

PRESIDENT MAY TRY MEDIATION TO BRING PEACE

Wilson Considering Move, High Washington Official Intimates

SOUNDINGS NOW TAKEN

Peace Note Resolutions Now Before U. S. Senate

Hitchcock's first resolution: Resolved, that the Senate strongly indorses and approves the action taken by the President in sending diplomatic notes...

Resolved, that it is the sense of the Senate that this action of the President represents the overwhelming public sentiment and earnest desires of the people of the United States.

Hitchcock's resolution now before Senate:

Resolved, that the Senate approves and strongly indorses the action taken by the President in sending the diplomatic notes of December 18 to the nations now engaged in war...

Gallinger's substitute:

Resolved, that the Senate of the United States, in the interests of humanity and civilization, expresses the sincere hope that peace between the warring nations of Europe may be consummated at an early day.

WASHINGTON, Jan. 4.

President Wilson is seriously considering the advisability of making a formal offer of mediation to the warring Powers of Europe, according to intimations in a high official quarter today.

This follows closely the dispatch by Carl W. Ackerman from Berlin yesterday stating that Ambassador Gerard has called "lots of interesting things" to the State Department after a conference with Imperial Chancellor Bethmann-Hollweg.

As the result of his private interview on New Year's Day with Chancellor von Bethmann-Hollweg, Ambassador Gerard is declared to have indicated to the Washington Government that Germany and her allies would welcome such a move.

Mr. Gerard is said to have expressed to his Government the further belief that Germany would be willing to supply President Wilson confidentially with such detailed information concerning the scope of her peace terms as would justify him in urging the Entente Powers to enter into preliminary negotiations looking to a formal peace conference.

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MIDVALE WILL SHARE PROFITS WITH ITS MEN

4000 Steel Company Employees Have Chance to Join Stock Subscription

Every employe of the Midvale Steel and Ordnance Company will have the opportunity of sharing in the profits of the corporation under a plan announced today in New York by officers of the company.

The opportunity is an employees' stock subscription plan, whereby the humblest employe of the company, as well as the highest official, will have opportunity to purchase shares of the company (par value \$5) at \$6 a share.

More than 4000 employes will have a chance to take advantage of the plan. Full details have not been given out, but the company promises, in its initial announcement, to guarantee, under certain conditions, an income of not less than \$6 a share for a five-year period.

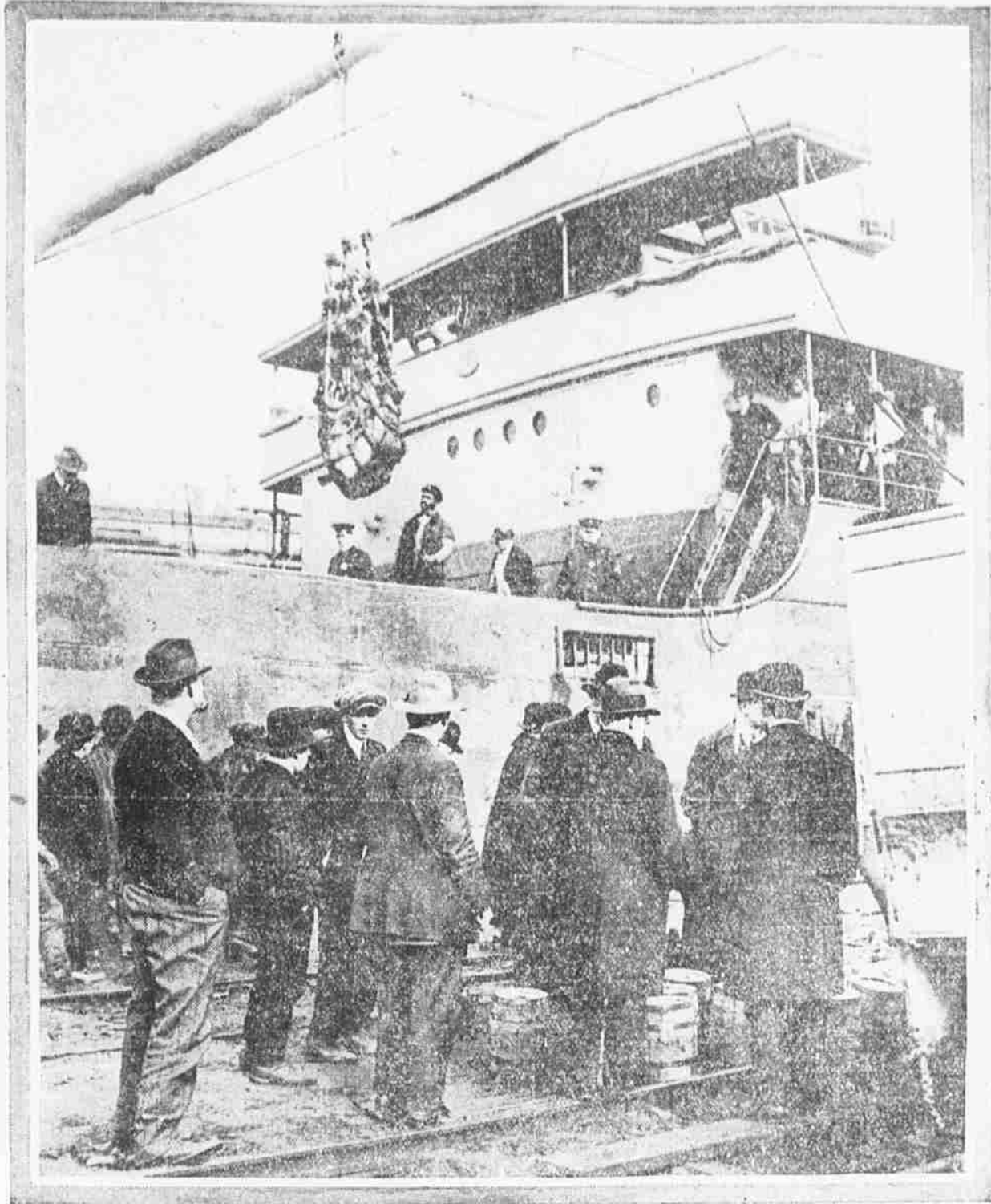
Erie Fights Grade-Crossing Edict

TRENTON, Jan. 4.—Sharp legal battling before the Court in the Erie Railroad's testing of the Public Utility Commission's order requiring it to abolish its grade crossings in Paterson. Fifteen streets are affected by the order, and the railroad would have to spend approximately \$3,000,000.

THE WEATHER

Table with weather forecast for Philadelphia and vicinity, including temperature at each hour and length of day.

LOADING TREASURE SHIP FOR SOUTH AMERICA



SIX million dollars in gold was lowered into the hold of the steamship Evelyn at Pier 36, South Wharves, this afternoon for use in South America. The Evelyn is one of the boats of the Philadelphia-South America Steamship Company and sails tomorrow morning with its precious load.

WOMEN IN BRITISH MILITARY SCANDAL

Mrs. Cornwallis-West Censured in Report for Interest in Lieutenant

CRITICISM FOR FRENCH

LONDON, Jan. 4.—Reticent influences in the army, the subject of whispered gossip throughout England for months past, has been pitilessly exposed and appears to have received its death-blow in the report of the special court of inquiry, just issued, on a War Office scandal.

The story is that Mrs. William Cornwallis-West, wife of the Lord Lieutenant of Dorsetshire, took "more than ordinary interest" in Second Lieutenant Patrick Barrett, of the Royal Welsh Fusiliers.

The young officer commissioned from the ranks and invalided home "consistently failed to respond" and finding her attentions embarrassing, wrote to the elderly lady a letter of protest which the lady turned over to her commanding officer, a lieutenant colonel, who censured the youth for conduct unbecoming a gentleman.

A tremendous sensation has been caused by the report, not only by the names of the high officers of the army who are specifically censured for their connection with the matter, but still more by its disclosure of the name of the "lady in the case."

Mrs. Cornwallis-West is the wife of one of the greatest landed proprietors in England. Of her two daughters, one is the Duchess of Westminster, the other the Princess of Pleas.

Her only son, Captain George Cornwallis-West, after having married Lady Randolph Churchill, mother of Colonel Winston Churchill, formerly First Lord of the Admiralty, and having been divorced by her, is now the husband of Mrs. Patrick Campbell, the actress.

Among the officers mentioned by name in the report are Field Marshal Viscount French, General John Cowans, Quartermaster General of the Forces and member of the Army Council; General W. H. Mackinnon, Brigadier General Owen Thomas, Colonel Wynne Edwards and Lieutenant Colonel Deane-Radcliffe.

As the result of much letter writing and wire pulling the youth was transferred to another battalion. Then his friends interfered and there was much scandalous talk.

A special act of Parliament was introduced by Mr. Lloyd George, then Minister of War, and finally there was a court of inquiry.

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ASKED TO AID AUTO POLICE

Public Can Help Halt Thefts, Says Superintendent Robinson

Co-operation of citizens with the automobile police, recently organized among auto owners by Director of Public Safety Wilson to check thefts and reduce violations of speed laws, was asked today by Superintendent Robinson.

This action is in line with the earnest attempts being made by police officials to stop the alarming increase in robberies. That this has been partly successful was evidenced by the fact that but one theft was reported today, the car of Fred Schuette, of 1161 Irving Sun lane, having been taken last night.

DEMOCRATS AID FOES' MOVE TO TRY GOVERNOR

Penrose Joined by Minority Party in Fight on Brumbaugh

TO PROFIT EITHER WAY

A movement for the impeachment of Governor Brumbaugh is rapidly taking form among Democrats and Penrose Republicans.

It developed this afternoon that the Democrats were in hearty sympathy with the idea, for, no matter what the result, it is bound to redound to the benefit of the Democratic party.

The Governor's chief State lieutenants are laying out the impeachment proceedings sure they will develop. They say further that they will have them launched under Democratic auspices.

GOVERNOR NOT WORRIED

The Governor's friends in Harrisburg today brand a quick count of noses in both branches of the Legislature, and reported that there was nothing to worry about.

The reports of the contemplated proceedings, however, persist in spite of the pronouncement by the Brumbaugh faction that they are ridiculous.

These proceedings will be the outgrowth of charges which were hurled by Brumbaugh and Penrose leaders in the Cox-Baldwin speakership fight.

Announcements also were made at both Vane and McNichol headquarters that talk of testimony was "mere fat."

Senator Penrose is said to be "full of fight" and willing to "go the limit" in concluding the battle against Brumbaugh and his official family. It is strengthening further exposures, and made a brief announcement in which he said the Republican party in Pennsylvania would be thoroughly pured in the near future, and surely before the gubernatorial election of 1918.

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RIGA-SERETH LINE OF CZAR IN PERIL

Fate of Russian Positions in Galicia and Bukovina in Balance

GREAT BATTLE PENDING

LONDON, Jan. 4.—A great battle that is likely to decide the Rumanian campaign and may have a serious effect on the whole Russo-Turkish front from the Black Sea to the Gulf of Riga is about to begin.

The Rumanians and Serbians have been forced back until they stand now upon the line of the Sereth on which will be made the great trial of strength with the victorious Teutons.

A step toward turning the Sereth line was made when, according to Berlin, General Sahharoff's divisions were sent almost from their last position in the Dobruja. The towns of Macin and Jilba, in northwestern Dobruja, across the Danube from the important city of Ibrail, fell to the attacking Bulgars.

PETROGRAD DENTIST REPORT

The official Russian statement deals this specifically, however, saying that the Bulgars attacked repeatedly throughout the day near Macin. They were repulsed every time, however, and "heavily repulsed" according to the Russian statement.

Though the capture of the towns of Macin and Jilba does not constitute the conquest of the Rumanian bridgehead position covering the Danube bank, opposite Ibrail, it leaves but little more of that position in the hands of General Sahharoff. A related Bulgarian statement describes the storming of Russian positions on Hills 261 and 197, after which the Rumanians retreated to a strongly fortified position only 300 yards in front of Macin Hill.

The Rumanians made a desperate fight to hold the bridgehead positions. It is announced officially. The fighting in the swampy region of this part of the Dobruja was most violent and every foot was dearly bought.

By winning more victories in a series of attacks along the front from the Carpathians to the Danube the Teutons have crossed the southern boundary of Moldavia and now stand before the strong line on which Rumanian and Rumanian purposes to make their final stand. Their positions become...

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Advertisement for Charles Dana Gibson Drawing Will Appear in Tomorrow's Evening Ledger.

QUICK NEWS

THIRTEENTH FARM LOAN BANK PROPOSED IN FT.

WASHINGTON, Jan. 4.—Establishment of a thirteenth Federal farm loan district, to include Colorado, Wyoming, Utah and New Mexico, with an additional farm loan bank in Denver, is sought by a bill introduced in the House today by Representative Hilliard, Cal. The bill was referred to the Committee on Banking and Currency.

\$3,200,000 IN GOLD FOR ARGENTINA

The Federal National Bank today withdrew \$3,200,000 in gold from the United States Subtreasury for shipment to Argentina. The shipment is made for the account of New York bankers, Joseph Weyne, Jr., president of the bank, would not make the amount of the New York bankers public. The gold, which is the second shipment from this city by the same bank, \$2,550,000 having been sent in November, will be carried to the South American republic by the steamship Evelyn, of the Philadelphia-South American Line.

FRANZ KNEISEL DANGEROUSLY ILL; CONCERT CANCELED

Word was received today that Dr. Franz Kneisel was dangerously ill in New York and would be unable to keep his engagement tonight with the University Extension Society. The concert tonight was to have been by the Kneisel Quartet, with Olga Samaroff as the assisting artist. The University Extension Society management announced that tickets for tonight would be good at a future date, which is dependent on Doctor Kneisel's recovery.

CITY HAS \$9,601,735.72 IN WALLET

The sum of \$9,601,735.72 is now in the City Treasury, exclusive of the banking fund, according to the weekly report. Exactly \$1,474,024.43 was paid into the Treasury while \$1,063,285.59 was paid out, which, with the balance left the previous week, totaled the \$9,601,735.72.

FRANCE TO HAVE NATIONAL COUNCIL OF ECONOMY

WASHINGTON, Jan. 4.—In order to regulate and curtail the consumption of goods considered essential to national defense and welfare, the French Government is about to establish a national council of economy, according to private advices received here. The new council will be composed of sixty men, representing all classes.

EUROPE'S WAR DEBT EXCEEDS FORTY BILLIONS

WASHINGTON, Jan. 4.—A compilation of the war debts of some of the European nations issued by the Federal Reserve Board today, based on the latest figures the board has obtained, is as follows: England, \$18,253,268,000 on November 31, 1916; France, 10,192,201,000 francs (48,628,500,000 on August 31, 1916; Germany, 115,268,000,000 on October 27, 1916; Austria, 14,140,000,000 kronen (22,828,000,000 on December 31, 1915; Hungary, 6,670,000,000 kronen (41,211,000,000 on December 31, 1915).

CRISIS BETWEEN ALLIES AND GREECE ALIVE

LONDON, Jan. 4.—Indications that the Greek situation is by no means settled were given in dispatches from Athens. King Constantine's Government, it was said, is having difficulty in granting complete acquiescence to the demands of the Entente's latest note because of "certain currents of public opinion." The Allied blockade of Greece is still in force and will remain so until the Greek Government complies with all demands.

BILL TO ALLOW HORSE RACING IN ILLINOIS

CHICAGO, Jan. 4.—Revival of horse racing is proposed in a bill to be introduced in the Illinois Legislature next week by the Business Men's Association of Illinois. It provides for a State commission to control racing and prohibits bookmaking, although one change would permit pari mutuel machines.

RESERVE BANKS DECLARE \$2,000,000 DIVIDENDS

WASHINGTON, Jan. 4.—The twelve Federal Reserve Banks declared dividends aggregating approximately \$2,000,000 during 1916, the Federal Reserve Board announced today. The Chicago bank led with dividends amounting to \$252,000, the Richmond bank was second with \$250,000 and the New York bank 1-82 with \$247,000. The St. Louis bank paid the least of the twelve, \$31,000. The Philadelphia bank paid \$128,457.

NAVY MEN TO PUSH U. S. WIRELESS CONTROL BILL

WASHINGTON, Jan. 4.—The Navy Department is determined to push to the limit the measure, now in Congress, providing Government control of wireless. Secretary Daniels is especially desirous that the Government purchase all stations used for commercial purposes.

FRANKFORD HIGH BOYS OFF TO CAPITAL

Fifteen members of the graduating class of the Frankford High School went to Washington today for a three-day stay. The party was in charge of Prof. George Alvin Glusk, principal of the school. They expect to be received by President Wilson. Those making the trip are George Babine, Eliza Binachon, K. Waldemar Beck, Russell Cummings, Paul Forster, William Fredrickson, Earl G. Harrison, Franklin Maloney, Leon Seidel, Alfred Strickler, Walter Suter, John B. Sidelotham, Jr., Francis Thorpe, Warren Thorn and George Koenig.

MAYOR FORCED TO PUT OFF MEETING M'NICHOL

Mayor Smith today is in London, where his father-in-law, Isaac Barrett, is seriously ill. His absence necessitated the third postponement of a conference with State Senator James E. McNichol. The conference, it was announced, will be held later in the week.

CHESTER BUILDING OPERATIONS UP \$2,000,000

CHESTER, Pa., Jan. 4.—Building Inspector Terry Williams reported to Chester City Council today that \$4,212,250 was expended on real estate operations in 1916, as against \$1,221,000 in 1915. Dwellings valued at \$1,118,550 were erected and industrial operations included a \$400,000 office building, a new plant for the Sun Shipbuilding Company, \$235,000; Beacon Light Company plant, \$610,000. Two churches cost \$82,000, and a new hotel cost \$19,000.

\$6,000,000 IN GOLD TO BE SHIPPED FROM HERE

Six million dollars in gold will be shipped from this port when the steamship Evelyn, of the new Philadelphia-South American Line, sails. The gold is consigned by New York banks to South American depositories and is probably the largest shipment of its kind ever made from here.

TEXAS COMPANY ADVANCES CRUDE OIL PRICES

NEW YORK, Jan. 4.—The Texas Oil Company has advanced prices of crude oil as follows: North Texas, Caddo Light and Thrall ten cents a barrel to \$1.50; De Soto ten cents to \$1.49 and Christion ten cents to \$1.29.

CHILD HYGIENE NURSES MAY BE RETAINED

Scores of nurses and other employes of the Division of Child Hygiene who were to have been dismissed from the city service at the opening of the year are now likely to be retained indefinitely. Director Krusen, of the Department of Health and Charities, has asked Councils to provide the money for the force and his request is likely to be granted before the middle of February. The head of the city's Health Department has pointed out the need for the nurses in the work of massaging and treating the scores of victims of the infantile paralysis epidemic that have not yet fully recovered from the effects of the disease.

\$6,000,000 WILL PUT NAVY YARD IN FRONT RANK

Daniels Orders Contracts for \$3,500,000 1100-Foot Drydock

SLIP FOR BUILDING LARGEST WARSHIPS

Nine Hundred Thousand Will Be Spent, With \$300,000 for Cranes

BIG ADVANCE IN WAGES

League Island to Become One of Greatest Navy Yards

SECRETARY DANIELS'S announcement today definitely promises the following for the Philadelphia Navy Yard:

\$6,000,000 worth of equipment that will make it equal to best Government yard in country; first warship keel to be laid in March, 1918; bids on contracts for equipment to be opened January 23.

\$3,500,000 drydock, 1100 feet long; largest in country.

\$1,000,000 structural shop, 700 by 200 feet.

\$900,000 building slip, 950 feet long, with steel overstructure, making work possible at all times.

\$150,000 for traveling cranes.

Increase of from 24 to 48 cents a day in wage scale for various trades of workers.

Contracts amounting to nearly \$6,000,000 will be awarded this month to equip the Philadelphia Navy Yard for building first class battleships and cruisers by March, 1918, it was announced today at Washington by Admiral Harrix, chief of the Bureau of Yards and Docks.

The announcement, made through the bureau chief by Secretary of the Navy Daniels, definitely disposes of the question of what will be done with League Island.

It will become one of the most important navy yards in the country, with better equipment than that of any other Government yard.

HIGHEST DRYDOCK

The new work will include a \$3,500,000 drydock, the largest in the country; a \$900,000 building slip with steel overstructure; a \$1,000,000 structural shop, including machine shop and plate shop, and two traveling cranes, costing \$150,000. The construction of the equipment will be rushed as rapidly as possible, according to Admiral Harrix. Advertisements for bids on the building slip will be issued tomorrow and for other work within a day or so, he said. They will be opened January 23.

Contracts for the new traveling cranes probably will be awarded later today.

Consistent with the statement that the Navy Yard would undergo the long-sought transformation came the announcement by Secretary Daniels of an increase ranging from twenty-four to forty-eight cents a day in the wage scales for the different trades at the Philadelphia Navy Yard.

The dual good news was hailed with delight by Philadelphia naval officers, who predicted an era of prosperity and activity for League Island.

The great drydock to be built into the soil of League Island at a cost of at least \$3,500,000 is the outstanding feature of the improvements proposed. Its length of 1100 feet will make it larger than the largest drydock now housing battleships for repairs. It and the building slip and structural shop will be completed by March, 1918.

LOVE MESSAGES IN CIPHER CODE BRING DIVORCE

Chicago Broker Intercepts Telegram and Its Answer and Gets Legal Separation

CHICAGO, Jan. 4.—When Harry J. Sweet Jr., real estate broker, intercepted telegrams to his wife reading "Kangaroo rabbit showers bowling suit" and, according to his testimony, caught his wife answering the mysterious sender with "Paradise tennis outfit" he was mystified. Then he discovered the key. Today he appeared before Judge Thomson and obtained a divorce.

Sweet told the Judge that his wife had given him a score of messages and their code words so that he might blackmail the sender. The telegrams were sent to Mrs. Sweet under assumed names and were signed "Elliot, Houston, Tex." Part of the code words and their meaning as explained by Sweet in the hearing were:

Kangaroo—I love you better than all else.

Rabbit—I am hopeless, longing for you.

Shower—if you were but here I would be happy.

Bowling—I want to be your sweetheart forever.

Tennis—There isn't another girl like you on earth.

Paradise—I have met my Waterloo at last and am "his" now.

Tennis—I am miserable and unhappy.

Violin—After all, you are the best son.

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