

BRITAIN, FRANCE AND RUSSIA IN GRIP OF POLITICAL CRISIS; ITALY CALM; GREECE IN CHAOS

Lloyd George to Reconstruct British Cabinet On Efficiency Basis. Poincare and Joffre May Go. Duma Demands Changes

ROME, Dec. 7.—The Rumanian disaster and the muddle in Greece are both attributed to the Asquith Cabinet by the Giornale d'Italia today.

LONDON, Dec. 7.—The Labor party has agreed to participate in the new Government being formed by David Lloyd George, the Press Association announced officially tonight.

The Central News declares Lloyd George has offered the Labor party two Cabinet places, one membership in the War Council and three undersecretaryships.

The Entente fighting "Prussianism" is facing its greatest crisis in the statesmanship of the war. Purely military movements are subordinated to the problems of statecraft and diplomacy.

Russia, too, is on the eve of a serious political transformation. In a resolution adopted by the Duma the removal of additional Cabinet members is demanded.

LLOYD GEORGE HAS BIG TASK IN FORMING CABINET

LONDON, Dec. 7.—The supreme question of the hour in England today was whether David Lloyd George would succeed in forming a new Cabinet.

The House of Commons met and adjourned today without any announcement being made concerning the new Ministry to be headed by David Lloyd George.

Lloyd George has plenty of excellent material from which to draw his Cabinet.

Among the names which were most prominently mentioned today as possible Ministers were:

Lord Curzon, Unionist; Lord Derby, Unionist; Lord Milner, Unionist; Winston Churchill, Liberal; Lord Robert Cecil, Blockade Minister in the late Cabinet, Unionist; Arthur Henderson, Minister of Pensions in the late Cabinet, Laborite; Lord Devonport, late Mr. Sir Henry Dzalzel, Liberal, and Lord Reading, Liberal.

The chief difficulty which Lloyd George faces is in lining up sufficient support in Congress for his ministry.

It is believed the new cabinet-maker will be called on to face a more difficult task than that which he has already faced.

IE WEATHER FORECAST For Philadelphia and vicinity—Increasing clouds, probably followed by rain late tonight and Friday; warmer Friday; gentle variable winds becoming fresh southwest Friday.



ADMIRAL R. E. PEARY As he appeared on the streets today. He came here to attend a meeting of the Geographical Society.

U. S. EXPEDITION INTO ANTARCTIC URGED BY PEARY

North Pole Discoverer Wants Frozen Continent to Be Claimed by Nation

LEUTENANT WOULD LEAD

Rear Admiral Robert E. Peary, who reached the North Pole today, suggested an Antarctic expedition under the auspices of the Government as a means of bringing under the United States flag immense areas of uncharted land in a great frozen continent south of Cape Horn.

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TEUTON HOSTS PUSH PURSUIT OF RUMANIANS

Violent Rear-Guard Battles Fought by Retreating Army

AIM TO CLEAR DOBRUDJA German Governor and Staff Already on Way to Bucharest

LONDON, Dec. 7. One hundred thousand Rumanians have been captured by the German allies since Rumania entered the war, on August 27, according to an Exchange Telegraph dispatch from Copenhagen today.

BERLIN, Dec. 7. The Russo-Rumanian armies in Central Rumania are retreating along their entire front, the German War Office announced today.

Powerful successes crowned the labors and fighting in which, under Field Marshal von Mackensen, the troops of the Ninth and various corps, under clear-sighted leadership, defeated the Rumanian army and the summoned Russian re-enforcements by quick strokes.

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QUICK NEWS

EXPRESS DRIVER ROBBED IN CROWDED STREET

LOS ANGELES, Dec. 7.—Throwing pepper into the eyes of a Wells-Fargo express driver, two men robbed him of two sacks of gold, believed to contain \$5000, today. The robbery occurred near the Pacific Electric building, in a crowded street.

WALTER DAMROSCH ABLE TO LEAVE FOR NEW YORK

BALTIMORE, Dec. 7.—Walter Damrosch, conductor of the New York Symphony Orchestra, who collapsed on the stage while conducting a concert last evening, had recovered sufficiently to leave for New York this morning. Damrosch said that his illness was not of a serious nature.

DANISH AND SPANISH SHIPS SUNK, LLOYD'S REPORTS

LONDON, Dec. 7.—The Danish ship Nexos, 1013 tons, and the Spanish ship Julia Benito have both been sunk, presumably by submarines, says a Lloyd's dispatch today.

FIRE DAMAGES RAG AND PAPER WAREHOUSE

Fire, said to have been caused by spontaneous combustion, early today damaged stock and property to the extent of \$2000 in the rag and paper warehouse of Specter Matson, 536 North Third street. The flames were discovered by a small boy who happened to be passing the building. He told Hamilton, a policeman of the Third street and Fairmount avenue police station, who turned in the alarm.

PHILADELPHIA LEADS IN CIGARS AND CIGARETTES

Philadelphia led the country in the manufacture of cigars and cigarettes for the first four months of the fiscal year, according to figures given out today by Internal Revenue Collector Lederer.

MAGISTRATE CALL TOO ILL TO STAND OPERATION

The condition of Magistrate Joseph Call was so critical today that the physicians attending him could not amputate his right leg, which they believe necessary to save his life.

STATE VOTE OFFICIALLY TABULATED

HARRISBURG, Dec. 7.—According to complete official returns of the November elections now being computed at the State Department, Pennsylvania gave Knox for United States Senator 680,451 votes; Orvis, Democrat, 450,106; Ervin, Socialist, 45,355; Ames, Prohibition, 30,839; Thomas, Industrialist, 1022; McCauley, Single Tax, 1387.

MANY FIRMS INCREASE WAGES

Increases in wages and special bonuses for employees are announced by the following: Pittsburgh Steel Company, with plants at Monessen and Glassport, 10 per cent for 7000 men; American Iron and Steel Manufacturing Company, Lebanon, Pa., 16 per cent; Birdsboro Steel Foundry and Machine Company, Birdsboro, Pa., 5 and 10 per cent, 500 men; employees in copper mines in the Lake Superior district, 25 cents per day bonus for 12,000 men; Bangor and Aroostook Railroad, bonus of 4 per cent on the last six months' wages; Henry A. Dix & Sons Company, Millville, N. J., bonus of 5 per cent; Penn Hardware Company, Reading, Pa., bonus of 10 per cent, 250 men; Flathead, N. J., Truist Company, bonus of 10 per cent; George W. Prentiss & Co. and National Bank Company, Holyoke, Mass., the former a bonus of 5 per cent for 700 men, the latter a 10 per cent bonus for 600 men; Aluminum Goods Manufacturing Company, Manitowish, Wis., a bonus consisting of insurance policies of \$500 to \$1000 to 1800 men.

B. AND O. YARD AT BRUNSWICK DESTROYED

FREDERICK, Md., Dec. 7.—The Baltimore and Ohio transfer sheds and all records at Brunswick yard were destroyed by fire today. The loss is several hundred thousand dollars.

POPE CONFERS RED HATS ON NEW CARDINALS

ROME, Dec. 7.—A public consistory was held at the Vatican today. Pope Benedict XV conferred red hats upon the ten new cardinals created at the recent consistory several days ago. The ceremonies took place in the Hall of Beatification in the presence of several thousand persons. The Pope blessed the assemblage.

WILL INTRODUCE VOTE PROBE RESOLUTION

WASHINGTON, Dec. 7.—Positive announcement was made by Senator Kern, of Indiana, Democratic leader, that a resolution would be introduced for a thorough probe of election frauds and the expenditure of vast sums of money in Indiana, Ohio and West Virginia. He added that the resolution would be adopted without doubt, and that it might call for a probe either by a special committee or the Committee on Elections.

AVERAGE PRICE OF STEEL, \$70 LONG TON, A RECORD

NEW YORK, Dec. 7.—Steel prices have set another high average, reaching more than \$70 a long ton for the first time in history. The price level of eight leading products now is \$70.53. A week ago the average was \$65.53.

JERSEY FARMERS TO SUPPORT LOCAL OPTION BILL

ATLANTIC CITY, Dec. 7.—Eighteen thousand Jersey farmers, their wives and their sons were pledged to support the fight to procure the enactment of a local option bill at the coming session of the Legislature in resolutions adopted here today by the State Grange. Worthy Master George W. F. Gaunt, a State Senator from Gloucester County, will introduce the bill, which proposes to permit every city, town and village in the State to vote whether it shall be wet or dry.

FEDERAL LOAN BANKS TO MAKE \$100,000,000 BOND ISSUE

WASHINGTON, Dec. 7.—The Federal farm loan banks will declare a \$100,000,000 bond issue, it was learned today. The issue will be made shortly after the new banks open their doors for business, probably during February. The bonds will be issued in denominations of from \$25 to \$1000 and will bear between 4 and 5 per cent interest.

LITTLE GIRL PLAYS WITH MATCHES; DIES FROM BURNS

Five-year-old Allina Gusto, of 4912 Kershaw street, died in the West Philadelphia Homeopathic Hospital from burns received when her dress caught fire while she was playing with matches. The child's mother succeeded in smothering the flames with a blanket, but not before the little girl was fatally burned.

COUNCILS VOTE TODAY ON 'COP' RISK SCANDAL

Will Decide on Probe Into Gamble on Police Lives

WHITELEY AND WOOD ASSAIL EACH OTHER

Exposure Will Stop Practice at Least, Says Councilman

SEKS COMPLETE INQUIRY

Threats to Sue Fly Thick and Fast, but None Has Sued Yet

Councils' attitude on the police insurance scandal will be determined this afternoon, when a vote will be taken on the proposition to investigate the situation created when the police beneficiary association directors permitted all the members of the organization to be insured in the Pension Mutual Life Insurance Company without their knowledge.

Councils were faced with the proposition last week when Councilman I. Walter Thompson, of the Forty-sixth Ward, introduced a resolution asking that a councilman investigating committee of five be appointed. That brought the scandal into public notice. Final action was postponed until today so that the Councilmen could acquaint themselves with the situation.

BROUGHT INTO OPEN

Said Councilman Thompson today: "There isn't any doubt that there remains any member of Councils today who does not know what he is being asked to vote on. No matter has ever received a more thorough airing in a week with such information as we had at hand."

So far it is good. Even if it went no farther it would say that immeasurable good has been accomplished; the public has been brought face to face with a scandal and the parties in it have been made to come fairly out into the open. But we have not gone far enough. We want to know every detail back of the scheme; the public should know and must know. I will insist this afternoon that the investigating committee be appointed and then go ahead with its work. It would not be proper to leave a thing half done."

The officers of the Police Beneficiary Association already have declared that they were "through with philanthropy," and they are certain that Mr. Thompson's resolution of a week ago will have some effect. He is going the limit, however, he said, to make the investigation complete. He has visited many station houses talked with many policemen and is convinced by what they say that the policemen want the affair probed to the end.

INTEREST IN COUNCILS

If Mr. Thompson had not introduced the resolution it is a question whether the scandal would have come to light a long time. It is almost certain that Commissioner O'Neil would have discovered it in his probe, but that might have taken many weeks. The Forty-sixth Ward Councilman has stopped the scheme whereby policemen were being insured without knowing anything about it.

Meanwhile the man who acted as the agent, Colonel Seth H. Whiteley, and the man who heads the Pension Mutual Life Insurance Company in which the insurance was carried, Lyndon D. Wood, are hurling accusations of misrepresentation and fraud, respectively, at each other, and threats "to sue" are being repeated in countless number.

SEES SUFFRAGE ISSUE IN PEACE CONVENTION

Dr. Shaw Tells Harrisburg Women Their Rights Will Be Demanded

WILL NOT BEAR GAGGING

HARRISBURG, Dec. 7.—Mrs. Lyman D. Gilbert this afternoon entertained Dr. Anna Howard Shaw at a tea, during which the honorary national president of the suffrage addressed the suffrage workers.

Dr. Shaw aroused her auditors to a high pitch of enthusiasm when she asserted that woman's voice would be heard in the great peace council, which will make terms ending the great war.

This statement was made in reply to a query concerning the time and place of the next International Woman Suffrage Convention. She announced that the convention would be delayed until the war had waned and would meet at the same time and place, where the representatives of the various nations arrange peace. The Woman's Peace party, she also said, would meet at the same time and place. Doctor Shaw will be one of the delegates representing the United States at the International Suffrage Convention.

"Women have given too much," Doctor Shaw declared. "To their nations during time of strife, and before that to civilization, to tolerate a peace in which their rights are not considered directly as voted by themselves."

One of these "rights," Doctor Shaw asserted, is the privilege and responsibility connected with enfranchisement which will insure women, equally with men, a voice in the government under which they live, and which declares war, which can be waged only through the patriotism of women as well as men.

"To this end," she continued, "suffragists from every quarter of the globe will demand of the Peace Council the earliest possible granting of suffrage and other progressive measures, which will insure women that to which they ever and always have been and will be entitled, an equality in all things, which will make, because they will be better women, a better race."

Pittsburgh's City Treasurer Dead

PITTSBURGH, Pa., Dec. 7.—Harry Morton Landis, City Treasurer, died this morning after a long illness from which he recovered. He was the second member of Mayor Arthur Strong's cabinet to die within three days, and the fourth in Arthur's cabinet.

Dr. E. B. Ross, Director of the Pennsylvania State Hospital, died this morning from complications of pneumonia.