

RUSSIANS ARE ROUTED IN PRUSSIA

Kaiser, Back From Eastern Battle Front, Says Czar's Forces Are Badly Beaten

LATTER DRIVEN FROM COUNTRY

Official Report at Berlin Says 64,000 Russians Have Been Taken Prisoners Thus Far By the Germans in East Prussia

By Associated Press. Berlin, Feb. 18, via London, 6.59 A. M.—The president of the province of East Prussia at Königsberg has received the following telegram from Emperor William, who has been on the eastern battle front:

"The Russians are completely beaten. Our beloved East Prussia is free from the enemy."

Berlin, Feb. 18, via London, 3.21 P. M.—The official report on the progress of the fighting given out in Berlin today says that the Russians taken prisoners by the Germans in East Prussia now amount to 64,000 men.

Berlin, Feb. 18, by Wireless to Sayville.—The German army headquarters today issued the following statement: "Engagements near Plock and Rationz have been decided in favor of the Germans. In these encounters we have taken up to the present 3,000 prisoners."

"The results obtained near the East Prussian frontier are increasing in our favor. So far we have taken 64,000 prisoners, 71 guns, more than 100 machine guns, three hospital trains, air craft, 150 cars filled with ammunition, searchlights, countless cars filled with goods and horses. A further increase of booty can be expected."

Hogs Had Cholera, Farmer Hangs Self By Associated Press. Sunbury, Feb. 18.—Henry Wolfe, a wealthy farmer of Mandata, near here, discovering as he was about to butcher them that four of his hogs had cholera, took a rope, went to his barn and committed suicide.

GIRLS ENTERTAIN AT CHURCH

Club Gives Musical Program at Calvary Presbyterian

The Girls' Club, the youngest organization in Calvary Presbyterian church, under the charge of the pastor's wife, Mrs. Frank P. MacKenzie, gave an entertainment to the congregation and their friends on Tuesday evening. It consisted of readings, vocal and instrumental solos and duets. At its conclusion all present were invited to the basement where refreshments were served.

The girls were dressed in white with head dresses of red paper hats and red hearts pinned on the left breasts. Decorations of the church and basement were also in red hearts. The following is a list of club members taking part in the entertainment.

Mrs. F. O. MacKenzie, president; Mabel Stambaugh, Alma Yost, Bernice Stambaugh, Katherine Wagner, Katharine Isemerger, Abigail Mett, Alice Downey, Henrietta Waitte, Gladys Waitte, Mary Hummel, Grace Smith, Ada Hippensteel, Helen Critchley, Goldie Rickert, Esther Conrad, Edna Metzbaugh, Esther Hoeker, Henrietta Fields, Ruth Crook, Christine Smith, Sarah Crown, Harriet Caldwell, Jessie Caldwell, Louise Caldwell, Emma Reel, Jean Sheeley, Margaret Roberts, Viola Shaw, Mary Groff, Helen Leisman.

BISHOP CONFIRMS CLASS

Rite Administered Last Night at St. Augustine's Church

Following his return from Philadelphia, Bishop James Henry Darlington, of the Harrisburg diocese of the Episcopal Church, administered the rite of confirmation to a large number in St. Augustine's Episcopal church last night. The class presented was the largest in the history of the church. J. P. Brasel, man acted as the bishop's chaplain. Bishop Darlington was assisted throughout the services by the Rev. Dr. Leroy Baker, general missionary of the Harrisburg diocese.

WANTS TO PAY BACK POLL TAX

Auditor General Powell today received a letter from a man in Montour Falls, N. Y., stating that he moved away from Easton, Pa., eight years ago without paying his poll tax, and that he now wishes to square himself with his conscience and the commonwealth. He asked the Auditor General to "figure up what my tax amounts to up to date, with interest, and send me a statement." He was advised to write to the city treasurer in Easton.

SEIZED WITH HEART TROUBLE

G. W. Dawson, a clerk in the House of Representatives during the legislative sessions, was admitted to the Hartman hospital this morning suffering from an attack of heart trouble. His condition is not considered serious. Mr. Dawson resides at 257 Forster street.

HUNDRED VOICES TO SING

About a hundred members of the Stough choir will sing this evening at the Church of the Brethren, on Hummel street, where revival services are being conducted by the Rev. W. A. Conner, of Harrisburg, Va.

RAILROADS DENY LOBBYING IN FULL CREW LAW FIGHT

Officials Issue Statement in Answer to Charge That They Are Using Unfair Methods in Effort to Influence Legislation in State

Denial was made yesterday by the executive committee of the railroads that are seeking repeal of the full crew laws in this State and New Jersey of the truth of charges made in this city that the railroads were maintaining a lobby in the Legislature to influence favorable action.

The statement is signed by Samuel Rea, president of the Pennsylvania railroad; Theodore Voorhees, president of the Philadelphia and Reading railway; Daniel Willard, president of the Baltimore and Ohio railroad, and R. L. O'Donnell, chairman of the executive committee of the roads which have joined in the campaign for a repeal of the laws referred to.

The charge of unfairness on the part of the railroads in their methods of seeking to obtain the repeal of the full crew law is alleged to have been made by some of the representatives of railroad employes' organizations.

The railroad officials' statement follows:

"Information received from Harrisburg indicates that certain underhand and wrong methods are being pursued to prevent repeal of the full crew law. The railroads are not responsible. They will stoop to no such measures. Their case has been taken directly to the court of public opinion, and all the facts, all the exhibits, all the arguments will be in the open.

The railroads challenge proof of any lobby of the kind that the public understands by that word. There is none, nor will there be any. With that statement, we also assert the inalienable right of any and every citizen to talk with and write to his elected representatives, and to impress upon them in every honest way his views, whatever they are. It is the privilege of every railroad employe to do this. The railroads have no objection.

"There is no thought to coerce trainmen or other railroad employes into support of the movement for repeal of the full crew laws. We seize this opportunity to ask for proof that coercive or improper methods have been taken by any railroad officer. Let us have it, and the man or men guilty, no matter what their positions in the service, will be disciplined.

"The railroads are taking the full crew law to the people. The Brotherhood of Railroad Trainmen make specific protest against such appeal to the court of public opinion. They did this in the statement issued February 11.

"Charging the railroads with having undertaken to lobby through repeal of the full crew law, the trainmen's organization evidently desires to confine the issue within the walls of the State Capitol. Speaking of the railroad announcement, they say:

"Briefly stated, their announcement declares they intend to present the question of the repeal of the full crew laws to the public, and why is left to conjecture. The power to repeal the laws is vested in the Legislature. The Senators and Representatives in the General Assembly are chosen by the people to perform such service, and the Constitution of the Commonwealth declares that the legislative power of this Commonwealth shall be vested in a General Assembly, which shall consist of a Senate and House of Representatives.

"All of that is true. What the railroads seek is to let the people know the effect of the full crew laws. Then as citizens the people can inform their elected representatives what they want done. The trainmen's organization evidently fears the consensus of informed public opinion. The statement said:

"For these reasons it is not fair either to the General Assembly or the railroad trainmen that this immense lobby is addressing itself to the public rather than to the Legislature.

"As to that, the railroads are perfectly willing to let the people—men and women of the State—determine."

TO GIVE AWAY A TON OF FISH

Russ & Windsor Will Distribute Food to the Poor To-morrow

Russ & Windsor announced this afternoon that they will distribute one ton of fish among the worthy poor in front of their place of business in Market square to-morrow morning, beginning at 8 o'clock.

Police Captain Thompson will have a squad of buncos on hand to prevent "panhandlers" or "fishers" from getting in line. The fish will be haddock and will be received fresh in this city to-morrow.

RUNNING DOWN BAD INDIAN

Posse After Redskin Wanted on Charge of Murder

By Associated Press. Denver, Col., Feb. 18.—Advices from Cortez, Col., early to-day state that the posse of 26 men who left there yesterday for Bluff, Utah, to attempt the capture of Tse-Ne-Gat, a Piute Indian, wanted by the Federal authorities of this city on the charge of murdering a herder near Cortez last March, spent the night in McElmo canyon, twenty miles west of here. An effort will be made to reach Grayson, Utah, about forty miles west of McElmo canyon, to-night, where the party expects to meet a Utah posse under United States Marshal Nebeker, of Salt Lake City.

Under the leadership of "Old Polk," father of the Indian whose capture is sought, a band of fifty or more armed fighters are reported to have gathered in a remote section of Southeastern Utah to aid Tse-Ne-Gat in efforts to elude arrest.

SENTENCED TO THIRTY DAYS IN JAIL

Walter Faust, aged 28 years, a boiler-maker, of Coatesville, was admitted to the Harrisburg hospital, suffering from laceration of the scalp, which he received in a riot last night. Two stitches were required to dress the wound after which he was sent to jail. At the police court hearing this afternoon Faust pleaded guilty to the charges brought against him and was sentenced to thirty days.

CARRANZA FORCES EVACUATE MEXICO CITY

By Associated Press. Washington, Feb. 18.—Carranza forces have again evacuated Mexico City, official dispatches to-day to the State Department report and the Zapata forces have re-entered. It was not stated where the Carranza troops withdrew.

CAPITOL HILL

WOULD RESTORE ROAD LAW MONEY TO THE TOWNSHIPS

Bill Introduced in Legislature Provides That Money Which State Neglected to Pay Shall Revert to the Rural Communities

Representative Rothberger, of Berks, would restore to townships the money guaranteed them by the road law of 1913, which the State neglected to pay, and to that end he has introduced a bill making an appropriation of \$1,500,000 to cover the deficiency.

The preamble of the bill sets forth that under the act approved July 22, 1913, entitled "An act relating to roads; providing for the supervision, construction, maintenance and repair of township roads; relating to road tax, and providing penalties for the violation thereof, the State agreed to pay to the proper township of the second class fifty per centum of cash road taxes collected in townships of the second class, but owing to lack of a sufficient appropriation the State has paid only a small part of said fifty per cent. for the road year ending the first Monday in December, 1914, whereby a large deficiency has arisen under the provisions of said act.

Then follows the bill proper which provides that the sum of \$1,500,000, or so much thereof as may be necessary, is specifically appropriated to cover the deficiency that has arisen in carrying out the provisions of said act for the road year ending the first Monday of December, 1914.

The bill was referred to the committee on appropriations. Should the money be appropriated it will go towards aiding those townships that have honestly collected their road taxes under the promise that the State will pay its fifty per cent., a proposition that its State has, to use the vernacular, "wheeled on," for the reason that it failed to make a sufficient appropriation to carry out its intentions.

FRANKLIN COUNTY MEMORIAL

The commission contributed \$500 as a supplement to local subscriptions of \$500 for the Fort McCord memorial in Franklin county. The memorial is seven miles west of Chambersburg and marks the site where twenty-seven pioneer settlers were massacred by Indians or carried into captivity in 1756.

The commission in its report recommends that the first direct legislative appropriation be made for the erection of a monument at the scene of Bouquet's defeat of the Indians at Bushy Run in 1763, to mark the conquest of the Indian on Pennsylvania at that time.

The commission states that it is impressed with the importance of property marking the site at the junction of the Allegheny and Monongahela rivers, known to the Seneca Indians as Diondegah and translated by all of the early explorers and traders as "the forks."

KEPT WITHIN APPROPRIATION

Although its original appropriation of \$40,000 was cut down to \$10,000, by executive order, the State Highway Department has expended scarcely the fifth of the amount at its command. Its duty is to preserve the historic landmarks of Pennsylvania. The report says:

"That the general scope of the commission's work has already elicited, and will evoke, a spirit of public inquiry leading to some enthusiasm for a recognition of Pennsylvania's place in history is already manifest in the fact that during the year the secretary has answered many letters from societies and individuals concerning the work of the commission and the location of historic sites.

SHOULD SEE PENNSYLVANIA FIRST

"The people living near some of the most historic spots in the State have never had their attention called to them. There are many people who have visited the historic localities of Europe, but have never been to more interesting localities at their very doors. The young people and the older people of this State should see and know Pennsylvania first."

The report enumerates many historical occurrences in Pennsylvania from the early days down to Gettysburg and says:

"Out of American history what these events stand for, and the part played in them by Pennsylvania and one loses the real plot of the entire drama on American history. Pennsylvania historians have been too modest, or too much fascinated by the mere glitter of the wonderful industrial development of the State to give just credit to the tremendous moral force which the State and its people have exercised in the development of the American nation. We must call attention to the facts in our history. We must make known these facts by monuments and markers, as well as by books and essays.

"The commission would also recommend that the General Assembly encourage the efforts of the Daughters of the American Revolution toward the purchase of a small tract of land at the site of Fort Augusta, at Sunbury, which now contains the powder magazine of this most historic frontier fort. This relic is the only existing remains of any of these frontier forts of the entire State and it should be preserved."

12 NOW DEAD IN DISASTER

Chief Mine Inspector Probing Cause of Terrible Accident

Wilkes-Barre, Pa., Feb. 18.—Twelve are now dead from the explosion of gas in the Midvale colliery yesterday. Three of the injured men, Louis Sigsha, miner; John Belas and John Bobiowski, laborers, died in a hospital to-day.

GRAND CHANCELLOR HERE ON VISIT

Grand Chancellor Benjamin Moore, of Pittsburgh, head of the order of Knights of Pythias of Pennsylvania, will pay an official visit to Harrisburg Pythians to-night. The convocation will be held at Phoenix Lodge No. 59, Knights of Pythias, White's hall, on Broad street. A large delegation of members of the order will be present to witness the degree work, which will be exemplified by Phoenix lodge team.

BOWMAN SAYS WHARF BILL WILL PASS

Despite the opposition of a majority of the members of the City Planning Commission and others to the Bowman ordinance which would give the Harrisburg Light and Power Company permission to build a coal wharf on the Hargest Island, Commissioner Bowman predicted to-day the bill will be passed finally by a unanimous vote at the meeting next Tuesday of the City Commissioners.

DEMANDS MADE BY JAPS ON CHINA

Washington, Feb. 18.—China has delivered to Great Britain, France, Russia and the United States a memorandum of twenty-one demands made by Japan in the latter part of January. They differ materially from the eleven demands communicated to the Powers, by the Japanese government on February 9.

PLAN TO PRESERVE HISTORICAL SITES

Pennsylvania Commission Created by Legislature Makes Its First Report of Work

SURVEY MADE OF ALL MONUMENTS

Recommendations Also Made for the Purchase of Others to Commemorate Historic Deeds Recorded in the History of the State

What has been accomplished and what it expects to do in the way of preserving historical sites in the State is outlined in detail in the first report of the Pennsylvania Historical Commission which was created by the 1913 Legislature. The members of this commission are Senator William C. Sprull, Chester, chairman; George P. Donocho, Coudersport, secretary; William H. Stevenson, Pittsburgh, treasurer; W. U. Hensel, Lancaster; Hampton L. Carson, Philadelphia; Thomas L. Montgomery, Harrisburg, curator. Trustees, ex-officio of the commission are the Governor, Auditor General and State Treasurer.

The commission in the short time it has been in existence has effected a survey of the historic monuments erected in whole or in part under State appropriation and of such memorials as had been erected by private benefaction.

WILLIAM FORWARD, 81, DIES

Aged Mechanicsburg Citizen Succumb to Heart Trouble

(Special to the Star-Independent.) Mechanicsburg, Feb. 18.—Last evening William Forward died at his home on East Coover street, from heart trouble. He had been in ill health for some time but was able to be about. He was aged 81 years. He is survived by his wife, and three children, William, of New York; Joseph E., of Harrisburg, and Miss Elizabeth, at home. He was a member of the Presbyterian church, and for a number of years has been an elder in the local church.

DEATH OF EDWARD FLETCHER

Widely Known Middletown Man Succumb Early This Morning

(Special to the Star-Independent.) Middletown, Feb. 18.—Edward Fletcher, a widely known resident of this town, died at the home of his sister, Mrs. James Nagle, in West Ann street, at 5 o'clock this morning after a week's suffering from a complication of diseases. He was 80 years old and a son of William Fletcher, a night watchman.

ANDREW J. FICKES

Funeral services for Andrew J. Fickes, aged 67 years, who died at his home, 567 Forrest street, yesterday morning will be held at his late residence to-morrow morning at 9 o'clock, the Rev. A. S. Williams, pastor of Curtin Heights Methodist Episcopal church, officiating. The body will be sent to Newport for burial.

MRS. BARBARA MUMMA

The funeral of Mrs. Barbara Mumma, aged 62 years, who died yesterday at her home in Washington Heights, will be held from her home Saturday morning at 10 o'clock. Intergent will be made in Whiting Hill cemetery.

MRS. JOHN H. DEMING

The funeral of Mrs. John H. Deming, aged 71 years, who succumbed to an attack of heart disease at the Broad street market house yesterday morning, will be held from the home of her daughter, Mrs. B. F. Umberger, 427 Peffer street, Saturday morning at 10 o'clock.

MRS. ELIZABETH MULLEN

The funeral of Mrs. Elizabeth Mullen, who died Tuesday night at her home, 224 Briggs street, will be held to-morrow morning at 9 o'clock from St. Patrick's Cathedral. Interment will be made in Mt. Calvary cemetery.

ITALIAN KILLED IN QUARRY ACCIDENT

Lebanon, Feb. 18.—Pio Rossi, an Italian laborer, aged 35 years, was instantly killed yesterday afternoon in the Millard stone quarries, west of Annville, by being crushed under a stone which weighed close to a ton.

MR. SCHOCH A HARRISBURG VISITOR

Hiram Schoch, a Pittsburgh attorney, formerly of this city, and C. S. Tarkowski, of Pittsburgh, were in Harrisburg yesterday and today appearing before the Board of Pardons in behalf of an Allegheny county youth who is convicted of murder.

NO EXTRA SESSION OF CONGRESS

Washington, Feb. 18.—President Wilson has virtually decided not to call an extra session of Congress on March 5, no matter what the fate of the ship bill.

FIVE MINERS KILLED BY GAS

Rich Hill, Mo., Feb. 18.—Five miners were killed by a gas explosion in the workings of the Atlas Coal Mining Company near here. There were no other men in the mine.

"FAITH" TO BESTUDY THEME

Local Bible Conference Committee Extends Work to Chambersburg and Carlisle

On Monday and Tuesday in the First Baptist church, Second and Pine streets, will be held the eleventh monthly interdenominational Bible conference. The Rev. William H. Pike, dean of the Practical Bible Training School, Bible School Park, N. Y., will again conduct the Bible study.

The general theme for the conference will be "Faith," founded on the eleventh chapter of Hebrews. The Harrisburg committee has extended its work and now include Chambersburg and Carlisle on the circuit.

At Chambersburg, February 24, a conference of three sessions will be held in the First Baptist church, the Rev. O. C. Roth, pastor, and on February 25 and 26 at Carlisle, in the Y. M. C. A. The Rev. William H. Pike will be the teacher at each one of these conferences.

The last conference held in Harrisburg, January 25 and 26, was the largest attended, and one of the most successful since the work began in October, 1913.

THEY SEE STARS IN LANCASTER

Members of Natural History Society View Heavens Through Telescope

Astronomically inclined members of the Harrisburg Natural History Society journeyed last evening to the Franklin and Marshall College observatory, Lancaster, and under the skilled guidance of Professor Apple, the director, spent three hours viewing the wonders of the heavens through the powerful 12-inch telescope inside the big dome. There were ten persons at the telescope.

Among other objects examined were the furthest planet, Neptune; Saturn and its rings; a marvelous sight; new Moon; the dog-star Sirius, the brightest in the sky; the great nebula in Orion, with the complete Trapezium and the Dragon's Mouth; a rich cluster of thousands of suns so far distant as to be invisible without the aid of a large telescope; the wonderful red star in Lepus which resembles a drop of blood against the dark background of the sky; single, double, triple and multiple stars; also Gamma Andromeda, a beautifully colored pair, one being a yellow and the other a blue sun.

ARE LIABLE FOR STATE TAX

Auditor General Sustained in Appeals by Two Corporations

The John T. Dyer Quarry Company and the Bellefonte Lime Company, concerns operating in this State, are held liable for a State tax on their capital stock and their appeals from the Auditor General's taxation were dismissed in decisions filed this morning by Judge S. J. M. McCarroll.

The Dyer Company must pay \$2,250.05, while the lime company is held liable for \$282.19. In each case it was contended by the defendant companies that they were exempt from taxation on the ground that they are manufacturers. The court holds that these companies were not incorporated for manufacturing purposes and they are not employing their capital stock actually and exclusively in manufacturing.

BUILDING PERMIT GRANTED

Mrs. Anna Isaacman to-day obtained a building permit to remodel the three-story frame building at 1308 Wallace street, costing \$150.

MARRIAGE LICENSES

Chester L. Pleam and Anna C. Fisher, his wife, of Lebanon, Pa., and Charles H. Leese, Manchester, Md., and Clara A. Wolfe, Louisville, Ky., were licensed to-day.

TURKEY WILL SATISFY GREEK DEMAND

London, Feb. 18, 11.55 A. M.—Turkey has yielded to the demand for satisfaction made by Greece because of the insult offered an attaché of the Greek legation at Constantinople.

JUNIOR CLASS DANCE

The junior class of the Central High school will hold a dance to-night at 8.30 o'clock in Hanshaw's hall, Third and Harris streets. Music will be furnished by F. Marion Souberer.

SEARCHLIGHTS IN WAR

How They Are Worked by Distant Control in Land Operations

In modern warfare the searchlight is invaluable. On dark nights at sea it is the only means of guarding against torpedo boats, which its beams will reveal at a distance of two miles and more.

On shore it is the electric eye of the army. It is carried to all parts of the field of action by motor truck, and the motor that propels the vehicle drives the electric generator that supplies the current for the light.

Most of these field searchlights are not directed by hand, for each instrument is fitted with what is known as the distant control. Two small motors govern the vertical and the horizontal movements of the light. From them an electric cable runs to the station of the operator, who, although he may be several hundred feet away, can send the rays of the light in any direction.

According to the "Navy and Army Illustrated," one advantage of this distant control is that the objects picked up by the beam of light can be sighted more quickly and more definitely, for, if the operator stands behind the light and looks along the beam, his vision is hampered by a luminous haze. A second advantage is that the light can be placed in an exposed position without endangering the men who run it. Were the operator and officer beside the apparatus they would be certain to receive the fire that is sure to be poured upon a searchlight and would suffer the instant the range was found.

A FEW ON HIS BROW

The Tourist (spending a week end in the village, to the oldest inhabitant—Well, I don't know what you do here. It's certainly the most dead and alive show I was ever in.

THE OLDEST INHABITANT—Ah, you ought to wait till next week, and see how the place will be stirred up then.

THE TOURIST—Why, what's on next week?

THE OLDEST INHABITANT—Plowin'—Sketch.

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Chicago Board of Trade Closing

Chicago, Feb. 18.—Close: Wheat—May 161 3/4; July 133 1/2.

A BABEL OF TONGUES

How many men, if asked how many languages there are in the world, could give anything like an accurate answer? The average man's knowledge or ability to speak languages rarely exceeds two besides his native tongue.

It may appear strange, but it is nevertheless true, that there are over 4,000 languages spoken by mankind, while the number of dialects exceeds this. There are more than fifty vocabularies in Brazil, and in Mexico the Nahuatl is broken up into some 700 dialects. There are hundreds in Borneo, and in Australia there is no classifying the complexities. Let us assume that fifty dialects, on an average, belong to each language and we have the colossal total of 200,000 linguistic abilities.

A century hence the probability is that there will only be four languages of importance in the world. Central Europe may produce a newer and more straightforward German language. Imperial English may reign alone over the North American continent, while a more businesslike Spanish will be used in South American states. Then Russia may take on some more rich Slavonic dialect, which will blend the races of eastern Europe and central Asia into a harmonious federation. So that in future these four languages will enter into what may be a never ending competition.—Exchange.