



FORMAL REPLY OF ALLIES TO PEACE PROFFER BEING FRAMED

Further Developments Await Presentation of Answer to Teutonic Overtures; British Public Interested in General Mobilization of Labor For War in Vital Industries

COMPULSORY POWERS FOR LLOYD GEORGE

Voluntary Plan Fails Drastic Methods Will Be Employed; Shipping and Coal Mines to Be Put Under the Same Control as Railroads; May Solve Irish Problem Soon

Further developments in the peace movement in Europe now await the presentation of the formal reply of the entente allies to the proposals of the central powers. David Lloyd George, the British premier, and Premier Briand of France have indicated that this reply will speedily be forthcoming.

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THE WEATHER

For Harrisburg and vicinity: Rain or snow to-night and Thursday; warmer to-night with lowest temperature about 25 degrees. For Eastern Pennsylvania: Snow, with rain or snow in south portion, to-night and Thursday; warmer to-night, south to east winds, increasing.

River The Susquehanna river and all its branches will continue ice-bound and practically stationary. A stage of about 3.5 feet is indicated for Harrisburg Thursday morning.

General Conditions The weather is unsettled over the greater part of the country and light snows have fallen in the Upper Ohio Valley, the Lake Region and generally over the Plains States and Rocky Mountains, with rain in Oregon and in Louisiana, Kentucky and East Tennessee. Temperatures have risen over most of the eastern half of the country, most decidedly in the Ohio and Lower Mississippi valleys, where plus chances of 16 to 24 degrees are reported.

Temperatures over the country between the Rocky Mountains and the Mississippi river have fallen 2 to 4 degrees in the last twenty-four hours. They were far below zero in Minnesota and in Dakota, the lowest reported being 32 degrees below at Williams, at Rapid City it fell to 28 degrees below the lowest of records for December.

Temperature: 7 24 a. m., 16. Sun: Rises, 7:24 a. m.; sets, 4:43 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, 23. Lowest temperature, 15. Mean temperature, 20. Normal temperature, 32.

Burn a Christmas Candle

A single taper burning from the window on Christmas Eve with charming simplicity radiates Good Will and Welcome and honor to the Christ Child.

BALDWIN OPENS FIRE ON ACTIVITY IN FAVOR OF COX

Snyder Investigates Report That Appointments Were Promised For Votes

SPEAKERSHIP FIGHT HOT

Governor Denies He Has Asked Smith to Resign; Reluctant to Remove Anybody

People opposing the selection of Representative Edwin R. Cox, of Philadelphia, as the Republican candidate for speaker of the next House of Representatives, opened fire on Governor Brumbaugh's activities in behalf of the Philadelphiaite to-day.

Baldwin Attacks Governor

Representative Richard J. Baldwin, candidate for speaker against the Governor's choice, made an attack on the Governor in the shape of a signed statement taking him to task for a veto. "I was very much surprised to see the statement in the newspapers as coming from the Governor that he is opposed to capital punishment for the reason that during the last session of the Legislature he vetoed a bill that would have virtually done away with this," said Mr. Baldwin. "Its passage was largely due to my efforts. The bill left to the jury in a murder case to determine whether the sentence should be imprisonment or not and in this naturally meant the abolition of capital punishment in Pennsylvania. But Governor Brumbaugh vetoed the bill when he came before him and now at this late date he is declaring against capital punishment. A similar bill will be presented to the next assembly and I hope the executive will again reverse himself."

Mr. Baldwin declared that he had been visited by some members of the Legislature who had visited the Governor and that he had assured him they would vote for Baldwin. He said he expected to see more.

Commissioner Bowman Who Was Stricken Yesterday at His Desk, Still Unconscious

Although City Commissioner Harry F. Bowman, 1306 Vernon street, had not regained consciousness up until an early hour this morning, reports from his bedside were to the effect that there has been no perceptible change for the worse in his condition. The committee on strikes with, apoplexy while at his desk in the water bureau offices early yesterday afternoon and has not yet regained consciousness except for very brief intervals during the night.

Exports of Print Paper For Year \$40,000,000; One Reason For Jump in Price

Washington, D. C., Dec. 20.—Exports of this country's paper manufactures this year will reach \$40,000,000, doubling those of any previous year, according to figures from the Bureau of Census. The increase is due to the increasing prices for news print paper. News print paper exports this year have reached a total value of \$2,000,000 against \$2,500,000 last year, about half of it going to Latin America. Argentina, which took \$905,000 worth; Cuba was second, with \$365,000; Australia third, with \$292,000; and United Kingdom fourth, with \$223,000.

First Cavalry May Return From Border on January 9 or 10

Adjutant General Stewart last night received a telegram from Major General Clement commanding the Pennsylvania troops at the border, which he gave the following as tentative dates for departure from El Paso of Pennsylvania troops subject to delay, but not to advancement. Sixteenth Infantry and Second Brigade Headquarters, January 3. Signal Troops, January 4. Fourth Infantry and Division Headquarters, January 6 or 8. First Cavalry, January 9 or 10. Ambulance Company No. 1 and Field Hospital No. 1, January 11.

Swam 3 Miles in Ocean to Escape German Service

Chincoteague, Va., Dec. 20.—John Fischer will not fight in the trenches along the German-French front this winter, but instead will have a comfortable job drawing good pay with the Pratt Oyster Company. Fischer is the man who was found swimming three miles in the ocean with nothing on but a coat and vest by Captain William Pruitt, of Franklin City. Fischer talked for the first time in English to-day and told what his name was and that he was a German citizen, but had been in America several years. He declared that an agent of the German government came to him in his home in Baltimore and told him that unless he went to Germany and fought for his fatherland in the trenches he would be killed. Fearing immediate arrest, he quit his work in a Baltimore factory and went on board a Swedish vessel leaving Baltimore. Coming around the capes and realizing what it meant to take his place on the firing line, he jumped overboard and when Captain Pruitt picked him up had about given himself up for lost.

HARRISBURG AND STEELTON FIRE COMPANIES RUSH TO BIG BLAZE AT HIGHSPIRE



The Telegraph photographer snapped a picture of the firemen playing streams of waters on the St. Peter's Lutheran Church. Where the firemen are standing, stood the dwelling of Samuel Orris. It was burned to the ground.

CITY CHRISTMAS TREE IS BIGGEST EVER SAYS FRY

Will Be Brought to Harrisburg This Evening From Clark's Valley

"We've cut the Christmas tree," said Chairman Frank E. Musser, of the Rotary Club Christmas tree committee, this morning when he and a committee of Rotarians came here to town from Clark's Valley, where the tree was felled. "Not only that," he added, "but I have sent a crew of men

Mother and Six Children Found by Hunters in Hut; Deserted by Husband

Atlantic City, N. J., Dec. 20.—Chief Probation Officer Henry Scull, of this city, is investigating the case of a destitute woman and six little children, ranging in age from one to ten years, existing in a dilapidated cabin two and a half miles from McKee City. The husband and father, Planto by name, an Italian, employed in Philadelphia, is sought by detectives on a charge of desertion. While on a hunting trip Lewis Evans, Charles Tilton and Charles Parsons, of this city, came upon the shack and found the seven half-dead human beings huddled together in one small room. It is charged that Planto brought his family to the hut from Philadelphia some time ago, that he visited there several times, but that he made no effort to relieve their distress. He is said to be employed by a well-known Philadelphia firm.

PASSES NIAGARA FALLS BILL

Washington, D. C., Dec. 20.—Senator Wadsworth's resolution to authorize an increase in the amount of water diverted from Niagara Falls to increase the electric power output of plants on the American side of the river was passed to-day by the Senate. The measure aims to increase the American power output to make up for the curtailment of power from the Canadian side, which is being kept at home for munitions plants and other military activities.

800 MINERS PANIC STRUCK WHEN EXPLOSION KILLS TWO

Birmingham, Ala., Dec. 20.—Eight hundred men in the Edgewater mines of the Tennessee Coal and Iron Company, 12 miles from here, stampeded to-day when a gas explosion killed a slate picker and burned another man. It was at first reported that many had been entombed. With the appearance of rescue parties the men were gotten under control and filed out of the openings.

TWO DIE IN WEST

Bruceville, Ind., Dec. 20.—Two miners are dead and fifteen injured as the result of a gas explosion in the Oliphant-Johnson mine near here yesterday. One hundred and fifty men were entombed by the blast, but first aid crews from nearby mines gave early assistance and the workings were cleared in about four hours.

CEASE YOUR WORRY GIRLS! NO "SCRATCHY" CHRISTMAS KISS

Cease your worry girls! Harrisburg's barbers are with you. Hang up that mistletoe and don't worry about shaggy beards and stiff bristles. There will be no scratching in Harrisburg this Christmas when the mistletoe kiss is delivered. All barbers will be open Christmas morning. This means that the hangover beard from Saturday may be eliminated. Barbers would like to

St. Peter's Lutheran Church and Dwelling Destroyed; Whole Town Threatened; Get Water From Frozen Creek

Fire, believed to have been started by an incendiary, completely destroyed the home of Samuel Orris, Penn street, Highspire, and the St. Peter's Lutheran church, early this morning, causing a loss of more than \$12,000, partly covered by insurance. Many other homes in the vicinity, and the borough school house, were threatened for a time because of the lack of water supply and one residence was slightly damaged. Two Steelton and three Harrisburg fire companies were called to aid in fighting the flames. The firemen spent much of their

Germans Claim Allies Have Seized 40,135 Bags of Mail Illegally

Berlin, Dec. 20, by wireless.—From December of 1915 until the last of September, 1916, the British and French naval authorities seized 23,335 mail bags from Germany and 16,800 bound for Germany," says the Overseas News Agency. "Of those from Germany, 17,110 bags of mail were bound for the United States and 6,225 were bound for South America or Spain. Of the mail bags on the way to Germany, 13,857 were from the United States and 2,438 from South America or Spain. The remaining bags were in transit between Germany and Dutch ports. "It is shown by notes inscribed on the few letters which were released and forwarded to Germany that the letters seized were read by both British and French censors, who apparently exchange seized mails, reading the letter to gain a clear insight into trade relations of citizens of the United States and South American countries with Germany. Thus is made possible establishment of the blacklist and other measures. "The German Transportation Gazette states that these seizures are in contravention not only of the International Postal Union treaty, which is valid in war times, but also of the convention concluded at the second conference at The Hague."

Tells How President "Lost His Temper" During Conference on 8-Hour Law

New York, Dec. 20.—How President Wilson "lost his temper" during the conference with the heads of the railroad brotherhoods just prior to the passage of the Adamson eight-hour law, when one of the delegates told him his support of the measure undoubtedly would mean his re-election, was related here last night by Warren S. Stone, president of the Brotherhood of Locomotive Engineers. "That was the only time," said Mr. Stone, speaking before the Society for Ethical Culture, "I ever saw the President lose his temper. He grew very angry and said: 'Don't speak to me in that fashion again. I would rather have history say that I was right on the eight-hour question than be re-elected.'"

Du Pont's Increase Bonus of Salaried Men From 20 to 30 Per Cent. a Month

Wilmington, Del., Dec. 20.—An announcement was made by the E. I. du Pont-de Nemours & Co. to-day to this effect: It has been decided by the executive committee that beginning January 1, 1917, the 20 per cent. cash bonus now paid to salaried employees monthly by special check will be increased to 30 per cent. until further notice. This action affects a large number of salaried employees of whom a major portion live in Wilmington. The action follows an announcement made early this month that the 20 per cent. increase to payroll employees would be continued as part of the regular wages earned. This affects thousands of employees of the company's plants throughout the country.

Y. M. C. A. PLANS TO BROADEN ITS SCOPE OF WORK

Board of Directors Will Make Institution Big Influence For Good in City

At the monthly meeting of the board of directors of the Young Men's Christian Association, postponed from December 11, and held last evening in the association building, it was deemed advisable in view of the recent activities of the board along lines of improvement of methods and expansion

Pays 22 Mills School Tax but Children Are Getting No "Schooling" He Says

When a man pays a school tax of 22 mills on the dollar, shouldn't his children have an opportunity to go to school? J. A. Fisher, of Juniata township, Huntingdon county, was asking that question of State school authorities in Harrisburg to-day. Fisher complains that the Stone Bridge school in his township has not been opened this year and that a dozen pupils have not had any "schooling" for that reason. "The school directors say they won't open the school," said Fisher to the Telegraph. "Under the terms of the school code, they must either open the school or, where the distance to another school is over a mile and a half, furnish transportation to that school. Our school directors say they will do neither. It's four miles to the next schoolhouse—much too far to walk."

NOTICE TO PASTORS AND CHOIR DIRECTORS

All programs for church music which will be presented at services on Sunday, December 24, or on Christmas Day, must be in the Telegraph office not later than 4 o'clock tomorrow afternoon, to insure publication on Saturday, December 23.

UNABLE TO AGREE ON METHODS FOR ENDING SHORTAGE

Shipping and Railroad Representatives Irreconcilable on Reconsignment

WANT HEAVY PENALTIES

Road's Proposals of \$3 to \$7 For Re-routing Cars Is Opposed

Washington, D. C., Dec. 20.—Representatives of the railroads and shipping interests of the country who met here to-day to consider plans for ameliorating the car shortage situation through curtailment of the reconsignment privilege ended their first session with apparently irreconcilable differences of opinion. The railroads' proposals to enforce penalties of from \$3 to \$7 a car for reconsigning was unanimously opposed by the shippers. The plan provides for a \$2 penalty if the car be reconsigned in transit, \$5 if reconsigned within twenty-four hours after reaching its destination and \$7 thereafter. Tariffs embodying the proposed penalties are understood to have been prepared for filing with the Interstate Commerce Commission. Shippers agreed that while penalty might be desirable, it should be applied only to certain commodities, and declared that many small shippers in certain industries, chiefly the lumber

North Carolina Convicts Will Be Paroled So They Can Spend Xmas at Home

Raleigh, N. C., Dec. 20.—So they may spend Christmas at home "trusties" in North Carolina prisons and prison camps will be paroled for three days beginning next Sunday. The convicts will be required only to give their word of honor that they will return to the prisons by noon, December 27. Governor Craig last Christmas paroled more than 800 prisoners under similar conditions and all reported to the authorities at the designated time. It is not yet known how many will be released next week but it is expected the number will be greater than last year.

NEGROES KILL LABOR FOREMAN NEAR NEWVILLE

Beat in His Head With Shovel When He Refuses to Let Them Take Coal

ASSAILANTS IN JAIL

Wanted Fuel to Burn in Their Shacks to Keep Them From Freezing

Carlisle, Pa., Dec. 20.—The sudden drop in temperature to near zero at Newville last night was the chief reason for the murder of William Ury, a foreman in charge of construction work on the Cumberland Valley railroad, at the hands of three negroes. The night was bitter cold and the negroes started to take coal from the contractor's supply to heat up their shacks. When Ury tried to prevent the theft of the coal an argument resulted and one of the negroes hit the foreman over the head with a shovel, causing his death.

Ury was rushed to the Carlisle Hospital, but he died at 2 o'clock this morning. He was 30 years old and came from North Carolina to take charge of the construction job here. It is understood that the man who struck Foreman Ury was James Hamlet. It appears that Charles Hamlet went to the pumping engine and started to take away coal used under the boiler to make fire at the shanty. Ury tried to prevent this and got into a quarrel with Hamlet. William Walton tried to stop the fight, but was unsuccessful. Anthony then came up to the party and struck Ury with the sharp edge of the shovel, cutting through the skull. Ury was first taken to his home at Newville and later brought to the hospital here, where he died. His wife, who has been ill for some time, is now in a serious condition from shock. Coroner J. H. Deardorff, of Mechanicsburg, held an autopsy at 11 o'clock this morning. He has summoned a jury which will meet to-morrow to act on the case. Anthony, Hamlet and Walton are in jail. Anthony charged with murder and Hamlet and Walton with assault and battery.

BOSTON VOTES TO STAY WET

Boston, Dec. 20.—Boston yesterday voted to continue the licensed sale of liquor after the liveliest campaign on the liquor question that the city has had in years. The vote in favor of license was 53,459, with 29,997 against. Last year the vote for license was 46,115, and 31,877 against.

22 CHARGES AGAINST FAUST

Lou. Faust and May Hirsney, were this afternoon held for court in the sum of \$1,000 bail each. They were heard on twenty-two charges of larceny before Alderman James DeShong at the police station. Faust is the man who was arrested by the local police department after numerous burglaries in various parts of the city. The woman was living with Faust as his wife.

OTAWA, CANADA.—THE NAMES OF THE FOLLOWING RESIDENTS OF THE UNITED STATES WERE INCLUDED IN TO-DAY'S CASUALTY LISTS:

Private H. Hempstead, Tacoma, Wash., killed; Private M. Brown, Harrisburg, Pa., missing. Harrisburg.—No Harrisburg man by the name of Brown is known to be in the British army.

GRADE CROSSING ELIMINATED

Harrisburg.—The Public Service Commission has approved the application of the Pennsylvania Railroad for the abolition of a grade crossing over its tracks above Speecheville, where a new State highway is being built on the bed of the old canal. A bridge will take the place of the crossing.

PETROGRAD, DEC. 20, VIA LONDON.—BRITISH ADMIRALTY PER WIRELESS PRESS.—RUSSIAN TROOPS OPERATING IN THE REGION OF THE RIVER BYSTRITSA, IN GALICIA, SAYS THE RUSSIAN OFFICIAL STATEMENT ISSUED TO-DAY, BROKE THROUGH THE BARBED WIRE ENTANGLEMENTS IN FRONT OF THE AUSTRO-GERMAN ADVANCED POSTS YESTERDAY AND PENETRATED INTO BOHORODZANY STATE, SOUTH-WEST OF STANISLAU. THE TEUTONS ARE SAID TO HAVE FLED IN DISORDER LEAVING SOME PRISONERS IN THE HANDS OF THE RUSSIANS.

WORCESTER, MASS., DEC. 20.—ANNOUNCEMENT WAS MADE TO-DAY THAT JESSE C. BURKETT HAD BEEN ENGAGED AS COACH FOR THE HOLY CROSS COLLEGE BASEBALL TEAM NEXT SEASON. BURKETT FORMERLY PLAYED IN THE NATIONAL AND AMERICAN LEAGUE.

MARRIAGE LICENSES

George Washington Baltimore, city, and Belle Walker, Steelton, Phillip Abel and Maria Hamenstein, city.