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KING FERDINAND ABDICATES THRONE

RUMANIAN KING ABDICATES IN FAVOR OF CROWN PRINCE CHARLES

Persistent Rumors Reach Petrograd That Ferdinand Has Given Up His Throne Following Plot

REPORTS CONFIRM POLITICAL CRISIS

Deposed Ruler, Who Is a Member of the Hohenzollern Family, Succeeded Uncle in October, 1914

Petrograd (Friday), Dec. 28.—There are persistent rumors here that King Ferdinand, of Rumania, has abdicated in favor of Crown Prince Charles.

Disturbed conditions in Rumania were reported in a dispatch from Petrograd dated Monday. It was said that news of a revolutionary plot against King Ferdinand had been received in Petrograd. Other reports, it was added, tended to confirm indications of a political crisis. Except for this there has been little news from Rumania since the Rumanian army was forced to agree to an armistice on the eastern front.

Prince Charles Said to Have Been Selected to Succeed Father on Throne



PRINCE CHARLES OF RUMANIA

King Ferdinand has abdicated the Rumanian throne in favor of Crown Prince Charles, according to persistent rumors in Petrograd. Official confirmation however, is lacking.

PAID BONUS BUT LOST HIS PLANT, PACKER RELATES

Gave Up Property Bit by Bit to Satisfy Demands of Shylocks, Says Independent

New York, Dec. 29.—Paul Hennig, a naturalized German, who has been employed as a foreman in a Brooklyn factory engaged in the making of torpedoes for the United States Government, was remanded to jail without bail in Federal court here to-day charged with the murder of a woman.

RUSSIA TO MAKE SEPARATE PEACE WITHIN 10 DAYS, SAYS TROTZKY

Foreign Minister Will Officially Ask Entente Allies Whether They Will Join in Peace Negotiations

LIMITED TIME IS GIVEN FOR ACTION

Advance Guard of Peace Emissaries From Germany Arrives in Petrograd to Hasten Matters

Washington, Dec. 29.—Russia, Leon Trozky has told the Council of Workmen's and Soldiers' Delegates, would be forced to conclude a separate peace with Germany unless the entente allies join in the peace negotiations within ten days.

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GERMANS SINK 3 DESTROYERS; 193 BRITISH DROWN

U-Boat Hunters Are Struck by Torpedoes or Hit by Mines

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Large Number of Officers and Men Lose Lives on Night of December 22

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Washington, Dec. 29.—Weather predictions for the week beginning Sunday issued by the Weather Bureau to-day are: Cloudy and continued cold until Tuesday, moderating during middle of the week with snow Friday or Saturday.

Continued cold weather for several days is the gloomy forecast announced this morning by Weather Forecaster Demain. The mercury which has been hovering near the zero mark for the last twenty-four hours, is expected to go below that mark during the night. The lowest point reached this morning was 4 degrees.

According to Mr. Demain, the disturbance on the South Atlantic Coast may result in slight squalls of snow in this vicinity.

The river has attained an average of about eight inches, said Mr. Demain. With cold weather in prospect local coal and ice dealers are planning to cut ice for next summer in Lehigh county. A sufficient number of men are available they will cut from other sources during the week.

Fire Chief John C. Kinder to-day issued a warning to residents of the city not to use torches, burn paper or other inflammables in attempting to thaw out frozen water pipes. The first of two fire alarms of the morning was from Box 35, Seventh and Boas streets, the blaze starting when a pipe burst in a plumbers shop, owned and occupied by Harry Savolitz, were trying to thaw open pipes in the kitchen. The damage to the property was about \$100, but according to Chief Kinder serious fires may result if householders are not careful. The fire chief's advice in case of frozen water pipes is either to call in a plumber or to wrap the pipes with rags soaked in hot water. The second call from Box 124, Sixth and Woodbine streets, was a false alarm. When the companies arrived they found the pipes frozen.

Bids For Collection of Ashes Are Authorized by City Commissioners

Giving up all plans for municipal ash collection, Council in special session to-day authorized the ordinance authorizing Commissioner Morgenthauer to advertise for bids for ash collections by private contract for a period of 29, 27, 25, or 23 months. The ordinance will probably be passed finally at a meeting of Council on Wednesday. Bids may be opened Saturday, January 12.

McAdoo Receives Reports of First Shipments by Shortest Freight Routes

Washington, Dec. 29.—Director General McAdoo spent to-day assembling a staff of advisers and executive officers to assist him in administering the railroads as a national unit. He conferred with John Barton Payne, counsel for the shipping board, and Interstate Commerce Commissioner Anderson. An announcement of plans is expected soon.

Thief Gets \$263 After Entering Coal Office

Police are searching for a thief who broke into the main office of the Montgomery Coal Company, Third and Chestnut streets, and stole \$263 in cash and checks. It is the first time money was left in the office overnight. A window in the door on Chestnut street, was broken in.

Ambassador Fletcher Here This Evening

Henry P. Fletcher, ambassador to Mexico, and brother of ex-Sheriff J. Ross Fletcher, will be in Harrisburg through this city this evening on his way to Chambersburg where he and his bride will spend Sunday with the ambassador's father. He has many friends in this city.

PREMIER RECEIVES SUPPORT

Paris, Dec. 29.—The debate on the bill authorizing the Government to prepare lists of men of the class of 1915, preparatory to calling them to the colors, was seized upon to-day by critics of Premier Clemenceau as an opening for an attack on the subject of releasing the older soldiers. In the plainest language the Premier refused to give any undertaking. He received enthusiastic applause of the greater part of the deputies.

R. R. MEN GET INCREASE

Chicago, Dec. 29.—Wage increases of 1 1/2 per cent. and shorter working hours have been granted telegraphers, station agents and townsmen of the Chicago and Northwestern Railroad, it was announced to-day. Two thousand men are affected.

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KING AND QUEEN OF RUMANIA

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London, Dec. 29.—A German submarine was sunk by the fire of guns of an American passenger steamer Thursday, according to reports of the passengers and gunners aboard.

The submarine was proceeding at full speed about noon in a very smooth sea. A periscope was sighted by the watch on the bridge and the submarine was seen plainly by the passengers as it came to the surface at a distance of about 1,500 yards directly in the wake of the ship.

MERCHANTS TO CURTAIL THEIR DELIVERY WORK

Conservation of Man Power Means Customers Must Carry Parcels

A problem of war so big that the Government itself, nor the merchants and certainly not the public, have any definite and comprehensive notion as yet of how to solve it, has been brought before the storekeepers of Harrisburg in a call issued for a national delivery conference. Merchants all over the country are giving most serious thought to the subject of cutting down expenses in delivering food to customers.

National authorities have shown a tendency to regard the delivery services of the dry goods and department stores in the same light as the less essential industries. Through the commercial economy board the Government some time ago called upon the dry goods and department stores of the country to make reductions so as to conserve the man power of the nation. In only a few instances have the reductions been in harmony with the ideals established by the board upon which it is expected now that the Government will take drastic action in the near future to compel stores to curtail their delivery service to a considerable extent.

SMOKE FUND IS GIVEN BIG BOOST BY SERG. EMPEY

Collection Taken Up Today to Buy Autographed Copy of "Over the Top"

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HEAVY SNOW GREETS BOYS ON FRENCH FRONT

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FROZEN TO DEATH

Lewisburg, Pa., Dec. 29.—George Nickell, 84 years old, was found frozen to death near Hartleton last night. The aged man had started to walk to the home of his daughter in a snowstorm and is believed to have become exhausted.

DR. GEORGE'S WILL FILED

The will of the late Dr. Charles T. George, prominent druggist in the city, was filed to-day with Register Roy C. Danner. Letters testamentary were issued to Raymond E. Reed, a son-in-law. The entire estate, consisting largely of realty holdings, was bequeathed to Mrs. Reed, the only daughter of Dr. George.

COMMITTEE TO CONSERVE FOOD NAMED HERE

McCormick Appoints Commission to Administer Supply in City and County

TO MAKE PLANS SOON OFF THE DUTCH COAST

Work to Cover Production, Sale and Consumption of Foodstuffs

As part of the food conservation program in Dauphin county, Food Administrator Donald McCormick to-day appointed a committee to investigate all production, marketing and consumption of food in the county, and the work of the committee in the city and county.

Members who were appointed to-day by Administrator McCormick follow: D. E. Tracy, Albert Shenk, County Farm Agent H. G. Niesley, County Recorder James E. Lentz, Mayor D. L. Keister, Mrs. William Henderson, president of the Civic Club; City School Superintendent F. E. Downes; M. A. Cumber, J. W. Clemson, H. A. Royer, county inspector of weights and measures; ex-Mayor J. William Bowman, Mrs. John W. Reilly, L. E. McMinis, school superintendent of Steelton; F. E. Shambaugh, county school superintendent; H. D. Reed, city inspector of weights and measures.

The organization will be known as the Food Supply Committee and will be part of the Dauphin County Committee of Public Safety, although its work will be under the direction of Administrator McCormick. It is planned later to have a representative in each town and township to cooperate with the general food supply committee.

Cunard Officials Confirm Report of Vinovia Loss

New York, Dec. 29.—Officials of the Cunard Line here to-day confirmed previously published reports of the sinking by a German submarine of the steamship Vinovia off the British Isles.

The Vinovia was a freight carrying vessel of 5,500 tons gross. She was built in Sunderland in 1906.

R. R. HEAD'S REFUSE DEMANDS

Washington, Dec. 29.—The railroads have definitely refused demands of their organized employers for forty per cent increase in pay and have turned the responsibility entirely to the government. The railway executives here to-day in letting their decision be known made no concealment of their feeling that government operation is a step toward government ownership, and made clear they felt the public and the stockholders would demand it. One of the plans under consideration for handling railroad finances is the formation of a government corporation under the director general of railroads to buy and market railroad securities.

AMERICAN QUARTERS BURNED

San Jose, Costa Rica, Dec. 29.—The American consulate, the International Club, the principal department store of the city, and all the other buildings but two on the public square were destroyed by fire to-day. There was no loss of life. The damage is estimated at \$1,000,000 mostly covered by insurance.

R. R. BOARD LEAVES PITTSBURGH

Washington, Dec. 29.—The railroad war board to-day directed the operating committee of eastern railroads with headquarters at Pittsburgh, to remove immediately to Washington to sit here with the board.

SCHOOL HEADS HOLD CONFERENCE

Worcester, Mass., Dec. 29.—Principals of seventy private schools in New England, New York, New Jersey and Pennsylvania joined in a conference at Worcester Academy to-day to discuss the relation of the schools to the government. The chief problem to be considered was that of maintaining efficient faculties, in view of the large number of teachers who have entered various branches of military service.

PATROL ENCOUNTERS ONLY

Paris, Dec. 29.—There was nothing to report last night with the exception of patrol encounters north of the Chemin Des Dames and near Sapigneul," says to-day's official statement.

MARRIAGE LICENSES

Donald H. Witmer, Pittsburgh, and Margaret R. Boss, Harrisburg; Francis Andrews and Annie Varzo, Steelton; Lee F. Moore and Carrie E. Brubaker, Middletown; John L. Kramer and Nell B. Rumsan, Middletown.

THE WEATHER

For Harrisburg and vicinity: Generally cloudy and continues cold to-night and Sunday; lowest temperature to-night about 0.

For Eastern Pennsylvania: Cloudy and continued cold to-night and Sunday. Probably occasional light snow in southeast portion; moderate northeast to north winds.

River The Susquehanna will remain and all its branches will remain generally ice-bound and practically stationary.

General Conditions Pressure has increased over nearly all the country, except the northwestern and southeastern portions, and is unusually high over the Missouri and Upper Mississippi valleys, with barometric readings above 31 inches in Minnesota and Eastern South Dakota. A disturbance along the northern coast, with high pressure to the northwest, has resulted in generally cloudy weather in the eastern and southern districts, with light snows over most of the eastern half of the country, and some rain in Eastern North Carolina. Rain has fallen also in Oregon, Washington and Idaho, and light snows in the Missouri Valley and the Northern Rocky Mountains. There has been a general fall of 2 to 32 degrees in the temperature over nearly all the country, except the southeastern and northwestern portions and the Western Canadian provinces, where it is warmer.

Temperature: 8 a. m., 4; Sun: 11 a. m., 4; 4:30 p. m., 4; 8 p. m., 4; 11 p. m., 4; Moon: 11 a. m., 7; 6 p. m., 4; River Stage: 4.2 feet above low-water mark.

Yesterday's Weather Highest temperature, 33; Lowest temperature, 14; Mean temperature, 24; Normal temperature, 31.