

THE WEATHER
Washington, Feb. 5.—Fair and colder tonight; Thursday fair.
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NIGHT EXTRA
CLOSING STOCK PRICES

First Three Banks for League of Nations Adopted at Paris; France to Bar Imports; Control of Wheat by Wilson Asked

U. S. WILL ASSIST WELFARE BODIES IN BETTERING CITY
Federal Agent Here to Help Make This "Decent Place to Live"

RAPS CITY GOVERNMENT
Declares Municipal Authority Here Is Most Autocratic in Country

The Federal government is planning to take an active part in improving living conditions in Philadelphia and in bettering the city generally. It has sent to this city F. E. Barnes, a representative of the Federal commission on living conditions, who is working in conjunction with the Philadelphia branch of the Council of National Defense to map out a co-operative arrangement between the various welfare organizations here for general civic improvement work.

Stamps City Government "Autocratic"
While praising the uplift organizations he stamped the municipal government of Philadelphia as "most autocratic" and that that was one of the big problems which confronted him in his endeavor to give a more democratic atmosphere to these betterment agencies. "The organizations should have boards of directors and persons directly interested in them," said Mr. Barnes, "composed largely of people living in the immediate community where the organizations do their largest functioning. The public schools of the city should be used more for community or open forum meetings, but their failure to be so used is only because the Board of Education has not had the money necessary to keep them open in the evenings for such activities. This is one of the problems confronting me."

Philadelphia has one of the most autocratic governments of any city in the United States. We all know how little democracy means in this city. The city government seems to have its hands on the throat of all such organizations when they make the attempt to enlarge or make more democratic their activities for the general civic welfare. Mr. Barnes feels, however, that the various civic organizations have been doing a great work in improving housing and living conditions. What he plans is a "combination arrangement" here whereby there shall be concerted action, backed by the Federal government, among the 4000 welfare workers here to help make this city "a fit place in which to live."

U. S. Supervision Like Cantonments
"Virtually the same government supervision will obtain here under the new scheme, Mr. Barnes pointed out, as was in force at the various cantonments throughout the country during the war. The plan as outlined by Mr. Barnes will bring into co-operation the welfare organizations and the hundreds of thousands of persons whom they endeavor to serve. A system is being set up for creating local neighborhood committees which will handle all the problems of civic and community welfare arising in their respective neighborhoods. These local committees will in turn use Mr. Barnes and his staff as a sort of "clearing house" in reaching the various welfare organizations whose service may be obtained in the particular case in any section or in any line of civic improvement work.

In this way it is expected to make more effective the work of the local welfare organizations in reaching out much more extensively than has been possible heretofore. In explaining the Government's action in sending him to Philadelphia, Mr. Barnes praised the welfare organizations of this city and said that the Housing Commission is a splendidly organized and the other agencies for uplift here were on a par with those in other large cities.

He offered no criticism in this respect and made it plain that the Government was desirous only to increase the effectiveness of the existing agencies.

President Gratified
by Action on Big Navy
Washington, Feb. 5.—(By A. P.) President Wilson in a cablegram received today by Representative Padgett, of Tennessee, chairman of the House Naval Committee, reaffirmed his approval of a second three-year naval building program. The President said: "May I not express my gratification and gratitude and congratulations at the unanimous report on the three-year naval program."

FRIENDLY TREE SAVES LIVES OF FIELD ARTILLERY

Philadelphia Officer Writes of Protection Afforded When Germans Attack
A "friendly" tree was all that saved Colonel J. Quincy Gillmore of this city, commandant of the 112th Heavy Field Artillery, and General Holbrook, of the Twenty-ninth Division, to which it was attached, from being wiped out by German machine gunfire, according to a letter just received here by Mrs. Gillmore. She was Miss Frances Hensley, of Radnor.

OPPOSITION'S SHOWING SLIM
Unionists in British Commons Overflow the Benches of Antis
London, Feb. 5.—(By A. P.)—On the resumption of the House of Commons yesterday afternoon Sir Donald Mac-Agathay party, William Adams, parliamentary chairman of the Labor party, John Hodge, former Minister of Pensions, and Will Crooks, the Labor leader, were among those on the opposition benches. Behind them were the Asquith liberals and members of the Labor party.

LEGISLATORS QUICKLY QUIT
House in Fifteen-Minute Session Postpones Only Listed Bill
By a Staff Correspondent
Harrisburg, Feb. 5.—It took the House less than fifteen minutes to wind up its session this morning and adjourn until 9 o'clock today.

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Harrisburg, Feb. 5.—Former Representative James E. Woodward, of McKeanport, who was elected Secretary of Internal Affairs last November, has been named secretary of the House Appropriations Committee by Chairman William McCaig.

Praises Reception to Heroes
Appreciation of the reception by the people of this city was expressed in a letter received today by Mayor Smith from Private Joe Mitchell Fisher, Battery E, a member of the Sixty-fifth Coast Artillery, which departed in this city last Thursday.

TRIOLET OF CONTENT
Fair and colder tonight.
And fair also tomorrow.
In the world all is bright.
Fair and colder tonight.
And a breeze of delight.
From the northwest sea borrow,
Fair and colder tonight.
And fair also tomorrow.

CITY OFFICIALS PLAN TO SPEND MANY MILLIONS
Administration Prepares to Let Contracts for Civic Improvements

GIVE THOUSANDS WORK
Director Datesman Himself Maps Out \$10,000,000 Expenditure

This is the second of a series of articles on municipal affairs in Philadelphia.

City officials in touch with the vast municipal improvements held up by the war see no reason why 1919 should not be a prosperous and busy one for Philadelphia workmen. Judging from interest already shown by contracting concerns, there will be keen competition for the different undertakings for which delayed contracts will be awarded this spring and summer.

\$10,000,000 in Work Mapped Out
Director Datesman has already mapped out a tentative outline of work that will cost the city \$10,000,000, which will furnish continuous employment for many hundreds of workmen. Additions to this list are expected because of the agitation for improved water facilities, extensions to the Parkway plan and new highway improvements not as yet provided for by existing laws.

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ARTHUR JAMES BALFOUR

ALLIANCES STAND, BALFOUR STATES

League of Nations Won't Modify Present Coalitions, He Declares
SPEED ON PEACE TERMS
Paris, Feb. 5.—Alliances between the various nations will not be affected by the existence of the society of nations now in process of formation, it was declared by Arthur J. Balfour to newspaper interviewers here last night.

Henry C. Schmidt Dies
Well-Known Brewer Succumbs to Illness of a Month
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GRAIN CHIEF APPEALS FOR \$1,000,000,000
Requests Embargo Right for President to Make Guarantee Good

PRIVILEGE OF BUYING AND SELLING REQUESTED
Barnes Says Nation Will Have 348,000,000 Bushels for Export

FOE MAY RECEIVE RYE
Building of Federal Storage Houses and Licensing of Dealers Suggested

By the Associated Press
Washington, Feb. 5.—Julius Barnes, head of the food administration's grain corporation, asked Congress today, through the House Agriculture Committee, to delegate broad powers to President Wilson as a means of making effective the government's guaranteed price for the 1919 wheat crop.

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Foreign Wares Excluded From All French Ports
Protective Policy Is Tightened to Safeguard Home Industries—U. S. Autos Suffer First Restriction Under New Order

By CLINTON W. GILBERT
Staff Correspondent of the Evening Public Ledger With the Peace Delegation in Europe

Paris, Feb. 5.—The action of the French Government in barring 4500 Ford autos and similar actions affecting other American products indicates that a policy of exclusion of foreign products from French markets has been definitely launched. No doubt the first motive of the policy is due to the size of France's debts abroad.

SELECT ASSISTANT DIRECTORS FOR LIBERTY LOAN
Albert E. Berry, W. Morgan Churchman and Richard E. Norton were appointed assistant directors of the fifth (Victory) Liberty Loan campaign this afternoon to assist Director John H. Mason.

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WORLD UNION CONSTITUTION TAKES SHAPE
Wilson Committee Adopts Preamble and 2 Articles for Organization

RUSH FOUNDATIONS OF PEACE STRUCTURE
Two Drafts Proposed—Little Nations Oppose Provision for Inner Court

WILL HEAR OPPONENTS
Revised Version Gives Powers Complete Control of Executive Division

Paris, Feb. 5.—The special commission which is drawing up the constitution for the league of nations was provisionally last night to the preamble and two of the articles, it was officially announced today. Satisfactory progress is being made on other parts of the draft.

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