

HUNDREDS DEAD IN HALIFAX; GERMANS DRIVE HAIG BACK

NOVA SCOTIA CITY AFLAME; U. S. ARMS SHIP RAMMED IN HARBOR; FULLY 400 PERISH

Heavy Toll of Life Taken, but Wire Communication Is Broken Off and Exact Estimates Are Lacking.

AMHERST, N. S., Dec. 6. Hundreds of the city are in flames as the result of a collision between an American munitions steamer and another ship...

SCORERS BURIED IN RUINS The force of the explosion blew freight cars off the tracks, partly destroyed all the buildings from the Queen Hotel, on Hollis street...

ESCAPING BOY SCOUT IN BATTLE WITH COP Philadelphia Youth Probably Fatally Wounded—Two Others Surrender

ROPE LADDER AID IN CONVICTION OF TWO Partners in Shoe Concern Found Guilty of Stealing Stock From Neighbors

UMANIAN SHELLS MEET ENEMY'S "PEACE" MOVE Artillery Fires on Teutons Near Hihalestir—Gives Lie to German Stories

JASSY, Dec. 6.—Enemy attempts to advance with Rumanian troops in the direction of Hihalestir...

U. S. TO MERGE INDUSTRIES IN BIG WAR MILL

Factories Making Nonesentials to Turn Out Needed Products THOUSANDS AFFECTED

WASHINGTON, Dec. 6. One-half of the industrial plants of the United States must be converted from producers of non-essentials into producers of essentials...

FOE MASSES 15,000 GUNS ALONG PIAVE

Enormous Concentration of Troops Indicates Big Attack to Come

ITALY HAILS U. S. MOVE BERLIN, Dec. 6. Capture of 11,000 prisoners and sixty guns in the renewed Austro-German drive in Italy was announced by the War Office this afternoon.

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A rope ladder played the leading part in the conviction of two men in connection with the Webbshoe Company...

ACTION AGAINST HUMBERT Reported Plan of French Government in Bolo Scandal

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RUPPRECHT'S ARMY SWEEPS FORWARD 2 MILES ON 6-MILE FRONT; FOUR TOWNS STORMED

Graincourt, Anneux, Cantaing and Noyelles, on Northern Side of British Salient, Captured in Powerful Drive of Teutons

Berlin Claims Capture of 9060 Men, 148 Cannon and 716 Machine Guns—English Commander Admits Withdrawal "for Short Distance"—Reports Gain Near La Vacquerie

BERLIN, Dec. 6. Capture of Graincourt, Anneux, Cantaing and Noyelles, as well as the wooded heights north of Maroing, from the British forces was announced in today's official report.

Field Marshal Haig reported today. The British commander-in-chief, however, announced another withdrawal "for a short distance" from a salient in the neighborhood of Royelles-sur-Lescant and Bourlon Wood.

By WILLIAM PHILIP SIMMS WITH THE BRITISH ARMIES IN FRANCE, Dec. 6. Crown Prince Rupprecht continued his overland pressure on General Byng's salient today.

Scolded in School, Boy Hangs Self LANSCASTER, Pa., Dec. 6.—After being reprimanded by his school teacher this morning when he failed to recite his lesson properly, Parke Reifanyer, aged eleven years, son of Mr. and Mrs. Diller Reifanyer, of Christiana, went to the barn at his father's home and hanged himself.

CONTEST OF VOTE TO BEGIN TODAY

Town Meeting Lawyers Will File Petition in Court Giving Figures

REGISTER OF VOTES Table with columns for Candidate, Votes, and Party

Attorneys of the Town Meeting party will file today with the Court of Quarter Sessions a petition to contest the election of James B. Sheehan as Registrar of Taxes and of Frederick J. Shoyer as City Treasurer...

RECEIVER OF TAXES Table with columns for Name, Amount, and Party

Twenty-five enemy airplanes made five simultaneous bombing attacks on Kent and London early today, Lord French announced.

Two and a half hours elapsed between the first warning and the "all clear" signal announcing end of the raid.

NEW ORLEANS RESULTS Table with columns for Race, Age, Sex, and Prize

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QUICK NEWS

TILE WORKERS' ASSOCIATION MEMBERS INDICTED

Twenty-one members of the Philadelphia Tile Mantel and Grate Association, who do business in Pennsylvania, New Jersey and Delaware, were indicted on charges of conspiracy to restrain trade in violation of the Sherman anti-trust law this afternoon by the Federal Grand Jury.

TOWN MEETING PARTY CONTESTS 43D WARD ELECTION

A petition contesting the election of William T. Scargle to Select Council from the Forty-third Ward was filed in Quarter Sessions Court late today by James J. Breen in behalf of Frank J. Schneider, the Town Meeting party and Democratic nominee.

CHRISTMAS PACKAGES FOR TROOPS TOTAL 600,000

NEW YORK, Dec. 6.—Approximately 600,000 Christmas parcels for American troops in France were received at the port of embarkation when the time for accepting packages expired.

STARVING FINNS IMPORE AID FROM SCANDINAVIA

STOCKHOLM, Dec. 6.—The Finnish food committee publishes an appeal to Scandinavian countries to save Finland from starvation. The Bolsheviks have stopped all traffic between Russia and Finland.

ELLA FLAGG YOUNG TO AID LIBERTY LOAN

WASHINGTON, Dec. 6.—Appointment of Mrs. Ella Flagg Young, former head of the Chicago public schools, and Mrs. A. S. Baldwin, of San Francisco, as members of the National Women's Liberty Loan Committee was announced by the Treasury Department today.

CITY TREASURY HAS \$17,343,486.17 BALANCE

Exclusive of the sinking fund account there is a balance of \$17,343,486.17 in the city treasury, according to the weekly statement of City Treasurer McCoach.

TROLLEY FARES BOOSTED IN NEW YORK STATE

ALBANY, Dec. 6.—In addition to the decisions to permit six-cent fares on the Huntington Railroad Company, the Northport Traction Company, the Ithaca Traction Corporation and the Newburg-Orange County Traction Company, the State Public Service Commission has allowed the Hornell Traction Company to advance its charge to six cents and has permitted the Hudson River Eastern Traction Company to charge seven cents.

GERMAN AUXILIARY CRUISER BLOWN UP

COPENHAGEN, Dec. 6.—A large German auxiliary cruiser, probably the Russian steamship Botnia, which was seized and armed by the Germans, was blown up in the sound, according to word received here today.

ALIEN ENEMY WARNINGS ARRIVE IN CITY

Posters and signs warning all alien enemies to keep outside of the 100-yard limit and smaller placards notifying aliens to keep off all wharves and docks, were received by the United States Marshall's office today.

P. R. R. DISCONTINUES PITTSBURGH-N. Y. EXPRESS

The discontinuance of the 1 o'clock P. M. express train from Pittsburgh to New York for the purpose of releasing motive power and crews and clearing trackage for the movement of necessary freight for war purposes, was announced by the Pennsylvania Railroad today.

COTTON ESTIMATE SHOWS SLIGHT DECREASE

NEW YORK, Dec. 6.—H. F. Bachman & Co. estimate the cotton crop of the United States this season at 10,838,000 running bales, excluding linters, against 11,363,915 running bales, excluding linters, in the previous season.

INSTALL ANTI-AIRCRAFT GUNS ON HUDSON

NEW YORK, Dec. 6.—Two anti-aircraft guns will be installed on the Hudson Palisades, in West Hoboken. The guns will be in Ellsworth Park.

NEW MASKS ROB GAS ATTACKS OF MENACE

WASHINGTON, Dec. 6.—Apparatus affording complete protection against poisonous gases has been perfected by the Bureau of Medicine and Surgery, the Navy Department announced today.

BIG INCREASE IN U. S. MONEY CIRCULATION

WASHINGTON, Dec. 6.—The total money in circulation in the United States on December 1 was \$5,085,370,352 against \$4,924,928,348 on November 1 of this year, and \$669,358,308 on December 1, 1916.

BRAZILIAN WAR COMMISSION REACHES U. S.

AN ATLANTIC PORT, Dec. 6.—A Brazilian commission has arrived here. It was met by a Brazilian consul. After conferences at this port it will proceed to Washington.

COMMISSION CUTS LIVE STOCK RATES

WASHINGTON, Dec. 6.—Reduction in the freight rate on live stock from ordered today by the Interstate Commerce Commission.

H. C. OF L. DRIVES OFFICE SEEKERS FROM CAPITAL

WASHINGTON, Dec. 6.—It is reported that the high cost of living at last has developed a useful purpose—it scares office seekers away from Congressmen.

POLICE DRIVE REBEL 'COPS' FROM PLAZA

Councils' Doors Closed in Patrolmen's Faces

STRIKE TONIGHT POSSIBLE RESULT

Men, Demanding Better Conditions, Start Meeting to Decide on Action

FIREMEN MAKE DEMAND

Increase of \$150 a Man, \$318,000 for 1918, Asked of Councils

Demands for an immediate strike were made by policemen at a meeting at Grand Fraternity Hall, after the doors of Councils had been barred to the discontented bluecoats this afternoon.

The doors of Councils were closed in the faces of nearly 500 city policemen when they marched in uniform to City Hall to demand an increase in wages...

Fearing a demonstration, Acting Superintendent of Police McCosch ordered squads of mounted policemen, reservists and City Hall guards to the north plaza of City Hall.

When the portals of Councils were closed to the policemen there was a hurried consultation among officials of the Patrolmen's Benevolent Association...

CROWD CHEERS 'REBELS' Prolonged applause from the crowd greeted Harry F. Johns, president of the association, recently "fired" as a policeman.

What will you do if you are ordered away altogether? a strapping bluecoat was asked.

"Clubs are trumps," he said significantly.

A flurry of excitement was caused when Lieutenant Buchler, of the mounted police, galloped by and ordered a group of six of the "revolutionists" to disperse.

"There goes von Hindenburg," shouted one of the "rebels" as the military figures urged his horse on. A general laugh went up.

No objection has been made up to this time against the plans the police members of the association have arranged to appear in the chambers of Councils where an ordinance will be introduced providing for an increase in wages.

The communication from the city firemen, asking for increases in salary which would cost the city \$218,250 next year, was read in Common Council.

The communication asked for a sufficient appropriation from Councils to give all employees of the Bureau of Fire, from battalion chiefs down, an increase of \$150 a year, starting January 1.

There are now 1055 employees of the bureau and this would mean an added expense to the city of \$158,250, and, as it had been planned to increase the force by 400 employees on January 1, the city's Fire Bureau bill for 1918 would then be \$218,250 greater than had been expected.

FRAME-UP ALLEGED The communication was signed by James M. Simister, president of the Firemen's Protective Association, who was Continued on Page Five Column Two

THE WEATHER

THE FORECAST For Philadelphia and vicinity: Generally cloudy and continued moderate cold tonight and Friday; moderate winds, mostly northeast.

LENGTH OF DAY Sun rises, 7:08 a. m. Sun sets, 4:29 p. m.

DELAWARE RIVER TIDE CHANGES CHESTNUT STREET BRIDGE

300 AUSTRIAN MINERS SWEAR LOYALTY TO U. S.

SHAMOKIN, Pa., Dec. 6.—Gathered at a religious fest, 300 naturalized and also Austro-Hungarian miners swore allegiance to the United States today.