia

By Associated Press.
Philadelphia, Feb. 11.—Twenty-sev-
en women were overcome in the crowds
which attended the services of the Rev.
William A. Sunday, the evangelist, here
to-day. Because of the crowds the
evangelist was compelled to hold three
services instead of the customary two
services.

Many thousands were unable to gain
admission to the building in which the
revival is being held. All of those
overcome were revived by physicians.

WALL STREET CLOSING

New York, Feb. 11.—The high level
of prices was reached in the last hour
with fractional recessions in the stock
dealings. The closing was strong. Stocks
moved steadily upward to-day under
lead of U. S. Steel and the more rep-
resentative issues.