

## GERMANS CAUGHT BETWEEN TWO FIRES OF THE ALLIES' GUNS

British Troops On One Side While Fleet Batters Away the Other

### RUSSIANS CLAIM VICTORY

Drove German Infantry From Swamps With Heavy Loss—Vienna Says No Important Changes Battle Line Have Taken Place.

(By the United Press.)

Rotterdam, Nov. 25.—With heavy losses, the Germans are caught between the fire of British troops and the guns of the allied ships off the coast. The fleet today continued the bombardment of the German end, destroying two batteries.

### Berlin's Opinion on the Situation.

Berlin, Via Wireless to London, Nov. 25.—The war office today officially announced that the Russian counter-offensive in Poland has failed. "In Eastern Prussia our troops have repulsed the Russian attacks. The Russian counter offensive in the direction of Lwow, Strzykw and Brezina failed. Attacks in the district of Czenstochow also have failed. The western situation is unchanged, but slight German progress at Arras is reported."

### Cossacks Chase Germans from Swamp.

Petrograd, Nov. 25.—An official statement is to the effect that a German infantry corps encountered heavy loss when driven from a swamp in the vicinity of Lodz, by Russian cavalry. The Russians are experiencing continued success against the Austro-German forces.

### Germans Burn Ze Brugge

Amsterdam, Nov. 25.—The German artillery at Westende damaged a British destroyer in the fighting between land batteries and the British fleet. According to press dispatches, the Germans have burned Ze Brugge because the houses concealed the British ships and prevented an effective fire of the German batteries.

### Big Victory for Russians Indicated.

Petrograd, Nov. 25.—Reports have reached here of a Russian victory of growing magnitude along the Vistula and Warthe rivers. The Germans are retreating along a forty-mile line. German reinforcements are arriving south of Kalisz. The superiority of the Russians in numbers is making the Germans move back upon their own frontier. The Russians have failed to flank the invaders. General Von Hindenburg's retreat to the southwest was necessary, as the main line of the German advance was pierced by the Russian center.

### Vienna Admits No Russian Victories

Vienna, Nov. 25.—An official statement by the war office says there is no important change in the situation in Poland. The Austrians have captured several important positions near Wolbrom. The total of prisoners in Austria now is 110,000, including 1,000 officers.

## BLEASE PARDONS EIGHTY IN ONE DAY

(By the United Press.)

Columbia, S. C., Nov. 25.—Governor Blease today pardoned eighty prisoners by way of "Thanksgiving presents."

### CRIMSON SWIMMERS BEGIN BUSY YEAR

Cambridge, Mass., Nov. 25.—Harvard swimmers started regular practice today for the varsity and freshman teams. Meets to the number of two a week have been arranged for the early part of the season with swimming clubs and Y. M. C. A. clubs in this vicinity. Later the Crimson will meet Andover and the Worcester Academies, Springfield Training School, Amherst, Williams, Columbia, College of the City of New York and Brown. The swimming team will make several days' trip next year.

## SECRETARY BRYAN WILL KNOW WHY TURKEY REFUSES

Ambassador Morgenthau's Reports Being Censored Investigation Ordered.

### REVOLUTION IS BREWING

Marines Sent to San Domingo to Protect American Lives and Property—All Communication With Mexico City Cut Off.

(By the United Press.)

Washington, D. C., Nov. 25.—Secretary of State Bryan ordered an investigation of the Turkish refusal to permit Ambassador Morgenthau's quoted messages to come through.

### Marines Sail for San Domingo.

The transport Hancock, with between eight and nine hundred marines on board, sailed today from Guantanamo for San Domingo to protect American lives and property endangered by the new revolution.

### Washington Alarmed Over Situation

Communication with this government and Mexico City is completely cut off. Strong rumors of riots in Mexico City cause the department officials to feel more alarmed than previously admitted.

## BULLETINS

(By the United Press.)

### Naval Battle Near Dalmatian Port

Rome, Nov. 25.—According to a message from Ortona, a naval engagement has taken place off Lissa, an island in the Adriatic. Lissa Island is thirty-three miles southwest of Spalato, the chief seaport of Austria-Hungary in Dalmatia.

### Russian Grand Duke Reported Wounded

Amsterdam, Nov. 25.—It is reported that the Grand Duke Demetri has been severely wounded in the fighting on the Warthe river in Poland.

### Relief Ship Sails From Philadelphia

Philadelphia, Nov. 25.—The Norwegian freighter, Orn, loaded with food destined for the Belgians, today sailed for Rotterdam.

### German Request for Armistice Refused.

Paris, Nov. 25.—The Germans have requested an armistice at Bahincourt, near Verdun, but were refused. The Allies are making some gain between Langemarck and Zonnobek, also in the vicinity of Berry Aubacu.

### German Submarine Sunk Ship Bearing Refugees

London, Nov. 25.—The admiralty has announced that the steamer Admiral Granter, loaded with refugees, was sunk in the channel by a German submarine on October twenty-sixth.

### Indian Troops Come Back and Regain Position

London, Nov. 25.—It is

## DRUG STORES WILL COLLECT FOR THE MERCY COMMITTEE

Plans Outlined at Tuesday Night's Meeting of the Committee.

### BELGIUM IS BENEFICIARY

The Dixie Theater Will Give Benefit Performance on Thursday Night for Fund to Aid War Sufferers—Daily Reports of Donors.

The Committee of Mercy recently appointed by Mayor Sutton held its initial meeting Tuesday night in the home of Mr. and Mrs. N. J. Rouse. Others present besides the Mayor and Mr. and Mrs. Rouse were Mr. William Hayes, Mrs. W. T. Hines and Mr. Harry Bizzell. The committee decided to open a contribution fund, and authorize the drug stores to collect for it. Publication of the names of donors and amounts, unless otherwise requested, will be made daily. Mrs. Hines was named treasurer, and she will be co-operated with in the supervision of the fund by the Mayor.

The committee has been informed that Manager W. C. Moore of the Dixie Theater, will give a benefit performance on Thanksgiving night, the proceeds to go to the mercy fund. This commendable act of charity is in addition to a free matinee for poor children which will be given at the Dixie Thursday afternoon. Practically all of the collections of the International Committee of Mercy, with which the local committee is affiliated through the State organization, are being used for the relief of the war sufferers in Belgium.

### "EMPLOY A MAN A DAY" IS YOUNGSTOWN SLOGAN

Youngstown, O., Nov. 25.—"Employ a man a day" is a new movement started in Youngstown today by Secretary J. N. Hanson of the charities organization here. Hanson proposed the plan to the heads of mills and factories here in hope that families of laborers who are out of work might be shielded from want and suffering.

### Instead of employing only one man when jobs are open in the mills, superintendents are requested to work the men in shifts of one or even one-half day. In this Hanson hopes to save hundreds of families from suffering during the months when work is scarce.

### OPEN SWITCH CAUSED DERAILMENT OF ENGINE.

While making a "flying switch" in the eastern end of the Norfolk Southern yards this morning, the inadvertent opening of a switch at the wrong moment caused the derailment of a locomotive. Rolling stock was damaged by a collision which occurred simultaneously. The damage was not great. No one was injured.

### announced that the Indian corps has retaken trenches lost to the Germans yesterday and captured three German officers and more than a hundred men, with one mortar. The General situation is unchanged.

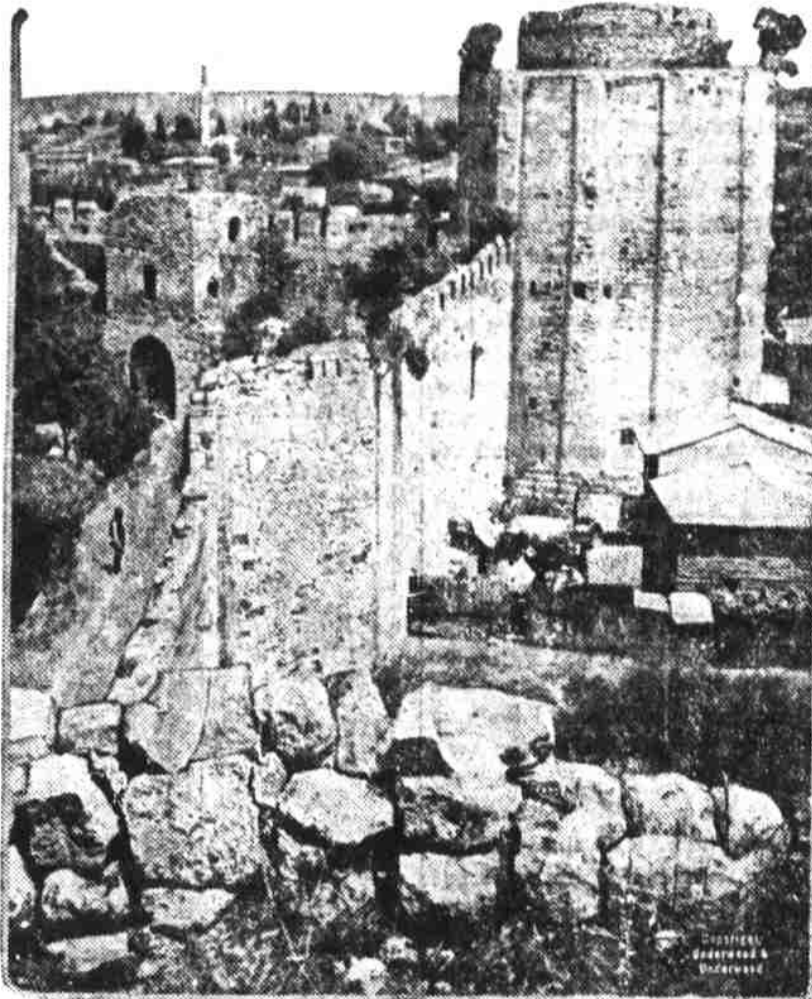
### Rumored Epidemic of Spies in Germany

Amsterdam, Nov. 25.—According to reports from German authorities, they have arrested three hundred British civilians in the country.

### French Close to the German Stronghold

Paris, Nov. 25.—French are nearer Metz than at any time since the opening of the war. Bombarding Arnville, ten miles southwest of the great German fortress,

## CRUMBLING FORTS OF THE SULTAN



This ancient fort and battlement, which is crumbling with age, is one of the fortifications about Constantinople depended on by the Turk to keep out the allies. Beyond the tower is the residential district of Constantinople.

## ROAD SUPERINTENDENT ASSUMES RESPONSIBILITY

County Commissioners Will Test Matter of Right to Use Corporal Punishment in Handling Unruly Prisoners.

Bryant Taylor, superintendent of the roads force, declares he will take all the responsibility for the whipping of Elvin Sparrow, a young white convict, by a foreman recently, and the County Commissioners are resolved to uphold Taylor to the end. E. W. Mintchew, the foreman, who was on Tuesday fined \$25 by Magistrate Peebles, Taylor says, flogged Sparrow under his own eyes and by his direction. Sparrow had violated sanitary rules of the convict camp after being warned, the officers say.

Magistrate Peebles says that Chief Justice Clark of the Supreme Court has held that the flogging of prisoners is authorized by no law, and that it is against the spirit of the constitution. Other justices of the Supreme Court concurred with him, but gave an opinion that under certain conditions flogging might be permissible. The Lenoir Commissioners have specified the implements and the methods for use in disciplining prisoners. The magistrate saw no other course open to him than his finding, although he intimated that he considered the punishment of Sparrow justified and not severe.

The case, under appeal, will be strenuously fought by the commissioners, to test their authority to issue orders to road officers for the whipping of convicts to uphold order and discipline. Since Sparrow was given ten lashes, it is said, there has been no infringement of the rules made to insure the health of the seventy or seventy-five prisoners on the roads. Without the power to inflict corporal punishment, the officials say, they could neither make their charges work nor preserve any semblance of order, for the code of honor in this camp, where more than 90 per cent. of the convicts are illiterate or criminal negroes, is decidedly low. Confinement is out of the question, since nearly every convict would rather be locked up rather than compelled to work.

## MOBS LOOTING BUSINESS DISTRICT OF MEXICO CITY

(By the United Press.) Vera Cruz, Nov. 25.—Mexico City's business section is being looted by mobs. It is reported that civilians and federal soldiers have been sworn in as special policemen and armed.

Mexico City has been practically cleared of the troops of General Carranza.

## Big Villa Army Attacking Guadalajara.

El Paso, Tex., Nov. 25.—Conflicting reports reach here concerning the progress of the attack on Guadalajara by 15,000 Villaists. The vanguard of the Villa army is nearing Mexico City. No fighting from there is reported.

## THRILLING RESCUE GIRLS FROM BURNING BUILDING

Stonewall Jackson Institute Loses Dormitory and Main School Building—The Presbyterian Nearby Was Damaged.

Abingdon, Va., Nov. 25.—One hundred girls were rescued with difficulty from a fire which destroyed the school building and dormitory of the Stonewall Jackson Institute today. The fire spread to the Presbyterian church adjoining.

The fire is under control. The loss is placed at fifty thousand dollars.

## INDIAN BRIDE FOR EX-TAMMANY CHIEF

(By the United Press.)

New York, Nov. 25.—Richard Croker, former chieftain of Tammany Hall, is to marry an Indian princess, Keetaw Kaluntchey of the Cherokee nation, it was announced today. Croker's former wife died only a few weeks ago in Austria.

## EBBETS WOULD RECOVER ON TINKER PURCHASE

Paid \$15,000 for Release of Famous Shortstop, Joe, who Failed to Report and Cast His Lot With the Federals.

(By Hal Sheridan (Written for the United Press.)

New York, Nov. 25.—President Dedication Ebbets, of the Brooklyn Nationals, is giving vent once more to loud and prolonged groans touchin' on and appertainin' to (as Stockholder Bill Devery used to say when he was chief of police) Joseph Federal Tinker and \$15,000.

As is well known to earnest students of the political and financial history of the Federal League Ebbets bought Tinker for that sum from Garry Herrmann of the Cincinnati Reds.

"It's a mere trifle," thought Ebbets as he handed the Rhineland Chief a certified check for the release of the shortstop. "I can get it back again by holding a splendid 'Tinker Day' and lure the shekels in that way."

Unhappily, however, Tinker could not see Gewanus and declined to write his signature in the lower right hand corner—next to the red seal—and jumped to the Federal League instead. And the fans of Chicago's North Side held the "Tinker Day."

But the saddest part of the story is that Joseph did not take into his confidence President Ebbets, and the latter handed over the big check without imagining that Joseph did not care to play in the City of Graveyards.

In the meantime the boss of Brooklyn's ball boosters is waiting for the National League meeting at the Waldorf-Astoria in this city on December 8. He vows that he'll be paid in full.

And that you cannot blame Ebbets.

## PHILADELPHIANS HAVEN'T GIVEN UP GAS PLANT IDEAS

City Clerk Has Acknowledgement of Letter, Stating Council's Attitude

### PROBABLY RENEW EFFORT

Although Financial Conditions Do Not Now Favor Immediate Steps for New Franchise, Later Action to That End Is Implied.

The Public Utilities Companies of Philadelphia may apply for a gas franchise here next spring. They this morning acknowledged receipt of a letter stating the City Council's decision regarding the matter of the recently expired franchise granted the Southern Gas Improvement Company. The Southern Company was subsidiary to Kuemmerle & Co. until a few weeks ago, when the Public Utilities took over the latter's interests. The franchise had been allowed to die without the new promoters' knowledge, and Council decided a new franchise and not a renewal would be necessary.

Conditions in the financial world, although admitted to be gradually bettering, and the coming of winter, say the Public Utilities Companies, would make it unwise for them to apply for the grant before the spring. The tone of their communication indicates a seriousness on their part regarding the matter, and it is not unlikely that the utility which Kingston expected to materialize this year will be actually installed in 1915.

### GRAMMAR SCHOOL KIDDIES TO HAVE ATHLETIC MEET

Albany, N. Y., Nov. 25.—Lawrence S. Hill, physical director of the local public schools, announced today a series of athletic meets for the grammar school children of this city. His scheme is to hold three meets a year. The success of the first out door games under the direction of Hill, held early this month as an experiment, suggested occasional athletic carnivals of Albany's younger students as permanent institutions. The next meet will be held in the early spring.

## SANTA CLAUS COLLIER REACHES DEVONPORT

(By the United Press.)

Devonport, Eng., Nov. 25.—The U. S. collier Jason, the American Christmas ship, arrived here today.

### ENTRIES ARE ALL IN FOR RED CROSS HORSE SHOW.

Big Society Event in New York Will Be Given for Benefit of War Sufferers—List of Contributors to Success of Show.

New York, Nov. 25.—Entries closed today for the big society event of the year—the Horse Show, which will be held on December 7-12 at Madison Square Garden.

The show this year will be of an unusual character inasmuch as the proceeds are to be given to the Red Cross and White Cross Societies. It show to be held in this city for the National Horse Show Association announced some time ago that the event would be abandoned, and it is only on account of the critical situation in Europe that the function will take place this year.

To guarantee it against loss a number of horsemen throughout the country have come forward to protect the show against a possible loss. They are: Dr. Thomas G. Ashton, Philadelphia; John L. Bushnell, Springfield, Ohio; Felix M. Warburg, New York; William Phelps Eno of Washington; Frederick Pabst, Oconomowoc, Wis.; Willis Sharp Kilmer, Binghamton, N. Y.; Mortimer B. Schiff, J. Horace Harding, George C. Clausen, Paul Moore, Thomas L. Watt, Charles F. Hubbs, John McE. Bowman, William Koch, John Gerken, William Ziegler, Jr., G. Jason Waters, and Samuel W. Taylor, editor of the Rider and Driver.

## SPECIAL SERVICES IN LOCAL CHURCHES FOR THANKSGIVING

Universalists Will Have Theirs Tonight, Beginning at Seven-Thirty

### BAPTISTS IN NEW CHURCH

Christian Church Will Hold Early Morning Service—Episcopal and Methodist At Usual Morning Hour. Presbyterian at 10 A. M.

A Thanksgiving service will be held in St. Mary's Episcopal church at 11 a. m., Thursday, conducted by the rector, Rev. John H. Griffith. The offering will be for Thompson Orphanage at Charlotte.

Rev. C. W. Blanchard, pastor of the First Baptist church, will conduct his first service in the congregation's new home at Gordon and McLewen streets, at 7:30 p. m. A collection will be taken for Thomasville orphanage.

The Gordon Street Christian congregation will hold their Thanksgiving service at 7 a. m., in accordance with a custom introduced by Pastor B. P. Smith last year. Personal expressions of gratitude will be heard from the members.

A service will be held in Atkinson Memorial Presbyterian church at 10 a. m.

Song and praise services will be held in the Church of the Eternal Hope, Universalist, at 7:30 o'clock this evening.

There will be no prayer meeting service in Queen Street Methodist church this evening. Tomorrow morning at 11 o'clock a Thanksgiving service will be conducted. A special sermon will be preached by the pastor, Rev. H. A. Humble. The pastor requests all his people to close their usual labors and attend the service. An opportunity will be given for thank offerings, the giver to direct his contribution to any orphanage in North Carolina, or to the sufferers in Belgium. Those who have already made an offering elsewhere or at other times will not be expected to give again.

A service will be held at 11 o'clock in the First Church of Christ, Scientist.

The pastors extend cordial invitations to the public to attend any of the above services.

## SAM. C. SUGG PASSES AWAY AT SNOW HILL

Prominent and Wealthy Greene County Man Victim of Bright's Disease—Formerly Resided in Kinston—Funeral Thursday

Death claimed Samuel C. Sugg, one of the best known men in this section of North Carolina, at his home in Snow Hill, Tuesday night at 9:30 o'clock. Mr. Sugg was in his sixty-eighth year. His widow survives, as well as the following children: Mrs. George Overby, Mrs. Frank Moseley, Mrs. R. D. Britt and Mrs. Eva Walters, all of Snow Hill; Mr. Leon Sugg and Mrs. P. S. B. Harper of Kinston. Mr. and Mrs. Sugg had been married nearly half a century.

Mr. Sugg's demise was due to Bright's disease, from which he had suffered a long time. The end came while he was sitting upright, and suddenly.

Sam C. Sugg was wealthy. His estate is valued at around \$175,000 or \$200,000. He owned extensive properties in Greene county and elsewhere. Several years ago he resided here for four or five years, and took a prominent part in business. He had for long been an active leader in civic and political matters in Greene county, and was one of the staunchest supporters of the Democratic party there. His personal characteristics were exemplary, and in Snow Hill and the surrounding country he was known to every citizen and numbered every one as his friend.

The funeral will be held at Snow Hill Thursday afternoon.