



TALIANS HURL BACK TESTONS IN FIERCE MIDWINTER ATTACK

LATE NEWS

DUMARESQUE SPENCER KILLED Paris—Dumaresque Spencer, of Highland Park, Ill., was killed a few days ago while returning from patrol duty across the German lines near Belfort.

STEEL CORPORATION EARNINGS New York—Total earnings of the United States Steel Corporation for the quarter ended December 31 were \$59,724,125, compared with total earnings of \$68,243,784 during the previous quarter. Net income was \$48,035,344 compared with \$55,245,377 for previous quarter and surplus was \$16,258,272 compared with \$21,824,554.

U. S. INSURANCE PROVES POPULAR Washington—Total applications for government soldiers' insurance to-day passed the \$5,000,000,000 mark. About 600,000 soldiers and sailors have applied.

EGGNOG PARTY KILLS SEVEN Muskogee, Okla.—Seven persons are dead, two others are expected to die and nearly a score are ill as a result of an eggnog party Sunday at Francis, Okla., at which denatured alcohol was used by mistake, according to word reaching here to-day.

MARKET CLOSURES FIRM New York—Steel and other leaders reacted 1 to 1-2 points in the dull final hour. The closing was firm. Liberty 3 1/2's and first 4's made new low records at 97.60 and 96.52 respectively, second 4's selling at 96.30 to 96.18. Rails, industrials, shippings and utilities were included in to-day's gross gains of 1 to 3 points, short covering proving an important factor. Sales approximately 525,000 shares.

BAKERIES HAVE LITTLE FLOUR Harrisburg—Unless flour shipments held up by snow-bound railways arrive in the city within a week, bakeries here will face a serious shortage, managers of local plants to-day declared.

BETHLEHEM STEEL SHOWS DECREASE New York—A decrease of \$16,273,271 in net income for the year ending December 31, 1917, was reported to-day by the Bethlehem Steel Corporation. Charles M. Schwab president explained that during 1916 the company was engaged in work for foreign governments in addition to United States government business and domestic orders whereas last year it was busy on United States government work exclusively, and this accounted for the showing made.

PREPARE TO FIGHT FLOODS Washington—Instructions were sent out to-day by the railroad administrations to local railroad authorities to prepare to fight floods expected later this week if thawing weather develops.

HIGH WATER CAUSES DAMAGE Nashville, Tenn.—High water on the Cumberland and Tennessee rivers as a result of the heavy rains and melting snows was causing damage to-day in this state and Kentucky.

FRENCH TROOPS TAKE PRISONERS Paris—French troops yesterday penetrated the German lines in upper Alsace, destroyed defense works and brought back prisoners, the war office announces.

NYACK STAR SUSPENDS Nyack, N. Y.—The Nyack Evening Star, established twenty-six years ago suspended publication to-day. Conditions arising from the war were given as the cause.

BOLSHEVIKI SPLIT ON PEACE London—The Bolsheviki have split on the question of peace, a majority being against the conclusion of peace on the German terms and in favor of a holy war, an Exchange Telegraph dispatch from Petrograd says. As the present government is unable to carry on war, the formation of a coalition of all Socialist factions was proposed.

MARRIAGE LICENSES Joseph C. Frye, Jr., and Catherine L. Hoan, Steelton; Harry E. Houck, Penbrook, and Edna Keller, Harrisburg.

TROTZKY AGAIN OPENS PARLEY WITH GERMANS

Russian Delegates Leave Petrograd For Brest-Litovsk to Resume Negotiations With Central Powers; Industrial Unrest in Germany Continues; Finland Revolt Is Backed by Bolsheviki, Is Report

Copenhagen, Jan. 29.—The Red Guard has won complete control of Helsingfors, capital of Finland, a Stockholm dispatch to the National Tidende reports. It is not known whether the Finnish government officials escaped from the revolutionaries.

Petrograd, Monday, Jan. 28.—Leon Trotzky, the Bolsheviki foreign minister, and M. Kamenoff left Petrograd to-day for Brest-Litovsk to resume the peace negotiations with the central powers. The council of the Workers' and Soldiers' Delegates, while deploring the imperialistic tenor of the German peace terms, approved all the actions of the Russian delegation and charged the government to continue the negotiations.

The congress adopted a resolution to this effect after the minority, made up of Minimalists and Social Revolutionists of the Right had sought vainly to persuade the adoption of a policy flatly against a separate peace. During the debate Foreign Minister Trotzky declared he could not give a guarantee that he would not sign a separate peace, saying:

"To call a separate peace a disgrace is blasphemy in the sight of blood-covered Europe."

London, Jan. 29.—The report that M. Trotzky and his associates are on the way back to Brest-Litovsk is de-

GERMANS AGAIN BOMB LONDON; ONE PLANE BURNS

Two Groups of Raiders Cross Essex and Kent Coasts

London, Jan. 29.—German airplanes made their first attack of the year upon London and its suburbs last night, their bombs inflicting casualties officially reported as 47 killed and 169 injured. All the victims except one of the killed and seven of the injured were in the London area itself. No serious material damage was done and the raiders suffered the loss of one machine which fell in flames from a height of 10,000 feet, its three occupants being burned to death.

A large number of machines came over the coast in relays, but apparently only three or four succeeded in getting through the barrage and dropping explosive and incendiary bombs into the town. The sumpire lasted intermittently through five hours.

There was an hour's interval before midnight when no firing was heard except an occasional distant gun off towards the coast. Residents who were away from their homes at the theaters or in the shops when the raid began, concluded it was all over, although the buzzes had not sounded the "clear" signal, and more persons were in the streets than usual at midnight when the heavy guns began to boom again in warding off the second of the two attacks.

The British flyers were more active than ever before, having gained in experience in night flying. Besides the Gotha brought down by British scouts over Essex one was pursued over London by the scouting forces and the rattle of machine guns in the air was plainly heard from the streets.

The night was one of absolute clearness. There was a full moon and no clouds or wind. The population had ample time for securing shelter, adequate warning having been given.

One of the raiding aircraft was brought down, falling in flames

Mrs. O'Grady Is a N. Y. Police Commissioner New York, Jan. 29.—A woman was yesterday appointed a deputy police commissioner of New York City and precedent thereby shattered. She is Mrs. Ellen O'Grady, with the rank of first deputy. She was placed in the position by Police Commissioner Enright, new appointee of Mayor Hylan. Mrs. O'Grady is a widow with three daughters.

FAIR FOOD PRICES

Consumer prices are figured on a quotation "cash-and-carry" basis. Credit and delivery prices may be higher. The Federal Food Administration has no authority to fix prices. It may, however, determine what are fair prices, based on reasonable profits to the wholesaler and retailer. If your retailer charges more on a "cash-and-carry" basis, than the prices named below, report him by letter to the Federal Food Administration, Chamber of Commerce.

Table with columns: Retailer Pays, Consumer Should Pay. Rows include BEANS, BUTTER, CORN MEAL, EGGS, FLOUR, LARD, POTATOES, SUGAR.

CITY STRUGGLES TO GET TRAFFIC BACK TO NORMAL

Trolley and Steam Lines Get Back to Something Near Schedule Time

Harrisburg and suburban towns still were struggling this morning to extricate themselves from under the heavy blanket of snow that has almost completely tied up transportation and outside business for twenty-four hours. The total snowfall recorded yesterday was eight inches, and all street car and railway transportation in the city and steam railroads was more completely tied up than it has been at any time during the present winter. The Pennsylvania railroad, the Philadelphia and Reading and the Cumberland Valley railroads are still running lines behind time.

Felix M. Davis, superintendent of transportation, of the Harrisburg

2,000,000 U. S. TROOPS READY IN 1918, BAKER SAYS

500,000 Early This Year and 1,500,000 Soon, Secretary Asserts

Washington, Jan. 29.—Five hundred thousand American troops in France early this year and a million and a half more ready to go—fully equipped and with the artillery to support them—this was the answer Secretary of War Baker gave the Senate military committee to the charge of inefficiency and breakdown in the military establishment.

As a climax to a day's explanation of all that the military establishment had done, freely confessing faults and imperfections in so vast an undertaking, but maintaining the one of efficiency, the readiness has been found, the Secretary disclosed what hitherto has been guarded as a military secret and what the German people little suspect. This fighting force of 2,000,000 in all, probably little expected by the German general staff itself, will be composed of the men now with Gen-

PRESIDENT TAKES DRIVE Washington, Jan. 29.—President Wilson cancelled the cabinet meeting this afternoon and went for a motor drive. It was the first time he had been out of the White House since Friday, when he was taken with a troublesome cold.

COMMITTEE HEARS PLAN TO DRAFT ALL AS THEY REACH 21

New Provisions of Draft Law Under Consideration by Senate Military Committee; Crowder Expresses Hope That Only Men of Class One Will Be Called; Objects to Proposal That Men Now 31 Be Exempted

Washington, Jan. 29.—New provisions of the draft law to bring in young men as fast as they become 21 were considered to-day by the Senate Military Committee with Provost Marshal General Crowder explaining them. Another proposed amendment, supported by the War Department, would discharge men as fast as they become 21 if they have not been inducted into the military service.

"We would exhaust Class 1," he said, before calling on other classes. I hope we will not have to call on any class except Class 1. If you pass the resolution to enroll men becoming 21 we will be assured, almost, of not having to go out of Class 1. If Class 1 in any community becomes exhausted, according to its quota, we would call on all other men of Class 1 in other communities before calling men of lower classes in the first community."

General Crowder opposed the plan recommended by Secretary Baker to exempt men becoming 31 without being drafted.

PRICELIST FOR FOOD ISSUED TO CITY BUYERS

Donald McCormick Declares Figures Are Based on "Cash and Carry" Plan

Shortage of Fresh Meat Expected to Develop A telegram from Howard Heinz, State Food Administrator, received to-day by Donald McCormick, local Food Administrator, states that owing to the transportation difficulties, there may be a shortage of fresh meat. The message lays special emphasis on the fact that wholesalers and retailers must distribute the present supplies of fresh meat equally among their customers. There should be little or no increase in cost of the meat.

If this ruling is not enforced by the meat-dealers, their supplies of meat will be cut off, Mr. McCormick states.

Prices of foodstuffs declared to be a fair charge for Harrisburg grocers to-day were issued by Donald McCormick, Federal food administrator for Dauphin county, following several conferences with representative grocers.

The price is said to have been figured on a "cash and carry" plan. Credit accounts and delivery charges may push the prices up higher, it was pointed out by Mr. McCormick.

The food administrator to-day emphasized the point that he has no power to fix prices, but is trying to show what housewives should pay under ordinary conditions. There is nothing, it was said, to prevent a

THE WEATHER

For Harrisburg and vicinity: Fair and cold, with light to moderate temperature about 10 degrees; Wednesday fair; For Eastern Pennsylvania: Fair and somewhat colder to-night; Wednesday fair; moderate northwest winds becoming variable.

Next Monday is THRIFT DAY Don't Wait for it Buy your first stamp TONIGHT You'll be saving money.

ITALY LAUNCHES SURPRISE ATTACK ON GERMAN LINES

Heavy Blow Falls on Asiago Plateau in Dead of Winter

Washington, Jan. 29.—Italy has furnished a military surprise by launching an attack of apparently considerable force on her mountain front in midwinter. The blow comes on the Asiago plateau, where the Austro-German invaders were halted early in the winter in their effort to push down to the Italian plains west of the Brenta river.

Berlin heralded the breaking out of a violent artillery duel in the Sittl-Communion region—the Asiago sector. Its force was reported to have reached a climax at dawn on Monday in the vicinity of Col Del Liosser, which height stands about midway between Asiago, and the Brenta.

The supplementary German official report of last night, which was not received until to-day, announces the opening of the assault in this region, describing it as a violent attack. "The news," it says, "was accompanied by details."

In the lack of more definite news the probability suggests itself that the Italian effort is somewhat similar to that of the French a few weeks ago east of the Brenta which resulted in a penetration of the Austro-German line for a considerable distance and the subsequent withdrawal of the enemy from a rather extended area improving the Italian position, notably, that the Italians may now be endeavoring to effect a rectification of their line with a view to making more difficult any future attempt of the enemy to advance.

Rome, Jan. 29.—Italian troops made a heavy attack yesterday on the northern mountain front and broke into the enemy lines, the war office reports. Reinforcements which the enemy was hurrying down the Nos and Campomulo valleys were dispersed by the artillery of the Italians and their allies.

Twelve enemy airplanes were brought down. The Italians held mastery of the air everywhere. The Italians took more than 1,500 prisoners. They stormed enemy positions on the heights east of the Asiago basin and broke through at several points, resisting violent counter-offensives.

Confesses Highwayman Story Was Invention to Cover Defalcation Sunbury, Pa., Jan. 29.—Gordon Broscious, collector for the Mahanoy and Mohantongo Telephone Company, who claimed he was held up on the public road near here two weeks ago and robbed by a highwayman, to-day confessed that the story was a hoax to cover up defalcation of the company's funds. He claimed to have been robbed of \$300. Broscious is being held for embezzlement.