FRENCH MARKETS LACK CONFIDENCE

Trading Quiet Until Financiers Can See Meaning of Peace Offer

METAL TARIFF OPPOSED

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Special Cable to Evening Ledger

PARIS, Dec. 19.—The markets are extremely quiet. German peace talk has not inspired confidence. Ordinarily, it is not the victors who offer peace, but the conquered who ask for it. The markets are waiting to see what it all means.

The proposal is made to remove the tariff from metals during the war. The plan was suggested at the beginning of the war, but was opposed by miners and manufacturers who did not think the war would last so long. It still seems doubtful if either the manufacturers or the Government will accept the plan. The Government, on the one hand, needs revenue from this source, while the manufacturers are still afraid of competition.

New stock emissions in Russia last week reached the enormous total of 61,800,000 rubles, divided chiefly among the banks and manufacturing concerns.

LOCAL MINING STOCKS

TONOPAH STOCKS

	Bid.	Asked.
MacNamara	.06	.07
Midway	.20	.25
Mizpah Extension	.14	.15
Montana	.20	.22
North Star	.13	.15
Rescue Eula	.24	.26
West End	.65	.70

GOLDFIELD STOCKS

Atlanta	.10	.12
Blue Bull	.02	.03
Booth	.13	.15
Combination Fraction	.05	.07
Diamondfield B B	.06	.07
Dalton	.04	.06
Goldfield Consolidated	.65	.70
Kewanas	.26	.27
Ore	.03	.04
Sand Ken	.05	.06
River Pick	.30	.32

MISCELLANEOUS

Arizona United	.60	.70
Nevada Hill	.35	.40
Nevada Wonder	2.10	2.15
Tonopa Mining	.18	.20

FOREIGN EXCHANGE

NEW YORK, Dec. 19.—In the early dealings today in the foreign exchange market the features were weak in reichsmarks and lire. Other classes of exchange shaded slightly. French and Russian exchange held steady. Sterling worked 1-16 lower. Business was very moderate.

Quotations follow:

Demand sterling 4.75 7-16, cables 4.76 7-16.

Sixty-day bills nominally, 4.71.

Ninety-day bills 4.69.

Franc cables 5.82⅝, checks 5.84⅝.

Reichsmark cables 71⅝, checks 71½.

Lire cables 6.87, checks 6.88.

Vienna cables 12.10, checks 12.08.

Kroner cables 29.35, checks 29.20.

Pesetas cables 21.30, checks 21.10.

Swiss cables 5.02, checks 5.05.

Guilder cables 40 15-16, checks 40⅞.

Ruble cables 29.80, checks 29.70.

MONEY LENDING RATES

NEW YORK—The money market had a nominal appearance today, with business at a minimum. Bankers maintained a precautionary attitude, and this is likely to be continued until after the first of the year. The money market, however, from the viewpoint of the Wall street borrower, is not stringent, reflecting the cleaning up of last week. Loans on good mixed Stock Exchange collateral were quoted at 4¼@4½ per cent for 90 days, and 4@4½ per cent for four, five and six months on good mixed. On all industrial loans the rate is about 5 per cent for all dates. All the money markets are susceptible to the uncertainties relative to the war and peace prospects.

Call opened, lending and renewing, at 4½ per cent.

PHILADELPHIA—Call, 5 per cent. Time, 4½@5 per cent. Commercial paper, three to six months, 4@5 per cent.

CHICAGO—Call, 4 per cent; time, 4½@5 per cent.

BOSTON—Call, 4¾ per cent; time, 4@4½ per cent.

LONDON—Money on call was 4¾ per cent today, unchanged. The rate of discount in the open market for short and three months' bills was 5½@5⅝ per cent, unchanged.

BANK CLEARINGS

Bank clearings today compared with corresponding day last two years:

	1916.	1915.	1914.
Boston	$43,214,741	$33,641,161	$22,054,123
Philadelphia	55,782,010	35,366,591	25,834,018
New York	860,377,040	623,623,074	281,584,485
Chicago	82,030,183	65,789,717	47,493,300
Baltimore	8,631,914	7,529,896	5,619,505
St. Louis	22,287,783	17,461,166	13,044,588

LIVE STOCK QUOTATIONS

CHICAGO, Dec. 19.—HOGS—Receipts, 50,000. Market slow and steady. Mixed and butchers, $8.60@10.30; good heavy, $9.70@10.25; rough heavy, $9.70@9.85; light, $9.20@10; pigs, $7.40@9.15; bulk, $9.75@10.10.

CATTLE—Receipts, 8000. Market steady. Beeves, $7@11.65; cows and heifers, $3.85@10; stockers and feeders, $5@8.10; Texans, $6@9.10; calves, $8@11.50.

SHEEP—Receipts, 18,000. Market steady, 10c lower. Native and western, $8.90@10.50; lambs, $11@13.

Wheat Steady in Liverpool

LIVERPOOL, Dec. 19.—Spot wheat was steady today, with No. 1 Chicago quoted at 17s 8d; No. 2 hard winter 16s 10d; No. 1 northern Manitoba new 17s 6d, and No. 2 northern Manitoba 16s 10d. Corn was quiet at a decline of 1d, with American mixed quoted at 13s 8d, and plate at 13s 7d. Flour was unchanged at 61s 6d.

PHILADELPHIA MARKETS

GRAIN AND FLOUR

WHEAT—Receipts, 116,479 bush. The market was firm, and 2c higher with bullish speculation in all home grain markets. Quotations, in store, in export elevator: No. 2 red spot, $1.68 @1.69; No. 2 southern red, $1.64@1.67; steamer No. 2 red, $1.62@1.66; No. 3 red, $1.62@1.65; rejected A, $1.58@1.61; rejected B, $1.54@1.57.

CORN—Receipts, 8808 bush. The market was quiet but firm with light offerings. Quotations: Car lots for local trade, as to location—No. 2 yellow, $1.04@1.05; No. 3 yellow, $1.02@1.03; No. 4 yellow, $1@1.01; No. 5 yellow, 97@98c; southern yellow, 97c@$1.01.

OATS—Receipts, 88,067 bush. Prices advanced 1c under light offerings and a fair demand. Quotations: No. 2 white, 50½@50½c; standard white, 58½@59c; No. 3 white, 57½@58c; No. 4 white, 56@57c; extra oats, 53@54c.

FLOUR—Receipts, 765 bbls. and 1,551,477 lbs. in sacks. Mill limits were firmly held, but demand was only moderate. Quotations, per 196 lbs. in wood: Winter clear, $8.75@9; straight, $7.25@7.50; do, patent, $7.75@8; Kansas, clear, cotton sacks, $7.75@8; do, straight, cotton sacks, $8.25@8.50; patent, cotton sacks, $8.50@8.75; spring, clear, $8@8.25; do, patent, $8.50@8.75; do, favorite brands, $8.75@9.25; city mills, choice and fancy patent, $8.75@9.25; city mills, regular brands—Winter, clear, $8.75@9; do, straight, $7.25@7.50; do, patent, $8.75@9.25.

RYE FLOUR was quiet but firm under light offerings. We quote $7@7.50 per bbl, as to quality.

PROVISIONS

There was a fair jobbing demand and values ruled steady. The quotations follow: City beef, in sets, smoked and air-dried, 34c; western beef, in sets, smoked, 34c; city beef, knuckles and tenders, smoked and air-dried, 35c; western beef, knuckles and tenders, smoked, 35c; beef hams, $28@30; pork, family, $32.50@33; hams, S. P. cured, loose, 19@19¼c; do, skinned, loose, 19¾@20c; do, cs, smoked, 20¾@21c; other hams, smoked, city cured, as to brand and average, 20¼c; hams, smoked, western cured, 20¼c; do, boiled, boneless, 38c; picnic shoulders, S. P. cured, loose, 15c; do, smoked, 16c; bellies, in pickle, according to average, loose, 17¼c; breakfast bacon, as to brand and average, city cured, 22c; breakfast bacon, western cured, 22c; lard, western, refined, tcs, 18¼c; do, do, tubs, 18¼c; lard, pure city, kettle rendered, in tcs, 18¼c; lard, pure city, kettle rendered, in tubs, 18¼c.

REFINED SUGARS

The market was quiet and unchanged. Refiners' list prices: Extra fine granulated, 7.60c; powdered, 7.15c; confectioners' A, 6.90c; soft grades, 6.30@6.90c.

DAIRY PRODUCTS

BUTTER—The market ruled firm at the late advance, with a good demand absorbing the limited offerings. Quotations: Western, fresh solid packed creamery, fancy specials, 43c; extras, 41@42c; extra firsts, 40@40½c; firsts, 38@39c; seconds, 36@37c; fancy city prints, fancy, 44c; average extra, 42@43c; firsts, 39@40c; seconds, 36@38c; special fancy brands of prints jobbing at 47@50c.

EGGS—Fine new-laid eggs were scarce and firm under a fairly active demand. Quotations: Nearby extras, 49c per doz.; nearby fresh, $14.10 per case; nearby current receipts, $13.80 per case; western extras, 49c per doz.; do, extra firsts, $14.10 per case; do, firsts, $13.80 per case; refrigerator cars, storage and insurance paid to January 1, extra, $10.80 per case; do, firsts, $10.50 per case; do, seconds, $9.90 per case; fancy selected candled fresh eggs were jobbing at $4@60c per doz.

CHEESE ruled steady under light offerings, but there was little trading. Quotations: New York, full cream, fancy, 25¼@25½c; specials higher; do, do, fair to good, 24¼@24¾c; do, part skims, 13@21c.

POULTRY

LIVE ruled firm under light offerings and a fair demand. Quotations: Fowls, as to quality, 16@18c; old roosters, 13@14c; spring chickens, according to quality, 16@18c; White Leghorns, according to quality, 15@17c; ducks, as to quality, 16@18c; turkeys, 22@24c; geese, 15@18c; pigeons, old, per pair, 28@30c; do, young, per pair, 20@25c.

DRESSED—The market ruled firm under light offerings and a fairly active demand and prices of turkeys, ducks and geese were slightly higher. Quotations: Fresh-killed, dry-packed turkeys, per lb., fancy hearts, 31c; exceptional lots higher; fancy western, 30c; fair to good, 27@28c; common, 22@25c; fowls, 12 lbs. and over, dry-picked, fancy, selected, 23c; do, weighing 4½@5 lbs. apiece, 22½c; do, 4 lbs. apiece, 22c; do, 3½ lbs. apiece, 19@20c; do, 3 lbs. apiece, 18@19c; fowls, in bbls., fancy, dry-picked, weighing 4½@5 lbs. and over apiece, 21½c; do, weighing 4 lbs. apiece, 20c; smaller sizes, 15@17c; old roosters, dry-picked, 16c; roasting chickens, western, dry-picked, in boxes, weighing 8 lbs. and over per pair, 24c; roast chickens, western, in boxes, weighing 7 lbs. per pair, 21@22c; roasting chickens, western, in bbls., weighing 8 lbs. and over per pair, 21@22c; roasting chickens, western, in bbls., weighing 7 lbs. per pair, 19@20c; broiling per pair, 18@20c; fowls, western, in boxes, weighing 3@4 lbs. per pair, 24@25c; chickens, weighing 5@6 lbs. per pair, 18@20c; do, mixed sizes, 18@20c; broilers, Jersey, fancy, 29@31c; broilers, other western, weighing 1½@2 lbs. apiece, 27@29c; broilers, nearby, smaller sizes, 23@25c; ducks, western, 18@20c; geese, western, 17@19c; squabs, per doz., white, weighing 11 to 12 lbs. per doz., $6.75@6; white, weighing 9 to 10 lbs. per doz., $4.50@5.50; white, weighing 3 lbs. per doz., $14@4.35; do, do, 7 lbs. per doz., $5.50@6.75; do, do, 3 lbs. per doz., $2.75@3.90; dark, $2.50@2.90; small and No. 2, 90c@$1.25.

VEGETABLES

Demand was fair and values generally ruled steady, as follows: White potatoes, per bushel—Pennsylvania, choice, $1.60@1.65; New York, choice, $1.50@1.60. White potatoes, Jersey, per basket, 85c@$1. Sweet potatoes, Eastern Shore, per bbl—No. 1, $2.50@2.75; No. 2, $1@1.50. Sweet potatoes, Delaware and Maryland, per hamper, $1@1.25. Sweet potatoes, Jersey, per basket—No. 1, 75@90c; No. 2, 40@60c. Onions, per 100-lb. bag—No. 1, $3.50@4.15; No. 2, $2.50@3.50. Cabbage, Danish, per ton, $65@70; do, domestic, per ton, $55@60. Spinach, Norfolk, per bbl., $3@3.50. Kale, Norfolk, per bbl., $1@1.25. Cauliflower, Norfolk, per crate, $1@1.50. Lettuce, Florida, per basket, $2@3.50; do, Virginia, per basket, $1@1.50; do, North Carolina, per basket, $1@2. Beans, Florida, per basket, $1.50@3. Eggplant, Florida, per box, $2.25@3.50. Peppers, Florida, per box, $2.50@4. Squash, Florida, per box, $1.75@2.25. Peas, Florida, per basket, $2@5.

FRESH FRUITS

The market was quiet, but generally steady. Quotations are as follows: Apples, per bbl.—Jonathan, $4.50@5.25; Grimes Golden, $4.50@5.25; York Imperial, $3@4; Ben Davis, $2.50@3; Baldwin, No. 1, $3.75@4.25; do, ungraded, $2.50@3.50; Greening, No. 1, $4.50@5; do, ungraded, $2.50@4; King, No. 1, $4@5; do, ungraded, $2.50@3.50; Stayman, No. 1, $4@5; do, ungraded, $2.50@3.50. Winesap, No. 1, $4@5; do, ungraded, $2.50@3.50; apples, Northwestern, per box, $1.50@2.50; lemons, per box, $2.50@3; oranges, Florida, per crate—Bright, $2.75@3; russet, $2.25@2.75; tangerines, Florida, per strap, $3@4.50; grapefruit, Florida, per crate, $2@2.75; pineapples, Florida, Indian River, per crate, $2.50@3.50; cranberries, Cape Cod, per bbl.—Fancy late varieties, $8@9; early black, $5@6.50; cranberries, Cape Cod, per crate, $2@2.40; do, Jersey, dark, per crate, $2@2.40; do, do, light, per crate, $1.50@2; strawberries, Florida, per quart, 35@50c; pears, New York, per bush. hamper—Seckel, $2.50@3; Sheldon, $1.50@2; pears, Kieffers, per bbl, $2@3.

Sugar Futures Irregular

NEW YORK, Dec. 19.—The sugar futures opened quiet and more or less irregular today, first prices being 2 points higher, to a decline of 2 points, with sales on the call 100 tons. The market was without fresh new feature of any kind, and operators were watching the spot market for further developments there.

PREMIER'S SPEECH SENDS WHEAT DOWN

Sharp Break Occurs When Lloyd George's Attitude Is Published

GRAIN BELT WEATHER FORECAST

CHICAGO, Dec. 19.—The weather forecast for thirty-six hours follows:

Illinois—Partly cloudy north, probably snow flurries south today, somewhat warmer; Wednesday, unsettled and cold.

Missouri—Partly cloudy south, unsettled north; colder Wednesday and northwest today, warmer south today.

Wisconsin—Partly cloudy north, probably snow flurries south and west today; not so cold east; Wednesday, unsettled and cold.

Minnesota—Generally fair north, probably snow south; continued cold.

Iowa—Unsettled, probably snow west today.

North Dakota—Partly cloudy, continued cold, moderate to fresh winds.

South Dakota—Snow today and probably Wednesday, colder today.

Nebraska — Unsettled, probably snow, colder.

Kansas—Partly cloudy, colder Wednesday.

CHICAGO, Dec. 19.—Disappointment over the speech of Premier Lloyd George in the House of Commons brought about a selling movement in the wheat market today that broke it sharply after it had shown strength. Previously, on expectations of a warlike address, prices made good gains and there was a scramble of shorts to cover.

Important interests led the selling and included Easterners. Elevators and allied speculators of prominence also were among the sellers.

December, after selling as high as $1.59¼, finished at the bottom at $1.53, or ¾c below yesterday's close; May, after advancing to $1.71¾, dropped to $1.64¾, finishing at $1.65¼@1.64¾, against $1.64¾, the final quotation of yesterday; July, after moving up to $1.44¾, fell to $1.38¼, ending at $1.38⅛@1.38¾, compared with $1.38¾, yesterday's last price.

Advices from Liverpool said that the political situation was the only topic of discussion. The market was dull there.

Leading futures ranged as follows:

	Open.	High.	Low.	Close.	Yesterday's close.
Wheat—					
Dec.	1.56⅛	1.59¼	1.53	1.53	*1.53¾
May	1.65⅛	1.71¾	1.64¾	1.65¼	1.64¾
July	1.38⅝	1.44¾	1.38¼	1.38¾	1.38¾
Corn (new) delivery—					
Dec.	93¾	94¼	92¾	93¼	93¾
May	93¾	94¾	91¾	92	93¾
July	92¾	93¾	91¼	91¼	92¾
Oats—					
Dec.	49¾	51¼	49	49	49¾
May	54	55¼	52¾	53	53¾
July	51¾	54	50¾	50½	51¾
Lard—					
Dec.	16.47	16.57	16.45	*16.50	16.50
Jan.	15.95	15.95	15.85	*15.87	16.00
May	15.97	16.00	15.90	*15.93	16.02
Ribs—					
Jan.	*13.65	13.67	13.62	*13.65	13.72
May	14.05	14.10	14.02	14.05	14.07
Pork—					
Jan.	26.70	26.80	26.65	*26.65	26.70
May	*26.40	26.50	26.35	26.35	26.50

*Bid. †Asked.

EXTRA DIVIDENDS DECLARED

NEW YORK, Dec. 19.—The Nipissing Mines Company has declared the regular quarterly dividend of 5 per cent and an extra dividend of 5 per cent, payable January 20 to stock of record December 30. Three months ago the regular of 5 per cent and an extra of 5 per cent were declared.

The National Bank of Cuba has declared a semiannual dividend of 4 per cent, plus an extra dividend of 1 per cent, payable January 2 to stock of record December 31. The Bank of Cuba in New York, which opened for business May 11, 1916, has declared a dividend of 4 per cent, payable January 2.

The Albany and Susquehanna Railroad declared an extra dividend of $3.25 a share, payable January 6 to stock of record January 2.

PITTSBURGH, Dec. 19.—The Crucible Steel Company declared an extra dividend of 2 per cent on preferred stock on account of deferred dividends, payable January 31.

DIVIDENDS DECLARED

Springfield Body Corporation, regular quarterly of 2 per cent on the preferred stock, payable January 2 to stock of record December 23.

Chicago Cities and Connecting Railways Company, semiannual of $2.25 on its preferred stock, payable January 1 to stock of record December 23.

Niagara Falls Power Company, regular quarterly of $2 a share on its capital stock, payable January 15 to stock of record December 30.

Swift & Company, regular quarterly of $1.75, payable January 17 to stock of record January 3.

Republic Iron and Steel, initial cash of 1¼ per cent on the common stock.

Jersey Central Railroad, usual extra of 2 per cent, payable December 29 to stock of record December 22.

New England Telephone and Telegraph Company, regular quarterly of $1.75, payable December 30 to stock of record December 20.

NEW YORK BUTTER AND EGGS

NEW YORK, Dec. 19.—BUTTER—Receipts, 10,048. Continued shortage of fine, fresh butter. Other grades steady but quiet. Imitation creamery, 32½@36c; other grades unchanged.

EGGS—Receipts, 6731 cases. Fresh, easier storage, firmer; extras, 52@53c; extra firsts, 50@51c; firsts, 48@49c; seconds, 42@47c; mixed color, 48@53c; no change in other grades.

GOVERNMENT BONDS

	Bid.
2s registered 1930	99⅝
2s coupon 1930	99⅝
4s registered 1918	100⅝
4s coupon 1918	100⅝
4s registered 1925	110
4s coupon 1925	110⅛
4s 1940 small bonds	101
3s registered 1916	101⅛
3s coupon 1946	101⅛

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WILLIAM F. READ

W. F. READ, TEXTILE MANUFACTURER, DIES

Octogenarian, Pioneer in Silk and Wool Fabric, Victim of Pneumonia

William F. Read, one of the pioneer textile manufacturers of this city, a member of the Union League and the Chamber of Commerce, as well as a director in a number of financial and educational institutions and a distinguished personage, died today at his home in Lansdowne.

Mr. Read was in his eighty-fourth year.

As president of the William F. Read & Sons Company, manufacturers of textiles, Mr. Read had become known throughout the world. He early saw the need for a fabric of somewhat finer texture than wool, yet a more enduring cloth than silk, so he compromised by placing a silk warp in the woolen cloth, and today the firm which bears his name is the sole manufacturer of silk-warp Lansdowne cloth.

Mr. Read was endowed with a keen business instinct. He engaged in business as a very young man, and prior to 1858 he was one of the largest importers of kid gloves into this country.

He was a member of the first graduating class of Central High School. He has since been one of the most active of its alumni.

Mr. Read engaged in the manufacture of textiles in 1858. His offices at that time were at 212 Chestnut street. The business grew greatly under his direction and a factory was built at Twelfth street and Snyder avenue. The offices are now at 209 and 211 Chestnut street.

Despite his advanced age, Mr. Read attended to his business duties every day. His philanthropic work is said to have been extensive and to have taken up a great deal of his time.

He became ill last week after catching cold while on his way to his office. Pneumonia developed quickly, but Mr. Read rallied and was on the road to recovery when his heart action became impaired, and he sank rapidly under the strain. He died at 10:35 o'clock today.

His home, Lansdowne, on the corner of Lansdowne avenue and Baily road, is one of the show places of the section.

Mr. Read is survived by eight children, four sons and four daughters. Three of his sons are engaged in business with him, Franklin C. Read is vice president of the company and William F. Read, Jr., is secretary and treasurer. His other sons are Robert F and Conyers Read. The latter is professor of history in the University of Chicago.

The surviving daughters are Mrs. Joel Baily Davis, Mrs. Napoleon B. Kelly, wife of the secretary of the Chamber of Commerce, and the Misses Florence and Helen A. Read.

Mr. Read was a director of the Franklin Institute, the Bank of North America, the Society for the Prevention of Cruelty to Animals and the Academy of the Fine Arts.

He was also a director of a number of other financial and educational institutions. He was a member of the Art Club and the Philadelphia Country Club.

Mr. Read's wife died in 1901.

Antonio Rafetto

Antonio Rafetto, of 2342 North Sixteenth street, died yesterday at his home after being ill one week with pneumonia. He was eighty-two years old. Mr. Rafetto came to this country from Italy when he was fourteen years old, and had lived during his life in the neighborhood where he died, being one of the pioneers in the section. He was a charter member of the Christopher Columbus Monument Association and acted as secretary in 1876, when the organization erected the first monument to Columbus in the United States. The memorial stands in Fairmount Park. He was for a number of years secretary of the Italian Beneficial Association. He is survived by a widow and seven adult children.

Funeral services will be held at his late residence tomorrow morning. Solemn high requiem mass will be celebrated at 10 o'clock in the Church of Our Lady of Mercy, Broad street and Susquehanna avenue.

Harry C. Francis

Harry C. Francis, a mechanical engineer, died on Monday in his apartments at the Bellevue-Stratford. He had retired from active business three years ago on account of failing health. Mr. Francis was born in Philadelphia in 1842 and he was graduated from the Central High School. He was connected first with the Baldwin Locomotive Works and then with William Sellers & Co., Inc. He was in charge later of the construction of the first electric lighting system in the New York streets and the Hudson River. He organized the Kensington Engine Works, Limited, of Philadelphia, and afterward with his brother and Stewart A. Jellett, he incorporated Francis Jellett, Inc., of which he was president many years. He was a member of the Union League, the St. Andrew's Society, and the Transatlantic Society, and was a Mason, being a member of St. Mary's Commandery. He was a member of one of the emergency regiments which went from Philadelphia to Gettysburg at the time of the battle of Gettysburg.

French Educator Dead

PARIS, Dec. 19.—The death of Pierre Foncin, honorary president of the Alliance Française, is announced. His passing deprives France of one of her most influential factors in educational work. Besides founding the alliance he made sweeping changes in educational methods in France and was foremost in the spread of French civilization in colonial possessions and foreign countries.

Edward H. Rigby, Sr.

Edward H. Rigby, Sr., for forty years a guard at Fairmount Park, died yesterday morning. Rigby retired from the force about two years ago. During the last few years he was a sergeant and was stationed at the Sedgley guardhouse. He was a veteran of the Civil War. The funeral will be held tomorrow from the home of his son, 1228 Morris street.

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REGISTER PROMOTES EMPLOYE

Twenty-ninth Ward Man Made Assistant Marriage License Clerk

Register of Wills Sheehan today promoted Edward Thompson, of the Twenty-ninth Ward, from a clerkship in the Orphans' Court to the position of assistant marriage license clerk to fill the vacancy created by the recent death of Thomas C. Smith. Thompson's salary increase is from $1200 to $1500 a year. The Register named Edward O'Rourke, 1016 Dickinson street, to the vacant clerkship.

Director Krusen, of the Department of Health and Charities, named William H. Smith, 1733 Lombard street, for the position of specimen collector, Bureau of Health, $1000.

$200,000 Fire in Minneapolis

MINNEAPOLIS, Dec. 19.—Fire which for a time threatened to destroy a section of the business district, was brought under control after causing damage variously estimated at from $200,000 to $400,000.

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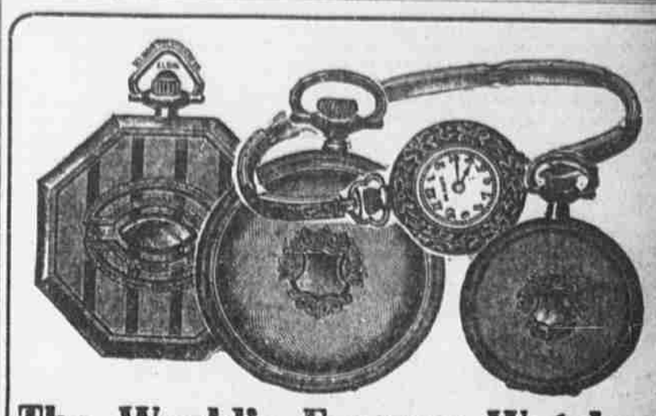

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15-J Elgin	14.70
17-J Elgin	18.75
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15-Jewel Waltham	12.50
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17-Jewel Illinois	18.10
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7-Jewel Standard	9.50
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17-J Adjusted Illinois	25.00
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17-J Swiss	13.50
10-J Swiss	14.50
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15-Jewel Standard	5.85
15-Jewel Imported	6.50
21-Jewel Swiss	7.35
23-Jewel Imported	7.95
7-Jewel Elgin	8.50
15-Jewel Waltham	10.75
17-Jewel Elgin	12.75
15-Jewel Illinois	12.25
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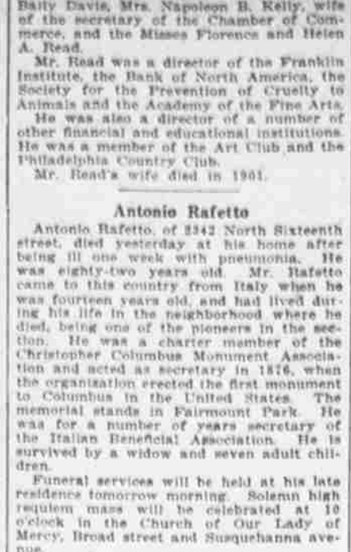

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