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AUTO BANDIT SLAIN IN GUN DUEL AFTER ROBBING TWO BANKS

Frank G. Hohl, Notorious Motor Car
Outlaw, Killed in Battle
with Police.
OFFICER PROBABLY WILL DIE
Over \$13,000 Missing, and it is Be-
lieved Accomplice Secured
This Money.

WOMAN CONFEDERATE SOUGHT Holdup Man Loots One Money In- stitution After Another.

ALSO STEALS AN AUTOMOBILE

Thief Fugitive from Justice and
Well Known to Authorities—
Threw Coffee in Guard's
Face.
CINCINNATI, O., Dec. 17.—The life of
Frank G. Hohl, notorious automobile
bandit, ended here today following a
three hours' career of crime which in-
cluded the robbing of two Cincinnati
banks, the theft of an automobile and a
pistol duel with policemen that resulted
in probable fatal wounds to one officer
and the death of the bandit.

Thirteen thousand and one hundred dol-
lars are missing as the result of the bank
robberies and the police are confident
that Hohl, in his wild automobile drives,
managed to pass this money along to
some confederate.

The beginning of Hohl's end started
shortly after 10 a. m., when he entered
the West End branch of the Provident
Savings Bank and Trust company, fired
two shots at Cashier Edward Hughes,
scored up \$5,000 in currency, hacked
through the door, jumped into a waiting
automobile which had been stolen and
disappeared. While the police were
searching for the bandit he entered the
Liberty Banking and Savings company,
ten blocks away, fired two shots at
Cashier George Winters, grabbed what
proved to be \$5,000 in currency, ran to his
automobile and again disappeared.

The shots were close to Winters (that he
was wounded, but other than suffer-
ing from the shock he was unharmed).

Almost two hours later Harry Luck-
shorn, whose mother conducts an apart-
ment house on West Ninth street, in-
formed the police of the similarity of a
man who rented a room there yesterday
with a description given of the bandit.
Three policemen called at the room, and
upon knocking the door was suddenly
thrown open, though the bandit opened
fire, at the same time striking the
officer, of whom Policeman Edward
Knoel, was probably fatally wounded.

The bandit again ran to his automobile,
which was standing nearby, but in round-
ing a corner the machine crashed into a
telegraph pole and was wrecked. The
bandit jumped out and opened fire on the
two officers who had pursued him. In
the battle that followed Hohl fell with
four bullet wounds in his body and died
shortly afterwards at the hospital.

Hohl was well known to the police and
was a fugitive from justice. The police
claim that he shot up an Altoona, Pa.,
bank on March 2, was arrested, and while
being conveyed to the Pittsburgh jail
threw a cup of coffee in his guard's face
and again escaped. He was again cap-
tured, but subsequently escaped from the
Hollidayburg, Pa., jail. The police also
claim that he was wanted in connection
with a diamond robbery in Kansas City,
Mo., a year ago, where he had assumed
the name of Howe.

WILLIAM BARTH DENVER CAPITALIST IS DEAD

DENVER, Dec. 17.—William Barth,
acid pioneer and capitalist, died early
this morning of pneumonia. He suffered
a fall last Saturday night and was taken
down with pneumonia. Mr. Barth came
to Colorado in 1862 and amassed a for-
tune in mining and railroad investments.
He was 85 years old.

SCOTCHMEN AT HOME IN THE SNOW—Members of the First Battalion, Scotch Camerons, in snow-clad Bel- gium.



FARMER SHIPPERS HOLD CONVENTION

Annual Election is Held and Omaha
Selected as Place for Holding
Next Convention.

VINCENT ON WAREHOUSE LAW

Clifford Thorne Talks on Railroad
Situation and Tells of Fight
Against Proposed Rate
Raising.

J. S. Canaday of Mifflin was yesterday
re-elected president of the Nebraska
Farmers' Co-operative Grain and Live
Stock Shippers' Association. J. W. Short-
hill was re-elected secretary-treasurer,
and John C. Miller, St. Mary's, and E. E.
Frye, Sticksley, new members of the board
of directors. Omaha was chosen as the
next meeting place. The convention has
another session today.

C. Vincent, grain dealer of Omaha, read
a paper on the public warehouse law. He
is opposed to the warehouse law and has
gathered a great deal of data to prove
his convictions. He had letters from
many newly-elected members of the legis-
lature whom he queried for opinions on
the proposed legislation for a warehouse.
Some favored it and some opposed it. A
considerable proportion of them admitted
that they knew nothing about it; that
they had had no opportunity to study the
question.

Reviews Farmers' Congress.

Mr. Vincent reviewed the two actions of
the Nebraska Farmers' congress of a
week ago, in which it once voted down
the proposition and then reconsidered and
endorsed the warehouse.

"This," Mr. Vincent said, "was consid-
ered and pushed through by a vote of
about a dozen persons—there being less
than forty remaining in the convention
hall. This action has been widely pub-
lished as a reversal by the congress of its
former action when it was in reality
nothing of the sort. It was nothing but
the execution of an unfair trick to secure
the appearance of endorsement of ware-
house legislation by the Nebraska Farm-
ers' congress."

Mr. Vincent produced figures to prove
his points against the warehouse propo-
sition and in concluding said: "We believe
that we should be permitted to attend to
our legitimate business of buying and
selling grain and we will not attempt to
dictate the terms of storage for those per-
sons who choose to accept this class of
business."

Clifford Thorne, chairman of the Iowa
Board of Railway Commissioners, spoke
at the evening session on the railroad
situation, explaining something of the
proposed general advance of freight rates
by the western roads and the proposed
fifteen middle western states are to make
before the Interstate Commerce com-
mission against the rate.

Big Stores Will Be Open Evenings Until Christmas

Late opening of the downtown stores
now general, beginning last night and
continuing until Christmas, to give shop-
pers who have a hard time to do their
buying in the day time an opportunity to
prepare for Christmas. The stores which
will not be open evenings this week (ex-
cept Saturday night) are Burgess-Nash,
Thompson-Belden & Co., King-Peck and
Kilpatrick, Co.

CZAR'S MILLIONS ARE EVERYWHERE IN FULL RETREAT

Armies of Russia Reported in Flight
All Along Front in Galicia
and Poland.

MOVE AGAINST PRUSSIA FAILS Muscovite Offensive Aimed at Posen and Silesia Has Completely Broken Down.

AUSTRIANS ARE VICTORIOUS Forces of Tenth Allies Make it Hot for Bear in Both North and South.

VIENNA ANNOUNCES TRIUMPH Asserts Enemy Upon Run from One End of Line to Other.

BIG BATTLE WEST OF WARSAW Fierce Engagement in Progress Thirty Miles from Polish City and Kaiser's Men Gain Positions.

VIENNA (Via London), Dec. 17.—
An official announcement says the
Russians are retreating along the en-
tire front in Galicia and Poland.

VIENNA (Via Amsterdam to London),
Dec. 17.—The following official communi-
cation was issued today:
"The latest news permits of no further
doubt that the resistance of the Russian
main force has been shattered. After the
defeat of the southern fighting in the
battle of Linnov, which lasted several days,
our allies also gained a victory near
Lodz.

"The Russians are now completely
routed on the River Bzura.
"Threatened by our advance across the
Carpathians from the south, the enemy
began a general retreat which they are
trying to cover by stubborn fighting in
the regions before the Carpathians.
"Our troops are attacking on the line of
Grodno-Zakliczy.
"Along the other parts of the front the
pursuit has begun."

EGYPT IS DECLARED BRITISH PROTECTOR

Official Press Bureau Announces
Britain Made Over Lord of
African State.

TURKISH SUZERANITY ENDS

George Approves Appointment of
Lieutenant Colonel Sir Arthur
McMahon as Ruler of New
Dependency.

LONDON, Dec. 17.—The official press
bureau tonight issued the following state-
ment concerning the making of Egypt
a British protectorate:
"His Britannic Majesty's principal
secretary of state for foreign affairs gives
notice that in view of a state of war
existing out of the action of Turkey, Egypt
is placed under the protection of his
Majesty and will henceforth constitute a
British protectorate.
"The sovereignty of Turkey over Egypt
is thus terminated and his Majesty's gov-
ernment will adopt all measures necessary
for the defense of Egypt and the pro-
tection of its inhabitants and interests.
"The king has been pleased to approve
the appointment of Lieutenant Colonel Sir
Arthur Henry McMahon to be his
Majesty's high commissioner for Egypt."

Keokuk Dam Builder Offers Amendment To Water Power Bill

WASHINGTON, Dec. 17.—Amendments
to the water power site leasing bill de-
signed in his view to make it a "work-
able measure" were presented to the sen-
ate public lands committee today by
Hugh L. Cooper, builder of the Keokuk,
Ia., dam. "If congress will enact a law
of a character under which members of
congress would place trust funds in their
custody in water power development en-
terprises, there will be no more trouble,"
he said.

The Shields water power bill is a sub-
stitute for the house general dam bill
recommended today by the senate
commerce committee. Senators reserved
rights to offer amendments on the floor.
It is distinguished from the Adamson
bill in that it gives the right of eminent
domain to developers of power, provides
for an annual charges for the govern-
ment, makes the fifty-year leases revo-
cable after the expiration of that period
by act of congress, instead of expiring
automatically at the end of fifty years,
and provides for "recapture" after fifty
years by the government at the "fair
value," instead of at "actual cost."

Americans in Japan to Answer Rumors

TOKIO, Dec. 17.—The American Peace
society of Japan at its annual meeting
held here today voted to appoint a com-
mittee of fifteen Americans living in
Japan to investigate and prepare a state-
ment on the various questions bearing
on the relations between Japan and the
United States.
The society has made the announce-
ment that it desires to counteract cer-
tain unjustified rumors now being repeated
that Japan has hostile intentions toward
the United States.

Overdue Steamer Florida Reports

NEW YORK, Dec. 17.—The French line
steamer Florida, more than a week over-
due here from Havre, concerning whose
safety there has been much apprehension,
reported by wireless 100 miles east of
Sandy Hook at 7:10 o'clock this morning.
The Florida has aboard thirty-nine pas-
sengers.

Russians and Turks Win the Same Battle, According to Official Reports

PETROGRAD, Dec. 17.—(Via London.)
—A communication, issued by the Rus-
sian army staff in the Caucasus, says:
"The Turks, considerably reinforced
from Baghdad and by a new formation,
assumed the offensive in the Euphrates
valley and the Van region, which resulted
in a number of engagements of second-
ary importance. In these battles the
Russians were invariably victorious, with
the result that the Turkish forces are de-
moralized and in some cases have lost
their effectiveness."

AUSTRIAN RETREAT TERRIBLE TRAGEDY

Times Correspondent Describes as
Awful Scene of Huge Army of
Invaders Leaving Serbia.

SERBS AROUSE ADMIRATION

Reports Reaching Rome Stir Inter-
est of Citizens There for the
Great Suffering the Troops
Are Undergoing.

LONDON, Dec. 17.—A correspondent of
the Times, who journeyed over the path
of the great Austrian retreat from Serbia,
telegraphs from Valjevo as follows:
"There are a myriad of evidences of the
completeness of the great debacle which
far surpasses similar incidents in the
Balkan war.
"The retreat is a terrible tragedy. The
roads along which the Austrians fled are
littered with corpses and impediments of
every description. What impresses one
most is the appalling filth which the Aus-
trians left behind them. The hospitals
containing their wounded are in a posi-
tional state.
"It is impossible to enter many of the
towns owing to the stench. The Serbians
are busily engaged in trying to restore
order."

Land the Serbians.
ROME, Dec. 17.—It is difficult to say
whether the news reaching here from
Serbia is arousing greater degrees of
sympathy for the heroic qualities of the
Serbian people than it does pity for their
sufferings.
While the assistance and sympathy of
the entire world has gone out to carry
relief to the Belgians, to the French peo-
ple, to the Poles and to the people of
Gallia, nobody seems to realize that in
today's Serbia, and the cold weather are
daily finding more victims than do the
bullets of the Austrian soldiers. The con-
ditions in Serbia are such that the
wounded die unattended on the battle-
fields and are abandoned in isolated vil-
lages.
There is a lack of ambulances, of doc-
tors and of nurses, of medicines and of
surgical instruments, even of bandages
and disinfectants. In several Serbian vil-
lages there are today over 1,000 wounded
in each community. In some cases one
single doctor has fewer than 1,000 men
in his care.

ALL ENGLAND IS STIRRED BY RAID ON COAST TOWNS

Another Attack is Expected and En-
tire Machinery of Coast De-
fense is in Motion.

SEVENTY-FOUR PERSONS DEAD

Maximum Estimate of Number Seri-
ously Wounded is About One
Hundred and Fifty.

DEAL AND DOVER ARE AWAKE

Arrangements Are Being Perfected
to Send All Civilians to In-
land Points.

GERMAN FEAT NOT BELITTLED

Successful Venture Through Mine-
laden Fields Great Feat.

DRIVES HOME HORROR OF WAR

Emergency Committees Are at Work
Everywhere and Steps Are Be-
ing Taken to Organize a
National Guard.

Enough Submarines Could Have Stopped Raid, Says Fiske

WASHINGTON, Dec. 17.—An "ade-
quate" number of British submarines
might have repelled the German cruisers
which raided the English coast yester-
day, Rear Admiral Fiske, aide for opera-
tions, told the house naval committee at
today's hearing on the needs of the sea
defenses.
"If the British had a sufficient num-
ber of submarines they could have stood
off the cruisers," he said. "If the Ger-
man vessels were going fast, however, it
would be very hard for submarines to
stand them off. If the British had had a
dozen or fifteen submarines at Hartlepool
they would have been pretty hard to
teakle."

NOT ADMINISTRAT'N BUT HITCHCOCK BILL

Wilson and Bryan Hasten to Assure
England that They Don't Fear
Anti-Arms Export Bill.

NEBRASKAN WON'T COMMENT

Ambassador Paige Cables Washing-
ton Regarding Probable Out-
come of Attempted Leg-
islation.

WASHINGTON, Dec. 17.—Assurances
have been given the British government
by the State department that the bill in-
troduced by Senator Hitchcock to prohibit
entirely the export of munitions of war
and arms and war supplies to belligerent
countries was not fathered by the adminis-
tration.
Ambassador Spring-Rice inquired about
proposed legislation and was told by
Secretary Bryan that it was not intro-
duced at the suggestion of the executive
branch of the government. American
Ambassador Paige in London, who called
to ask about the probable outcome of the
attempt at such legislation, also was ad-
vised that the administration in presenting
the bill.
Secretary Bryan declined today to make
any comment upon the merits of the bill
and no other official of the administra-
tion had discussed it.

Hall County May Ask Governor to Rescind Belgian Aid Request

GRAND ISLAND, Neb., Dec. 17.—(Spe-
cial Telegram.)—The county board is
discussing a resolution requesting Gov-
ernor Morshead to rescind his proclama-
tion for a relief movement for Belgians
on the theory that many Nebraska towns
and counties have more poor and needy
families than usual. No action has
however, thus far been taken.
The city council passed an ordinance
and ordered its strict enforcement against
all card lotteries in stores and pool
rooms. The ordinance prohibiting pool
rooms was passed on Sundays passed the
third reading.

Fifteen Transports Land British Troops Every Day at Havre

(Correspondence of the Associated Press)
HAVRE, Dec. 17.—Thousands of British
troops are arriving here daily on trans-
ports and are being moved to the north
as rapidly as possible. The British are
making the port of Havre their main
base of supplies. On the average, fifteen
British transports arrive daily here from
Southampton.
Large camps have been leased on the
heights along the Seine for periods vary-
ing from two to three years and barracks
are being built. Extensive supply depots
have been established here.

The Day's War News

Seventy-four persons were killed
and 147 wounded, according to the
best figures now available, in the
raid on the east coast of England
Wednesday by German warships.

The success of the Germans in
making their way past the line of
British warships and through mine
fields, and in escaping after the
bombardments, leads England to
expect another attack, preparations
for which are under way.
Berlin is elated and the news-
papers there hint that Wednes-
day's exploit may be the prelude
to greater events on the sea.

Germany's new plan for the opera-
tions against the Russian armies
is unfolding gradually. Petrograd
dispatches say that the Austro-
German flanking operations in the
Carpathian mountains and on the
Vistula are being conducted on a
large scale and that they threaten
Russian lines of communication.

Russia's Caucasus army is having
frequent encounters with the
Turks, but official statements are
at such sharp variance that it is
difficult to form an opinion as to
what is happening.

One of the greatest victories of
the war is claimed by Germany.
The Berlin official statement con-
tains these words: "The Russian
offensive against both Silesia and
Posen has been completely broken
down. In the whole of Poland the
enemy was forced to retreat after
fierce and stubborn frontal battles
and is being pursued everywhere."

Four steamers were sunk by
mines off the east coast of Eng-
land in the territory covered
Wednesday by the raiding German
warships. These vessels were
said in England to have scattered
mines to cover their retreat.

According to an official statement
given out today, fifty-five persons
met death in the Hartlepool, while
115 were wounded. At Scarborough
seventeen dead and thirty wounded
was the toll. Both of the last un-
official estimates place the Whitby
casualties at two dead and two
wounded. Of the Hartlepool casu-
alties seven of the dead were soldiers,
while of the wounded fourteen men
belonged to the military. The maxi-
mum of wounded is close to 150
persons. This does not include the
slightly wounded civilians, who band-
aged their own hurts and left town
on the first train.

All England is Astir.
Bristling with wrath and resentment
at this attack on unprotected towns, Eng-
land is astir today as never before since
war was declared. Another raid is con-
fidently expected and the entire machinery
of home defense has been put into mo-
tion. On the east and the southwest
coast of England emergency committees
are at work, while in London plans to
organize a national guard of men too old
for military service are under way.

Although to the British mind a raid
on London seems remote, yesterday's
episode drove home the realities of war
as little else could. Arrangements have
been made at Deal and Dover to ex-
pedite the removal of the civilian popu-
lation in case of an attack. These mea-
sures are primarily to forestall any panic
or congestion on the railroads and
thoroughfares which might impede mili-
tary movements.

Through wireless telegraphy Berlin
promptly heard of the outcome of the
visit of German cruisers to the English
(Continued on Page Two, Column Five.)

Who Wants Some Furniture Cheap?

You can often pick up some
splendid bargains in the "For
Sale" columns of The Bee.

People are frequently compelled by circumstan- ces to sacrifice the furnis- ings of a whole house in or- der to raise money quickly.

The lucky person is the one
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and who acts quickly. If
you want to be that one, read
the "For Sale" column of The
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GERMAN STEAMER SUNK IN BLACK SEA BY RUSS CRUISER

PETROGRAD (Via London), Dec. 17.—
It was officially announced today that
the steamer Doronic of the German Lov-
ens line was found navigating off the
Turkish coast near Kerass and was
sunk by a Russian warship after all on
board the merchantman had been ordered
to leave. Only two Turkish officers and
twelve soldiers obeyed the order and the
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