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TWENTY-SEVEN DAYS UNTIL CHRISTMAS—HERE ARE THE TREES



More than one thousand of the firs, loaded on immense freight cars, arrived in Philadelphia today. They are lying in the Philadelphia and Reading Railway yards, at Nineteenth street and Allegheny avenue. They are said to be scarce and will probably command a high price owing to the gypsy brown moth blight. The Forestry Department has placed a quarantine on the trees.

Against Proposing Nego-

tiations to Europe

Ambassador to Caution Kaiser

on Submarine Activity and

Deportation of Belgians

WASHINGTON, Nov. 28 .- President Wil-

son and his closest personal advisers in a

series of conferences in quick succession

decided this afternoon not to make any

definite move toward obtaining peace in

official circles. American diplomatic rep-

resentatives abroad who have been "feeling

ject will be instructed immediately not to

commit this Government as being insistent

Ambassador Gerard, it was learned, re-

ceived instructions to inform the German

Government upon his return to Berlin that

the new German submarine warfare "makes

is seem apparent that German submarine

commanders are running the risk of violating

The Ambassador was also instructed to

tell the Berlin Foreign Office that the

United States would "seriously regret" any

interference with American relief work in

Belgium by the deportation of Belgians to

Ambassador Gerard will leave Washing-

ton tomorrow and sail from New York

Tuesday, carrying out the instructions

The conferences with the President were

attended by Colonel House, Ambassador

Gerard, Secretary of State Lansing and

ERROR IN MARINA CASE

WASHINGTON, Nov. 28 .- A carefully

guarded wireless message received this aft-

ernoon by Ambassador von Bernstorff from

the German Foreign Office was reported

here to contain information that a Ger-

man aubmarine sank the British steamship

Marina October 28, with the loss of five

Americans, in violation of the submarin

warfare pledges given to the United States.

It was further said that an official note

to this effect for delivery to Secretary of

State Lansing was now being prepared by

the Berlin Foreign Office, admitting that

"a mistake" was made and containing an

Ambassador von Bernstorff refused to

make any comment concerning the report.

It was admitted, however, that he might

present important papers to the State De-

partment tomorrow or Thursday. It was

believed that only the gravest matters

offer to make "full reparation."

would be taken up on a holiday.

Counselor Polk, of the State Department.

BERLIN MAY CONFESS

upon his arrival in Berlin.

the pledges given to this Government."

that peace come quickly.

Germany.

GERMANS TAKE . **GIURGEVO; GAIN** IN ALT VALLEY

Mackensen's Troops Now Only 35 Miles From Bucharest

KURTEA ARJESH FALLS

Falkenhayn's Forces Drive For-

ward in Region of Campolung BERLIN, Nov. 28.

The German allies are now only thirtyfive miles from Bucharest, the Rumanian capital.

of the capture of Giurgevo, which is directly south of Bucharest and only thirtyfive miles away. Giurgevo is on the Danube and lies at the terminus of a short railway line running into the capital of

King Ferdinand's kingdom. Kurtea Arjesh, an important railway town in northern Rumania, is also in the hands of the Austro-German forces. This town is not far from Campolung, one of the chief objectives of the army of General von Falkenhayn.

More crossings of the Alt River have been gained by the Teuton allies.

Under the powerful blows of the Germans. Austro-Hungarians and Bulgarians, the defense of the Russo-Rumanian forces is crumbling to pieces all around Bucharest.

The text of the official report follows:
Army group of Archduke Josef—On
the eastern frontier of Transylvania
the firing is much livelier. Several
Russian reconnoltering detachments Russian reconnoitering detachments were repulsed. The Alt has again been crossed by us.

New operations have been commenced by us and the fighting is progressing in our favor.

Kurtea Arjesh is in our possession.

Army group of Field Marshal von Mackensen (Dobrudja)—The fighting activity in this zone has been limited. The army of the Danube has gained further ground. Glurgevo was captured by us yesterday.

SOFIA, Nov. 28.

Three armies of German allies have tressed the Danube from Bulgaria and invaded Rumania. The War Office announced today that these crossings were effected from Vidin, Lom Palanks and Rehovo.

BUCHAREST, Nov. 28. Using gas and tear shells the Teutonia forces in patrol engagements, backed up by artillery fire, are attacking Rumanian troops in the Buze Valley as far as Dragoslavele, the War Office reported today.

In the west there were no engagements yesterday, except on the extreme right the Humanian positions were under heavy enemy bombardment. On the left wing there

Along the Danube the statement reported

THE WEATHER

For Philadelphia and vicinity-Generally cloudy and warmer, with probably rain late tonight or on Wednesday; moderate southerly winds.

LENGTH OF DAY Sim selv. . 4 60 p. m. | Moon souths 3 12 p. m. DELAWARE RIVER TIDE CHANGES CHESTNUT STREET High water \$51 a. m. High water 402 p. m. Low water 1028 s. m. Loy water 1128 s. m.

TEMPERATURE AT EACH HOUR

CHEMUNG, AMERICAN Continued on Page Fire, Column Four SHIP, SENT TO BOTTOM

> 2615-Ton Vessel Belonged to the Atlantic and Pacific Transportation Company

> LONDON, Nov. 28. - The American steamship Chemung has been sunk The Chemung, according to Lloyd's list ing, is owned by the Atlantic and Pacific Coast Transportation Company. She was a steel vessel of 2615 tons, was 135.7 feet in tength and was built by the Union Drydock Company, of Buffale.

WILSON WILL NOT **HOUSEWIVES ASK** URGE PEACE NOW FEDERAL ACTION

Two Millions Appeal to President and Aids Decide President to Regulate Prices of Food

DEMAND TO CURB EXPORT GERARD TO WARN BERLIN

> Governor Whitman Plans Commission With Competent Man in Charge of Work

CHICAGO, Nov. 28 .- Thirty million dozen of eggs, enough to supply every man, woman and child in the United States with more than three eggs each, were discovered by Government investigators in a cold-sterage warehouse today. The eggs were bought last May at twenty cents a dozen and are understood to be held by James E. Wetz, self-styled "egg king."

NEW YORK, Nov. 28. - Formal appeal for Government regulation of the country's food supply was forwarded to President Wilson today by the representatives of 2,000,000 women of the National Housewives' League.

Simultaneously Patrick E. Quinn, Government Commissioner for New South Wales, explained the Australian system of food control and recommended its adoption by the United States.

The plea of the housewives and the rem edial system outlined by Quinn dovetail with Governor Whitman's move for the regulation of New York's food supply by a State food commission. Both Quinn and President Mrs. Julian Heath, of the Housewives' League, praised Governor Whitman's

The housewives' resolution, adopted by the State chairmen of the league from every night were believed slight. State in the Union, bases its appeal on the States are suffering from exorbitant prices iue to shortage of crops, increased export. decreased import and speculation." The league's appeal urges the Govern-

nent "to determine by all possible metheds the food supply needed to feed the peo-

Centinued on Page Two, Column Three SANTA SENDS FIRST LOT

OF CHRISTMAS TREES

One Thousand Arrive From Vermont Woods-Children Rejoice, but Parents Will Pay More

A positive indication of the fast approach ing Yuletide presented (tself this morning n the form of 1000 Christmas trees. Several carloads shipped from the upper Vermont woods strived at the Philadelphia and Reading Railway yards at Nineteenth street and Allegheny avenue.

Packed tightly in huge freight cars of the Canadian Pacific Railway and covered with a frosty coat of thin ice, they were slowly hauled to their temporary resting place. A few moments later the "kiddies" of the neighborhood who were on their way to school heard the glad tiding and rushed over to take a "peek."

"Gee! Santa Claub is sure to come again this year," shouled one of the youngsters. The war ain't goin' to stop him."

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The news may not have the same pleasant results to the parents, for it is learned that Christmas trees are likely to be scarce and bring high prices. Vermont trees are said to be at a premium owing to a blight caused by sypsy-moths. The Forestry Department has ordered that all shipments be thoroughly inspected before leaving. In other words, it is a veritable quarantine.

Delaware College Gets \$100,000 WILMINOTON, Del., Nov. 28.—An anon-ymous friend of Delaware Chilege, who has given it about \$1.002.000 in the last year, today presented another \$102.000 for de-

TWO ZEPPELINS WRECKED; AERO SHELLS LONDON

British Fliers Bring Down Giant Cruisers Returning From Raid

THRONGS VIEW BATTLES

Four Injured When German Plane Drops Bombs on Capital

LONDON, Nov. 28. Eight thousand feet aloft, above the English Channel, British hydroaeroplanes sent a German Zeppelin hurtling down to destruction in flames today. A little earlier anti-aircraft guns, co-operating with an aeroplane, accounted for another German air raider off York and Durham Counties -the great air cruiser also sinking, affame, into the water.

A German aeroplane dropped six bomb over the city of London today. General French reported that four persons were njured, one, a woman, seriously. The official statement said the aeroplane flew at a great height over the city and was partly concealed in the haze. It appeared be tween 11:50 and noon. Except for those injured, the statement said, the damage done by the bombs was slight.

Graphic details of the British success in repelling the twenty-seventh aerial raid by the Germans since the first of the year were announced today by General Lord French, commander-in-chief of the British home forces. He said damage in lives or property from bombs dropped by the raiders over York and Durham Counties during the

The first Zeppelin, which apparently en assertion that "the people of the United tered over Durham, was pursued by an aero plane as it turned homeward. Not until the Zeppelin was over the sea off the Durham coast did the British aviator succeed in reaching a vital part. Then he brought the great dreadnought of the air down, a burst of flame, anti-aircraft guns co-operating

The second German Zeppelin entered over North Midlands, dropping bombs at several places, French's statement said. Then it turned homeward and sought to escape, with British aeroplanes pursuing. Finally the great vessel was apparently struck. The that part of her journey was made with difficulty, the Zeppelin lamely pressing onward She was unable to reach the coast by daybreak. Later, somewhere aloft on the Norfolk coast, the German crew apparently effected repairs. The machine immediately proceeded eastward, rising rapidly to a height of \$000 feet. Then four navat acroplanes attacked the invader nine miles at sea. An armed trawler aided in the attack. Finally a shot reached a vital part and the great ship sank from the sky a blazing mass at 6:45 a. m. Germany has lost one or more of he

Zeppelins on every attempt she has made at a raid over England since September 3. With last night's score Germany has lost six giant machines since that time.

GIANT "SCALPS" BUTCHER

Arrested, He Tells Cops He Lives in Arlington Cemetery

A giant who was refused money today attacked A. J. Bonsor, a butcher in the Reading Terminal market, according to the police, and inflicted a serious scale wound with a batchet before he was arrested. The alleged assailant, Charles Horner, made Bonsor unconscious with a blow after an argument over money. Bonsor was taken to the Hahnemann Hospital, where five stitches were taken to close the wound. Horser, who is atx feet three inches tall was held in \$1000 ball by Magistrate Tracy, of the Central Station. He told the police that he lived in Arlington Camatary.

QUICK NEWS

WHEAT BREAKS 10 TO 13 CENTS; GAINS A TRIFLE LATER

CHICAGO, Nov. 28.—The wheat market was demoralized by heavy selling toward the close today. Prices melted by quarters and haives amid intense excitement until lesses of 10 to 13 cents from the previous close were recorded. Ther was a rally at the end on covring, but final quotations were 5 to 7 1-2 cents net lower. The whirk wind followed reports concerning diplomatic relations and more restrictions by railroads on the movement of grain,

RAHLROADS MUST RETURN EXCESS BOX CARS

WASHINGTON, Nov. 28 .- Returns by each railroad of all box cars on its lines in excess of the number owned by that line was ordered today by the conference committee on car efficiency of the American Railway Association. The order was issued "in the interest of the public to meet an emergency."

MYSTERIOUS SHIP SENDS CALL FOR HELP

HALIFAX, Nov. 28.—New mystery was attached here today to wireless S. O. S. alls picked up by the Sable Island station from a steamship which signed herself Amerique." No such vessel is listed in shipping records, and maritime men say they never heard of her. The calls were quite distinct and were relayed to vessels n a wide radius. No reason was given for the distress calls

DISGRACED NEW YORK GUARD OFFICER "FIRED"

WASHINGTON, Nov. 28.—The War Department today announced the disnissal of First Lieutenant Clyde F. Marion, Seventy-first New York National Guard, who was convicted by court-martial of drunkenness and "conduct unbecoming an officer and a gentleman" while on duty on the Mexican border. The conviction was approved by President Wilson.

PLATE GLASS COMPANY INCREASES WAGES

TOLEDO, O., Nov. 28.—The Edward Ford Plate Glass Company will voluntarily ncrease the wages of its 1800 employes eight per cent, effective December 1. The average daily wage is now \$2.60,

MINT GETS \$8,500,000 IN CANADIAN GOLD TODAY

A shipment of Canadian gold valued at \$8,500,000 is on its way here from Stawa and will arrive at the Philadelphia Mint some time late today. The gold s accompanied by armed guards and will be taken to the Mint from the railroad tation in heavily guarded express wagons. The gold belongs to J. P. Morgan & Co

VERHAEREN, BELGIAN POET, FATALLY HURT BY TRAIN HAVRE, Nov. 28.-A dispatch from Rouen says that Emil Verhaeren, well

nown Belgian poet, was fatally injured by falling beneath a moving train today.

BRITISH STEAMSHIP REPORTED SUNK LONDON, Nov. 28.—The Ellerman liner City of Birmingham has been sunk (Lloyd's lists the City of Birmingham as a steel vessel of 7498 tons, with Liverpool her home port.)

EDGE'S MAJORITY FOR JERSEY GOVERNOR, 69,647

TRENTON, Nov. 28.-Governor-elect Walter E. Edge's official majority was 69.647, the State Board of Canvassers was informed this afternoon at its meeting n the Statehouse. The figures also show that United States Senator-elect Joseph S. Frelinghuysen, the Republican nominee, was chosen by a majority of 74,696. In the totals for Assemblymen the Republicans had a majority of 65,013. The average vote for the Republican electors was 268,982 and for the Democratic 211,018, a difference of \$7,964. The Egan road bill was carried by a majority of \$9,250.

SOUTH AND MIDDLE WEST TO MONOPOLIZE FARM LOANS

WASHINGTON, Nov. 28 .- The resources of the Federal Loan Board will be vir tually monopolized by the South and Middle West, it was learned today. The board plans to locate more than half the twelve farm loan banks in that section the extensive farming in those sections. The board today began laying out the farm loan districts the country is to be divided into and will announce the location of the twelve centers by December 18.

U. S. RECALLS MILITARY ATTACHE FROM BERLIN

WASHINGTON, Nov. 28. - The War Department today officially confirmed reports of the recall of Lieutenant Colonel oseph E. Kuhn, military attache of the American Embassy in Berlin.

\$600,000,000 WAR EXPORTS TO RUSSIA

NEW YORK, Nov. 28.-Statistics have been given out by the foreign trade de partment of the National City Bank on the exports of merchandise from the United States to Russia since the beginning of the war. According to this compilation, these exports amount to more than \$600,000,000, of which about \$200,000,000 went by way of the Pacific Ocean and \$400,000,000 by way of the north Atlantic routs.

FEARS OF SUBMARINES ADVANCE INSURANCE RATES

NEW YORK, Nov. 28.-Believing that German submarines are crossing the Atlantic preparatory to beginning a vigorous warfare against Allied commerce, sev eral local underwriters today raised their rates from % to 1% per cent on shipnents for South America. The transatlantic rate is unchanged, ranging between 24 and 3 per cent on all shipments, while cargoes to the Mediterranean are being negotiated at 6 per cent. While two or three of the underwriters place little credence in the submarine report, others feel that since the British Admiralty has seen fit to warn all merchantmen to be on the lookout for U-boats there must be ome reason for this warning.

2600 STEEL WORKS EMPLOYES GET AN INCREASE

PITTSBURGH, Nov. 28.—An increase of ten per cent in wages has been sounced by officials of the Superior Steel Company, of Carnegie. Theadvance affects 1700 employes. A similar increase has been announced by the Standard Steel Car Company, at New Castle, Pa., benefitting 900 employes. Both are effective to the Police Benificiary Association, were

OUSTED TEUTONIC ENVOYS REACH BULGARIA BERLIN, Nov. 28 .- Advices from Sofia say that the Ministers of the Central

Powers, whose departure from Greece was demanded by the Entente Allies, have arrived at the Bulgarian port of Kavala.

BOOK IN JACKET SAVED BOY HIT BY AUTO

A school-book which a boy carried in the breast of his jacket probably saved his life when he was run over by an automobile at Broad and Callowhill streets. The lad was Joseph H. Chak, of 1021 South street. He was riding a bicycle when struck, and he fell under the wheels of the motorcar, which passed over his chest. At the Hahnemann Hospital it was found that he had no serious injury. The book had

SARDINIA, ISLE IN MEDITERRANEAN, SWEPT BY CYCLONE

PARIS, Nov. 28.—The Island of Sardinia, in the Mediterranean, has been ravaged by a cyclone, according to a report received in Rome and forwarded to

CATTLE EMBARGO THROUGHOUT STATE DECLARED

As a protection against hoof and mouth disease, an embargo against live stock from Nebraska and the Kansas City stockyards he been declared throughout Pennsylvania by Dr. C. J. Marshail, State Veterinarian. Cattle from Nebraska bave developed a disease resembing hoof and mouth infection, and the embargo was declared pending investigation.

WOMEN TO SEEK \$200,000 FOR COLLEGE

The Woman's Medical College of Pennsylvania will begin a campaign on Deember 4 to increase its present \$509,000 andowment fund by an additional \$200,000. Prominent Philadelphians are among the workers in the campaign, which will continue until December 16. The campaign is novel in that it will be conducted sutirely

DEATH GAMBLE IN COPS SEEN IN PENSION DEALS

Councils Asked to Probe Insurance on Police Here

WHO PAYS PREMIUM? WHO GETS INDEMNITY?

Councilman Thompson Hints Scandal Connected With Pension Mutual

POLICIES ARE FOR \$2500

Who is making money out of the deaths f Philadelphia's policemen?" This is the purport of a resolution which was taken to Councils today by Common Councilman L Walter Thompson, of the Forty-sixth Ward, and which he said he would introduce at today's session.

The resolution asks a councilmanic in cestigation into the affairs of the Police Beneficiary Association in their relation to the Pension Mutual Life Insurance Company of Pittsburgh, and it recites the fact that policemen's lives and deaths are virtually being gambled on.

Mr. Thompson, in his resolution, says he has information that policemen's funds, as invested in the Beneficiary Association, are invested in the Pension Mutual Life Company and because that company's capital in reported to have an impairment of more than \$1,000,000

WHO PAYS PREMIUMS?

He says he has learned that lives of olicemen are being insured without having o undergo the usual formality of a physican examination, and that an unknown 'philanthropist" pays the premium. He says he wants to know who this is and now it happens that policemen's deaths can oe made to make money for people.

The Pension Mutual Life Insurance Com any, of Pittsburgh, which is mentioned in Councilman Thompson's resolution, is the ompany for which a receivership hearing has been set in the Dauphin County courts December 12 next, and which is dominated by Lyndon D. Wood, sometimes called the nsurance wizard" of America, and the president of the Pension Mutual besides being the dominating head of the Consoll-dated Investment Company and the Union Casualty Company.

The resolution which Councilman Thompon said he would offer to Councils is as

WHEREAS, It has come to my at-tention that several thousand members of the Philadelphia police force, who are members of the Police Beneficiary

Association, are insured through that organization with the Pension Mutual Life Insurance Company; and WHEREAS, it has been reported that this insurance company is faced with a capital impairment of more than \$1,

WHEREAS, I have been informed that none of the policeman insured through the Police Beneficiary Association themselves pay premiums t Pension Mutual Life Insurance pany, but that the premiums are being paid by some unidentified "philan-

WHEREAS, I learn that policies are issued on these policemen without their having to undergo the usual for-mality of a physical examination,

BE IT RESOLVED, that a councilmanic committee be appointed to investigate just how the Police Beneficiary Association is identified with the Pension Mutual Life Insurance Company, who pays there premiums on the lives of policemen which they themselves lives of policemen which they them-selves don't pay, and who gets the money when one of them dies; in other words, to find out who is making money out of the deaths of Philadel-phin's relicement phia's policemen.

BENEFICIARY ASSOCIATION The Police Beneficiary Association is comosed of several thousand members of the Philadelphia police force. The lives of a large percentage of these policemen are insured in the Pension Mtual Life Insurance Company. Each policy, it is tunderstood,

Ever since the lives of the policemen were nsured in the Pension Mutual Life Insurance Company, payments for \$2500 have been made by that company to the association. These payments, which usually came in the nature of a check and made payable deposited in the Girard Trust Company in the name of the association.

WHERE \$2400 GOES

Later a check was drawn on the association in the name of the person who delivered the original check from the insurance company for about \$2400, enriching the treasury of the Police Benshciary Association with \$100. The check for \$2400 usunily. went to the unidentified "philanthropist."

went to the unidentified "philanthropist."

The insurance of the policemen in the Pension Mutual Life Insurance Company was placed some time in 1915 by Seth H. Whitely, a life insurance agent of this city, with offices at Third and Walnut streets. Reconfly when Mr. Whitely was asked who was paying the premiums on the insurance for the policemen he said that was being done by certain persons who had warm spots in their hearts for members of the police force. He has steadily refuned to reveal the identific of the man or men who have been paying the insurance premiums.

QUESTION EVADED Officers of the Police Beneficiary Association, when asked who was paying the remiums, have usually damined the quation as follows:

We have no idea who is paying the premiums, but it doesn't interest us because every time that a policeman who is a member of our association dies, and who is houred in the Pendin Mutual Life Insurance Company, our balance in the bank is increased with