

EBERT, HUMBLE SADDLER AND SOCIALIST, DERIDED BY AUTOCRATS, RAISED TO HUN PRESIDENCY; BIG PEACE PROBLEMS LOOM

New German Ruler Sits With Head Bowed; One Voice Mars GREAT CROWDS GIVE OVATION Solitary Vote For Erzberger Cause For Laughter

Weimar, Feb. 12.—Peeling church bells announced to the people of Weimar at 4.15 yesterday afternoon that the German folk, for the first time in history, had chosen the head of their own state. Friedrich Ebert, former saddler and Socialist leader, appeared before the theater twenty minutes later and received as president of Germany those plaudits formerly marking the appearance of the monarch...

It Doesn't Happen to That Kind of Animal



JAPAN DENIES IT IS READY TO OPEN WAR ON CHINA

Peking and Paris Said to Be Misinformed of Japanese Intentions. Tokio, Feb. 12.—Kjuro Shidehara, vice-foreign minister of Japan, speaking to-day regarding the publication of Chinese treaties with Japan said that the latter had "simply called to China's attention the established procedure according to which neither government has a right to publish confidential correspondence without previously consulting the other."

FRIENDS CABLE JOY TO WILSON

Paris, Feb. 12.—The American Society of Friends has sent President Wilson the following message: "The American Friends authorize me to express joy that you are working for justice. We pray that strength beyond your own will be given you to unite the peoples in a league sanctioning moral force toward all humanity as the basis of future international order. We also appeal for complete disarmament, which is vital to all."

'DRY' LEADERS PREPARED FOR TRICKS OF 'WETS'

Capitol Hill Buzzes With Talk of Scheme to Hold Up Amendment. Capitol Hill was buzzing to-day over reports that an attempt might be made by opponents of the resolution ratifying the prohibition amendment to have it recalled from the Senate next week for the purpose of reconsidering it. "Dry" members here said that any such attempt would meet with dire defeat and that any member who voted for the resolution to recall would have a serious time. Others, who said that the proposition was remote, remarked that they doubted whether Governor Sproul would sit quietly if such an attempt was engineered.

POLICE UNEARTH CLUE TO SECOND STREET ROBBERY

Arrests Expected as Result of Investigations; Jewelers' Association Offers Reward. No arrests having been made by the local police department as a result of the depredations of thieves in the South Second street business area between Market Square and the subway, the Jewelers' National Security Alliance informed William Plack, whose store was visited by the alleged thieves, that a reward of \$1000 was offered for their capture.

City Cars Not Delayed by Day's Heavy Snow

To-day's snow, although seemingly heavy, caused little or no delay on the lines of the Harrisburg Railway Company. It was of the "wet" variety and the melting ice in the low enough to freeze it, the cars could be operated without difficulty and without the aid of sweaters. During the day all of the cars were run on the usual schedules and no delays were reported.

THE WEATHER

For Harrisburg and vicinity: Snow, probably ending this afternoon; cloudy and warmer to-night, with lowest temperature about 35 degrees; Thursday cloudy. For Eastern Pennsylvania: Cloudy and warmer to-night; Thursday cloudy; gentle to moderate shifting winds. Rivers: The Susquehanna river and all its tributaries will fall slowly or remain nearly stationary. The quantity of floating ice in the streams will decrease; no major changes will occur in ice conditions where the streams are frozen. A stage of about 1 foot is indicated for Harrisburg Thursday morning.

WHAT, SIR! IS THE STATE OF PENNSYLVANIA GOING TO DO?

Nothing, Sir! Answers the Attorney General, Who Advises British Subject to Seek Friendly Barkeep. Attorney General William I. Schaffer to-day reiterated the policy of the state's legal department that its function was not to give advice to the public, but to the people connected with the state government. He was called to the telephone on a pay station and addressed as follows: "Mr. Attorney General, I am a British soldier, sir, and I desire to know if my rights are to be disregarded in this country, sir. I am a British subject, sir." "How are your rights being affected?" asked the attorney general.

Armistice Terms to Be Settled at Sessions in Paris

PLAN TO GROUP WORLD'S DEBTS Opening of Great Waterways Now Holds Board. Paris, Feb. 12.—While President Wilson and the allied premiers and generals are engaged in perfecting the plan for the creation of a society of nations and arranging the new terms to be imposed upon Germany for a renewal of the armistice, expiring next Monday, other subjects of the greatest importance are being prepared for the consideration of the peace conference. It is expected that the conference will spend little time discussing them, however, and will pass most of them on to the Society of Nations, the latter has been created and ready to function.

Former Kaiser RECEIVING HIS OLD SUPPORTERS

Wilhelm Maintaining Communication With Men Formerly About His Court PURPOSE IS NOT CLEAR More Servants Arrive at Place of Exile From Castle in Berlin HOLD LONG CONFERENCE Men Prominent in Old Regime Spend Hours With the Ex-Emperor in Holland. Amerongen, Holland, Feb. 12.—There have been various indications during the last week that Count Hohenzollern, the former German Emperor, is maintaining communication with his former supporters. Two secretaries of the German legation at The Hague, Koester and Shelbach, visited the castle at Amerongen and stayed over night, having a long conference with Herr Hohenzollern and Hans Von Gontard, the sole remaining high functionary of the old imperial court who remains faithful to the former emperor. Baroness Von Rosen, the English wife of the German minister to Holland, arrived a few nights ago and she is still at the castle to-day.

LABOR HAS PLACE AT TABLE

Foremost of the secondary program are the recommendations of the commission on international labor legislation. Samuel Gompers, the chairman, has been pushing work so that it is expected he will have a report ready for the conference as soon as it is ready to receive it. There have been difficulties in reconciling the diverse views of British and American labor interests, as each is radical in some respects and yet conservative in others, in the opinion of some labor leaders. It is said that there is no coincidence between their plans. The British are radicals where Americans are cautious, while the Americans throw conservatism to the winds when considering matters on which the British cannot capitulate.

K. OF C. HALL IS TAKEN OVER FOR MEN IN SERVICE

Two Secretaries to Come Here For Work Among the Yankee Soldiers. The Cathedral Hall, North and Green streets has been accepted for work by the Knights of Columbus. Work has already begun on remodeling the hall and it will be thrown open for soldiers, sailors and marines in the near future. Cathedral Hall is the home of the local council of the Knights of Columbus. It will take but a little work to renovate it for entertainment of the men in the service, men in authority said to-day.

DR. N. B. CRITCHFIELD, FORMER SECRETARY OF AGRICULTURE, IS SERIOUSLY ILL WITH PNEUMONIA

Dr. Norman B. Critchfield, for almost thirteen years superintendent of agriculture in Pennsylvania, is seriously ill of pneumonia at his home, 1700 Market street. Mr. Critchfield, who is 80 years old, was stricken last Friday. Mr. Critchfield, a graduate of Ohio University, was appointed secretary of agriculture by Governor Pennypacker in 1908 and served continuously until October 15, 1915, when he retired. He served several terms in the State Senate and is widely known throughout the state.

FOOD PRICES ARE BOOSTED TOO HIGH SAYS CITY SEALER

Butter and Eggs Only Are Cheaper. General food prices in Harrisburg have been stationary during the past several weeks. Eggs and butter, however, have fallen, while green groceries show a tendency to climb. Increased wholesale prices have not yet affected retail prices of meats, meat dealers say. Fresh meats in the local markets are quoted at figures considerably below those of the meat dealers.

COST OF LIVING STATIONARY IN LOCAL MARKETS

Few Changes Made in Last Month in the Prices of Necessities. While the dollar of the Harrisburg consumer has increased somewhat within the past three weeks, the growth has not been especially appreciable. Green produce even shows a tendency to climb upward. The quotations on some articles are materially lower to-day. Several articles ago the remains of a two dollar bill after the purchase of a pound of creamery butter and a dozen of fresh eggs, was inconsequential. Now the figures of these articles have declined to such an extent that it is almost possible to make these purchases with a dollar bill.

Weather May Hit Eggs

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Scores of Men Are Engaged Steadily in Forestalling Is the Charge UP TO THE CITY TO TAKE ACTION

The farmer in this neighborhood has made more money in the last two years than he ever made in his life, declared George B. Nebinger, City Inspector of Weights and Measures, to-day, following his appeal yesterday to City Council to pass ordinances with teeth in them to prevent forestalling in the local markets. "Several years ago five or six hundred farmers used to back up at the Harrisburg markets with every kind of horse vehicle. Now they're back up in motor cars, and they're no Fords, either; big, roomy touring cars. What does this prove? Why, that the farmer is prospering to beat the band. Only last week I talked with a substantial York county farmer who declared that fifty cents a pound is entirely too much to pay for a pound of butter. He told me that it costs little to feed a cow because it gets its food mostly from grading; being fed some hay and corn fodder. A farmer makes fine profits on butter at fifty cents a pound."

BILL PLACES BAN ON GAS

Charleston, W. Va.—A bill to conserve natural gas for the use of West Virginia consumers in preference to outsiders, passed the Senate yesterday by a vote of 190 to 10. The measure was passed by the House of Delegates several days ago and it now is ready for the governor's signature. PARKER HEADS LIQUIDATION BOARD Washington—Appointment of "the United States liquidation commission—War Department," to liquidate the business and financial affairs of the American army in England and France, was announced to-day by Secretary Baker. Edwin B. Parker, of Houston, Texas, is chairman. WAR LEADERS SIT TODAY AT PARIS Paris—It is believed that a special commission will be appointed to study Belgian claims; has been done in the consideration of other territorial problems, says a House report. In addition to Marshal Foch, Marshal Pétain and Field Marshal Haig, General Pershing and General Ditz will be present at to-day's session. DE PALMA BREAKS WORLD RECORD Daytona, Fla.—Ralph De Palma broke the world's automobile record for both mile and a kilometer in straight away dashes to-day on Daytona beach. The time for the miles as announced by officials of the Automobile Association of America, was 24.02 seconds, against Bob Burman's record of 25.40 seconds, made in 1911. De Palma's kilometer time was 15.86 seconds, or two seconds below the record. STOCKHOLM BRINGS 2,084 TROOPS New York—The transport Stockholm arrived here to-day from Brest with 2,084 American troops. These arrivals included field and staff, headquarters company, medical detachment and Companies A, B, C and D of the 101st infantry regiment, 93rd division; the 854th Company transportation corps; casual companies Nos. 219, 222 and 234; also more than 400 casual officers and men of various branches of the service, and fourteen nurses and eighteen civilians. MARRIAGE LICENSES Robert Jones and Goldie M. Swails, Harrisburg; Floyd J. H. and Verneeta E. Harkins, Enola; Harvey C. Shank and Dorothy M. Wilders, Steelton.