PHILADELPHIA, MONDAY, DECEMBER 31, 1917

DELAWARE RIVER FROZEN FROM SHORE TO SHORE AT UPPER END OF CITY

MEN L. H. PARSONS TO DIRECT CITY READY

PAY INCREASE 1,500,000 Will Profit as Result of McAdoo's

STUDIES PLANS TO CLEAR UP TRAFFIC

Decision

New York Exports May Be Sent to Boston and Philadelphia

EQUIPMENT A PROBLEM

Present Rolling Stock Said to Be Hopelessly Inadequate for Task

WASHINGTON, Dec. 31. Director General McAdoo will pay his 1,500,000 railroad employes more

This has been definitely agreed upon between President Wilson and eaders of the four great brotherhoods, and will cover increases for all employes, whether members of the brotherhood or not. The Government will not meet the full 40 per cent increase demanded by the men, but an agreement is assured.

At a conference between McAdoo and the United States Board of Mediation and Conciliation a basis of increase was expected finally to be determined.

This question, together with action to relieve congestion at the

His plan is immediately to divert from the central part of the country, for which the eastern roads have been actively bidding, will be climi-

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been determined, but President Wilson fourth.

RAILROAD MEN SPECTATORS The mediation board asked McAdoo to be permitted to represent him in conference with brotherhood feaders. The railholders are protected by the Govern-ment's net income guarantee.

McAdoo may act personally for speed without awaiting mediation, although brotherhood leaders were reconciled at their recent conference with President Wilson to sixty days' delay. They will learn McAdoo's decision regarding mediation at a meeting with him scheduled His order No. 1, pooling equipment

increase rolling stock. Railroad experts say trying to handle all available is like trying to crowd a quart into a McAdoo is already turning his atten-

on to financing improvements in ter-ninals and equipment. Some of the 1800 occurrence under order in American ripped of engines and freight cars, hich will be placed into service in con-sted territory. Many passenger sches will be converted into freight

Additional terminal facilities and erminals at New York, Jersey City ad Chicago can be worked out.

Government officials asked the pub-lie to be patient with Federal control. New tracks, engines, freight cars and terminals must be built. Priorities must be revised. Berouting will e revised. Rerouting will require carethought. To do away with present Continued on Page Five. Column Five

ONE KILLED, NINE HURT IN MINE EXPLOSION

Ignited in Colliery at Under-

wood, Pa., Fatal to Fire Boss

SCRANTON, Pa., Dec. 21.—One man, red Corby, a fire boss, was killed and ine mine workers, mostly foreigners, sete burned and maimed when a miner ith a naked lamp ignited a large body f gas in the new county vein of the inderwood coiliery of the Pengsylvania of Company at Undegwood village to-ay. Several of the injured will probable

boys had been caught in the Officials at noon came out line with Corby's body. They the liquid had been removed workings. Earlier they had

Federal Reserve Bank Also Announces Advisory Committee for Philadelphia District

In order to carry on the necessary work between campaigns and to perfect the organization for the next Liberty Loan, the Federal Reserve Bank of Philadelphia announces that it has appointed Lewis H. Parsons as director of the Loan for the third Federal Reserve district, and also that the following advisory committee has been appointed: Walter C. Janney, chairman; Horatio G. Lloyd, John H. Mason, George Wharton Pepper, Joseph Wayne, Jr. It is understood that when the Secretary of the Treasury announces the next Liberty Loan, substantially the same organization and committees will act as in the case of the previous loans.

Similar appointments are being made

Similar appointments are being made in other Federal Reserve Districts, in accordance with the suggestions from the Treasury Department that more or less permanent Liberty Lan organiza-tions be established throughout the

P. R. T. LEASE IS APPROVED BY COMMONS

Lower Branch of Councils Passes Bill by Vote of 63 to 8

AMENDMENTS MADE

Supervising Board to Be been met. Composed of Three Mem-

The revised transit lease for the ports of New York and Newport ation of the city-built high-speed lines city.

Director Datesman, of the Department was passed this afternoon by Common Director Datesman, of the Department

the country, for which the eastern roads have been actively bidding, will be eliminated entirely and all such shipments second Ward, leader of the independents. will go to New Orleans and other southern points, which have been virtually idle.

The G ernment will pay higher Lewis.

While the new rates will be paid through the present railroad offices, the Government will supply the additional money, because the guaranteed average net railroad igeome of the last three years cannot, in most cases, cover the raise.

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be in their seats at this afternoon's session. The anti-Vare-Smith forces also turned out to a man, and for the first time in many months there was a ful attendance.

Shortly before Common Ceuncil met,

Mayor Smith, Director Twining, Dr. William Draper Lewis, the legal advisor of the Mayor in transit matters, and Thomas E. Mitten, president of the P. R. T. Company, held a long conference.
The amendments introduced by Chairman Gaffney were drafted at this con-Gaffney offered them in diately after Conn moved to send the lease to the City Solicitor for an opinion as to the legality of its provisions.

ATTACK OPENED ON LEASE As soon as the Gaffney amendments were presented the Penrosa sters. It will be weeks, probably opened their attack upon the proposed

New Orleans Results FIRST RACE, claiming, two-year-olds, a

King of the Wind.

112. Pools

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H. C. Basch. 107. Mooney 7 to 2 7 to 5 8 to 5

Time. 1:15. Axtec. Little Princess. John Hyner. Dalwood. Miss Filley and W. H.

Buckner also ran.

SECOND RACE. 5:15 furlongs:
Blaise, 108. Willis 8 to 1 3 to 1 7 to 5

Auntle Curf. 107. Garner.

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Skating on Park Lakes; None on Schuylkill

HOUSING PLAN Would Permit Government to Build Frame

HOG ISLAND CHIEFS CONFER WITH MAYOR

Houses in Elmwood

Proposed Provision of Trolley Facilities Is Discussed at Meeting

TO STAND BY PLEDGES

Philadelphia's Promises to Government Relied Upon to Bring Colony Here

Philadelphia today is preparing to remove the last obstacle in the way of the erection by the Federal Government of from 5000 to \$000 houses in Elm-

wood for Hog Island workmen.

The Mayor stated this afternoon that he would cut red tape as far as was possible in the construction of streets and sewers in the new section and felt confident that the Government could be AS A CONCESSION kept up with by the city in the matter of construction. The Mayor indicated that the transit problem had already

ALLIES PLAN

FOE'S OFFER

Made When Terms Are

Officially Received

claim a concrete general peace policy

The answer planned will not be made

of the Allies. This recommendation ceived.

STOCKHOLM, Dec. 30.

Serious Answer to Be Simultaneously Hope of

PREMIERS WILL MEET NAVY WILL AID POOR

Several allied diplomats here to- needs of Philadelphia was dispatched day recommended to their respective by Mayor Smith this afternoon to Fed-

was made in the belief that such a White still awaiting reply from Garmove is the only thing that can stay
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field. Abbott and Noppel this afternoon
called on William Potter, State fuel ad-

The Allies intend seriously to reply to the Teutonic peace terms as

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ordered the commandant at the Philadel
phia payal station to give our refus

"These are war times," he said, "and

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A new era in house construction in this city will start with the construction of these houses. It was learned today that they would in all probability, be made of concrete and that standardized made with the adopted, so that the parts would be adopted, so that the houses may be merely assembled in this

News, now bearing the brunt of the heavy export freight shipments, is occupying McAdoo's attention to the exclusion of other problems.

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Director Twining after he had co-out of the conference. Owen Bragard, of 52 Vanderbilt a and made the supervising board a body of three instead of two members, but eliminated the previous requirement that they all be engineers.

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\$10,000,000 FUND AVAILABLE.

The third member, who will serve as chairman, will be appointed by the Mayor and the president of the P. It T jointly, and they will fix his saiary.

The amendments further make the board a "supervising board" instead of a supervising board of engineers."

The Vare-Smith members received their "orders" to vote for the lease during the morning, when they were their "orders" to vote for the lease during the morning, when they were their supervising the morning, when they were their supervising the morning, when they were their supervising the morning, when they were the morning, when they were the morning that the supervising the morning is a supervising the morning that the supervising the supervision that the supervision that the to perfect housing conditions for em-playes of Government plants and the plants building material virtually im-

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MANY PASSENGER TRAINS TO BE CUT FROM SCHEDULES IN EARTHQUAKE

Reading 27 on January 6, in Compliance With McAdoo's Directions

Councilman Fred A. Mechert, of the Twenty-third Ward, declared that there sylvania and the Reading roads in com-* Continued on Page-Two, Column Two plinnee with Railroad Director McAdoo's instructions. The Pennsy will drop sixteen trains from the Schuyikill division on January 6, it was announced. The Reading made public the elimination of ven trains on various divisions

> The trains to be dropped by the P. R. R. are as follows: The week-day trains to be withdrawn from the Schuyikill division are as follows: NORTHBOUND

Ar. Norristo 9:24 a. m. 2:56 p. m. 7:12 p. m. 11:59 p. m. Ar. Reading 12:28 a. m. 5 to 1 2 to 1 even 210 p. m. 623 p. m. 1112 p. m. 1112 p. m. 112 p. m. 112 p. m. 1026 p. m. SOUTHBOUND SOUTHBOUND
Leaving Norristown Ar. Broad St. Sta.
6:40 a. m. 7:38 a. m.
Leaving Reading 7:38 a. m.
Leaving Norristown 11:08 a. m. 4:32 p. m. 3:22 p. fn.
9:37 p. m. 9:54 p. m.
The Sunday trains to be discontinued are:

SOUTHBOUND

READING'S NEW CUTS

Schuylkill division will be given later, are as follows:

Stony Creek Division-Two Sunday trains each way and one Sunday train just returned from the capital, where

New York Branch-One weekday each habitable, the American legation and way to Trenton. Newtown Branch—One weekday each

each way and one Sunday each way. Chestnut Hill Branch—Two weekday each way and one Sunday each way.

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Norristown Branch-Five weekday

These eliminations, it was stated, did not affect the trains scheduled to take care of the rush-hour traffic.

At the offices of the Baltimore and mala City and San Jose on the Pacific,

NEW YORK, Dec. 31.—The gunners in the sekly clay bird shooting tourney of the we Rochelle Yacht Club yesterday had to tile against a stiff northwesterly wind and

Devastated—People in Panic

Snead," the telegram reminds Garfield

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MAYOR WIRES

COAL APPEAL

TO GARFIELD

New Price Scale Is

Held Out

A telegram of appeal for the coal

ward A. Noppel had not yet been re-

WASHINGTON, Dec. 31. One thousand dead as a result of returns promptly to the local draft boards. The new reductions in service an One thousand dead as a result of sounced by the Reading, details of which the Guatemala City earthquake was Bethlehem Branch—Two weekday Department today in a cablegram trains each way and two Sunday trains ican Teicgraph Company,

The San Jose manager, under date he found 40 per cent of the houses demolished, most of the other uninconsulate, the postoffice and large upon the President's orders and terrific shocks continuing at five-min-

seventy-five miles away, has been devastated, the embassy report stated. The relief steamer is expected to reach Guatemala January 7 at the latest.

SAN SALVADORE, Dec. 31.—Guate-mala City, capital of the Central Amer-lean Republic of Guatemala, has been laid in rulns by a series of earthquakes,

The zero weather made skating a reality today on the Delaware River at Philadelphia. The surface was converted into a vast plain of unbroken ice from shore to shore and extending for miles above Bridesburg, inviting hundreds of adventurous souls to make interstate pilgrimages afoot. The picture shows four hardy youngsters setting out for the Jersey side from the foot of Bridge street, Bridesburg.

> FLAMES DAMAGE CHURCH PROPERTY Some crank or unatic is believed responsible for fire that was discovered this afternoon in the Firlst United Evangelical Church Twelfth and Oxford streets. Firemen found the main auditorium of the church ablaze and flames icking the atar, which was carried to safety. The damage is about \$700.

MANDAMUS LOAN PASSES COMMON COUNCIL Common Council this afternoon passed the \$2,500,000 loabill that will be used in paying mandamus items against the city

SEEK COMMISSION FOR AFTER-WAR WORK

This bill wil be passed by Select Council next Monday.

WASHINGTON, Dec. 31 .- Senator Jones, of Washington today drafted a resolution which he will introduce upon nthe reconvening of Congress, creating a commission of twenty-seven members, representing all industrial and commercial interests, to be appointed by the President to recommend legislation to meet problems confronting the nation after the war.

PROBE OF PHILADELPHIA PACKERS OPENS THURSDAY

rnnounced from Brest-Litovsk, ac-Golding to the best information ob-tained today by the United Press.

The answer planned will not be made

shipments of coal at will; and Local Chairman Lewis lays a drastic check The probe into the "inner workings" of the Philadelphia packing industry dieted today by the a large coal operating company to con-rien twenty. Ven tons of coal to the two private use. So run the chief de-velopments in the coal situation on the by the Federal Trade Commission will start in this city next Thursday Witnesses, according to an announcement made today in Washington, will be examined in the open. Victor Murdock, one of the Commissioners, will

"SAVE OR STARVE" FOOD WEEK IN ENGLAND

LONDON, Dec. 31,-"S. O. S." week opened in England today. There latest word on the subject of war the liceware River and meet the needs aims was in his letter of last week of its hospitals, some which are down it a day-to-day supply, it said. Over 50 the results are up to expectations, the people will be put on compulsory food

ROME WILL HAVE A WILSON SANATORIUM ROME, Dec. 31.-A sanatorium for tuberculosis patients, which was

THOUSANDS DEAD erected by public subscriptions collected by the Giornale d'Italia, will be amed after President Wilson, it was announced today,

RAILWAYS CUT, NO FOOD IN MOSCOW COPENHAGEN, Dec. 31, Famine conditions prevail in Moscow. Ad-

vices received from Petrograd today said that part of the railway lines lead-Pennsylvania Railroad Will Drop 16 and Guatemala Capital City ing into Moscow from the south had been cut and no foodstuffs have arrived for several days.

ALL NAVY MEN MUST FILL OUT QUESTIONNAIRES

All enlisted men and commissioned officers of draft age in the navy or naval reserve force in the Fourth Naval district were ordered today by Rear o'clock trains from New York to P Admiral Tappan, commandant of the Philadelphia Navy Yard, to fill out and delphia had been annulled temporal training to the selective service bill. The Reductions in passenger service were tional stops will be made, while in others SHOCKS STILL CONTINUE naval reserve force in the Fourth Naval district were ordered today by Rear order, which came from Washington, instructed officers and men to make the

the estimated furnished the State
Department today in a cablegram
from the Central and South Amer
WATER PIPE ATTACHED TO KITCHEN STOVE BURSTS

A water pipe attached to a stove in the kitchen of the General Wayne
Hotel, Manheim street and Germantown avenue, a famous landmark, burst

On the Chestrala division- is Hotel, Manheim street and Germantown avenue, a famous landmark, burst early morning trains were abando this afternoon, shattering almost every window of the building. A local cause alarm was sounded. John J. Gallagher, proprietor of the place, and his wife Northeast Penn R. R .- Two weekday of December 30, reported he had were struck by flying debris, but escaped serious injury.

TWO CRUSHED BY TRAINS, BOTH DIE

John Parbolitz, thirty years old, 1611 North Hutchinson street, and Thomas McGee, twenty years old, Jenkintown, died from injuries received when crushed by trains. Parbolitz was injured at the Ninth and Green streets churches wrecked, martial law in ef- siding of the Philadelphia and Reading Railway as he attempted to couple Frankford Branch—Three weekday fect, inhabitants quitting the city two freight cars, and the other victim was killed by a train near Jenkintown.

SPECIAL MAIL ONLY DELIVERED TOMORROW

There will be no general mail delivery tomorrow, New Year's Day. Carriers assigned to automobile delivery, special delivery and perishable parcel post matter will make delivery all day. All substations will be open until

RUMOR PLOT TO KILL LENINE AND TROTSKY

NEW YORK, Dec. 31.—Rumors of a plot to assessinate Nicholai Lenine, the Bolshevik Premier, and Leon Trotsky, the Bolshevik Foreign Mis have attained widespread circulation in Petrograd, according to a cable from the Petrograd correspondent of the Jewish Belly Premied today.

RECORD COLD PASSING; TW VICTIMS HER

PRICE TWO CEN

Worst Frigid Way for Years Moving Out to Sea

MILD SNOW TONIGHT

OR BY TOMORROW

Much Suffering, With Fatal Accidents, Result of Low Temperature

12 ABOVE AT 5 P. M. High Points of Record

Cold in Philadelphia COLD wave passing off to sea.

Milk famine threatened, dua to trains being stalled.

Two killed and many injured as direct result of cold weather.

Charles Durborow, paying teller of First National Bank, will have next to weather this afternoon.

defy arctic weather this afternoon by taking plunge in Delaware River.

Delaware River frozen over be-tween Torresdale and Delair,

Railroad and street car traffic

Intense suffering due to cost

Property loss runs into thousands of dollars.

6 Below in Suburbs Upper Roxborough 3
Chestnut Hjil 6
Frankford police station 2
Willow Grove 6
22d st. and Allegheny ave 1
Woodford Guard House 1

The worst cold wave in the history the country is passing off to sea.

United States weather observers Washington late this afternoon predicted that the cold wave which killed two men, injured scores of persons in this city, froze a part of the Delfware River and did much other damage, would be

Thermometers in the center of the city at 3 o'clock this afternoon registered 12 above zero.

A mild snowstorm for this evening o possibly tomorrow, but not accompa earance here last Saturday.

NOT QUITE SO COLD "Not quite so cold tomorrow," the glad tidings sent out, The temperature which at 9 o'clock this morning was 4 above zero increased at noon. At that hour it reached 8 above

Records of the United States Weath

MILK FAMINE IN SIGHT Milk dealers in this city said this after ernoon that a milk famine may occur unless freight trains loaded with cans of milk arrive. Many milk trains are stalled. Householders in many sections of the city bought large stocks of or

Victime of the cold wave were:
George Playford, seventy yests
old, 2070 East Atlantic street, Frankford Playford was killed by a troiley car at State road and Princeton
street while trying to get his hat
which had been blown off.
John Parbotiz, thirty years old,
1611 Novit Hutchinson street, a Reading brakeman. He was killed, when
he was caught between two ice-covered freight cars at Ninth and Green
streets.

Trains from the West and southers Trains from the West and southers points of the Pennsylvania Railroad were late in arriving here. Many trains were stalled for hours because the mechanism of locomotives became defective. Traits to suburban points on the Pennsy, Baitimore and Ohio Railroad and the Philadelphia and Reading Railway were ruuning far behind school-ule time.

The Pennsylvania Railroad reports street to New York managed to go

This so disorganized the regula schedules that the 8 o'clock to New Yor cause of extreme weather conditions of extreme weather conditions and the Main Line divisions being operated at noon at an are of forty-five minutes behind no schedules. New York trains are an

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THE WEATHER