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SCENES ABOUT THE CITY WITH MERCURY HOVERING NEAR THE ZERO MARK

INTER DAY FIRES

COST CITY \$50,000

ozen Plugs and Bursting Hose in Zero Weather Hamper Fighters

GHBORS GIVE COFFEE

two fires, fanned by the strong blasts, destroyed nearly \$50,000 of property in Philadelphia since Fire companies in all sections of have been busily engaged in comthe epidemic of flames under the siverse conditions, caused by the near eather. Frozen fireplugs, loy hose that snapped under the water pres



Winter's Frigid Hand Brings Discomfort and Suffering to Population

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QUICK NEWS

SPROUL RESOLUTION PASSES SECOND READING

HARRISEURG, Feb. 13 .- The Sproul resolution providing for an investigation of the Brumbaugh Administration passed the House on second reading today.

JERSEY UTILITY COMMISSION NAMED

TRENTON, Feb. 13 .- Governor Edge today appointed Alfred S. March, of New Brunswick, to succeed John J. Treach, of Jersey City, on the board of pbuile utility commissioners. The place pays \$7509 annually. The term is six years.

WOULD REPEAL NATIONAL GUARD SECTION OF HAY BILL

WASHINGTON, Feb. 13 .- Declaring the State militia system and universal training incompatible. Senator Borah, of Idaho, introduced an amendment to the universal training bill this afternoon to repeal the entire National Guard section of the Hay bill.

U. S. SOLD EUROPE \$2,000,000,000 MUNITIONS IN 1916

WASHINGTON, Feb. 13 .- America's contribution of munitions to Europe during 1916 approximated \$2,000.000,000, according to a pullctin of the National Geographic Society this afternoon.

U-BOAT MENACE CLOGS CHICAGO WITH FREIGHT .

CHICAGO, Feb. 13 .- Refusal of castern railroads to accept shipments, owing to the tie-up of shipping as the result of Germany's submarine order, is causing an almost unprecedented congestion of loaded freight cars in western terminals, according to officials of various western trunk lines. In Chicago yards there are more than 900 loaded cars consigned to the Atlantic seaboard from points on the Rock Island alone. At other Rock Island terminals are 700 additional cars.

BALDWIN'S GETS \$2,130,000 LOCOMOTIVE ORDERS

-Orders for seventy-one locomotives, to cost approximately \$2,130,000. have Dr. Philip Scheidemann (Socialist Teader in been received by the Baldwin Locomotive Works. The orders are from the the Reichstag) and other Socialist leaders Northern Railway of France, the Texas and Pacific Railway and Worth Brothers, would head a militant movement to bring Coatesville

THREE AMERICANS SAVED FROM SAXONIAN WRECK

LONDON. Feb. 13 .- Three Americans among fifteen members of the crew land owners, controlling the food supply, of the steamship Saxonian, which was sunk by a submarine on February 8, and the equally powerful group of industrial were landed today. W. E. Gard, one of the Americans, was injured. The others leaders, controlling the munition manufacwere Elwood Moore and John Stefani.

FLASHING UNIFORMS TO MARK WILSON INAUGURAL

PRICE TWO CENTS

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BERLIN CHIEFS THOUGHT THEY HAD U.S. COWED

Shocked at President Wilson's Sudden Diplomatic Break

INTERNAL CAUSES FORCED U-BOAT MOVE

Socialists Demanded Peace, Landowners Urged Decisive Sea Stroke

BOTH WERE APPEASED

German Army and Navy Would Welcome War With America. **Press Seeks Peace**

By CARL W. ACKERMAN

BERNE. Switzerland, Feb. 13 .- Berlin was astonished, officials and the public alike, when President Wilson broke relations with Germany. That astonishment came because officials had recently been assured by German-Americans in the United States that the President would not sever relations for fear of a German-American uprising. The same belief was held by the German public.

When the American embassy train left Berlin, the Imperial Chancellor, von Bethmann-Hollweg, was admittedly downcast over the situation and believed America wanted war with Germany. It was noticeable also that when Foreign Secretary Zimmerman received the American correspondents shortly before their departure he was plainly nervous. He likewise insisted "Wilson wants war," and denied that Germany made any irrevocable promises in the Sussex note.

The submarine policy which forced the break between the United States and Germany dates back to November. Writing now from neutral Swiss soil it is possible now to tell the developments which led Germany to her decision of relentless sea war. TWO FORCES AT WORK

was in November that Germany's in-11 ternal affairs were at the greatest cirsis of the war. The Socialists warned the Kaiser that unless he moved immediately for peace about peace.

This move came at a time when the German people were destitute and despondent. Simultaneously the powerful conservative tures, told the Government the only way to end the war was by unlimited submarine warfare.

These interests have always been anti-

classy pavements were among at insurmountable difficulties they have red. Chilled to the marrow, cov by icy coats formed from the spray the fire-fighters persisted in their

of the structures attacked by th have turned from infernos to ice under the streams of water that en played on them. Kind neigh have come to the assistance of the in many instances with warm food

ly after noon another severe blaze Howard streets, causing a damage esti-Howard streets, causing a damage estiin the neighborhod of \$5000, Huna of employes of several manufacturing ns had just left the building before as enveloped by flames. The structure scupled by the North American Button pany and the Elias Goodman Company. urers of toys. The origin of the in unknown

swept a four-story factory building sona and Coral streets about midcausing a loss of \$30,000. hose line after another sprang leaks

result of the freezing temperature. of water covered the firemen and were covered with an icy armor. the flames swept the building, the " rushed steaming coffee to the Two firemen were overcome by the

ase started in a one-story engine but soon spread to the main builded by the Berger Laundry, the rough Hoslery Mill, and the Campery Mill. For more than three the flames raged, threatening adbuildings.

y after 1 o'clock this morning the responded to an alarm at the paper-Orianna and Willow streets. Here intered frozen fire plugs. Before play sufficient streams of water blaze the building and equipment was to the extent of \$2000. The flames ly swept the fourth and fifth floors

DOG SAVES FAMILY

ollis dog, valued by his owner at this morning saved his master and from death by fire. William Schmidt

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EAT BRITAIN'S GREATEST ENEMY ad is making in the fight against the Liquor Traffic

GILBERT VIVIAN SELDES ial London Correspondent will appear in tomorrow's





Only once in forty years has it been so cold as early this morning. Little wonder that the hoboes in the picture forgot their creed and scurried about at a lively rate gathering wood for a fire to keep warm. Many "kiddies" on their way to school expressed the wish that it "wuz summer."



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Ninety vessels have been sunk since Feb.

Death Marks Wedding Ceremony

WILKES-BARRE, Pa., Feb. 13 .--- While

triends were gathering to attend the wed-

ding of Mrs. Rose Evans to George F. Holvey, George Reed, brother of Mrs.

Afric was sunk. The biggest ship heretofore destroyed in the unbridled submarine warfare was the British steamship California, of \$662 tons; the Port Adelaide, \$100 tons, being third

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Oh, the long and dreary winter! Oh the cold and cruel winter! -Song of Hiawatha The coldest weather the winter has brought so far gripped the city today, freezing its two rivers, sealing its water pipes and biting the noses, cars, fingers and toes of its inhabitants in ruthless fashion. Below-zero weather was recorded in the

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wind-swept suburbs, where Fro, the storm god of the north, held full sway. In the city the lowest official temperature by the United States Weather Bureau was three degrees above zero, the lowest of the winter and equaling the low mark for this date. At Horseshoe Hend, off Gloucester City, great masses of ice piled against the shore. ocking hapless vessels tightly in their

grasp. Iceboats worked continuously to cut paths in the river at that point for boats.

Among them are three Reading tugs, towing five barges loaded with freight cars. two tramp steamers and a four-masted schooner. The British steamship Regent is marooned by ice fields off League Island and a Wilson Line steamship has become wedged fast off Eagle Point.

For the first time in many years the Schuelkill was frozen today sufficiently to permit skating across the stream. Between Girard avenue and boathouse row and between Columbia avenue and the Park

frozen r.ver. The boreal blast that swept from the Northwest early today froze water plugs and burst water pluge, milk bottles and even the ink bottles that stood on dezks near open windows. Taken without water near open windows. Taken without warn-ing, sleepers awakened by the bitter cold resorted to bathrobes, overcoats, rugs and raincoats to retain the precious heat that raincoats to retain the precious heat that insidious drafts drove out of their beds. Shoes were so cold that they hurt the numbed feet poked hurribdly into them and numbed fingers could not find the buttons of welcome coats. Coffee was guiped down creamless and unshaven men hurried to work through the biting air.

MAN DIES IN HOSPITAL. **OVERCOME BY COLD**

One death, attributed partly to the freez One death, attributed parily to the freez-ing coid weather, occurred today when Den-nis McCarthy, forty-four years oid, of 2326 South Carlisle street, died on a second trip to St. Agnes' Hospital, Accute alcoholiam and exposure to the coid were said to have killed him. McCarthy was found early to-day on a sidewalk at Sartain and Mifflin streets and taken to the hospital. He was sent to the Fourth street and Snyder ave-nue police station, where he became un-conncious. He was pronounced dead at the hospital.

WASHINGTON. Feb. 12.-There will be plenty of gold braid, brass buttons American, and they succeeded in convincin and flashing uniforms at President Wilson's second inaugural parade after all. Quartermaster General von Ludendorf. Despite the fact that most of the army is on the Mexican border, Major General Hugh L. Scott, grand marshal, has ordered that all army and navy contingents present wear full-dress uniforms.

DISCRIMINATION CRY BY NEW ENGLAND SHIPPERS

BOSTON, Fub. 13.-William A. Chandler, representing the Boston Chamber of at German Great Headquarters, January 27. Commerce, testified at a hearing before Examiner W. A. Disque, of the Interstate did not include in its conferees such offi-Commerce Commission, that coastwise steamship companies were discriminating against New England shippers to the southeast through this port. He said that while freight rates from interior New England points to Boston were lower than from such points to New York and Philadelphia, the coastwise steamship rates from these points through Boston to southeastern territory were much higher than by way of New York and Philadelphia.

SIXTH REGIMENT SPEEDING HOME FROM BORDER

EL PASO, Tex., Feb. 13.-Traveling in three trains, the Sixth Pennsylvania Infantry, Colonel Thomas Biddle Ellis commanding, is rolling homeward to Philadelphia. Brigadier General Christopher T. O'Nell, commanding the Third Brigade. and his adjutant, Major Henry A. Beninger, are on the third train with their office equipment, bound for Allentown, and Lieutenant J. B. Wheeler, aid to General O'Neil, is with them en route to Belleview. The routing is by way of New Orleans, Atlanta and Washington to Philadelphia.

PITTSBURGH AVIATOR WOUNDED IN SKY BATTLE

PITTSBURGH, Feb. 13.-Charles Howell, aviator in British army and son of Attorney George Howell, of this city, is in a field hospital on the western front suffering from injuries received in a sky battle. Howell, who recently married the daughter of the late Lieutenant Governor Russell, of Massachusetts, while on a furlough, has been in the British air squadron for more than a year.

63 DIE IN GERMAN ARMS PLANTS BLASTS

COPENHAGEN, Feb. 13 .- According to the Hamburger Nachrichten, two large ammunition factories at Thorn, East Prussia, and at Glueckeuff, in Quickborn, near Hamburg, were destroyed by explosions last week. Sixty-three persons were killed and the same number wounded.

SUFFRAGE PICKETS DEFY COLD IN WHITE HOUSE SIEGE

WASHINGTON, Feb. 13 .- Despite a temperature of two above zero, the coldest the Capital has had in three years, the suffrage sentinels at the White House increased their numbers today to the largest guard since they began their picketing. Fifteen stood outside the gates in the biting wind.

RESERVE BANK SYSTEM SHOWS EXPANSION

WASHINGTON, Feb. 13 .- The growth of the Federal Reserve banking system shown in the comparison of the number of bank charters applied for during January this year and last. In January, 1917, the Comptroller fo the Currency received forty applications for charters for new national banks with capital of \$3,555,009, as compared with eighteen applications in January, 1916, with capital of \$1,200,000.

ALL GERMANS MUST LEAVE ROME, BERLIN HEARS

BERLIN, Feb. 13.-It is announced from Rome that municipal authorities have decided the last German must leave the Eternal City and that Goethe, or rather his statue, is to be ejected from Villa Borghese, where it was placed years ago when presented by Kaiser Wilhelm.

BELGIAN CHILDREN'S FUND BACKERS GIVE \$6591

The fund for Belgian children, which was started last wee by the Emergency Aid at the request of Herbert C. Hoover, chairman of the Commission for Relief in Belgium, has received contributions totaling \$6591. The dollar-per-month-per-child plan is being received with much favor, according to Mrs. Bayard Henry, chairm of the Beigian committee.

Meanwhile the National Liberals, who would welcome war with America, won over Foreign Secretary Zimmermann to the submarine policy.

THE FINAL STROKE

Finally, the Kaiser's birthday conference cials as Minister of the Interior von Helfferich, Minister of Colonies Solf and the Imperial Treasurer, Count von Roedern, known to be opposed to inciting American intervention.

The speech made by Imperial Chancellor von Bethmann-Hollweg in the Reichstag early in December-where he announced peace overtures-won over the Socialists to the support of any course the Chancellor might advocate.

In the same way the Kaiser's submarine blockade won over the food producers and the group of industrial leaders to a cuptinuance of hostilities.

The Government's peace proposal united the German people. They believe firmly they must fight on in their own defense. Everybody in Germany is working night

and day. The answer which the Entente Powers returned to the peace proposal, as well as to President Wilson's suggestions, so frightned Turkey that the Ottoman Empire will continue in the war just so long as Germany defends Constantinople. Bulgaria is absolutely in the hands of

Field Marshal von Hindenburg. Meanwhile Zeppelins fly day and night

over Berlin At this time, Germany, both public and

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Skating Information Gustine Lake-Good. Concourse Lake-Good. Chamounix Lake-Good. Hunting Park Lake-Good. Centennial Lake-Closed. Wissahickon Creek, above Wissahickon

Hall-Good. Schuylkill River-Trolley bridge (Dauphin street), south to Columbia bridge; GIrard avenue bridge to Boathouse Row. Good.

THE WEATHER

FORECAST

For Philadelphia and vicinity-Fair and warmer tonight, with lowest about 15 degrees; Wednesday, cloudy and warmer, gentle, variable winds becoming southerly.

LENGTH OF DAY DELAWARE RIVER TIDE CHANGES CHESTNUT STREET Low water. 12:35 a.m. | Low water. . 1:13 p.m. High water. 5 51 a.m. | High water. . 6:04 p.m. TEMPERATURE AT EACH HOUR 91 101 111 121 11 21 21 41 4 81 111 141 174 201 201 201