

German Deserter Arrives in New York

MAY BE SENT BACK TO GERMANY AND SHOT

He is a Physical Wreck—His Escape Reads Like An Ancient Romance—Girl Assisted Him to Escape.

New York, Nov. 25.—The first deserter from the German army to reach New York arrived this morning from Rotterdam. He is Carl Schatz, and belonged to the King of Saxony's regiment. He is a physical and mental wreck, from which he is likely to be deported to Germany and be shot for desertion. His escape reads like some ancient romance. He was enabled to make his escape by a French-Belgium girl with whom he fell in love. She loaned him her clothing by means of which he made his escape through the lines as a laundress and then sailed to America from Holland.

He says that he never would have come to America if he had understood our immigration laws. His statement is that he was compelled to desert to keep from starvation. He had gone for days without anything to eat and all the time the whole army kept in the dark as to where they were the sign post were destroyed, and they were told that they were near Paris. He says that 110 men deserted with him. "I know it is contemptible and cowardly to desert, and if I had known that I would have been deported from this country I would have accepted death instead of desertion.

"Our regiment was at Liege and participated in its capture, but this is the last victory that we ever won. Discouraged and hungry we otherwise would not have deserted."

Peace Rumors May End Way by Christmas

Washington, Nov. 25.—Reports here say that a meeting for the settlement of the war is to be held at Zurich, Switzerland. Several prominent Germans are there to take part in the movement started by the Women's Peace Movement in the United States. It is reported from London that the meeting will take place in Berne, Switzerland, in December, with the hope of ending the war by Christmas.

President Still Working on His Message

Washington, Nov. 25.—President Wilson is still pounding away on his antiquated typewriter trying to get his message ready for his Public Printer by tomorrow. The President worked late last night and all this morning, only stopping this afternoon to take an automobile ride. This was made necessary as he decided to completely redraft the message.

The Czar Promised Serbia Help

Saloniki, Nov. 25.—Telegrams have been received by the Crown Prince of Serbia from the Czar saying that within a week an expeditionary force would be sent to the relief of the Serbian armies.

Nothing Known of Peace Meetings

London, Nov. 25.—Rumors of peace meetings to take place November 28 are heard here, but nothing definite is known.

Ministir Capitulates To the Italians

Rome, Nov. 25.—An Athens dispatch reports that preparations are being made for the capitulation of Monistir to the Italian army.

Greece Will Never Raise Hand Against Allies, Says Premier

Athens, Nov. 25.—"Greece will never raise a hand against the allies," declared Premier Skoufoulidis in an interview today. "Firstly, Greece is neutral and will remain neutral, despite all pressure, no matter what the source of it. Secondly, this neutrality will be maintained in the most friendly way."

It is rumored here that Germany has asked Greece to demobilize, but it is unconfirmed. In that event the cabinet may be obliged to resign.

In such a case M. Rhallis would probably be asked to form a new government.

Weather Report Says Fair

Washington, Nov. 25.—Weather forecast for North Carolina: Friday and Saturday, fair with exception of rain in extreme western part. Light variable winds from the southeast.

Captain Boy-Ed Chief Conspirator

New York, Nov. 25.—Evidence in the possession of the government shows that the operation of the ships to furnish the German commerce raiders with supplies was directed from (room 801, No. 11, N. Y., being the office of Captain Boy-Ed, the naval attaché of the German embassy. Karl Bueenz and three associate defendants are being prosecuted by the government on the charge of forgery and issuing false clearance papers to aid the German sea raiders, will be resumed tomorrow, at which time even more startling evidence is expected to be produced against Capt. Boy-Ed.

A Good Specimen of Gothic Structure

Boston, Nov. 25.—The beautiful old Gothic front of the Second church which for years attracted visitors to Copley Square now is the front of the new Church of All Nations on Osborne Place. The Second church was torn down a few years ago to make room for office buildings, but the front was preserved. The front has been put together like sections of a picture puzzle and is said to be one of the best specimens of Gothic structure in New England.

Wants Site to Erect Mammoth Tabernacle

Boston, Mass., Nov. 25.—John H. Spruce, Billy Sunday's official carpenter, has just finished a tour about the fashionable Back Bay district of Boston looking for a site on which to erect the mammoth tabernacle to be used for the evangelist's meetings here next fall. Sunday already has announced he will open his winter season here in October. The meeting is planned as one of the biggest ones he ever has attempted.

Things Looking Better in Mexico

Washington, Nov. 25.—Dispatches say that General Obregon, the Carranza leader, has advised the miners on the western coast of Mexico that they can now safely return to their work. The trouble grew from half-breed Indians who are working independent of both Carranza and Villa factions.

Opposition to Preparedness Gaining Strength

Washington, Nov. 25.—The opponents of the President's preparedness program are gathering strength and hope to defeat the measure. Representative Walter Hensley said that the opposition to the President's plans would wipe out the Democratic majority of 34, and that the President would have to rely upon Republican support to pass the measure.

AMERICANIZE THE ALIENS

Plan Has Met Wide-Spread Approval in This Country

To Use the Public Schools in the Education of Candidates for American Citizenship—To Open Classes

Washington, Nov. 24.—The plan to use the public schools in the education of candidates for American citizenship, is meeting wide-spread approval throughout the country, the Bureau of Naturalization, Department of Labor, announced today.

Approximately 400 cities and towns have joined in this movement to Americanize the aliens who come to the United States and more are being added to the list daily.

The plan of the bureau is to get in touch with applicants for naturalization wherever they are to be found and to arrange for opening classes for them. Schools are held both day and night to suit the convenience of the scholars.

Wives of all applicants also are advised to attend school because they receive American citizenship when their husbands obtain final papers. It has been found, the bureau says, that such instruction aids the foreigners to live as Americans demand help to improve the home life and conditions of the aliens.

To Teach Mothers English Language

Boston, Nov. 25.—At No. 38 Church street there has been opened a school to teach foreign born women the English language and American standards of living, the first school of its kind in the country. Complaint has been made that American born children of foreign born parents have been independent of their parents in many Americanized and made superior and instances. The idea of this institution is to correct the evil. The new school is conducted under the direction of the Boston school committee.

ELEVEN PERSONS KILLED IN CYCLONE

Little Rock, Ark., Nov. 25.—Eleven persons were killed and several injured when a cyclone struck Little Rock today. A train on the Rock Island was blown from the track, and the building of the Hot Springs Country Club, valued at \$20,000, and other important buildings were demolished.

Germans Rush Drive In Central Serbia

Berlin, Nov. 25.—Mitrovitz, to which the Serbian capital was moved from Nish, has been captured by Austro-Hungarian troops and Pristina has been occupied by the Germans. It was officially announced today. Pristina is 38 miles northwest of Vranje, on the road from Leskovatz to Pristina. Mitrovitz is the northern terminus of the railway running in a northeasterly direction from Uskub. The report shows that the Austro-German forces are making rapid progress in their drive through Central-Serbia.

German Guard Ship Is Sunk by Russians

Petrograd, Nov. 25.—A Russian warship in the Baltic has sunk a 3,000-ton German guardship near Windau. The guardship was armed with 2.5 and 4 inch guns, and carried a crew of about 300. The guardship sank after a short fight at close quarters. It is believed this dispatch refers to the sinking of a patrol in the Baltic on Saturday.

The Petrograd official communication of Monday announced that in the Baltic Sea on November 20 Russian torpedo boats near Windau (which lies to the north of Libau) sank a German patrol steamship. The communication added that one officer and nineteen soldiers were taken prisoners, and that the Russians suffered no losses.

MAKES MINE LIFE SAFER

Fewer Men Killed in Mines in 1914 Than in 1913

The Nation-Wide Safety Campaign Conducted by Federal and State Authorities Decrease Death Rate

Washington, Nov. 25.—One man in every 3,000 working in mines and quarries in the United States in 1914 was saved, through the nation-wide safety campaign being conducted by the Federal and State authorities as well as the miners and operators themselves.

Van H. Manning, director of the Federal Bureau of Mines, announced today that 543 fewer men were killed in the mines and quarries in 1914 than in 1913. More than a million men were employed in these mines and quarries, yet the death rate for 1914 was only 3.16 for each 1,000 employed. In 1913 it was 3.49. The total number killed in 1914 was 3,169 as against 3,651 in 1913.

"In other words," said Mr. Manning, "in nearly every mining camp of any size in the country there is one miner spared to his family, he would have been killed had the same fatality rate obtained in 1914 as in the previous year." Mr. Manning gives full credit for this work to aid the State mine inspectors and the miners and operators themselves lent to the campaign. It has taken the combined efforts of these men, as well as those of the Bureau of Mines, to accomplish the result, he says.

Villa Engaged in a Bloody Battle

Douglas, Ariz., Nov. 25.—The forces of General Francisco Villa reported recently fater a bombardment of Hermosillo to have resumed the attack on the city and engaged in a bloody battle in its suburbs with the forces of General Dieguez, the Carranza defender. Wireless reports of the attack, dated yesterday, were received by General Obregon, commander-in-chief, today. The outcome of the engagement is not known.

A readjustment of the campaign plans for General Obregon in Northern Sonora was evidenced last night when it was learned the Carranza chief had established headquarters at Santa Cruz and ordered reinforcements there.

The whereabouts of the forces of General Jose Rodriguez, who eluded Obregon in this attack on Cananea, is still a mystery, but reports have been received of Villa detachments at different places in the north.

General Calles, reporting from Santa Cruz, today said a force of Villa cavalry, encountered in that vicinity, had been put to flight. The presence of other Villa troops, reported near Agua De Hondo, 12 miles south of Navarroi, resulted in the cancelling of trains running south of Agua Prieta.

Three troops trains of Carranza reinforcements from Piedras Negras passed through Donoglas today en route to Naco.

The body of Edward Bean, an American engineer, murdered by Villa troops, brought from Cananea today, is being held here pending instructions from Bean's parents, who live in Three Town Corners, N. Y.

Joseph Hillstrom Buried by I. W. W.

Chicago, Ill., Nov. 25.—Joseph Hillstrom, widely known as the industrial poet and I. W. W. worker, was buried here today. A large number of Nihilist, Industrial W. W., attended the funeral. Bill Bill, Haywood, I. W. W. leader; Jas. Larkin, of Dublin, Ireland, who led the dock strikers in England, made speeches. On Hillstrom's coffin was inscribed: Joseph Hillstrom, who was judicially murdered by the authorities of Salt Lake City, Utah, November, 1915. He died that men might live." I. W. Band from Rock Hill played funeral music. Hillstrom was executed for the murder of two persons in Utah.

Dockuments Found on German Soldiers

U. S. Lieutenant Wins Honor Cross in French Battle

Paris, Nov. 25.—Lieutenant Charles Sweeney, of San Francisco, was awarded the Cross of the Legion of Honor yesterday for "exemplary bravery" in leading the gallant charge of his Foreign Legion of the French army at Navarin farm in one of the engagements that opened the battle of Champagne.

The commander of the Paris garrison pinned the cross on Sweeney's tunic at the Invalides today, while French troops lined up to render honors to the American hero.

Sweeney was injured in the battle of Champagne, but is now convalescing. He also won another decoration, the War Cross, in that conflict.

British Losses in Turkey About 2,000

London, Nov. 25.—After the capture of Ctesiphon, 18 miles from Bagdad, and the repulse of a Turkish counter attack, the British forces under General Townsend were compelled to retire three or four miles, in order to secure water, according to an official communication issued today. The British losses in the fighting for Zeur, which also was taken, and Ctesiphon, are calculated at 2,000 men killed or wounded. The communication follows:

After a night march from Zeur, which had been occupied on the 18th, General Townsend's division attacked the Turkish position at Ctesiphon, 18 miles from Bagdad, on the 22nd. "After severe fighting all day, the position was captured, together with about 800 prisoners and large quantities of arms and equipment, our own losses being calculated at 2,000 killed or wounded.

"General Townsend's force and the general headquarters bivouacked in the captured position that night. On the night of the 23 and 24th heavy counter attacks by the Turks were successfully repulsed, but on the 24th want of water necessitated the retirement of our forces to the river, three or four miles below the captured position."

Four More Transports Arrived at Saloniki

Paris, Nov. 25.—Telegraphing from Saloniki, under date of November 23, the correspondent at Saloniki of the Havas News Agency says: "Four more transports heavily loaded with troops arrived in port this morning. After the occupation of Pristina, the Bulgarians attempted a large turning movement to envelop the Serbians in the Katchanik defile. The troops in the defile had been reinforced by part of the Serbian troops in Albania.

"Another violent engagement took place yesterday on the northern front and resulted in the repulse of the Bulgarians for the third time. Hundreds of Bulgarians, who had been taken prisoners by the French troops, arrived here (Saloniki) yesterday evening."

Desperate Serbians Shatter Bulgarians

Paris, Nov. 25.—The Serbian Legation announced today that a severe defeat had been inflicted upon the Bulgarians in Southern Serbia. A statement issued by the Legation told of renewed fighting in North-eastern Serbia between the Morava and Minva rivers. It had been previously reported that all Serb troops in this district had been driven out.

Increased 200,000 Since Last Census

Boston, Nov. 25.—Although Boston proper has no room to grow announcement has just been made by Charles Gettemy, chairman of the Hemstead Commission and director of the State Board of Census, of an increase of more than 200,000 inhabitants in excess of the figure of 1910. The present population, he says, exceeds 725,000.

Powder Mill Is Blown Up

East Alton, Ill., Nov. 25.—Two wheelhouses at the plant of the Equitable Powder Company here exploded this afternoon. The houses were wrecked, but no one was injured. The plant is making powder for the allies and is guarded, also surrounded by a 12-foot fence. The cause of the blast is unknown.

PATHTIC APPEALS TO GOD TO SAVE BOYS AT FRONT

A Synopsis of a Few Letters Written to the Boys Who Are Now Serving on the Firing Line.

London, Nov. 25.—There was made public here today a pathetic collection of letters, postcards and other documents found in the possession of German soldiers killed on the western front. The dead men belonged to a Bavarian division.

The reservist Wiesmann carried about with him a picture postcard of a pretty Sylvan scene near his home until its edges were frayed and torn. Joseph Mehling evidently treasured a card, signed by his parents and sisters, and on the back of it the history and production of the "Wonder-working Picture of Maria-Buchen." The Mehling family commend Joseph to the care of the Virgin, and his "faithful sister Eugenie" longs for his home coming.

Of like character is the card sent to the volunteer, Karl Drescher, by his parents. There is a picture of a sorrow-laden old man, and "woman with furrowed faces before a roadside crucifix. Under the picture we read, "Protect and shelter him, O, God, in the land of thy enemy!"

"Liesel," a Bavarian girl with excellent handwriting, sends a letter to her sweetheart, a very modest little production, hoping that her "Lieber Schatz" well, and forwarding a sheet of notepaper that he might write to her.

A letter from Whurzburg to a soldier at the front is signed "Your Parents," and throws a world of light on the thoughts at the back of the minds of millions of Germans. It is as follows:

Beloved Karl: Today at last I am able to fulfill your wishes after the house has been cleaned. For me, with my one arm, it was a terrible job. Evenings I was so tired that I could not move. We are sending you a pair of socks, foot-clothes, insect powder, and ointment; also some writing paper.

I have wished for a long time to send you a nice hard sausage, but, dear Karl, such things cannot be paid for by poor devils like us. It would cost three marks. Most of all, we would rather not live any longer. We can hardly buy anything. Butter, eggs, lard can only be had by rich people. If this state of things continues we shall see something happen. Ah, dear Karl, with the deepest sorrow in my heart, I think of you having to bear the wicked world. If only peace would again return! Other wise no news. With hearty greetings from all relatives and acquaintances, and greetings and a kiss from your loving parents.

One of the most interesting papers is a frayed copy of No. 115 of the "Parade," or the "German Soldiers' Journal," the official weekly organ of the German Veterans' Alliance. The Journal has a circulation of 200,000 copies. It contains a concise resume of the most important war telegrams of the week, and a very carefully selected collection of interesting news items from all war fronts.

There is a clear map of the progress of German arms in Russia, and a sort of magazine page, with jokes, comedrams, and "problems" good solid, useful reading, most of it another interesting thing is an official song book in a paper cover, ornamented with the national colors and the Black Eagle. The soldier buys this collection of songs for two cents, and an admirable collection it is. There is not a song in it of a rubbishy character—nothing that does not appeal to the soldier as patriot and fighting son of the Fatherland.