

REIGN OF TERROR IS FEARED AS ARMED REFUGEES FLEE AFTER 'WAR BRIDE' TOWN FIRE

Authorities Unite at Hopewell to Try to Prevent Mischief by the Homeless

Dragnet Out to Divest Them of Their Weapons as Fast as They Can Be Apprehended.

Reports of German Bomb Plots Are Denied by Major Bowles, in Charge of the Militia—No Confirmation of Lynching of Negro

HOPEWELL, Va., Dec. 10.—State militia, the police of several cities, and the private constabulary of the du Pont powder plant joined forces today to prevent a reign of terror throughout eastern Virginia.

Hundreds Wander Aimlessly, Their Homes and Money Gone

Eastern Virginia is threatened with a reign of terror following the fire which made 10,000 persons homeless and caused \$2,000,000 damage in Hopewell, the boom city where the du Pont powder plant is situated.

Two Fires Startle the Southeast

Two fires within a block of each other, within 30 minutes, startled the southeast section of the city today.

COLDEST DAY OF 1915

Made So Not by Temperature, but by 18-hour Wind From Northwest

But the reason the air is colder today than was December 5, when the mercury shrunk down to 36 degrees.

Skating enthusiasts, who looked for enough ice to support them on the lakes of Fairmount and Hunting Parks today, were disappointed.

Held on Charge of Assaulting Man

William Cannella, a professional ball player, of Washington, was accused today of striking a man over the head with a Belgian block, and was held under \$1000 bail by Magistrate Baker.

SOCIALISTS LAUD GERMANY'S STAND ON PEACE TERMS

Caucus Unites With Other Parties in Accepting Chancellor's Policy

PRESS COMMENDS VIEWS

Sarcasm and Hostility Greet Attitude in Capitals of Entente Powers

Socialist members of the Reichstag decided in party caucus today that the reply of Chancellor von Bethmann-Hollweg to peace queries was entirely satisfactory.

The Berlin press is a unit in stating that the Chancellor, as the Kaiser's spokesman, voiced the universal opinion of Germany concerning a peace policy.

Sarcasm and hostility are the keynote of British editorial comment on Doctor Hollweg's speech.

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FREEDOM OF SEA FOR NEUTRALS IS PLEA IN SENATE

Omit "No Word or Act" to End Blockade, Demands Hoke Smith

ASSAILS BRITISH STAND

Georgia Senator, in Stirring Speech, Insists U. S. Take Vigorous Action

WASHINGTON, Dec. 10.—"The United States must notify Great Britain that it will omit no word or act to enforce its rights upon the high seas."

That was the burden of one of the most sensational speeches ever delivered in Congress, in which Senator Hoke Smith, of Georgia, assailed the British interference with American commerce.

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QUICK NEWS

U. S. NOTE TO AUSTRIA VIRTUALLY AN ULTIMATUM

WASHINGTON, Dec. 10.—America's note to Austria on the Ancona case was virtually an ultimatum, it was learned on high authority today.

BRITISH MAKE STAND AGAINST TURKS ON TIGRIS

AMSTERDAM, Dec. 10.—The British in Mesopotamia have halted their retreat from Bagdad and are making a stand at Kut-el-Amra, an official statement from Constantinople indicated today.

CHARGES OF REBATES TO STEEL CORPORATION GROUNDLESS.

WASHINGTON, Dec. 10.—The Interstate Commerce Commission reported today to the Senate, in response to a resolution by Senator Lane, of Oregon, that the charges of wholesale rebates paid to the United States Steel Corporation were groundless.

FRENCH DRIVE FOES BACK AT ST. SOUPELLET

PARIS, Dec. 10.—The War Office issued the following communique regarding operations on the western front today: "There was not a single important development during the night."

BRITISH DENY WARSHIP VIOLATED U. S. NEUTRALITY

WASHINGTON, Dec. 10.—The British War vessel which chased the Danish steamship Vinland into Newport News several weeks ago did not come nearer than 4 1/2 miles from shore, British Ambassador Spring-Rice told the State Department today.

U. S. SEEKS LIGHT ON SEARCHING OF SHIPS

WASHINGTON, Dec. 10.—The State Department today ordered the Treasury Department to obtain from the collector of the port at San Juan, Porto Rico, an immediate report on the searching of the American steamers Coamo and Carolina by the French cruiser Descaertes.

RUSSIANS CAPTURE PERSIAN PASS; ROUT TURKS

PETROGRAD, Dec. 10.—The War Office announced today that Russian troops operating in Persia had captured Sultan Bulak Pass, thus opening the road to Hamadan.

EXPLOSIVES INVENTOR WAS VICTIM OF PLOT

NEW YORK, Dec. 10.—Robert S. Waddell, noted inventor and developer of high explosives, was killed six months ago in an explosion which destroyed the works of the United States Safety Powder Company, near Louisville.

BRITISH LABOR UNIONS UNITE FOR WAGE BATTLE

LONDON, Dec. 10.—The largest labor organization in the history of England, representing about 2,000,000 men, has been formed for the purpose of offensive or defensive action in matters respecting wages and conditions of work.

COSSACKS CAPTURE GERMAN DIVISION STAFF

PETROGRAD, Dec. 10.—Details have been received of the recent capture of the entire staff of the 82d German Army Division in a daring night raid by a small command of Cossack scouts.

KITCHENER WANTS MORE HORSES FOR ARMY

LONDON, Dec. 10.—Upon the recommendation of Lord Kitchener, who declared that the Government already had expended \$60,000,000 in America for horses, and especially emphasized the fact that one of the main difficulties was in getting animals of good quality, a Government committee reports that the shortage of horses is "a menace to the State."

BRITISH PARLIAMENT TO CONTINUE THROUGHOUT WAR

LONDON, Dec. 10.—A bill to continue the present Parliament beyond the five-year period and postpone a general election during the war has been introduced in the House of Commons by Sir John Simon, Secretary of State for Home Affairs.

NAVI AUSTRIACHE ED ITALIANE IN BATTAGLIA

Una Squadra Nemica Attaccata sulla Costa Albanese dal Duca degli Abruzzi

Telegrammi da Atene dicono che una battaglia navale tra squadre italiane ed austriache si e' svolta giovedi' davanti a San Giovanni di Medua, sulla costa albanese tra Duleigno e Durazzo.

CORN SHOW AT SEAFORD

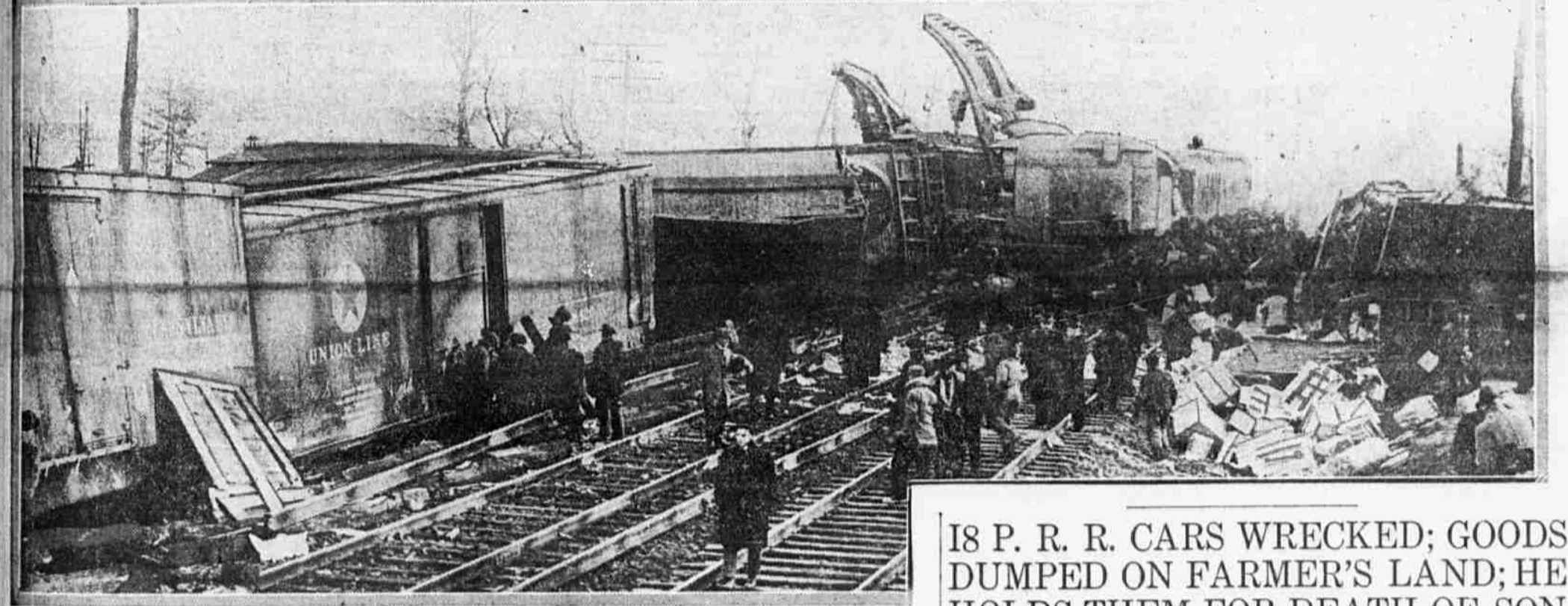
More Specimens of Display This Year Than Last

SEAFORD, Del., Dec. 10.—The ninth annual convention of the Delaware State Corn Show continued this morning in Fennell's Hall.

LOST AND FOUND

WATCH AND PIN—Lady's gold watch and pin, yesterday, from 612 and Columbia ave. to shopping district and back; nurse engraved on dial case "Josephine Burriss." Reward if ret. to 6122 Columbia ave. Tel. 4857. W. B. RHEAFORD.

SECOND WRECK IN TWO WEEKS ON PENNSYLVANIA RAILROAD NEAR CORN WELLS



Within a mile of the wreck of November 29, a freight train left the rails today at Andalusia, and a few minutes later another freight train piled into the debris, causing a smash-up which blocked traffic to New York for several hours.

18 P. R. R. CARS WRECKED; GOODS DUMPED ON FARMER'S LAND; HE HOLDS THEM FOR DEATH OF SON

Refuses to Allow Valuable Freight to Be Moved, Saying Railroad Never Settled for Killing of Young Man Last Year

The wreck on the Pennsylvania Railroad near Andalusia today, which caused the railroad to dump several thousand dollars' worth of valuable freight on his property, is looked upon as an act of Providence by Samuel Crowther, whose son was killed while crossing the railroad near Crocydon last August.

THREAT, INSPIRED BY PETTY SPIE, HALTED BIG LOAN

"Hint" of Interference Given as Reason for Action of Councils

A threat inspired by petty spite was responsible for the abrupt cessation of action by City Councils on the ordinance that, when voted on favorably by the people, would increase the borrowing capacity of the city by \$95,000,000 for public improvements, including the Taylor transit plan.

SAVES CHILDREN FROM FIRE

Mother Leads Her Five Youngsters to Safety—Aunt Gives Alarm in Time

A mother led her five children to safety through a smoke-filled hallway when fire was discovered in a room adjoining the one in which they were playing.

ITALIAN FLEET IN BIG BATTLE WITH AUSTRIAN SQUADRONS MEET OFF COAST OF ALBANIA, SAYS REPORT FROM ATHENS

ATHENS, Dec. 10.—Austrian and Italian naval squadrons are reported in advices received by diplomats here today to have engaged in battle in the Adriatic Sea on Thursday.

WEATHER

Not even the icy blasts of winter cool the ardor of modern bellicents; they have decided to keep up the war if it takes all winter. It was not always thus.

FINED FOR SELLING INFERIOR MILK

BLOOMSBURG, Pa., Dec. 10.—Because their milk and cream were not up to standard, J. W. James and J. K. Heiser were each fined \$5 and costs by J. C. Rutter, Justice of the Peace, upon complaint filed by M. J. Walsh, of Wilkes-Barre, a pure food agent.

FORECAST

For Philadelphia and vicinity—Fair and continued cold tonight; Saturday increasing cloudiness and warmer, probably followed by snow or rain by night; fresh northwest winds diminishing.

DEFEAT CHRISTMAS CARDS

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