TRACT

...gests Comman- Ground for ...ers' Homes

SPECULATORS

...ls Promise Full ...of Plans to Build ...in Philadelphia

...has urged that the Gov- ...under the tract of ground ...Ward that has been ...site for the $000 or more ...erected for Hog Island

...ted this plan to forestall ...from Philadelphia and ...are believed to be tak- ...on ground there, planning ...sums of money if the ...finally decides to build

...heard that speculators have ...that ground," Mayor Smith ...with anger, after he had ex- ...willingness of Philadelphia ...in its power to aid the ...in constructing houses

...willing to believe that these ...to make large sums of ...the Government decides to ...that section. The city of Phila- ...can do nothing about it. The ...ought to commandeer the ...," he said with decision.

...representatives are ...this effect," one man declared. ...stated definitely that any one ...an ax to grind will be prompt- ...by the Government."

...the Emergency Fleet Corpora- ...is in charge of the housing ...for the shipyard workmen will ...trifling, and will, if necessary, ...outright the needed site. ...Philadelphia is decided on, is ...of those in touch with the

...officials promised their full and ...support of the plans to pro- ...houses for Philadelphia, at ...conferences held yesterday. A mo- ...change the building laws so that ...houses may be constructed in ...Philadelphia territory was ...at a conference between ship- ...Mayor Smith and Direc- ...and Dateman in the morn- ...will go before the next session ...

...olan Peace Terms ...ished by Germany

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...of making annexations, and ...fore it makes known solemn- ...determination to put their signa- ...conditions for peace which will ...war on the foundation of prin- ...of just conditions for all people ...manner without exception.

SIX CARDINAL POINTS

...ding from these principles, the ...delegation has proposed to ...foundation for peace negotia- ...following six points:

...No forcible union of districts ...have come into possession during ...is allowed. Troops which are ...these districts will be with- ...shortest time.

...Political independence of ...which have lost their inde- ...in this war will be in fullest ...restored.

...Possibility shall be granted ...groups which before the war ...politically independent to de- ...question of submitting them- ...one or other state or to de- ...their political independence by ...This referendum must be ...in such a way that complete ...is assured in voting for ...population of district concerned, ...emigrants and refugees.

...In reference to districts of ...nationality, the right of the mi- ...shall be protected by special law, ...to its independence for its ...culture, and, where this can be ...through practically, an autono- ...administration.

...TO REPLACE DAMAGES

...As to what concerns treplace- ...losses of private persons in ...of war, they shall be met ...special fund to which the ...shall contribute proportion-

...Colonial questions shall be de- ...the observation of fundamen- ...expressed under Nos. 1

...addition to these points, the Rus- ...proposed to the con- ...to declare every kind of ...on the freedom of weak- ...by stronger as inadmissible; ...by economic boycott, by ...predominance of one land over ...based on compulsory commer- ...by special tariffs which ...freedom of trade of their coun- ...blockades which have in ...immediate war aims, etc."

...Department has further ...the Kaiser's reported abdi- ...his peace-making powers to ...von Hertling is merely a ...create an impression that Ger- ...fulfilling the demand made by ...Wilson that the people them- ...the German autocracy, should ...

...ARRANGEMENTS

...dispatches to the department ...several days ago quote German ...of December 20 and 21 as ...Kaiser had conferred with ...Hertling and had agreed to ...by the Chancellor in the ...representatives at the Brest- ...Conference.

...of the Serbian war ...interview yesterday said: ...at Brest-Litovsk ...but simply German ...efforts to detach Greece ...are failing. Greece has ...policy of no annexations ...An official diplomatic ...says:

...branded as absurd ...made that Italy is ...nationalist program in op- ...interests of Greece.

...that Greece has ...to the Allies ...conditions of com- ...admitted that ...in the Aegean

...by Children of ...Cudge

Reading Annuls 68 More Trains

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The new train annulments announced by the Reading are:

BETHLEHEM BRANCH

NORTHBOUND—Weekdays:

No.	Leaving Phila.
405—Bethlehem Local	10:15 p. m.
409—Lansdale Local	11:15 p. m.
Sundays:	Leaving Phila.
411—Bethlehem Express	10:55 a. m.
421—Bethlehem Local	4:30 p. m.

SOUTHBOUND—Weekdays:

	Arriving Phila.
366—Lansdale Local	1:58 p. m.
Sundays:	Arriving Phila.
420—Bethlehem Local	2:27 p. m.
426—Bethlehem Express	10:12 p. m.

Note—Train No. 418, leaving South Bethlehem 12:33 p. m., will make stops formerly made by train No. 420.

NORTHEAST PENNSYLVANIA RAILROAD

NORTHBOUND—Weekdays:

	Leaving Phila.
351—New Hope Local	8:13 a. m.
343—Ivyland Local	2:42 p. m.
Sundays:	Leaving Phila.
475—Willow Grove Local	4:32 p. m.

SOUTHBOUND—Weekdays:

	Arriving Phila.
360—Ivyland Local	10:24 a. m.
	Leaving New Hope
374—*New Hope Local	11:25 a. m.
	Arriving Phila.
388—Ivyland Local	6:23 p. m.
Sundays:	Arriving Phila.
476—Willow Grove Local	6:30 p. m.

*Annulled between New Hope and Ivyland only.

NORRISTOWN BRANCH

NORTHBOUND—Weekdays:

	Leaving Phila.
17—Norristown Local	5:38 a. m.
21—*Manayunk Local	10:38 a. m.
41—Allentown Local	2:08 p. m.
39—Reading Local	5:30 p. m.
11—Williamsport Express (See Note)	11:30 p. m.
13—Norristown Local	12:38 a. m.
Sundays:	Leaving Phila.
95—Pottsville Express	1:25 p. m.
233—Reading Local	6:08 p. m.
11—Williamsport Express (See Note)	11:30 p. m.
113—Norristown Local	10:38 p. m.

Note—Effective January 1, 1918, train No. 15, Reading Express, now leaving Philadelphia 8:26 p. m., will be changed to leave at 11:20 p. m., both weekdays and Sundays.

SOUTHBOUND—Weekdays:

	Arriving Phila.
50—Norristown Express	7:39 a. m.
22—*Manayunk Local	11:54 a. m.
40—Allentown Local	12:54 p. m.
26—Reading Local	3:34 p. m.
84—Norristown Local	4:59 p. m.
Sundays:	Arriving Phila.
84—Norristown Local	4:59 p. m.
230—Pottsville Local	6:27 p. m.

*Annulled December 26, 1917.

NEW YORK AND TRENTON BRANCHES

EASTBOUND—Weekdays:

	Leaving Phila.
646—Trenton Local	8:43 a. m.
608—*New York Express	11:00 a. m.
612—*New York Express	1:00 p. m.
616—*New York Express	3:00 p. m.
624—*New York Express	7:00 p. m.
Sundays:	Leaving Phila.
604—*New York Express	9:00 a. m.
636—Trenton Local	9:17 a. m.

*Annulled December 26, 1917.

WESTBOUND—Weekdays:

	Arriving Phila.
603—*Philadelphia Express (Leaving New York, 8:00 a. m.)	10:00 a. m.
607—*Philadelphia Express (Leaving New York, 10:00 a. m.)	12:00 noon
561—Trenton Local	12:11 p. m.
611—*Philadelphia Express (Leaving New York, 12:00 noon)	2:00 p. m.
613—*Philadelphia Express (Leaving New York, 2:00 p. m.)	4:00 p. m.
Sundays:	Arriving Phila.
621—*Philadelphia Express (Leaving New York, 10:00 p. m.)	1:00 a. m.
585—Trenton Local	2:03 p. m.
51—*Trenton Junction Local, leaving Trenton	11:32 p. m.

STONY CREEK RAILROAD

NORTHBOUND—Sundays:

	Leaving Norristown (De Kalb st.)
119—Lansdale Local	8:30 a. m.
269—Lansdale Local	4:30 p. m.

SOUTHBOUND—Sundays:

	Leaving Lansdale
112—Norristown Local	6:56 a. m.
268—Norristown Local	3:30 p. m.

PHILADELPHIA, NEWTOWN AND NEW YORK RAILROAD

EASTBOUND—Weekdays:

	Leaving Phila
177—Newtown Local	9:05 p. m

WESTBOUND—Weekdays:

	Arriving Phila
178—Newtown Local	11:28 p. m.

FRANKFORD BRANCH

EASTBOUND—Weekdays:

	Leaving Phila.
909—Frankford Local	9:56 a. m.
965—*Frankford Local	4:56 p. m.
929—Frankford Local	6:24 p. m.
933—Frankford Local	9:56 p m
Sundays:	Leaving Phila.
933—Frankford Local	9:56 p. m.

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Three members of the cast of the "Private Secretary," which will be presented at the Germantown Boys' Club by the L Triangle Club, an amateur organization.

COLD WAVE IS PASSING; SNOW PROMISED TODAY

Temperature Gradually Moderating, Bringing Relief From Suffering

The worst of the cold spell is over. The weather is not yet what the average citizen would like it to be, but gradually rising temperature gives promise that by the end of today something approaching normal winter weather will be here.

The coal shortage, combined with transportation difficulties which made deliveries of coal impossible, has served to prolong the suffering and inconvenience due to the bitter cold wave, but the railroads hold out the prospect of increased shipments today and it is likely that by tomorrow the average Philadelphian will be about in the same position, as regards cold weather, that he was in before the sudden drop in temperature last Friday night.

The Delaware River is frozen almost to its mouth, except where the city ice boats keep the channel open, and the Schuylkill is almost a solid cake of ice. On the lakes in the parks and the outlying sections of the city the skating is excellent and thousands of persons yesterday took advantage of ice conditions to enjoy this sport.

"THE GANG," ALL HERE, HAILS THE NEW YEAR

1918 Arrives on Time, Despite Zero Weather Which Grips City

GENERAL JOY PREVAILS

War Fails to Damper Ardor of Celebrants Who Watched the Departure of 1917

Nineteen eighteen is now in our midst. He, she or it, whichever you prefer to call the visitor, arrived on the tick of the clock at midnight last night, and from the fuss that was made it is reasonable to suppose that everybody was pleased at the event.

The fact that the country is plunged deep in the bloodiest war of all history, that the city is shaking and shivering in an unprecedented cold wave, that coal is in the class with diamonds and other priceless jewels and that Hoover is looking on every time you put an extra spoonful of sugar in your coffee did not serve to dampen the ardor of Philadelphians in giving a right royal welcome to the newest of strangers. The gang was all here, and we said "Hail, Hail," and with that hope which springs eternal in the human breast we all started in on the new year. Even the imminence of national prohibition did not serve to put the brakes on the general joy that prevailed throughout the city. The gang was all here, and everybody hoped for the best.

Bells clanged, whistles blew and everybody was gay. Cafes were filled with laughing, jolly crowds and people forgot for a little while that there was a food administration and that food will win the war. They remembered only that food, with a little something on the side, will go a long way toward giving a good start to a happy and prosperous New Year.

Out on the streets the small boy and his irrepressible tin horn were not deterred to any marked extent by the cold weather, and the din that came from this source in the early part of the evening contributed substantially to the atmosphere of gayety and abandon that marked the evening.

Hotels and cafes did a lively business until the tiny hours of the morning and the gentlemanly gentleman in the white apron who catered to the wants of the convivially inclined sank down in a chair after it was all over and gave utterance to a silent prayer and a paen of thanksgiving that New Year comes not more often than once a year. Altogether it was a lovely evening.

The center of New Year gayety was at the Bellevue-Stratford, where 3000 persons celebrated. Five large dining rooms, including the ballroom, had been specially prepared for the occasion and all were filled to overflowing. An attractive program had been arranged and a special menu prepared. At the stroke of 12 the lights were lowered, and as they were turned on again a picturesque figure of Father Time tottered through the rooms and pronounced a benediction on the New Year.

In nearly all the churches special watch-night services were held, and the welcome to the new year had a religious as well as a convivial aspect. The shortage of coal, which made it expensive as well as precarious to keep lights burning at too late an hour, was the only thing that threw a damper on the observance of the annual celebration.

There were aching heads and drowsy eyes when people wnt to work this morning, but everybody was glad that the new year had started, and New Year's resolutions were made in abundance, and then everybody settled down and went to work just like it was still last year.

Coal Is Scarcer as Price Goes Up

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motive Works, which probably is handling more war contracts than any one similar organization in the country. This busy hive of industry with its thousands of workmen shut down completely yesterday morning, not resume again until tomorrow.

Alba B. Johnson, president of Baldwin's, said there was nothing unusual in the closing of the plant and that the coal famine had nothing to do with the suspension of business.

The first instance of diversion of fuel by Mr. Potter to meet the needs of a charitable institution actually enduring privation sent three carloads to the Pennsylvania Institute for the Deaf and Dumb at Mount Airy.

Authority to take such drastic steps for the relief of suffering was conferred upon the State administrators by Doctor Garfield on Saturday.

Coal offices throughout the city were jammed by consumers who desired to take advantage of the last day during which the comparatively cheap coal would be available. At one of the biggest places a large force of extra clerks was required to tabulate the orders for coal that kept flooding the office.

Some relief may be brought to Philadelphia by William A. McAdoo, director general of railroads, who is taking steps in Washington to relieve the coal shortage of the nation by speeding up all fuel shipments.

Dr. Harry A. Garfield telegraphed New Year's greetings and appreciation of support to William Potter, State fuel administrator, last night.

"I am confident," he added, "that with patience, courage and united support we will be able to achieve results which will be of great value to our country in the coal crisis."

French Rout Foe on Italian Line

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the center of a conflagration which lighted the countryside for miles.

The fire started from incendiary bombs dropped by enemy airplanes. The dome of the massive church burned throughout the night, making a majestic spectacle, but the solidity of the ancient walls, dating from 1250, and the copper roof saved the main structure and paintings from destruction. The bomb hit the outer edge of the dome, which soon was a fiery column, rising 160 feet in the center of the city.

One building was pierced from top to bottom and torn to pieces by a bomb which buried four persons, three of whom were children. The Church of San Valentine and the ancient palace were hit and partly wrecked. Other private buildings also were struck.

The frescoes saved were "The Meeting of Joachim and Anna," by Titian, and "The Birth of Christ" and "The Adoration of the Magi," by Campagnola.

CASH PROVIDED TO HELP ROADS

Law Ready to Fix Basis of Compensation and Equipment

WAR BOARD QUITS JOB

McAdoo Names Hale Holden as Member of Advisory Council

WASHINGTON, Jan. 1.

The Railroads War Board, organized April 11 to co-ordinate the transportation services of the country in the behalf of the Government, has gone out of existence. Its offer to efface itself was accepted by William G. McAdoo, director general of railroads. Mr. McAdoo, as another step in the organization of his own staff for the management of the railroads, chose Hale Holden, president of the Chicago, Burlington and Quincy Railroad, as a member of his new advisory board and placed him in charge of the various subcommittees of the American Railway Association's special committee on national defense, together with the office files and accumulated information. Mr. Holden has been a member of the Railroads War Board.

The director general announced that until his final organization shall be made he has constituted the following advisory board to the director general: Mr. Holden, John Skelton Williams, Comptroller of the Currency; Henry Walters, chairman of the board of Atlantic Coast Line and Louisville and Nashville Railroad; Edward Chambers, transportation director of the food administration, and Walker D. Hines, assistant to the director general.

Joseph W. Folk, chief counsel of the Interstate Commerce Commission, and John Barton Payne, counsel for the Shipping Board, who has been retained by Mr. McAdoo as legal adviser, will have charge of most legal questions arising under Government operation of railroads.

The Railroads' War Board gave out a final statement, in the form of a report to the Senate Interstate Commerce Committee, attributing recent congestion to the overwhelming amount of freight dumped upon the carriers by war industrial activities.

"The railroads had already co-ordinated their activities before their taking over by the Government," said the statement, "and for eight months have been operated as a unified continental system. The increase alone in traffic handled by the railroads in 1917 as compared with that of two years ago has been more than 135,000,000,000 ton miles, or substantially equal to the combined total traffic for a year of the railroads of Canada, Germany, Great Britain, Russia, France and Austria. In the first six months after we entered the war the railroads handled as much freight, traffic as they did in the entire year 1906."

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