



HIST! TURKEYS SELL FROM 10 TO 19 CENTS POUND!

High Price of Christmas Dinner Takes Sudden Drop After Wreck of Car

12 KILLED; 125 LIBERATED

Train Hands and Express Company Employes Kept Busy Chasing 'Em

An Adams Express car, on a siding at Third and Mulberry streets, loaded with turkeys and Christmas merchandise, figured in an early morning wreck. A dozen turkeys were killed and about 25 more fluttered about until they found a roost and were later gathered in by train hands and express company employes.

The accident happened about 5:10 this morning. The express car was standing too far out on the siding, and was sidwiped by a Baltimore train. No one was injured. Traffic was blocked for two hours until the wreck crew righted the car and gathered up the merchandise. Most of the express goods were consigned to Harrisburg.

Four Fires in 14 Hours; Loss From \$15 to \$1,000

Four fires in fourteen hours with losses varying from \$15 to \$1,000 have been the city's fire record since yesterday afternoon.

Paper dropping on a lighted oil stove started a fire at the home of A. H. Mohler, 244 Hummel street, at 6:20 o'clock this morning. The fire was not reported until thirty minutes later and was then gaining rapid headway. The weather boarding of the adjacent house, the home of J. Frank Sourbeer, started blazing and, spreading over the entire upstairs, did damage estimated at \$1,000 before it was extinguished.

An alarm from Box 221 was rung in this morning at 6:30. A passing newsboy noticed the fire of the Plaza Hotel blazing and rang the call. The fire was extinguished before doing any damage.

Two fires yesterday afternoon, both caused by oil stoves, did small damage. The home of Mrs. John Daly, 167 Summit street, was damaged to the extent of \$25. The home of George D. Rheem, 1903 Wood street, was also slightly damaged.

THE WEATHER

For Harrisburg and vicinity: Unsettled, probably light rain or snow and slightly colder to-night with lowest temperature about 26 degrees; Friday, fair and colder.

For Eastern Pennsylvania: Local rains or snows to-night; slightly colder; Friday, fair; gentle to moderate winds.

The Susquehanna river and its tributaries will remain generally icebound and nearly stationary. A stage of about 35 feet, to ice surface, is indicated for Harrisburg Friday morning.

General Conditions: The center of the storm from the West has moved from Arkansas to the mouth of the Mississippi river in the last twenty-four hours. It is causing unsettled weather over nearly all the eastern half of the country and rain has fallen generally in the southern, rain and snow in central and northern districts east of the Mississippi river in the last twenty-four hours.

Temperatures: 8 a. m., 32. Sun: Rises, 7:24 a. m.; sets, 4:03 p. m. Moon: New moon, December 24, 3:20 p. m.

Yesterday's Weather: Highest temperature, 28. Lowest temperature, 15. Mean temperature, 22. 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.

FOUR PROMINENT MEN DIE WITHIN SIX-HOUR PERIOD

City Solicitor Daniel S. Seitz, Robert H. Thomas, of Mechanicsburg; Dr. J. W. Warren, Assistant to State Health Commissioner, and James H. Lutz, City's Oldest Plumber, Succumb

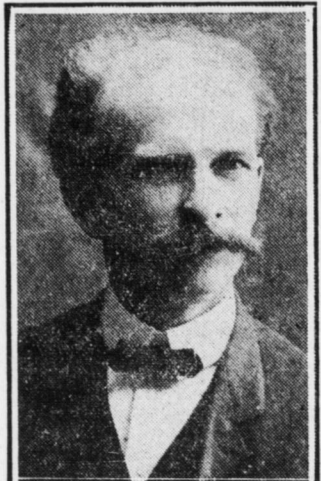
ALL WIDELY KNOWN THROUGHOUT HARRISBURG AND CENTRAL PENNA.

Within a few hours of each other, four men, prominent in the city and throughout Central Pennsylvania, died last night.

They were Daniel S. Seitz, city solicitor; Robert H. Thomas, Jr., Mechanicsburg, one of the best-known men in Pennsylvania and long prominent in the work of the Grangers' Association; Dr. J. W. Warren, assistant to State Health Commissioner Dixon, and James H. Lutz, Sr., the oldest plumber in the city and one of the oldest in the State.



DANIEL S. SEITZ.



ROBERT H. THOMAS, JR.

Funeral of Solicitor Seitz, Dead at Overview Home, Saturday Afternoon

Attorney Daniel S. Seitz, city solicitor of Harrisburg who more than 29 years, died at 4:30 o'clock yesterday afternoon at his country home at Overview, just north of Enola.

Since late in October Mr. Seitz had been seriously ill from the effects of a cerebral blood clot which suddenly developed while he was watching the Yale University bicentenary ceremonies in the great Bowl at New Haven. Mr. Seitz's son, Robert Wilcox Seitz is a junior at that institution and the solicitor and his wife had visited the Connecticut city while the former

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James H. Lutz, City's Oldest Plumber, Dies After Long Illness

James H. Lutz, oldest plumber in the city, and one of the oldest plumbers in the State, died yesterday at his home, 228 South Fourteenth street. He was the son of Henry Lutz, pioneer plumber of the State, who conducted a business at 422 Market street.

Death was due to a complication of diseases. Mr. Lutz had been in ill health for several years, retiring from active business about two years ago. He was one of the oldest members of the Perseverance Lodge, F. and A. M., having joined the lodge fifty years ago.

He is survived by three sons, Harry S. Lutz, Fred F. Lutz and Jas. H. Lutz, also a plumber; six daughters, Mrs. Thomas Stevens, Mrs. Gertrude Davis, Beattie, Minnie, Mae and Marjorie Lutz. Also eight grandchildren and one great-grandchild.

Funeral services will be held Saturday afternoon at 2 o'clock from the home. The Rev. J. Bradley Markward, pastor of the Bethlehem Lutheran Church, will have charge of the services. Masonic burial services will be observed at the Harrisburg cemetery.

Bonus of Month's Salary to All W. P. Railroaders

New York, Dec. 21. — A bonus of one month's salary to all employes whose salaries do not exceed \$1,800 a year, without discrimination as to membership in the railroad brotherhoods of trainmen was voted to-day by the directors of the Union Pacific Railroad.

MRS. MARY HAMMELBAUGH

Mother of School Board Secretary Dies, Aged 82. Mrs. Mary Hammelbaugh, aged 82 years, died this morning at her home, 1427 North Second street.

Mrs. Hammelbaugh was the widow of Philip J. Hammelbaugh and the mother of D. D. Hammelbaugh, secretary of the School Board, and of Miss Katherine Hammelbaugh, office secretary at the Technical high school. Other survivors are two more daughters, Mrs. James H. Collins and Mrs. Margaret White, both of this city; a sister, Mrs. Samuel Kline, and a brother, William Hinkle, of Concordia, Kansas.

Funeral services will be held from the home Saturday afternoon at 2 o'clock. The Rev. E. E. Curtis, pastor of Westminster Presbyterian Church, will officiate. Burial will be made in the Harrisburg cemetery.

Robert H. Thomas, Long Prominent in Affairs of Cumberland County, Dead

Mechanicsburg, Pa., Dec. 21.—Robert H. Thomas, Jr., editor and proprietor of the Daily Journal, the Farmers' Friend and the Saturday Journal, one of the most prominent known editors in the state, died at his home in West Main street last evening after several days' illness of pneumonia in his fifty-fifth year.

Although it was known that Mr. Thomas was in a serious condition, his death came as a shock to the community, where he had spent his entire life. He had a wide circle of friends and a genial disposition and was an ideal home maker.

Born and reared in Mechanicsburg, Mr. Thomas was the grandson of the

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State Health Assistant Fatally Stricken While at Office in Capitol

Two hours after he was stricken in his offices at the Capitol Dr. Joseph W. Warren, assistant to Dr. Samuel G. Dixon, State Health Commissioner, died at 10 o'clock last evening at the Keystone Hospital.

Both Drs. Warren and Dixon were at their desks when the former sustained his fatal attack, although the latter was seated in his own office adjoining Dr. Dixon's.

Dr. Warren was 67 years old. He came here four years ago to succeed Dr. Benjamin Lee, having served prior to that time in the chair of physiology at Bryn Mawr College.

During his summer vacations while at Bryn Mawr, Dr. Warren always went to the Isle of Shoals off the Massachusetts coast. In that little summer village he was the "town doctor." Dr. Warren was a fellow of the College of Physicians of the Harrisburg Club, the Arts Club of Philadelphia, Players' Club of New York, St. Botolph's, Boston, and a number of other organizations.

The assistant State health chief was unmarried and arrangements will be completed to-day for taking his body to relatives for burial.

Americans and All Other Foreigners Are Reported to Be Fleeing Torreón

San Antonio, Texas, Dec. 21. — An unofficial report from Eagle Pass, Texas, last night was to the effect that British Consul O'Hea had departed from Torreón with two trains carrying all the Americans and other foreigners. The report says they left Torreón for the south, hoping to reach Zacatecas thence to make their way to San Luis Potosí and to the border through Monterrey.

Christmas Hours For Barber Shops Announced

The following letter was given to-day to the Telegraph by E. L. Wagner, secretary of the Harrisburg local of the Barbers' Union, regarding Christmas hours in the barber shops: "I wish to call your attention to the fact that the rules of the barbers are the same all over the city and that the shops of the city will open at 7:30 Monday morning and close at 10 a. m. as the barber wants to be off on Christmas the same as every other craft."

DANGER OF U. S. BEING DRAWN INTO WAR PRIME REASON FOR DEMAND TO DISCUSS TERMS

REQUEST MADE BECAUSE WE ARE DRAWING NEARER VERGE OF WAR--LANSING

Washington, Dec. 21.—Secretary Lansing to-day authorized the following statement:

"The reasons for the sending of the note were as follows: "It isn't our material interest we had in mind when the note was sent, but more and more our own rights are becoming involved by the belligerents on both sides, so that the situation is becoming increasingly critical."

"I mean by that, that we are drawing nearer the verge of war ourselves and therefore we are entitled to know exactly what each belligerent nation seeks in order that we may regulate our conduct in the future."

"No nation has been sounded. No consideration of the German overtures or of the speech of Lloyd George was taken into account in the formation of the document. The only thing the overtures did was to delay it a few days. It was not decided to send it until Monday. Of course, the difficulties that face the President were that it might be construed as a movement toward peace and in aid of the German overtures. He specifically denies that that was the fact in the document itself."

Secretary Lansing further said: "The sending of this note will indicate the possibility of our being forced into the war. That possibility ought to serve as a restraining and sobering force safeguarding American rights. It may also serve to force an earlier conclusion of the war. Neither the President nor myself regard this note as a peace note; it is merely an effort to get the belligerents to define the end for which they are fighting."

"FABRICATIONS," EXTENSION OF UNDERSEA WAR IS THREATENED

London, Dec. 21. — The Exchange Telegraph Company's Amsterdam correspondent quotes the following from the Berlin Tegelsche Rundschau regarding the reference made in the House of Commons by Andrew Bonar Law, chancellor of the exchequer, to the case of Captain Blaikie of the steamer Caledonia, taken prisoner by the Germans:

The German government has not formally taken the position that England's armed commercial and passenger steamers are men-of-war, being armed auxiliary cruisers. The promise given to America—which has always hindered our submarine warfare—that these vessels, before being torpedoed must be stopped and be examined, falls to the ground. They are warships and must be treated as such, even when Americans are on board.

We now have facilities for extending the undersea boat war, which all sensible people have long recognized as unavoidable and indispensable. This is the best reply to Premier Lloyd George's refusal of our peace offer.

Small Newspaper Publishers to Be Cared For by Federal Trade Body

Washington, D. C., Dec. 21.—Members of the Federal Trade Commission said yesterday that at least a week would elapse before complete answers were received to inquiries sent to ascertain if an actual news-print paper shortage exists. When the information is returned paper manufacturers, jobbers and newspaper publishers will be called for a final conference to discuss a distribution plan proposed by manufacturers to insure small publishers a proper paper supply.

Some trade commission officials who have spent months on the investigation of the paper situation believe that panic among publishers who feared their wants would not be supplied contributed to the high prices charged small publishers buying their paper in the open market.

French Armored Cruiser Cuts Steamship in Two

Paris, Dec. 21. — The sinking of an Italian steamship in a collision with the French armored cruiser Ernest Renan is reported in a dispatch from Marseilles. The steamship, which was taking Italian soldiers home on leave, was cut in two. Several persons, most of them passengers, were drowned. The number of survivors is given as 120.

WHO WILL HELP JOHN YATES PLAY SANTA CLAUS TO THESE?

To the Editor of the Telegraph: The approach of Christmas finds us in great need of funds to use to bring cheer into the homes of the folks who are in distress. There are homes where the husband is dead, homes where he has deserted, and homes where sickness or other misfortune has deprived the breadwinner of all these homes there are children for whom the Associated Aid Societies has taken the responsibility of care and for whom the society must care for some time to come. Mrs. S. is a widow with four small children; she has tuberculosis and must go to a sanatorium after Christmas and her children must be taken care of while she is gone. She has been assured of that but her Christmas can be made happier in knowing that some of the money for that care has begun to come in. Mrs. M., a widow, has six children and has to watch very carefully every expenditure; her Christmas would be carried far beyond the day itself in knowing that besides the dinner Christmas friends had provided the means—and it is a small amount—to keep the children well clothed during the winter months. There are many stories we might tell you besides but these will suffice to suggest opportunities to make Christmas a real expression of joy and gladness for Christmas day and for many days after. Small amounts mean bread and warmth for little children. Sincerely, JOHN YATES, Executive Secretary.

Nation's Increasingly Critical Position as a Neutral, One of Moving Considerations in Wilson's Dispatch of Notes to All Belligerents Urging Them to Consider Way of Ending Conflict

AMERICA'S RIGHTS BEING MORE AND MORE INVOLVED; ENTITLED TO KNOW PURPOSES

Lansing Says Country Has Right to Know What Each Hostile Nation Wants "in Order That We May Regulate Our Conduct in the Future" as "U. S. Is Drawing Nearer the Verge of War"

Washington, Dec. 21.—The danger of the United States itself being drawn into the war, by reason of its increasingly critical position as a neutral, was one of the moving considerations in President Wilson's dispatch of notes to all the belligerents urging them to discuss terms of peace.

Secretary Lansing, to-day authorized the statement that the material rights of the United States had not been the paramount consideration. America's rights, he said, were being more and more involved by the belligerents and as the United States was "drawing nearer the verge of war," it was entitled to know exactly what each belligerent seeks "in order that we may regulate our conduct in the future."

President Quiet. At the White House no effort was made to lessen the importance of Secretary Lansing's statement. President Wilson would make no comments. It was evident that he knew its contents. President Wilson himself on several occasions has pointed out the danger of the United States becoming involved in the war. Because of violations of American rights, he has felt that the United States had a very difficult role to fill. Last February, while touring the

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AMERICAN STEAMER HITS MINE

Nantéz, France, Dec. 21, via London.—The American steamship Kansas has been damaged by striking a mine. An effort is being made to remove part of her cargo and take her to dock. The Kansas sailed from Boston, December 6, for St. Nazaire. She is owned by the American-Hawaiian steamship company of New York.

VILLA ABOUT TO ATTACK TORREON

El Paso, Tex., Dec. 21.—Five Americans and one other foreigner who arrived here to-day from Parral by way of Torreón reported Torreón about to be attacked by Villa forces.

FAVORABLY REPORT HIGH COST PROBE

Washington, Dec. 21.—In reporting favorably Representative Boland's resolution to have the House direct the Federal Trade Commission to make an exhaustive inquiry into the high cost of living, the Judiciary Committee to-day expressed the opinion that only a thorough investigation into production, marketing and storage would solve the problem.

New York, Dec. 21.—New Minimums were made in the final hour, with increased heaviness in rails The closing was weak. In the most memorable market since the war began active stocks suffered further shrinkage to-day of 5 to 15 points, liquidation embracing shares of all description. Total sales were estimated at 2,700,000 shares, an aggregate only a few times exceeded.

CARRANZISTAS ANNIHILATED

Laredo, Tex., Dec. 21.—Fifty Constitutionalists soldiers constituting a garrison at Bocas, near San Luis Potosí, were attacked by Villa followers, Sunday, and annihilated. \$100 GIFT ECHO OF LOCHIEL WRECK. An echo of the Lochiel wreck was heard to-day when the Harrisburg Hospital received the following letter from a Pittsburg woman whose husband and son were injured in the Lochiel wreck, and both later died in the hospital:

"Kindly accept the enclosed check for \$100, in memory of my husband, John Wesley Anderson, and my son, Frank Anderson, who were so tenderly cared for in your hospital twelve years ago. "MRS. ARDELLA M. ANDERSON."

MARRIAGE LICENSES

Edward F. Remberger and Esther F. Wagner, Millersburg; John Kerper Longenecker, Highspire, and Kathryn Elizabeth Mickey, city; Buford McClellan Ambrose and May Ella Fallor, city; George W. Shutt and Mary E. Remberger, Halifax.