

**THE EUROPEAN WAR A YEAR AGO THIS WEEK**

**Jan. 17, 1915.**  
 Allies took German trenches in Belgium and closed in on Lille. Russians took Kirilbaba pass in Bukovina and pushed along right bank of Vistula. Germans were pushed back on Piotsk. Turkish corps was cut to pieces in the Caucasus. Antiwar demonstration in Vienna; Czech editor executed for treason.

**Jan. 18, 1915.**  
 Fierce fighting took place at La Basselle. Germans occupied Kielce and Russians fell back to Radom. Piotsk evacuated by the Germans. Paris darkened at night by police order.

**Jan. 19, 1915.**  
 French advanced in attempt to cut off St. Mihiel. German airships dropped bombs on Ya-mouth, King's Lynn, and other English towns, killing four persons. French in forest of Le Pretre within ten miles of Metz. Austrian army flanked by Russians in Bukovina.

**Jan. 20, 1915.**  
 British troops captured Freydinghuysen. Russians drove back Austrians in Hungary and marched on Jacobeni. Dutch naval patrol boat sunk by mine, five men drowned. Governor of Cracow ordered partial evacuation of the city.

**Jan. 21, 1915.**  
 Germans repulsed in the Ardennes woods by French and Belgians. French retook trenches at Notre Dame de Lorette. Germans retook the forest of Le Pretre. Russians renewed their offensive against Miawa. Austrians routed Russians from intrenchments along the Donajec. German cruiser Karlsruhe reported off Porto Rico. Allied airmen dropped bombs on Essen.

**Jan. 22, 1915.**  
 Fierce fighting in Hartmannsweilerkopf region. New Russian army neared Prussian border. Russian invasion of Hungary was halted. German submarine sank British Steamer Durward. Maj. Gen. Sain Hughes began enlisting third Canadian contingent. Russia ordered expulsion of Austrian and German subjects.

**Jan. 23, 1915.**  
 German troops were massed in Hungary. Russians made further advance in the north. German airmen dropped bombs on Dunkirk. Mme. Grouitch came to America seeking seeds for Serbians. Germans renewed their activity near Ypres and bombarded left wing of allies. Severe battle in the Argonne region. German supply ship was sunk by Australian cruiser. Italian vice-consul at Liege dismissed by Germans for aiding Belgians.

**TAKEN FROM EXCHANGES**

In Sweden a mile is 11,690 yards. Scotland has the longest bridge in the world—the Tay, two miles and 70 yards in length. It is said that a humming bird when stripped of its feathers is no larger than a bumble bee. A duster made of cheesecloth, soaked in turpentine and then dried, will accumulate dust instead of scattering it. The Cape Cod canal is now restricted to boats of less than 18 feet draft. It will soon be deepened to a 35-foot waterway. A Russian inventor claims to have perfected a motor that can safely utilize electricity drawn from storm clouds. A partitioned gravy dish has been invented that permits fat gravy to be poured from one side and lean from the other. The governments of both Denmark and Sweden are investigating a recent discovery of coal on the island of Bornholm, a Danish possession close to the Swedish coast. So that bicyclists will not have to wear trouser guards a North Carolina has invented a large disk to be attached to the outside of the forward sprocket of a wheel. The needless infantile death rate owing to neglect and ignorance costs this country \$3,000,000 a day. One of the famous carillons of Flanders, a magnificent chime of bells, has been transferred to the English village of Cattistock, where great interest is taken in the frequent concerts for which its use is made of them. The fossil of an elephant that is being excavated from a gravel bed near Chatham England is declared to have supported the carcass of an "elephant antiquus" of the early pleistocene period, a pony little runt of a beast but a trifle larger than a mammoth.

**FOUR KILLED ON U. S. SUBMARINE**

**Explosion Occurs on the E-2 in Dry Dock.**

**AT NEW YORK NAVY YARD**

**Ten Others Hurt; Five Dangerously. Marylanders Among Those Injured—Investigation Is Started.**

New York—Four men were killed and ten others injured, five of them dangerously, in an explosion which occurred on the submarine E-2 while the craft was undergoing repairs in drydock at the New York Navy Yard. One of the men killed was an enlisted electrician and the other three civilian workers. At least three of the ten now in hospitals are not expected to live. Although the detonation was terrific, the submarine itself from the outside shows none of the effects of the explosion, the second fatal accident of its kind in the history of the United States Navy. The apparatus was badly shattered, but so tight was the vessel's shell there was no means of escape for gas which accumulated, and it was more than an hour after the blast before the work of recovering the bodies could be completed. A ladder was blown up through the conning tower and fell 160 feet away. Gas Drives Back Rescuers. The injured men and one body were removed soon after the accident, but three bodies far down in the craft could not be reached until the gas had been blown out by compressed air. Soon after the explosion several naval officers led a rescue party into the drydock, but were partly overcome by gas fumes when they attempted to descend into the vessel. It was then that compressed air pipes were run into the shell and the gas forced out. The number of men inside the submarine at the time of the explosion is not definitely known. About 20 were working on the craft, but all of them were not on the underwater boat at the same time. It is not thought possible that anyone who was inside could have escaped injury. Doubt As To Cause. What caused the explosion has not been definitely decided. Rear-Admiral Nathaniel R. Usher, commandant of the navy yard, after an examination of the craft and questioning workmen who had been near by, declined to express an opinion. He said: "The men were at work in the battery compartment of the E-2, discharging the new Edison batteries through a rheostat to measure the voltage and the explosion occurred in that compartment while they were working there. The battery will generate no kind of gas and there was no gasoline on board. The engine was of the oil-burning Diesel type." Pending the appointment of an official board of inquiry by the Navy Department, Rear-Admiral Usher named a temporary investigating committee. Had New Batteries. The E-2 was the only vessel in the world equipped with the Edison nickel batteries and she made her first trip successfully with them on December 7 last. It was reported that the new batteries gave better speed with less fuel. There were three other submarines in the drydock, but there were about 50 feet from the E-2, which had been undergoing repairs since December 30. There were no torpedoes or gasoline aboard any of them.

**BRITISH LOSSES HEAVY.**

**Total Of Officers Killed, Wounded and Missing Is 22,081.**  
 London.—Officers casualty lists for the month of December show that the British army in that month lost 275 officers killed, 638 wounded and 17 missing, a total of 930. Deducting from the wounded and missing totals a number since included in killed, the total losses from the beginning of the war to the end of December, 1915, are 6,847 killed, 13,489 wounded and 1,745 missing, a total of 22,081. During December four brigade general received wounds and are included in the casualty lists for the month. Losses have been heaviest in the Indian contingent during the month, 35 having been killed, 75 wounded and 3 missing; the royal field artillery had 12 killed, 43 wounded; engineers, 12 killed and 37 wounded; Yorkshires, 8 killed, 25 wounded; Lancashires, 11 killed, 24 wounded; Australians, 13 killed, 24 wounded; Canadian, 10 killed, 29 wounded. Losses in many other regiments run into double figures.

**FORD PARTY SAILS.**

**Peace Delegates Leave 30 Members At The Hague.**

The Hague, via London.—The American members of the Ford peace mission, except those associated with the permanent peace board, sailed from Rotterdam aboard the steamer Rotterdam for New York. A great crowd assembled on the wharves and cheered as the steamer departed.

**INTERVENTION IN MEXICO URGED**

**The Massacre of Americans Arouses Congress.**

**SITUATION VERY SERIOUS**

**Lansing Telegraphs Demand For Capture and Punishment Of Bandits Who Slew Americans—Details Of Outrage.**

Washington.—Congress was swept by a wave of impassioned indignation over the killing of American citizens by Mexican bandits near Chihuahua. Demands for action came from minority members, and while the Administration leaders counseled patience, even Senator Stone, chairman of the Senate Foreign Relations Committee, admitted that if Carranza after a fair trial failed to protect foreigners in Mexico intervention was inevitable. Secretary Lansing, with the approval of President Wilson, dispatched to Consul Silliman at Queretaro for presentation to General Carranza a note denouncing the slaying of Americans near Chihuahua by Mexican bandits, and calling upon the head of the de facto government for the immediate pursuit, capture and punishment of the perpetrators of the deed. Wilson Unshaken By Storm. There was no indication that the United States would take any action in the case beyond its demand for the apprehension and punishment of the outlaws, or at the most to hold General Carranza responsible for the murders if it is shown that his officials were negligent in providing protection for the party. Notwithstanding the outburst of attacks upon the Administration in Congress, probably unequaled since the Huerta crisis two years ago, there was no outward sign that President Wilson was being influenced to alter his policy. Arrangements for bringing the bodies of the slain men to the United States were made early in the day. After several messages had been exchanged, Secretary Lansing was advised from El Paso that General Gavra and Consul Garcia, of the de facto government, had arranged for a special funeral train. Dispatches from El Paso also said that Carranza troops already were in pursuit of the bandits. General Gavra, it was stated, had sent soldiers to the south from Juarez, while General Trevino was said to have sent another force west from Chihuahua.

**"TAKE HIM," SAID WIFE TO U. S.**

**But Marine Sergeant Turned "Good Fighting Man" Down.**

Syracuse, N. Y.—"Take him; I freely consent to his enlistment and recommend him to you as a good fighting man. However, if he serves his country like he serves his wife, God save this noble land of ours." So wrote a Horseheads (N. Y.) wife to Sgt. Frank X. Bleicher, in charge of the local recruiting station of the United States Marine Corps, in reply to his letter inquiring if she had objection to the enlistment of her spouse in the service of Uncle Sam's sea soldiers. William L. Roupe, of Washington, was shot and fatally wounded by his wife during a quarrel, after which he made his will, leaving the whole of his large estate to her, saying that he forgave her for giving him his death wound. At the coroner's inquest Mrs. Roupe was held on a murder charge for the February term of court, she being the first woman in the 125 years of Washington county history to face trial on that charge. William K. Baird, manager, and Ross Kline, clerk, of Armour & Co., Altoona branch, were convicted in Blair county court of selling cold storage eggs as fresh eggs. The case consumed two days and was bitterly fought. The jury's verdict is important to the Dairy and Food Department, for the reason that it recognizes the State's standard of analysis to determine the age of an egg. Secretary of Agriculture Patton attended the trial.

**NEAR-BEER SALOONS CLOSE.**

**Anticipate Atlanta "Dry" Law Effective May 1.**

Atlanta.—Approximately half the 164 near-beer saloons in Atlanta either had their doors closed Tuesday or will close within the next few days, according to an announcement made at the office of the City Clerk. New prohibition laws becoming effective May 1 may abolish near-beer saloons and locker clubs.

**EX-JACKIE KILLS THREE WOMEN.**

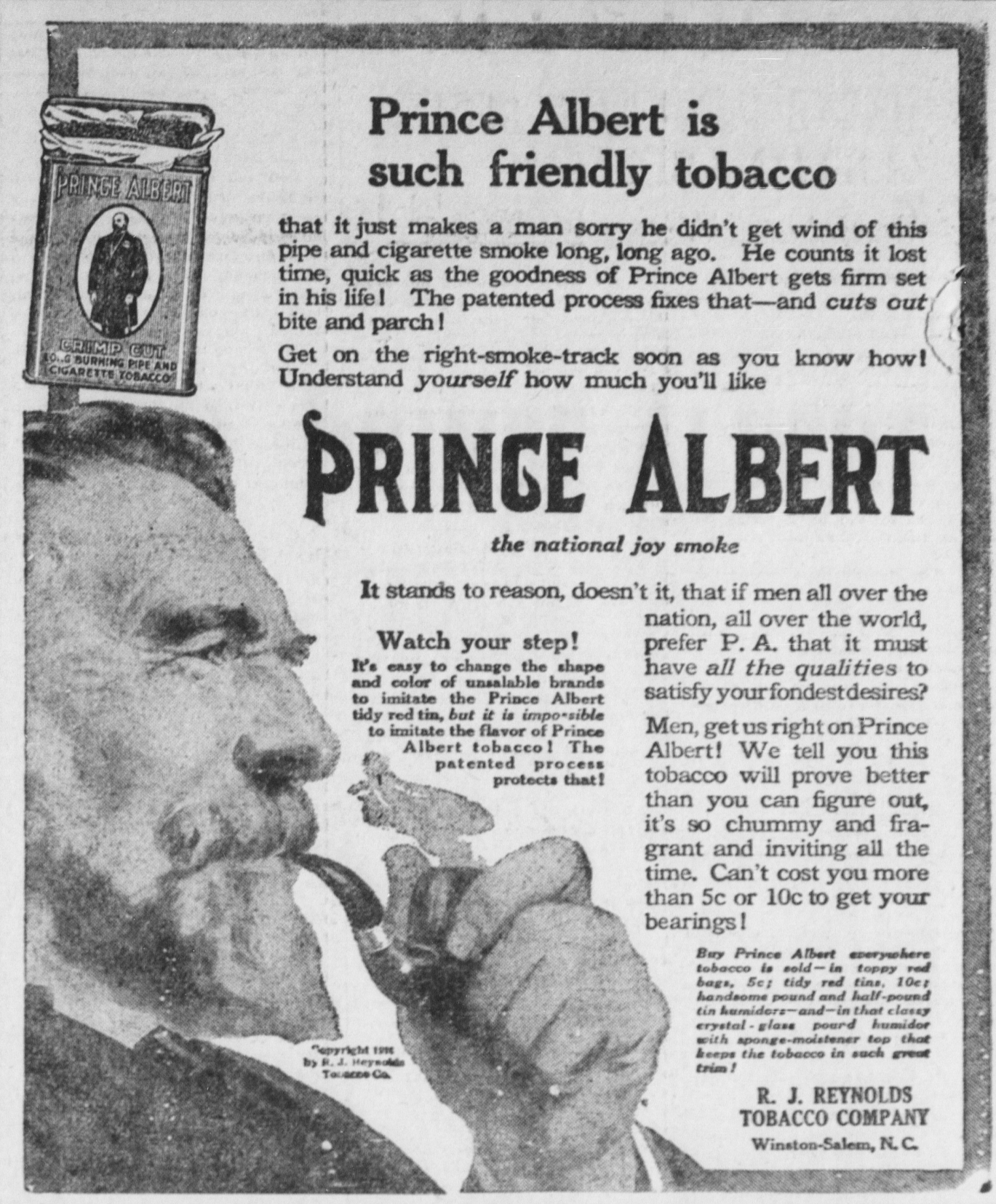
**Dishonorably Discharged Sailor Then Commits Suicide.**

San Francisco.—Floyd Peyser, a dishonorably discharged United States sailor, murdered Mrs. Marjorie Hill, with whom he was infatuated, here. After shooting her dead he also killed her mother, Mrs. G. W. Evans, and her sister, Mrs. Irene White, and then shot and killed himself.

**STEEL ORDERS PILE UP.**

**7,806,220 Tons On Books Of U. S. Corporation On December 31 Last.**

New York.—The United States Steel Corporation reported unfilled orders on its books on December 31 of 7,806,220 tons, as compared with 7,189,487 on November 30 and 3,836,843 on December 31, 1914.



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**KEYSTONE STATE IN SHORT ORDER**

**Latest News Happenings Gathered From Here and There.**

**TOLD IN SHORT PARAGRAPHS**

Eugene Finch and Con Hanley, both of Lattimer, were killed by black damp in the Lattimer mines of Pardoe Brothers & Co., Incorporated, while fighting the fire which broke out in one of the slopes early in December. Finch was fifty years old and Hanley twenty. The blaze is under control, but still giving trouble.

That a good wife is the most essential thing on the farm was the decision of Hemlock Grange at Buckhorn, following a discussion on the subject in which all the members participated. Most of the unmarried members thought muscle and good management the most essential.

Alderman Charles K. Melville, of Chester, one of the oldest newspaper men in that section, just has been elected president of the Magistrates' Association of Chester, Philadelphia, Montgomery and Delaware counties, formerly the Four-County Magistrates' Association.

Governor Brumbaugh and Secretary of Agriculture Patton were invited to address the Bradford county farmers' meeting at Towanda, on March 1. A delegation of Bradford countians, headed by M. S. Jennings, extended the invitation.

For the first time in a quarter of a century, Chester's Chief Executive will have regular office hours. Mayor McDowell announced that he always could be found at his office in City Hall between 9 and 12 o'clock in the morning.

The State Sinking Fund has purchased \$150,000 of bonds of various boroughs for the new State Fire Insurance Fund. They all have been investigated and are declared to be gilt-edged.

James Sweeney, Chief of the State Bureau of Standards, has received word that Clearfield, Bedford and Monroe counties and DuBois and Cory cities have appointed Sealers of Weights and Measures.

Dauphin County Commissioners were given a shock when State factory inspectors condemned the elevator in use in the Harrisburg Court House. It is about a quarter of a century old.

Governor Brumbaugh appointed George G. Myer as Alderman of Coatesville, and Horace Orwig, Millinburg, as a trustee of the State Hospital for the Insane, at Danville.

A pair of Pencil Hamburgs, hatched from eggs brought to America on the last westward voyage of the Lusitania, were the feature of the fourth annual poultry show at Johnstown.

Helen Roche, sixteen years old, daughter of Mrs. A. Roche, of Chester, has been missing from her home two days. The girl took all the money in the house, according to the police, and packed her clothing.

Because of the large amount of orders on hand, all of the larger shops in Waynesboro have night forces of men. The town's factories are busier than for many years.

**INDUSTRIAL BOARD FAVORS INSPECTORS**

**Casualty Men With Certificates May Pass On Boilers and Elevators.**

Harrisburg.—The State Industrial Board announced that inspections of boilers and elevators made by inspectors of casualty companies who have passed the examinations of the State Department of Labor and Industry will be accepted by the State. The Commissioner of Labor will name a committee of three experts to supervise the tests. The board also announced hearings in Philadelphia on the proposed code for safety and sanitation in the textile and electrical industries February 1. Arrangements have been made for the board's Fire Prevention Committee to confer with those in charge of the investigation into such subjects being conducted by Bryn Mawr College, whose alumnae have established a fund for study of fire prevention.

**Prices Of Foodstuffs**

Investigation into foodstuffs prices paid by the people of Pennsylvania in December, which was conducted by the State Department of Agriculture through 800 crop reporters throughout the State, has shown remarkable variations. Eggs, which were bringing an average of 47 cents in Lackawanna county and 45 and 46 cents in Philadelphia and Allegheny, were selling for the low average of 29 cents a dozen in Green and 32 cents in Indiana county. Delaware and Montgomery farmers got an average of 40 cents a pound for butter and in Fulton 25 cents was the average price, with Franklin, Bedford and Greene getting 27. Lambs sold for \$7 in Montgomery and for \$6.50 in Dauphin, but brought only \$2.55 in Washington, Lancaster, the garden county of the State, had to pay an average of 32 cents a pound for holiday turkeys, dressed. Dauphin, Northampton and Schuylkill paid 31 and Berks, Montgomery and Westmoreland, 30 cents, Adams getting only 22 cents. Schuylkill paid the most for live turkeys. Potatoes, which sell around 64 cents in Lancaster and Somerset, and 67 in Berks, were 94 in Allegheny and Beaver, and \$1.10 in Cameron. Hay ranged from \$20 a ton in Luzerne to \$12 in Tioga and \$13.50 in Butler.

**Plans For West Chester Armyory.**

The State Armyory Board authorized plans for the new armyory at West Chester and directed improvements to be made to the York and Lebanon armyories. The committee in charge of work at the Artillery Armyory in Pittsburgh was directed to secure confirmation of the deed and plans will be made later.

**Action Against Loan Society.**

The Attorney General's Department has brought an action in equity to restrain the State Capital Savings and Loan Association, of Harrisburg, from issuing full paid stock.