

THE WEATHER
Washington, March 7.—Partly cloudy tonight and Saturday.

TEMPERATURE AT EACH HOUR											
8	9	10	11	12	1	2	3	4	5	6	7
35	35	36	38	40	41	44	44	44	44	44	44

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Germany Refuses to Surrender Ships Unless She Gets Food; Leaders of Powers Confer Over Differences on Peace Issues

NORTHEAST LINE PLEDGES BETTER TROLLEY SERVICE

Hearing Before Commissioner Halted Until Reforms Are Instituted
CITIZENS ENTER PROTEST
Declare Frankford, Tacony and Holmesburg Company Violates Ordinance

Commissioner Is Told of Real Snail Trolley

Cars are so slow on the Frankford, Tacony and Holmesburg line, according to Ferdinand G. Meissner, that he beat one home on foot after being put off for refusing to pay a six-cent fare. Mr. Meissner made this statement today at a public hearing before Public Service Commissioner Clement.

Efforts to Improve the Service of the Frankford, Tacony and Holmesburg Street Railway Company, against which protest was lodged by residents of the northeast, will be made immediately.

Promises to this effect were made this afternoon by Bradley C. Fraley, president of the company, at a hearing before Public Service Commissioner Samuel M. Clement, Jr., in City Hall. In answer to complaints regarding service Mr. Fraley said that, in addition to having considerable trouble during the war, the company's power plant was antiquated.

He said that better service could be given if power could be obtained from the Philadelphia Electric Company, which has a plant near that of the street railway company.

Commissioner Clement requested Mr. Fraley to try and purchase power from the Philadelphia Electric Company and also to employ more conductors and keep the ventilators of the cars open.

Will Report on March 21

This was agreed to by Mr. Fraley. He and the complainants were requested to report to the commissioner March 21. The complainants said that the cars were so inefficient that the complainants had often fainted, and that the line did not maintain the schedule required by the ordinance under which it operates.

The petitioners were represented by State Representative James A. Dunn. He said they were, for the most part, working people, and could not afford an attorney.

"Go ahead without counsel," said Commissioner Clement, "both sides will be fully heard."

The company was represented by W. M. Montgomery, Jr., and Mr. Fraley.

See Company Violates Ordinance

Mr. Dunn read the ordinance under which the company operates. This requires that cars should run at five-minute intervals during the rush hours and on a schedule not exceeding ten minutes at other times, except between midnight and 5 a. m.

It is also provided in the ordinance that fares shall not exceed five cents during the day and ten cents from midnight to 5 o'clock in the morning.

The fathers' association and other organizations of the northeast are among the complainants, Mr. Dunn said. He asserted that instead of running every five minutes the cars run at intervals of fifteen and twenty minutes, and caused hundreds of employees of mills and factories to be late for work in the morning and late returning home at night.

THE DUCHESS OF MARLBOROUGH



Formerly Miss Consuelo Vanderbilt, of New York, who has been elected to the London County Council from the north division of Southwark by a large majority over her opponent, a labor candidate. She stood for election as a progressive.

MOORE DECLINES TO BE CANDIDATE FOR LEADERSHIP

Representative Prefers to Stay With Ways and Means and Preserve Harmony

Washington, March 7.—(By A. P.)—Representative Moore of Pennsylvania, today informed fellow-members of the Republican committee on committees, engaged in arranging the organization in the next House, that he would not be a candidate for floor leader. He said that, because harmony was essential to Republican success, his action might help to relieve the leadership situation in both houses as it related to the Ways and Means Committee and Pennsylvania.

GOVERNOR OVER ILLNESS

Leaves for Home After Being Unable to Attend Dinner Here

Governor Spruiell has recovered from the attack of tonsillitis with which he suffered for three days, and left Washington for his home at Chester this afternoon.

WIDOWER WANTS A WIFE

U. S. Employment Agency-Registers Inability to Aid Applicant
Uncle Sam is running the railroad, the telegraph and telephone companies, and is in a position to find a wife for him, says a matrimonial agency. This reason the man who applied to the United States Employment Service for a wife should not be given to him, says the agency.

"BLUE LAW" HEARING HERE

Ministerial Bodies Expected to Urge Defeat of Repeal Legislation
A public hearing on the proposed bill repealing in part Pennsylvania's "Sunday blue laws" will be held here Monday by the subcommittee of the judiciary special committee of the state House of Representatives.

Nightly Sessions Planned by Town Meeting Party

Aggressive Workers Will Make Vares Leadership Issue in Fall Mayoralty Campaign and Heavy Independent Vote Is Goal

Nightly meetings will be held in all election divisions of the city to enlist voters for the Town Meeting Party, which will make an issue of the leadership of State Senator Edwin H. Vares in the next mayoralty campaign. This announcement was made this afternoon by George W. Coles, chairman of the party. An extended drive will be made to register independent voters throughout the city.

These three propositions—the elimination of the Vares from all influence and control in the affairs of the city reconstruction of the city government and destruction of the power the Vares yield in cutting down the independent vote by their dominance over the Board of Registration Commissioners—were presented to the committee and the Councilmen by Mr. Coles in an address in which he declared the independent Republicans of the city challenged the Vares leadership and its success in turning the Republican party into a party of the "way of honesty and decency."

Support of the principles of the revised charter bill and the Eberly measure to simplify registration was pledged at the meeting.

TAFT IS LOOMING FOR PRESIDENCY

Former Executive, Seen by "Ham" Lewis, Logical G. O. P. Candidate

William Howard Taft is regarded by former Senator J. Hamilton Lewis, of Illinois, as the most logical man at present for the Republican presidential nomination eighteen months hence.

Camden Raises Tax to Make Up \$125,000 Annual Revenue Lost

The cost of water will be increased in Camden. In announcing the advance, officials of the water department said an increased tax would be required to offset revenue to be lost by the closing of the saloons.

PHYSICIAN HELD FOR GIRL'S DEATH UNDER HIS AUTO

Dr. Joseph Ellis Committed for Grand Jury After Conflicting Testimony
Dr. Joseph Ellis, of 1619 North Fifty-second street, was held to await the action of the Grand Jury in the death of Catherine M. Paxson, fourteen years, and who was also held in connection with the child's death.

WON 9383 FOREIGN MEDALS

Yanks Honored by France, Britain, Belgium and Italy
Paris, March 7.—(By A. P.)—Foreign medals to the number of 9,383 had been awarded to members of the American Expeditionary Forces up to February 26, according to a compilation made by the Stars and Stripes.

CAMDEN TAXES JUMP

Are Increased Eighteen Cents for This Year
An increase of eighteen cents in the tax on the sale of property in 1919 was announced today by the Camden County Board of Taxation. The rate advances from \$2.32 to \$2.50.

FORCE OF LOYAL TROOPS CUT OFF BY GERMAN REDS

Spartacans, Besieging Berlin Police Headquarters, Isolate Its Defenders

GUARDS JOIN REBELS

Scheidemann Hands in Resignation—Strike May Be Settled Today

By the Associated Press

Colonel Winston Spencer Churchill, defending the bill against the government in providing for an army to insure peace, was "pursuing a path toward universal voluntary service."

PENN TRUSTEES WIN MERMAID SUIT

A verdict for \$4970 in favor of the University of Pennsylvania trustees was returned by a jury in Common Pleas Court No. 5 today in the suit of the trustees against Elisha Webb, Jr. The suit resulted from the purchase from Mr. Webb of the steamer yacht Mermaid, bought for an exploration trip up the Amazon river, but later found to be unseaworthy.

HARRY MACE NAMED TO BOARD OF VIEWERS

Harry W. Mace, assistant director of Health and Charities was this afternoon appointed a member of the Board of Viewers by the Board of Judges. Mr. Mace succeeds the late Louis Saller. His new post pays \$5000 a year.

THREAT BY IRISH TO BALK LEAGUE

Can Block Ratification by Congress, Delegate to Peace Table Says

ASKS ACTION IN PARIS

By the Associated Press
Paris, March 7.—If the Irish question is not settled by the Peace Conference, friends of Ireland will stop ratification of the league of nations in the American Congress, Sean O'Connell (John O'Kelly), the delegate of the Irish republic to the Peace Conference, declared in a statement today. He expressed doubt that any league of nations could be formed and said that the Irish "have spoken gently" to President Wilson long enough.

IDENTIFY SOLDIER'S BODY

Man Found Dead in Schuylkill Was Frank Barrickill
The body found yesterday in the Schuylkill river near Spring Garden was identified today by the police as that of Frank Barrickill, recently discharged from the army of the United States.

Cold Steel Scores Huns

"The Germans never did like the Russian bayonet," says Maria Botchkareva in her stirring narrative of her experiences as a soldier. "As a matter of fact, they dreaded them more than any arm of warfare, and so they gave way and took to their heels."

SUSPECTED NEGRO JAILED

Found Wandering About Masonic Temple—May Be Clothing Thief
Robert Penn, eighteen years old, a negro, of South Eleventh street, was sentenced to three months in the County Jail today by Magistrate Macleary, accused of being a suspicious character.

Draft Planned in Britain for Army of Occupation

Bonar Law Supports Bill in Commons—Force of 900,000 Provided for—Crime to Continue Blockade, Lords Are Told

By the Associated Press
London, March 7.—(By A. P.)—Guest introduced a bill in the House of Commons which proposes compulsory service for the British army of occupation. This army, according to the bill, would be composed of 900,000 men and enlistment period would expire on April 30, 1920.

By the Associated Press

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TRUCE ENVOYS LEAVE SPA AS ENEMY BALKS

Teutons Demand Pledge of Food in Exchange for Mercantile Fleet

EXPERTS ARE AT ODDS ON IMPORTANT TERMS

Clemenceau, Lloyd George and House Meet Today in Effort to Agree

By the Associated Press

London, March 7.—The negotiations at Spa, relating to the shipping question, have been temporarily broken off, according to a German wireless message received here today.

By the Associated Press

The Allies, the message says, demanded that all the remaining German merchant ships be handed over unconditionally, without being willing to undertake the obligation of supplying Germany with foodstuffs. The German delegates, it is added, received instructions from their government that the question of shipping, finance and food supply must be dealt with only as a whole. The German message continues: "The question of handing over the mercantile fleet can only arise if adequate food supplies, say 2,500,000 tons of foodstuffs, are assured Germany until the new harvest. The Entente would not agree to this."

By the Associated Press

Paris, March 7.—(By A. P.)—Germany has refused the proposition for the use of her merchant ships by the Allies, made by her delegates at Spa. The armistice commission headquarters. The counter-proposition is made by the Germans that they will release the German shipping desired in return for a definite assurance that enough food will be sent into Germany to enable the government to withstand the Bolshevik movement.

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