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PRICE TWO CENT

## MAYOR FLANS TO END CITY **COAL FAMINE**

Would Have Householders Divide Contents of Bins With Needy Poor

POLICE TO CANVASS

Embargo on Freight Also Expected to Hasten "Beginning of End"

A coal investigation station has been opened in the Mayor's office under the supervision of the Emergency Aid. Investigators will be sent out for the purpose of bettering the conditions of sufferers. Families in which there is illness or members who are old may receive coal by applying to the investigation station. It is not a charitable enterprise, but simply one of convenience. The coal will be provided at the regular market price.

Emergency plans to relieve the widespread suffering throughout Philadelphia due to the coal shortage were formulated at a meeting today of city ofheials, church heads, educational authortties, Emergency Aid workers, police efficials and representatives of the Phila-delphia Electric Company and the United Gas Improvement Company.

The high point of the conference was the suggestion of Joseph C. Smith, secretary to the Mayor, that policemen make house-to-house canvasses and ask business men and householders to sur- Hostile Armies Like Giant render all extra coal they have on hand for the relief of the poor.

Coupled with the declaration of an embargo on all freight other than food and coal by the Pennsylvania Railroad on communicating lines east of Pittsburgh, came the announcement from Washington that Railroad Director General William G. McAdoo will declare the street of eral William G. McAdoo will declare an embargo on all nonessential freight in and out of Philadelphia. The embargo, William Potter, State Controller, said, will become effective this after-

The placing of these embargoes, in

citizens well supplied with coal, and aid will also be asked in making confort-able the nearly 3000 women and chil-dren who have been reported as destitute and suffering by city nurses.

tute and suffering by city nurses.

One method of securing coal suggested by Joseph Smith, secretary to the Mayor, to Supert tendent of Police James Robnson, carls for the co-operation of every in the Bureau of Police. The idea that will probably be carried out if the coal shortage continues is to have patrol-men make a house-to-house canvass and ask householders and business people to surrender any extra supply of coal they may have on hand, with the under-standing that it be used to refleve sufering among the very poor, or be sold persons able to pay. To carry out this plan, which is un-

erstood to have the approval of Mayor Smith, a central receiving and distrib-iting station will be established.

In the event of persons being too poo employ teamsters to haul the coatheir homes the carts of street clean

to their homes the carts of street cleaning contractors will be placed in service.
Several other methods by which the
police bureau can be of service were
discussed. Among them was a plan to
have the police see that coal is not
delivered to homes already having a
supply on hand. The co-operation of the bureau in every way was promised by

TO OPEN RECREATION CENTERS Final arrangements for opening recrea-on centers as shelter stations were completed. Here again the charitably inclined public can be of service in help-ing to make comfortable the people from cold homes, who will be forced to use odations afforded by the city. Coal for the centers will be secured Director Joseph MacLaughlin, of the artment of Supplies, who has full nority to seize coal. The task of

ing comfortable the sufferers will the Senator himself.

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who were represented at today. upon members of the Emergency who were represented at today's erence by Mrs. Barciay H. Warbur-Mrs. Thomas Robins and Mrs. J.

e centers that will be opened this ing include Sherwood, Fifth ng include Sherwood, Fifty-sixth Lombard streets; Starr Carden, ath and Lombard streets; Athletic Twenty-sixth

ts: Happy Hollow, Wayne Junction; recreation center at Haines street McMahon avenue, Germantown, and on. Tacony.

Disston, Tacony,

The church representation included Bishop Joseph F. Berry, of the Method-int Episcopal Church; Dr. Russell H. Conwell, Rabbi Joseph Krauskopf and Dr. William H. Roberts, stated clerk of the Presbyterian General Assembly. They were unanimous in the declaration that should such a movement become necessary the churches of the city will be thrown open to house people without coal. In the event of the coal shortage being long continued and the suffering acute, it was said, this plan will be carried out. Everything is in readmess.

### Women's Defense Council Urges Fuel Conservation

To the women of Pennsylvania: A SERIOUS crisis has resulted in a great shortage in the coal supply for Pennsylvania and in the suffering of many men, women and children, who are unable to obtain heat and light.

Owing to this lack of coal, gas has been substituted for heating purposes in many houses, and as

purposes in many houses, and as a result a shortage of gas is threatened.

All patriotic women are urged to show the same spirit of interest and self-denial in the conservation of fuel as they have so splendidly shown in the conservation of food.

They are usual to use caution.

They are urged to use caution as follows:

No gas should be burned in the daytime except for the purpose of cooking or where illumi-nation is needed for work, or where fuel for heat is lacking. No light should be burned in unoccupied rooms or hallways, No light should be burned in

occupied rooms except for No houses • buildings should be overheated. 'Varm clothing should be worn and high tem-

peratures modified. Women's organizations and public-spirited individuals should unite in urging that all nights should be "lightless" as long as

the present emergency endures, PENNSYLVANIA DIVISION,
WOMAN'S COMMITTEE,
COUNCIL OF NATIONAL
DEFENSE,

MRS. J. WILLIE MARTIN, MRS. HENRY D. JUMP, Chairman Philadelphia County.

# **NEAR FINAL BLOW**

Boxers Sparring for Opening

LAST ROUND COMING by a local accounting firm.

LONDON, Jan. 5.

resumption of almost normal produc-tion at the mines, is taken by the Phila-delphia fuel administration to mean the "beginning of the end" of the Phila-beke one of our posts was rushed.

# WITNESS COY UNDER GRILL

Trust Firm Fearful

How Francis J. Heney

If there are plenty of crumbs there are sure to be plenty of

fat-rendering end of the meat burines this morning.

Raiding operations were all the ghting activity reported today by in that event Francis J. Hency, counsel for the commission, says he will go to the "In the neighborhood of Hollesche," he said, "the enemy attempted a raid at night and was repulsed without loss to us. East of Zonnewithout loss to fighting activity reported today by In that event Francis J. Hency, counsel Field Marshal Haig. view of today's milder weather and a beke," he said, "the enemy attempted force them under contempt of court proa raid at night and was repulsed ceedings to attend and will finish Mon-

Mr. McAdoe's order will shut off the hipments to and from the city of non-seential freight. Trains bound here will be aldertacked and their locumotives related to haul the long strings of coat cars blocked between Philadelphia and the mines, Mr. Potter said.

OFFICIALS HOLD CONFERENCE.

The conference, which was held in the office of Director Krusen of the Department of Health and Charities, resulted in the adoption of a series of relief plans calculated to prevent further death and suffering among the poor and among that class of citizens who, although able to pay for coal, are unable to obtain.

Appeals for aid will result as the general plans call for the co-operation of val plans call for the co-operation of the subjects with the subjects of the control of the development of the subjects of the properation of the plans call for the co-operation of val plans call for the co-operation of other subjects of the control of the plans call for the co-operation of others who call that they may not have received that they may not have received their subpenas, owing to delays in the coordinate of the control of the control

# **MEAT PROBE**

Former Bookkeeper for of His Future

to appear to testify against men with was afraid to take the stand for fear it would influence his future. He was THE FIELD, Dec. 10. it would influence his future. He was THE FIELD, Dec. 19.

asked to identify numerous letters written by his department and which have the largest American artiflery camp senator Henry F Hellis, of New Hampnow been seized by the Government as among these Somewheres in France. The shire, a Democrat, on referring to a well-recognized Republican move now eivdence in the probe. Levine lives at spirit of the pupils and the carnestness well-re-

hard as granite. Fragments of frozen carth sprayed by exploding shells are as deadly as slivers of the bursting shells themselves. thought that they may not have received their subpense, owing to delays in the mails. There are only about three more Despite this sort of weather, the witnesses to be examined, but their Despite this sort of weather, the armies are unusually busy in small en-

# It is easy to look through a brick wall if there is a hole in it. They all look alike to me when it comes to opening the cells. vermin around.

Levine admitted that he did not want

State Senator Says He Will Be Mercury Rises as Paralyzing whose names are part of the history a Candidate on Straight Re-

SPROUL'S HAT IN RING COLD WAVE ABATED;

publican Ticket State Senator William G. Sproul's hat

is in the ring for Governor.

All doubt that Senator Sproul would 1 a. m. be a candidate for the Republican guber- 3 a. m..... natorial nomination to succeed Governor 4 s. m. Brumbaugh was brushed aside today by

understood among my friends that I will be a candidate for the nomination. Formal announcement will be made later." Senator Sproul, when asked for a cam-

Campaign buttons beesting the Union campaign buttons beosting the Union between the characteristic description of the city will be event of the coul shortage of continued and the suffering was said, this plan will be set Everything is in readmess a move.

Wanamaker, who attended to inference, promised additional tion in relief. Yesterday he call from his supply to the city and of persons were drawn to

Grip Relaxes on Eighth

Day of Frigid Plague

- MERCURY IN 20'S AGAIN! Midnight

The after-effects of the freezing wave

"I will run as a straight tended into the 26's this morning for the first not a factional candidate," he added.

The primary election will be held in time in a week of misery. It will commany and the general election in November.

Bureau, which issued the following joy-

Two deaths ascribed to the cold weather came today.

Joseph Leiand, eighly-seven years old, died in the Cooper Hespital, Camden, of injuries received Thursday when he slipped and fell on the ice in front of his home, 12 Woodlawn street, Collingswood, N. J.

Edward Brady, fifty-two years old,

INQUIRY NEARING CLOSE

Philadelphia End of Federal Investigation May Terminate With Today's Session

Views Meat Gougers

After much "sleuthing" investigator, for the Federal Trade Commission. ARTILLERY PUPILS here on the theory that the meat trust is cornering that business, managed to American Camp Some-Hollis Warns Democrats produce I. J. Levine, former bookkeeper for Brown & Co. the local branch of the American Agricultural Chemical Company, the trust rendering concern. at the hearing in the Federal Building

whom he formerly worked, and that he Staff Correspondent Frenica Public Ledger

402 Queen street. He is now empty.

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FOR GOVERNORSHIP REPORT SNOW ON WAY

the Senator himself.
"I have made to announcement, but I expect to rut." he said at his country home at Lapidea, Nether Providence, Delaware County. "It is pretty well eighth day of the frigid plague, in the

Senator Sproul, when asked for a campaign statement, explained that one would accompany the formal announcement when it was made. For the present, he said, he was surveying the political field.

"I will run as a straight Republicage of the continuous conditions and the continuous conditions are continuous conditions." The mercury climbed its glass tube into the 20's this morning for the first The mercury climbed its glass tub

Bureau, which issued the following joy-bringing foredast:
"Increased cloudiness tonight, fol-lowed by snow in the early morning or on Sunday. Slowly rising temperature, with the lowest tonight about 25 de-grees. Gentle northerly winda."
Two deaths ascribed to the cold

DESPITE the rise in temper-ature, good skating continues today on all the Park lakes, the Wissahickon Creek and the Schuylkill River.

# Hundreds of persons swarmed about the coal yards of M. Jennings & Son Company. Fifth street and Washington avenue, today, attracted by the news that coal could be obtained in 100-pound bags for fifty cents. Ten tons were sold in these small lots within a half hour, the purchasers being men, women and children, who fought and shoved in their eagerness to buy the needed fuel.

where in France Shows Its Adaptability

SAMMEES IDEAL

Republicans May Win Woman-Vote

under way to pass the amendment by Republican votes, calls attention to his

committee is now ready to vote for

Regiment Killed Returning

From War

TONEY SIDESTEPS WAR

Appeal for A. O. H. War Fund

An appeal to all members of the clent Order of Hibernians has been used by the board at directors of the animation, asking them to contribute such to the war fund of the society.

the first call.

SUFFRAGE PLOT

WASHINGTON, Jan. 5

SENATOR SCENTS

CHANCE TO BUY BUSHEL OF COAL DRAWS THRONG

CONFIDENT AND ALERT MAKES PLEA FOR BALLOT

with the American Army is France
With the American Army is France
With THE AMERICAN ARMY IN
The Democrats let the Repubtion that is buzzing about Capitol hill

402 Queen street. He is now employed of their work are as a unit.

"We will be ready in a week to truly

TDEAL ARTILLERISTS

In and about this artillery camp and chool there is exemptification of General Pershing's favorite adage: "The since New Year's Day, all the way from Yures' to St Quentin.

Simultaneously, the German airmen are attempting a ceaseless watch over a sky the color of an iceberg. The patrol means the Prussian high common die straining every facility to get posted as to British movements.

Mr. Hency was asked if the question of the inquiry before the end of the price of meat would enter into the inquiry before the end of the problems of that front now than at any time since to the war started—and the German ranks are steadyle increasing.

There are more enemy troops on this front now than at any time since to was started—and the German ranks are steadyle increasing.

There is reason to believe these Ger-Continued on Pase Four, Column Four Continued on Pase Four Col be that much nearer taking definite place in the line. These young arti-lerymen comprise youths from every walk of American life, all banded together in a khaki uniform and a uni-form ideal. The censor's regulations do not permit the mention of names, but I can say that among them I found three whose names are part of the history of Philadelphia and four others whose names are more famous, being inter-twined with the history of the United and unaccounted for is the toll of the twined with the history of the United and unaccounted for is the toll of the tweek of a Canadian Pacific troop train

Continued on Page Four, Column One he MAN SHOOTS HIMSELF

here, according to latest reports today. The dead are all members of the Prin-cess Pat's Regiment, returning from the war to Vancouver, B. C. There were 250 returning soldiers on the train bound for Vancouver. The wreck occurred when a train bound for Point Fortune ran past a sig-Out of Work He Tries Suicide in a Restaurant bound for Point Fortune ran past a sig-nal which had been set against it, rail-

Lack of work is thought to have caused George Pelser, thirty-four years old, of 2318 North Marshall street, to attempt suicide by shooting himself early today in a restaurant at Eighth and Vine streets.

The man was taken to the Halmemann Hospital in the Eleventh and Winter streets patrol. At the hospital it was False Affidavit

said his condition is critical

Man Found Dying on Street John J. Buckley, thirty-five years old. 1507 Bace street, died in a patrol wagon early this morning as he was being taken to Hahnemann Hospital after having

and Market streets. Physicians at the

hospital were unable to diagnose the cause of death. The only abnormalities of the body were a slight abrasion above left car and an unequal distens ing passengers shivering on street cyr-ners are blamed for the spread of colds, grip and bronchial troubles in a state-ment made by Dr. Wilmer Krusen, Director of Public Health and Charities. Skating Continues Good on Park Lakes and Streams

FUEL SHORTAGE CLOSES BLAST FURNACES

QUICK NEWS

SHARON, Jan. 5 .- Because of shortage of coke the Shenango Furnace Company has been forced to bank two of its three furnaces. Conditions as regards delivery are at the present time worse than they have been at any time in history. Twenty hot mills of the American Sheet and Tin Plate closed today because of scarcity of bar tin.

U. S. NOT TO TAKE OVER COAL MINES

WASHINGTON, Jan. 5 .- Dr. Harry A. Garfield, fuel administrator, made the positive statement today that the coal mines of the country would not be taken over by the Government

## CROWDER RULES R. R. MEN NOT U. S. EMPLOYES

WASHINGTON, Jan. 5 .- Railroad employes are not to be considered Government employes in compiling draft classifications, Provost Marshal General Crowder ruled today, in answer to questions from draft boards in all parts of the country.

## BRITISH AIR RAIDERS BOMB GHISTELLES

LONDON, Jan. 5.—Numerous bombs were dropped by British fliers on many for immediate summoning of this sheds and buildings of enemy airdromes at Ghistelles yesterday, an Admiralty body. There is considerable doubt

SWEDEN RECOGNIZES FINLAND'S FREEDOM

sia was decided upon at a meeting today of the Council, the King presiding

THE HAGUE, Jan. 5.—Slight credence is given in diplomatic circles today to the rumor that Japan is to enter into diplomatic relations with the gate there, according to V Bolshevik Government at Petrograd. It is supposed that the rumor was patches today. Instead the Bolshevik Government at Petrograd. It is supposed that the Allied received telegrams asking I

KALEDINES AND KORNILOFF MARCH ON KHARKOFF

PETROGRAD, Jan. 5.—Generals Kaledines and Korniloff are marching on Kharkoff, according to one report which reached here today. Another, directly conflicting, had it that Kaledines had offered an armistice between PRINCESS PAT' SURVIVORS on Kharkoff, according to one report which reached here today. Another, DIE IN RAILROAD WRECK the Cossacks and the Belsheviki if the latter would agree to arbitrate the Five Members of Famous Canadian differences between the two sides and to call an immediate session of the

Constituent Assembly to conclude peace.

ABOLISHES DUELING IN AUSTRIAN ARMY VIENNA, Jan. 5.-Emperor Charles has issued a decree abolishing ducling in the Austro-Hungarian army. Before the war the settlement of between officers on "the field of honor" was encouraged.

## MUCH FOOD DESTROYED FEAR SEVEN BURIED ALIVE BY CAVE-IN IN BIG READING FIRE

road officials declare, and crashed into the rear end of the troop train. Ftour Mill and Storage House Hundred Men and Boys Burn, With \$100,000 Loss. Plot Suspected

who cast Statement announced today.

The Shanaman Flour Mill, owned by T. K. Savage, and a storage house, owned by George Hisley, at West Reading, were destroyed by fire today, causing a loss estimated at more than \$100,000. Hundreds of barrels of flour the same than \$100,000. Hundreds of barrels of flour than \$100,000. Hundreds hushels of wheat NASHVILLE. Tenn., Jan. 5.—Free mader \$5000 bail in Federal Court, Fred T. Checkmatt Nas. T. Toney, star pitcher of the Cincinnati Na-tional League Club, today faced the pros-pect of being drafted into the army on A local exemption beard in Davidson

A local exemption beard in Davidson
County yesterday placed him in the
first class, from which he tried to escape
by making false claims of dependents,
according to Federal charges.

Blames Motormen for Colds
Motormen who refuse to stop for waiting passengers shivering on street cynners are blamed for the spread of colds,
grip and bronchial troubles in a stategent made by Dr. Wilmer Krüsen,
Director of Public Health and Charities.

Stone 00. Hundreds of barriels of flour
and several hundred bushels of wheat
and potatoes were destroyed.

Water pipes and fire hydrants were
frozen and had to be thawed out with
bonfires before the firemen could get
water on the blaze. The big plant of
the Atlantic Refining Company less than
fifty yards away was threatened.

The fire is of µnknown origin. The
fact that so much grain, flour and
produce burned leads to the belief alien
produce burned leads to the belief alien
group of the supporting pillars and is
one of the biggest in this section for
several years.

Burned to Death by Matches

Lancaster Car Men Get Increase LANCASTER. Ps., Jan. 5. — The Conestoga Traction Company today announced an increase in wages of two cents an hour to all its employes, approximately 600 in number. The increase increase increase increase increases

Trapped When Mine Roof Gives Way at Pittston

One hundred men and boys working

Burned to Death by Matches

Laura Carliski, four years old, daugh-ter of Mr. and Mrs. Tony Carliski, 1805 Fillmore street, Camden, was burned so badly as a result of playing with matches that she died soon after neighbore, attracted by her arresults, reached her.

## PEACE DICK AROUSES NE TEUTON CRIS

Internal Condition Are Again Worrying Germany

BOLSHEVIKI HOLD OFF ON PARLE

Central Powers' Delegate Find Themselves Alone at Brest-Litovsk

SLAVS ASK TRANSFE

Want Conference Held Stockholm, but Hun News papers Oppose Move

By WEBB MILLER LONDON, Jan. 5. The Russian Bolsheviki have put the Imperial German Governme between the devil and the deep see

in the universal view here today.

Germany's next effort to ave one or the other contingency wi be some additional "goncessions" i her peace terms in a desperate effor to prevent final and complete break ing off in the negotiations.

Amicable relations with Ru are vitally necessary for the Kaise empire after the war. Opportunities for economic penetration to restore the Teutonic commercial positions are imperative, particularly with Russia. In view of observers here. it is almost more important than any eastern conquests.

The German leaders, facing necessity, are nevertheless appre sive lest the Bolshevik Govern "may not stand up." On the hand, they are afraid to lose bird-in-the-hand conquests armies have already grabbed there is a chance of catching als whole flock. lividences multiplied today (

internal situation in Germany ing the Imperial Government. Germans are insistingly demaall conquests be retained. The Li and Socialists are just as dete that all shall be given up. The tion in the Reichstag is such that offers the first chance for a triat strength between the annexationists The Reichstag is at present in r

but dispatches received by way of Are sterdam report a strong demand in Gertertained here that the Government care to risk sessions of that of an open debate of the Governo STOCKHOLM, Jan. 5.—Recognition of Finland's independence from Ruscourse in the Russian negotiations.

## SLAV DELEGATES DODGE

BREST-LITOVSK PARLET ZURICH, Jan. 6 Central Powers' delegates retur to Brest-Litovsk under the imprethat there would be immediate

AMSTERDAM, JAN that a rupture of the Brest-Lit conferences would not change the tary or political situation.

German newspapers received have day all warn stainet acquiescen-the German Government in the Ru-proposals for a conference of Social at Stockholm, alleging such ference would be directly under influence.

## TURKS ASK REQUITAL

FOR OPEN DARDANELL Turkey is willing to grant free passage through the Dard during the remainder of the wholds all her frontiers should be reto their status before the war, ing to the text of the Ottomas terms announced today from Litovek. The Turkish delegationed their terms as follows:

First—Turkish frontiers to same as before the war.

Second—Agreement by a occur to future sea trade.

Third—Individual war lease refunded.

Fourth—Territorial safety PETROGRAD, Ja

### Continued on Page Four C THE WEATH

For Philadelphia and creasing cloudiness ton

by snow in the early about 25 degrees; g winds.