

BRITAIN REJECTS PEACE; DEMANDS BERLIN TERMS

P. R. T.'S STOCKS SOAR AT TIP ON TRANSIT LEASE

Agreement With City Tomorrow, Says "Underground" Report

EARLY 'CHANGE RUSH SENDS PRICE TO 32 1/2

Mayor Smith Strengthens Rumor by Confidence in Early Settlement

NEWS REACHES UP-STATE

P. R. T. Trust Certificate Barometer of the Day. Table with columns for time and price.

Philadelphia Rapid Transit Company trust certificates leaped to a new high mark in the stock-exchange today.

When a comparatively modest offering of the shares at 21 1/2, certificates two minutes later created a furor of excitement.

REACHES NEW FIGURE The stock reacted about 10:30 o'clock, varying from then on between 31 1/2 and 32.

That the tip was authentic was corroborated in part today by Mayor Smith, who admitted he was undecided, that he expected a definite proposition from the P. R. T. tomorrow afternoon.

For a five-month period ending November 30, 1916, the net income was increased by 147,933 over the corresponding period last year.

THE WEATHER FORECAST For Philadelphia and vicinity: Partly cloudy and continued cold tonight and Wednesday, with occasional snow or sleet.



DAVID LLOYD GEORGE The British Premier today gave the House of Commons the Allies' answer to Germany's peace proposal.

LLOYD GEORGE CALLS OFFER NOOSE FOR ALLIES; RUSSIA SPURNS TEUTON PROPOSAL

Says Chancellor's Speech Offers Small Hope for Lasting Settlement—Asks Reparation for Outrages on Land and Sea.

Germany Must Offer Tangible Guarantees Before Entente Will Agree to Conference, Prime Minister Asserts in Commons—Czar's Council of Empire Flatly Refuses Offer

LONDON, Dec. 19.—England and her allies do not propose to enter into peace negotiations without knowledge of Germany's proposals. This was the decision announced in the House of Commons this afternoon by Premier David Lloyd George.

STATE JUDGES BALK U. S. MOVE TO SAVE WOOD O'Neil Pension Mutual Receiver, Dauphin County Court Rules

WASHINGTON NOT SURPRISED AT BRITAIN'S STAND ON PEACE

WASHINGTON, Dec. 19.—Rejection by Great Britain following those of her Allies, of Germany's peace proposal caused little genuine surprise here.

RUSSIA REJECTS PEACE PROPOSAL OF TEUTONS

Another storm is being Philadelphia-ward and should reach here late tonight or early tomorrow, according to the State weather service.

NEW YORK, Dec. 19.—George F. Quinn, a broker, committed suicide today by hanging himself in his apartments in West Thirty-fourth street.

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QUICK NEWS

DR. GEORGE W. BAILEY DIES IN BATTLE CREEK

Dr. George W. Bailey, retired physician and ex-president of the World's Sunday School Association, of 3901 Walnut street, died this morning in a sanitarium at Battle Creek, Mich.

HOUSE REJECTS WAGE BILL FOR U. S. EMPLOYEES

WASHINGTON, Dec. 19.—A minimum wage of \$3 a day for all Government employes, provided by an amendment by Representative Nolan, of California, was knocked out of the legislative appropriation bill this afternoon by the House.

STOCKS BREAK AFTER RALLY ON LLOYD GEORGE'S SPEECH

NEW YORK, Dec. 19.—A bull movement, which started on the Stock Exchange when Lloyd George's "neck-in-the-noose" statement and refusal to consider peace at this time appeared on the news tickers, came to an abrupt end and was followed by a general break in price later in the afternoon.

AMERICANS ABOARD SHIP TORPEDOED UNWARNED

ROME, Dec. 19.—According to an investigation of the destruction of the Italian steamship Palermo, which is being carried on by Thomas Nelson Page, American Ambassador, the vessel was attacked by a submarine without warning.

\$210,000 APPROPRIATION FOR PHILADELPHIA MINT

Immediate appropriation of \$210,000 for wages and contingent expenses in the Philadelphia Mint is proposed in an urgent deficiency measure reported favorably by the House Appropriations Committee.

SPANISH STEAMSHIP SUNK, SAYS LLOYD'S REPORT

LONDON, Dec. 19.—The Spanish steamship Ason has been sunk, says a dispatch to Lloyd's today. She plied between British, French and Spanish ports.

PROBE ORDERED OF CLEVELAND'S ALLEGED MILK TRUST

CLEVELAND, Dec. 19.—Common Pleas Judge Powell today ordered the Grand Jury to make an immediate and exhaustive investigation into the milk situation here and determine whether the Valentine anti-trust law was violated in the embargo declared by the Northern Ohio Producers or by the raise in retail price today to ten cents a quart.

GARMENT MAKERS' STRIKE PARTLY SETTLED

NEW YORK, Dec. 19.—An agreement was reached today between manufacturers and officials of the Garment Makers' Union which partly settled the strike called last week in which 65,000 workers walked out.

BLAKIE'S LIFE TO BE SAVED, BONAR LAW PLEDGES

LONDON, Dec. 19.—Solemn promise was made in the House of Commons this afternoon by Bonar Law that Captain Blakie, would not share the fate of Captain Fryatt.

WRONG SIGNAL MADE DEUTSCHLAND SINK TUG

NEW LONDON, Conn., Dec. 19.—That the collision between the German undersea merchantman Deutschland and the tug T. A. Scott, Jr., was the result of a wrong signal by Captain John H. Garney to his engineer, which resulted in the stopping of the tug's engines when she was in the path of the Deutschland, is the decision of the United States steamboat inspectors in a lengthy report on their investigation of the collision, given out here today.

HARRIMAN EMPLOYEES GET 50 PER CENT BONUS

NEW YORK, Dec. 19.—Harriman & Co. will give a bonus to employees of fifty per cent of their annual salary.

KENSINGTON "SANTA CLAUS LADY" HURT BY FALL

"Santa Claus Lady" of Kensington, Mrs. Millicent Ketchum, will be unable to continue her Christmas work among the poor because of injuries received when she fell down stairs at her home, 2048 Frankford avenue.

GUARDSMEN MAY BE DISCIPLINED FOR "ROUND ROBIN"

EL PASO, Tex., Dec. 19.—By orders of General George Bell, Jr., commanding the eleventh army division here, a rigorous investigation is under way to determine whether discipline shall be administered to 280 guardsmen of the Eighth Ohio National Guard Infantry for signing a "round robin" protest, addressed to an Ohio newspaper, against a further stay on the border and against camp conditions and food.

DREXEL INSTITUTE HEAD ON U. S. DEFENSE BOARD

Dr. Hollis Godfrey, president of Drexel Institute, has been elected chairman of the National Defense Advisory Commission, according to advices from Washington today.

MINT RECEIVES \$6,500,000 OF CANADIAN GOLD

The Philadelphia Mint today received an allotment of gold amounting to \$6,500,000 consigned to J. P. Morgan & Co. from Canada, according to advices from New York this morning.

U. S. SEEKS LIGHT ON LOSS OF 17 AMERICANS ON SHIP

WASHINGTON, Dec. 19.—The State Department has called its representatives abroad for details of the sinking of the steamship Russian by a German submarine in the Mediterranean on December 14, with the loss of seventeen American seamen.

M'NEILLE QUILTS AS KIDS' JUDGE; SCORES BROWN

Juvenile Division Head Denounces Municipal Court Chief's Rule

NEW PHASE IN FIGHT OF G. O. P. FACTIONS

Assignment to Civil Bench Following Quick Acceptance of Resignation

ROW OVER MRS. RIPPIN



RAYMOND MACNELLE

Judge Raymond MacNelle resigned today from the Juvenile Division of the Municipal Court. He says Judge Brown forced him out. In announcing his action in a letter to President Judge Brown, of the Municipal Court, he declared Judge Brown had "permanently ignored" him, and said he had not been consulted about the division conduct, and that his suggestions had received no attention.

BROWN ACCEPTS RESIGNATION

Judge Brown promptly accepted the resignation. Beyond announcing that he had accepted the resignation, however, Judge Brown would say nothing. He merely smiled. He has assigned Judge MacNelle to the Civil Division of the Court, to take effect on the first of the new year.

REPORTS IN CITY HALL ARE TO THE EFFECT THAT JUDGE BROWN WILL RESIGN

Reports in City Hall are to the effect that Judge Brown will resign. It is the latest report that Judge Brown has resigned. The resignation of Judge MacNelle was predicted by the Evening Ledger last week.

MRS. RIPPIN'S CAUSE

The immediate cause for the resignation is the appointment of Mrs. James P. Ripplin as Chief Probation Officer of the Municipal Court, which will give in charge the probation work of the Juvenile Court division.

ROW OVER MRS. RIPPIN

Row over the Ripplin appointment, however, is the political feud of the Yarnes and MacNelle-Pearce interests. Judge MacNelle is a Yarnes supporter from 1908 Philadelphia. Judge Brown, presiding Judge.

MOTHERS who are raising their boys to be boons would do well to read the leading article on the WOMAN'S PAGE TODAY'S Evening Ledger