



AUSTRIANS ADVANCE IN BUKOWINA

Their Reoccupation of Czernowitz, the Cap- ital, Is Reported From Bucharest

RUSSIA ADMITS ENEMY GAINING

Petrograd Official Report Says Aus- trians Are Making Progress in Bukowina and That Desperate Fighting Is on in the Carpathians

London, Feb. 16, 12 Noon.—The general offensive of the Teutonic allies along the extended eastern front is continuing successfully on both flanks, judging from reports reaching London, but without any visible forward movement on the front toward Warsaw or in the Carpathians.

The Bucharest report that the Austrians have reoccupied Czernowitz, the capital of Bukowina, has not been reported from any other sources, but Petrograd admits officially that the Austrians are still advancing in Bukowina in large force, and that desperate fighting marks the operations in the passes of the Carpathians, where the Russians are claiming minor successes resulting in the capture of men and munitions of war.

In East Prussia the Russians have not yet regained their fortified lines and the German advance, while not checked, seems to British observers to be proceeding with less speed.

Paris reports from the western front that the sole activity consists in artillery engagements, in which the guns of the allies have been successful in silencing batteries northeast of Ypres and destroying German trenches at Beaurains.

In diplomatic circles the replies of Germany to notes from neutral powers concerning Germany's proposed marine war zone are awaited with interest; Great Britain's reply concerning the use of neutral flags is given secondary importance. The German press is hinting that satisfactory assurance by Great Britain on the question of neutral flags would constitute the best safeguard to American shipping.

SPAIN WITH AMERICA IF LATTER MAKES PROPOSALS

Madrid, via Paris, Feb. 16, 6.20 A. M.—The Spanish government has adopted an attitude of extreme reserve regarding its position on Germany's note announcing its intention to include the waters around Great Britain in the war zone.

While Spain will try to avoid action which would give any belligerent an excuse to accuse it of departing from its attitude of neutrality, it is understood the government will join the United States if the latter proposes joint measures on the part of all neutrals.

ITALY IN WAR WITHIN TWO WEEKS, STATES GARIBALDI

London, Feb. 16, 4.36 P. M.—The prophecy that Italy would mobilize her army within a fortnight was made here today by Ricciotti Garibaldi, the Italian patriot.

He said that unless the Italian government decided to participate in the war there would be a revolution.

Recall of Greek Minister From Turkey
Berlin, via London, Feb. 16, 11.05 A. M.—The recall of Greek Minister Panos from Turkey is not clearly understood in high political circles here. It is felt that the condition of Grecian and Turkish affairs is not such as to justify the minister's recall and the inclination is to believe that he asked to be relieved when he found his personal position difficult.

Exchange of Prisoners Begun
Amsterdam, via London, Feb. 16, 9.55 A. M.—The actual exchange of wounded British and German prisoners of war who have been incapacitated for future service is under way.

HURRIES HOME IN SPECIAL CAR FROM FLORIDA TO DIE

Mrs. Mary Catherine Meetch, Wife of Local Republican Leader, Succumbs After Long Suffering From a Com- plication of Diseases

Following a hurried rush in a special car from Florida, where she had gone for the benefit of her health and where she a week ago was informed that she could not survive her illness, Mrs. Mary Catherine (Shaffer) Meetch, wife of William B. Meetch, former prison warden and a leader in the Republican party, died at her Harrisburg home, at 2.40 o'clock, this morning. She had long been a sufferer from a complication of diseases.

The husband and two of the three children, two daughters, were at the bedside when Mrs. Meetch died. Harry W. Meetch, a son, who also was formerly a prison warden of Dauphin county, and who has been spending the winter in Florida, having a cottage at Kissimmee, that State, has been wired concerning the death of his mother and is on his way to Harrisburg.

Mr. and Mrs. William Meetch, their daughter, Mrs. Anna Frain and Mr. and Mrs. Harry W. Meetch went to Florida on December 15, last. A week ago Mrs. Meetch's physician said she could not live and that death would be a matter of only a few days. A special car at once was chartered to make the trip home. Dr. E. E. Darlington, the family physician, of this city, then was summoned to Florida, and accompanied his patient home.

The party arrived here on Saturday, two days after the death of Mrs. Meetch's brother-in-law, Emanuel H. Miller, of this city. Yesterday morning Mrs. Meetch was taken dangerously ill and she could not rally.

Mrs. Meetch was a daughter of Peter and Sarah Shaffer, of Halifax township, and was born November 23, 1850. Since her marriage to William B. Meetch, forty-eight years ago, the family lived in Millersburg, Williamstown and Harrisburg.

Besides her husband, Mrs. Meetch leaves two daughters, Mrs. Anna Frain, at home, Mrs. J. Harry Stroup, 1617 North Second street, and Harry W. Meetch, 251 Forster street. Also one sister, Mrs. E. H. Miller, of this city, and one brother, John N. Shaffer, of Halifax. She was for a number of years a member of the Grace M. E. church, of this city.

Funeral services will be held at her late home on Thursday afternoon, the Rev. Dr. John D. Fox, pastor of Grace church, officiating. Interment will be in the East Harrisburg cemetery.

LATE WAR NEWS SUMMARY

German forces have captured the important Polish town of Plock, the Berlin war office announced today. Plock lies on the Vistula northwest of Warsaw and the Russians pushed their advance far beyond it in their movement against the west Prussian border, which apparently has now been ended. Not only Plock but the town of Bielsk is said to have been lost by the Russians. In east Prussia, the Berlin communication states the advance of the German force continues, the Russians having been pursued across the border. It is expected in London that tonight or to-morrow England will proclaim the cutting off of all food stuffs from Germany in retaliation for Germany's declaration that the waters surrounding the British Isles constituted a war zone.

A note from the German chancellor, as transmitted to the Rotterdam Chamber of Commerce, says that "in most cases" German submarines will be unable to distinguish between neutral and British vessels encountered in the war zone, and that all merchantmen therefore run the risk of destruction. In Berlin an official statement was issued suggesting that British submarines might purposely sink neutral vessels, in order to precipitate a conflict between Germany and neutral nations. French newspapers commend the attitude of the United States, which is said to be the first step toward "the inevitable participation of neutrals in the great events which are dividing the world."

The departure of the Green Minister from Turkey is not regarded in Berlin as implying a repudiation in diplomatic relations. It is thought there that the minister, for personal reasons, asked to be relieved.

The Albanian force which invaded Serbia has been driven back across the border, says a Nish dispatch. The raid is believed to have been incited by Mohammedans preaching a holy war.

It is reported from Milan that Italy has asked Vienna not to make an attack on Rumania, whose military preparations have been interpreted as overshadowing her entrance into the war.

COMMANDER OF LOST EMDEN RECEIVES THE IRON CROSS

Berlin, via Amsterdam, to London, Feb. 15, 8.01 A. M.—Lieutenant Commander Von Muecke, commander of the detail from the cruiser Emden which landed at Cocos Island, has been awarded the iron cross, first class, which every member of the landing party has received the iron cross, second class.

When the Emden was run down by the Australian cruiser Sydney in the Indian Ocean on November 10, Von Muecke and forty members of the crew were on Cocos Island. They escaped by commandeering the schooner Aysha. A later dispatch from Manila said they had captured a collier on which they had mounted two maximum guns. The French ministry of marine announced on December 18 that the British auxiliary cruiser Empress of Japan had captured the collier. Announcement came from Berlin on February 5, however, that the schooner Aysha had arrived at Hodeida, on the southwest coast of Arabia, with Von Muecke and his men.

LAWYERS DIFFER AS TO THE NEED OF THIRD JUDGE

Charles H. Bergner De- clares Plan If Adopt- ed Would Be An Im- position on the People

EX-SENATOR FOX FAVORS PROJECT

Former District Attorney Weiss In- dorses Proposal to Provide an Addi- tional Jurist—Benjamin M. Nead Opposes the Nissley Bill

A wide difference of opinion exists among the lawyers of the Dauphin county bar as to the need of a third judge for this county, as provided by the bill introduced by Assemblyman John C. Nissley which is now before the House of Representatives. To ascertain the sentiment of representative lawyers the Star-Independent has obtained the opinions of about a dozen of them which are published herewith.

Charles H. Bergner, when asked for his opinion as to the need of a third judge, expressed himself as very emphatically against the plan. Mr. Bergner said:

"It is absolutely unnecessary, and if the bill becomes a law it will be an imposition on the people." Mr. Bergner said he could not express himself more explicitly.

"I am not sure that I have a fixed opinion on the question of a third judge for Dauphin county," said B. F. Umberger. "I think it is up to the Dauphin county court to say whether an additional judge is necessary."

E. W. Jackson had this to say: "It is my best judgment that the Dauphin county court has sufficient judges at present, without an increase."

Benjamin M. Nead said: "I do not think there is any need for an additional judge in Dauphin county at present. As a rule I am opposed to the increase of judges."

John E. Patterson said he had no comment to make other than that "it is up to the present judges to say whether there is a necessity for an additional judge."

Senator Fox for Third Judge
"I certainly do favor the bill giving a third judge to Dauphin county," said former Senator John E. Fox, "for I believe the volume of business in this court requires a third judge. That was

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BIRD POPULATION OF U. S.

Robin Shown to Be the Most Numerous With the English Sparrow Close Second

By Associated Press.
Washington, Feb. 16.—A census of birds of the United States announced by the Department of Agriculture today, shows an average of sixty pairs of English sparrows to the square mile or seven to every 100 native birds throughout the country.

The robin is shown to be the most numerous bird with the English sparrow a close second. In the northeast robins averaged six pairs to each farm of 58 acres, while English sparrows averaged five pairs per farm. Taking 100 robins as a unit other birds were noted in the following proportions: Cat birds, 49; Brown thrashers, 37; house wrens, 28; king birds, 27, and bluebirds, 26.

As for density of population on each acre of farm land there was an average of one pair of birds. Chevy Chase, Md., holds the record for density, where 161 pairs nested on 23 acres. Thirty-four species of birds were represented.

The bird population is much less than it ought to be, according to department experts, who claim that if birds were given more protection there would be an increase in numbers.

Special Panel to Try Thaw

By Associated Press.
New York, Feb. 16.—A special panel of 200 taxsmen from which is to be selected a jury to try Harry K. Thaw for conspiracy in escaping from the Matteawan asylum, was ordered drawn today by Supreme Court Justice Weeks.

Tuberculosis Sanitarium Dedicated

By Associated Press.
Chicago, Feb. 16.—The Chicago tuberculosis sanitarium, termed by experts the largest and best equipped in the world, was dedicated today. Accommodations for 650 persons will be ready within a month and eventually 950 beds will be installed.

Acquitted of Alleged Malfeasance

By Associated Press.
East St. Louis, Ill., Feb. 16.—Six former officials of East St. Louis were acquitted by a jury today of charges involving the misappropriation of \$100,000 in city funds.

INJURED CHIEF FIGHTS BERGNER BUILDING BLAZE

Halbert, Bandaged and Just Out of Bed, Di- rects Men Battling \$5,000 Fire

LAWYERS FLEE UPPER STORIES

Large Amount of Stock of Walkover Shoe Company Damaged by Flames and Water—Market Street Traffic Halted

Fire starting at 10.30 o'clock this morning in the ceiling of the Walkover shoe store, which occupies the ground floor of 226 Market street, in the Bergner Building, did damage estimated at \$5,000. Most of the damage was to the contents of the shoe store but the flames spread through a flue in the hallway of the building which contained electric wires. This caused many occupants to flee from the upper floors of the building. Many carried books and papers with them fearing the fire would spread to the upper floors.

There was a stock of \$18,000 in the shoe store, much of which is declared to have been damaged by smoke and water. The \$5,000 loss is covered by insurance. The loss on the building, which is of semi-fire proof construction, will reach \$200. The building is owned by Charles H. Bergner, whose law offices and those of many other lawyers and other professional men are located in the upper floors of the structure.

Assistant Fire Chief Edward Halbert, who left his bed this morning for the first time since he was injured at a blaze at Black's stoneyard on Saturday morning, when he tumbled from the roof and landed on his face, started to direct the work of the firemen at the scene.

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CIVIL SERVICE FOR POLICE

Chief Hutchison Recommends It in An- nual Report to Council

Chief of Police Hutchison, in his annual report to Council this afternoon, recommends civil service in the police department, asks for two traffic policemen at Fourth and Chestnut streets and the Cameron street approach to the Mulberry street viaduct, asks for an additional clerk for the department and wants Council to build a sanitary detention cell at headquarters.

He recommends that Council abolish free trips of the ambulance, saying that private hospitals should maintain their own ambulance. During the fiscal year, which included December, 1913, \$12,742.19 in stolen property was recovered and 2,175 arrests were made. Patrolman McCann led in the number of arrests with 74, Detective Itbach was second with 69 and Chief Hutchison made 41.

RIVER IS RISING RAPIDLY

Warm Weather Will Bring Susquehanna Up to 18-Foot Mark

The Susquehanna river is again rising rapidly, due to the long period of warm weather and slight precipitation in the upper valleys. The crest of the flood will be well within the flood stage, however, but the water here is expected to go higher than it has at any time since the "ice-moved off." E. R. Demain, local weather observer, forecasts a 13-foot stage here by to-morrow morning.

The stage at 8 o'clock this morning was 9.5 feet, having risen nearly four feet in the twenty-four hours previous. The main river is expected to begin falling to-morrow. There will be a drop in temperature here to-night to freezing point. The temperature has been above normal for several days, only falling to 36 degrees last night.

ANOTHER NEGRO TAKEN

Dorsey Charged With Helping in Hill Robberies

Charles Dorsey, colored, was arrested in the Eighth ward last night by City Detective White and Policemen Parsons and Murphy.

The police say that he was an accomplice of Richard Williams, who admitted burglarizing three Hill stores, and charge Dorsey with three Hill crimes. Williams is being held under \$300 bail for court. Dorsey was given a hearing late this afternoon.

Man Jumps Overboard and Is Lost
New York, Feb. 16.—The new Anchor Liner Tuscania arrived here today on her maiden trip from Glasgow and Liverpool. She brought 383 passengers and more than 3,000 sacks of mail. Thomas Williams, a native of Wales on his way to Canada, jumped overboard during the voyage and was lost.

Hope for the Totally Deaf
Bombay, India, Feb. 16.—It was announced in Lahore that a Professor Ahe, of that city, has invented a "phonoscope" the use of which enables the totally deaf to perceive sounds, such as speech and music, by means of the eye.

H. J. MUELLER ELECTED TO-DAY TO NEW POST OF CITY FORESTER



FIRST CITY FORESTER AND HIS FAMILY

Harry J. Mueller, a former Harrisburg graduate of the Central High school, now living in Bellefonte, Pa., this afternoon was named for City Forester by Park Commissioner M. Harvey Taylor, and the appointment was confirmed by the City Commissioners. Mueller was one of nine applicants for the position. He will be notified at once of his appointment and, Mr. Taylor said, will be asked to begin work here on March 1.

The appointee is a son of Mr. and Mrs. Harry Mueller, 629 Briggs street, this city. He is 35 years old, married and has had eight years practical experience as a forester. Upon leaving State College, from which institution he was graduated, Mr. Mueller went into the employ of the State Forestry Commission, remaining with that organization for five years. Subsequently he spent a year as manager of the South-ern office of the Davey Tree Expert

Company, and since then has been in the forestry business for himself in Bellefonte.

The forester is to receive an annual salary of \$1,000. Upon taking the office he will have \$100 available for the purchase of equipment and Mr. Taylor to-day said that arrangements for providing Mueller with the necessary assistants will be made "after the Forester is on the job."

As Forester, Mueller will have charge of tree trimming, planting and the removal of trees. The Park Commissioner said it is his plan to have the Forester in complete control of the city's playgrounds.

The appointment of Mueller was approved by a vote of 4 to 0, all Commissioners, save Mr. Gorgas, casting their ballots for him. Mr. Gorgas said he refrained from voting because he favored the selection of T. A. Woods for the post.

MAN ACCUSED OF SLAYING BOARDER STILL A FUGITIVE

Police Send Description of Conte to Neighbor- ing Cities in the Hope of Capturing Him

WOMAN SEVERELY HURT IN FIGHT

Mrs. Lauda, However, Will Recover From Injuries Suffered During Cher- ry Street Quarrel in Which John Polmuck Is Shot to Death

The police early this afternoon had not succeeded in locating J. Carlo Conte, who is accused of having murdered John Polmuck at 9 o'clock last night during a dispute about a board bill in a boarding house at 228 Cherry street.

Mrs. Vincenza Lauda, who runs the boarding house, received severe lacerations of the head during the struggle, but her injuries will not prove fatal. She was sent to the Harrisburg hospital to have her wounds dressed, but was able to return to her home last night. The police to-day sent descriptions of Conte to various cities of the State with the request that he be arrested on a charge of murder.

The fight started when Mrs. Lauda demanded of Conte that he pay his week's board bill. On his refusal to do so, the police say, Polmuck tried to compel Conte to pay the money to the Lauda woman and an argument started. Conte, it is charged, then rushed up stairs, obtained a revolver and entered the dining room, where the boarders were gathered, and opened fire on Polmuck. Two shots were fired, the first entering Polmuck's temple and the other his breast. The police say the second shot was fired after Polmuck fell to the floor unconscious.

About that time Mrs. Lauda went to the assistance of Polmuck, when the police say, Conte struck her a blow on the head with the butt end of the revolver. The other boarders rushed to

MAYOR OUTLINES CITY WORK FOR THE UNEMPLOYED

Specifies Improvement Contracts Which He Says Can Be Under- taken at Once

ACTION LIKELY NEXT WEEK

Plan to Avoid Disputes With Contractor As to Cost of "Extras" in River Front Work Is Approved To-day— Job to Be Completed By July 1

At the meeting of the City Commissioners this afternoon, Mayor John K. Royal offered to the Republican members what he considers is a feasible plan for providing work for the city's unemployed. The suggestion came as a result of a resolution adopted a week ago, and while the Republicans to-day officially made no answer to the chief executive's plan, they declared that they will make a proper reply at the meeting one week from to-day.

The Mayor pointed out that he is not a mindreader and not capable of knowing just what his Republican colleagues propose to do along the improvement line during the coming season but he suggested that there are many jobs which could be started at once to give work to the unemployed.

He referred to the Park Department having acquired sufficient ground for the extension of the Cameron parkway from the almshouse to Reservoir Park and said that work had not yet been started. He suggested that the contractor could start work on the proposed bridge over Spring Creek, at Cameron street, a job which now is under contract.

He further set out that twenty-one of the thirty-one sewers authorized by city ordinance a year ago have not yet been laid; that a number of street grading jobs can be worked and that he is advised that most of the frost is out of the ground and there is nothing now to hinder starting the work at once. The Mayor ended by saying that if

STILL SEEK NEWS ABOUT GUYER GIRL

Authorities, However, More Eager to Learn Whereabouts of Mel- lish Family

WALTERS OFF ON A HUNT

Authorities Make Little Progress in Trying to Solve the Mystery of the Murdered Girl Whose Bones Were Found Buried in Cellar

Bessie Guyer, the Mechanicsburg girl who was employed as a child's nurse by Dr. Charles E. Ayres, dentist, when he resided at 133 South Fourteenth street, in the cellar of which house the bones of a murdered girl were found buried last Friday, has not been established as "missing," according to Coroner Eckinger to-day. The authorities, with the aid of Dr. Ayres, still are trying to find her.

County Detective Walters, who is investigating the case for District Attorney Stroup, inclines to the theory that the girl has married and her identity as "Bessie Guyer" has been lost since 1901, when she resided in the Fourteenth street house. Coroner Eckinger says he is in possession of facts which lead him to believe she is still living at or near Mechanicsburg.

Since his trip to York to interview Dr. Ayres, Detective Walters has been engaged on a second and what seems to the officials a more important phase of the case. He is trying to find the family of foreigners who occupied the house before Dr. Ayres moved in. Following a lead that may result in locating the one family that lived in this house that the authorities have not yet communicated with, County Detective Walters went to Middletown this morning.

The name of this family, according to information given to the authorities, was Melish, but so little is known or remembered of them that the authorities are having difficulty in locating them.

Coroner Eckinger, who is keeping in close touch with the county authorities in this case, attaches more importance to the possibility of finding the missing family than running down the clue furnished by Dr. Ayres concerning Bessie Guyer. Eckinger said this morning:

"There is still one missing family we are seeking to make the chain of residence complete—a German family, we have been told. There is nothing to indicate that Bessie Guyer was the victim of the murder. We learn that she returned to her home and was married. We will, however, bend every effort to locate her."

There was nothing more of value to aid in solving the mystery discovered by the washing out of the earth taken from the grave. In all, seven barrow loads were carefully washed over under the direction of C. B. Cashman, 206 South Thirteenth street. This work was finished last yesterday afternoon. This careful examination included every bit of earth taken from the hole.

This work furnished no new clue as to the identity of the victim, according to Mr. Cashman. It produced more small bones, parts of larger bones, a small white button here and there, but no comb or trinket that would give the authorities a clue on which to work. The bones were delivered to Dr. R. L. Perkins, Coroner's physician, last evening by Mr. Cashman.

After a further examination of the bones uncovered after the first day, Dr. Perkins said he is not inclined to change his mind as to the probable length of time the body was buried, which he said was from ten to fifteen years.

Part of Jaw Bone Missing
Most of the bones of the skeleton have been recovered, with the exception of a part of the jaw bone. The other bones of the skull were broken up and the jawbone, Dr. Perkins said, may have entirely disappeared, although it may have been buried with the rest of the body. The part of the skull recovered has four teeth which never have been filled, and these are of little use to the authorities, they say.

When Coroner Eckinger gives his permission to close the "grave" in the cellar at 133 South Fourteenth street it will be welded up permanently, according to W. E. Jones, agent for the property.

Jack Johnson to Be Extradited?
By Associated Press.
Chicago, Feb. 16.—Jack Johnson, the negro pugilist, who fled to Europe after being sentenced to a year in the federal penitentiary for violation of the Mann act, will be extradited and returned to Chicago on a charge of conspiracy, according to a statement today by Charles F. Cline, United States District Attorney.

WALL STREET CLOSING

New York, Feb. 16.—Selling of copper affected the active group in the late dealings. The closing was heavy. Foreign influences were again uppermost in to-day's dull and irregular stock markets. Standard stocks were under pressure.