

# RUSSO-GERMAN PEACE ENVOYS TO MEET TODAY

## Teutons and Austro-Hungary Will Lose No Time in Arranging Separate Pact With Bolsheviki Government; Representatives on Way to Brest Litovsk to Begin Negotiations; Bulgaria and Turkey Will Have Part

Copenhagen, Dec. 18.—A report that former Premier Kerensky of Russia, supported by some thousands of troops, has appeared in the vicinity of Petrograd, is contained in a dispatch from Haparanda, in Sweden, at the Finnish frontier, to the Berlingske Tidende. The Bolsheviki are said to have sent troops against him.

Petrograd, Dec. 17.—The evening newspapers announce that Trotzky has notified the allied embassies that the armistice has reached definite results and that peace negotiations will begin, and asking them to participate or to state whether they wish peace or not.

Germany and Austria-Hungary apparently will lose no time in bringing about a separate peace with the Bolsheviki government. It is now said that the armistice between the Russes has become effective. Dr. Von Kuhlmann, the German foreign secretary and Count Czernin, the Austrian foreign minister, will arrive at Brest-Litovsk today to begin negotiations looking toward peace.

A semi-official statement issued in Vienna declares the central powers will follow up the armistice "as speedily as possible" with peace parleys and it is added that Bulgaria and Turkey also will join in the negotiations. Brest-Litovsk, the scene of the meeting between the Austro-German and Russian plenipotentiaries, is on the Bug river in Russian Poland. It was captured by the Germans in their great drive in the summer of 1915.

There has been virtually no change in the internal situation in Russia. The Bolsheviki government, in a notice to foreign embassies, says it considers the question of recognition purely formal and about which it cares little. The notice declares the foreign embassies must give the passports of Bolsheviki couriers or similar courtesies will be refused.

Washington, Dec. 18.—It is assumed at the State Department that the reply of American Ambassador Francis to the invitation of Leon Trotzky, foreign minister of the Bolsheviki government, to participate in the peace negotiations would be that he had no instructions from his government. No instructions have been sent to Mr. Francis and it is indicated that none authorizing him to have anything to do with peace negotiations would be sent.

## No Important Advances Along Italian Front

Washington, Dec. 18.—On the Northern Italian front no further important advances are being reported by the Austro-German command and the Italians within the past day or two have even been able to regain some of the ground previously lost in the Col Caprille region on the mountain front.

### THE WEATHER

For Harrisburg and vicinity: Generally cloudy to-night and Wednesday; not much change in temperature; lowest to-night about 20 degrees.

For Eastern Pennsylvania: Cloudy to-night and Wednesday; not much change in temperature; moderate northeast to north winds.

River

The Susquehanna river and all its tributaries will remain generally frozen and nearly stationary. A stage of about 4.5 feet is indicated for Harrisburg Wednesday morning.

General Conditions

Pressure has diminished over the eastern half of the country during the last twenty-four hours, but is still abnormally high over New England and the Middle Atlantic States. Pressure has increased over the Pacific slope, the Upper Missouri Valley and generally in the Rocky Mountain States. Rain has fallen in the northwestern States and on the Texas coast and rain or snow in the Western Canadian provinces; elsewhere the weather has been fair, except in New Jersey and Eastern New York, where light precipitation has occurred. Except in the Western Canadian provinces and in a few districts of limited area in the United States where temperatures have fallen 2 to 10 degrees, there has been a general rise in temperature of 2 to 5 degrees, being most decided in the Middle and Upper Missouri Valley and along the northern border of the Great Lakes.

Temperature: 8 a. m., 16. Sun: Rises, 7:21 a. m.; sets, 4:28 p. m.

Moons: First quarter, December 21. River Stage: 4.5 feet above low-water mark.

Yesterday's Weather

Highest temperature, 27. Lowest temperature, 15. Mean temperature, 21. Normal temperature, 32.

# 15,000 WILL BE RED CROSS TOTAL BEFORE TONIGHT

## Headquarters Reports That Teams Have Perfected Organizations

## REFUSALS ARE VERY FEW Boys in Battleline to Have Backing of Home Folks' Hearts and Money

## Many New Members Join the Red Cross

Late reports on the Red Cross Membership Campaign give a total of 1,148 memberships for the day. The grand total for the campaign is 9,131 members.

Indications this morning were that the total of Red Cross memberships for the day will bring the grand total for the campaign to 15,000, but it will be necessary for the team workers to throw more steam into the cylinders if the 30,000 quota for Harrisburg is to be secured.

The women's teams seem to be having greater success than those of the men; and as a result there was some considerable japey this morning as the women's teams now and then ran across—or over—men's teams or workers.

"The women are forging ahead," said Mercer B. Tate, "because they have a system that can't be beaten. In their districts they are dividing the various sections into blocks, and are assigning workers to these blocks. The trip around four sides of a block is being made in a couple of hours and none are missed."

## First Returns

Returns up until 9 o'clock last night were as follows:

Men's Teams	1,016
Women's Teams	2,789
Industrial Committee	2,980
Booths	42
Joined Since Sept. 1	860

Total Red Cross Memberships Credited First Day . . . . . 7,956

The reports for to-day will begin to come in about 4 o'clock. Yesterday there was much delay and Chairman Jennings asks all team captains to report promptly to their committees.

## Police to Go Clubless, Mayor Keister Decries in New Order to Force

Announcement was made this morning that the police will no longer carry the long familiar clubs during the day, and the night force will carry blackjacks, concealed in their pockets. The mayor is of the opinion that the large clubs have become obsolete and are no longer necessary.

A number of changes also have been made by Mayor Keister in regard to the pay of men on the police force. The usual allowance of ten days will be made for vacation. Where a policeman is absent because of illness contracted while performing his duty, the mayor directs that he shall receive full pay. When a policeman is on the sick list through a natural illness not brought on through the performance of his duty, half pay will be allowed.

## Seek Recruits For New United States Guard

Circulars have been sent out to all the mayors, chief of police and fire chiefs in the Harrisburg recruiting district urging upon them the necessity for them to co-operate in the effort to enlist a quota of men over the selective service age for service in the United States Guard. The purpose of the new guard army is to protect the military plants and the rest of the country from spies and bomb throwers.

## Smallpox Getting Start Up-State

Word was received this morning at the office of State Health Commissioner Dixon that a case of smallpox existed in the family of W. E. Harris, in Morris township, Clearfield county. Dr. S. C. Stewart, county medical inspector, visited the home and verified the diagnosis.

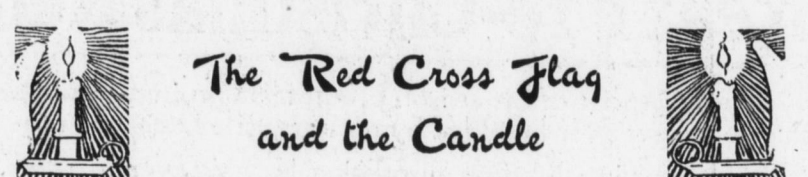
## These Cakes of Ice Stand Unmolested Before Jail

Wanted—Owner for five hundred pounds of ice. That's what slipped off somebody's wagon early yesterday morning in front of the Dauphin county jail, and has been piled up there ever since. Not only that; it's getting bigger. Seems to be no chance of any one taking it, although it is worth money.

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## The Red Cross Flag and the Candle



When the Christ-child comes thru the wintry void  
To hide in the hearts of men,  
To give them courage, to give them strength,  
To teach them to love again,  
The twinkling eyes of the taper lights  
Shall be burning to show the way  
To welcome the Babe of Bethlehem  
To earth on His natal day.

But behold the tip of the candle wick  
Shall gleam thru a cross, dull red,  
The emblem of love unquenchable,  
The color of life-blood shed;  
And our laden hearts which are sick with war  
Cry aloud to the Christ-child, "See!  
Back of the love you have given to us  
Is burning our love for Thee!"

ANNA HAMILTON WOOD.

## NATIONAL "DRY" AMENDMENT SEEMS CERTAIN VICTORY

### Senate Completes Congressional Action by Accepting Resolution as Passed Yesterday by Almost Unanimous Vote Without Rollcall

Washington, Dec. 18.—The constitutional amendment for national prohibition was today finally submitted by Congress to the states for ratification or rejection within seven years. The Senate completed congressional action by accepting the resolution as passed yesterday by the House, 47 to 8, without a rollcall.

Immediately after the Senate convened Senator Shepard, of Texas, called up the national prohibition amendment and moved that the Senate concur in the House amendments. Vice-president Marshall ruled that a day there was much delay and Chairman Jennings asks all team captains to report promptly to their committees.

## PARENTS MOURN FOR HERO SON DEAD IN FRANCE

Father, Recently Out of Hospital, Seeks Work to Support Family

Amid the gloom of a great bereavement the father and mother of Earl Auran, the first Harrisburg hero to fall in battle in France, sit in their little home at 1625 Logan street, and recall the incidents of their boy's life. He was their only son and in his last letter to his mother he told her that he had received the telegram which she had sent him and that he had every night.

## Fire Destroys Estate of Rockefeller in Cleveland

Cleveland, O., Dec. 18.—Fire late last night destroyed the Forest Hill estate of John D. Rockefeller in East Cleveland, which he had sent him and that he had every night.

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## BIG FIELD IN RECEPTIVE MOOD FOR CITY JOB

Sentiment Grows For Straight Salary Instead of Fees For Treasurer

With the reorganization of the City Council next month will come the election of a city treasurer. There are several candidates for this lucrative position among them the present incumbent, Harry F. Oves, Edward C. First, James C. Thompson, the city assessor, and others.

## MORE COAL ON WAY TO CITY, WIRES HICKOK

Freezing of River Cuts Off Big Supply of Good Fuel

County Fuel Administrator Ross A. Hickok to-day telephoned from Philadelphia whether he had gone in an effort to secure consignment of coal to Harrisburg that he had been given assurances that to-morrow there would be shipped to this city twenty-two cars and to Steelton seven cars. These shipments will be anthracite from the collieries of the Philadelphia and Reading Coal and Iron Company and should make a material difference in the conditions prevailing the last twenty-four hours in the opinion of men familiar with the fuel situation.

## MARRIAGE LICENSES

Clifton C. McCurdy and Jessie M. Belford, Harrisburg; George D. Feeley, Harrisburg, and Esther M. Straw, Lykens; Charles L. Henderson, Bolling Springs, and Beulah M. Schriver, Mt. Holly.

## PIGGERY PLAN APPROVED BY CITY COUNCIL

Garbage to Be Fed to Hogs on Farm Outside the City Limits

COST \$24,000 PER ANNUM

Commissioners Now Ready to Take Up Disposal of Garbage

Garbage collected in Harrisburg after February 1 will be fed to pigs. Council to-day awarded a sixty-three month contract for education and disposal to Hagy Brothers, at \$24,000 a year. Hyles Hagy, of the Hagy Brothers firm, was in the city to-day making arrangements to start a piggery and reported he had options on several farms not far from the city limits.

## 1,700 TURKEYS IN DRIVE

Many Fowls Escape From Flock and Some Are Stolen

Bear Station, Dec. 18.—One of the greatest turkey drives in this section in fifteen years began on Saturday from the station here of 1,700 turkeys to the Hamburg farm of Joseph Quigley. Many fowls would not travel on the ice and snow and sought roosts in the orchard of Henjamin Shilton and the large trees at the Rogers' estate. At attempt was made to get them corralled, but they flew from tree to tree during Sunday and more than 500 are now on the farms of other neighbors.

## Dr. Keen's Offer of \$25 to Red Cross Fund Meets With Responses

Dr. C. E. L. Keen's offer of \$25 to the Red Cross membership fund if one hundred others in Harrisburg do likewise, is bearing fruit.

## GENERAL FREIGHT DIRECTOR APPOINTED

Washington, Dec. 18.—Appointment by the President of a general freight traffic director to co-ordinate and utilize the transportation facilities during the war was provided in a joint resolution introduced to-day by Senator Sterling and referred to the Interstate Commerce Committee.

## MANUFACTURER OF WAR PRODUCT FAVORED

Washington, Dec. 18.—To insure electric power for war industries in the Pittsburgh district, priority certificates have been issued calling on the Pittsburgh Power Companies to supply current to certain industries held indispensable for the conduct of the war.

## FIRST CHRISTIAN SCIENTIST CHAPLAIN

Washington, Dec. 18.—Edward W. Dickey, recently appointed chaplain-at-large in the Army with the rank of first lieutenant, has been assigned to the 77th Division, Camp Upton, N. Y. He is first Christian Scientist chaplain appointed to the Army.

## PRIORITY REQUEST HONORED IN OHIO

Columbus, O., Dec. 18.—Chairman Robert Lovett, of the Federal Priority Transportation Committee, to-day notified Governor Cox that the Governor's request Saturday for priority shipment of coal in Ohio had been granted as to eastern Ohio. Railroads will co-operate, he informed the Governor. Ohio's coal fields are in the eastern portion of the state.

## SENATE WILL INVESTIGATE DELAYS

Washington, Dec. 18.—Investigation of the delays in building the American merchant marine by the Shipping Board and Emergency Fleet Corporation was ordered to-day by the Senate, which rushed through a resolution by Senator Harding, of Ohio, after vigorous criticism by several senators of the failure to produce ships.

## MAY CALL ENTIRE BAR TO AID OF REGISTERED MEN

Thousands of Men Need Instruction in Filling Out Questionnaire

ADVISERS ARE SWAMPED

Many Attorneys Willing to Do Their Bit For the Government

The great body of more than six thousand men of draft age in Harrisburg will speedily be enabled to get legal advice on the rather intricate questionnaires if plans begun this morning by the lawyer-advisers appointed by Governor Brumbaugh mature. The complete membership of the Harrisburg bar must be enlisted in the urgent work and every lawyer will be asked to contribute some of his time to attending one of the three headquarters so that there will always be present a number of competent counselors.

An avalanche of inquiry, personally and by phone, beginning at an early hour this morning, rather dazed the district draft advisers of the city, inasmuch as they had just received the notice of appointment from Governor Brumbaugh. Harrisburg is divided into three districts. Of No. 1, 218 Market street, A. Car-

to-day. The large coal fleets will remain idle.