

BRITAIN FAVORS CHANGE OF CHIEFS ON FRENCH FRONT

Selection of General Haig, Hero of Mons, Enthusiastically Greeted

EXPECT FRENCH RECALL Gradual Retirement of Commanders in Preparation for Spring Drive

LONDON, Dec. 15.—Appointment of Sir Douglas Haig as commander-in-chief of the British forces in France and Belgium was received with enthusiasm here today. With the elevation of Sir Douglas, the return of Field Marshal Sir John French to command the armies in Great Britain and the dispatch of General Sir Horace Smith-Dorrien to Africa, it is understood that Lord Kitchener has completed the chief steps in the greatest military shake-up the British army has ever received. The promotion of General Haig makes the Scot warrior the youngest commander-in-chief in Europe. He will be 55 years old next June. Despite the fact that he is much younger than other European commanders, Sir Douglas has nevertheless been a popular hero since the retreat from Mons, which he prevented from becoming a rout.

FRENCH RECALL NO SURPRISE

The recall of Sir John, "at his own instance," as the official announcement says, occasioned no surprise in England among those who have been close observers of the military situation. Following the war council held at Paris it was understood that Sir John would retire from active field service. Certain considerations made such a step inevitable.

MORE CHANGES PENDING

Commanders who have been held responsible for the failure of the British offensive at Loos, in September, are to be transferred to less important posts. There will be a gradual replacing of field commanders before the expected spring offensive.

LOVE'S YOUNG DREAM RUDELY SHATTERED

Continued from Page One. He said he saw him attack her through the glass panel in the door. CHARGE AND COUNTERCHARGE. Doctor Brookbank declared that Wilkinson was a "day dreamer." He told the physician that he had \$5000 when he asked for his daughter's hand, but after being two days on the honeymoon, according to the physician, Wilkinson wired to him for funds. After they were married a short time Wilkinson got an offer, he says, to go to Australia. He sold all the furniture bought by his father and went to the doctor, but returned without making the trip.

HE WANTED TO SEE WILSON

Man Who Created Scene in White House, a Philadelphian, in Hospital. M. J. Ryan, who says he lives at 6355 West Gray's avenue, this city, is being held under observation at the Asylum Hospital in Washington, following an unsuccessful attempt to settle an imaginary grievance with President Wilson at the White House last night.

COPS INJURED IN CRASH

Chauffeur Also Goes to Hospital After Chestnut Hill Car Demolishes Patrol. A northbound Chestnut Hill trolley car crashed into the police patrol van of the Germantown and crossing station house early this morning. The chauffeur and two policemen are in the Jewish Hospital as a result. They are: James Winchester, driver; internal injuries; David Chalmers, acting patrol sergeant; internal injuries and shock; George Ames, patrolman; internal injuries and shock.

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85 PER CENT. OF CITY'S BUTTERMILK IS FAKE, SAYS PURE FOOD MAN

Agent Simmers Tells Magistrate Beverage Mixed With Lactic Acid Sold in Large Quantities

TWO DEALERS FINED

Merchants Accused of Using Bad Eggs and Chemicals in Products

Philadelphia is flooded, gravely speaking, with a chemical substitute for buttermilk, according to Special Agent Robert M. Simmers, of the State Dairy and Food Commission. The agent today told Magistrate Harris, before whom violators of the food laws were arraigned, that 85 per cent. of the "buttermilk" consumed in this city is of the manufactured brand, and that so far the Food Commission has been unable to act against the sellers of the beverage.

The manufactured "buttermilk," according to Mr. Simmers, is made of skim milk, obtained from large western dairies. This is dried and made into a powder, which is shipped to the city. It is then mixed with water and a small proportion of lactic acid. The mixture makes a more pleasing drink, Simmers said, than the natural buttermilk, but from a nutritive standpoint, it is useless, as he asserts it contains little or no butterfat.

The agent also told the magistrate that a dealer in this city, who sold the natural product, recently had to close his business because his customers were taken away by a man selling the manufactured "buttermilk."

Willing, He Says, to Let Jersey People Make Amend for "Error in 1910"

TRENTON, Dec. 15.—Frank McDermott, of Essex, ex-Assemblyman, who was a candidate for the Democratic nomination for Congress at the polls there against James E. Martine in 1910, while in the State House yesterday announced that he would again enter the ring for the office of United States Senator in the race to win Mr. McDermott remarked that he had dropped into the capitol to refresh his memory on the fight of 1910 by taking a look at the petitions filed at that time by Mr. Martine.

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POLICEMEN!!!

Police officers must not look on page 17 of today's EVENING LEDGER, the little folks of the Rainbow Club have a Christmas surprise for them, and they're holding a secret conference in the corner of that page.

SEASON'S FIRST ICE SPILL



Hunting Park Lake was opened for the first skating of the season today. The picture shows the first devotees to arrive.

ELECTRIC COMPANY ASSENTS TO VALUATION BY THE CITY'S EXPERT

Director Cooke's Long Fight Culminates in Concession by Counsel for Other Side

After a 30 months' fight, Director Cooke, acting for the City of Philadelphia, won a big point in his complaint against the Philadelphia Electric Company when counsel for that company today granted permission for an expert appointed by the city to make a physical valuation of the property.

BETTER MAIL SERVICE WITH SOUTH AMERICA NOW BEING PLANNED

Assistant Postmaster General Roper Tells Southern Commercial Congress Letters Come Here Via Europe

CHARLESTON, S. C., Dec. 15.—"It is a sad commentary on the situation that commercial letters from the Argentine often reach their destinations in this country via Europe," said First Assistant Postmaster General Daniel C. Roper in the course of an address before the Southern Commercial Congress here today.

FIRE CHASES TROLLEY RIDERS

Flames shot out of the roof of a trolley car, crowded with passengers, between 62d and 63d streets on Woodland avenue today and all of the occupants were hurried out into the snowy street while two firemen, who happened to be passengers, directed the work of putting out the blaze. The car, on the Darby subway line, had blown out fuses and was being pushed along by the car behind it.

Held on Charge of Robbing Barber

Charles Trube, of Freeport, Pa., was held under \$5000 bail for court by Magistrate Pennock at the Central station today, accused of robbing the barber shop of Leonard A. Zito, at 943 South 58th street. Zito said he employed Trube to look after his shop while he went on a gunning trip. Two hours after he left the shop, Zito says, the prisoner took the receipts, together with razors, clippers and shears and closed the place. When arrested Trube had fifteen pawn tickets in his possession calling for barber supplies.

Rich Richards Almanac

Advertisement for Rich Richards Almanac, featuring an illustration of a man in a top hat and a small text box.

CITY COUGHS, SNEEZES AND SUFFERS CHILL IN EPIDEMIC OF "COLDS"

Doctor Cairns, Chief Medical Inspector, Issues Special Warning Looking to Prevention of Grip

PREDISPOSING CAUSES

Philadelphia is in the grip of an epidemic of colds and kindred minor ailments that frequently lead to more serious maladies. A great number of persons in the city have a cold in the head or chest, and the trouble has become so widespread that Dr. A. A. Cairns, chief medical inspector of the Bureau of Health, today issued a special warning on the prevention of the attacks.

One of the most remarkable instances of how colds spread, it was learned today, was in the offices of the Midvale Steel and Ordnance Company, where 18 stenographers were forced to stay home by colds. To stop the infection officials of the company had the offices fumigated. Apparently the malady was brought into the office by a girl who caught cold. A day or two after she left to re-locate another employe became infected, and within a week 15 had to remain away from work.

Grip and other maladies caused by colds are particularly severe in some sections of the city. Business men in Fox Chase are having trouble getting their work done, as many of their employes are ill. One place has been compelled to shut down because of a lack of help. In West Philadelphia, similar conditions prevail. A baker, near 90th and Catharine streets, fell ill a week ago and within two days his wife and daughter also were stricken with the grip. His wife is now attending to the store and taking precautionary measures to fight off an attack of the illness.

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DR. CAIRNS' WARNING

Doctor Cairns' statement follows: "More people probably suffer from common colds than from any other single ailment. Vital statistics give no hint of the prevalence and importance of these minor afflictions because the mortality is nil and the morbidity records are notoriously imperfect and difficult to collect. About 80 per cent. of all colds, however, are not fatal. Inconveniences, sequelae and economic loss resulting from common colds are not obtained, it would at once promote these infections from trivial into the rank of the serious diseases.

JURY VINDICATES BRAKEMAN

Samuel W. Yeager Acquitted of Attempt to Steal Overcoat From Express Car. Samuel W. Yeager, 42½ North 55th street, a brakeman on the Pennsylvania Railroad, was acquitted by a jury in Judge Dickinson's Federal court today of a charge of attempting to steal an overcoat from an Adams Express Company car on November 6. Yeager was arrested on that date while passing through the car by two Adams Express Company detectives, who accused him of opening a package shipped from Chicago and extracting the coat.

SMITH SAYS HE HALTED ACTION ON HUGE LOAN

Mayor-elect Takes Responsibility for Delay in Councils

ACTION ON THE \$85,000,000 loan was halted at the request of Mayor-elect Thomas W. Smith. The Mayor-elect made this announcement today, and said that no action on the project will be taken until after the first of the year. "The loan was held up at my request," he said. "I want it to come up under the new Councils. The City Solicitor called my attention to several legal points that are involved, and I asked Mr. Connelly to sidetrack the loan until these matters were straightened out. I am like Davy Crockett. I want to be sure of my ground."

LEGAL POINTS INVOLVED

Whether any change will be made in the size of the loan or in the appropriation for temporary loans planned under the loan that is being held up, the Mayor-elect declined to discuss pending the solution of the legal difficulties which, he said, were the cause of the delay. "The loan will go through, however, and all the arrangements planned will be amply provided for," the Mayor-elect asserted.

HOLD GIRLS, ACCUSED OF ROBBING FATHER

James G. Gavaghan, Downtown Saloonkeeper, Told Police Daughters Took \$300. Two young girls, daughters of a prominent downtown saloonkeeper, were arraigned before Magistrate Pennock in the Central Police Station today accused of robbing their father of \$300, which they are said to have used to purchase clothes and "have a good time." The girls are Margaret and Catharine Gavaghan, 18 and 17 years old respectively, of 6535 Greenway avenue. They were held under \$300 bail each for a further hearing late today. According to the police, on Sunday the girls went into their father's room while he was taking a nap, removed his keys from his pocket and went to his place of business at 423 South 17th street and took \$300 from a cash drawer. James G. Gavaghan, the father, immediately notified the police of his daughters' disappearance when the keys were returned to him by a messenger boy.

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