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KAISER DESIRES PEACE ALTHOUGH RELATIONS ARE BROKEN OFF

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Washington, D. C., Feb. 10.—Germany is understood here to have addressed to the United States a communication suggesting that the two governments discuss ways and means of preventing actual war between them. While information regarding the channel through which the communication was addressed is lacking it is probable it is being forwarded by the government of Switzerland.

Germany is understood to have made it clear that although diplomatic relations have been broken she greatly desires that peace be maintained. Preliminary outlines regarding the communication do not indicate that it carries with it any suggestion that Germany may modify her submarine war. However, the whole communication is said clearly to invite this government to make suggestions regarding steps it thinks might prevent war.

To Exercise Care With Neutrals

In connection with the coming communication, information obtained here is to the effect that while Germany was arranging for her new campaign of unrestricted submarine warfare, certain German diplomats in various parts of the world were informed that while "military necessity" prevented the granting of a period in which neutrals might adjust their maritime interests every care would be exercised so that neutral passenger-carrying ships would not be subjected to unwarned torpedo attack.

THREE MORE GREAT STEAMERS ARE SUNK

Three more steamers, aggregating 12,253 tons were reported sunk to-day by the Germans in their new submarine campaign.

Definite announcement was made of the sinking of two of these vessels, the British Mantola, of 6,825 tons, and the British Lullington, of 2,816 tons. Only the Norwegian Solbakken, of 2,616 tons is still on the "believed sunk" list.

The tonnage of the three steamers is greater than the total reported for the entire day yesterday, which was 11,424 tons.

A news agency from Madrid reports that one American, a negro member of the crew, was one of four survivors of the British steamer Dauntless (previously reported torpedoed) picked up at sea from a small boat by a trawler.

Much Activity Around Verdun

The military field of operations was barren of developments of prime importance so far as the official statements indicate. Paris reports several successful raiding operations along the French front, with violent artillery activity north of Verdun. There has been comparative quiet all along the

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UNIVERSAL MILITARY TRAINING MEASURE IS REPORTED OUT

Washington, Feb. 10.—A universal military training bill was favorably reported to the Senate to-day by the Military Affairs Committee. Chairman Chamberlain submitted the bill without comment, asking that it go to the calendar. Senators Thomas, Democrat, and Brady, Republican, members of the committee, reserved the right to submit minority reports. Primarily the bill provides that all men citizens or those who have declared their intent to become citizens shall undergo six months' military or naval training in the year in which they reach the age of nineteen or in the year when they first become liable to such service up to the age of twenty-six. All men receiving such training would be held in army or navy reserve until they reach the age of 28.

The bill submitted by the committee differs in many respects from the plan being worked out by the army general staff and was prepared by a subcommittee with the assistance of Captain George V. H. Moseley, who was for a time a member of the general staff. The measure at the outset contains

Exemptions Under the terms of the bill exempt

An Announcement

BEGINNING Monday next, the Harrisburg Telegraph and the Star-Independent will be published as one newspaper from the offices of the Telegraph Printing Company in Federal Square. This necessity is the outcome of unprecedented conditions in the printing trades, requiring economies of the most radical nature, and with which the reading public is more or less familiar.

It is in line with what has happened recently in many other cities where newspapers have joined forces in order to maintain their standards and make ends meet in a business way. The Star-Independent has had an honorable place in the life of the community ever since its inception. Its publishers and editors have wielded a constant force for good in the affairs of the city. It has an army of readers unswerving in their loyalty. The step which brings the Star-Independent beneath the roof of the Telegraph was carefully considered from the standpoint of these readers. They will find in the Telegraph from this time on under the new arrangement all of the best features they have known and liked in the Star-Independent and in addition many new and delightful features which have made the Telegraph the most widely read newspaper in Central Pennsylvania. The two papers have had many things in common. Both are served with the same full Associated Press dispatches, both carry full reports of State, county and city activities in Harrisburg, both specialize in church news, social and personal news, sports, the railroads, real estate, labor, industrial, Central Pennsylvania and suburban news. Both aspire to serve the best interests of the people in Harrisburg. In brief, the two newspapers have been striving very largely for the same ends. Under the new management they will be able to do this much more efficiently and effectively, and at the same time bring about those economies in management so vitally important under conditions which have arisen out of the war and which are almost daily adding difficulties to the financial problem of newspaper making. The result will be a newspaper bigger and better in every way.

The two newspapers join in the hope that their readers will appreciate the situation which has made it necessary for them to unite forces and to continue the generous patronage which has made their publication possible in the past. After this date readers of both the Telegraph and Star-Independent will be served by the Telegraph, which has just entered upon its 86th year.

As an equitable consideration and in lieu of the customary notice of two weeks, those employes of the Star-Independent who cannot be cared for in the present organization of the Telegraph will receive their usual compensation for the next two weeks at the cashier's office in the Star-Independent building. This has been arranged so that all such employes may have leisure and full opportunity to secure permanent employment without financial loss.

JITNEYMEN FILE ANSWERS TO THE H. R. C. COMPLAINTS

Deny That They Are Subject to Company Service Law or That They Compete

The first ten jitney-men charged before the Public Service Commission with operating jitneys illegally, without State certificates and when there is adequate service, to-day filed answers before the Commission. The attorneys for the jitney-men are George R. Heisey and Oscar G. Wickersham. The answers are the strongest filed by any persons complained against by the street railways, whether in Allegheny, Luzerne, Lackawanna or other counties where the trolley companies are fighting the jitneys. The Harrisburg men deny that they are subject to the public service acts of 1913 or 1915; deny that the Harrisburg Railways Company gives adequate service; demand proof as to whether the company pays for the paving work and the repair of bridges which it claims; demand proof that it pays taxes and that the city gets three per cent. of the gross receipts under the city ordinance enacted a number of years ago.

It is further set forth that the jitney-men accused of failing to comply with the law do not have fixed routes, regular schedules, established rates of fare or maintain such common carrier service as alleged. It is also declared that they do not compete with the trolley company and that they do not serve portions of the city not reached by the Harrisburg Railways Company.

The Commission will fix a date for the hearings.

250 Guests Flee Fire in Fashionable Hotel

Boston, Feb. 10.—The Hotel Lenox in the Back Bay district was severely damaged by fire to-day. All of the 250 guests and the employees were able to get out but several sustained minor injuries. The elevator walls were filled with smoke soon after the guests were rescued. Most of them came down the stairways. A few were taken down ladders by firemen. Edwin C. Tew, of New York; H. Chesire Mitchell, of Seattle, Wash., and Mrs. Mitchell, were taken to a hospital. Mr. Tew and Mr. Mitchell were slightly burned. Mrs. Mitchell suffered from shock. Mr. Mitchell and his wife were taken down a ladder by firemen from the eighth floor.

The loss was estimated by fire department officials at \$60,000.

Slides Down Rope of Sheets

Joseph Collins, of Revere, whose room on the tenth story was cut off from the stairway, improvised a ladder from blankets and sheets and lowered himself from his window to the seventh floor whence he made his way to the street. Edward M. Horton of New York, in whose room on the second floor the fire started, was badly burned in trying to get out. Horton said that he had been smoking. He went to the bathroom and on his return found a brisk fire in his room. After a hasty attempt to put it out he notified the telephone switchboard operator and escaped.

Offices Close Monday; Birthday of Lincoln

State, city and county offices will be closed all day Monday, February 12, Lincoln's Birthday.

The day will be observed in the public schools with appropriate exercises.

BIDS GERARD FAREWELL

London, Feb. 10.—A dispatch to the Exchange Telegraph Company from The Hague says it is reported there from Berlin that Chancellor von Bethmann-Hollweg sent his assistant to Ambassador Gerard on Friday to bid him farewell.

HARRISBURG MEN ON BORDER WILL LEAVE FEB. 20

Five Commands to Be Located in This City After Return of Troops

Preparation for a reception and banquet to soldiers of the Eighth Regiment will be started next week in Harrisburg.

Orders were issued yesterday at El Paso, Texas, for movement of the Eighth Regiment, Pennsylvania Infantry, from the border on Wednesday, February 20. The local companies will reach home about a week later. In all between 275 and 300 Harrisburg men will return from the border, including Colonel Maurice E. Finney and staff; headquarters company, Captain Harry F. Baker, adjutant of the Eighth Regiment, commanding; supply company, Captain Edward H. Schell; Company D, Captain John T. Bretz; Company I, Captain Robert D. Jenkins, and a machine gun company, Captain Ralph C. Crow.

Major Frank E. Ziegler, of the Eighth, who has been home on a furlough, will not return south. Relatives and friends of the soldiers will join with the members of the City Grays veteran association in banqueting the regimental officers and companies. The organizations that participated in the reception to the Governor's Troop will also be a part of the big reception parade.

Official orders for mustering out the regiment will be received here on the arrival of the troops. It is the belief that the soldiers of the Eighth Regiment will be continued in service in the event of an increase in wages. This belief is based on the fact that orders have been given to the Eighth to return home, which would not have been the case were the soldiers to be continued in service.

New York Federal Grand Jury to Probe Alleged News Print Conspiracy

Washington, Feb. 10.—It was stated to-day at the Department of Justice that the Federal grand jury in New York is about to begin investigating the alleged news print conspiracy in restraint of trade in newspaper paper situation. Bainbridge Colby and Mark Hyman will represent the government as special assistants to the Attorney General. In addition to facts collected by the Federal Trade Commission and to disclosures made at its hearing, the Department of Justice has obtained information which is expected to show that print paper manufacturers have violated the anti-trust law in their operations.

Big Wholesale House Hasn't Ounce of Sugar

Unless striking employes of sugar refineries in Philadelphia and New York soon return to work, Harrisburg will have a sugar famine on its hands. At least three-quarters of the employes at Philadelphia refineries have struck, demanding an increase in wages from 25 cents to 35 cents an hour, with double pay for over time and Sundays off. One local wholesale grocer said this morning that the present supply of sugar in this city is about exhausted, with no signs of immediate relief. Many retail grocers said their supply was either very low or gone entirely. The Evans-Burnett Company, wholesale grocers, said they do not have an ounce of sugar but that they expect a shipment next week.

LAW COMMITTEE TO MEET

Members of the law committee of the State Association of County Commissioners will meet Tuesday in the grand juryroom in the Courthouse. Action will be taken on proposed amendments to laws relative to the County Commissioners.

SENTENCE FOUR MEN TRIED ON MURDER CHARGES

Two to Be Electrocutted; Other Pair Get Terms in the Penitentiary

Death sentences for Elwood Wilson and John Robinson, colored; not less than ten nor more than twelve years for Vlada Yovonovic, and not less than nineteen nor more than twenty years for James White, colored, were four sentences doled out this morning in Dauphin county court by President Judge George Kunkel and Judge Charles V. Henry.

Sentencing the convicted men, three of whom were colored, marked the close of the first week of the special "murder" court.

Yovonovic was the first to be called for sentence, and Judge Henry, as he pronounced it, remarked that "there were a good many killings in Dauphin county coming from the same class of people" as a reply to a plea for leniency from Robert D. Stucker, attorney for Yovonovic.

"May God be with you all. I hope to meet you up front. Good-by. I'm going. Good-by," were the last words of Robinson as he passed out of the courtroom after the death sentence was imposed by Judge Henry. Robinson was convicted of first degree murder, charged with shooting Tomo Pakovic last October.

One Only 19 Years Old

When called before the bar and asked what he had to say before being sentenced, Robinson pleadingly said: "If your Honor can give me a lifetime, I'd be satisfied, on account of my sick mother. I got a letter from her and she hopes that I get out all right. The Lord has blessed my soul and forgives me for what I have done."

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THE WEATHER

For Harrisburg and vicinity: Fair and continued cold to-night, with increasing force and about 12 degrees; Sunday fair and somewhat warmer. For Eastern Pennsylvania: Fair to-night and Sunday, not so cold Sunday; moderate to fresh west winds.

River No material changes will occur in general river conditions. Local rises and falls may be expected. The Susquehanna at Harrisburg will probably remain nearly stationary at a stage of near 7 feet.

General Conditions The storm that was central over the Middle Atlantic coast, Friday morning, has moved northward with increasing force and is now central on the North Atlantic coast. It caused light precipitation, mostly snow, from the Lake Region eastward to the Atlantic coast and gales along the coast from Hatteras northward. From the Upper Mississippi Valley eastward to the Atlantic coast and south and east of the Ohio river there has been a general fall of 2 to 32 degrees in temperature, being most decided in the Atlantic States.

Temperature: 8 a. m., 10 degrees above zero. Sun: Rises, 7:04 a. m. Moon: Rises, 9:11 p. m. River: Stage: 7.3 feet above low-water mark.

Yesterday's Weather Highest temperature, 37. Lowest temperature, 15. Mean temperature, 26. Normal temperature, 26.

SEED SHIPMENT FOR HOLMES CO. ON SEA BOTTOM

Harrisburg Firm Suffers From Ruthless War Policy of German Government

COUNTRY TO SUFFER Higher Because of Enforced Shortage

As a result of Germany's ruthless war on merchant shipping, Harrisburg will suffer in an indirect way. Announcement was made to-day by M. L. Holmes, president of the Holmes Seed Company that a large consignment of rare flower and vegetable seeds from Holland was lost when the steamer Crown Point was sent to the bottom by a German U-Boat several days ago. The consignment included seeds which cannot be produced successfully in this country, including spinach, wurtzels mangels, extra fine turnips and herbs. The shipment was valued at thousands of dollars. Part of it

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Instantly Killed When He Steps in Front of Train

Stepping from the tracks in front of an approaching engine directly into another, Raymond M. Dutrey, aged 32, 112 Linden street, signal and switch maintainer on the Philadelphia and Reading railway, was instantly killed shortly after 2 o'clock this afternoon. The accident occurred in the Harrisburg yards near Cameron and Berryhill streets. He is survived by his wife. The body was badly mangled.

TRAIN HITS TRUCK FULL OF SOLDIERS; 2 DIE, 2 DYING

El Paso, Tex., Feb. 10.—Private Charles Eaton, of Company L, Fifth Ohio Infantry, and Sergeant Karl Eisenhart, of Company K, Fifth Ohio Infantry, were killed yesterday, when the Golden State Limited, from Chicago, struck a motor truck, in which they were riding, between Camp Pershing. Private Eaton was from Conneaut, Ohio, and Sergeant Eisenhart was from Cleveland. Private Rudolf J. Smith, of Company K, and Private Dan T. Toomey, of Company L, of the Fifth Ohio, were fatally hurt. Ten other members of the regiment were seriously injured.

AUTO SHOW TO OPEN TONIGHT IN EMERSON BLDG.

125 Models From 42 Manufacturers Will Be on Display

LOW TO HIGH PRICED

Motor Club, Commerce Chamber and Rotary Club to Be Guest of Dealers

Harrisburg's big auto show opens at 7 o'clock to-night in the Emerson-Brantingham Building, Tenth and Market streets. Real class in decorative scheme and the classiest designs in automobile construction, covering a greater area of space than ever before, combine to make this year's automobile show the greatest and most attractive exhibition of motorears ever assembled in Harrisburg. Whether one has the price to buy the most luxurious car on exhibition or simply enough in the pocket to pay the price of admission, the display is well worth seeing. Representing as it does the most advanced in motorcar construction, produced by the world's leading makers of motorcars, and accessories which represent an immense industry made possible by the motorcar, the display is an interesting one and educational from a social and economic standpoint as well.

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Driver Knocked Unconscious in Runaway Accident

Edward Stroup, 1337 Howard street, a driver for the Merchants' Ice Company was knocked unconscious in a runaway this morning in Grace street. The ice wagon was standing in Grace avenue while Stroup was loading the refrigerator at the Greek-American restaurant. A team belonging to J. E. Rhoads, a contractor at Cowden and Forster streets, became frightened and ran up Grace avenue. The wagon collided with the rear end of the ice wagon throwing Stroup to the pavement. He is badly bruised about the body.

TO VIGOROUSLY PRESS R. R. LAWS

Washington, Feb. 10.—Chairman Newlands of the Senate Interstate Commerce Committee gave notice to the Senate to-day that the administration railroad legislation program would be actively pressed from now on and that the Senate would have opportunity to vote on the question of enforcing suspension of strikes and lockouts pending investigation.

1100 UNARMED VESSELS UNHARMED IN ZONE

New York, Feb. 10.—More than 1100 vessels arrived at or sailed unharmed from United Kingdom ports during the first nine days of Germany's unrestricted submarine warfare in British waters, according to an announcement made here to-day by Germans in authoritative touch with British admiralty officials.

U-BOAT BACK WITH HIGH MARK

Berlin, Feb. 8, by Wireless to Sayville, Feb. 10.—A German submarine has returned from the Atlantic, where she sank ten ships of an aggregate tonnage of 19,000, the Overseas News Agency says. In addition she sank, in the North Sea, a British steamer of about 3,000 tons, the British trawlers Shamrock and Thistle and two other trawlers, one British and one French.

FLEET OF AIRPLANES SHELL ZEEBRUGGE

Amsterdam, Feb. 10, via London.—The Telegraaf says that a fleet of airplanes at dusk yesterday attacked the Belgian coast town of Zeebrugge. The Germans fired 300 shells from anti-aircraft guns in an attempt to drive off the attacks.

EIGHT BELIEVED DEAD IN FIRE

South Bethlehem, Pa., Feb. 10.—Fire early to-day completely destroyed a Greek boarding house here. It is believed that seven or eight lives have been lost, as five bodies, four men and one woman, have been recovered. The dead are Greeks.

INSPECT REPRESENTATIVES' ACCOUNTS

Washington, Feb. 10.—Inspection of members of Congress Stock Exchange accounts to ascertain if possible whether official information has been utilized in trading, was the principle business before the congressional "leak" inquiry committee to-day. The examination is based on a Washington broker's testimony yesterday that certain members of the House have traded through him.

U. S. STEEL ORDERS DECREASE

New York, Feb. 10.—The unfilled orders of the United States Steel Corporation on January 31 last, were 11,474,054 tons, a decrease of 73,232 tons compared with December 31. The January statement is the first in several months that has not shown an increase. The December of 11,547,286 was the high record for unfilled orders.

MARRIAGE LICENSES

John Smyth Hall and Margaret Victoria Hofstetter, Baltimore. Robert William Prosser and Bernice May Pence, Harrisburg. Earl Alfred Howe, Penbrook, and Ruth Annada Wrightstone, Mechanicsburg. Edwin Reep Dutton and Bessie Annetta Stover, Carlisle. George Martin Barnes, Highspire, and Clara Elizabeth Burger, Royalton.