

MOST TRAGIC FIGHTING OF WAR AROUND LODZ

GERMAN FORCE IS SURROUNDED

Fighting Desperately With Bayonets Succeeded in Cutting Way Fifteen Miles to the Main Army.

GERMAN FELL IN ROWS BUT KEPT CONTENDING

Conflict Called Bloodiest and Most Pitiless of the War—Other Heavy Fighting Reported Near Lodz.

Petrograd, Dec. 5.—The most tragic fighting included in the operations in the vicinity of Lodz thus far reported has occurred between Puscyn and Przemysl, to the southeast of Lodz. Heavy German forces, which had penetrated to Puscyn, it appears, were surrounded and obliged to fight their way to Przemysl in order to unite with the main German army. The Russian forces essayed a counter-attack after counter-attack to prevent the junction of the German forces but the Germans succeeded in cutting their way through the pressing Russians, fiercely fighting with bayonets, for a distance of 15 miles in a conflict which is called the bloodiest and most pitiless of the entire war.

Ninety per cent of the German officers were put out of action and many regiments were left with no more than 50 men each. The German officers fell in literal rows on the field, but their comrades to hurl themselves against the attackers which momentarily threatened their entire destruction.

The Situation.

London, Dec. 5.—While reports continue to reach London that the battle of Lodz resulted in a Russian victory, any official confirmation of these reports is lacking and it appears that British observers of the conditions in Poland that the situation, so far as the relative positions of the two armies are concerned, is virtually the same as it was a week ago. The details of the fighting at Lodz which are now filtering through to the news centers easily prove that the battle is the bloodiest of the war. The Germans are reported to have fought their way through the encircling Russian line over the dead bodies of their comrades. Berlin claims the capture of a large number of prisoners, while from Kiev comes the account that the fortress is crowded with prisoners of war.

An eye witness who is with the French and British forces in French Flanders says that both armies are engaging in siege operations and that the Germans have almost entirely abandoned their infantry assaults in force.

Petrograd, Dec. 5.—The heaviest fighting of the war in the vicinity of Lodz during the past two days occurred in the course of the maneuvering for a position at Lask, 15 miles southwest of Lodz.

On the Seczcow line, which is 15 or 20 miles to the east of Lodz, the fighting appeared to indicate that the Germans were receiving heavy reinforcements and were filling the gaps between their right wing and the isolated bodies of troops and making an attempt to turn the Russian left. The German descent was on the north front along the East Prussian line and they occupied positions on the Angerapp and then north either to the Mazurian lakes or to Angerburg. Here the Russians entrenched themselves both to the German line on the east front of the lakes and to the Vistula, the Russian position being slightly back of the line of advance which was established some ten days ago. Here both armies awaited the outcome of the battle of Lodz, the main German front extending above Miawa.

The military critic of the Bourse Gazette reckons the loss of the Austrians in prisons as equal to the dead and wounded and places the Austro-Hungarian fighting strength as only two-thirds of what it was at the beginning of the war.

Russian Statement. Petrograd, Dec. 5.—The following statement from the general staff of the Russian commander-in-chief was issued last night:

"On the left bank of the Vistula October 3 there was fierce fighting on the front of Głowno-Lowicz and also on the western roads towards Lodz and Piotrkow.

"On the other fronts there were no essential modifications in the lines.

"On the fronts in the Caucasus December there was no important fighting."

German Statement. Berlin, Dec. 5.—(Via London)—The French army in Flanders has repeatedly attacked the German line, says an official statement given out by war department in Berlin yesterday, which adds that the attacks were repulsed. The text of the statement follows:

"In the western theater the French attacks on our army in Flanders were repeatedly repulsed, as they were also in the region of Altkirk. The French suffered considerable losses.

"In the eastern theater the attacks of the Russian forces east of the plains near the Mazurian lakes were repulsed with heavy losses to the Russians.

"Our offensive in Poland is pursuing its normal course.

"His majesty, the emperor, arrived in Berlin yesterday for a short stay.

"Signed, Chief of the army of administration."

French Statement. Paris, Dec. 4.—The French official statement concerning the war situation, given out in Paris yesterday is as follows:

"In Belgium there have been intermittent but fairly spirited engagements along the railway between Ypres and Roulers and along the highway between Becuwe and Passchendaele, where the infantry of the enemy attempted to gain ground, but was forced to retire without success.

"At Verdun we are continuing the work of organization in the positions taken by us from the enemy.

"From the Somme to the Arconne there is quiet along the whole front.

LINDER, RICE AND PATTON INDICTED

For Wrongfully Obtaining and Revealing Information Sent Out by Associated Press.

New York, Dec. 4.—A grand jury has returned indictments against H. L. Linder, James Rice and William M. Patton for wrongfully obtaining possession of and wrongfully revealing the contents of telegraphic messages sent out by the Associated Press. Such acts constitute violations of Section 552 of the penal laws of New York.

Linder, a telegraph operator employed by the Postal Telegraph company and stationed in the office of the New York Globe, was released under bail of \$1,000. Rice, a telegraph manager of the New York News Bureau, was released under bail of \$5,000. Patton, who conducts a sporting news service known as the Tri-Daily Sporting Bulletin, was locked up in default of \$5,000 bail.

Judge Mulqueen, in the court of general sessions, fixed Monday as the time for the men to plead. Their cases probably will come before Judge Malone as Judge Mulqueen will move to another division next week.

Linder, who says he was employed by Rice and Patton to steal news through an arrangement perfected by "jacking in" on the Associated Press in the Globe office, has been at liberty on \$5,000 bail since last Tuesday. He was a witness before the grand jury yesterday. While his testimony was not made public, it is believed he repeated a former confession that he was receiving pay from Patton and Rice for stealing messages.

Prior to May 16 last, Patton was in charge of the Postal Telegraph company's branch in the Globe office. When he resigned to start his sporting service he was succeeded by Linder. It was then, according to Linder, that he first learned of the secret wire which made the thefts possible and was employed to take the Associated Press dispatches.

Through the medium of a deputy dispatch telling of "the sinking of the Russian dreadnought Fliba on November 27," Linder was apprehended. He was arrested and confessed, implicating Rice and Patton.

A CHINESE BASEBALL PLAYER IS DISCOVERED

Lai Tin, Captain of Honolulu Team, Secured by Chicago White Sox.

OPTION CLAUSE BASIS OF JOHNSON SUIT

Chicago, Dec. 5.—The option clause of the contract between the Washington baseball club and Walter Johnson will be the point on which the battle for his services between the American and Federal leagues will be waged, according to a statement last night by B. B. Johnson, president of the American league.

Johnson, according to B. B. Johnson, has received a communication from S. S. Miner, president of the Washington club, saying the club's attorneys had agreed that this clause would hold Johnson to organized baseball.

Washington, Dec. 5.—The United States army has a six months reserve supply of clothing, shoes, camp equipment and supplies, and in this respect is in a better state of preparedness than ever before, according to a statement before the house military affairs committee by Major General Alshire, quartermaster general of the army.

Vienna Jubilant. Venice, Dec. 4.—(Via London)—There was great jubilation in Vienna when news of the occupation of Belgrade by the Austrians was published and the streets were decorated with flags. Newspapers were filled with praise of the Austro-Hungarian troops.

CHARGED WITH TAKING MONEY

Large Sums Drawn From Indiana Legislature Funds, Grand Jury Finds—Officials Are Indicted.

LIEUT. GOV. O'NEAL AMONG THE NUMBER

Homer L. Cook, Secretary of State, Also Charged—Report Mentions Filing of False Claims.

Indianapolis, Dec. 5.—Very large sums of money were drawn out of the Indiana treasury during the sessions of the 1913 legislature of Indiana, according to the report made last night by the Marion county grand jury which indicted Lieutenant Governor William P. O'Neal, Homer L. Cook, secretary of state, and 11 others connected with the legislature of 1913, for the alleged filing and presenting of false claims which were paid out of the funds of the Indiana legislature.

Indianapolis, Ind., Dec. 5.—Lieutenant Governor William P. O'Neal, Homer L. Cook, speaker of the house of the 1913 legislature who recently took office as secretary of state, and other officers and members of the patronage committee of the 1913 legislature were indicted last night by a Marion county grand jury.

The indictments charge that the officials signed warrants for pay for employees in excess of the amounts fixed by the law and for more employees than provided for in the statutes.

Others indicted were Mason J. Niblack, minute clerk and parliamentary officer of the 1913 house; Levi P. Harlan, chief doorkeeper of the state senate; Douglas Bolser, principal doorkeeper of the house; John J. Keegan, representative; George W. Sands, representative; Samuel N. Quilliam, principal clerk of the house of representatives; George M. Rabb, assistant secretary of the senate; Paul C. Hill, assistant clerk of the house; Wade H. Free, secretary of the senate; and George Stellborn, enrolling clerk of the house.

PORTUGUESE CABINET RESIGNS IN A BODY

News of This Action Received in London From Lisbon Correspondent.

London, Dec. 5.—Dispatches to the Exchange Telegraph company from its correspondent at Lisbon state that the Portuguese cabinet resigned today in a body.

FINAL ROUNDS TODAY IN PINEHURST GOLF

Pinehurst, N. C., Dec. 5.—C. L. Becker, of Auburndale, Mass., and Robert Hunter, of Stamford, Conn., meet today in the final round for the first division trophy of the eleventh annual autumn golf tournament here.

CARLETON HUDSON ADMITS HE IS BETTS

Chicago, Dec. 5.—Carleton Hudson, wealthy lawyer, for years a respected churchman and citizen here, and C. H. Betts, who fled from New York in 1894 when he was freed on bond charged with forgery are the same man. Hudson, arrested Thursday at the instance of heirs of his former bondman, admitted his identity in a statement issued last night by his counsel, Clarence Darrow.

Hudson was arraigned here yesterday and given a week's continuance. He was at liberty last night, having been granted until today to raise \$5,000 bond.

SALESMEN LEAVE ASHEVILLE TODAY

Convention of Osborne Sales Force Closes With Banquet at Grove Park Inn.

The eleventh annual convention of the sales force of the Osborne company, Newark, N. J., which had been in session at Grove Park Inn since Wednesday night, came to a close last night. Over 100 salesmen of this well known art calendar company were in attendance upon the sessions of the convention, and the occasion was fittingly closed with a banquet at the inn. The spread was served in the main dining room. President Edmund B. Osborne acted as toastmaster, and speeches of the evening were as follows:

"The First Mile Post," Frank Wooster; "The Osborne Company," G. R. Reynolds; "The Osborne Man a World Power," Charles A. Miller; "The Field of an Advertising Man," T. V. Summers; "What it Means to be an Osborne Man," James Gimblett; "The Osborne Company, Limited," Raymond Walker; "Our Obligation," William H. Seely; "December Twenty-seventh," George C. Hirst.

The speeches were brief and witty and much enjoyed by the assembled company. Immediately following the silver loving cup was presented to Mr. and Mrs. Osborne by the salesmen. It was stated in the presentation speech that the cup was given in token of the high esteem in which the head of the company and Mrs. Osborne are held by the members of the sales force, as well as in appreciation for the deep interest shown by them in the welfare of the salesmen. It was thought to be appropriate to present the cup at this time, as this year marks the twenty-fifth anniversary of Mr. Osborne's presidency of the company.

Mr. Osborne made a short speech of acceptance on behalf of himself and Mrs. Osborne, and said that the cup will always remain among his most highly prized possessions. All attending the convention this year have been greatly pleased with Asheville, its accommodations and hospitality, and when the visitors leave today they promise to take with them many good words for this city. The menu served at the banquet last night was as follows:

Canape Cavalier Blue Points on Half Shell Fresh Celery Clear Green Turtle Soup Salted Almonds California Olives Baked Sea Trout, Creole Chilled Cucumbers Potatoes Lyonnaise Sweetbreads, Parisienne Stuffed Tomatoes French Peas Roast Young Turkey Cranberry Sauce Mashed Potatoes in Cream Baked Sweet Potatoes Asparagus on Toast Fruit Salad French Ice Cream Assorted Cake Camembert and Roquefort Cheese Salmite Cigars Demi Tasse Cigarettes

CHIEF JUSTICE CLARK ILL AT RALEIGH HOME

Well Known Jurist Became Suddenly Ill Last Night—Is 68 Years Old.

Special to The Gazette-News. Raleigh, Dec. 5.—The people of North Carolina will learn with keen regret of the sudden illness last night at his home here of Chief Justice Walter Clark. Judge Clark, it is said, was taken ill about 9 o'clock and when discovered by members of his family was in an unconscious condition. Physicians were immediately summoned to attend the distinguished jurist and out-of-town relatives have been notified of the judge's illness. Judge Clark is 68 years old and last month completed 25 years' continuous service on the Supreme court bench.

TYCHJETCHAR TUNNEL HAS BEEN BLOWN UP

Transportation of the Russian Troops Along Danube Cut Off—Tunnel Dynamited.

Amsterdam, Dec. 5.—The great tunnel near Tychjetchar has been blown up by dynamite, thus severing communication between Serbia and Roumania, according to advices received from Nish, Serbia, today by the Rotterdam Courant. The passage of Russian transportation of troops along the Danube is thus rendered impossible.

M'ARTHURS ASK CASE'S REMOVAL

Wish to Take Action of Philadelphia Bank for \$15,000 From Raleigh Court to Wilmington.

NEARLY \$300,000 CLAIMS AGAINST THE FAMILY

Actions Involve Genuineness of Signatures of Endorsers to Notes Executed by J. Sprunt Newton.

Raleigh, Dec. 5.—Before Judge Connor, who is holding federal court here, the defense in one of the actions against the Newtons and McArthur of Fayetteville, has asked the removal of the Girard bank's action from Raleigh to Wilmington. This Philadelphia bank's suit is for \$15,000. It was begun in the Cumberland county courts but following a jury verdict against the plaintiff banks of Fayetteville against J. Sprunt Newton, Adam McArthur and Mrs. M. C. McArthur, alleged indorsers for Newton, the Philadelphia plaintiff took a non-suit and went to the federal courts. The Citizens bank of Norfolk had won a \$25,000 verdict in the federal court here, the first action having resulted in a mistrial in which nearly all the jury stood with the bank.

The many actions involving the family and their large fortune, are said to aggregate nearly \$300,000. The McArthur indorsers for Newton during his early days of apparent prosperity, testified that they had found things going wrong and that they declined further indorsement. They deny their signatures and have brought at great expense, expert witnesses who testify that the signatures were forged. Two federal juries have been with the bank witnesses in holding the signatures genuine; and one state court jury has decided in two cases of \$10,000 each, combined into one action, that the signatures are not genuine.

The Cumberland case is now in the Supreme court, but that body has not handed down its opinion. Various reasons move the attorney to ask a change of venue. Wilmington seems to have advantages in favor of witnesses and the case has been much less talked there. No civil action has been so widely discussed, perhaps. The first federal trial was reported in pages of print and the difficulty of getting jurors will not be so great after it is moved to Wilmington if it goes there. There are so many of these notes in various parts of the state, that every federal court town finds the people talking them. Both sides having appealed in the two cases heard, there is no settlement of any of them to date.

KITCHENER REPUDIATES INTERVIEW WITH COBB

'Language Used Was Not His Lordships'—Cobb Thinks Quoted Correctly.

London, Dec. 5.—The Press association announced last night that it had been informed officially with reference to an interview purporting to have been had by Irvin S. Cobb with Lord Kitchener, which was printed in the United States, then cabled to London and published here. "That the language is not that of Lord Kitchener and that his lordship's official representative expresses surprise that it should have been regarded possible that Lord Kitchener used such expressions."

The official press bureau has issued the following statement on the subject: "With reference to a so-called interview with Mr. Cobb: "Although Lord Kitchener saw Mr. Cobb a few minutes October 21, nothing in the nature of a special interview was granted and the remarks attributed to the secretary of state for war are imaginary."

Cobb insists. New York, Dec. 5.—Irvin S. Cobb, made this statement regarding his interview with Lord Kitchener: "By arrangement of a third person of prominence in England, I did see Lord Kitchener on October 21 for about 40 minutes. I used no pencil and paper during the conversation, following the custom of interviewers. I afterwards reproduced the conversation with Lord Kitchener as exactly as I could. I did not deliberately or wilfully misrepresent him and I am quite positive that I caught his meaning and as nearly as possible the text of what he said and I am sure that I quoted him correctly. I have had some experience as an interviewer and I have a fairly good memory."

REPORT OF COMMISSIONER SHIPMAN SHOWS 56 ROADS OPERATE IN STATE; MILEAGE 4888.31; \$116,301,190.

89.23 MILES CONSTRUCTED DURING THE PAST YEAR

Howard Craig, Negro, Electrocutated for Criminal Assault—Ex-Congressman Is Very Ill

Raleigh, Dec. 5.—M. L. Shipman, commissioner of labor and printing of North Carolina, has submitted the following report on railroads and employees in the state:

There are 56 railroads reported as operating in North Carolina, exclusive of tram and lumber-roads. These railroads cover a mileage of 4,888.31, as shown by the assessment of June 30, 1914, an increase of 89.23 miles over last year. The assessed valuation is \$116,301,190.

The average daily wage of the different employes are given as follows, beginning with general office clerks, \$2.35; station agents, \$1.75; other station men, \$1.25; engineers, \$4.79; firemen, \$2.22; conductors, \$3.36; other trainmen, \$1.93; machinists, \$3.27; carpenters, \$2.41; other shopmen, \$1.77; section foremen, \$2.02; other trackmen, \$1.15; switch tenders and watchmen, \$1.10; telegraph operators and dispatchers, \$2.44; all other employes and laborers, \$1.81.

For the information upon which the deductions of this chapter are based the department is indebted to the North Carolina corporation commission.

Howard Craig Electrocutated. Howard Craig, the Stanly county negro convicted of criminal assault upon Miss Odessa Cogina, made the eighteenth electrocution in the state prison and died after two shocks from the huge dynamo.

Craig sought executive favor direct by letter but in that appeal he did not admit the crime, which depended very largely upon the young girl's ability to identify him.

He confessed to Rev. J. K. Satterwhite, Episcopal minister in the colored congregations, and Rev. N. F. Roberts, dean of Shaw university theological school. Both ministers walked with him to the chair and ministered to him when the trappings were being adjusted. Craig was baptized in the prison Thursday.

The death chamber was filled with witnesses for the once, two colored men besides the Episcopal minister, attending as witnesses. Every chair was occupied. Six came from Cabarrus and Stanly counties, W. H. Cogina, the father, and his son, a brother of the girl, and E. C. Bost, brother-in-law, were here.

He walked unattended to the chair this morning, but never spoke. He whispered half-audibly for mercy. He would have talked if he could.

From Wilson comes the story that ex-Congressman Fred A. Woodard is in a critical condition and has been for a long time. The illness that afflicts him appears to have told so terribly upon him that he will hardly go out again. Relatives and friends of Mr. Woodard have received letters saying that he has not been away from his home in weeks and will never be able to leave again. He was congressman from the second district before the revolution of 1860 and has always been one of the most delightful of eastern North Carolina men.

Delayed Court Opens. Judge Harry W. Whedbee will convene Wake county court here Monday morning in the last criminal term of the year. Judge Whedbee having been here the past six months.

The Wake county court house has been undergoing repairs and removal and a new building is now taking place of the old one. It will be a year before that room can be used.

The highest case before Judge Whedbee is the News and Observer's suit against the Wake Water company. It is set for December 8, but the delay in the Supreme court of the Union vs. Washington Water and Electric company is embarrassing attorneys for both contentions. There is no case that is so nearly a parallel of the one to be tried next week and it is still unsettled in the courts of last resort.

Nobles Killed. London, Dec. 5.—In a casualty list made public last night Captain The Hon. Arthur Annesley, of the Tenth Hussars, is reported killed and Lieutenant Lord Charles Eskville Pelham Worsley missing.