

### THE WEATHER

Washington, June 23.—Fair today; warmer tomorrow.

TEMPERATURE AT EACH HOUR

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## GERMANY AGREES TO SIGN PEACE PACT; IN UNCONDITIONAL SURRENDER TEUTONS BOW TO DEMANDS MADE BY THE ALLIES

### THREE CITIES FORM CLEARING HOUSE IN AUTO ROBBERY WAR

Philadelphia, Washington and Baltimore Make Combine Against Motor Thieves

### 14 MACHINES FROM HERE LOCATED IN MARYLAND

Prisoners and Stolen Cars Exchanged—Eleven Machines Await Claimants

The detective bureaus in Philadelphia, Baltimore and Washington have organized a clearing house for the return of stolen automobiles recovered and the rapid requisition of automobile thieves to the scene of their crime.

As the result of the organization fourteen automobiles stolen from Philadelphia were recovered in Baltimore and returned to their original owners last week and two were recovered in Washington and returned to their Philadelphia owners.

Two men arrested in Philadelphia for the theft of a \$3000 machine in Washington and the attempted theft of a valuable automobile here were ordered sent to Washington by Magistrate McCleary in the Central Station today and two men arrested in Washington for the theft of automobiles in Philadelphia will be brought here for trial.

### Lestrage in Charge

Lieutenant of Detectives Joseph Lestrage heads the local organization for tracing down the automobile thieves and bringing the perpetrators to justice. In this work he is co-operating with Major Fullmer, head of the force in Washington, and Marshal Carter, leader of the Baltimore detectives in charge of breaking up the work of auto thieves.

Truman Swain, one of the local detectives working under Lieutenant Lestrage, has been in Baltimore and Washington for several weeks working with the detective forces in that city. It was he who identified the fourteen stolen automobiles recovered in Baltimore and had them returned to their owners in Philadelphia.

He also identified the two automobiles recovered in Washington and had them returned to their owners in Philadelphia.

In his four markets sirlon, rump and round steaks sold today for thirty cents a pound. Some stores in the same section asked forty-five cents a pound for similar cuts, while other markets there are getting fifty-eight cents for sirlon steak, fifty-two cents for rump and forty-eight cents for round.

### Arrested Last Week

The two men arrested here today gave their names as George Baker and Elmer Burris. They were arrested here last week at Fifteenth and Walnut streets. At the time the men had taken possession of a valuable automobile, after abandoning the one in which they drove up to the corner. A patrolman saw them leave the one machine and try to start the other and placed the two men under arrest.

The machine they had abandoned proved to be the property of L. E. Sinclair, general manager of the Potomac Electric Power Company, 3120 Seventeenth street northwest, Washington, and had been stolen from in front of his house. It was in that way a quantity of bandages, gags and chloroform. The two men were employed in a drug store adjoining Sinclair's home and had been suspected from the first. They were sent back to Washington in charge of Detective Scribner, of that city.

### Closer Co-operation

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Each city has a special squad for running down automobile thieves and arrangements have been made for the prompt interchange of any information obtained regarding stolen cars recovered or thieves captured. Detectives will be changed liberally between the three cities.

### TRANSIT AMBUSH LAID BY VARE ORATORY GUNS SNARES PENROSE ARMY

Barrage of Denunciation Fired by Scott Traps Enemy in Salus Bill Onslaught—Vare's Charter Artillery Camouflaged for City Election

**By GEORGE NOX MCCAIN**  
Staff Correspondent of the Evening Public Ledger

Harrisburg, June 23.—Throughout the present session the Vare leaders have been awaiting an opportunity to manufacture campaign material for the approaching city fight.

From the beginning they had been on the defensive, dodging, evading, combating the skillfully aimed blows of their adversaries. The charge bill hampered them; it clung to them in House and Senate, and it wasn't until last week that they could rid themselves of it.

As the Legislature approached its close it looked, to a superficial observer, as if there weren't a hook left upon which they could hang any hope of re-election.

But it is becoming apparent, now that the fight in Philadelphia has started, that all this time the Vare's guns were slotted and camouflaged so that the Penrose people failed to see the muzzles.

**Counterattack Made**

Their stratagem was, if possible, to put the Penrose following on the defensive; to answer the insistent slogan "Down with contractor-controlled government," with the war cry "Penrose is blocking Philadelphia's progress for national purposes."

To accomplish this the Vare leaders organized a secret counterattack.

Their weapon was the Salus bill. It permitted funds raised by loans for a specific purpose to be diverted to another.

### MEAT PRICES HERE TAKE 8-CENT DROP

Retail Dealers Quote Decline in Steaks and Roasts—Pork Remains High

Meat prices took another drop today. The decreases ranged from two to eight cents a pound retail.

Decreases were especially noticed in beef products. Pork is still high and in some cases increases have been made in the prices of both pork and lamb.

According to a Germantown dealer who operates four stores in that section, a dealer can make 20 per cent profit on his meats while charging much less for his meats than the prices prevailing in the majority of markets here. This, he says, is due to the fact that the great majority of the meat dealers in Philadelphia are overcharging the public.

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### Range of Prices

The following table shows a comparison of the prevailing prices here:

Sirlon steak	50c	58c
Rump steak	45c	52c
Chuck roast	25c	32c
Leg of lamb	20c	28c
Rump chop	30c	38c
Pork chops	40c	48c

William Pierson is the Germantown dealer who quoted these prices today:

Sirlon steak, 30¢; rump steak, 30¢; round steak, 30¢; chuck roast, 18¢; boneless pot roast, 18¢; veal shoulder, 12½¢; veal chops, 25¢; mutton, 12½¢; leg of lamb, 20¢; lamb chops, 35¢; shoulder of lamb, 20¢; pork chops, 35¢; roast loin of pork, 30¢; shoulder of pork, 28¢.

### 20 Per Cent Profit

"By charging these prices I make a profit that averages 20 per cent," Mr. Pierson said today. "My prices have been down for two weeks. Other dealers in the city could be satisfied with the same profit I am getting. I consider that they are now overcharging for meats."

### Sir Gilbert Parker

has never written a better story than "THE WORLD FOR SALE"

This thrilling romance of the Canadian Northwest begins in this issue of the EVENING PUBLIC LEDGER on page 22.

Begin reading it today by shooting the perilous rapids of Cavillon with Fleda Druze, the heroine.

### GERMANS SINK WARSHIPS LEFT IN HOME PORTS

Crews Wreck Twelve Fighting Craft Besides Destroyers Not Given to Allies

**KIEL AND WILHELMSHAVEN FLEETS SENT TO BOTTOM**

Teuton Admiral Liable to Death for Scapa Flow Act, Is Assertion

**By the Associated Press**

Weimar, June 23.—The German warships not surrendered to the Allies and which have been anchored off Kiel, Wilhelmshaven and other points have been sunk by German sailors manning them, according to a report received here from a reliable authority.

According to the reports, there were twelve German war vessels besides destroyers, which were in German waters, not having been turned over to the Entente under the armistice provisions.

London, June 23.—(By A. P.)—The sinking of the German fleet at Scapa Flow is regarded by most editorial writers here as a fresh example of German faithlessness. There are many indignant denunciations of the act of the Germans. "A gross outrage," "a deliberate violation of the armistice" and "treachery" are some of the expressions used by this morning's papers.

It is contended that the carrying out of Admiral von Reuter's order automatically annuls the armistice and renders the admiral liable to the death penalty and all concerned to long terms of penal servitude. Some newspapers demand that the Allies exact fullest penalties, including immediate payment of £70,000,000 gold, as the value of the fleet.

Several writers, however, express the opinion that notwithstanding "the outrageous" act, the Allies are thereby relieved of an awkward question as to the disposal of the surrendered fleet, which, owing to a divergence of opinion between America and Great Britain and the other European powers, might have developed into differences difficult to compose.

Those who advocate this view, nevertheless, regret that the ships were sunk while the fleet was in Great Britain's harbor, as this has favored the sinking of the ships in the face of continental opinion.

Although reports stated that six Germans were killed and ten wounded when the boats of the German fleet at Scapa Flow were fired upon subsequent to the sinking of the German fleet, the Daily Mail says that others may have been drowned and that some may possibly have escaped.

### CHURCH DAMAGED BY \$50,000 BLAZE

Two Firemen Injured in Rain of Slate Roofing at 7th and Norris Conflagration

Two firemen were injured and many others narrowly escaped death in a shower of tons of slate roofing during the course of a spectacular fire that virtually destroyed the Seventh Street Methodist Episcopal Church, southwest corner of Seventh and Norris streets, this morning.

Battalion Chief Williamson was badly cut and bruised about the hands and arms, but managed to cling to the framework and avoid being carried to the street. Max Schenel, a hoseman, 497 East Flora street, received similar injuries. Several pieces of fire apparatus were badly damaged by the falling roof.

The fire had completely wrecked the inside of the structure when the flames caused the slate roofing on the building to shift. The heavy material gathered momentum and threatened all before it, but the fact that the building is constructed with numerous acute angles at the top enabled the firemen to secure places of safety and watch the roof slide off to the ground.

The fire was discovered shortly after 6 o'clock. David Gross, fifteen years old, 1846 North Seventh street, noticed the blaze, and notified the men at the firehouse at the corner of North and Norris. When they arrived on the scene the flames had such headway that two alarms were sent in immediately.

The fire evidently had been raging for some time, for when the firemen broke into the structure the entire interior was a mass of flames. A pipe organ, valued at \$5000, had been destroyed before the fire-fighters arrived.

The fire raged so furiously for a time that many families in the neighborhood began to move their furnishings away for fear that the blaze would communicate to nearby properties. The home of William Koenig, 3928 North Seventh street, adjoining the church, was badly damaged by smoke and water.

The Seventh Street Methodist Episcopal Church is an old landmark. The present building was completed in 1884, succeeding the old Cobociskat Methodist Episcopal Church. The congregation would have celebrated the eighty-fourth anniversary of the founding of the latter church within a few weeks.

The Rev. Dr. Alvin Copper is pastor of the church. He fixes the fire damage at at least \$50,000. Crossed electric light wires is given as the probable reason for the fire by him.

The Rev. J. W. Richards, pastor of the Evangelical Lutheran Church at Seventh and Montgomery avenues, has extended the use of his church to the pastor and congregation for services next Sunday.

### TWO SAFES CRACKED IN DAYLIGHT ROBBERY; THIEVES GET \$3000

Green Street Saloonkeeper Learns of Theft When He Returns From Sunday Outing

Robbers, working in daylight, wrecked two safes in the saloon of Lawrence Puidok, 701 Green street, and escaped with more than \$3000 in gold, banknotes, Liberty Bonds and war savings stamps.

In addition to taking \$2250 from Puidok's safe and his wife's diamond ring, the robbers stole \$850 from the safe of Anthony Andrews, a bartender for Puidok, which was in a rear room on the second floor.

Two little girls said they saw two men wearing light beards enter the rear of Puidok's saloon yesterday afternoon and leave after being there about an hour. The police believe that the robbery was committed by some one familiar with the Puidok establishment.

The safe-breaking occurred between 3 o'clock yesterday afternoon and 7 o'clock last evening while Puidok and his family were on a Sunday afternoon outing.

"I came home just about 7 o'clock last evening," said Puidok today, "and found that robbers had broken into my place. They ripped the door from a safe on the first floor and blew open a safe on the second floor with an explosive."

"They got \$945 in gold coin, \$250 in Liberty Bonds, \$45 in war savings stamps I bought for the children and nearly \$1000 in banknotes."

when you think of writing, think of writing.

### BAUER ASSERTS TERMS ENSLAVE GERMAN PEOPLE

Agrees to Sign Treaty Only Because Nation's Strength Is Shattered

### HOPEFUL FOR REVISION UNDER PROMISE OF JUNE 16

Premier Protests Stern Allied Measure in Addressing Weimar Assembly

### Coup for Dictatorship Is Expected in Germany

Paris, June 23.—(By A. P.)—The movement for a military dictatorship in Germany is gaining ground, according to advices received by the American military authorities here, quoting the Kreuzzeitung, of Berlin.

Die Freiheit, the Independent Socialist paper, declares that the counter-revolutionary element is preparing to strike a blow against the government.

### HOPEFUL FOR REVISION UNDER PROMISE OF JUNE 16

**By the Associated Press**

Weimar, Sunday, June 23.—It is officially announced that Germany will sign the peace treaty.

In announcing the decision before the National Assembly today, Premier Gustav Adolph Bauer said:

"At this hour of life and death, under the menace of invasion, for the last time I raise in free Germany a protest against this treaty of violence and destruction. I protest against this mockery of self-determination, this enslavement of the German people, this new menace to the peace of the world under the mask of a treaty of peace. No signing can enfuse this protest which we raise and swear to. This treaty does not lose its annihilating character by alterations in detail. Protesting against it is useless and is at the risk of a new crisis within forty-eight hours."

### STOCKS UP ON PEACE NEWS

Calm Rise Occurs After Announcement—Had Been Discounted

New York, June 23.—News of Germany's unconditional acceptance of the peace terms which came to Wall Street by way of London about 1:30 p. m., laddered the stock market immediately. Some important stocks rose above the high prices of the opening after having had a several reactions early. The news was no surprise to the street, which had discounted it for some time.

The cheaper rails, motor metals and tobacco and food issues led the irregular rally. Among high-priced specialties, Industrial Alcohol and General Motors were the chief features, the latter rebounding 10 points.

Other advances realized from ½ to 3 points.

### ROOF CAVES, WOMAN KILLED

Aged Housewife Hanging Clothes Out on Stable Top

Mrs. Elizabeth McCloskey, fifty-seven years old, 714 South Eighth street, was killed when the stable roof which she was standing on collapsed and dropped her fifty feet to the ground yesterday afternoon.

The woman was hanging out some clothes on the roof, which joins her home, when the roof gave way. Boys playing on the street heard the crash and saw Mrs. McCloskey fall. They summoned the police, but the woman was dead before she reached the Pennsylvania Hospital.

### THIEF GETS WATCH AND MONEY

A thief yesterday took a gold watch and cash amounting to \$22 from J. C. Edwards and E. K. Roberts, from their room, 408 Jersey avenue, Gloucester. The property of two other men who live in the same room was untouched.

### GREEKS FLEEING FROM TURKS IN ASIA

PARIS, June 23.—The situation in Asia Minor is serious, according to official advices received by Reuters Limited bureau here today. These advices stated that the Turkish forces outnumber the Greeks four to one and threaten to drive the Greeks entirely out of Asia Minor. The Greek forces are reported to be retreating before the Turks, who are supplied with good artillery and plenty of ammunition.

### RAND SCHOOL FOR SOCIAL SCIENCE RAIDED

NEW YORK, June 23.—State troopers acting for the Luncheon Legislative committee probing radical activities in that state, raided the Rand School for Social Science this afternoon at the instance of the state attorney general and opened a safe believed to contain "written and printed matter of a revolutionary and seditious nature."

### 310 ENGINEERS QUIT ARCHANGEL TOMORROW

WASHINGTON, June 23.—The last battalion of the 310th engineers is to leave Archangel Wednesday, according to a message received by the State Department today from the American consul there. The dispatch told of the friendly farewell given to the American troops in all the villages through which they passed.

### NO SEARCH FOR LIQUOR IN PRIVATE HOMES

WASHINGTON, June 23.—The provision of the prohibition enforcement bill permitting search of private homes for contraband liquor when the warrant was sworn to "by at least two credible persons," was stricken out today by the House Judiciary Committee. The system of search as provided in the espionage act was substituted.

### Allies Demand 'Yes' or 'No' When Foes Qualify Assent

Paris, June 23.—Replying last night to the answer of the Germans, agreeing to sign the treaty with two reservations, the allied statement says:

"The allied and associated powers have considered the note of the German delegation of even date, and, in view of the shortness of time remaining, feel it their duty to reply at once. Of the time within which the German Government must make its final decision as to the signature of the treaty, less than twenty-four hours remain. The allied and associated governments have given fullest consideration to all representations hitherto made by the German Government with regard to the treaty, and have replied with complete frankness. They have made such concessions as they thought it were just to make."

### GERMANS ASK RESERVATIONS

The German note, in which Germany agrees to sign the treaty, with two reservations, was received by the president of the Peace Conference at 5 o'clock last evening.

The German note follows, dated Versailles, June 22, and addressed to M. Clemenceau:

The imperial minister of foreign affairs has instructed me to communicate the following to your excellency: The government of the German republic has, from the moment when the peace conditions of the allied and associated governments were made known to it, let no doubt exist as to the fact that the government, in harmony with the whole German people, must regard these conditions as being in sharp contradiction to the principle which was accepted by the allied and associated powers, on the one hand, and Germany, on the other, as being binding in accordance with the laws of nations for the peace before the conclusion of the armistice.

Relying upon this principle of justice which was agreed upon between the parties to the negotiations, and assisted by a clear exposition of conditions in Germany, the government has left no stone unturned in order to arrive at a direct verbal exchange of opinions, and thus obtain

### Appeal for Delay

By the Associated Press

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[This appeal was made prior to the formal acceptance of the treaty.]

The Council of Three flatly refused the request after a discussion lasting less than an hour.

The request pleaded that the change in the government and the generally disturbed conditions made it difficult to complete the arrangements.

The communication from the Germans was received at 3 o'clock this morning. At 9 o'clock President Wilson and Premier Clemenceau met with Premier Lloyd George at the latter's house for consideration of the note. The character of this communication was not disclosed, however, until some time later in the morning, when an announcement was made that the German request had been rejected.

The German note asking delay read as follows:

"To His Excellency, the President of the Peace Conference, M. Clemenceau:

"Mr. President—The minister for foreign affairs instructs me to beg the allied and associated governments to prolong for forty-eight hours the time limit for answering your excellency's

### ENEMY YIELDS; SENDS FORMAL NOTE TO PARIS

Actual Peace Waits on Signatures to Treaty Tuesday or Wednesday

### "PEACE OF VIOLENCE." FOE SAYS, ACCEPTING

Germans Communicate Word of Submission After New Plea for Delay Fails

### ENTENTE REMAINED FIRM

Italian Delegates Now in Francoe Authorized to Attach Names

**By the Associated Press**

Paris, June 23.—The German Government at Weimar has formally communicated its willingness to sign the peace terms unconditionally, it was announced by the French Foreign Office this afternoon.

The German answer regarding the treaty was received by the Peace Conference this afternoon.

The German note of acceptance, it is said, is couched in such language that it maintains the German position that the peace conditions are "a peace of violence."

The day and hour for the formal signing of the treaty are uncertain. The signing possibly may take place Tuesday, but more likely Wednesday.

The Italian delegates at present in Paris have been authorized to sign the treaty on behalf of Italy. This announcement removed one question which it was feared might delay the signing.

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