

HALIFAX LASHED BY GALE; 2000 DEAD IN STRICKEN CITY; SNOW DELAYS RELIEF TRAINS

20,000 Destitute, 5000 Injured, Estimate of Citizens' Committee. Homeless Persons Cared For

Property Loss Placed at \$30,000,000—Children Among Greatest Sufferers—Sleet Helps in Subduing Fires.

HALIFAX, Dec. 8. A lashing northeaster, burdened with sleet that howled in from the Atlantic all night and was still raging early today, failed to halt relief work in this stricken city.

Twenty thousand destitute men, women and children were sheltered in buildings and homes which still remain standing. Barriers of tarp paper were built in the shattered windows to shut out the bitter blast.

Two thousand dead, 5000 injured, 20,000 homeless was the toll in Halifax and its suburbs, according to citizens' committee estimates today. The damage is \$30,000,000.

The loss in Halifax falls heaviest upon children. Whole schools, filled with pupils, were demolished, leaving but few survivors. In other schools every child was injured by flying glass.

The thorough checking-up work of the citizens' committee resulted in every destitute person in Halifax being taken care of last night, when it was certain death to wander through the storm-swept streets without proper clothing. Many of the refugees are going about wrapped in blankets. Their own clothes are torn to shreds.

A thick fall of snow covers the blackened ruins of the north end from which 1700 bodies have been recovered. The sleet helped the exhausted firemen only again to subdue the fires in the wreckage.

Justice Harris, of Halifax, chairman of the citizens' finance committee, issued the following statement today:

The committee of the citizens of Halifax was appointed to make a public statement on the damage to the city of Halifax and the towns of Dartmouth, and after as careful a survey as possible of the damaged area the committee reports that the damage to the city of Halifax and Dartmouth was more or less damaged, the devastated area is found near the waterfront of the exhibition and embraces chiefly districts occupied by workers and the poorer classes.

Between 3000 and 4000 such dwellings have been destroyed by the explosion or by fire; those affected is estimated at 25,000 and while, of course, the circumstances of all or even most of these cannot be ascertained until each case is investigated, yet it is feared that the destitute poor in the city will number upwards of 20,000 and their actual loss and the estimated cost of the temporary maintenance will reach between \$25,000,000 and \$30,000,000. It is to be clearly understood that in this estimate the number of persons rendered destitute is considered, and this is the portion of the population of Halifax and Dartmouth least able to bear the loss, and which must be immediately relieved by generous assistance of their fellow citizens throughout Canada.

SEARCHING FOR LOVED ONES. Telegrams are pouring in from all parts of America asking for information concerning persons believed to have been in the city when the French ship blew up. Every train brings crowds of relatives, anxious to know if any of their loved ones are among the wreckage of hundreds of buildings.

The storm has greatly delayed trains. (Continued on Page Ten, Column One)

REAL U. S. LOCOMOTIVE NOW TOOTS IN FRANCE

Philadelphia-Built Engine Operated Over Short Section of Battle-Front Line

By HENRI BAZIN

Staff Correspondent Evening Public Ledger with the American Forces in FRANCE, Dec. 8.

The first American locomotive, Philadelphia built, is in operation today on a section of the French front, where American engineers are operating the French road between points that are constantly bombarded. This locomotive is running on American gauge tracks, built of American rails by American engineers.

The tooting of the real American whistle sounded like sweet music, better than the best orchestra could produce, and brought smiles to the engineers' faces and fond memories of home. The bell will not be used because the bell is the signal by which the army is advised of a Boche gas attack, and the United States engineers do not want the noise rushing for masks unnecessarily.

I rode with the engineer operating the big engine. He had a broad grin on his face, for, after months of running a French machine, it was like a touch of home to him. The section over which this locomotive is used is short, but of vital importance. It has been in charge of American engineers for months, these men being temporarily detached from the American forces to work with the French army. Their services have been of much value. It is expected that other American locomotives will soon be running over this road. The machine today was decorated with French and American flags in honor of the notable event.

Father Sees Child Burn to Death. John Hogan, five years old, 2845 North Oak street, was burned to death in the sight of his father, who lay too ill in nearby room to leave his bed to save the lad. His clothes caught fire as he played about a stove.

Loss of Life and Property in Great Halifax Disaster

NUMBER of persons dead, 2000. Injured, many seriously, 5000. Homeless and destitute, 20,000. Property loss, \$30,000,000.

RICHARD Y. COOK, FINANCIER, DEAD

President of Guarantee Trust Succumbs After Two Weeks' Illness

LONG BUSINESS CAREER



RICHARD Y. COOK

Richard Y. Cook, president of the Guarantee Trust and Safe Deposit Company, died early this morning at his home in Darby. He had been confined to his home by illness for the last two weeks. Mr. Cook was seventy-two years old.

Mr. Cook was born in Philadelphia February 25, 1845, and was descended from pioneers on both his mother's and his father's side. After graduation from the Central High School he immediately entered business. His first position was with the retail notions concern of Cook & Sons, on South Eighth street.

He then became connected with the Pennsylvania Warehousing and Safe Deposit Company, eventually being made president of the concern. Thirty years ago he became a member of the board of directors of the Guarantee Trust Company, and, in 1890, he was made its president. He had remained at his desk there until only two weeks ago.

Mr. Cook was also a director of the Finance Company of Pennsylvania, the Trademans National Bank, the Market Street National Bank, the Real Estate Trust Company, the South Chester Tube Company, and the Lehigh Coal and Navigation Company. Among his notable financial achievements were the rehabilitation of the Chestnut Street National Bank and the saving fund of the Board of Trade and a member of Congress.

W. T. ELLIOTT DEAD. Lawyer and Banker Succumbs at His Ardmore Home

William T. Elliott, prominent attorney and president of the Central National Bank, died suddenly yesterday afternoon at his home in Glenn road, Ardmore. He was sixty-three years old.

Mr. Elliott was a member of the Union League and had been nominated as a candidate for one of the vice presidencies at the coming election. He was a manager of the Western Saving Fund Society and of the Girard Trust Company, a director of the Insurance Company of North America and the Philadelphia Warehouse Company and a trustee of the Jefferson Medical College. He was a member of the University City Club, the Arf and Merion Cricket Club. He is survived by his widow, who was Miss Anna O'Keefe. Arrangements for the funeral have not yet been completed.

Grow Potatoes on Race Track. LOUISVILLE, Dec. 8.—Potatoes grown in the infield at historic Churchill Downs race track were sold at auction here yesterday for \$1270, which was donated to the Christmas cheer fund for the soldiers of the new National Army at Camp Zachary Taylor. The management of the race track bought the first sack for \$500; another sack sold for \$100, while the remainder brought prices ranging from \$50 down to \$2.

Rob Shipbuilder of \$3000. NEW YORK, Dec. 8.—Hans Otto Schunder, a ship builder of Boston and New York, was held up and robbed of \$3000 worth of jewels and money near his home in Brooklyn early today.

BIG GUNS ROAR EAST OF MEUSE

French Report Heavy Artillery Fire in Verdun Sector

ITALY HARD PRESSED

Germans Continue Powerful Assaults Against Mountain Positions

PARIS, Dec. 8. Heavy artillery fire around Hill 344, Bezonvaux, Beaumont and other points on the right bank of the Meuse was reported in today's official statement. South of Senonin a German raid failed.

LONDON, Dec. 8. America's declaration of war against Austria-Hungary comes at a most opportune time and will have a deep effect in stiffening the resistance of the Italian people against the Germans.

In northern Italy the gallant Italian army, supported by British and French, is hard pressed by the fresh masses of Austro-German soldiers continually thrown against their lines.

Along the Asiago plateau, where the Teutons are now making their greatest effort, they have concentrated heavy masses of artillery and re-enforcements of men drawn from the eastern front.

Whether or not the United States will send men into Italy was a question that none undertook to answer, but by declaring war against Austria America has opened the way for such action if deemed necessary.

Dispatches from Rome say that the Austro-Germans, under Field Marshal von Hostendorfer, are continuing their efforts between the Piave and Brenta valleys, where they claim the capture of a large number of Italian prisoners.

Despite some success attained by them there, a front more than six miles wide stands between the invaders and the northern edge of the Venetian plains. If the Teutons are to carry their attacking drive to a successful conclusion the strip of mountain land must be crossed.

While the Germans and Austrians are striking new and powerful blows, the people of Veneto still remain cheerful and confident that the invaders will not break through.

TWO FIREMEN INJURED THREE ARE OVERCOME

Section of Roof Falls at Third Street Blaze—Smoke Fills Store Cellar

Three firemen were overcome by smoke and two others were injured while fighting a fire in a Germantown store here, the other in a four-story building at 115 North Third street.

The fire in the Third street building started in the rear of the fourth floor, which is occupied by the Queen Bees Manufacturing Company. It spread to the third floor, occupied by A. Brown & Bros. The machine shop of I. L. Fraser, on the first and second floors was seriously damaged by water. After the fire finally was under control a section of the roof caved in, Joseph Malone, of Engine Company No. 26, was cut by flying glass, and Frank Brewer, of Truck No. 2, sustained a possibly fractured leg as he jumped to another roof.

The damage is estimated at \$25,000. Battalion Chief Lethead, Lieutenant Harry Lightcap and Harry E. Jones, of South Broad street, carried unconscious from the smoke-filled cellar of a grocery store at 234 Armat street. The fire started when a boy went into the cellar with a lighted candle, setting fire to a leaky gas meter.

Y. W. C. A. CANCELS MORTGAGE

The Germantown Y. W. C. A., on Germantown avenue above Chelton avenue, has paid off the mortgage of \$40,000 on the building since the beautiful building was erected last spring. In addition to being free of debt it possesses enough money for current expenses until the middle of 1918.

A fund of the association pledged a gift of \$65,000 if the association would raise \$38,000 by November 1. The money was collected, and now the gift has been bestowed.

HUN RAIDERS' BOMB SPOILS SQUASH PIE

American Cook's Instruction to French Confreers Comes to Abrupt End

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BERLIN DICTATES RUSSIAN PEACE

Armistice Over 900-Mile Line Gives Germany Whip Hand

RUMANIA IN A CORNER

Collapse of Ally Leaves Her Territory Overrun by Hun Horde

COPENHAGEN, Dec. 8. With hostilities suspended all along the 900-mile front lying between the Baltic Sea and the Black Sea, representatives of the German, Austrian, Bulgarian and Turkish governments are now trying to force their peace terms upon Russia and Rumania.

A dispatch received from Berlin today said that preliminary work for future sessions of the delegates who signed the temporary armistice is being hastened.

The Bolshevik commissioners who crossed the German lines are still at Brest-Litovsk.

The official news that Rumania had concluded a truce with the enemy caused no surprise here. Rumania's position is serious, as the greater part of the country was overrun by German, Austrian, Bulgarian and Turkish troops and she was relying mainly on Russia for her defense in the event fighting was resumed.

Contrary to recent reports from Petrograd that the Bolshevik government had by Nicholas Lenin and Leon Serebriakoff was collapsing, it seemed today to be stronger than ever.

Bolshevik forces were reported to have gained control of the Trans-Siberian Railway, lying between Petrograd and Vladivostok, on the Pacific coast.

MINISTER FALLS DEAD WHILE CRANKING AUTO

Rev. Frederic Gardener, of Mount Airy, a Victim of Heart Disease

The Rev. Frederic Gardener, of 605 Westview avenue, Mount Airy, a well-known and prominent Episcopal clergyman and former head master of the Yeates School at Lancaster, fell dead today while cranking an automobile on Walnut street. He was taken to the Hahnemann Hospital, but life was extinct before he reached there. Death was due to heart disease, with which Doctor Gardener had suffered for some time past.

Doctor Gardener was in his sixtieth year. He was the son of Dr. Frederic Gardener, a leading Episcopal minister connected with the Berkeley Divinity School, and Caroline Vaughn Gardiner. He graduated from Harvard University.

He received his A. B. degree in 1889, later taking a post-graduate course in science and receiving the degree of M. A. He completed his education in France and was ordained a priest in the Episcopal church in 1887.

Shortly after his ordination Doctor Gardener married Miss Sadie Merrick of this city. His first charge was a section of St. Luke's church in Philadelphia, where he became connected with a church school at Pomfret, Conn., where he became connected with a church school at that point. He left Pomfret to become head master of the Yeates School at Lancaster, Pa., a position which he held for fifteen years, retiring several years ago on account of ill health. Following his retirement he was appointed secretary of schools and colleges in the province of Washington of the Episcopal church.

Doctor Gardener is survived by his wife and three children. The children are Lieutenant Frederic M. Gardener and Lieutenant William H. Gardener, both of the U. S. naval reserves, and Mrs. Cleone C. Kite, of this city.

Clyde Steamships Continue Service

The Clyde Steamship Company has reconsidered its plan to withdraw its Philadelphia-New York service after this week. The service will be continued during next week, with sailings as usual on Tuesday, Thursday and Saturday, and it is possible that the plan to withdraw the service will be abandoned entirely.

HOSPITAL DRIVE MEETS SUCCESS

On the first of its ten-day campaign to raise \$50,000, St. Timothy's Hospital obtained 60 per cent of the amount required, \$30,538.

FINLAND CASTS OFF RUSSIAN ALLEGIANCE

Province Is Fifth Republic to Be Declared Since Empire Collapsed

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Policeman Dies After Brief Illness. Hugh Moran, thirty-seven years old, policeman of the Sixty-first and Thumpson streets station, died at his home, 269 Rector street, Manayunk, early today of erysipelas, after a few days' illness. He was appointed May 21, 1904, to the Carson and Main streets station house, transferred to the reserve on September 23, 1911, and assigned to the last location Thursday. Instead of going to the station house on Thursday he went home sick. While on the reserves he directed traffic at Third and Market streets and at Twelfth and Filbert streets.

SNOW SPRINKLES SATURDAY SHOPPERS



Market street today presented a real "Christmas" appearance as pedestrians, on business or shopping bent, plodded along under a falling snow that gave indications of continuing for the greater part of the day. Slippery sidewalks and equally treacherous street pavements caused numerous tumbles to man and beast.

KAISER TO DRIVE HARD FOR PEACE

U. S. Military Men Believe Germany's Main Offensive Will Be Political

RUSSIA IS ELIMINATED

WASHINGTON, Dec. 8. American military men—many of them just back from Europe—believe Germany's main offensive this winter will be political. She will drive hard for peace.

Meanwhile she will try to get the greatest advantage possible on the west and Italian fronts, and strive to swing Russia permanently out of the Allied ranks.

That is the burden of opinion here today, with only here and there a military man who is convinced that Germany proposes to make a major winter offensive in the west. All regard the situation from an American Allied viewpoint.

As the military men see it, Germany proposes to make sufficient military advances to force a general retreat of the Allies. The latter, they say unhesitatingly, resulted from fire necessity left the Germans back of the point of the Cambrai wedge disaster. But Allied resources are so vast that the Germans can never break through, experts say emphatically.

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The United States will adhere to its stand that Hohenzollernism must be snatched from Germany before any peace is possible.

If Germany, however, does undertake a big winter offensive, it will mean that training of American troops in Europe must be shortened, authorities said, and that some men must take a winter rest in the field. At present, however, there is no suggestion at the War Department of any alteration of schedules.

WOULD INSURE WORKERS

New Jersey Commission Recommends Policy as War Measure

TRENTON, Dec. 8.—Universal health insurance for wage-earners as an immediate wartime necessity for strengthening the vitality of this country's population, is favored in the unanimous report of the official legislative commission investigating social insurance problems in New Jersey. It was announced today by Governor Edge.

FRAT MEN HAVE FUN WITH NOVIATIES

An Initiation Which Results in Landing Six in Police Station

It was at Thirty-sixth and Chestnut streets. To be exact, it was 5 o'clock in the damp and chilly morning at Thirty-sixth and Chestnut streets. Morning had not yet fled in the bowl of night the stone that puts the stars to flight and the far-famed hunter of the East had not yet caught the elevated railroad box officers in a noose of light. It was an hour when almost all decent citizens should be in bed or a Turkish bath.

Out of the shadows somewhere emerged six men with sulcuses. Each man carried a wooden article that might have been produced by interbreeding a paddle and a club. The men were well dressed and wore looks of grim determination. They stationed themselves on the several corners of Thirty-sixth and Chestnut streets. Not a word did they say. A few passers-by eyed them with suspicion and gave them a wide berth. It looked as though they were there for no good purpose.

Hours passed and the grim-visaged men stood on. About all they did was to shift their weight from one foot to the other now and then and to shift from one hand to the other the sulcuses, which seemed to be very heavy.

At 7 o'clock the mysterious men maintained their vigil and the passers-by, having increased their number, eyed them with increasing suspicion.

Finally a passer-by with more courage than the rest, addressed one of the mysterious men. "What are you doing here?" he demanded. The mysterious man mumbled some answer, whereupon the five other mysterious men, hastening from the other corners, wielded their paddle club, snarling, twacking, drubbing and hitting.

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EXTRA

U. S. DESTROYER JACOB JONES TORPEDED; ONLY 37 SURVIVORS

WASHINGTON, Dec. 8.—The American destroyer Jacob Jones was torpedoed and sank Thursday. Only thirty-seven survivors were picked up.

CONSUL HEARS CZAR HAS ESCAPED

WASHINGTON, Dec. 8.—That Czar Nicholas had escaped from his place of confinement in Siberia was the rumor the American consul at Tiflis reported to the State Department today.

CITY FACES FIRST REAL SNOWSTORM OF YEAR

Clearing Weather Tomorrow, but There Will Be Big Drop in Temperature

Philadelphia is being greeted with a real snowstorm today. The fall is to be heavy, according to the predictions of the Weather Bureau. It likely will continue through the afternoon and night, and unquestionably will be the heaviest of the season.

Forecast Bliss said it would start to clear tomorrow and that Philadelphia is in for a cold spell. The mercury registered 27 at noon today, and a drop of ten degrees is expected before tomorrow. The wind is due to blow much higher in the next twenty-four hours.

ARREST AUSTRIANS FOR CHICAGO MUNITION FIRE

CHICAGO, Dec. 8.—Four Austrians were arrested by Federal operatives in connection with a fire which destroyed a Government warehouse on the South Side today. Their names and the specific charge against them were withheld.

HOTEL CLERK, ACTING PEACEMAKER, IS SHOT

Trials to Pacify Three Men in Quarrel and Gets Bullet Under Heart

Ernest Carlson, thirty-three years old, night clerk at the Beverly House, 220 North Eleventh street, was shot in the heart at 5 o'clock this morning by a man who later escaped. The shooting occurred while Carlson was trying to act as a peacemaker among three men who were engaged in a quarrel near the cafe entrance of the hotel. Carlson is dying in the Hahnemann Hospital.

"SEVENTY" TO PROSECUTE ELECTION BOARDS

Following up the disclosures of fraud brought out by the opening of ballot boxes in the election court before Judges Martin and Finletter last week, the Committee of Seventy is preparing to make prosecution of several election boards. Most of the prosecutions will be made in divisions where the boards made official returns to the Court which were in excess of the number of ballots in the boxes. The election judges have instructed the clerks of the court to certify all such boards, as exposed before them, to the District Attorney for investigation and prosecution. District Attorney Botan has announced that he will proceed with the cases immediately upon receiving certification.

OCTOBER RAILROAD EARNINGS SHOW DECLINE

WASHINGTON, Dec. 8.—Earnings of American railroads continued to decline during October, according to a report on the financial condition of fifty-seven railroads made public by the Interstate Commerce Commission today. Total revenues in October this year were \$265,380,164, compared with \$236,258,915 in October last year. Expenses showed a large increase. October expenses were \$181,799,812, as against \$146,887,116 in the same month last year. Net incomes after taxes had been subtracted were \$67,502,089, compared with \$79,513,834 in October, 1916. Net revenues by sections follow: Eastern roads: October, 1917, \$22,132,916; October, 1916, \$26,527,967. Southern roads: October, 1917, \$13,497,107; October, 1916, \$12,511,652. Western roads: October, 1917, \$31,882,016; October, 1916, \$29,475,115.

SILK EMPLOYEES GET 10 PER CENT RAISE

POTTSVILLE, Pa., Dec. 8.—The 500 employees of the Tilt Silk Mill, this city, were pleased when a 10 per cent increase was added to their semi-monthly pay envelope today. The increase was voluntary. It is to be the rate of wages in the future.

YOUNGSTOWN COKE OVEN BATTERY TO RESUME

PITTSBURGH, Dec. 8.—The Youngstown Sheet and Tube Company today was heating its fourth by-product coke oven battery, idle for fully six weeks owing to fuel shortage, preparatory to resuming operations. The fuel outlook is much improved.

MANY LOST IN DISASTER TO U. S. NAVY

Report of "Serious Reverse" Is Received at Department

RUMOR DESTROYER WAS HIT BY TORPEDO

Number of Men Who Perished May Be Near 100

NO FORMAL STATEMENT

Official Information Is Not Yet Available and Officers Are Reticent

WASHINGTON, Dec. 8. News of a serious reverse to the American naval forces reached the Navy Department late this morning.

It is known that many officers as well as enlisted men were lost.

Details were most scrupulously guarded by officials to whom they were communicated, but it was known that a number of lives have been lost. An official announcement was expected at any moment.

Naval officials were reticent in discussing the reports, acting under orders from the Secretary. It was stated positively that it was not a troop ship or a large warship that had suffered.

This immediately led to the assumption that the victim was an American destroyer.

It was intimated that one of the new type of destroyers had been torpedoed and sunk by a submarine with the loss of a majority of the officers and crew.

Officials, however, explained that they could make no statement until the official report was received from the department.

The generally accepted belief in the department was that the loss of life would be less than 100.

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