

CORUSCATING CAPE OF KING LOBSTER IS BORNE PAST JUDGES



The Lobster Association made an effort in today's parade to surpass all previous performances. Their cape was an enormous affair in six sections and more than threescore vassals of the king were required to support it. The picture shows the Lobsters as they appeared from above when passing the Bellevue-Stratford Hotel.

Photo by Everett Larner Staff Photographer.

MUMMER HOST IN GAUDY ARRAY CAPTURES CITY

Five Miles of Music Accompanies Dazzling Display of Costumery

Thousands Line Broad Street to Cheer Beauty and Laugh at Comic Clubs

The mummers captured Philadelphia today. Try to picture an animated rainbow wriggling up Broad street to the accompaniment of five miles of music. Add to that the cheers and laughter of thousands and thousands of people and you'll get a faint idea of the Quaker City's own big show.

Broad street was the open-air stage which attracted hundreds of thousands of visitors from all parts of the country. Hoopsters clustered in every window and doorway and hundreds of lamp posts and trees (when a safe distance from the cops) were used as grandstands by kids who joined in cheering the big army of gladness.

From Porter street to Girard avenue Broad street was a jam of humanity. It was a jolly crowd, too—and an air of optimism seemed to pervade its length and breadth.

A flurry of snow shortly after the start of the big show did not cool the enthusiasm of the mummers.

TEUTONS SWEEP ON IN RUMANIA

Gain New Positions in Wallachia, Dobrudja and the Carpathians

TAKE 1000 MORE MEN

BERLIN, Jan. 1.—In hand-to-hand battles German and Austro-Hungarian troops between the Ula and Putna Valleys, in Rumania, succeeded in storming several high positions and repulsed violent Rumanian-Russian counter-attacks, today's official report detailed.

The German forces have taken Herestra and Ungurent in the Zabala Valley. In the Carpathians German rifles succeeded in blasting a hostile blockhouse with its garrison.

The Ninth German army has pushed back the Russian-Rumanian forces to a point halfway between Rimnik-Sarat and Focsani; the German Danube army has thrown the Russians back to the bridgehead of Braila, and in Dobrudja German-Bulgarian troops have almost regained up Russian bridgehead positions at Macin.

Around Macin, the statement said, 1000 men, four cannon and eight machine guns fell to the victorious German troops.

The text of the official statement follows: German rifles in the Carpathian forests have captured a hostile blockhouse with its garrison.

ENTENTE WILL AMPLIFY STAND IN NOTE TO U.S.

Reply to Wilson Plea Will Supplement Answer to German Proposal

ALLIED PRESS APPLAUDS

Chief Points in Allies' Reply to Berlin Note

REJECTION of the German claim of victory.

Protest against Berlin's attempt to place responsibility for war on Allies.

Reaffirmation of close unity of Entente Powers and their determination to continue war until their objects are attained.

Brief review of diplomatic events preceding the war with the purpose of proving Germany's rejection of all Allied attempts to invoke diplomacy for the settlement of the dispute between Austria and Serbia.

Criticism of German peace offer as constituting a "war maneuver" rather than an effort to bring conflict to an end.

Restatement of injury to life and property committed by the Central Powers in invaded territories and on the sea.

Demand for reparation, restitution and guarantees as the sole basis on which peace would be possible and lasting.

CHURCH AND CAFE GREET NEW YEAR

1917 Received With Hymned Praises as Well as Carousing

POLICE LET WELKIN RING

Nineteen hundred and seventeen was not ushered in around the center of the city for ushers are bowing folks of subdued word and gesture.

A more subdued and probably more fervent greeting was accorded the New Year in scores of churches throughout the city and in many homes, where groups gathered to pray and sing as midnight was reached and passed.

At the Garrick Theatre from 7:30 until midnight the Lemon Hill Association held a combined union communion and watch-night service.

At 11 o'clock a personal dedication service for the coming year began, and closed at midnight.

Hundreds worshipped with the Salvation Army at the Eighth and Vine streets chapel, where there was special singing and music.

EXTRA

MUMMERS' PARADE PRIZE-WINNERS AS ANNOUNCED BY THE JUDGES

- FANCY DIVISION
First prize, \$650, Lobsters.
Second prize, \$500, Charles Klein.
Third prize, \$250, Silver Crown.
- COMIC DIVISION
First prize, \$650, M. A. Bruder.
Second prize, \$400, John Biggins.
Third prize, \$250, West Philadelphia.
Fourth prize, \$150, Zuzu String Band.
Fifth prize, \$100, East Side, Camden.
Sixth prize, \$75, Federal.

STRING BANDS

- First prize, \$150, Talbot.
Second prize, \$100, Fralinger.
Third prize, \$50, Oakley.

FLOATS

- First prize, \$100, "Nero," of the Trilby Club.
Second prize, \$80, "English Caterpillar," Zuzu Club.
Third prize, \$75, "Vacation Day in Jersey," Bruder Club.
Fourth prize, \$60, "Submarine Deutschland," Zuzu Club.
Fifth prize, \$50, "Moving Pictures," Bruder Club.

BRIGADES

- First prize, \$100, "Villa" Body Guard, Biggins Club.
Second prize, \$90, "Hawaiian Ukulele Queen," Biggins Club.
Third prize, \$75, "Brigade of Nations," Mike and Ike Club.
Fourth prize, \$60, "Fireman Brigade," East Side, Camden.
Fifth prize, \$50, "Artisan Sharpshooters," West Phila. Club.

SPECIAL FEATURES

- First prize, \$50, Frank and William Short, Federal Club.
Second prize, Stephen Shupulise and his goose, Lobsters' Club.

ENTENTE PEACE NOTE REPLY REACHES BERLIN

BERLIN, Jan. 1.—The text of the Entente's reply to Germany's peace initiative has been received in Berlin, the scientific Overseas News Agency announced today.

HARRY LAUDER'S SON KILLED AT THE FRONT

LONDON, Jan. 1.—Captain John Lauder, son of Harry Lauder, the Scotch comedian, has been killed at the front, it was announced today.

BRITISH CUTTER BLOWN UP; NUMBER LOST IN DOUBT

LONDON, Jan. 1.—The cutter Protector has been blown up, a Lloyd's dispatch today said. The number of lives lost is not known.

GRECE HURRIES TRANSFER OF TROOPS SOUTH

ATHENS, Jan. 1.—Greece is hurrying transfer of her troops southward with all possible speed, the pinch of the Allied blockade now being generally felt.

NEWFOUNDLAND "DRY" LAW GOES INTO EFFECT

ST. JOHN'S, Jan. 1.—At midnight last night the whole of Newfoundland went "dry." A prohibition act, becoming effective, stops the import, manufacture or sale of intoxicating liquors and no alcoholic compound will be obtainable within the colony, except for medicinal, manufacturing or sacramental purposes.

SIR DOUGLAS HAIG GETS FIELD MARSHAL'S BATON

LONDON, Jan. 1.—General Sir Douglas Haig, British commander-in-chief of the expeditionary forces, is elevated to field marshal of England in the usual New Year's list of honors announced today.

CITY'S INTEREST ON DEPOSITS SHOWS INCREASE

Interest received by the city for deposits during 1916 amounted to \$307,855.51. For the first six months the receipts were \$117,522.98, while during the last half of the year they jumped to \$190,332.53.

BRITAIN BAKES STANDARD LOAVES TO SAVE FLOUR

LONDON, Jan. 1.—The first of the new Administration's food-saving measures went into effect today, when England began baking standard loaves. A saving of eighteen per cent in flour will be effected.

SKATING ON ALL PARK AND SUBURBAN LAKES

There is skating today on all the lakes in Fairmount Park and the suburbs. Every little pond and stream has skaters on it, but the larger lakes are drawing the crowds.

WARSHIPS OFF COAST FLASH U-BOAT WARNING

NORFOLK, Va., Jan. 1.—Allied warships off the American coast flashed wire less warnings to all Allied shipping today to be on guard against submarines.

BIG DECREASE IN BANKRUPTCIES IN GERMANY

BERLIN, via London, Jan. 1.—The bankruptcies in Germany for the year 1916 numbered 277, as compared with 4580 and 7738 in 1915 and 1914, respectively.

SEVEN KILLED, 100 HURT IN GERMAN TRAIN WRECK

AMSTERDAM, Jan. 1.—The death of seven persons and injury of 100 in a railroad accident near Hamburg is reported. A train carrying 400 persons, mostly workmen, was in collision with an empty train.

FACTIONS LINE UP FOR TEST IN SPEAKER FIGHT

Last Effort Made to Swing "Doubtful," Who Hold Balance

VOTE ON CAUCUS TONIGHT

"I Have Not Saw Governor," Vore Tells Newspaper Men

SENATOR ED VORE, with his diamond shirt studs, is the star attraction of the Cox rooms. When asked if he had persuaded the Governor to chop off Banking Commissioner Smith's head, he replied, "No; I have not saw the Governor."

HARRISBURG, Jan. 1.—The Vore-Brumbaugh-Magee and the Penrose-McNicol factions of the Republican organization will engage in a battle for the election of a Speaker tonight, when the Republican caucus is held, that will be the most bitter held in Pennsylvania since 1901, when Matthew Stanley Quay was last elected United States Senator.

Both factions are preparing to throw the fight on to the floor of the House, when the Legislature meets to formally organize tomorrow afternoon in order to make gird for their fight in the factional campaign over the gubernatorial nominations two years hence.

With both Edwin D. Cox and Richard J. Baldwin confidently predicting victory on the eve of the caucus, it is apparently the "men on the fence" who will decide tonight's contest.

The Vore-Brumbaugh people who are managing Cox's campaign claim that between twenty and thirty members are still doubtful, while the managers of the Baldwin campaign assert that there are still eighteen doubtful. These figures do not include Allegheny County, and several others may be swung to one or the other of the candidates when the caucus of that western county delegation is held at 2:30 o'clock this afternoon.

SCOTT CLAIMS VICTORY

John R. K. Scott, on behalf of Cox's candidacy, issued a statement shortly after 1 o'clock this morning in which he declared that the fight for the election of Cox was virtually won. The statement was issued following an all-day conference of Vore-Brumbaugh leaders, held in the Cox headquarters at the Commonwealth Hotel.

Baldwin also predicted his own election, claiming that his original estimate of 110 votes for himself in the caucus still stands. "After having interviewed nearly every Republican member of the House," he said, "I am confident that my original estimate that I will have at least 110 votes in the caucus tonight still stands. I have not lost a single vote, notwithstanding the pressure that has been brought to bear upon the members-elect by the Brumbaugh administration to switch to me Cox."

DEMOCRATS NAME CANDIDATES

The Democratic State leaders, at a meeting of the Democratic Legislative Committee, held at noon in the headquarters of the State Committee, decided to place their own candidate for Speaker in the field, and to keep out of the Republican Speakership fight, even on the floor of the House, if the Republicans throw the fight into the House tomorrow.

They selected Wilson G. Barr, of Berks, as their "charismatic" choice for the empty honor of being the Democratic candidate for Speaker. Acting State Chairman Joseph F. Giffey and the members of the legislative committee attended the meeting.

DOUBTFUL ONES LINKED UP

Both camps are in a fever of excitement today in an effort to line up the doubtful members, and every safeguard is being taken to prevent the "buying" of votes.

A LITTLE SNOW FOR NEW YEAR

Few Flakes Appear, but It Won't Total Half Inch

King Winter showered his New Year's greeting on Philadelphia today in the form of light snow, which, it is predicted, will change to rain before nightfall.

1917 Baby Arrives Promptly—a Boy

The 1917 baby made its official appearance this morning shortly after midnight. The boy—for he chose the right sex to make his debut—is the son of Mr. and Mrs. Gilbert Thomas, negro, of Germantown.

THE WEATHER FORECAST For Philadelphia and vicinity—Light snow or rain this afternoon or night and tomorrow—Tuesday, fair, fresh to strong southwest winds.

LENGTH OF DAY Sun rises... 7:55 a.m. Moon sets... 4:54 p.m. Day length... 11:55 a.m. Sun sets... 4:54 p.m. Moon rises... 6:58 a.m.

DELAWARE RIVER TIDE CHANGES CHESTNUT STREET Low water... 7:35 a.m. High water... 8:40 p.m. High water... 7:35 p.m. Low water... 8:30 a.m.

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Pictures of the Shooters, in their annual New Year's Pageant will appear in the Evening Ledger immediately after the parade. This is only another example of the speed and efficiency of the EVENING LEDGER'S photo patrol.

Kindness Wins Fortune for Woman TRENTON, Jan. 1.—Miss Inez Leiland Walker, of this city, will leave in a few days for the West Indies, to take possession of property which she recently inherited. The inheritance also includes considerable real estate in New York city and on Long Island. Miss Walker came into the fortune because she was kind and considerate of a friend during a long illness.

Dutch Ship Again Taken by Teutons BERLIN, Jan. 1.—An Admiralty statement here says that the Dutch steamship Olandard, with contraband from Holland for England, was stopped by our Finnish naval forces on Friday and taken into Zebrugg.