



\$20,000 FIRE IN UNIVERSAL MILL OF CENTRAL IRON

500 Men Thrown Out of Work For Several Days by Early Morning Blaze

WATER SUPPLY POOR

One Line of Hose Extends 1,000 Feet Under Pennsy's Main Line Tracks

Fire, starting early this morning in the electrical equipment of the Universal Mill at the Central Iron and Steel Co., caused almost \$20,000 damages before it was extinguished...

The blaze, which broke out shortly before 4.30 o'clock, was discovered by night workmen. An alarm was sent in from Box 12, Front and Dock streets, but before the firemen arrived the flames spread along the framework of the Universal mill, to the boiler house, destroying much of the framework of that building.

Water Supply Poor Poor water supply hindered the firemen in getting enough streams on the blaze. One line of hose, extending more than 1,000 feet had to be laid under the yard and main line tracks of the Pennsylvania railroad.

All the wires and switchboards of the Universal mill were either totally destroyed or damaged almost beyond repair. High power electric lines supplying the 72-inch and 89-inch plate plants in Mill No. 2 pass through the Universal mill, and they were damaged.

When the alarm for under control was sent in the north side of the Universal mill, and the boiler house were masses of twisted iron rods and shattering, charred timbers and ice, as the water played on the fire, froze in a few minutes.

Start Repairs at Once More than 100 workmen began repairs at once and according to Robert H. Irons, general superintendent of the company, operations at Mill No. 2 will be resumed probably to-morrow morning, and in the Universal mill to-morrow evening.

Several weeks ago a similar blaze started in the electrical equipment of Paxton mill, No. 1 of the steel company, causing thousands of dollars of damage before it was extinguished.

FOOD RESTRICTIONS EFFECTIVE London, Dec. 18.—The first food restriction went into force in England to-day. Hotels and restaurants are now forbidden to serve more than two courses for dinner.

THE WEATHER

For Harrisburg and vicinity: Snow this afternoon and to-night, probably becoming heavy; slightly warmer Wednesday, colder and probably fair; northeast winds, probably gales, shifting to northwest by Tuesday.

River The Susquehanna river and its branches will continue generally icebound and nearly stationary, except local rises and falls may be expected, due to the behavior of ice. A stage of about 3.5 feet is indicated for Harrisburg Tuesday morning.

General Conditions A storm center over Northwest Georgia, is moving northeastward with increasing strength. It has caused general rains in the south Atlantic and East Gulf States, rain and snow in Tennessee and snow in Western North Carolina, Southwest Virginia and in the Ohio Valley; local snows, mostly light, have fallen in the Plains States and the Rocky Mountains. It is 2 to 20 degrees warmer than on Saturday morning over nearly all the country south and east of the Great Lakes.

Temperature: 8 a. m., 16°; Sun: Rises, 7:23 a. m.; sets, 4:42 p. m.; Moon: New moon, December 24, 3:31 a. m.; River stage: 3.5 feet above low-water mark.

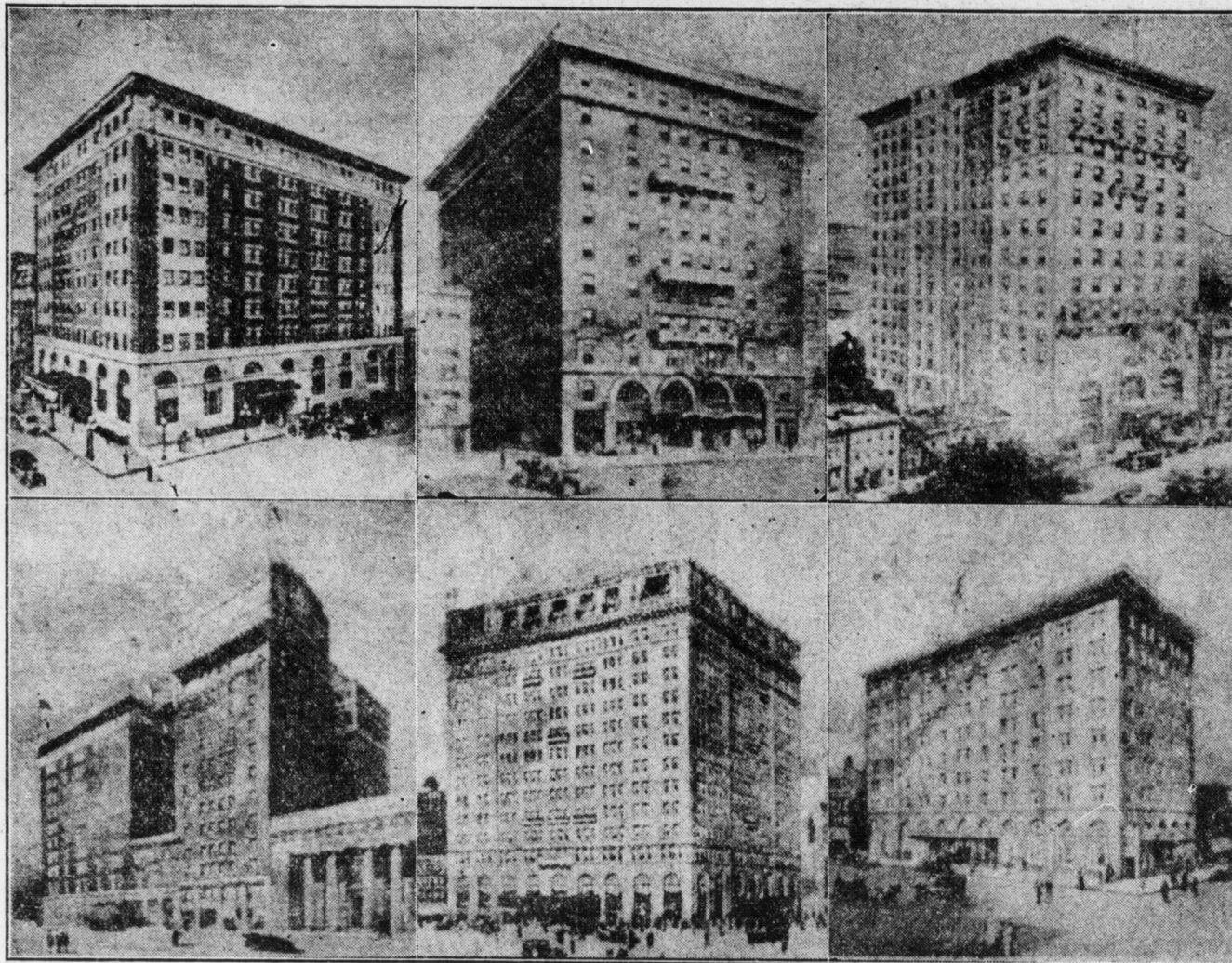
Yesterday's Weather Highest temperature, 32; Lowest temperature, 11; Mean temperature, 22; Normal temperature, 32.



Burn a Candle in the Window on Christmas Eve

In the old legend—a candle burning from the windows on Christmas Eve signifies Good Will and Welcome and Honor to the Christ Child.

UNITED HOTELS CO., PENN-HARRIS LESSEE, MANAGES NOTED HOSTELRIES



A FEW OF THE BIG HOTELS MANAGED BY UNITED HOTELS COMPANY

The United Hotels Company of New York manages some of the very best known hotels in the United States and Canada. A few of the most are seen above. At the top, from left to right, they are: Robert Treat, Newark, N. J.; The Royal Connaught, Hamilton, Ont.; The Utica, Utica, N. Y.; The Jefferson, Peoria, Ill.; The Tutweiler, Birmingham, Ala.; Onondaga Annex, Syracuse, N. Y.

New Harrisburg Hotel Will Be One of Most Comfortable in United States and Present Plans Assure Investors Good Return From Their Money

With the announcement that a lease had been consummated between the Harrisburg Hotel Company and the United Hotels Company of New York for the management of the Penn-Harris million-dollar hotel to be erected in this city and the further statement that distinguished architects had been secured for the designing of the great structure, there has been renewed interest in the proposition that is so near the hearts of most Harrisburgers.

Nothing has so thoroughly reassured all who are interested in this hotel as the choice of the lessee in view of the large experience of the

Rescue Crew of Bark Believed Lost When Line Breaks in Big Storm

New York, Dec. 18.—The twelve men thought to have been lost on the bark Nethtis separated from the tug Garibaldi during a storm off the New Jersey coast on a voyage north from Brazil, were rescued yesterday by the Italian ship Sardegna, which brought them to this port.

Distress signals were observed by the Sardegna's lookout at 10 a. m. yesterday when the Italian vessel, from Mediterranean ports, was some miles off Barnegat, N. J. A lifeboat was lowered and the 12 men on the vessel in trouble, which proved to be the missing Nethtis, were taken off.

The Garibaldi, towing the Nethtis left Maranhao, Brazil, on October 13. Several times the line parted but the tug succeeded in picking up the bark again until, with less than sixty miles of her 6,000-mile voyage still to be completed, the Nethtis was again lost on Friday. This morning the heavy weather made it impossible for the tug to recover her tow and the bark's crew was given up as lost. The Nethtis was being brought north to be converted into a steam vessel.

JUNO EAST AGROUND Brigantine, N. J., Dec. 18.—The Norwegian freight steamer, Juno, from Barry for New York, in ballast which went aground on the outer shoals off Little Beach, N. J., on Saturday was still fast in the sand to-day. Tugs have turned her around and headed her off shore and it was expected that the steamer would be floated on the high tide to-day.

TURKEY PRICES TO BE LOWER Souderton, Pa., Dec. 18.—Jacob S. Moyer, of Franconia, who will offer 1500 Christmas turkeys at public sale here, says prices will be lower than those paid for Thanksgiving birds. He predicts that dressed Christmas turkeys will bring from thirty-five to thirty-eight cents a pound for the best birds.

PROBE CAR SHORTAGE Chicago, Ill., Dec. 18.—Inquiry into an alleged shortage of coal and a car shortage in the Middle West was begun to-day by United States District Attorney Charles F. Clynne, assisted by George W. Anderson, United States District Attorney, at Boston; Myron H. Walker, United States District Attorney, at Grand Rapids, Mich.; members of the Interstate Commerce Commission, and the Illinois Pacific Utilities Commission.

NO COMPROMISE ON SPEAKERSHIP SEEMS PROBABLE

Governor Says Reports Are "Interesting but Not True" When Asked About Them

"That is interesting but not true," was the comment of Governor Martin G. Brumbaugh this afternoon when asked about the report that he and his friends were about to abandon the candidacy of Edwin R. Cox or that they were seeking a compromise on anyone except Richard J. Baldwin.

"I'm satisfied with the prospects," continued the Governor. "This is a contest for humane and progressive

THREE BLIZZARDS COMING: ONE ON CHRISTMAS Schuylkill Haven, Pa., Dec. 18.—Gus Luckenbill, the Schuylkill Haven prophet who predicted the present cold wave to the exact hour, says another northwestern blizzard will sweep the State beginning Tuesday and that there will be another on Christmas. A third, due January 8, will see the entire country blockaded, Luckenbill says.

WHISKY WARMS UP FIRE HORSE AFTER HE FALLS INTO LAKE AT WILDWOOD PARK

"Colonel," retired fire horse on the city park department pension list, spoiled things in general this morning at Wildwood, probably saved the lives of a few people, and got just one pint of whisky for breaking through the ice and taking an unexpected bath in the frozen waters of the lake.

Incidentally, "Colonel's" bath brought forth the following edict from the park department: "No skating at Wildwood."

After the continued cold wave during the last few days, Commissioner

BOYS SNOWBALL CHURCH FOLK, DOZEN ARRESTED A dozen small boys were taken to the police station yesterday afternoon, on charges of throwing snowballs at churchgoers in the vicinity of Fifth and Keiker streets. Lieutenant Page reprimanded the boys and let them go.

TO PROBE HIGH COST Cleveland, O., Dec. 18.—The Federal Grand Jury was to convene here late to-day to begin an investigation of high food and fuel prices in this vicinity and car shortages, particularly with a view to determining whether illegal combinations and conspiracies existed to force up prices of necessities. It was believed that the jurors might go into the milk embargo which the Northern Ohio Producers' Association have declared in an effort to force large dealers here to pay an increase of three cents a gallon. The distributors claimed to-day the embargo had failed and that the normal supply of milk was being received but the producers denied this.

VON MACKENSEN PUSHING AHEAD INTO MOLDAVIA

Advance Forces Enter Last of Unconquered Rumanian Provinces

Some lessening in the intensity of the fighting in Rumania is indicated by to-day's German army headquarters statement which reports the situation on the Rumanian front unchanged.

Field Marshal Von Mackensen's advance has pushed considerably beyond the Buzeu line drawn approximately across the southern boundary of Moldavia, and unofficial advices indicate that the entire front is to be established between Ilimnik Sarat, on the Buzeu-Jassy railway about twenty miles north of Buzeu, and the Danube marshes.

Rumanians Not in Action Current advices declare that the Rumanian army is no longer in action, having been withdrawn for regrouping and retreating to Jassy and Bessarabia under the protection of Russian forces, which now hold the fighting line. The Russians are expected to make their stand on the Ilimnik Sarat line, where strong de-

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WEALTHY SANTAS FILL DENVER'S BIG STOCKING TO TOP

Mayor Speer Announces Gifts Amounting to \$275,000 For City Improvements

Denver, Colo., Dec. 18.—Civic enthusiasm ascended to new heights when 400 citizens of Denver cheered Mayor Speer at the close of an address at the luncheon of the Denver Civic Association at the Albany Hotel during which he announced gifts amounting to \$185,000 from living citizens, and \$90,000 from estates of those who have died.

The first outburst of applause followed the announcement that Joseph A. Thatcher, pioneer resident of Denver, had employed Lorado Taft, a Chicago sculptor to design a statue fountain to cost \$100,000 for the Civic center as a gift to the city. Another demonstration came when the mayor read the names of corporations and citizens that had pledged \$20,000 for a magnificent pipe organ for the city Auditorium, and another when Harry M. Barrett, president of the Denver Rotary Club, announced that that organization would undertake to raise the balance of the \$50,000 to secure

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BONUSES PAID TO FIVE MILLION

More Than \$300,000,000 Distributed to Help Meet High Cost of Living

Washington, Dec. 18.—No fewer than 5,750,000 salaried employes and wage workers will have occasion to rejoice during the holidays over the widespread prosperity prevailing in the United States.

This estimate of the number of persons affected by the increase in salaries and wages, bonuses, profit-sharing

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LINER RUNS THE BLOCKADE

Prinz Friedrich Dashes Through Five British Warships Off Bergen Berlin, Dec. 18.—The German steamship Prinz Friedrich Wilhelm, which has been anchored at Odde, near Bergen, Norway, arrived at Stavanger, according to a dispatch from Christiania to the Frankfurter Zeitung, "after having broken the British blockade outside Bergen." A line of two British destroyers and three torpedo boats, the message adds, was crossed by the German steamer.

The Prinz Friedrich Wilhelm is a twin screw steamship of 17,082 tons. Before the war it was engaged in the service of the North German Lloyd Line between Bremen and New York. When hostilities broke out the vessel was off the coast of Norway and put into Bremen to escape capture. Stavanger is a Norwegian seaport 100 miles south of Bergen.

MANAGEMENT OF LOCAL Y. M. C. A. TAKEN TO TASK

Hockenbury Tells Rotarians Conditions So Bad Another Organization Is Forming

AWAY BEHIND TIMES

Opportunities For Service Here Have Been Neglected For Many Years, He Says

Scoring the management of the Harrisburg Y. M. C. A. for not taking advantage of its opportunities for service, Edison J. Hockenbury, one of the most widely-known Y. M. C. A. workers in the country, speaking before the Harrisburg Rotary club at luncheon to-day, served warning that unless conditions change for the better in the local association another organization that plans to take over the work that it ought to be doing but is not.

"Gentlemen," continued the speaker, "I know whereof I speak. The organization has plans to take over the work of the Y. M. C. A. If the management is not changed to meet conditions already being formed."

Mr. Hockenbury said Harrisburg is one of the great industrial centers of the country, but that the records of the local association show that not an industrial boy is included in its membership.

Blames Management "Shame upon such a management, shame upon all those who are responsible for the failure of the Harrisburg Y. M. C. A. Let them wake up to their duty before it is too late. Your city offers wonderful possibilities for Y. M. C. A. service, and you ought to see to it that the association gets out of the rut into which it has fallen and does the work it has failed to do for the past 20 to 25 years."

Mr. Hockenbury, who is a member of the Harrisburg Rotary Club, conducts Y. M. C. A. campaigns all over United States and Canada. He is one of the big men of the country in that line of work. Last week he turned down a \$10,000 commercial position to continue in it. He was talking to the Rotarians on "Goat Trails"—the paths that men follow because brothers have worn them, and incidentally he said he had no doubt there were some goat trails in Harrisburg city government that might

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MUST DISCOURAGE 'CHIPPY-CHASERS' --JUDGE M'CARRELL

Dauphin Court Serves Notice in Sentencing Benjamin Gougler to Prison

AWAY BEHIND TIMES

"Purity of Young Girls Must Be Protected!" Is Judicial Conclusion

"Chippy-chasers" and "chicken hunters", so called, must be discouraged!

From the Dauphin county bench this morning Additional Law Judge S. J. M. McCarrell served that notice in sentencing Benjamin T. Gougler, convicted of enticement, to pay costs, \$1,000 fine and to serve seven months in jail.

Gougler, who is 56 years old has been a Pennsylvania Railroad conductor more than twenty years. At the continued December term of criminal court last week he was convicted of enticing 13-year-old Josephine Crawford, Highspire, to a Market street hotel for questionable purposes.

Gougler, in his own defense, declared he only attempted to hire a room to which to take the child, for the purpose of giving her "some fatherly advice."

The maximum sentence on a charge

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Chihuahua in Panic, Villa Is Coming Back Christmas

El Paso, Texas, Dec. 18.—Chihuahua City is in a state of panic. Villa has sent a threat to reoccupy the city Christmas day. It is recalled that he fixed September 16 as the date of his first occupation and kept his promise.

The populace is making frantic efforts to leave, but only military trains are operating. General Murguia, in command of the garrison at Chihuahua City, has four wood-burning locomotives, all the rest being oil burners, and there is no oil available.

It is said that Villa is making his headquarters at Creel, on the Orient Railway, 100 miles southeast of El Valle, Pershing's lowest outpost. Villa detachments are holding Santa Rosalia and Jiminez and are advancing on Torreon and Parral.

PENNA. DIVISION HEADQUARTERS RECOMMEND THEIR RETURN

EL PASO, TEX., DEC. 18.—PENNSYLVANIA DIVISION HEADQUARTERS TO-DAY RECOMMENDED TO THE WAR DEPARTMENT THAT ALL PENNSYLVANIA TROOPS BE RECALLED TO THEIR HOMES OR THAT THE POLICY WHICH RETAINS THEM HERE BE EXPLAINED. ANNOUNCEMENT TO THIS EFFECT WAS MADE TO ALL COMMANDING OFFICERS OF THE SEVENTH DIVISION AT A SPECIAL MEETING CALLED. GENERAL CLEMENT, HOWEVER, DID NOT HOLD OUT ANY HOPE FOR FURTHER TROOP MOVEMENTS AFTER THE DEPARTURE OF THE EIGHTEENTH PENNSYLVANIA INFANTRY TO-DAY, UNTIL JANUARY 1 OR LATER, BECAUSE OF THE DIFFICULTY IN SECURING ROLLING STOCK FOR TRANSPORTATION.

Adjutant General Stewart said he knew nothing of the request of the Pennsylvania troops until the preceding dispatch was read to him.

PROCEED WITH MUTUAL HEARING

Harrisburg.—After a warm discussion the Dauphin county court, late this afternoon, decided to proceed with the hearing of the State application for a receivership for the Pension Mutual Life Insurance Company.

Washington, Dec. 18.—At President Wilson's direction the nation-wide investigation into the increased cost of living will continue with all possible vigor. It was stated at the White House to-day that the President considers that the investigation has already accomplished much good. He has not given his approval to any of the bills introduced in Congress.

Williamsport, Pa., Dec. 18.—The large Masonic Temple at Jersey Shore, near here, was destroyed by fire of unknown origin to-day. The loss to the lodge and storekeepers occupying portions of the structure is \$90,000, the heaviest fire loss in the borough's history. Two adjoining buildings were damaged. Aid was summoned from Williamsport, Lock Haven and Avis.

MARRIAGE LICENSES

Albert McDonald Jones, West Decatur, and Lillian Brown, Phillipsburg.