

DEAVOWED  
FRESH PREMIER

Not Vindictive Nor Imperialistic, Lloyd George Tells Labor  
LONDON, Dec. 28.—The Allies' purpose in continuing the war is not imperialistic nor vindictive, Premier Lloyd George declared today in a letter to the Laborites' congress.

CUT ARMY RED TAPE,  
SENATORS TO INSIST

Conditions 'Over There' Again Theme of Senate Committee's Inquiry  
WASHINGTON, Dec. 28.—Conditions in the American army "over there" again were the target of inquiry today before the Senate Military Affairs Committee.

ASK HELP OF SUBURBS  
IN YORK ROAD PURCHASE

Montgomery County Commissioners Request Them to Contribute Cash Toward Freeing Pike  
Officials of the boroughs of Hatboro and Jenkintown and the townships of Cheltenham, Abington and Upper Merionland have received letters from the Board of Commissioners of Montgomery County asking the several districts to contribute a portion toward the money to pay for the freeing of the Old York road from City Line to Willow Grove.

BOLSHEVIKI SEIZE  
ALL PRIVATE BANKS

Branch of New York Institution Among Petrograd Victims of Red Rule  
PETROGRAD, Dec. 28.—All private banks in the city, including some foreign branches, were closed by order of the Bolshevik Government today.

BOARD TO HEAR PLEA  
TO RAISE POWER COST

Application of Philadelphia Electric Company Set for January 9  
The Public Service Commission today announced it has fixed January 9 as the date for hearing the application of the Philadelphia Electric Company, which has asked permission to increase rate for furnishing electricity for virtually all forms of service save household and street lighting.

HEALTH AND INSURANCE  
COMMISSION IN SESSION

Influence of Occupations and Working Conditions Leading Subject of Discussion  
The State commission which is making a study of health insurance, with the object of codifying laws and making recommendations to the Legislature at the next session in 1919, met today in the office of Representative Isadore Stern.

STIR PATRIOTISM AT  
TRINITY MEMORIAL

Speeches and Music of Martial Character Will Mark Sunday Evening Meeting  
Services of patriotic devotion will be held at Holy Trinity Memorial Chapel, Twenty-second and Spruce streets, Sunday evening at 8 o'clock.

1832  
BAILEY, BANKS & BIDDLE CO.  
1917

Watches for Officers  
17 Jewels  
Moistureproof Khaki-Strap  
Luminous Dials  
Commission Awards 1918 Contracts at Present Year Prices  
The Fairmount Park Commission today awarded the contracts for lighting in the Park for 1918 to the same companies and at the same prices as the present year.

PARIS, Dec. 28.

The French National Labor Union, in session at Clermont-Ferrand, today adopted a resolution recommending an international labor conference to discuss the aims. The union endorsed the peace aims of both President Wilson and the German Socialists.

LIBERTY BOND SWINDLER  
GETS PRISON SENTENCE

Iowa Man Who Decamped With \$235,000 Collected From 7000 Persons Pleads Guilty  
NEW YORK, Dec. 28.—Elmer DuLagins, a former employee of the Bankers Life Insurance Company, of Des Moines, Ia., today pleaded guilty to a charge of fraudulent use of the small size Liberty Bonds for sale in Iowa.

WOMAN TEARS ENEMY  
FLAGS OUT OF WINDOW

Two small flags—Austrian and German—marking the situations of their respective countries on a small relief map in Thomson's restaurant window, Market street above sixteenth street, were torn from place by an excited young woman, while scores of persons, including several sailors, stood around and applauded her action.

BRAVE COLD TO AID IN WAR

Savings Stamps Sold to 97 Per Cent of South Orange Residents  
WASHINGTON, Dec. 28.—Ninety-seven per cent of the residents of South Orange, N. J., own war-savings stamps as the result of a house-to-house canvass made while two feet of snow was on the ground, according to a telegram received today by the Treasury Department.

CITY TO LEAD COUNTRY

Philadelphia will be the leading city in the country after the war on account of its productive manufactures, E. J. Walsh, city stationer, told members of the Waist and Dress Manufacturers' Association in a meeting held at the Chamber of Commerce.

FINDS FATHER DEAD FROM GAS

George Fox, forty-six years old, of 1658 Aramingo avenue, was found dead in the dining room of his home by his son, George, twenty-two years old. The son told the police that his father had been overcome by gas, which was flowing from a small gas radiator.

WOMAN GETS PLACE ON SURVEY BUREAU

Director Datesman, of the Department of Public Works, today appointed Adelaide Nickelson, 431 East Walnut lane, to the position of recording auditor in the Bureau of Surveys. The position carries a salary of \$900 a year.

Do Your Bit—Help Conserve the Gas Supply of Philadelphia  
The United Gas Improvement Company has made an appeal to the public to help conserve the gas supply. They urge the general use of Welsbach Lights and Mantles because they save gas and give good service.  
Welsbach Lights and Welsbach Mantles give more light and use less gas than any other lights and mantles on the market.  
If you are using open tip burners for light, you are using three to four times as much gas for light as you need to use; you are not enjoying good light; and you are paying three times as much as you need to pay.  
If you use imitation mantles, or broken mantles, you are wasting gas; you are wasting your money; and you are not enjoying the benefits of good light.  
Begin today to do your bit in cutting down the waste of gas. Go to any dealer or the gas company and buy as many Genuine Welsbach Lights as you need. Make sure you are using Genuine Welsbach Mantles—  
"Reflex" Brand, 18c; 2 for 35c.  
"Yellow Label" Brand, 13c; 2 for 25c.  
"Green Label" Brand, 10c each.  
The name of the Welsbach Company is on every box.  
With Welsbach Lights and Welsbach Mantles, you are conserving gas for lighting to the utmost. Your lighting is costing you the least possible, and you are enjoying at night the nearest approach to daylight, with the warmth of sunshine.  
There is a Welsbach Light for every use. Every genuine Welsbach has the Shield of Quality on the box.  
Your Government Says: "He Who Wastes a Crust of Bread Prolongs the War"

The Earle Store  
Market and Tenth Streets Philadelphia  
A New Grouping—For Tomorrow  
1000 Winter Coats  
In Our After-Christmas Reduction Sale!  
\$7.50 Formerly Priced up to \$15.00  
\$10.00 Formerly Priced up to \$19.75  
\$15.00 Formerly Priced up to \$27.50  
\$25.00 Formerly Priced up to \$45.00  
The Smartest Styles of the Season—Fur-Trimmed Models Predominate!  
Every Coat From Our Own Stock—and Every Coat at a Big Saving!  
EARLE STORE—SECOND FLOOR  
New Satin Ready-to-Wear Hats \$1.95  
A Clearance Women's Boots \$3.65  
Girls' Coats Reduced!  
Formerly priced up to \$8.49, at \$5.00  
Formerly priced up to \$12.50, at \$7.98  
Formerly priced up to \$14.98, at \$9.98  
Fine velvets, plushes, broadcloths, zibelines, corduroys, pom poms and novelty cloakings. Sizes 2 to 14 years.  
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