

FRANKFORD'S CHRISTMAS TREE READY TO GO UP



The giant evergreen cost \$500 to bring to the Frankford High School, at Oxford pike and Harrison street. The whole community will join in Christmas Eve exercises.

MUNSTERBERG DIES AT CLASS LECTURE

Noted Harvard Professor Falls Dead While Addressing Girl Students

PRO-GERMAN PARTISAN



PROF. HUGO MUNSTERBERG One of the leading psychologists of the world and professor of psychology at Harvard University, dropped dead today while lecturing to a class of women at Radcliffe College.

BOSTON, Dec. 16.—Prof. Hugo Munsterberg, professor of psychology of Harvard College, fell dead early today while addressing a class at Radcliffe.

Professor Munsterberg was fifty-three years old, and had seemingly been in perfect health up to the moment of his death.

Professor Munsterberg fell to the floor and died within a few minutes after being assisted to a chair.

With his last breath, Professor Munsterberg attempted to quell the disturbance which spread through his class of girls as he fell.

President Lowell, of Harvard University, is in New York attending a meeting of the League to Enforce Peace.

The psychologist's wife was notified by Dean Briggs, of Harvard.

BORN IN GERMANY

Hugo Munsterberg was born in Danzig, Germany, June 1, 1863. His early education was received at institutions in Leipzig and Heidelberg.

Professor Munsterberg was the author of many works, principally on the subject of psychology. Since 1903 he had been editor of Harvard Psychological Studies.

THE WEATHER

FORECAST For Philadelphia and vicinity—Fair and continued clear tonight; Sunday increasing cloudiness and slowly rising temperature, moderate westerly winds becoming variable.

Table with weather data including Length of Day, Dew Point, and Temperature at each hour.

GERMANS ADMIT VERDUN DEFEAT

Berlin Also Reports Piercing of British Line Near Ypres

FRENCH TAKE 9000 MEN

BERLIN, Dec. 15.—The French have succeeded in pushing back German forces from some of their most advanced positions in the Verdun district.

PARIS, Dec. 15.—France's answer to Germany's peace proposal is: Wreathing of more than twelve square miles of territory from the enemy.

The answer was another one of General Nivelle's sudden "pushes" in the Verdun sector.

The newly created commander of French armies in the north and northeast opened his attack yesterday morning, and within a few hours had again swept away from the enemy territory which it had taken them months of sanguinary fighting to obtain.

Four divisions of French troops won the victory north of Verdun against German troops of at least five divisions, today's official statement said.

The men taken prisoners in the French advance came from regiments in five different German divisions.

The official statement also detailed lively shelling during the night over the entire front from the Meuse to the Woeyre.

Best available maps and gazetteers do not show any Rumanian town named

LIQUOR DEALERS' SLUSH FUND CASE REOPENED

Corrupt Practices Act Assailed in Trial of Brewery Political Activities

PITTSBURGH, Dec. 15.—The Federal corrupt practices act, under which corporations are prohibited from contributing to political campaigns, was attacked as unconstitutional by a formidable array of counsel representing seventy-two indicted brewery corporations, before Judge W. H. S. Thomson, in the United States District Court here today.

The arguments reopened the Government's fight against the saloons' participation in elections in Pennsylvania in which United States Senators and Congressmen were chosen.

United States District Attorney E. Lowry Humes was opposed by Attorneys James Scaglet, of Danville; D. F. Hibbard and S. P. Tull, of Philadelphia, and George E. Shaw, of this city.

Attorney Hibbard, opening for the brewers, attacked the embargo on corporation contributions to politics as abridging the right of free speech and free press, and indicated this would be the main contention of his side.

He moved that the indictments be quashed because the Federal section is unconstitutional and because nothing in the indictments shows the indicted brewers entered into a conspiracy.

GIFT PURCHASERS DEFY KING WINTER

Coldest Day Sees Throngs Pushing Into City on Delayed Trains

RECORD FIVE-INCH FALL

Figures on Snowstorm and Day's Temperatures

MILES of streets to be cleaned (equal to 50-foot highway from Philadelphia to St. Louis)—1600. Depth of snow recorded—5 inches. Amount for entire season in 1914 and 1915—35.56 inches.

This, the coldest day of the season so far, brought forth, as an aftermath of yesterday's snowstorm, rain, trolley and other delays, together with widespread light, telephone and trolley wires, and a score of accidents, none of which was serious so far as could be learned.

The snowfall measured five inches in Independence Square, where the local Government weather wizards take the official count for the city.

Despite the snow, the cold and the wind, Christmas shoppers were out again in force bright and early. The city's main thoroughfares and the department store districts were crowded, snow or no snow, and for all the countless delays on all incoming trains and on the trolley lines.

Although the weather was both slippery and sloppy under foot, this morning found Philadelphia basking in bright sunshine, which seemed to do its best to bring the mercury upward.

The temperature dropped to sixteen degrees at 6 a. m., and the coldest to date had been on December 14, when the mercury dropped to twenty-five degrees.

The sudden fall was due to the cold winds arriving from frosty New England, New York, incidentally, is having its worst snowstorm in many years, twelve inches being recorded, and Boston similarly is covered with a mantle of snow several inches deep.

Philadelphia's storm, according to Fore-

IRON WORKS WRECKED BY DYNAMITE BLASTS

Explosions Follow Conviction of David Caplan in Los Angeles Times Case

LOS ANGELES, Dec. 15.—Following two explosions, the Liewelwyn Iron Works was practically destroyed by fire here early today, and the Lacy Manufacturing Company was seriously damaged, a few hours after David Caplan, charged with murder in connection with the Times dynamiting six years ago, was found guilty of voluntary manslaughter.

The Liewelwyn Iron Works, where the two explosions took place, was damaged on Christmas Eve, six years ago, by a bomb planted by Orrie McManigal, confessed dynamiter.

The police believe today's fire to have been of incendiary origin.

HELD ON FRAUD CHARGE

Woman Accused of Uttering Worthless Checks

Mrs. Amelia Moon, who was accused of passing worthless checks on several hotels in the central part of the city, was held in \$400 bail today for a further hearing by Magistrate Perach.

PHONE CO. TO GIVE MILLIONS IN BONUS

\$250,000 to Be Distributed Among Bell Employees in Philadelphia on Basis of Service

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Major Redmond's appeal in Commons yesterday, in which he cited the fact that Ulstermen and Nationalists were the most amicable of companions on the western front, was the first open indication of impending events. Bonar Law's acquiescence in this debate yesterday shows in what direction the wind is blowing.

QUICK NEWS

ROADS ALLOWED TO PUT OFF RATE ADVANCE

WASHINGTON, Dec. 15.—Transcontinental railroads were today given authority by the Interstate Commerce Commission to postpone voluntarily from December 20 until March 1, 1917, a schedule of increased rates on eastbound carload shipments of canned goods, beans, barley, wine and dried fruit.

WILSON TO NAME DUVAL WEST AS JUDGE

WASHINGTON, Dec. 15.—Duval West, who was one of President Wilson's personal envoys to investigate conditions in Mexico, will be named Federal Judge in Texas, it was learned today.

TO BE ARRESTED FOR AIDING MEXICAN FACTIONS

EL PASO, Tex., Dec. 15.—Wholesale arrests of Americans here and at other points along the border, accused of breach of the neutrality laws in fomenting or aiding the revolutionary actions of different Mexican factions, are planned by United States Secret Service agents.

CARRANZA'S REPLY TO PROTOCOL OPENED HERE MONDAY

The American-Mexican Peace Commission will meet in the Bellevue-Stratford Monday morning to hear the reply of General Carranza to the protocol, taken him a few weeks ago by Alberto J. Paul, offering to remove American troops from Mexican soil, providing for protection of Americans in Mexico and patrolling of the border.

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BERLIN READY TO GIVE TERMS IN CONFERENCE

Bernstorff Announces Intention Following Visit to Secretary Lansing

PEACE LEAGUE IN PLAN

Decision of U. S. Not to Attempt Mediation Now Confirmed

WASHINGTON, Dec. 15.—Germany stands ready to give the Allies a full statement of terms at any peace conference to be held.

This statement was made officially today by German Ambassador Count von Bernstorff, following a short conference with Secretary Lansing.

Bernstorff said he does not know officially what these terms are.

At the same time Germany is ready to discuss disarmament, creation of a league to guarantee permanent peace and kindred subjects that would arise from any peace negotiations.

The envoy's visit was brief. He sought official word confirming this country's intention not to supplement Germany's peace proposals at this time.

While Bernstorff refused to talk about this Government's plan, it is well known that German authorities are not discouraged in any way by the fact that America will not now urge any suggestion.

On the contrary, they believe President Wilson "has left the way open to act later," and hence are apparently encouraged by this fact.

Bernstorff made it clear to Secretary Lansing, it is understood, that Germany knew, in making her peace suggestions to her enemies, that there was little likelihood of them resulting in immediate peace in Europe. Her plan in reality involved a wide discussion of "what the fighting is for," to be participated in by representatives of all of the combatants.

Such a discussion, if untrammelled and open, must eventually show the way to peace in the German opinion.

The Ambassador visited the State Department for the first time since the German proposals were made public.

LANSING SILENT

The Secretary of State also refused to discuss the interview. He said that the situation was too delicate for any comment at this time.

However, he communicated the substance of his conversation with the German Ambassador to President Wilson at once. It is understood that the President was told that Germany was really very hopeful that the powerful influence of the United States and all of the other neutral nations, as well as that of the Vatican, will be thrown on the side of peace so soon as the present negotiations take definite shape.

Mr. Lansing denied emphatically that the delay in sending forward the peace proposition to the Entente Allies had been due to any other cause than physical. There was a translation and errors in transmission. This was discovered when the notes were being decided to be sent forward, and all were held up for necessary corrections.

The Secretary also again emphasized that this Government is simply a transmitting agent, and, therefore, would accompany the peace suggestions with no comment whatever.

CONSIDERATION LIKELY

A hint refused by the Entente Allies will not meet the Austro-German-Turkish offer to discuss peace.

Information to this effect from thoroughly reliable sources abroad has reached officials here. Despite the action of the Russian Duma in voting unanimously against any effort to conclude a peace now, in Administration circles here today there was optimistic belief that the Teutonic offer will be considered carefully by the Russian Foreign Office as well as the other Governments of the Entente.

Indications from Petrograd that Russia was set against a peace at this time are not entirely discouraging to the representatives of the Central Powers, it is stated here today. When the peace offer was made, it was pointed out, it was not expected that it would be accepted now, but that it would be thoroughly considered and later, probably.

CHRISTMAS SHOPPER USES BAD \$5 PIECES

Well-Dressed Woman Finds Many Victims, and Cops Issue Warning Against Her

The police of the Sixty-fifth street and Woodland avenue station issued a warning today to West Philadelphia shoppers in behalf of a well-dressed young woman who is doing her Christmas shopping with counterfeit \$5 gold pieces.

During the last week this woman, according to the police, has victimized from four to six shoppers with her "phony coins." Last night six shoppers on Woodland avenue between Forty-ninth street and Island road accepted counterfeit bills from her. The coins are considerably under weight, but have a good color and are considered by the police to be excellent counterfeits.

The woman enters a store, selects a Christmas article at some particularly busy counter, tenses a counterfeit in payment and hurriedly leaves the store when the cashier has change. She is described as about thirty-five years old, has a slight cast in her left eye and is 142 and slightly.