

SCENES ABOUT THE CITY WITH MERCURY HOVERING NEAR THE ZERO MARK



WINTER DAY FIRES COST CITY \$50,000

Frozen Plugs and Bursting Hose in Zero Weather Hamper Fighters

NEIGHBORS GIVE COFFEE

Twenty-two fires, fanned by the strong gale winds, destroyed nearly \$50,000 worth of property in Philadelphia since midnight.

Neighbors came to the assistance of the firemen in many instances with warm food and blankets.

Shortly after noon another severe blaze started in a four-story building at Palmer and Howard streets, causing a damage estimated in the neighborhood of \$5000.

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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.

CITY HELD IN GRIP OF ZERO WEATHER

Winter's Frigid Hand Brings Discomfort and Suffering to Population

BOTH RIVERS ICEBOUND

Zero and Below-Zero Weather in and About City

Table with 2 columns: Location and Temperature. Includes Penfield, Bryn Mawr, Elkins Park, Chestnut Hill, Woodford Guardhouse, Norwood, Branchtown, Merchantville, Camden.

U. S. Weather Bureau Hourly Temperatures

Table with 3 columns: Time, Today, Yesterday. Shows hourly temperature fluctuations from midnight to 3 p.m.

Oh, the long and dreary winter! Oh the cold and cruel winter!

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, ears, fingers and toes of its inhabitants in ruthless fashion.

Below-zero weather was recorded in the wind-swept suburbs where Fro, the storm god of the north, held full sway.

At Horseshoe Bend, off Gloucester City, great masses of ice piled against the shore, locking hapless vessels tightly in their grasp.

Among them are three Reading tugs, towing five barges loaded with freight cars, two tramp steamers and a four-masted schooner.

The first time in many years the Schuylkill was frozen today sufficiently to permit skating across the stream.

The boreal blast that swept from the Northwest early today froze water plugs and burst water pipes, mangled mail, and even the ink bottles that stood on desks near open windows.

The first ship announced sunk by Lloyd's today was a neutral, the Norwegian motorship West. The crew was saved.

Germany's biggest prize in the submarine warfare since February 1 was recorded today when the 11,999-ton White Star liner Afric was sunk.

The biggest ship heretofore destroyed in the unbridled submarine warfare was the British steamship California, of 8662 tons; the Port Adelaide, 8100 tons, being third largest.

Ninety vessels have been sunk since February 1.

Death Marks Wedding Ceremony WILKES-BARRE, Pa., Feb. 13.—While friends were gathering to attend the wedding of Mrs. Rose Evans to George F. Holroyd, George Reed, brother of Mrs. Holroyd, died suddenly.

QUICK NEWS

SPROUL RESOLUTION PASSES SECOND READING HARRISBURG, 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 public utility commissioners.

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 bulletin of the National Geographic Society this afternoon.

CHICAGO, Feb. 13.—Refusal of eastern 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.

BALDWIN'S GETS \$2,130,000 LOCOMOTIVE ORDERS Orders for seventy-one locomotives, to cost approximately \$2,130,000, have been received by the Baldwin Locomotive Works.

LONDON, Feb. 13.—Three Americans among fifteen members of the crew of the steamship Saxonian, which was sunk by a submarine on February 8, were landed today.

WASHINGTON, Feb. 13.—There will be plenty of gold braid, brass buttons and flashing uniforms at President Wilson's second inaugural parade after all. Despite the fact that most of the army is on the Mexican border.

BOSTON, Feb. 13.—William A. Chandler, representing the Boston Chamber of Commerce, testified at a hearing before Examiner W. A. Disque, of the Interstate Commerce Commission, that coastwise steamship companies were discriminating against New England shippers.

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.

COPENHAGEN, Feb. 13.—According to the Hamburger Nachrichten, two large ammunition factories at Thorn, East Prussia, and at Glueckauf, in Quickborn, near Hamburg, were destroyed by explosions last week.

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.

WASHINGTON, Feb. 13.—The growth of the Federal Reserve banking system is shown in the comparison of the number of bank charters applied for during January this year and last.

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.

WASHINGTON, Feb. 13.—The fund for Belgian children, which was started last week by the Emergency Aid at the request of Herbert C. Hoover, chairman of the Commission for Relief in Belgium, has received contributions totaling \$6591.

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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.

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.

The submarine policy which forced the break between the United States and Germany dates back to November.

It was in November that Germany's internal affairs were at the greatest crisis of the war.

These interests have always been anti-American, and they succeeded in convincing Quartermaster General von Ludendorff.

Finally, the Kaiser's birthday conference at German Great Headquarters, January 27, did not include in its conferees such officials as Minister of the Interior von Helfferich.

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At this time, Germany, both public and

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Skating Information Gustine Lake—Good. Concourse Lake—Good.

Delaware River Tide Changes CHESTNUT STREET Low water, 12:35 a.m. High water, 6:54 p.m.

THE WEATHER FORECAST For Philadelphia and vicinity—Fair and warmer tonight, with lowest about 18 degrees.

LENGH OF DAY Sun rises, 6:34 a.m. Moon rises, 4:28 a.m. Sun sets, 5:38 p.m. Moon sets, 4:28 a.m.

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