

THE WEATHER

Washington, Feb. 3.—Rain or snow tonight; Tuesday rain and warmer.

TEMPERATURE AT EACH HOUR						
11	10	9	8	7	6	5
35	34	33	32	31	30	29
28	27	26	25	24	23	22

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NIGHT EXTRA
CLOSING STOCK PRICES

P. R. T. ABOLISHES SOME SKIP-STOPS AT PUBLIC CALL

Readjustment of Entire System on Satisfactory Basis Promised

BUSINESS MEN MEET

Committee to Co-operate with Transit Company Assembles Today

The Philadelphia Rapid Transit Company is readjusting its skip-stop system. Non-stops have already been eliminated in various sections of the city. Those at Porter street, Somerset street, Indiana avenue and York road and Venango street have already been done away with.

The committee representing the United Business Men's Association, named several days ago to co-operate with the P. R. T. in planning a readjustment of the system will hold its first meeting this afternoon at 3 o'clock in the office of Edward A. Noppel, president of the association.

The company promised the Public Service Commission to make a revision of the stops wherever it was found after consultation with the committee, that the skip-stops caused harm to the public. It was at the company's suggestion that the committee was named.

Company Announces Revision At the company's office today this announcement was made: "Every skip-stop in Philadelphia that works a hardship on the public is receiving careful consideration. The system was put into effect hurriedly at first, at the instance of the fuel administration as a means of saving coal. It had been found that at many places it worked to the discomfort of the traveling public. This condition the company wants to correct."

The matter being adjusted as speedily as possible. Traffic experts are being sent out to study conditions, and every consideration is being given to situations that need to be rectified. The entire skip-stop system will be satisfactorily adjusted."

Organization of Committee Toward the end of the hearing, H. G. Tully, vice president of the P. R. T. said he would be glad to co-operate with representatives of the business organizations for the purpose of readjusting the skip-stop schedule, and to put into effect a rearrangement that would not work hardships.

FOURRAGERE FORBIDDEN

Marines Not Wear Shoulder Loop Indicating Citations

An order against the wearing of the fourragere—the shoulder loop indicating that the organization to which the man belongs has been cited for conspicuous gallantry by France—has been issued by Major General George Barnett, commanding of the marine corps, after receiving the return of a memorandum issued by General Barnett on January 18, marines returned from foreign service continuing to wear the loop.

SAYS CRITICISM OF 'Y' UNJUST

Bishop C. H. Brent, Pershing's Chaplain, Great Here

Bishop Charles H. Brent, of the Western Diocese of New York, who has been acting as senior chaplain at General Pershing's headquarters in France for the last year and has just returned from overseas on the guest of George Wharton Pepper in this city yesterday.

SWISS SOCIALISTS OUT

Decline to Attend Conference to Be Held at Berne

Berne, Switzerland, Feb. 3.—(By A. P.) The Swiss Socialists have declined to attend the international conference being held here. The vote here was 147 to 127 against the conference and was followed by the resignation of Gustave Muller, leader of the party, who declared that non-participation by Swiss Socialists was a bad political mistake.

SONG OF THE RAINPLOT!

Sings and snow tonight 'til the dawn in the north; but south, 'til rain and warmer, Tuesday's about.

U. S. Urged to Become Mandatory Over Turkey

American Delegation Foresees Impossibility of Nation Declining Old-World Burdens. Wilson May Sound Sentiment on Return

By CLINTON W. GILBERT
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With the Peace Delegation in Europe

Paris, Feb. 3.—The pressure on America to assume the responsibility of mandatory for Turkish dominions is increasing, especially from British sources and from American missionaries.

The American official attitude is that public opinion in the United States will not consent, but it is evident that the American delegation feels the country will be forced to act as mandatory, because it will be impossible for America to occupy a position of world importance, as it does, in the Peace Conference, and then withdraw from this side of the water the minute the conference ends.

It is clear to Americans here that American opinion on this subject can be taught to feel the responsibility.

EX-EMPRESS ZITA

The Prague Tagblatt is authority for the statement that former Emperor Charles of Austria-Hungary intends to apply for a divorce. For the last six months there have been rumors, and almost as frequent denials, that he was not well with the domestic relations of Charles and Zita. The Empress was accused of shielding and protecting Italians, and her brothers were singled out as dangerous conspirators. Charles was married in 1911 to Princess Zita of Bourbon and Parma, an Italian.

CAPTURE THIEVES IN DARING CHASE OVER HOUSETOPS

Policemen in Acrobatic Pursuit of Five Negroes in South Philadelphia

A chase over roofs, pistol shots and some daring acrobatic feats figured in the capture today of five negroes, charged with robbing the clothing store of Samuel Leberman, 640 South street.

BURNED FROM WAIST TO FEET

Match Thrown in Street Ignites Gasoline and Man's Clothing

Reading, Pa., Feb. 3.—Terribly burned from the waist to his feet by gasoline set on fire by a careless smoker, Jacob Kelchner, was taken to the hospital this morning after being brought to the hospital by a fireman.

WANT RECORDS UNIFORM

Public Service Commission Asks Water Companies to Standardize

Representatives of the Public Service Commission, and several other water companies, met today in Philadelphia to discuss a uniform system of bookkeeping and record-keeping in the water utility industry.

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Members of the American commission have been asked by President Wilson for advice on this subject. The dangerous position of the expeditionary forces on the Archangel front is one factor making for a desire to remove them. If this force, far in the interior of northern Russia on the Dwina and Vaga Rivers, has its communications cut off it will be gravely imperiled.

TEXTILE WORKERS INSIST ON 8 HOURS

Union Mill Hands Advised Pershing Authorized to Discharge All Who Prove Family Distress

Washington, Feb. 3.—General Pershing has been authorized by the War Department to discharge from the army any drafted or enlisted man who presents convincing evidence of sickness or other distress in his family.

WILSON CALLS COMMITTEE TO DEBATE UNION

President Assembles Framers of International Pact in Paris Today

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VENIZELOS PRESENTS CLAIMS OF GRECIANS

Two Committees Created to Hasten Demobilization of West Front Troops

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MEXICO MUST WAIT

Fiume Sends Document Declaring Its Decision to Join Italy

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PEPPER MAKES PLEA OTHER VALID REASONS

Mill hands who are members of the Textile Workers' Association went to work this morning determined to quit after completing an eight-hour day.

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