

400 STARVING FAMILIES AIDED BY RELIEF BODY

Hundreds of Suffering Women and Children Helped During Winter by Home and War Relief Committee

MOST ALL MONEY HAS STAYED IN HARRISBURG

\$2,000 Needed to Keep Work Going Until April 1; Will Ask Lodges and Sunday Schools to Assist

More than four hundred of the city's needy families have been paid over \$1,000 during the past two months through the Home and War Relief Committee.

Members of the ways and means committee heard those facts last night when they met for their regular meeting at 7 South Front street.

Reports from collectors who canvassed the city show that more than \$5,000 was contributed by citizens.

Even with the great number of women working, the home relief committee reports a waiting list of more than 25, and could easily have doubled that number, were it to permit women from outside districts to secure work.

Susquehanna Valley Gets Brunt of Storm; River Jumping to 17-Foot Stage

A probable state of seventeen feet in the Susquehanna river for to-morrow afternoon is the estimate made in the flood warning bulletin issued by the Water Supply Commission of Pennsylvania, which reads as follows: "The storm which centered over

Washington Woman Has Plan to Make Germany Protect Neutral Ships

Philadelphia, Feb. 25.—In one of a series of talks on current history given under the auspices of the Whitford Lodge committee of the Pennsylvania Association of Women Workers in the Broad Street Theater yesterday Miss Janet E. Richards, of Washington, vice-president of the Women's Peace Movement, presented a novel means for the United States to prevent Germany from deliberately sinking our merchant vessels within the "war zone."

SAILOR LOSES LIFE WHEN SHIP IS SUNK

London, Feb. 25, 11.40 A. M.—One sailor lost his life when the small British steamer Deptford, 230 feet long and 1,208 tons, was sent to the bottom in twenty minutes either by a German torpedo from a submarine or by coming in contact with a mine in the North Sea at 3 o'clock yesterday morning at a point off Scarborough.

French Industries Are Slowly Becoming Normal

Paris, Feb. 25, 12:15 a. m.—Investigations made by Minister of Labor Martin show that the activity of French industries and commerce has recovered to a large extent since the first month of the war.

THE WEATHER

For Harrisburg and vicinity: Fair to-night and Friday; colder to-night. For Eastern Pennsylvania: Fair to-night and Friday; colder to-night; strong west winds.

GOVERNOR SIGNS FARMERS' RELIEF BILL FOR \$500,000

Measure Carrying Half a Million to Pay For Cattle Killed Is Approved Today

UNCLE SAM GIVES SAME SUM Act to Reorganize Bureau of Standards Also Becomes a Law During Day

Governor Brumbaugh to-day announced his approval of the bill appropriating \$500,000 for the payment of the State's share of the cost of cattle killed, property destroyed and other expenses incurred in combatting the foot and mouth disease, a like amount having been made available by the federal government.

It is estimated that 20,000 animals of various kinds were destroyed in fighting the disease, making it the most expensive outbreak ever known in the cattle industry in Pennsylvania and causing destruction of many valuable herds.

The State Livestock Sanitary Board will meet at 4 p. m. to take action on a foot and mouth quarantine against New Jersey and to modify county quarantines.

BREAD INQUIRY BEGINS

Pittsburgh, Pa., Feb. 25.—Inquiry into the plans of local bakers to increase the price of bread is being made by the Federal Department of Justice here.

32,000 Yards of Earth Has Already Been Scooped From Second Ward Job

What was a thickly built-up section of the Second ward in the locality of Meadow Lane and South Second street less than a year ago today resembles a great big cellar under the scooping operations of two big steam shovels which are rapidly reducing more than a block of territory to a suitable site for the proposed Pennsylvania freight stations.

SOUTH AMBOY COAL DISTRIBUTION POINT

In accordance with a recent Pennsylvania Railroad order Harrisburg will be made a distributing center for South Amboy coal. All shipments for South Amboy, N. J., will be classified at this point.

Melting Snows Reveal Loss of 2,000 Austrians and Russ at Dukla Pass

Geneva, via Paris, Feb. 25, 5 a. m.—Continued successes for the Russians in the battles which continue to rage furiously in the Carpathians are described in dispatches to Swiss newspapers.

GERMANS PLANNING TO EXTEND WAR ZONE TO MEDITERRANEAN

Robert Lansing, State Department Counsellor



Robert Lansing, counsellor of the State Department, is the author of the notes to Germany and England concerning the use of the American flag at sea.

LOCAL OPTION TO GET SQUARE DEAL

The Philadelphia Inquirer to-day says: "Speaker Charles A. Ambler, of the Pennsylvania House of Representatives, yesterday, in answer to a query as to the probable outcome of Governor Brumbaugh's fight for the passage of a local option bill at Harrisburg, said:

CITY PLANNERS NOT INVITED TO SESSION

In a letter to City Council to-day Benjamin F. Umberger, secretary of the City Planning Commission explains why the members of the commission did not attend Tuesday's meeting of the city commissioners when the ordinance authorizing the leasing of a portion of Hargest's island to the Harrisburg Light and Power Company for a coal wharf was passed finally.

U. S. PROPOSALS ARE BEFORE AUTHORITIES

London, Feb. 25, 12.43 p. m.—The proposals of Washington to Great Britain and Germany, which are in London assumed to embrace the abandonment of Germany's self-declared war zone and the adoption by the belligerents of some definite policy regarding foodstuffs for the civilian populations, have noticeably quickened the public interest both in this coun-

TAFT HAS PLAN FOR STANDARD SCHOOLS

Cincinnati, Ohio, Feb. 25.—Advocating a plan which would make a national standard of education practical by enlarging the Bureau of Education into a university, consisting of a corps of experts who would pass upon the

STEAMER DACIA REPORTED TO BE NEAR DESTINATION

New York, Feb. 25.—The steamship Dacia, which sailed from Norfolk, February 11, for Rotterdam with cotton in the face of assertions that she would be seized by British men-of-war inasmuch as she had been a German vessel at the outbreak of the war, has almost completed her trip across the Atlantic without interference on February 23, according to messages received here to-day.

Submarines Are Shipped Presumably For Use in Adriatic Also; Three More British Steamers Sent to Bottom by Either Mines or Submarines; American Proposals For Cessation of Submarine Warfare Now Before British and German Authorities

Russians Deny Germany's Claim of Overwhelming Victory in East Prussia and Annihilation of Russian Tent Army; Dispatches to Swiss Newspapers Assert Russians Are Winning Consistently and That Austrians Have Lost 3,000 Men

The second week of Germany's submarine campaign opened to-day with the loss of two more British ships. The steamers, Western Coast and Deptford, were sunk off the English coast, either by mines or torpedoes. Previously ten vessels, seven of them British, have been sent to the bottom.

Germany's claim to an overwhelming victory in East Prussia, resulting in the actual annihilation of the Russian Tenth Army is denied categorically by the Russian general staff. The admission is made that two army corps suffered heavily during the retreat, but the remaining corps are said to have escaped from the German surrounding movement. Efforts of the Germans to clinch their victory by striking a decisive blow in Northern Poland are leading to continuous battles all along this section of the front, the outcome of which the Russian staff does not attempt to forecast.

Hardly less intense is the campaign in the Carpathians. The Petrograd announcement claims successes for the Russians in small engagements. Dispatches from the front to Swiss newspapers assert that the Russians are winning consistently, and that the Austrians have lost more than 3,000 men at Dukla Pass.

FORMER HARRISBURG GIRL DISAPPEARS

Word from Guttenberg, N. J., to-day was to the effect that Miss Helen Irene Cramp, daughter of William Cramp, who resides near Lebanon, along the Cornwall Pike, has disappeared and friends have been unable to locate her. Miss Cramp formerly resided in Harrisburg. Miss Cramp's disappearance followed the publication of a story in the New York World, to-day, of the fact that Miss Cramp, who is a school teacher was found by Principal Isaac G. Miller in a New York cafe in company with Charles W. Blackmore, a Guttenberg school trustee old enough to be her grandfather. The story was told at a meeting of the school board of Guttenberg last night and dispatches from New York to-day said that Miss Cramp is not to be found. Her mother, over the long distance phone, said to-day that she had not heard from her daughter since last week, an unusually long time. Miss Cramp often visited here as the guest of relatives and Miss Bessie Zimmerman, a bookkeeper at 7 North Third street. Edward A. Cramp, 15 North street, is an uncle, and Mrs. Hulia Zimmerman, N. 4th street, an aunt. Miss Cramp and Mr. Blackmore claimed their little dinner in New York was purely a social affair with no harm intended.

WILSON NOMINATES HOLCOMB

Washington, Feb. 25.—President Wilson to-day nominated Chauncey P. Holcomb, of New Castle, Del., to be district attorney of the United States Court at Shanghai, China.

EAST PA. EVANGELICAL CONFERENCE OPENS

Reading, Pa., Feb. 25.—The opening session of the East Pennsylvania Evangelical Conference was featured by the address of Bishop S. C. Breyfogle, this city. He prayed that the war stricken countries open their eyes and see the folly of their course.

MARRIAGE LICENSES

William Earl Heins and Johanna Cordelia Sheaffer, city. Samuel S. Seibert, Hummelstown, and Maggie A. Rose, city. Charles Warren Comp, Enola, and Anna Mary Stouffer, city. Lloyd Grover Cleveland Schloesser and Anna May Ripper, city.