



MANY LIVES LOST AND MILLIONS' DAMAGE IN SERIES OF BIG FIRES

Five Known to Be Dead and Several Are Missing in Conflagration Which Totally Destroys Canada's Magnificent \$6,000,000 Parliament Building; Report That Bomb Caused Fire Discredited

Overbrook Hotel at Atlantic City Burns at Loss of \$150,000; Three Are Dead and Others Missing; Chambersburg Man Unaccounted For; Many Killed in Jumping

Six Women Lose Their Lives When Home of Wealthy New York Widow Is Burned by Early Morning Fire; Daughter Gets Mother Safely Out, but Is Overcome Trying to Save Sisters

MEMBERS OF HOUSE LOSE THEIR LIVES

Were in Session When Blaze Started; Panic Breaks Out in Gallery and Many Women Are Trampled; Two Burn to Death; Firemen, Police and Soldiers Save Big Library Building

WOMAN BURNS IN SIGHT OF CROWD

Flames Lick Her Body as She Partially Hangs Over Window Ledge. Another Grasps to Ledge Until Fire Causes Her to Drop and Is Killed Instantly

FLAMES TRAP HER IN THIRD FLOOR HALLWAY

Bodies of Victims Are Found Close Together on Stairway; No Fire Escapes; Firemen Delayed by Heavy Snow; Heroine Daughter Was Engaged to Be Married Soon

Atlantic City, N. J., Feb. 4.—Three persons are known to be dead and from two to four persons are missing as the result of a fire which early today destroyed the Overbrook Hotel in this city. The known dead are: Nicholas De Ray, engineer of the hotel.

Miss Marie Johnson, New York, a guest. A search of the hotels has resulted in locating all persons known to have been in the Overbrook except six. Some of these are believed to have escaped from the burning building. Those unaccounted for are: Paul C. Hendricks, Chambersburg, Pa.

Mrs. Mott, wife of Thomas Mott, Edward Philippen, White Plains, N. Y. Miss Josephine Garsed, Philadelphia. Paul C. Hendricks was graduated from Haverford College last June and is a large hotel here. The loss is placed at \$150,000.

The fire is believed to have started in the kitchen. When it was discovered flames were shooting up the elevator shaft and soon afterward the entire building was burning. There were not many guests in the house, but most of them were aroused in time to escape. Their exit was cut off and most of them had to jump from windows.

Burns to Death One woman was seen to faint after

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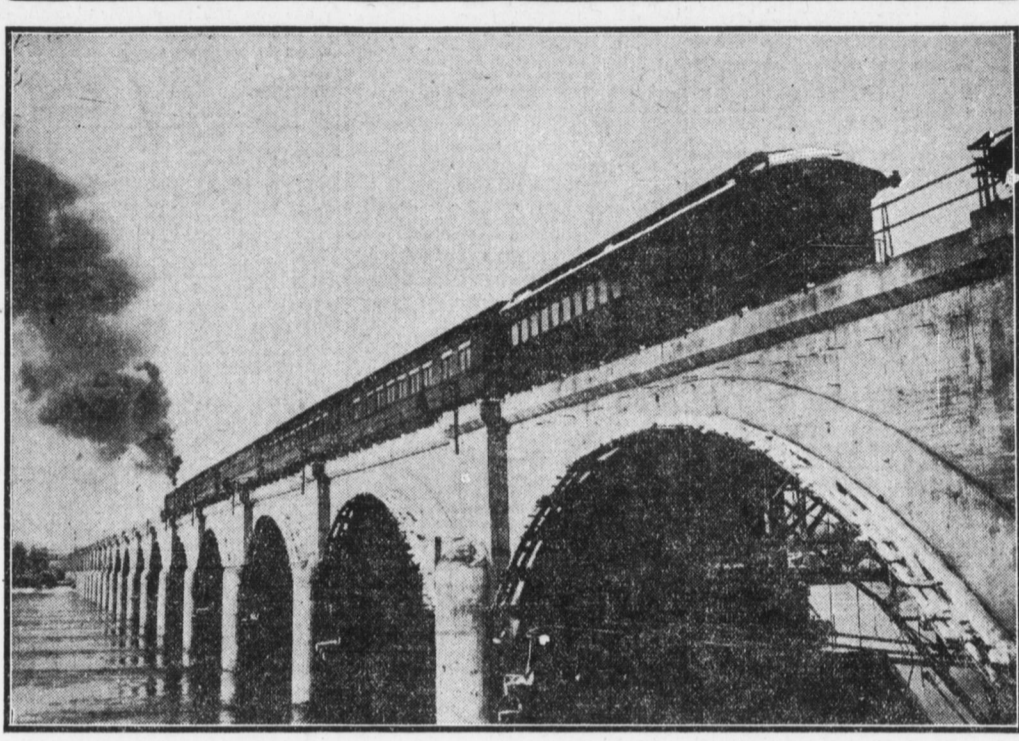
Enraged Mother Follows Daughter, Given to Aunt The struggle which youthful Mrs. Rose Wertz put up with deputy sheriffs in the courtroom yesterday to retain her 8-year-old daughter, Katherine, who had been given into the custody of Mrs. George Dolbin, of 2135 Jefferson street, an aunt, was not ended when the aunt left the courtroom.

The mother followed to the Dolbin home and insisted upon remaining there until the baby was returned to her. Finally, however, when the little girl, herself, asked the mother to leave, Mrs. Wertz, crushed, left the home.

Try to Dynamite Levee to Divert Arkansas Flood Little Rock Ark., Feb. 4.—Investigation was being made to-day in the futile attempt last night to dynamite the government levee at Pine Bluff which if it had succeeded would have diverted the course of the Arkansas river many miles from the site of the town.

With the water slowly rolling into the lower reaches of the Arkansas, the suffering in the flooded areas is becoming intense. Hundreds of persons have been driven from home, thinly clad and unused to the extreme cold of the last week. Relief work can proceed only slowly as few facilities exist to provide succor and the towns in the flood area virtually are isolated. The flood's death toll to-day remained at 1.

PRESIDENT WILSON'S SPECIAL ON NEW C. V. BRIDGE



President Wilson's special train was the third train to cross the new Cumberland Valley railroad bridge across the Susquehanna, the first half of which was thrown open this morning from shore to shore to traffic north and south.

WILSON SPECIAL THIRD TRAIN OVER NEW C. V. BRIDGE

President's Car Crosses Shortly After First on Viaduct

JOB ONE-HALF DONE

To Rush Work to Completion Just as Soon as Spring Opens

President Wilson's special from the West was the third train to pass over the new Cumberland Valley Railroad bridge over the Susquehanna river, one-half of which has just been completed, and officially thrown open to traffic north and south this morning. The President, en route to Washington, arrived in Harrisburg from the West at 9:39 o'clock and left the city at 9:55 for the South. President Wilson was on his way to the capital to take up with Secretary Lansing consideration of the Lusitania and Appian cases. After six days spent in the Middle West in urging stronger national defense and describing the grave possibilities of the international situation, he is now about to decide

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NEW LUSITANIA CRISIS RAISED BY TERM "ILLEGAL"

Germany Will Not Disavow Act Under Any Circumstances in Concessions

SITUATION IS SERIOUS No Other Difficulties Remain in Way of Satisfactory Settlement

By Associated Press

Berlin, Feb. 4, via London, 12:20 P. M.—Information reaching the Associated Press to-day indicates that under no circumstances will Germany admit the sinking of the Lusitania was an illegal act. The new instructions forwarded to Ambassador Von Bernstorff, according to this information, contains simply one phrase of the new formula which it is hoped will satisfy Washington without humiliating this country. The suggested sentence is short, consisting of only eight words and does not contain the word "illegal." It represents the extreme limit of Germany's concessions in the Lusitania case.

The view is entertained here that one of the most serious crises of the war has arisen in connection with the Lusitania case and that it is impossible to foresee the outcome from any indications here. The result of the negotiations appears to hinge solely on the one word "illegal."

Seven Letters Raise Crisis In the way of an agreement between the United States and Germany stand only these seven letters, expressing the conception which President Wilson and Secretary Lansing insist must be embodied in the German formula expressing regret for the loss of American lives aboard the Cunarder. The Associated Press is informed positively and authoritatively that such a many cannot and will not designate as illegal the sinking of a liner by any submarine.

Virtually no other difficulties in the way of settlement remain, and the new instructions forwarded to Ambassador Von Bernstorff on Tuesday contain merely the new formula by which it is hoped to satisfy Washington without humiliating this country. Although the suggested sentence, according to reliable version, consists of only eight words and does not contain the word "illegal" or characterize the sinking of the Lusitania as such, it goes to otherwise the furthest extent possible toward meeting American desires.

Situation Is Grave Dr. Alfred Zimmerman, under secretary for foreign affairs, in an interview with the Associated Press expressed the hope that the new formula forwarded to Ambassador Von Bernstorff would offer a possible base of settlement. However, he made no effort to conceal the gravity of the

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SOLE QUESTION IS HOW LONG SHALL APPAM REMAIN

U. S. Meets German Contention That Captured Steamer Is a Prize

Washington, Feb. 4.—Secretary Lansing indicated to-day that the United States had decided to hold that the Prussian-American treaty gov-

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Mrs. Mohr Weeps While Lawyer Closes Her Case

Providence, R. I., Feb. 4.—Mrs. Elizabeth F. Mohr sat within full view of the jury to-day and wept while her attorney, John J. Fitzgerald, declared in his closing argument that the state had failed to show she had hired two negroes, Cecil V. Brown and Henry H. Spellman, to murder her husband, Dr. C. Franklin Mohr. Mr. Fitzgerald's address was the last word in behalf of the woman around whom the state had attempted to establish a murder plot charge. Counsel for Brown and Spellman concluded their arguments yesterday. Attorney General Rice was to close for the state in the afternoon, although it was not expected that the case would reach the jury until to-morrow after the charge by Judge Stearns. This probably will be presented at the opening of the session to-morrow.

HALFAX SHOWS BIG INTEREST IN FARM LIFE TALKS

State Men Answer Many Questions Relating to Scientific Farming

By ROBERT F. GORMAN Halifax, Pa., Feb. 4.—The final session of the Farmers' Institute was held last evening and the speakers sent here by the State Department of Agriculture were loud in praise of the interest shown in the five meetings. During his talk, E. L. Phillips, of Clarion county, took occasion to say that although the attendance in many towns was better than here he had never talked before a more interested audience.

"I have answered and heard answered more questions relating to

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FRONT STEPS OF HARRISBURG PUT CITY ON THE MAP

George A. Shreiner, City Planner, Sees a Chance Enroute to Washington

When the national real estate executive committee special started away from Harrisburg en route to Washington, D. C., a few days ago George A. Shreiner, member of the City Planning Commission, saw a fine opportunity "to help put Harrisburg on the map of America," as he put it. And he jumped at the chance.

The scores of real estate men from Western Pennsylvania and the Middle Western States had crowded to the windows and observation platforms to view the bustling city and the smoothly flowing Susquehanna. As the sweeping curve of the water front appeared Mr. Shreiner saw his chance: "Do you see that right wall and steps, gentlemen?" he asked. "That fronts the city from end to end, a dis-

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Secret Code of U. S. Navy Is Lost From Destroyer

San Francisco, Cal., Feb. 4.—A book containing the secret code of the United States Navy has been lost from the torpedo boat destroyer Hull, and, according to advices received from Washington, the Navy Department has ordered the court martial at Mare Island of Lieutenant Herbert A. Jones, commander of the vessel, and the commanding officer of the Hull, and of Ensign Robert Kirkpatrick, executive officer, in whose joint possession the book was.

If the book cannot be found, or its destruction, unread by outsiders, absolutely demonstrated, it may be necessary, it is said by naval officials here, to provide a complete new system of secret communication for the navy.

THE WEATHER

For Harrisburg and vicinity: Fair to-night and Saturday, with slowly rising temperature; lowest temperature to-night about 16 degrees. For Eastern Pennsylvania: Fair to-night and Saturday; slowly rising temperature; moderate southwest winds. River The Susquehanna river and all its tributaries will probably form to-night and some of the streams are likely to become ice-bound in places. A stage of about 6.4 feet is indicated for Harrisburg on Saturday morning. General Conditions The coast storm has disappeared and high pressure with clear weather now prevails over most of the eastern half of the country. Snow fell along the Atlantic coast Thursday from New Jersey northward and in the Eastern Canadian provinces. It is 2 to 10 degrees colder this morning in the Upper Ohio Valley and in the Middle Atlantic and New England States. Temperature: 8 a. m., 14. Sun: Risen, 7:12 a. m.; sets, 5:26 p. m. Moon: First quarter, February 10, 5:20 p. m. River Stage: 7.1 feet above low-water mark. Yesterday's Weather Highest temperature, 26. Lowest temperature, 20. Mean temperature, 23. Normal temperature, 28.

160 DROWN WHEN STEAMERS COLLIDE SHANGHAI, FEB. 4.—THE JAPANESE LINER DAIJIN MARU WAS SUNK WEDNESDAY NIGHT IN A COLLISION WITH THE STEAMSHIP LINAN AND 160 LIVES WERE LOST. TWENTY-ONE PERSONS WERE SAVED. THE LINAN, BADLY DAMAGED, IS RETURNING TO HONG KONG. THE LINAN IS OWNED BY A CHINA NAVIGATION COMPANY OF LONDON. SHE IS 300 FEET LONG. THE COLLISION OCCURRED AT NIGHT, EIGHTY MILES FROM SWATOW.

BABY GIRL SCALDED Harrisburg.—Goldie Hamen, three-year-old daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Jacob Hamen, 655 South Third street, Steelton, was badly scalded this afternoon while playing at her home. She was treated at the Harrisburg Hospital.

SAY THEY DID NOT REJECT DEMANDS Tamaqua, Pa., Feb. 4.—Anthracite coal operators officially deny that they met in New York and rejected the demands of the men. The meeting was held simply to prepare the statement of explanation which appeared as an advertisement this morning.

PRESIDENT WILSON REACHES WASHINGTON Washington, Feb. 4.—President Wilson returned to the Capitol from his western speaking trip shortly after 1:15 o'clock this afternoon. He read the Berlin dispatches on the Lusitania situation on the train. Members of his party said the situation was decidedly unfavorable.

PRUSSIAN LOSSES ARE 2,337,096 London, Feb. 4.—A dispatch to the Daily Mail from Copenhagen says: "The Prussian casualty list for January contain 36,500 names, bringing the total Prussian losses to 2,337,096. January lists include the names of 24 airmen killed, eleven wounded and twenty made prisoners. The lists also contain the names of five generals killed."

MARRIAGE LICENSES Cletus Leroy Poin and Dorothy May Long, Williamstown. Samuel Bear Reeser, Lemoyne, and Emma Grace Smith, Wormleysburg. Albert R. Currey and Viola Mae Weiser, Pottsville.

Impossible to Understand Awful Horror of Brindisi Sinking, Nurse Says

Athens, Feb. 2, via London, Feb. 4.—"There is not any way to tell you so that you would understand the awful horror of the things that I have seen and lived in the last month," said Marie Lenos, of Irving Park, Chicago, the ghostly sight of hundreds of Serbs falling exhausted and dying from hunger and cold along the road of their retreat through Albania—it does not seem believable.

Clear Paths Through Snow Along the River Park Front Promenades

Broad paths have been cleared in the snow along the top of the river front wall and on the walks in the upper park so that the recent snowfall hasn't interfered with the promenaders or the scores of mill men and factory girls who prefer to use this method of getting to their places of work in the lower end of town. V. Grant Forrer, the new assistant to Commissioner E. Z. Gross, personally supervised the clearing of the paths yesterday. A horse-drawn snow-scraper was used for the purpose. "As soon as the snow permits we expect to inspect the whole system," said Park Commissioner Gross. "Mr. Forrer and I will go over the park and playground property so that we may lay our plans for the Spring work accordingly. It will not be very long, anymore, you know, until we'll be very busy. Mr. Forrer has already taken hold and you can say," added the commissioner smilingly, "that he is already very much on his job."

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