



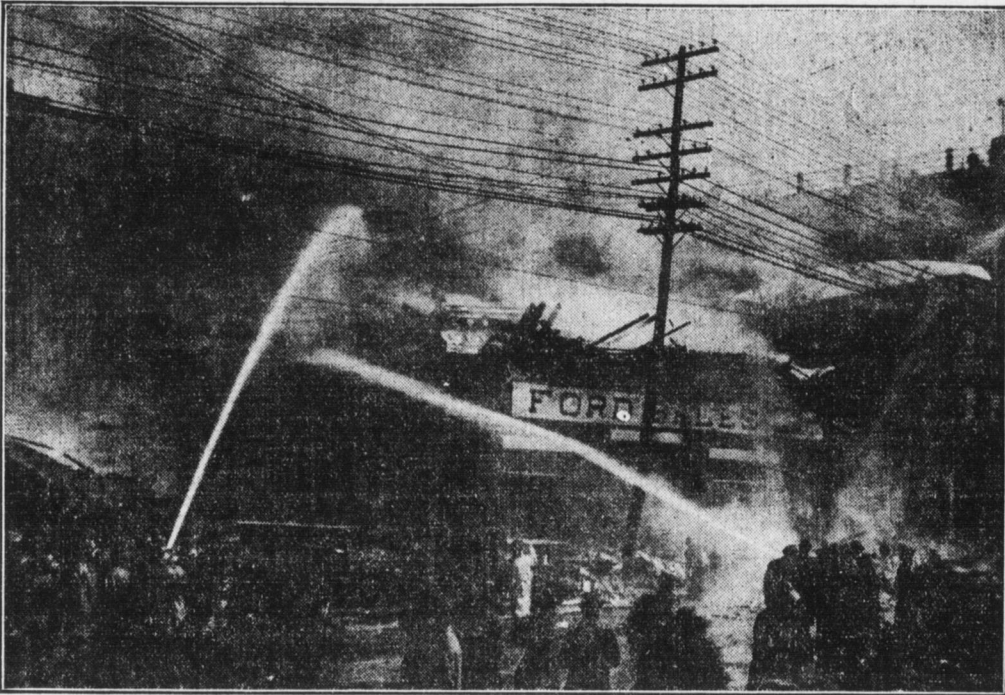
FIRE SWEEPS FORD GARAGE; WALLS FALL IN; FIGHTERS NARROWLY ESCAPE DEATH 'NEATH RUINS

Valiant Effort of Volunteers Saves Neighboring Warehouse and Business District; One Fireman Hurt by Falling Glass

30 NEW CARS BURNED; TOTAL LOSS \$45,000

Thousands Endanger Lives Leaning Against Rail of Mulberry Street Bridge; Origin of Blaze Not Established

FIGHTING THE BIG FIRE IN THE FORD GARAGE



WHERE FIREMEN NARROWLY ESCAPED DEATH The etching shows how the firemen fought the big fire in the Ford garage this afternoon, where damage to the amount of close on to \$45,000 was done. Gasoline explosions on the second floor helped wreck the building. On the left of the picture is seen the wreckage following the fall of walls repair shop of Ulrich & Frederickson. Just a minute before the fall of the walls were standing on the roof of the smithy fighting the flames with a big hose. They had just stepped back from the intense heat when the wall fell.

50 MORE CENTRAL PA. BOYS TO BE MADE ELLIOTT-FISHER SALEMEN

Big Typewriter Firm Finds Possibilities of Domestic Trade So Great They Want That Many in New School

So great are the demands for the machines of the Elliott-Fisher Typewriter company, that the management has decided to place 50 new salesmen throughout the country within the next six months.

VILLA NOW CONTROLS MEXICAN PRESIDENCY

Appoints Three Ministers to Take Charge of Civil Government in Country

SENDS NOTICE TO AGENTS Declares That Under Circumstances He Was Forced to Take Over Reins

El Paso, Tex., Feb. 4.—Francisco Villa has proclaimed himself in charge of the presidency of Mexico. This was announced in a telegram from General Villa received last night by his agents here. Villa appointed three ministers to take charge of the civil government.

THIEF STEALS \$200 WORTH OF JEWELRY WITH MAID IN HOUSE

While the maid was busy in the kitchen cleaning up the breakfast dishes yesterday morning, a sneak thief entered the home of Wilson R. Houser, 1724 State street, superintendent of the local branch of the International Correspondence Schools, and stole jewelry valued at \$200 from a bureau on the second floor.

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Second Story Man Makes Rich Haul From Two Hill Residences

The origin of the blaze is now the subject of investigation by Fire Chief Kindler and Mr. Driscoll. The latter said he believed the fire originated on the first floor and was due to a pipe of a new steam heat plant that had just been installed and which became overheated and had ignited oil.

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THE WEATHER

For Harrisburg and vicinity: Partly cloudy and somewhat warmer to-night, with lowest temperature about 25 degrees; Friday rain and warmer. For Eastern Pennsylvania: Partly cloudy and somewhat warmer to-night; Friday rain and warmer; moderate variable winds.

'CITY ASSESSMENT SYSTEM VICIOUSLY WRONG'--BOYER

School Board President Tells Directors Middle Class Is Unfairly Taxed

VALUATION FAR TOO LOW Quotes "Criminally Unfair" Specific Instances; Small Property Owner "Soaked"

Characterizing the present system of city assessment valuation as "criminally unfair and viciously wrong," Harry A. Boyer, president of the School Board, before more than 300 delegates to the twentieth annual convention of the Directors' Department of the Pennsylvania State Educational Association, this afternoon, presented solutions for the school taxation problem which he deems logical and responsible for the equity of many taxpayers to a more progressive school system.

BELGIANS ARE AGAIN FACING GERMAN ARMS

Remnant of Little Army Meets Enemy Along Yser, Where Terrific Drive Is Being Made in New Effort to Reach Coast; Russians Report Victories, but Battles Still Rage; No Change in Carpathians; No Change in Poland

The remnants of the Belgian troops which are still defending the little strip of their fatherland not in possession of the Germans, once more are bearing the brunt of the fighting in the west. Unofficial reports from Amsterdam state that the Germans are again making an attack along the Yser, which was the scene of the heaviest fighting and greatest loss of life of the war thus far, during the earlier German attempts to break the allied line and reach the English channel. For the last two days Belgians and Germans have been engaged in combat, in which the possession of trenches has been decided with the bayonet. The Amsterdam report says the German attacks have been repulsed.

German Papers Declare Wilson Has Backed Down in Great Britain's Favor

Berlin, Feb. 4, via London, 10:58 A. M.—A news dispatch has been received here from Washington saying that President Wilson has consented to an amendment to the ship purchase bill which provides that no vessel is to be bought by the United States if such purchase would lead to conflict with any one of the belligerent powers. Nearly all the German newspapers criticize this course sharply. They virtually unite in calling it a back-down before Great Britain on the part of President Wilson. The Kreuz Zeitung says: "This tender consideration of Great Britain is the more remarkable inasmuch as it injures America herself."

TRIED TO WRECK P. & R. TRAIN

Reading, Pa., Feb. 4.—An attempt was made to wreck the "Queen of the Valley," the Reading Railway's fast express between New York and Harrisburg, running via this city, near Alburts, last night. A huge rock was discovered on the track with iron bars driven into the ground near the rails and the spikes pulled. The telegrapher was notified and stopped the express just in time. The discovery was made by the engineer of a freight train. The place where the obstruction was found is on a down grade.

AMERICAN SHIPPING WARNED

Washington, Feb. 4.—Count Bernstorff, the German ambassador notified the State Department to-day that American vessels should avoid the North and West coast of France.

READY TO SEIZE WILHELMINA

Washington, Feb. 4.—The British government has announced it is prepared to seize and pay for the cargo of the Wilhelmina, which is now nearing the shores of Europe. The vessel would be allowed to depart.

AMSTERDAM, FEB. 4, VIA LONDON, 2:35 P. M.—A dispatch received from Hamburg says that Emperor William arrived at Wilhelmshaven this morning. His Majesty inspected the German submarine U 21, going over the vessel personally. He bestowed the decoration of the iron cross upon the members of the submarine crew.

INDIANAPOLIS, FEB. 4.—State wide prohibition was placed before the Indiana Legislature to-day by a bill introduced in the House. The manufacture of homemade wines and cider is legalized by the bill.

VANCEBORO, ME., FEB. 4.—Werner Horn was to-day sentenced to thirty days in the county jail on conviction of having damaged property in this town by the explosion of dynamite under the international railroad bridge.

WASHINGTON, FEB. 4.—Two blankets marked "Idler" washed ashore at the Cape Hatteras coast guard station are regarded as silent proof that the vessel wrecked on Diamond Shoals last week was the yacht of that name from New York on a cruise to the Pacific and that her captain and crew of twelve undoubtedly were lost.

LEHIGH VALLEY HEAD URGES LESS LEGISLATION

Special To The Telegraph—Washington, D. C., Feb. 4.—President E. B. Thomas, of the Lehigh Valley Railroad, told President Wilson yesterday business conditions showed improvement and that railroads were gaining in traffic. They needed less regulation, he told the President, to better their condition.

MARRIAGE LICENSES

Edwin R. Herr and Verma A. Bentsel, city. William C. Wise and Sarah E. Stroup, city. Claude B. Poston and Mary E. Latzer, city. Frank B. Tatem and Maude M. Graham, Edgemont.