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SNOWDRIFTS CAUSE DEATH

Veteran Telegraph Operator Victim

of Exhaustion on Way to Depot

QUAKERTOWN, Pa., Dec. 14.—Leaving his home, 209 North Ambler street, early today to catch the train for Tioga, James A. Weaver, sixty-six years old.

ame exhausted wading through snow-

municipality."

AT ONCE ADVISED

Railway Commissioner lution of War Transon Problem in Plan

WASHINGTON, Dec. 14. for immediate Government of the railroads as the solu-

the war transportation problem and by Major Smith W. Brook-Blate Railway Commissioner of before the joint congressional rail-ommittee today.

general every Government-owned in the world has lower freight usenger rates than those of the an railroads," Brookhart said, the service is just as efficient.

the United States had taken overthe United States had taken over

at temperatures below the freez-nt are recorded, yet the last four have brought skating weather, ten pel Fra efore winter makes its official ap-

MANY HURT BY FALLS

coating of ice on the telegraph of the wires. Although many of the tern Union wires on the Lacka-a Railroad, southwest of New York, blown down, no real tie-up oc-

was trouble on the Market street his morning with many of the car The rain and sleet froze in the s of the doors, which would not do to the compressed air supposed

sidewalks, made treacherous for trians because of their coating of h and ice, caused injury to two per in Camden and three in Philadel-Two other persons in Camden Injured when they walked in front cles in the blinding snow

bel Jetters, thirty-six years old. nic street. She is in the Cooper

negro, 420 Quincy street was by a trolley car at Merchant-He is in the Cooper Homital He is in the Cooper Hospital, len, with injuries to his legs. in Dunn, eighteen years old, 210 i Fourth street, Camden, and Wal-Thomas, a lettercarrier, 30 Volan.

Camden, were taken to the Cooper

all, suffering with slight injuries, alls on the key pavements.

el O'Brien, three years old, 1332 r street, fell down the key steps at of her home and fractured her some. She is in the Jewish Hospi-

avenue, where new tracks are

comfort of many persons. The high winds made it almost impossible to heat homes without burning more than an average dally amount of coal. Many persons willingly stood the uncomfortable temperatures of their homes rather than use a quantity of the arceleant for the coal many persons will necessary than the coal many persons and the coal many persons will necessary the complex of the coal many persons with the coal many persons will necessary the complex of the coal many persons with the coal many persons. than use a quantity of the precious fuel.

The heavy coating of ice on the electric wires put lights out in several sections. Parts of West Phitadelphia were dark for about fifteen minutes.

In all the low-lying sections sewers were choked with the rush of water which overflowed on the streets and on the sidewalks. Many cellars in these sections were flooded with from an Inch

to nearly a foot of water.

The mercury rose yesterday from 20 degrees early in the morning to 37 degrees about 2 o'clock, the highest temperature recorded throughout the day. At midnight the silver stream stood at the twenty-nine mark. The average temperature yesterday was 28 degrees, as compared with 36 degrees on the

There is greatest danger in the next tox months. The Central Powers, beset by want and exhaustion of reserves, may strike more quickly than we know.

"The long German defensive in the west must be regarded as caded.

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"Canal are closed. The plazac of 8t. Mark's is silent and deserted. The canals are vacant of gondolas. The Biridge of Sighi is uncrossed by prisoners.

che of the doors, which would not pond to the compressed air supposed open them. A big electric sign at irteenth and Market streets was wn down, and a heavy awning in at of the Forrest Theatre was torn of place by the high winds.

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GERMAN POSITION

WITH THE FRENCH ARMY IN NORTHERN ITALY, I.e., 14.—The strategic advantage is held by the Germans because of their possession of the crest of Monte Tomba. The mountains now held by the termans are nearly the last of the big peaks, but below them, stretching for solid rows for miles behind the front, is a series of peculiarly shaped hills, each from a few hundred to a thousand feet high which make the finest finaginable defenses, and which would have to be stormed individually and at great cost unless the line to the west should give "way."

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Cause of Midvale Fatal Accident According to Coroner's Detective

Frank Paul, who investigated the circumstances leading to the fatal accident at the plant of the Midvale Steel mra Raymond, seventy-five years Company at Nicetown, which resulted in arbara Raymond, seventy-five years and James Hanlon, 2125 East Somt testreet, are in the Jewish Hospital being falls on slippery sidewalks. Umerous cases of trolley tie-ups were treed during the early hours. Nearly of the "owl" cars were from five to minutes behind their schedule. On y-second street, traffic was stalled more than two hours when an auto-lile ran into an excavation at Wyanas was stalled from one part of the plant to another. The break of the two chains caused the grane to till over, dumping out the

be promised low temperatures, the los may be it condition for a resumption of he sport by tomorrow. The scarcity of coal added to the dis-

ITALIANS TO DEFEND VENICE TO THE LAST

Rain Dash on City

Half Gains Slightly East of Bullecourt

Linear from Pase One

I were more than an hour late when arrived at their destinations. No lass were run to New York over the lass miles in land from Russia for some time and that it is important to settle the western the room Washington to New to washing to the New York over the milt reached Baltimore.

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the coming years to increase our divisions affeld.

Britain needs at least a million ment to maintain her existing forces during 1918.

The Allied forces in France are not enough to promise a victory in ambitious offensives. Never has there been the superiority in numbers necessary to a victory.

"In sending so many troops to distant theatres we have made bad use of our forces. Reconsideration of distant operations is necessary and pressing. There is the property in the content of the victory of the superior county for the private conditions," said birect for Twining.

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undisturbed except by the roar of can- at this time. undisturbed except by the roar of cannon on the Piave front—cighteen miles distant. Occasionally when that duel of guns reaches its maximum the pigeons sense the air vibrations and flutter in frightened flocks—flocks—so dense that they cloud the sun. But they HAS ADVANTAGES myariably come sweeping down again in magnificent circles back and forth above

valts the outcome of the battles of the Piave, the Monte Grappa and the Asiago

Premier Orlando, discussing the military situation, declared it was considerably improved, thanks to the brave resistance on the Plave. The financial and industrial situation of Italy was excellent, he said, but added that the economic position of the country was bad, italy, the Premier declared, remained succession in her faith that liberty and roken in her faith that liberty and justice would finally triumph.

Shields Dam Bill Passes Senate

WASHINGTON, Dec. 14.—The Shields receral dam bill, providing for the leasing avenue, where new tracks are caused the washing lad.

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Tasling on all the park lakes and on directly underneath, were caught with the private interests, was passed by the Senate this afternoon by a vote of 46 lakes of snow ly.

Hotly Debated

Continued from Page One the air is shattered by their detonation follower, announced that he would offer miles distant from their emplacement. Council, providing for a third member on the board.

TWINING CRITICIZES TAYLOR
Director of City Transit William S
Twining, at the hearing held before the joint committee of City Committee of the proposed lease to appear before it and state their print committee of the proposed lease to appear before it and state their

BERLIN (via London), Dec. 14.

Violent artillerying at isolated points between the Prenta and Piave Rivers, supporting minor operations, was all the official statement today had to report from the Italian front.

By HENRY WOOD

WITH THE FRENCH ARMIES IN ITALY, Dec. 14.

TAXLOR TO HAVE TEIM LEASE

Director of City Transit William S. Twining, at the hearing held before the joint committee of City Councils on Finance and Street Railways, urged that the city immediately enter into an agreement with the Philadelphia Rapid that the city immediately enter into an agreement with the Philadelphia Rapid that the city immediately enter into an agreement with the proposed new lines formul statement to the committee a formul statement to the committee a formul statement to the committee and that the repoposed new lines could not be built until after the war, that there is a possibility under the wording of the new lease that they could not be built even then, and that the new measure would give absolute control of the city's transit system to the Mayor leavated line, as advocated by Mr. Taylor for lactive rector sent to the committee. Mr. Taylor fully discussed the terms of the new lease and criticized it section by section.

Taylor To HAVE TEIM LEASE

In his statement to the councilmanic councilmanic countract he entered into with the P. R. T. Company.

It was said that German agents in other States were possibly concerned.

He sent a copy of his analysis to each the section by section.

Judge Trexler held, although he pointed

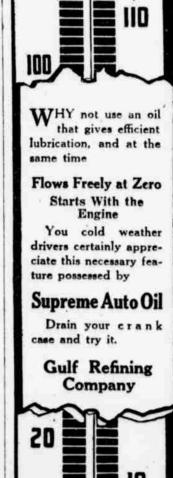
LEWIS ANSWERS PROTESTS Dr. William Draper Lewis, spectramit adviser to Mayor mith, follow

drifts. He died from overexertion before his plight became known. His body was discovered by a neighbor. no money collected from taxes on real estate should be used to pay any de-ficiency that reight accrue from the operation of the lines. Weaver was a telegraph operator a the Tioga depot of the Reading Railwa

Doctor Lewis said that the proposal was declined because the city believes that interest and sinking fund charges on bonds for the transit lines should normally be carried by the fares charged, but that the city reserved the right to at any time relieve the car. Doctor Levis said that the proposal was declined because the city believes that interest and sinking fund charges riders of that by other methods of The resolution of the United Business

Mea's Association was presented by Charles von Tagen, secretary of that body. In its preambles, it showed that the association has carefully considered every phase of the proposed lease. It "The board of directors of the United

Business Men's Association again re-affirms its recommendation that no lease



Sammees Slain in Hun Aerial Raid

be consummated at the present time and that negotiations should not be resumed until the war is over.

"Ashort-term lease for the Frankford elevated line should be made with the most acceptable leasee, or it should be operated as an independent line by the monitorality." Continued from Page One tillery corps, died of natural causes De-cember 9. Mrs. Bridget Riley, his sister lives at Nashwauk, Minn.

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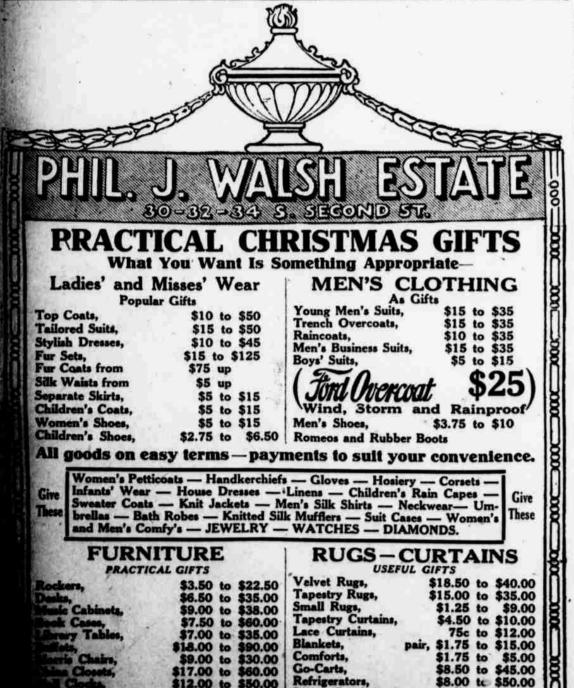
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