

GREAT DRIVE ON U. S. LINE IS EXPECTED

Huns Believed Preparing Heavy Onslaught Against Sammees

RAIDS AND SHELLING GROW IN VIOLENCE

Americans Confidently Await Test of Strength in First Big Battle

THEIR NERVES TESTED

Eyes of Whole World Centered on Pershing's Sector as Thrilling Events Impend

WASHINGTON, Feb. 6. Under almost ceaseless fire from the German guns, American troops holding a section of the battle front in Lorraine are preparing for a German assault of great magnitude.

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WASHINGTON, Feb. 6. Successive German raids on January 20, 21 and 22, apparently launched to identify troops in the American sector, resulted in five Americans being killed and ten wounded.

FIRE ON TROLLEY CAR IS PUT OUT WITH SNOW

Passengers Sit Quietly While Crew Extinguishes Flames Which Envelop Front Platform

"NEW DEVICES" DOOM U-BOATS

American Anti-Submarine Campaign Successful, London States

TORPEDOES UTILIZED

WASHINGTON, Feb. 6. America has inaugurated a unique anti-submarine campaign, which is successful, it was authoritatively stated today.

COURT SCORES LABOR AGENT

Discharges Worker Arrested for Assault—Kept Waiting for Pay

TAKES FATAL PLUNGE AT SCHUYLKILL BRIDGE

Hundreds See Suicide's Body Hang on Ice a Moment, Then Disappear

An unidentified man climbed over the rail of the Market street bridge over the Schuylkill River shortly after noon today, poised himself for a moment on the edge of the bridge and then leaped to the thickly ice-coated water below.

BAKER TO UNITE ALL BRANCHES OF HEALTH SERVICE

Complete Reorganization Under General Gorgas Is Department Plan

SECRETARY IS QUIZZED

Committee Wrangles Over Secret Session When Public Answers Are Refused

WASHINGTON, Feb. 6. Complete reorganization of the army and navy medical departments and the Public Health Service, to bring the three branches under the general direction of Surgeon General Gorgas, is contemplated, Secretary of War Baker stated today.

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Likely to Be Sent to Scene of Operations

PHILADELPHIA, WEDNESDAY, FEBRUARY 6, 1918

BOWLES ON THE JOB "There will soon be a long procession moving to Hog Island," said Admiral Bowles, newly appointed head of the work at Hog Island, today, in connection with the policy he is assuming toward officers and employees of the American International Shipbuilding Co., Inc., of whom now he has offices on Broad street at Cherry street.

"I intend to hold these fellows to an individual responsibility for every cent spent," he declared. "There must be a clear and unbroken line of individual responsibility and accountability. I had that the American International Shipbuilding Corporation spent appropriations as they pleased. This will be changed in the future."

"There must be an unbroken chain of individual responsibility," declared Admiral Francis T. Bowles today, in commenting on the policy which is to dictate work at Hog Island and other government shipyards over which he has supreme control.

"The entire trend of today's interview pointed most emphatically to one thing, that there is to be instituted in shipyard work what the Admiral termed 'an era of strict individual responsibility and accountability.'"

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Every Official Will Be Held Individually Responsible, Bowles Says

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A special meeting of the board of directors of the Real Estate Trust Company will be held Thursday, February 21, to discuss the proposed merger of that company and the Guarantee Trust and Safe Deposit Company.

MIDVALE REPORTS \$34,235,503 NET PROFITS IN 1917

The preliminary report of the Midvale Steel and Ordnance Company for the year ended December 31, 1917, shows net profits of \$34,235,503 after all deductions, including \$27,366,270 reserve for Federal taxes. Net profits for 1916 were \$32,914,724.

BACHMAN AND HAYDEN SENTENCED TO TEN MONTHS

Clawson Bachman and Joseph T. Hayden, of Germantown, convicted last September as principals in the International Gas and Electric Company stock swindle, were sentenced today to ten months each in the Bucks County Jail at Doylestown by Judge O. B. Dickinson in the Federal Court.

GERMANY PLANS INTERN FISCHER

Russian Attack as Alien Enemy

Adolf G. Fischer, of 6904 Wissinham avenue, Germantown, a German subject who played a conspicuous part in alleged violation of the neutrality laws before the entrance of the United States into the war and who is now under indictment on a charge of having arranged a number of chronometers into the city from the interned German steamer Prince Eitel Frederick was taken into custody as an alien enemy today by a deputy United States marshal and hurried to Gloucester City, N. J., where he will be interned for the duration of the war.

CIVIL STRIFE SPREADS FOR DURATION OF WAR

Germans favors issuance of an ultimatum to the Russian Maximists, demanding immediate acceptance of the Teutonic peace terms, and in case of refusal to march on Petrograd. This was the belief expressed in diplomatic circles today.

THOUSANDS ATTEND FUNERAL OF JOHN L.

Rich and Poor Joined in Sorrow as Body of Old Gladiator Is Lowered Into Grave

SKATING ON LAKES

Guine Lake, in Fairmount Park, and the lake at Hunting Park are open to skaters today.

THE WEATHER

FORECAST For Philadelphia and vicinity: Partly cloudy and warmer tonight and Thursday, with lowest temperatures about 30 degrees; gentle southeasterly winds.

ACCUSE ASH WAGON DRIVERS

The Chester Avenue Improvement Association has protested to Director of Public Works Dalesman against the alleged practice of ash wagon drivers in extorting sums of money from householders for the removal of ashes from cellars to sidewalks.

NAVY YARD MEN BID DANIELS TAKE OVER CAR LINES

Committee in Washington Asks Federal Operation of Two Divisions

WOULD SPEED WAR WORK

ST. LOUIS, Mo., Feb. 6. While minor strike riots raged here today the St. Louis Chamber of Commerce took steps to have Railroad Director McAdoo take over immediately operation of the street car system as an emergency war measure.

A committee of workmen from the League Island Navy Yard in Washington today to demand of Secretary of the Navy Daniels that the Federal Government take over the Twelfth and Thirteenth street lines and the Fifteenth and Sixteenth street lines of the P. R. T., so that the cries of the workmen at the yard against the totally inadequate service now being given shall not be in vain.

With thousands of navy yard workmen crying out against the service that makes them late to work and late home and seriously reduces the efficiency of the yard the prospect therefore looms today of Federal action to remove a part of the street car system from its state of collapse.

The navy yard workers yesterday joined in the popular clamor for decent car service, but their protest apparently has a better chance of accomplishing some improvement since the United States Government has declared its interest.

Secretary Daniels to exercise his power as chief of the United States navy to restore order from the chaos into which the street car system has fallen. They declare such action will be imperative unless there is speedy action by the Philadelphia Rapid Transit Company itself.

One of the higher officials at the Navy Yard even went so far as to say that the war conditions demanded that the Government take hold of the street car system and improve matters or compel better service at once.

He complained that officials of a transit company did not make a straightforward attempt to "help things in man fashion." He said numerous complaints have been sent to the company, but no results had come from the promises of relief.

A committee appointed by the workers, after thoroughly discussing the defects of the service, decided to stage a protest to Washington. With the cold weather, the company's alleged service has taken the form of a "hot line" in the lines communication with the navy yard, but throughout the city.

NAVY WORK HAMPERED In the protest that is to be sent to the Federal Government, the navy yard workers will not only detail the hardships they are forced to undergo because of the poor service, but they will also point out that navy work is seriously hampered at all times when there are more time for which they are docked, remained out the entire day.

Table with columns for time (Sun rise, Dew, etc.) and temperature (Fahrenheit and Celsius).

Today's installment of Governor Pennypacker's Autobiography WILL BE FOUND ON PAGE 4 OF THIS ISSUE