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GERMAN AGENTS AT THE HAGUE **MAKE PLANS FOR** PEACE MEETING

Already Preparing For Hotel Accommodations For Their Delegates to Proposed Con-

SWEDEN BACKS NOTE OF U. S. TO KAISER

English Newspapers See Eagerness For End of War in Suggestion of Germany For Early Meeting

London, Dec. 27.—11.44 A. M.—A dispatch from the Hague to the Exchange Telegraph Company says German agents have arrived at the Hague to make preliminary arrangements for German delegates to the peace conference suggested in the German reply to President Wilson's note.

The dispatch follows: "In view of the preparatory meeting of delegates to a peace conference suggested in the German reply to President Wilson, German agents have arrived at the Hague and are making inquiries for hotel accomodations for German delegates."

Although Reply Is Unsatisfactory, Another Step Toward Peace Is Seen

Washington, Dec. 27. — Germany's reply to President Wilson's peace note had not been received here in official form to-day and officials were reserving their comment.

Despite the disappointment because Germany has not acceded to the President's suggestion and laid down her terms the general view prevailed that the reply was another step forward in the peace movement.

The United States undoubtedly is expected by Germany to transmit the sense of her reply to the entente belligerents and the immediate outcome depends upon whether the allies will enter a conference before terms have been laid down. It was pointed out that the way had not been closed for Germany to lay down terms as the allies demand. In a diplomatic negotiation of such magnitude and scope officials do not look for results to be immediately apparent but expect the way to be paved carefully and slowly. The next move will not be determined until after the official text of the reply has been received. President Wilson will discuss it thoroughly with the cabinet, probably Friday.

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Widespread Retrenchments to Be Made by Chicago in Effort to Meet Big Deficit

Chicago, Dec. 27.—Plans for re-trenchments in 1917 in the various municipal departments to meet a de-ficit of \$4,000,000 in Chicago's purse were announced to-day by the city's budget committee and according to department officials will mean various curtailment of efficiency in several branches of city service. The plans in-clude:

A twenty per cent. reduction on the normal number of street lights.
Seven hundred fewer policemen.
Abolition of twenty-two fire com-

panies.
Elimination of 100 positions in the Health Department and of several hundreds persons in various city hall departments.

Big Fire at Lancaster **Endangers Hospital Patients**

Lancaster, Pa., Dec. 27.—Over a hundred patients in the Lancaster General hospital were endangered this morning when fire destroyed the main building of Frank Bowman's box factory adjoining the institution causing a loss of \$30,000. The hospital rapidly filled with smoke and steps were taken to remove the patients if necessary, but firemen kept a well of water between the fire and the hospital and the latter was not seriously endangered.

New machinery which will be impossible to duplicate was recently installed in the factory. The loss is only half covered by insurance. A defective flue caused the blaze.

THE WEATHER

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General Conditions

The center of the western disturbance has moved north to Manitoba, its eastern end reaching southeastward into the Middle Atlantic States. It has caused rain, heavy in places, generally in central and southern districts, except along the Guil coast and in Florida, and rain, sleet and snow in northern districts cast of the country of the country of the country of the country and 2 to 30 degrees colder between the Rocky Mountains and the Mississippi river.

Temperature: S a. m., 30.

Temperature: 8 a. m., 30, Sun: Rises, 7:26 a. m.; sets, 4:47 Sun: Auses, p. m. Moon: New moon, first quarter. December 31, 7:07 a. m. River Stage: 4.6 feet above low-water mark.

SOLVING THAT ASH CAN PROBLEM



TEUTONS NEARING | RIVALS WAITING

Von Mackensen Making New After Interchange of Verbal Headway in Drive on Braila Where Grain Is Kept

OTHER ARMY IS CLOSE

Bridgehead Opposite; Heavy Firing at Verdun

While the peace discussions are proceeding, active military operations, except in such remote fields as those of Egypt and the Tigris, are being vigorously prosecuted only on the Rumanian front.

In this war area the latest reports show Field Marshal Von Mackensen making new headway in his advance toward Braila, the great Rumanian

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port of Arkansas Dis-

Passengers arriving here to-day brought further reports of the wiping out of a negro settlement at Keo, between here and Tucker with a loss of seventeen lives. Accurate information on the situation there, however, is lacking.

HE SPURNS HER XMAS GIFTS
Philadelphia, Dec. 27. — Mrs. Josephine Richards' Christmas generosity as expressed in gifts of shirts and underclothing to her husband. Houston, led her to a cell in the central station last night, accused of his murder. During a quarrel between the husband and wife, based upon his objections to the cut and fit of the clothing, she is said to have stabbed him with a butcher knife. He died in a patrol of the Eigth and Jefferson streets police station, en route to St. Joseph's Hospital.

GREAT RUMANIAN NEWS FROM CAUCUS TO BE IGNORED IN OIL STOREHOUSE

THIRTY BELIEVED | J. K. BOWMAN 50

DEAD IN TORNADO YEARS MERCHANT

Shrapnel the Headquarters Are Quiet Today

After last night's battle of the typewriters, in which statements by rival political leaders flew across the state and the headquarters of Richard J. Dobrudja Force Hammering at Baldwin and Edwin R. Cox, contenders for the speakership, had exchanged ers for the speakership, had exchanged regards, things were quiet to-day about the political camping grounds, but the guards were all out in the first line trenches and the scouts were watching the trains and each other. More attention was being given to-day to the division of the loaves and fishes in the patronage of the House than anything else, each side announcing it was so sure of the result that it was wise to get things apportioned. However, all awaited news from Philadelphia and Pittsburgh.

The Cox people to-day announced

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Seen Business Grow With

the City

JOHN K. BOWMAN

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to St. Joseph's Hospital.

"HE WAS GOING TO KILL ME"

Pittsburgh, Pa., Dec. 27.—Mrs.
Elizabeth Kuhn is charged with shooting her husband. James W. Kuhn, Pennsylvania Raiiroad employe, in their home late Mondav night. According to the police, she said:

"It was his life or mine. He hit me with the revolver and said he was going to kill me. Then the trigger went off and he fell back. Maybe I pulled it, or maybe it was accidentally discharged. I don't know. But he was going to kill me."

ADAMSON LAW IS MEETINGS TODAY MAKING PAYROLLS

to Any Action That Might Nullify Court Proceedings

decision of the Supreme Court of the United States on the question of the Constitutions with the Constitution with the C constitutionality of the Adamson eight hour law, the railroad managers de-clare they will not be parties to any action that might tend to nullify or

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1916 BUILDINGS TOTAL \$400,000 MORE THAN 1915

Railroads Will Not Be Parties Year Just Closing Shows Estimated Expenditure of \$1,830,-923 on Operations

Records For Past Ten Years **Prove Closing Twelve Months**

action that might tend to nullify or anticipate in any way the court proceedings. The railway workers of the country are being notified that the Adamson law will be ignored in making up payrolls after January 1 and "until such time as the issue is finally determined in the courts."

The notices contain the first formal declaration that pending the decision of the court there would be no compromise on hours of wages between the railroads and the brotherhoods.

The notice posted by the New York is the clerk.

All told 378 permits were issued during this year and these represented

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CHINESE FRIENDLY | "GLAZE STORM" TO U.S. SAYS KOO

Broken Wires Delay Full Re- Started in as Bookkeeper; Has Trust Americans and Believe Tumbling Far From Lost Art; in Their Business Integrity

The address before the Chamber of Commerce luncheon to-day by Dr. V. K. Wellington Koo, the minister from China to the United States, was one of the ablest and most informative talks made before the Chamber since the luncheons first came into vogue. Dr. Koo presented China and its commercial relations with the United States in a new and clearer light.

President David E. Tracy introduced W. T. Hildrup, Jr., as an acquaintance

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Rescue Ships Are Unable to Find Trace of Steamer Maryland Reported Sinking

Nantucket, Mass., Dec. 27.—The steamer Maryland, which reported by wireless on Christmas night that she was sinking, had not been found today. The coast guard cutters Acushnet and Gresham, which had proceeded from Woods Hole and Boston, respectively, to the position approximately 200 miles southeast of this island where the Maryland sounded her distress calls, sent word this morning that they had found no trace of the steamer. The cutters had cruised in those waters for several hours after it became known that the vessel's wireless had been put out of commission, evidently by a flood of water which swept into the enginerom. Fifty years ago yesterday John K. Bowman, a bank clerk, came to Har-risburg from Mechanicsburg. He hired as a bookkeeper and salesman with the late C. L. Bowman, his cousin, a dry goods merchant, located at Front and Market streets. To-day Mr. Bow-man is a member of the firm of Bow-man & Co., at 314-318 Market street,

Baptist Minister Is Dying After Being Shot For Burglar

Doty, a Baptist minister, is in a serious condition to-day from a gunshot wound inflicted by a patrolman who last night mistook the clergyman for a burglar when he was making a purchase in a store.

The patrolman said Dr. Doty and been pointed out to him as a robber and he shot when the minister refused to comply with his command to hold up his Lands. Dr. Doty was putting some change in his pockets and the patrolman said he believed the belignerents and sent copies to neurals urging consideration of terms for peace.

Traffic Is Held

The first "glaze sterm" of the winter is here. It covered the trees, trolley wires and pavements with ice. Tollers had some difficulty in getting to work this morning. Tumbling was a feature of the day. The middle of the streets was the safest place for walking.

Rain started to fall last night and with the temperature at 24 degrees the pavements were soon sheets of ice, lee formed on the trolley wires and

pavements were soon sheets of ice. Ice formed on the trolley wires and held up traffic.

Warmer weather is due with a probability of rain to-morrow. Fair and colder weather is the forecast for Thursday night. With a continuation of warm weather a break up of the Ice on the river is expected. Present indications are that December will pass out mildly.

Ice Storm and Glaze Instead

Washington, D. C., Dec. 27.—The old-fashioned "sleet" is going out of style this winter before the newer "ice storm" and "glaze," the Weather Bureau officials reported to-day in their campaign for more accurate terminology for various kinds of frozen rain. Sleet is officially described as small globules of rain frozen before striking the earth. When rain freezes after falling and forms a glassy coating on the ground, trees and wires, the condition is called a glaze, and when this is severe and accompanied by wind it is reported as an ice storm. The Weather Bureau hopes to eliminate what it considers improper use of the word "sleet," as it has caused substitution of the term "tornado" for "cyclone" when a violent storm of small diameter is meant.

DANISH BARK SUNK

SEE NEW ERA IN EDUCATION OF THIS STATE

Organization Work, Summer Both Mayor Meals and Bureau School Development and State Aid Are Discussed

Urge Organization of Teachers Adoption of New Rules Revives Specializing in Modern Languages

Hundreds of teachers, school superintendents and widely known speakers from all parts of the state gathered to-day for sessions of the sixty-seventh meeting of the Pennsylvania State Educational Association in the Technical high school, acting on important school problems in such a manner that a new era in educational work

SHULER TO GET WINDSOR'S JOB AS BOSS SLEUTH?

Superintendent Amazedly Deny Report

UNIFORMITY WHO'S WHO IN POLICE

Story of Schelhas and Lowery

Adoption yesterday by City Council of the new police rules and regulations revived the rumor in city circles that important changes in the official personnel of the police department are to be made early in the year.

Mayor E. S. Meals, however grinningly denied knowledge of any "shake up."

school problems in such a manner that a new era in educational work will probably be developed rapidly in the next few years.

Extensive organization work, development of summer school courses, State aid in public school work—every phase of the work in the schoolroom from the education of the small child to the efficient high school and special course teacher—was discussed in the big sectional meetings in the morning [Continued on Page 7.]

Barbers of City to Observe Holiday Hours on New Year's Day

For the first time in history Harrisburg barbers will enjoy holiday hours on New Year's Day. It was decided at a meeting of the barbers' union at labor headquarters, 221 Market street, last evening that New Year's Day hours will be for all shops from 7.30 a. m. until 10 a. m., the shops to be closed the remainder of the day and evening.

Officers were elected as follows at the meeting last night: Charles Anderson, president; Harry Bowers, vice-president; E. L. Wagner, financial secretary; H. Robinson, recording secretary; Harry Schurtz, treasurer; A. Mosschetti, guardian; L. Hoover, guide, and Harry Poulson, E. L. Wagner, financial secretary; Harry Schurtz, treasurer; A. Mosschetti, guardian; L. Hoover, guide, and Harry Poulson, E. L. Wagner, financial secretary; Harry Schurtz, treasurer; A. Mosschetti, guardian; L. Hoover, guide, and Harry Poulson, E. L. Wagner, financial secretary; Harry Schurtz, treasurer; A. Mosschetti, guardian; L. Hoover, guide, and Harry Poulson, E. L. Wagner, financial secretary; Harry Schurtz, treasurer; A. Mosschetti, guardian; L. Hoover, guide, and Harry Poulson, E. L. Wagner, financial secretary; Harry Schurtz, delegates to Central Labor Union.

TWO KILLED BY FREIGHT

Marietta, Dec. 27 .- Nicholas Gibe, aged 36 years, and Patrick McGinnis, aged 45, were instantly killed early this morning when struck by a fast freight eastbound on the low grade line of the Pennsylvania Railroad at Shock's Mills. Both bodies were found along the tracks by William Romano, a trackwalker.

WHEAT JUMPS UPWARD AGAIN

Chicago, Dec. 27 .- Big export sales resulted today in a steep advance for wheat. Gains in value amounted to 67/8 cents a bushel on some trades. The market closed unsetled, but 3 to 61/8 net higher with May at 1731/8 to 1733/8 and July at 1411/2 to 1415/8. It was estimated Europe had taken 2,000,000 bushels or more within the last twenty-four hours. EX-BELGIAN MINISTER COMING

Theodore Marburg, exminister to Belgium from the United States, under Taft, will address the Harisburg Chamber of Commerce next Thursday, January 4. Marburg is prominent in the League to Enforce Peace work and will discuss the European peace preparations.

TO TAKE OVER PLANT FEBRUARY 1

February 1 is the date unofficially announced to-day that Schwab will take over the large coke plant operated by the Semet Solvay Company in East Steelton.

PENNA. CO. DECLARES ANOTHER DIVIDEND

Philadelphia, Dec. 27.—The Pennsylvania Company, which operates Pennsylvania Railroad lines west of Pittsburgh, to-day declared a dividend of 4 per cent., making eight for the year. This is an increase of 2 per cent. over

VENIZELOS LETTER URGED WAR

Washington, Dec. 27.-Copies of a letter from former Premier Venizelos to General Korakas, head of the Greek revolutionary movement in Athens, calling for extreme efforts to bring Greece into war on the side of the allies, even to "the destruction at the proper hour of all designated persons no matter who they may be" were delivered to the State Department to-day by Greek Charge Vouros for its information. The letter was said to have been seized in the general's house and was dated November 25.

MARRIAGE LICENSES

John Updegrove, Tower City, and Martha P. Cooper, Lykens, Richard P. Rowe, city, and Dorothy R. Matter, Wiconisco. Walter J. Gierer and May Williams, Wiconisco.