



MANY BRAVE POLAR BLAST TO DIG CITY FREE OF BLOCKADE

SHOVELERS JOIN MAYOR'S BRIGADE IN SNOW ATTACK

Scores of Trucks and Teams Used in Drive Against Jack Frost

THE MAYOR WORKS HARD

Sun Warms Up Men After Wind Makes Going Nasty

With a polar wind beating down from the northwest and the temperature falling with zero hundreds of Harrisburg citizens turned out this morning to respond to Mayor Daniel L. Keister's call for volunteers to dig the Capitol City out of the snow. The Mayor himself gallantly led the way, breasting the wintry blast at 8 o'clock promptly and turning in to declimate a big snowbank just outside the police station. City Treasurer Clarence Webber also supported the Mayor with a bright, shining new shovel and a bearskin shako, giving him much the appearance of a Russian grenadier.

Before an hour had passed the police station was filled with volunteers from all parts of the city; many trucks had either lined up there or notified the Mayor that they were ready for action at various points which had been determined for headquarters.

Problem a Big One The problem of getting away with 3,000,000 cubic yards of snow challenged this small army of citizens and there was small chance that all of this bulk could be handled in one day. Seeing what an icy and laborious job was ahead, the Davenport lunch rooms announced that every snow shoveler, high and low, would be refreshed with a cup of hot, strong coffee at this establishment and the news was welcomed with a prolonged howl of appreciation.

In the early hours it looked as though the Mayor's request might not be taken up so universally as hoped, but when the sun began to grin cheerily down the hills and the ambition and sentiment of loyalty, so that by noon Mayor Keister thought the streets would be alive with regiments of volunteers, including some courageous women.

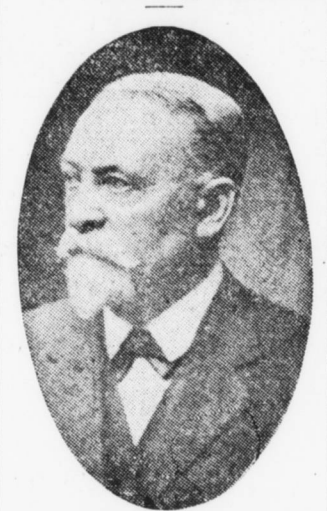
Being Own Shovelers The first three men to show up, long before 8 o'clock, were H. Killmer, E. Fleisher and C. Baker. They brought their own shovels and started in on Strawberry street, near Market, and found pretty soon that the snow was so frozen that only a pick would avail. A crowd of trolley passengers gathered about to give their advice, the substance of which was to send for dynamite. At this point Joe Ibach, chief clerk of the Highway Department, hove in view and he had made such careful preparations that heavier implements were soon furnished and the snow began to fly. The Highway Department had a big stock of new shovels and Ibach figured he would have enough implements to keep the whole army busy.

By 9 o'clock greater activity prevailed at all the central spots. Market and Thirteenth, Nineteenth and Derry, Race and Paxton, Vine and Paxton, Third and North, Third and Rely, and other headquarters covering the entire city. Mayor Keister, in order to lend the encouragement of his person took a swing in a motor around all bases and getting out at each one took his turn with the shovel. This acted like a third rail on any slackers, who seeing the chief magistrate hard at work immediately volunteered by scores.

Many Join Late "Do you mind if I clean off my own pavement first?" was the universal request, and the mayor heartily agreed with this system. Being Fuelless Day, scores of trucks were at the disposal of the volunteer army and the dumping was not confined to the Paxton sewer. The big thing was to get it away. The snow was piled up in motor brigades for short times at different intervals during the day. There was, of course, nothing that prevented a man from working a half hour and then going home to warm up.

This is the official THRIFT DAY for state and Nation Did You Buy a Stamp?

Death Claims Chief of State Dept. of Mines



JAMES E. RODERICK, Served Long in Important Position. Being Appointed the First Time by Governor Stone.

WIND-SWEPT SNOW CLOSES TROLLEY LINES

Suburban Service Tied Up For Hours by Adverse Weather Conditions

Harrisburg and vicinity awoke this morning to find the trolley service, particularly the suburban lines, snow drifted by a strong west wind. At an early hour both Harrisburg Railways and the Valley Railways Company had large forces of men reinforced by sweepers working to clear the tracks for the resumption of traffic.

Large drifts stopped service on the Rockville, Rutherford and Lingletown lines of the Harrisburg Railways Company. These lines were opened about 9 o'clock, although the high wind swept more snow in the tracks making the cars run back of schedule. On the Valley Railways Company, the Enola "loop" was blocked and also the line above Shiremanstown. Officials of the company stated that an effort was being made to open the loop and also the wind was filling the tracks as fast as the men and sweepers cleared the way. The drifts caused a car to be derailed on siding No. 10, between West Fairview and Wormleysburg, which also stopped traffic for a time.

Many Forced to Walk A large number of workmen from Hummelstown arriving in the city had some interesting experiences to relate to their fellow workmen about the trolley tieup. Starting out on walking toward the city, arriving at Paxtang almost at the point of exhaustion they were at a loss whether to return home or come on nearer to Harrisburg than their home and also that they would have to return afoot they again resumed to march to the city, bravely facing the cold wind.

The lowest temperature registered for last night at the local Weather Bureau was 9 degrees above zero.

German Reply to Geddes Statement Says Claims Are Disproved by Facts

Amsterdam, Feb. 4.—A dispatch received here today from Berlin gives the German reply to the statement last week of Sir Eric Geddes, first lord of the British Admiralty, who in reviewing the first year of unrestricted submarine warfare said the submarine menace was being held that the sinking of merchantmen was decreasing and the destruction of U-boats increasing, and that the morale of the submarine crews was deteriorating on account of the British policy of secrecy in regard to the fate of men on submarines which failed to return to their bases. The German reply, in the form of a semi-official statement, follows: "What Sir Eric Geddes said is not new. It is merely repetition of familiar assertions which are disproved by the facts and appear periodically in the speeches of talkative wirepullers in England. If that brave optimistic Geddes succeeds by such means to lower the morale and the power of resistance of our U-boats, he will have as little success as has been met with in the attempts to bluff the German people, who long ago realized English secrecy was nothing but an expression of consciousness of weakness."

JAS. E. RODERICK, STATE MINE CHIEF FOR YEARS, DEAD

Born in South Wales, Worked His Way Up From Bottom of Ladder

RESIDED IN HAZLETON

Appointed First by Governor Stone and by Every Governor Since That Time

Wilkes-Barre, Feb. 4.—James E. Roderick, chief of the State Department of Mines, died here this morning in Pittston, Luzerne county, where he was engaged as a miners' laborer. Afterward he worked as a miner, doing all manner of work in the mines around Hazleton and Wilkes-Barre until January 1, 1886, when he was appointed mine foreman of the Empire shaft, operated then by the Wilkes-Barre Coal and Iron Company.

June 1, 1870, he resigned to become superintendent of the Warri Run Mining Company's collieries and in July, 1881, he was appointed mine inspector with headquarters at Hazleton, resigning in 1889 to become general superintendent for Linderman and Sker, big operators, and in 1896 leaving that position to become general superintendent and manager for A. S. VanWickie's large interests.

May 1, 1899, he resigned that position to accept appointment of Chief of the Bureau of Mines at the office he held until his death, having been reappointed as often as his term expired. Mr. Roderick was president of the First Presbyterian Church of Hazleton, served as school director and councilman there and was a director of the Hazleton National bank.

GERMAN MALES REGISTERING AS ENEMY ALIENS

Police to Get Life History of Every Man Over 14 Years of Age

At 6 o'clock this morning, the Harrisburg police department had everything ready to register Harrisburg's first alien enemy. By 8 o'clock Saturday night Police Chief Wetzel hopes to have the registration of every man over 14 years of age, with a history of his life, neatly tabulated on his questionnaire and ready to mail to the Department of Justice. The registration includes every German citizen who has reached his fourteenth birthday. Austrians are not included.

Chief Wetzel received word of the registration a month ago, and has been laying plans to take care of the registration. Arrangements have been made with Frank E. Musser to provide the photographs of the aliens, as every registrant must submit a set of finger prints on the questionnaire, and the police have provided the necessary means for securing them.

The registration during the day will be conducted by Chief Wetzel.

First Drafted Army Will Be Complete Feb. 15; to Call Final Quotas

Washington, Feb. 4.—The first draft Army will be completed on February 15. The final quotas from those states which have not furnished their full strength will be sent to camp on that date. Orders to this effect have gone out from Washington. Advance supplies of equipment for the new contingents are being assembled at the camps and cantonments in various sections of the country. Secretary of War Baker has insisted on the accumulation of ample stocks of clothing and other necessary supplies before the additional men reach camp.

TEUTON LEADERS MEET TO DISCUSS GRAVE SITUATION

Developments in German Industrial Centers Cause Increased Concern

STRIKERS MUST RESUME

Death Penalty Is Threatened All Who Refuse to Obey Edict

By Associated Press Amsterdam, Feb. 4.—A new strike movement the Berliner Tageblatt of Saturday evening announced began at Jena, Saturday. About one-third of the workmen are striking. Dr. Von Kuehlmann, German foreign minister; Count Czernin, the Austro-Hungarian foreign minister, and General Von Ludendorff, the German chief quartermaster general, a semi-official announcement from Berlin says, will arrive in Berlin today to participate in deliberations on political and economic questions affecting the common interests and territories of Germany and Austria-Hungary. Count Botho Von Wedel, the German ambassador to Vienna, also is expected to attend.

Death by Execution The threat held over Berlin workmen who do not return to their tasks today. Repressive measures instituted by the German government have taken the form of orders to the strikers to resume work on pain of trial by court-martial which will have power to impose the death sentence.

Berlin has been one of the main centers of the strike movement and it has been admitted officially that 120,000 workmen were idle because of strikes there, while unofficial estimates have run as high as 500,000. The German capital was quiet Saturday according to semi-official statements received in Holland, virtually the only form in which news of the strike has been permitted to leave Germany.

CROWDS HONOR ITALIAN HEROES OF COL DI ROSSO

Populace Comes For Miles to See Brave Young Sardinians

Italian Headquarters in Northern Italy, Sunday, Feb. 3.—The Sassari brigade of young Sardinians, which distinguished itself by cutting its way up the Col Di Rosso last Tuesday, came out of the trenches today.

It was an event which stirred the neighboring country and the peasantry with children and babies, came from fifty miles around to see these young heroes. The city was gay with flags, the walls were covered with posters, "Ital Sassari heroes!" and children carried flowers to strewn along the route of their march. The brigade marched twenty miles from its trenches and it was an inspiring sight as the boyish looking soldiers came down the road. Their helmets and uniforms were still splashed with the mud of the big fight, but they marched proudly and appeared happy over the enthusiastic tribute.

Brigadier General Ferrigo, commander of the brigade, marched at the head with a group of wounded officers with heads bandaged and arms in slings. Then came the machine gun sections and the long ranks of sturdy youths. One regiment was commanded by a major who took the place of the colonel who was killed in Tuesday's fighting. A squadron of airplanes hovered overhead, scattering confetti on the victors.

Thousands Tramp to Work When Streetcar Men Strike in St. Louis

By Associated Press St. Louis, Mo., Feb. 4.—Long before dawn today, thousands of people left their homes on the tramp to factories, offices and stores on account of the demoralization of the street car service caused by a strike of conductors and motormen, begun late Saturday night. Information as to the strike situation was telegraphed to Secretary of War Baker last night by Paul Bunn, secretary of the St. Louis Chamber of Commerce. "We felt it our duty," said Mr. Bunn, "to give the War Department immediate notice concerning the strike, so that it may know how to proceed with war orders that are being filled by St. Louis concerns."

YANKEES MORE THAN MATCH FOR TEUTONS IN OPENING BATTLE

U.S. Fire Almost Perfect, French Commander Says of American Batteries

With the American Army in France, Feb. 2 (Delayed).—The French commander of a sausage balloon squadron who was an artillery observer at Verdun during the heaviest fighting and also participated in the Somme offensive, declared today that the new U. S. victrolite mortar batteries at the front is "almost perfect."

WAR UNTIL JUST PEACE, DECIDES ALLIES' COUNCIL

Session at Versailles Replies to Hertling and Czernin Speeches

London, Feb. 4.—The allies' supreme war council, which met at Versailles, finds no approximation in the German chancellor's and the Austro-Hungarian foreign minister's speeches to the terms of the entente allies. The council has decided to continue the vigorous prosecution of the war until peace can be obtained "based on the principles of freedom, justice and respect for international law." This official announcement was made here last night. A summary of the official report of the council was given by Mr. Clemenceau. "The council was unable to find in Von Hertling's and Czernin's recent utterances any real approximation to the moderate conditions laid down by the allies' government," he said. "Under the circumstances the council decided that the only task before them to meet was the vigorous prosecution of the war until peace can be obtained based on the principles of freedom, justice and respect for international law."

Boy of 16, Who Enlisted in U. S. Cavalry Without His Parents' Knowledge, Dies

Word has been received here of the death of Arthur Stoke, 16-year-old son of Mr. and Mrs. Pierce Stoke, of Edgemont, while serving in the Eighth Cavalry at Presidio, Texas. The cause of the death has not been learned by the parents as yet, but friends of the lad who have heard from him recently declare that it was probably the result of an accident, as up until a few days ago he had not heard of his being ill. Young Stoke enlisted early last October at the Harrisburg recruiting station, at the age of 16 years. As his parents were opposed to his joining the Army, he enlisted without their knowledge. Officers of the local recruiting station have not yet heard of his death, they said this morning.

Bishop McDevitt Warmly Commends War Savings Stamps to Harrisburgers

Bishop Philip R. McDevitt, of the Catholic diocese of Harrisburg, in a statement on the War Savings Stamp plan, warmly commends it as affording opportunity to save and at the same time help the Government. The statement of the bishop, who was formerly superintendent of the parochial schools of Philadelphia, is as follows: "The Government in the War Stamp proposal combines admirably the useful and patriotic. She affords all citizens, even the poorest, the opportunity to discharge the duty of patriotism and to do it with the least substantial sacrifice. She does not ask her citizens to give their money, as she might in the great crisis of the war, but simply to loan their money and she pledges herself and her unbounded resources to return the principal and, in addition, to pay a substantial annual profit. What security for any loan can equal that of the United States? Men would rejoice if every duty could be discharged with as little sacrifice as the obligation resting upon all citizens to support with their financial aid, the Government in the present world struggle."

To-day is National Thrift Day and is being generally observed in the state by a concerted campaign to increase buying of the War Savings stamps.

ENTIRE FRENCH SECTOR IS HELD BY U. S. TROOPS

German Forces Concentrate Heavy Artillery Fire on American Positions

OFFICERS ARE ELATED

At Least Three Enemy Dug-outs Are Demolished With Casualties

By Associated Press With the American Army in France, Feb. 2 (delayed).—American troops now are occupying a sector of the Lorraine front in France. This announcement is permitted by the military censor.

The whole American sector is resounding with the boom of guns. Airmen became exceedingly active along the American front on Saturday. Enemy snipers wounded two Americans slightly early today.

American 75s are harassing traffic behind the enemy trenches. The Germans are confining their fire largely to the American trenches.

With the American Army in France, Sunday, Feb. 3.—American officers are elated over the results of the first artillery duel between American and German gunners which followed a preliminary shelling by the Germans Saturday evening. In official reports to the headquarters of the organizations the infantry commanders to-day paid tribute to the promptness with which the artillery responded to the call for barrage and to the effectiveness of the artillery fire.

Aerial reconnaissance to-day showed the American gunfire had had a very destructive effect.

Three Dugouts Destroyed It is known at least three enemy dugouts were demolished, probably with some casualties. In a regimental headquarters village shelled by the enemy, many buildings were wrecked completely or in part. There were no casualties among the officers. The whistling of two big shells gave warning of the coming bombardment and officers and men sought shelter in the dugouts. The bombardment of the headquarters village came at the end of a period of shelling which had extended generally along several kilometers of the front.

The German artillery opened the engagement with a desultory bombardment of the American trenches at a certain point, firing many shrapnel shells. In the midst of this red rocket, calling for a barrage, ascended from the German first lines.

Before the German artillery could respond, the American 75s, summoned into action by a signal from the first line laid a curtain of fire along the enemy first lines. Then began the battle of the gunners. The increased intensity of the German fire was met immediately by the Americans who not only showered shells on the original sector, but quickly extended their activity to a wide front.

Within twenty minutes the 75s and larger pieces were booming all along the valley, the shelling finally spreading to a town in which regimental headquarters was located. As darkness settled down the guns grew quiet.

Heavy mists again overhung the American sector today. Consequently there was little artillery work and no aerial activity.

Fifty Street Cars Burned When Workman Attempts to Light Oil-Soaked Waste

By Associated Press Wheeling, W. Va., Feb. 4.—Fifty street cars and the large barn of the Wheeling Traction Company, located at Wheeling Island, were destroyed by fire early today. The damage is estimated at \$200,000. The fire started when a carman, attempting to light a heater and oil-soaked waste.

The Wheeling Traction Company is controlled by the West Pennsylvania Traction Company of Pittsburgh, Pa. Put Mocking Mottees Upon Prussian Money Amsterdam, Feb. 4.—The artist who designed paper money of the demoralization of 50 pfennigs which now is being circulated in several rural towns of Prussia has been arrested at Nieberstedt on the charge of holding up the Fatherland to ridicule. His offense lay, according to the Staatsbeobachter in the ornamentation on the margin of the bills. After the money had been in circulation for some time, it was discovered that the artist had inserted in microscopic letters: "A tender memory and a fond hope. Over a design of three turnips, he wrote, 'This is how the Germans live.'"

LATE NEWS

BRITISH CASUALTIES FOR WEEK London—British casualties reported during the week ended to-day totalled 6,354, divided as follows: Killed or died of wounds—Officers, 51; men, 1,325. Wounded or missing—Officers, 173; men, 4,805. PRISONER SHOOTS KEEPER; ESCAPES

Scranton, Pa.—Tony Delfino, a prisoner in the county jail here under sentence of death, shot a keeper, seriously injuring him, clubbed another, made his escape at 4 o'clock this morning. From one of his victims Delfino snatched a bunch of keys and unlocked the prison gate. He is still at large.

SOLOMON D. BOYER DEAD Sunbury, Pa.—Solomon D. Boyer, 89 years old, dean of the Northumberland county bar, and one of the oldest members of the order of Odd Fellows in the state, died to-day of pneumonia after a brief illness. Mr. Boyer was one of the organizers of the central Pennsylvania Odd Fellows Orphanage.

U. S. TROOPS ON FIRING LINE Washington—Warning the nation not to let reports of strikes and other internal disturbances in Germany slacken its war preparations, Secretary Baker in his weekly military review to-day also makes the official announcement that American troops are at last holding a portion of the actual battle front. For the first time, also, Secretary Baker declares it is fully believed the allies have a preponderance of men and guns on the western front, despite the fact that the German line has been strengthened by troops from the Russian field. Secretary Baker declared the reports of numerical superiority have been spread by the enemy himself.

CHIEF RODERICK HERE JANUARY 26 Harrisburg—Chief Clerk Hall of the Department of Mines said to-day that Mr. Roderick died at his home in Hazleton at 6 o'clock this morning of pneumonia, the result of a severe cold. He was at the office last January 26.

FIRST GERMAN ALIEN REGISTERED Harrisburg—Albert Broadmeyer, 141 Royal Terrace, was the first German alien registered by the police this morning. He came to this country from Eberfeld, Rhineland, Germany, in November, 1912. His name in Germany was Louis Schwartz, which he changed to Broadmeyer when he came to this country to escape military duty in Germany. He is employed at the Hickok Manufacturing Plant.

MORE COAL ARRIVES Harrisburg—At least eighteen cars of coal arrived in the city over the Pennsylvania Railroad this morning. Ross A. Hickok, fuel administrator said this morning. This is part of the shipments promised Harrisburg by Philadelphia operators last week.

P. R. R. ASKS INCREASES Washington—The Pennsylvania railroad to-day applied to the Interstate Commerce Commission for permission to make increases ranging up to 15 per cent. in rates on manufactured iron and steel, billets, pig iron and related articles, from eastern producing points to localities east of the Mississippi river and north of the Ohio and Potomac and to Canadian points.

HALIFAX DISASTER BLAME FIXED Halifax, N. S.—Blame for the collision between the French munitions ship Mont Blanc and the Belgian relief ship Imo, resulting in the explosion which destroyed a large part of Halifax was placed upon Pilot Mackay of Halifax and Captain Lamodeo, of the French ship, in a judgment announced to-day by government commission.

FIVE BELOW ZERO IS FORECAST Harrisburg—A temperature of five degrees below zero was forecast for to-night by the local Weather Bureau. Tuesday will be fair and continued cold.

MARRIAGE LICENSES Leo C. O. Frankel and Penel Parsons, Harrisburg; Arthur C. Hershey and Mabel H. Leight, Baltimore, Md.