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## TEUTON PEACE HYPOCRITICAL, SAYS TROTSKY

### Bolsheviki "Could Not Consent" to the Terms

### DIFFERENCES MAY END NEGOTIATIONS

### Fear of German Trickery Makes Russian Agents Wary

### CLASH OVER PRISONERS

### Foreign Minister Protests to Berlin Against Treatment of Deportees

PETROGRAD, Jan. 3.

Foreign Minister Trotsky announced today to a specially called meeting of the Soviet that Germany's peace proposals were "hypocritical" and declared the Bolsheviki Government "could not consent" to them.

Evidences multiplied today that irreconcilable differences between Russian and German peace conferees will force discontinuance of future separate peace negotiations and that the armistice may not be renewed.

The Russians are now apprehensive of German trickery in every move by the Teutonic delegates and agents here and at Brest-Litovsk.

Serious differences, it was said, had been developed here today at the conference between Russian and German commissioners to discuss exchange of war prisoners. The Germans, under Ambassador Mirbach, are openly seeking to utilize the conference for a reopening of German trade in Russia. The Bolshevik delegates have emphasized anew their unwillingness to go beyond the lines indicated in the armistice.

The Germans even proposed to regulate Russian railway traffic, but the suggestion was rejected as "untimely" by the Russians.

Foreign Minister Trotsky today dispatched a formal note to Berlin regarding the forcible transportation of thousands from Russian territory occupied by the Germans and presumably protesting against Germany's treatment of these deportees.

LONDON, Jan. 3.

Whether or not negotiations will be reopened between the Bolshevik Government of Russia and the Central Powers was the chief question in the peace situation today.

It was reported from Amsterdam that Dr. Richard von Kuehlmann, the German Foreign Minister, is returning to Brest-Litovsk from Berlin, which indicated that the Teutonic envoys may have fresh proposals to make to the Russian delegates.

The action of Germany in refusing to withdraw troops from Russian territory strengthens a belief which has been gaining ground for some time that it is the Kaiser's wish to make a "protectorate" of Poland, Courland and Livonia. This would be almost equivalent to annexation.

The break in the Russo-German negotiations has created the utmost satisfaction in London.

All of the details have not been received nor has any official information

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### *Italians Want Peace, But Reject Foes' Plan*

ROME, Jan. 3.

THE Premier declares that the Allies have not yet exchanged views upon the Austro-German peace proposals, indicating that a joint reply will be decided upon at an early date.

He explained clearly why the conditions of the proposal are not acceptable and that their rejection was due to no wish of the Allies to prolong the war.

Reliable information is to the effect that the Pope had a deep personal conviction that the proposal was doomed to failure, hence the noncommittal attitude of the Vatican.

## COLD TO PERSIST TILL WEEK END

### More Tolerable Weather Expected by Sunday. 5 Above Tonight

### 43 SCHOOLS CLOSE

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| 3 a. m. | 15 | 10 a. m. | 12 |
| 4 a. m. | 12 | 11 a. m. | 12 |
| 5 a. m. | 10 | 12 noon | 13 |
| 6 a. m. | 8 | | |

No relief from the cold wave that has held Philadelphia in its grasp all week is promised before Sunday.

The prediction for both today and tomorrow is continued cold. The weatherman said that a minimum temperature of 5 degrees above zero may be expected tonight.

Coupled with the shortage of coal, the extreme cold has brought suffering and illness in hundreds of homes in the city. Forty-three schools, among them the William Penn High School for Girls, Fifteenth and Mount Vernon streets, are closed. Many of them will not reopen until Monday, it was said at the offices of the Board of Education today.

The minimum temperature in Philadelphia early today — 7 degrees at 7 o'clock—is high when compared with those registered in the suburbs and nearby towns. At Plumsteadville which is only twenty miles from City Hall, the mercury dropped to 17 degrees below zero. At Jenkintown 3 below was registered. Willow Grove and Abington reported 4 below.

Ice boats succeeded in opening the channel in the Delaware River as far Wilmington early this morning. Through their efforts hundreds of Hog Island employes, engaged in speeding up the Government shipbuilding program, reached work on time.

Skating continues on all the lakes in Fairmount Park, on the lake in Hunting Park and on the Schuylkill River from the Spring Garden street dam to the Manayunk locks. Skating is also good from Flat Rock dam to Conshohocken.

The extreme cold caused an abnormal number of fires in the last three days 153 alarms being registered. Firemen, at their posts virtually twenty-four hours for the last three days, are exhausted.

A return to tolerable winter temperatures may be expected by Sunday, the weatherman said. At that time a slight fall of snow may be expected.

## FINDS HONOR SYSTEM A SUCCESS IN JERSEY

### Governor Told All Rahway Inmates Sent Home for Christmas Kept Parole

TRENTON, Jan. 3.—Governor Edge was informed by Dr. Frank Moore, superintendent of the New Jersey Reformatory at Rahway, that the sixty inmates of the Rahway Reformatory who had been allowed to go to their homes for Christmas on account of steady work in helping to complete the Georgetown-Wrightstown road had returned to the institution voluntarily and at the appointed time.

The discipline and morale of the inmates had improved to such an extent by the outdoor work that Superintendent Moore conceived the idea of allowing them to go to their homes on their honor. So far as is known this is the first experiment of the kind that has occurred in the State.

The Governor expressed gratification over the fact that confidence in the men had not been misplaced.

## SKY-HIGH BOOST TO FAT PRICES

### Federal Investigators Told That Meat Trust Hit Philadelphia Hard

### ONE FIRM LOST $60,000

### Rendering Business Is First Phase of Problem Uncovered at Opening Session

Within half an hour of the opening of the Philadelphia end of the meat probe being carried out by the Federal Trade Commission at the Federal Building today, testimony had been produced to show that the meat "trust" boosted prices of fats to unparalleled heights, which lost one local independent concern $60,000 in a few months. It was also shown that a bitter struggle is still going on which should influence butchers to let Philadelphians have meats at a figure considerably below the prices in other cities.

The inquiry pertains to the rendering business. Ex-Governor J. Franklin Fort, of New Jersey, is the member of the commission presiding. Francis J. Heney, of California, famous prosecutor of Abe Reuf and Mayor Eugene Schmitt, of San Francisco and of the Oregon land grabbers, is the examining attorney. The hearing was to have opened at 9 o'clock but Mr. Heney could not bring his witnesses together until 10 o'clock. The hearing got under way at that hour.

Captain Winfield S. Allen, manager of M. L. Shoemaker & Co., Ltd., of this city, the principal independent rendering house, was the first witness called. He told of a bitter fight his concern has been having with the American Agricultural and Chemical Company, which was revealed by testimony in the inquiry in Boston as the "trust" concern in a number of cities. He said this fight began last September a year, and that when both his concern and Brown & Co. were losing money he held two conferences with Brown representatives, at one of which he was told that he must come into the combine and agree to price fixing or Shoemaker would be put out of business.

Captain Allen said his first meeting with any of the Brown & Co. people was in September, 1915, when he met David Weil, who, with Samuel Weil and H. Sternfeldt, controlled H. Sternfeldt & Co., which in turn controlled Brown & Co. He said Mr. Weil then told him he wanted to sell the plant of Brown & Co., which was located at Trenton, for $50,000. He did not buy the concern, because of its location and its possible interference by health authorities. He said Mr. Hunt, of Swift & Co., also said he had been approached regarding the purchase of Brown & Co.

In September, 1916, Captain Allen said, Hugh J. Robinson, of Brown & Co., who was in the courtroom this morning, called him into a conference at the Bellevue-Stratford and informed him that Brown & Co. had bought the American Agricultural Chemical Company, and said that its plant here wanted to know if "the olive branch would be accepted."

Brown & Co. had opened its plant here and there had already been price-cutting, he said. This was the first effort to arrange a schedule of prices. His next engagement was with E. T. Murphy, also at the Bellevue, in April, 1917. He said that at this meeting Murphy suggested that they "stop the fight," cut the price in half and make money. Murphy, he said, declared that his concern would put Shoemaker & Co. out of business if they did not agree, because his concern was capitalized at $1,500,000 and had paid dividends amounting to $5,000,000 and could afford to lose considerable money in order to force the Shoemakers into line or put them out of business. Murphy, he said, told him Colonel Hapgood, of New York, had fought them and won his fight, but died soon after from worry.

At another meeting held only last November, Captain Allen said, Murphy proposed that they have a law passed which would prevent any other concerns going into the rendering business in this locality so that they could fix prices and make big dividends. One of the meetings was agreed to by him with Murphy,

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## ANOTHER CONTINGENT OF PHILADELPHIA DRAFTEES DEPARTS FOR MEADE

The Baltimore and Ohio Station at Thirty-fourth and Chestnut streets was the scene of more farewells today when another contingent of Philadelphia's draft quota left for camp. The upper photograph shows members of the draft board in the Sixth District with some of their draftees. Chairman Clinton Woodruff, of the board, stands in the center.

## READING GOES BACK TO ITS OWN TRACK

### Cold Discounts Prospect of Relief of Congestion on Pennsylvania

Following temporary use of the Pennsylvania Railroad tracks, between this city and New York, the Philadelphia and Reading Railway today resumed passenger service on its own line, but railroad men saw little hope for immediate relief of the congestion existing on the Pennsylvania. Several days of milder weather, they said, would be necessary in order to bring service back to anything like normal conditions.

Use of the Pennsylvania tracks by the Reading was taken as an evidence of the complete change that has come in the transportation system of the country and elimination of competition between different lines in the effort to bring about harmonious co-operation in movement of freight and passengers during the present emergency.

Conservation of fuel and motive power, in order that the railroads of the country may be co-ordinated for war purposes, is the main object for which the new railroad administration is striving, and in line with this policy trains are being annulled right and left and schedules are being slashed without regard to precedent. A total of 155 trains have now been annulled on the Pennsylvania lines east of Pittsburgh alone.

President Samuel Rea, of the Pennsylvania, has issued an appeal to all the employes of that system urging them to "continued intensive work in their patriotic efforts to render every assistance possible to the Government in the prompt and efficient handling of traffic."

## RAPS SCHOOL SYSTEM; INVESTIGATION PLANNED

### Mrs. Grice, Head of League, Gives Scathing Denunciation Before New Century Club

The resolution of the New Century Club, recommending the favorable action on the suggestion of an impartial investigation of the Philadelphia public school system, was forwarded today to members of the Board of Education. Bruce M. Watson, secretary of the Public Education and Child Welfare Association, and Frederick P. Gruenberg, director of the Bureau of Municipal Research, suggested such an investigation some weeks ago. The matter was never acted upon by the board.

The action of the New Century Club followed a scathing denunciation of the school system by Mrs. Edwin C. Grice, head of the Home and School League. She charged that the board was dominated by one member, "who thinks in terms of fifty years ago" and that the system of schools is consequently antiquated and inadequate.

## N. Y. HAS NEGRO OFFICIALS

### Member of Legislature and Municipal Court Justice Installed

NEW YORK, Jan. 3.—The first negro to sit in any lawmaking body in New York State and the first Socialist Judge to sit on the bench in New York city were formally installed in office today.

Edward A. Johnson, negro, Republican from the Nineteenth District, New York city, is a member of the 1918 Legislature. Jacob Panken, Socialist, became a Municipal Court Justice, having been elected to that office in November.

## KILLS DOCTOR IN HIS OFFICE

### Slayer Cuts Victim's Throat With Broken Bottle

COLUMBUS, O., Jan. 3.—Using bits of broken bottles to cut his victim's throat, Harry Lyons today murdered Dr. Charles Rauschkolb in the latter's office today.

Lyons is believed by the police to be insane. He was arrested at the scene of the killing while attempting to cut his own throat with bits of broken glass.

## 1400 PHILADELPHIANS DEPART FOR MEADE

### City's Quota of Drafted Men for National Army Now 86 Per Cent Complete

Fourteen hundred more selected men left the city this morning for Camp Meade to a send-off of song, cheers and tears.

Two special trains of fifteen cars each took the men down to "Little Penn," one leaving from the North Philadelphia station of the Pennsylvania and the other from the Baltimore and Ohio station at Twenty-fourth and Chestnut streets at 9:15.

There was no ceremony and not much hurrahing, as most of the board had eliminated the customary sectional demonstrations and had merely ordered the men to report at the respective stations.

About 8 o'clock groups of one draftee and a bevy of women began to drift into the big cold waiting rooms.

By 8:30 the platform and the waiting room at the Baltimore and Ohio Station were packed with a shivering mob, made up of groups of the frankly miserable, the stoical and the hilariously happy who had been tendered a farewell party, who made ambitious efforts to render "Over There" and "We're Going Over."

When the gates were opened everybody tried to rush out onto the train platform, and the policemen had their hands full keeping mothers, sweethearts and fathers back of the ropes. The officials of the North Philadelphia station, remembering previous departures, had a force of 150 policemen on hand. Many persons there tried to beat the policemen by buying tickets for nearby points along the Chestnut Hill branch, but even these were not allowed to go until the draftees' train had gone. Then they went back and redeemed their tickets.

Today's contingent is the last of the 58 per cent of this city's quota for the National Army.

Although no definite orders have been issued, it is presumed that the remaining 14 per cent that the city is required to furnish to complete its total quota for the first National Army will be sent to the Maryland training camp about the middle of February. Whether or not they will be called about the same time the second draft is made is not known, no final ruling having been made by the War Department. The 14 per cent remaining will be re-examined under the new draft rules and must fill out the questionnaires just as the men coming under the provisions of the second and future drafts.

### Lancaster Draftee Wounded

LANCASTER, Jan. 3.—Twenty-three drafted men left Lancaster today for Camp Meade. There were to have been twenty-four, but William Howard Smith, of Mount Hope, has two mutilated toes, due to a gunshot wound. He says the weapon was accidentally discharged while he was cleaning it.

## TRACTOR FOR PRISON FARM

### Extensive Plans Being Made by Jersey Officials

TRENTON, Jan. 3.—Governor Edge learned today that Seymour L. Cromwell, member of the Prison Inquiry Commission, has raised between $1400 and $1500 and purchased a tractor, with necessary equipment, for the Annandale farm which is operated by Rahway Reformatory inmates on the State-owned ground in Hunterdon County.

In its first experiment with farming on State-owned lands by State dependents the State realized a net profit of $10,000. It is planned to go into the farming business even more extensively during the coming planting season.

### No Light, No Power at Dover

DOVER, N. J., Jan. 3.—Several industrial plants have had to close, thousands of workers were idle and Dover and a half dozen adjacent towns were without light or trolley service last night because of a broken steam turbine at the New Jersey Power and Light Company here. Even with temporary repairs, it was said, lighting service cannot be restored.

## QUICK NEWS

### ARREST GERMANS AS RUBBER SMUGGLERS

NEW YORK, Jan. 3.—Felix Malitz and Gustave Adolph Engler were arrested today charged with attempting to smuggle rubber into Germany. Federal agents say the men, by arrangement with a former chief steward of the Norwegian-American liner Christianiafjord, were opening packages consigned to the steamship and inserting quantities of rubber.

### MOSCOW UNDER MARTIAL LAW

WASHINGTON, Jan. 3.—Moscow is in a general state of lawlessness and disorder, and martial law has been declared. The State Department messages today declared the Bolsheviki has seized the banks there and are now threatening to seize the factories. These were the only facts decipherabl in a long and badly garbld cablegram from the consul today.

### RUSSIANS DISCONTINUE DEMOBILIZATION

STOCKHOLM, Jan. 3.—The work of disbanding units of the Russian army on the eastern front has been discontinued, said a dispatch from Haparanda today.

### OFFERS TO SELL U. S. PATENTS FOR A PILLION

WASHINGTON, Jan. 3.—Former Representative E. M. Boynton, of Boston, offered today to sell to the American Government for $1,000,000,000 his patents covering a monorail and gyroscopic railroad system. Laying his plan before Director General of Railroads McAdoo, he said adoption of his system automatically would convert every single-track railroad into a double-track line, as but one rail will be needed for trains. Mr. Boynton, who is an aged millionaire, said no other Government could have his patents for so nominal a sum. The director general is reported to have given him but little encouragement.

### TO BUILD THOUSANDS OF COAL AND FREIGHT CARS

WASHINGTON, Jan. 3.—Orders for the immediate building of thousands of freight and coal cars and locomotives will be placed by Director General McAdoo as soon as legislation providing the necessary funds has been passed by Congress, it was learned today.

### BALFOUR TO MAKE STATEMENT ON PEACE

LONDON, Jan. 3.—An important speech on peace will be made by A. J. Balfour, Secretary of State for Foreign Affairs, before a "War Aims Meeting" at Edinburgh, on January 10, it was announced today.

### SPRING-RICE BIDS PRESIDENT GOOD-BY

WASHINGTON, Jan. 3.—Sir Cecil Spring-Rice, British Ambassador, who is about to return to England, called at the White House this afternoon to say good-by to President Wilson. According to London advices Sir Cecil will not return to his post here.

### WRITER OF "I NEED THEE EVERY HOUR" DEAD

BENNINGTON, Vt., Jan. 3.—Mrs. Annie Sherwood Hawks, famous writer of hymns an authoress of "I Need Thee Every Hour," died today at her home here. She was 83 years old.

### BRITISH REPRESENTATIVES ON U. S. BLACKLIST

LONDON, Jan. 3.—Pronounced demand here for copies of the American "blacklist" has developed the fact that the names of numerous representatives of British firms in South America are on the list. Hence the American Consul General and other American officials here have been asked for details.

### FIX PRICE FOR CANADIAN VICTORY BONDS

MONTREAL, Jan. 3.—Establishment of a fixed price for Canadian Victory Bonds based on net cost to the original subscriber has resulted from meetings held by the Canadian Bond Dealers' Association at the instance of the Minister of Finance. Just before the bonds are listed and placed on sale on stock exchanges the standard figure will be announced.

### PITTSBURGH PUDDLERS GET RECORD WAGES

PITTSBURGH, Pa., Jan. 3.—The bimonthly wage settlement resulted in an advance for boilers, or puddlers, from $13.80 a ton to $14.30 a ton, which will prevail for the next two months, a new record price.

### DEAD COUPLE ON PILOT

#### Engineer Fails to See Locomotive Run Down Wagon

DOVER, Del., Jan. 3.—An empty locomotive from Harrington was stopped soon after leaving Clayton last night on notice that an object was on the cowcatcher. The locomotive was backed into Clayton, where there was revealed a wagon body, on which was a negro man and woman, both dead.

The engineer has no idea where he struck the wagon. The dead persons are supposed to be Romey Brown and his wife, of Whitehall Neck, near Leipsic.

### UNITED SERVICE CLUB GUESTS

#### Mothers of Soldiers From Five Wards to Be Entertained

Mothers whose homes are in the Sixth, Ninth, Tenth, Thirteenth and Fourteenth Wards and who have sons in the United States naval or army service will be the guests this afternoon of the United Service Club, 207 South Twenty-second street.

The mothers will be entertained at the rooms of the club.

## DRASTIC PLAN TO END CRISIS COAL FAMINE

### Six Lightless Nights, Closed Theatres and Saloons Considered

### ASK GARFIELD FOR FUEL

### Admitted Destitution in South and West Philadelphia Inspires Fresh Appeal

### *Oust Fuel Committee, Business Men Demand*

UNITED BUSINESS MEN formally protest new prices, ask appointment of new fuel committee.

With coal shortage at its height, fuel and light may be denied saloons and theatres.

Severe weather halts shipments; less fuel tonnage reaches city daily.

Suffering widespread, people storm yard and steal coal; burn fence rails in northeast.

Forty-three schools shut down, museums soon to be closed, may consolidate church services.

Fuel administration commandeers coal for needy and city institutions.

Philadelphia coal committee asks Washington to order six lightless nights.

Also plead for aid where suffering is greatest.

Investigating dealers' complaint that portion of Philadelphia's allotment is being diverted to Wilmington.

Francis A. Lewis, chairman of the Philadelphia coal committee, and State Controller Potter are bending their energies to bring relief from the severe coal shortage—more serious today than at any time since the famine began—that is causing widespread suffering throughout the city.

They have wired National Food Administrator Garfield for permission to establish six lightless nights, instead of the two now in effect, and are considering the closing of theatres, saloons and other places not regarded as wartime necessities, so that fuel may be saved.

An appeal has been made to Washington to send coal to the city, as South and West Philadelphia are absolutely destitute in regard to coal, Mr. Potter said.

The action of the Lehigh Valley railroad in prohibiting the use of hopper coal cars in bringing shipments to Philadelphia is being investigated, Mr. Potter said. It was pointed out that this action seriously interfered with plans to bring 15,000 tons of coal a day, promised the city by the National Fuel Administration.

With all mines throughout the State tied up, many of them turning out but 20 per cent of their usual daily output, railroad traffic paralyzed, shipments are far below normal. Less than one-half of the tonnage necessary to supply the needs of householders has reached here in the last three days.

Three men and one woman were arrested for leading a crowd that stormed a string of coal cars on a siding at Fifteenth street and Washington avenue and took several tons of the precious fuel were discharged by Magistrate Barber. Realizing the suffering that prompted their action, the Magistrate said he had not the heart to hold them under the law permitted.

Mr. Lewis, in stating that the theatres might be closed as a conservative measure, said, however, that the "movies," the poor man's club, would not be closed except as a last resort.

With the coal situation admittedly at the gravest point of the present crisis, Philadelphia business men are demanding the appointment of a new committee. The United Business Men's Association, representing 13,000 members from all sections of the city, met in the Bellevue-Stratford Hotel and adopted a set of resolutions calling for a new committee and a conference to explain to the public the reasons for the increased prices. Retail dealers under the new $2.50 maximum profit, which became effective Tuesday, have raised the price per ton from five to twenty cents.

WANT RISE EXPLAINED

Copies of the resolutions adopted by the business men are on their way to Dr. Harry A. Garfield, national fuel administrator, State Controller Potter and to President Wilson. They were passed without one dissenting voice. The resolutions are as follows:

"That a full and complete explanation be given to the citizens of Philadelphia for the advance in coal in Philadelphia, which became effective January 1, 1918.

"That Francis A. Lewis, chairman of the local board of Philadelphia, be directed to grant to the consumers and citizens of the city of Philadelphia a conference at which the facts connected with the advance of coal shall be explained.

"That the State fuel administrator, William Potter, request Francis A. Lewis, and his colleagues on the Philadelphia fuel administration board to give to the public full information in regard to the means and methods employed by them by which the prices have been arbitrarily fixed for coal.

"That a fair, public-spirited and patriotic committee be appointed by the County of Philadelphia for the administration.

"That pending such conference and explanation, the advanced prices

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## SEVEN SLAIN, 40 SHOT BY YAQUI RAIDERS

### Indians Attack Train Near Guaymas—Four Americans Among the Killed

NOGALES, Ariz., Jan. 3.

Seven persons are reported dead today and more than forty wounded by Yaqui Indians who attacked a Southern Pacific De Mexico train at Mapolia, twenty miles west of Guaymas.

The Indians, according to reports here, first fired a bridge and the train ran into the chasm, wrecking it and killing the engineer and conductor. The Yaquis then fired into the train, it is said, killing and wounding many.

Thirty Mexican women, it is reported, were taken from the train and carried away by the Yaquis.

Four of those killed, it is asserted, were Americans. The only one identified was H. G. Poen, a traveling salesman of the Kelly-Simpson Fruit Company, of Los Angeles.

A relief train sent from Guaymas brought the wounded to Empalme, where a check is being made to learn the exact number of killed and wounded.

A guard of 100 Mexican soldiers that accompanied the train offered no effective resistance to the Yaquis.

### Aged Woman Fatally Burned

LANCASTER, Pa., Jan. 3. — Mrs. Sarah Lutz, seventy-six years old, was severely burned on the face and body last night at the home of Mrs. Annie V. Miller, 124 South Prince street, when her dress caught fire in some unknown manner. Little hope is entertained for her recovery.

### 30,000 War Prisoners Ill

Thirty thousand Italian prisoners have contracted tuberculosis during the war, according to a statement made [illegible] by Dr. Victor G. Meiser, in [illegible] the Institute of Physi-

## NEW TRANSIT LEASE TO PASS SELECT TODAY

### Upper Branch of Councils Expected to Approve Pact as Amended

The Smith-Mitten transit lease, which provides for the extension of the high-speed system to various sections of the city, probably will be passed by Select Council this afternoon.

Although considerable opposition to passage of the lease has arisen on account of the high cost of building materials and labor at this time, it is generally believed that the measure carrying the lease will meet with little, if any, objections from members of Council.

In addition to followers of the Vare camp, it is said, supporters of the Penrose-independent forces will also approve the lease.

If the ordinance passes the upper chamber as planned a special meeting of the stockholders of the transit company will be called within a day or two to act upon the lease. The company has ninety days in which to either accept or reject the measure, but officials say the meeting will be held as quickly as possible, so the terms of the agreement may be put into force at once.

The United Business Men's Association will send a delegation to Select Council to register a protest against the passage of the lease. Sidney M. Earle, chairman of the transportation committee, will present a report attacking the proposed lease. According to the report the measure means a clear profit of $1,500,000 for the transit company without a valid reason for such a gift by the city.

## LUXBURG HELD INSANE BY MEDICAL EXPERTS

### Envoy of "Spurlos Versenkt" Fame Long Unbalanced, Argentine Doctors Say

By CHARLES P. STEWART

*Special Cable Service of the United Press and Evening Public Ledger*

BEUNOS AIRES, Jan. 3.

Count Luxburg, German envoy of "spurlos versenkt" fame, is now insane and has been eccentric for a decade, according to a report today of medical authorities who have had him under observation.

The finding was after prolonged and careful study of the German Minister, now held in an internment camp, by several reliable medical authorities. The report today said their information was that Luxburg had been acting queerly for a number of years.

United Press dispatches several weeks ago reported the belief growing in Buenos Aires among Germans that the German Minister was a victim of dementia. At that time he was under observation.

The verdict of insanity as to Luxburg affords Germany an excuse for the astounding revelations of duplicity made public in various intercepted messages by the State Department. It would not explain, however, some of the messages sent by Berlin to Luxburg indicating an equal facility in duplicity by the German Foreign Office.

### Named Mercantile Appraiser

SUNBURY, Pa., Jan. 3.—Charles A. Caldwell, of Sunbury, a manufacturer, was today appointed Mercantile Appraiser of Northumberland County. The job is worth $3000 for three months'

## THE WEATHER

FORECAST

*For Philadelphia and vicinity: Fair and continued cold today and tomorrow, with lowest temperature 5 degrees; gentle northerly winds.*

LENGTH OF DAY

Sun rises, 7:11 a.m.; sun sets, 4:59 p.m.

DELAWARE RIVER

CHESTNUT STREET BRIDGE

Low water, 12:32 a.m.

High water, 2:32 p.m.

TEMPERATURE

8 a.m. [illegible]