



# GERMANY PROPOSES MEETING OF BELLIGERENT DELEGATES TO DISCUSS BASIS FOR PEACE

## ALL PRODUCTION RECORDS BROKEN DURING YEAR

10 to 40 Per Cent. Increases in Output Reported by Big Mills

## GOOD PROSPECTS AHEAD

Orders Piled High on Desks Will Keep Plants Running For Months

Ten to forty per cent. increases in output, wage increases in a number of instances ranging from ten to thirty per cent., completion of big improvements and new plants and continued operation during the entire year are the reports of officials in practically all the industrial interests in Harrisburg and vicinity give as they declare that the year 1916 has been unequalled in production and has been a record one for the city.

Many of the managers and officials say from present indications, 1917 will prove another record breaker with ten to forty per cent. increases in output over the record of the year just closing.

The hum and throb of machinery in practically every plant has not stopped once during the year, and will continue indefinitely, it is believed. Orders in some instances which will not be delivered for the next six months are lying on desks in the offices of many of the plants. Prosperity everywhere is in evidence, millions of dollars have been paid out, and millions received for the goods manufactured. From baby shoes to big shells for foreign governments, to be used in the European war.

Never before in the history of Harrisburg has the record been equalled.

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## Coleman Will Contest in House Election of Mr. Kelley From Thirtieth District

Pittsburgh, Pa., Dec. 26.—Representative W. H. Coleman, who on the face of the returns, was defeated for Congress in the Thirtieth Pennsylvania district, to-day gave notice in common pleas court that he would contest the election of Mr. Clyde Kelley, Democrat. Mr. Coleman asked that he court order all ballot boxes brought to the courthouse and placed under guard, declaring that if the votes had been properly counted he would have been elected by no less than five hundred. The court took the request under consideration.

## Car Runs Away When Motorman Slips to Road While Stamping Out Fire

Fire in a Camp Hill car of the Valley Railways this morning caused a bit of excitement and might have resulted in serious injuries to the passengers but for the foot work of the motorman.

A short circuit started the blaze on the front platform and the motorman, J. C. Stoner, attempted to stamp it out he slipped from the platform to the road. Without a motor-man to throw on the brakes the car began to run away. When Stoner saw that the car was heading toward the down grade of a big hill he sprinted alongside and yelled to the conductor to pull off the trolley and throw on the brakes. The car was stopped just in time to prevent a possibly serious accident.

## WOMAN KNOCKED DOWN BY RUNAWAY HORSE

Mrs. W. C. Liddick, 1009 North Seventh street, was injured about the head this morning when knocked down in a runaway accident. A horse hitched to a Standard Baking Company wagon, was frightened when an engine blew off steam and ran up Seventh street. An automobile belonging to Vandel Maheck, butcher, at 522 South Cameron street, was standing near Foster street. The runaway team crashed into the automobile, knocking down Mrs. Liddick, who was purchasing meat at the rear of the auto. The wagon was badly damaged, and the front axle of the automobile bent. In the crash the horse became entangled in the lines and was stopped.

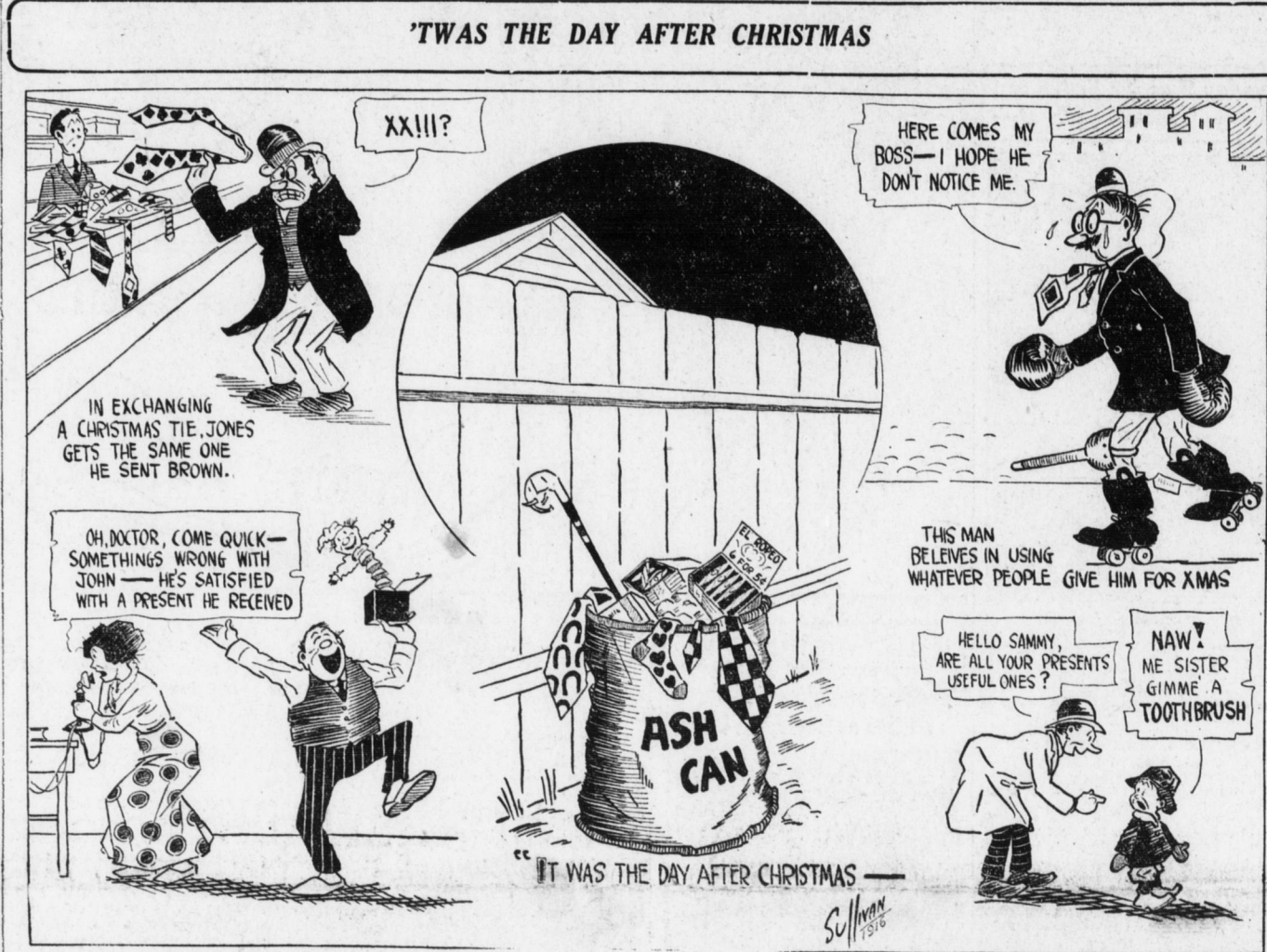
## THE WEATHER

For Harrisburg and vicinity: Increasing cloudiness, followed by snow to-night and on Wednesday; slightly warmer to-night, with lowest temperature about 28 degrees.

For Eastern Pennsylvania: Snow to-night and Wednesday; slightly warmer to-night in western portion; warmer Wednesday in east and south portions; east winds increasing.

The Susquehanna river and all its tributaries will remain nearly stationary and generally frozen, except local changes in stages will probably occur, due to the behavior of ice. A stage of about 4.5 feet to the surface of the ice is indicated for Harrisburg Wednesday morning.

General Conditions A storm, probably an offshoot from the low pressure system that covers the Northwest, Saturday morning, has passed over the Lake Region and thence to the North Atlantic coast since last report, causing light snow in north districts east of the Mississippi river. It has caused rain and snow in the last twenty-four hours over most of the West. Temperatures are high in south, moderate in central and slightly below normal in north districts.



## CONFERENCE IN NEUTRAL CITY IS ASKED AT ONCE

Meeting of Neutral Place Suggested by Imperial Government as Best Way to End War and Create a Basis For the Establishment of Lasting Peace

"WILL BE READY TO COLLABORATE WITH U. S. IN THIS EXALTED TASK"

Answer of Teutons to Wilson's Proposal Is Handed to Ambassador Gerard and Embodies Reply of Austria-Hungary, Bulgaria and Turkey; Shows Desire to End Conflict

Berlin, Dec. 26.—Wireless to Sayville.—Germany and her allies—Austria-Hungary, Bulgaria and Turkey—to-day replied to the note of President Wilson in which he asks that the belligerent nations state the aims for which they were fighting.

The proposal is made by the central powers that a conference of the delegates of all the belligerents be held immediately in a neutral city. The task of preventing future wars, the official statement says, can be begun only after the end of the present struggle.

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## VILLA CUTS OFF CARRANZA FROM NORTHERN MEXICO

Severs Railroad After Capture of Torreón; Foreigners Are All Safe

Washington, Dec. 26.—Villa is giving protection to those foreigners who remained in Torreón after he took the city, according to official advices to the State Department to-day, which added that the party of foreigners who fled with British Consul O'Hea before the capture of the city, were blocked at San Luis Potosí because the bandits had cut the railroad line northward toward Saltillo.

The Villa band thus have cut Carranza's communication by rail with the border. Army men take it as part of Villa's plan of campaign. They now expect Villa to send a force toward either Saltillo or Monterey while the Cedillo brothers, operating further east complete the division of north and south by interrupting traffic over the railway between San Luis Potosí and Tampico, the line over which a great part of the oil for the Carranza troops is moved. Philip M. O'Keefe, American manager of a hotel in Mexico, was arrested a few days ago on the charge of seditious activities. The State Department has ordered an investigation.

THOUSANDS BURNED CANDLES Starting at dusk Christmas Eve and continuing throughout the night, candles burned in windows of thousands of homes in Harrisburg and vicinity. It is an old-time Christmas Eve custom in welcoming the "New-born King," revived by the Telegraph. No fires occurred as a result of the city-wide candle burning, it being easily possible to arrange the lights so as to eliminate all danger.

## JERE S. BLACK, LAWYER, DIES

Democratic Leader Succumbs at Baltimore Hospital After Two Operations

Baltimore, Md., Dec. 26.—Jere S. Black, for many years one of the foremost citizens of York, died Saturday morning at Johns Hopkins Hospital following an illness of about five weeks from intestinal trouble. Mr. Black came to the hospital the middle of November, and it was decided that an operation was necessary to save his life. Dr. J. M. N. Finney was attending him. He failed to rally

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## COUNCIL IGNORES CITYWIDE DEMAND FOR A BATHHOUSE

\$5,000 Item Is Lopped Out in 1917 Budget Appropriation; Final Action Saturday

City Council this morning passed on first reading the municipal budget ordinance for 1917 providing for a total expenditure of \$755,882.55 and the tax levy measure fixing the rate at nine mills.

In 1916 the budget measure called for an expenditure of \$599,379.82 and the tax rate for a nine and a half mill levy. The expense of the water department operation is included in the general budget.

Council for the first time used the surplus revenues of the water department for general revenues and despite the fact that a total net \$44,000 additional is applied from this new source, the City Commissioners used all of it and cut from the park estimates the only particular item which so many thousands of Harrisburg folks had been hoping for since the possibilities were first discussed.

Knock Out Bathhouse This was the \$5,000 item for the establishment of a municipal bathhouse and bathing beach on Hargest's Island. Final action on the budget and tax levy measures will be taken Saturday.

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\$25,000 CHRISTMAS GIFT TO 210 PAPER MILL WORKERS York, Pa., Dec. 26.—The P. H. Glatfelter Company has distributed \$25,000 to 210 employees of the Spring Grove paper mills. The money appeared in the pay envelopes as a Christmas gift.

Several of the older employees received enough to buy automobiles.

## EDUCATORS GET HERE TOMORROW

Important Subjects Will Be Discussed at Annual Convention in City

Physical education, teachers' pensions, preparedness, rural sanitation and more money for the schools of the State are the big themes for discussion at the three days of the annual convention of the State Educational Association which will be opened to-morrow afternoon in Harrisburg. The enrollment is expected to reach a couple of thousands and to break records and unusual interest has been aroused.

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## 5,500 RUMANIANS ARE CAPTURED AT POINT OF BAYONET

Teutonic Allies Renew Drive by Taking Filipecht on Railroad

Berlin, Dec. 26.—By wireless to Sayville.—In Rumania 5,500 more prisoners have been taken by the Teutonic allies, the war office announced this morning.

The town of Filipecht, on the railroad between Buzeu and Braila was captured at the point of the bayonet. Strongly entrenched Russian positions on both sides of the village were stormed, the statement says.

OUT OF PRISON AFTER 21 YEARS HE FACES ANOTHER TERM Kansas City, Mo., Dec. 26.—When John M. Leonard, an attorney, completed his twenty-first year in prison since 1892 and was released from the Federal prison at Leavenworth, Kansas, he had visions of a Christmas in the open. There remained one more charge, however, still unsatisfied and Leonard in custody of federal officers is to-day enroute to New York to stand trial on a charge of robbing the post office, at Fishkill, of \$300.

SNOW IN LOS ANGELES Los Angeles, Cal., Dec. 26.—Snow fell to-day over part of the city for the sixth time in the forty years since the Weather Bureau was established here. It melted almost as rapidly as it fell. Foothills in this section were topped with white.

ADMIRAL DEWEY SEVENTY-NINE Washington, D. C., Dec. 26.—Admiral Dewey was 79 years old to-day and Secretary Daniels, and his council and most of the high ranking officers of the Navy made their congratulations in person at his office.

## ALL WHITE MEAT TURKEY! WHAT HO!

John Newton, Recently of Cambria County, Out-Burbanks Burbank

When John Newton, a well-known old farmer, lived along the William Penn Highway at Munday's, Cambria county, he grew famous for many inventions. He was one of the first, by the way, who constructed a mechanism whereby a Ford car would do the churning, milking and other chores about the place. Now Newton has out-classed previous efforts and grown an all-white-meat turkey.

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## OTHER NEUTRALS MAY FOLLOW U. S. AND SWISS LEAD

Holland, Spain, Scandinavian Countries and Pope Expected to Take Action

Washington, D. C., Dec. 24.—Indications accumulated in official quarters here to-day that the action of Switzerland in supporting the recent peace move of the United States may be followed by similar action on the part of other European neutrals.

Holland, Spain, the Scandinavian countries and the pope, it was said, are expected to take some action in the near future.

Dr. Paul Ritter, the Swiss minister here, will see President Wilson within a few days to discuss the peace situation. He called at the White House to-day to gather information on how the Swiss peace note had been received in this country in order to send a report to his government.

Dr. Ritter was concerned over newspaper reports that the action of the Swiss government was construed as support for the cause of the central powers. He told Secretary Tumulty the action of his government was solely in the interest of peace.

Messages from individuals and organizations in Holland and other neutral European nations continued to arrive at the White House to-day in large numbers. All commended the President for his recent note and indicated that strong pressure was being brought on the governments of European neutrals to take action.

## CONNELLSVILLE PAPERS HAVE BOOSTED PRICE

Connellsville, Pa., Dec. 26.—Two evening papers here, the News and the Courier, announced that on account of the increased cost of paper the price would be raised from one cent to two cents on January 1.

Headquarters for the speakership boom of Representative Edwin R. Cox, of Philadelphia, were opened at the Commonwealth Hotel to-day by Mr. Cox, Congressman John R. K. Scott and Frank Morrison, of Philadelphia, and the Baldwin headquarters across the hall will be opened late to-day.

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\$25,000 FIRE IN PITTSBURGH Wilkes-Barre, Pa., Dec. 26.—The hotel of Anthony Schultz and two adjoining houses in the center of Pittston, near here, were burned to-day. The blaze threatened to spread to other places in the business district but was checked when the fire departments of the surrounding towns came to the aid of the city force. The damage is estimated at \$25,000.

TRUCK KNOCKS OVER CITY TREE Harrisburg.—A large truck belonging to Witman, Schwarz and Company late this afternoon skidded against the Municipal Christmas tree at Front and Market streets, knocking it over. In the fall the tree tore the electric wiring loose. The tree has been so badly damaged that it will be impossible to repair it.

TWO KILLED, TWO HURT IN WRECK Wilkes-Barre, Pa., Dec. 26.—The Rev. John Edwards, a Presbyterian minister at Mountain Top, near here, and Robert Dunlap, an engineer, were killed, and two railroad men injured in a collision of two engines on the mountain between Mountain Top and Ashley, to-day. The injured were rushed to hospitals in this city. Dr. Edwards was recently ordained. Why he was riding on the engine has not been explained.

BIG ALLIED FLEET OFF UNITED STATES Boston, Dec. 26.—The presence on this side of the Atlantic of a formidable fleet of allied warships was indicated definitely to-day. The vessels are known officially as commerce protectors. They are heavily armed and disguised.

CHILDREN SUBSCRIBE TO WAR LOAN Berlin, Dec. 26, by Wireless.—Schoolchildren of Berlin subscribed 1,900,000 marks to the fifth German war loan according to the latest figures made public, says the Overseas News Agency.

MARRIAGE LICENSES Jefferson Davis Frey, Steelton, and Mary Frances Matthews, Speersville. Roy William Penn and Grace Elizabeth Stewart, York. Oscar H. Werts and Esther Miller, Fishersville. Charles Henry Hushey and Zelma Lee Williams, Dillsburg.