

# HALF CITY WATER SUPPLY MENACED

Chief Davis Declares Relief Must Come in Few Months

PLANTS NEAR WRECKS  
Torresdale and Lardner's Point Stations Will Last Only Three Years

Accidents that are almost certain to arise within a few months will deprive 60 per cent of the houses in this city of their water supply, unless immediate relief is afforded the Water Bureau.

The Torresdale filtration plant and the Lardner's point pumping station, once regarded as the best in the world, will be entirely wrecked within three years at the most because of lack of suitable care and repairs.

Construction of a parallel system of piping, covering all the ground already piped, and virtually all the existing water service, must be immediately installed, or an aqueduct system established from nearby mountain springs, if a water famine is to be avoided.

These were the high points of a survey of the Philadelphia water situation as presented last night to members of the North Philadelphia Realty Board by

Carlton E. Davis, Chief of the Bureau of Water, in an address asking for the support of the real estate men in a program of wide sweeping reforms in the Water Bureau.

Support was unanimously pledged. The meeting was held at the clubhouse, 3713 North Broad street. "Our system is inefficient and unsafe," Chief Davis said. "We have put our eggs in one basket and have forgotten to take proper care of the container. Sixty per cent of our entire supply comes from the Delaware River through the Torresdale station, and comes through equipment that has not had an adequate overhauling for twelve years."

Even if the Torresdale plant should last for three more years, which seems doubtful under present conditions, all the water that comes from there has to be carried through one conduit that has eight connections, any one of which is likely to break at any time and cut off the water to a series of three pipes joined so closely together that any accident to one of them would affect the other two.

Installation of water meters would relieve part of the strain on the water supply, it was said by Chief Davis, but would not prevent the danger of a cutting off of supply.

Ordinances to afford temporary relief are to be pressed by Chief Davis during the winter session of Council, he said.

**AUTO TAGS GOOD UNTIL JAN. 15**

Rush for Licenses Overwhelms Highway Department

Harrisburg, Dec. 31.—(By A. P.)—Because of the urgent conditions, rush registrations of motor vehicles for 1919 will be necessary to permit owners to operate their vehicles with 1918 licenses until January 15, State Highway Commissioner stated today. He has wired counties to this effect, and has directed the State. So far 106,000 license tags have been issued.

Registering license has collected already \$500,000 more than had been collected on the last day of 1918. Fees already received amounting to \$1,502,000. The increase in the number of licenses issued this year amounts to 25 per cent more than were issued during 1917. Total collections amount to \$4,048,176.50. Licenses issued for motor vehicles amounted to \$2,250,000 and for solid-wheeled vehicles \$1,182,000.

**WEST POINT'S URGENT NEED**

Medical Officer Calls Hospital Facilities "Painfully Inadequate"

Washington, Dec. 31.—(By A. P.)—Hospital facilities at West Point were described as "painfully inadequate" by Colonel W. H. Haskins, medical corps, at a hearing today by the House Military Affairs Committee on the 1920 Military Academy appropriation bill. Colonel Haskins recommended that \$455,000 be appropriated for a new hospital.

Academy officials also recommended that permission be granted for the construction by private capital of a hotel at West Point, to be turned over to the Government at the end of fifty years.

**SIMS TO HEAD NAVAL COLLEGE**

Admiral to Assume Post at His Own Request on Return Home

Washington, Dec. 31.—Admiral Sims, commander of the American naval forces in European waters, has been assigned at his own request the presidency of the Naval War College at Newport, R. I. He will assume that post when his duties overseas end—probably early next summer.

Secretary Daniels announced today he has asked that the college appropriation be debited and that the work there be enlarged.

**TO DIVIDE AUSTRIAN MARINE**

Italy to Get Three-Fourths and France One-Fourth

Paris, Dec. 31.—An arrangement has been completed whereby Italy obtains approximately 75 per cent and France 25 per cent of the Austrian mercantile marine, consisting mostly of cargo boats. The ships, which will fly the international Merchant flag, will be manned by Italian and French crews. They will be used to carry food and supplies.

**Curb Markets to Close Saturday**

Curb markets will permanently close on Saturday. On account of the curtailment of the activities of the Federal food administration the four curb markets in Philadelphia that were started last summer as a war measure are to be discontinued. The last market will be held on College avenue and Twentieth street and at Ninth street and Indiana avenue on Saturday, January 4.

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# BRITISH PLAN FOR WORLD LEAGUE WOULD OMIT SUPER-STATE ASPECT

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action to it will profoundly influence France and Italy, where its international significance will not be missed. President Wilson is already an issue in Italy, where the cabinet members are resigning because of alleged half-hearted support of him by the Government.

The President's visit to Rome is likely to sharpen the issue there. In the way of a complete Wilson victory at the conference stand Italy and France, where the Governments at least are less sympathetic, while in England there is a certain indefiniteness in the position of Lloyd George, who supports the league and a just peace in principle, but has engagements with his allies which, from the American viewpoint, are inconsistent with a just peace. His exact commitments are unknown.

Lloyd George often has been inconsistent in his own professions, from a curious inability to see all their logical implications. He professed belief in the necessity of a just peace and in the next breath encouraged the electioneering cry for punishing Germany, exacting from her the utmost farthing. Until the Peace Conference is over it will not be known to what extent he has really committed himself to the uttermost-farthing program or to the ambition of the Allies which he may not regard as inconsistent with a just peace, but which Wilson may oppose.

# PRESIDENT ENDS HIS VISIT TO BRITAIN; GOES BACK TO PARIS

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mained on the bridge of the Brighton until the steamer left her pier. They smiled and waved farewells to those on shore, while the band played the "Star Spangled Banner."

On their arrival on the platform of the station, when the train reached here from London, a guard of honor, consisting of a company of royal fusiliers and blunderbusses from the Dover patrol, was lined up to greet the party. The President was received by Commander Boyle, secretary to Vice Admiral Sir Roger Keyes. Admiral Keyes being indisposed and unable to attend in person.

Others in the receiving party were Rear Admiral Cecil F. Dampier, Major General J. Colin Mackenzie and the Marquess of Camden. They accompanied the presidential party to the pier, where President Wilson shook hands all around and expressed his appreciation for the arrangements made for his reception.

**Destroyers Guard Ship**

As the Brighton passed out of the harbor of Dover her naval escort took positions on either side, accompanying her to midchannel, where French destroyers took over the task.

As the President was leaving England he telegraphed King George a message, expressing deep appreciation of his entertainment in this country and wishing the English people a happy new year.

The President returns to France, members of the party indicate, feeling that great progress has been made toward the achievement of his peace ideals. On the trip to Dover Premier Clemenceau's speech was discussed among the Americans. No expression, however, was forthcoming as to any regard as to President Wilson's feeling concerning it.

President Wilson arrived in London at 7:15 last night, and immediately went to Buckingham Palace. He was cheered by large numbers of persons who were proceeding homeward from business, and there was a demonstration, as the time of the arrival of the presidential special train was not known to the public.

The stateroom given in the state dining room at Buckingham Palace by King George and Queen Mary in honor of President Wilson and Mrs. Wilson was a portico with a dining room and no speeches or toasts. The Grenadier Guards Band played, but no national anthem was played.

President Wilson will go direct to Italy from Paris. He will leave Paris for Rome Wednesday night, arriving in the Italian capital Friday. From there he is expected to go to the President will visit. He expects to be away from Paris a week, returning there Tuesday, January 7.

While in Rome the President will be the guest of the Italian Government. It seems certain now that he will visit Pope Benedict and also call at the Methodist College.

**MANCHESTER PAPER**

URGES QUICK ACTION

Manchester, Dec. 31.—(By A. P.)—Commenting on President Wilson's visit and urging the necessity of the assembling of the Peace Conference without further delay, the Guardian today says: "While we are talking and demonstrating, others are acting and by no means acting in a sense favorable to the translation of the ideal into the practical and the establishment of a rule of justice and good will among the nations of the earth."

Italy is creating accomplished facts on the last night of the year. A powerful party is forming in France, which, not content with the recovery of Alsace and Lorraine and the happy healing of that historic sore, threatens to create a fresh scar by annexation beyond its borders. In Belgium, claims are being influentially asserted, not only to Luxembourg, but to sundry portions of Dutch territory, her northern and eastern border. Poland is threatening and perhaps actually has occupied Danzig.

Spain is sprinkling of Poies, and thus to cut off East Prussia from West Prussia, and apparently she designs to pursue her enterprise by occupying purely German territory farther west and south."

The Guardian concludes: "Now this is obviously not exactly conformable to either the spirit or the letter of President Wilson's terms, but is an attempt to forestall the decisions of the conference when it meets and must tend gravely to hamper its work."

**3 ITALIAN MINISTERS**

RESIGN, PARIS HEARS

Paris, Dec. 31.—(By A. P.)—The resignation of three Italian ministers may delay the opening of the preliminary Peace Conference until January 15, according to the Eclair de Paris.

In addition to Leonida Bisolatti, Minister of Military Aid and War Pensions; Signor Baronnini, Minister of Education; and Signor Bari, Minister of Public

Works, are said to have left the Orlando cabinet.

The plans for the departure of President Wilson for Rome on Wednesday night will not be affected by the crisis in the Italian cabinet. The cabinet with in Rome is said to be purely political and outside the range of the President's visit to Italy.

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Foremost among these subjects, it is supposed, will be questions relative to the Adriatic, Fiume and Dalmatian coast, concerning which the Jugo-Slavs and the Italians are not in accord. The pretensions of the Jugo-Slavs to Fiume and the Dalmatian coast are founded on their claims to a preponderance of the nationals in the populations there. According to the views of the Jugo-Slav leaders, the controversy involves the principle of the right of peoples to dispose of themselves. This is one of the first concrete questions of this kind that President Wilson will be called upon to discuss.

Italy's historic claims, together with her interest in ampler protection of her Adriatic coast, will naturally also be considered. Talks by the President with Premier Orlando and Admiral Thion di Revel, an authority on matters pertaining to the Adriatic and commander of Italian naval forces now occupying the Dalmatian coast, are expected to clear up and conciliate many of the claims put forward by each side.

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**LONDON PRESS UNEASY**

OVER FRENCH VIEWS

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**BERGER TESTIFIES**

IN OWN DEFENSE

# Told His Editors to Use "Berlin, French and English Lies About War"

By the Associated Press  
Chicago, Dec. 31.—Victor L. Berger, Congressman-elect from Milwaukee, took the witness stand in his own defense at the opening of today's session of the trial of himself and four other Socialist leaders on charges of conspiracy to violate the anti-sedition law. All the other defendants have preceded him.

Berger told the story of socialism in America and of his own antiwar activities as a leader of the Socialist party. He said his conversion to socialism took place in 1881. He traced the development of the Socialist movement from 1880 to 1897. In the latter year he and others he said, organized the present Socialist party. He said he had never been arrested until the present prosecution. In 1910 the Socialists carried Milwaukee and Berger was elected to Congress, being thus the first Socialist to attain this success. While a Congressman he fled from impeachment proceedings against Federal Judge Handford, who later resigned.

The Milwaukee Leader, of which he is publisher, the witness said, was founded in 1911. It was purely political and outside the range of the President's visit to Italy.

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**ARMY SHIPPING HERE ENDS**

Col. Parker, Port Director, Relieved, Terminating Traffic

Lieutenant Colonel Graham Parker has been relieved of his duties as director of shipping for the quarter and for the year. He will return to the coast artillery corps for service with the coast defense at Narragansett Bay, according to the announcement of the War Department.

The order of the War Department. It was said in port circles, terminates the functions of the port office and virtually closes all overseas freight shipping from this port by the quartermaster corps. No announcement was made of a successor to Colonel Parker.

This is the first announcement I have received," said Colonel Parker. "Although officers of the quartermaster corps here have expected an order abolishing the office every day since the signing of the armistice. It was natural that I should be returned to the coast artillery corps, in which I served before I was given the port post in this city."

**WOUNDED SOLDIERS FOR BEER**

Men Passing Through City Also Strong for Red Cross

High praise for the Red Cross and strong condemnation of the Y. M. C. A. were voiced by a number of wounded soldiers who passed through Philadelphia today en route to an army hospital at Camp Devens, near Boston.

Nothing is too good to say for the Red Cross, testified Private Caleb Cope, of Woodside, near Jenkintown; "but as for the Y. M. C. A., well, the general opinion of the boys is expressed in that sign," and he pointed to where, in big letters, the following was chalked on the side of the hospital car:

"The Red Cross—God bless that organization."

"The Y. M. C. A.—No good."

This viewpoint of the returning soldiers is of special interest just now, when the Y. M. C. A. has been denied a congressional probe, of its war activity.

The Red Cross workers dug down to the boys, no matter how deep the mud," said Private Cope. "They lifted us out of our misery and despair."

Another big-lettered sign on the side of the car announced that:

"We are all wet voters. Hurrah for beer!"

A rough drawing of a foaming glass of beer accompanied the sign. Private Cope and his companions were landed in Newport News, Va., and then at the Walter Reed Hospital at Washington and others to Lakewood, Cape May and Camp Devens.

They chatted merrily with the Red Cross canteen workers and nurses and with the boys changing engines in the broad Cross station.

**DECEMBER 28 IRISH "FOURTH"**

Envoy Says It Ranks With American Independence Day

December 28, 1918, is proclaimed as Ireland's independence day in a statement issued here today by Patrick McCartan, envoy of the provisional government of Ireland.

Mr. McCartan declares that the day when the results of the election in the British Isles became known "will forever rank in the history of Ireland as July 4, 1776, ranks in the history of America; as July 14, 1789, ranks in the history of France, as the day of the birth of liberty ranks in the history of every free people."

Regarding the result of the election, he said:

"Ireland was occupied by an English army; the Irish republican leaders were incarcerated in English jails; our meetings were proclaimed and our press effectively silenced; the first director whom we appointed to conduct the republican election campaign was arrested and his headquarters raided; the same fate overtook in turn each one who succeeded him; and, in brief, every device which imperial ingenuity could conceive was used to prevent the free expression of the electoral will. Nevertheless, when the result was revealed on December 28, it was unequivocally demonstrated that the people of Ireland had determined that Britain shall not continue to govern Ireland, and that the population of Ireland, by more than two-thirds majority, had finally severed such connection with England as force and chicanery had maintained for seven centuries."

**FLAGLER MILLIONS DOUBLE**

Inheritance Tax Would Wipe Out Kentucky's State Debt

Louisville, Ky., Dec. 31.—(By A. P.)—Inheritance taxes on the estate of the late Mrs. Mary Lily Bingham, formerly Mrs. Henry M. Flagler, of New York, if paid on the basis of a final valuation, will produce \$4,527,418.98, and not only wipe out the indebtedness of the State of Kentucky, placed at \$2,165,106.19, but leave a balance in the State Treasury of \$2,362,312.79, according to the report of the State inheritance tax appraiser, filed in the county court here today.

The report shows the estate to be worth \$99,584,866.44, an increase of approximately \$20,000,000 over the valuation placed upon it by the executors at the time of Mrs. Bingham's death in Louisville July 23, 1917.

The increased valuation swells the portion of Mrs. Louise Clisby Wise, of New York, the favorite niece of Mrs. Bingham and the principal beneficiary under her will, to \$72,846,639.45, according to the figures of the appraiser.

# "Y. M." TAKES ARMY AS CLUB FOR SOLDIERS

First Regiment's Quarters Will Be Used by War Work Department

The war work department of the Central Y. M. C. A. has taken over the First Regiment Armory, Broad and Calowhill streets, and will open the building Thursday as a club and dormitory for soldiers and sailors.

The work of this department has grown so much since first inaugurated that it has become too great for the main building, Arch street near Broad, and it was necessary to seek more commodious quarters.

A reconstruction program has also been worked out on scientific lines and the war work department hopes to do as much for the men along the lines of education, fitting them for and then securing their positions and making them comfortable while they are hunting jobs or seeking a permanent home as was done toward keeping them contented in camp, on shipboard and in the trenches.

About 1500 beds will be installed at the armory, a writing room, capable of accommodating 500 men will be fitted up. The armory's swimming pool has been put in shape, and there will also be facilities for gymnastics and pool tables for those who yearn for less strenuous exercise. For the nominal sum of twenty-five cents a night a man in uniform is assured of a bed, a bath, with a clean towel on the side, and facilities for writing, reading, study and so on.

From time to time there will be lectures calculated to post the men just back from foreign service on the industrial changes that have taken place in their absence. There will be educational movies and, in addition, business men who have volunteered their services, will talk things over each evening with those seeking advice as to what line of work to take up.

It is also planned to open a branch office of the United States employment agency in the armory, so as to facilitate the bringing together of the returned soldier or sailor and the job he is seeking. This annex will be open twenty-four hours a day with ten trained secretaries in charge.

The welcome home clubs formed all over the city will act in conjunction with the Y. M. C. A. and will steer enlisted men to its doors. It is also hoped to establish a bus line to the Navy Yard, so that men compelled to report back there at night may be brought to the armory for lectures or recreation and then returned safely to the gates of the naval station before their leave has expired.

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**FIZZ OR FIZZLE?**

1500 New York Waiters Strike, 5000 Wait 'Psychological Moment'

New York, Dec. 31.—(By A. P.)—Notwithstanding the license given by the Mayor in granting 150 all-night excise permits, prospective New Year's Eve celebrations in some of the big hotels and restaurants are threatened with more fizzle than fizz.

The International Federation of Hotel Employees announced this afternoon that 1500 waiters had gone on strike and that 5000 more would be called out at the psychological moment tonight, unless the proprietors met their demands for higher wages.

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**STOVE GAS KILLS THREE**

Discover Bodies of Missing Trio Who Died Christmas Eve

Emporium, Pa., Dec. 31.—The mystery surrounding the disappearance of three men who were missing since Christmas Eve, was solved when the two men, with Thomas Costello, were found dead, grouped about the gas stove of the Costello home.

The men had been missing since Christmas Eve, and when it was discovered that Costello was last seen with the men a search was started at the Costello home, which resulted in the finding of the three men dead. A coroner's jury found that death was due to asphyxiation.

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