



TRADE IN NATION, STATE AND CITY "COMING BACK"

Slow But Steady Improvement in Varied Lines of Business and Manufactures.

Philadelphia and Pennsylvania Share in Gradual Return to Normal Conditions, Which Promise to Extend to Prosperity Wave.

Stimulus Visible in Every Branch of Activity—Many Centres of Industry Show Themselves Alive to Existing Opportunities and Certainty of Further Growth.

Business in the United States is slowly climbing back to the records made in its best years of "good times." Money is "loosening up." The huge industrial plants of the East are getting busier every day.

Pennsylvania is getting her share of this increased industrial activity, according to reports from nine of the most important mill and factory centres in the State, the barometers of the country.

A nation-wide canvass of industry taken by agents of the Government was reported to the President a week ago by Secretary of Commerce Redfield.

GRADUAL IMPROVEMENT HERE.

Industrial and trade conditions in Philadelphia are improving. They are below normal—any attempt to dissemble that fact would be as futile as it would be short sighted, but they are changing, and their trend is certainly upward.

That is the composite opinion of Philadelphia manufacturers and merchants as they expressed it to the Evening Ledger. It is a conservative opinion, given with infinite care—which is the only kind of opinion worth giving, worth writing, worth publishing and worth reading.

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THE WEATHER



CLOUDY

Now, bromides, one, two, three, all together. "It was a wonderful day overhead but not so good underfoot." Then we feel better.

FORECAST

For Philadelphia and vicinity—Generally cloudy and somewhat unsettled tonight and Tuesday; warmer tonight; moderate southerly winds.

Table with weather observations for Philadelphia and the Pacific Coast.

Lamps to Be Lighted

Table listing street names and lamp lighting times.

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WILLARD WINS FIGHT

Willard knocked out Johnson in the twenty-sixth round.

ROUND TEN—Willard forced the fighting and landed his left to Johnson's face. Johnson drove Willard to the ropes with body punches.

ROUND ELEVEN—Johnson landed on Willard's body. They clinched. Willard returned a right to the body.

ROUND TWELVE—Johnson went after Willard and landed two to the body. Willard missed a terrific right to the head.

ROUND THIRTEEN—Johnson came out apparently fresh. He rushed at Willard and began raining lefts and rights.

ROUND FOURTEEN—Willard began rushing the fighting in the fourteenth round. He carried the fight into the champion's corner.

ROUND FIFTEEN—Johnson again forced the fighting. He drove Willard to the ropes with punches to the body.

ROUND SIXTEEN—Johnson still going after Willard. He got strong, landed a left to the face, but Johnson drove the challenger right to the head.

ROUND SEVENTEEN—Both fighters stalled and clinched at the start. The Kansan landed a right to the body.

ROUND EIGHTEEN—Willard forcing the fighting. He swung for Johnson's head, but the negro ducked and landed three body blows.

BRITISH BATTLESHIP SUNK BY TURK FORTS, SAYS BERLIN REPORT

Lord Nelson Goes Ashore Inside Dardanelles and Is Pounded to Pieces by Shells—Flagship of Admiral Burney.

BERLIN, April 5. A dispatch from Athens, issued by the official German News Agency, reports that the British battleship Lord Nelson was destroyed by the fire of the Turkish guns after stranding inside the Dardanelles.

Thirty thousand troops have been landed by the Allies on the Island of Lemnos in preparation for a new attack on the Dardanelles, according to a dispatch received from Athens today.

Russia's bombardment of the Bosphorus forts was a failure, as was also its attack on the Euxine coasting ports.

GERMANY MUST PAY FOR FRYE, U. S. DEMANDS IN NOTE

WASHINGTON, April 5.—The note of the United States to the German Government demanding indemnity for the sinking of the William P. Frye by the German raider Prinz Eitel Friedrich given out at the State Department today asks an indemnity of \$28,000.

"JOHNSON TO WIN"—SUNDAY

Evangelist Expects Negro to "Kick Tar Out of Willard." [FROM A STAFF CORRESPONDENT.] PATERSON, N. J., April 5.—"Old Black Johnson's going to lick the tar out of Willard." That was "Billy" Sunday's prediction with regard to the outcome of the big battle in Havana.

RUSSIANS HAMMER AT CARPATHIAN KEY TO HUNGARY PLAINS

Slavs Deliver Smashing Assault on Uszok Pass Defenses—Austria Admits Retreat From Beskids, Slavs Win at Dukla.

Russian troops, already in possession of the Beskid range of the Carpathians and the defiles of the Dukla Pass, are now hurling vast columns upon the defenses of Uszok Pass.

French troops have advanced in the Woerze region, says Paris, and taken possession of the town of Regneville, east of Pont-a-Mousson.

The Germans repulsed Belgian troops who tried to regain the village of Drei Grachten, on the west bank of the Yser Canal, which the Germans had just occupied, according to an official report from Berlin.

AUSTRIAN DEFENDERS FORCED TO RETIRE IN CARPATHIANS

Slav Przemysl Army Delivers Smashing Attack in Beskid Passes. VIENNA, April 5. Austrian troops have been forced from their positions of defense in the Beskid range of the Carpathians.

SLAVS HURL MIGHTY FORCE AT USZOK PASS DEFENSES

Desperate Assault Preluding Hungarian Sweep Follows Beskid Triumph. PETROGRAD, April 5. With Russian troops holding the Beskid Mountains and Austrian forces in retreat southward, mighty columns are being hurled at the defenses of Uszok Pass today, to clear away the last obstacle to a general advance into the plains of Hungary.

CLAY TRIAL CALLED AND JURY IS CHOSEN AFTER LONG CONTEST

Former Director and Contractors Wiggins and Walls Face Court for Second Time in Fight to Keep Out of Jail.

After three hours' questioning 12 jurors were chosen today for the second trial of former Director of Public Safety Henry Clay and Contractors John R. Wiggins and William H. Wall.

The jury members of the jury will be kept under lock and key each night in the jury room until the trial is finished.

The jury was finally chosen as follows: Foreman, Arthur Ralston, clerk, 297 North 11th street; No. 2, Frank Herman, 309 Orkney street; No. 3, Samuel Sloyer, restaurant keeper, 145 East Cumberland street; No. 4, Samuel Wallace, grocer, 16 North 21st street; No. 5, John Melligan, yardman for P. R. T. Co., 865 South Hancock street; No. 6, Charles A. Hoffman, Jr., costumer, 5148 Walnut street; No. 8, Charles Kelly, bricklayer, 3429 North Phillip street; No. 9, Alexander Patton, painter, 418 North 23d street; No. 10, William J. Mowbray, machinist, 1223 Kenilworth street; No. 11, John P. Hogan, dealer, 233 North 13th street; No. 12, Martin Foley, Sr., cigar store, 202 North Fifth street.

TWO SUBMARINES WRECKED BY BRITISH AIRMEN'S BOMBS

French War Office Announces Success of Hoboken Raid. PARIS, April 5. Two German submarines were destroyed, a third damaged and the German submarine yards at Hoboken, near Antwerp, gutted by fire when British airmen bombed the submarine works on March 28, the War Office announced this afternoon.

Hint of Jack Johnson's Arrest

CHICAGO, April 5.—Uncle Sam was represented at the ringside at Havana by several Federal secret service agents. Federal District Attorney Cline made this announcement shortly before the fight in a mysterious manner.

BIG CROWD TURNS OUT TO SEE ATHLETICS PLAY

Game With Cleveland at Asheville to Be Played Regardless of Cold. ASHEVILLE, N. C., April 5.—The weather was cold and clear, and a big crowd turned out to see the Athletics-Cleveland game, Bresler, Davis and Lapp will be the Athletics' battery.

Judge Relistab Imposes Sentence for Repeating. TRENTON, N. J., April 5.—The Central Railroad of New Jersey was today fined the sum of \$200,000 in the United States District Court, by Judge Relistab, after being convicted of rebating to the Lehigh Coal and Navigation Company.

CURFEW WILL NOT RING

Police Gives Up Plan to Arrest Unaccompanied Children at Night. The curfew shall not ring tonight. The old poem had it right after all.

LOST AND FOUND

LOST—OR wages gone from 17th and Spring Garden sts. to 6th and Arch sts. small box containing medicine (Hess's) (Chalmers). Liberal reward. James Nolan, 607 Arch st.

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