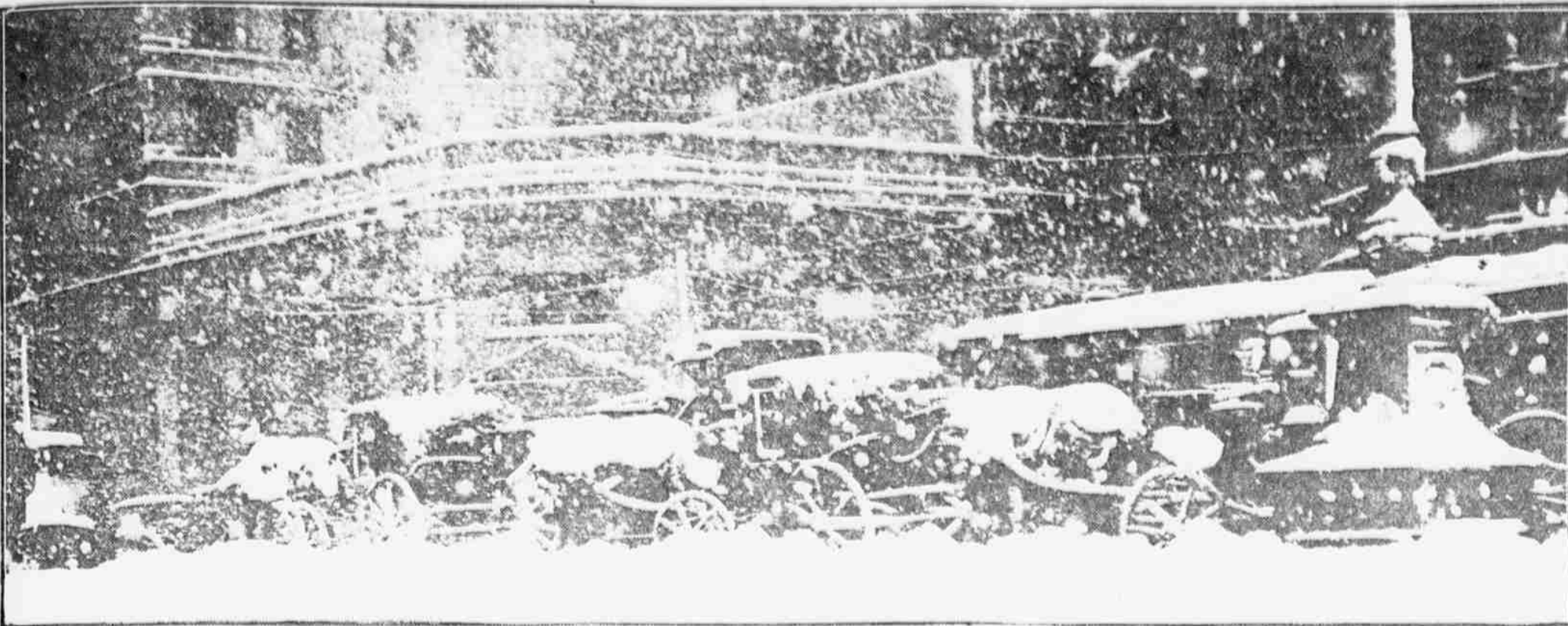




WINTER'S FIRST REAL SNOWSTORM HOLDS CITY IN ITS GRIP



This picture was taken at the height of the storm today by a staff photographer looking up Market street from the west side of City Hall.

RECALL OF AUSTRIAN CHARGE MAY FOLLOW U. S. DEMAND FOR DISAVOWAL OF ANCONA ATTACK

Note to Vienna Virtually an Ultimatum. German Influence May Force Acquiescence to Terms

Many Causes for U. S. Attitude to Austria

The drastic note sent to Vienna on the Ancona case by the United States is the culmination of diplomatic negotiations in a long series of incidents involving representatives of the Austrian Government in this country.

Punishment of Submarine's Commander and Immediate Reply Required—Washington Believes Diplomatic Relations Will Be Preserved

Situation in Balkans Will Probably Prevent Teutons From Taking Issue With America—Refusal to Meet Demands Forethadows Possible War

WASHINGTON, Dec. 13. The interest of the entire United States today is centered on the action Vienna will take in reply to the Ancona note.

With the making public of the Ancona protest, the first brusque document prepared by the United States since the outbreak of hostilities, official and diplomatic circles became aware that the mailed fist had been substituted for the soft hand in dealing with at least one of the belligerents.

Another incident that added to the concern of officials here was a report that Baron Zweidnek, Austrian charge, had asked Secretary Lansing for his passports, following a 45-minute conference between the two officials.

It is accepted that if the will of the Austrian people rules, the Government's demand for a repudiation of the Ancona sinking will be rejected promptly.

WEATHER

Some day the modern city will adopt this plan: It will build a steel wall around the town and a steel roof over it, so that not a particle of fresh air can get in.

For Philadelphia and vicinity—Snow this afternoon; and probably to-night; Tuesday partly cloudy; colder Tuesday night; fresh westerly winds.

NEW POSTOFFICE TO COST \$4,000,000 WINS APPROVAL

Three Sites Are Proposed. Two on Market, One on Arch Street

CONGRESSMEN TO HELP

Definite steps toward obtaining a \$4,000,000 postoffice, adequate to meet the demands of the city's progress, were taken today by Postmaster Thornton, following a visit of Architect Von Netta, of the Treasury Department, who was sent here to look over prospective sites.

The sites under consideration are on the south side of Market street, between 10th and 11th streets, or 11th and 12th streets, and third, on the south side of Arch street, below 11th street.

News of definite action in the direction of acquiring an adequate building was enthusiastically received by business men west of Broad street and real estate dealers, who believe that the proposed building will blaze the trail for a building and real estate boom of immense proportions.

ENEMY'S SWEEP CLEARS SERBIA OF THE ALLIES

"No Free English or French" in Country, Berlin Officially Declares

FALLING BACK IN GREECE

In a little more than two months the combined Austro-German and Bulgarian armies have completely overrun Serbia, capturing or putting the Serbian army to flight and forcing King Peter to flee across the Albanian Mountains.

WOMAN BATTLES WITH THIEF WHO GRABS \$100

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TRAILED FROM BETHLEHEM AFTER FIRE TO THIS CITY, SPY IS CAPTURED AT SEA

Detectives Followed Man Said to Be a German Officer of High Rank to Philadelphia, and British Cruiser, Notified to Chase Liner, Did the Rest

Chronology of a Spy

November 8—Man, who was later trailed from Bethlehem as incendiary spy, books passage on steamship Vauban at Cook Agency in this city.

November 11—Incendiary fire at Bethlehem and Eddystone munitions plants.

November 14—Man believed to be German officer of high rank, trailed from Bethlehem, identified as man who booked on Vauban.

FIRST REAL SNOW HERE; BIG FLAKES STICK FAST AFTER RAINY OUTLOOK

Storm Off Middle Atlantic Coast, Causing Warnings to Navigators, Drives Into the City

TEMPERATURE FREAKISH

Snowflakes of the great, big old-fashioned size that delight the heart of childhood poured down in their billions upon an astonished city today, just when it had resigned itself to a day of rain and slush.

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QUICK NEWS

ALLIES AND GREECE REACH AGREEMENT

SALONICA, Dec. 13.—A satisfactory agreement was reached today by the Anglo-French and Greek military authorities. It calls for the free movement of the expeditionary forces between Salonica and the Greek frontier, the zone through which the Allies are retreating.

GERMANS LOSE POST NEAR RIGA, BERLIN ADMITS

BERLIN, Dec. 13.—Russian troops operating in the Riga region have captured a German post, it was officially admitted this afternoon. "Russian attacks near Vilkia, south of Lake Vygonovskoye, failed," the War Office statement said.

BRITAIN TO INCREASE ECONOMIC PRESSURE ON ENEMY

LONDON, Dec. 13.—Great Britain intends to inflict all economic pressure possible upon Germany in an effort to bring the war to a victorious end, Lord Robert Cecil, Under Secretary for Foreign Affairs, declared in the House of Commons this afternoon.

AT LEAST 3,000,000 ANSWER DERBY'S CALL

LONDON, Dec. 13.—That at least 3,000,000 men have answered Lord Derby's call for volunteers was the report in official circles today, following the close of England's great recruiting campaign.

WOMEN OF FRANCE OPPOSE PEACE WITHOUT VICTORY

PARIS, Dec. 13.—The National Council of French Women, after deciding not to take part in any international political congress during the duration of the war, has issued the following manifesto: "The German women are making demonstrations for peace. We mothers, wives, daughters and sisters who have not lost, but have given up all that is most precious to us, must make demonstrations for war. We must not let a word of peace be uttered until our dear dead are avenged, our country liberated and a great victory achieved. We do not want war for war's sake; we want war for the sake of peace."

TORPEDOED BRITISH SHIP GOES TO BOTTOM

LONDON, Dec. 13.—The British steamship Pine Grove, 2847 tons, has been torpedoed and sunk by a submarine. Twenty-two members of the crew were saved. The Pine Grove was built in 1896 and hailed from Glasgow. It is believed to have been engaged in Government service.

KAISER OPENS MINDEN-HANOVER CANAL

BERLIN, Dec. 13.—The Minden-Hanover Canal, the last link in the Rhine-Hanover waterway, was opened today with quiet ceremonies, only a few officials being present. The Kaiser passed through the new canal in a motorboat followed by a tug, which drew a large number of freight barges.

TEUTON LOSSES IN SERBIA 317,000, SWISS RECKON

GENEVA, Dec. 13.—Swiss experts today estimated the losses of the Central Powers and their allies in the Serbian campaign at 317,000 men killed, wounded or stricken with sickness. In this total they include German, Austrian, Hungarian and Turkish troops.

508 SHIPS SUNK BY U-BOATS

BERLIN, Dec. 13.—German and Austro-Hungarian submarines have sunk 508 vessels, totaling 917,819 tons, the Overseas News Agency announced today.

WRECKED CREW MAY HAVE PERISHED IN BLIZZARD

ST. JOHN'S, N. F., Dec. 13.—Fears are expressed that 29 men of the crew of the British steamship St. Kilda, wrecked Saturday on the west coast of the French Island of Miquelon, perished in a blizzard. They landed on the cliffs, where there is little, if any, shelter. Vessels sent to rescue them have been forced back to port by the gale. The cabin boy was lost when the steamer struck. Six men in a small boat reached St. Pierre.

U. S. TESTS GIANT BATTLE PLANE

MCADVILLE, Mass., Dec. 13.—A large steel battleplane of a new type was given an exhaustive flying test here yesterday by Lieutenant Byron G. Jones, of the United States army, in the presence of other army officers and members of the aviation corps of the Rhode Island National Guard. The new aerial fighting machine is described as twice the size of the ordinary aeroplane, with a torpedo body and two gun turrets. It is built of vanadium steel throughout and is driven by 140-horsepower motors, such as have been sent recently to some of the warring nations in Europe.

BRITISH LINES ON TIGRIS MENACED BY TURKS

BERLIN, Dec. 13.—Advises from Constantinople declare that three British battalions (2000 men) of the army that retreated down the Tigris from the city of Hazard were surrounded by Turkish troops near Kut-el-Amara and surrendered. It is expected that the British will retreat southward from Kut-el-Amara in the near future, as their posts to the rear are in danger of being cut off.

FRENCH SUBMARINE TORPEDES TURK TRANSPORT

LONDON, Dec. 13.—A dispatch to the Exchange Telegraph Company from Athens says a vessel of 8000 tons, has been sunk near Sylliva, in the Sea of Marmora, by a French submarine. The correspondent adds that according to the same report Turkey now possesses only seven transports, the remainder having been sunk by Entente submarines.

I FORTI DI LARDARO BATTUTI DA CADORNA

Operazione di Grande Importanza Compiuta dagli Italiani nella Zona di Bezzecca

Il generale Cadorna ha annunciato che le truppe italiane operanti nella zona compresa tra la valle Giudicaria, persona dal Chiese, e la valle di Conesi, che si riacca dal Chiese a nord di Lardaro e sbocca in Val di Ledro a Bezzecca, zona formata dalle creste di monti di Cadria, hanno completamente conquistato le creste fortificate austriache dalle quali l'artiglieria italiana domina ora alcuni dei cinque forti formanti lo sbarramento della Val Giudicaria a Lardaro.

LOST AND FOUND

FINN—Lost, solitary diamond plain gold bar, 1000 carats, containing 1000 carats, with other contents lost from auto Saturday, 12-13-15, at 10th and Walnut. Reward, \$500. Return to 1312 Spruce St., Philadelphia. M. A. Mazzoni.

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