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FRESH ENGLISH ARMY RUSHED TO STOP NEW DRIVE

Contingent of 47,000 Hurried Across Channel to Check Foe's Smashing Blows.

Czar Takes Skempe in Thorn Drive—Crosses East Prussian River—Germans Pound Warsaw Line.

The development of a offensive by the Germans to smash their way through the Allied lines in Flanders and northern France to the coast has impelled the British War Office to rush reinforcements to the front. More than 47,000 fresh troops have been sent across the channel to hold the threatened lines.

The attacks so far delivered by the invaders have been mainly between Lens and Bethune and have been without success, according to the French official statement.

The principal fighting elsewhere on the lines has been in the vicinity of Massiges, in the Argonne, where the Germans succeeded in demolishing French trenches.

The Russian advance on Thorn, gaining in momentum, has swept the Germans out of Skempe, in northwest Poland, only 33 miles from the Prussian stronghold. The Germans have been pushed back to their base at Lipno. The Czar has gained 30 miles in the present movement on Thorn.

Hindenburg's forces fronting Warsaw are delivering terrific attacks in the hammering movement begun a few days ago. Petrograd admits a bitter offensive centring at Goumine, the capture of which Berlin claimed yesterday.

Fortified positions at Gross Medunishken have been seized by the Russians after a bitterly contested passage of the Angerap River. Insterburg is now within striking distance, and another step gained in the progress to Koenigsberg.

Turkish forces attempted to cross the Suez Canal at Tusun, south of Port Said, but were beaten back by the British. Many of the Ottoman troops were drowned.

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LAKE STEAMSHIP SINKS

Fifty Persons on Board Escape Over Slush Ice to Safety.

CHICAGO, Feb. 4. — The steamship Iowa, of the Goodrich Line, running between Chicago and Lake Michigan ports, sank off Chicago harbor today.

Fifty persons on board the Iowa made the perilous journey over the slush-ice to the recreation pier at the outer edge of the harbor.

THE WEATHER

Today is an ideal winter day. Crisp, biting air, just cold enough to keep the snow on the city streets from turning to slush, and that same snow giving the whitewashed aspect to the world at large that we associate always with this time of year and so seldom actually experience. And once again we must admit being thoroughly impressed with the immutable order of natural things. We have unseasonable weather from time to time—and that last dose was most discouraging—but sooner or later matters straighten themselves out and the expected happens. So there is not much doubt that many of us will be able to bathe in the ocean next summer without having to be Charlie Dubowns—to do so in comfort, either. Just now, however, we are limiting our swimming to some extent.

We prefer the bathtub!

FORECAST

For Philadelphia and vicinity—Clearing weather throughout the day. Fair tonight, warmer tonight and tomorrow.

For details, see page 2.

Observations at Philadelphia

8 A. M.

Barometer	30.24
Temperature	26
Wind	North, 14 miles
Sky	Cloudy
Precipitation last 24 hours	.18
Humidity	83 per cent.
Minimum temperature	23
Maximum temperature	27

Almanac of the Day

Sun sets	5:21 p.m.
Sun rises tomorrow	7:04 a.m.
Moon rises	10:40 p.m.

Lamps to Be Lighted

Autos and other vehicles ..... 5:40 p.m.

The Tides

PORT RICHMOND.

High water	3:03 p.m.
Low water tomorrow	12:28 a.m.
High water tomorrow	3:30 a.m.

CHESTNUT STREET WHARF.

High water	3:36 p.m.
Low water tomorrow	12:12 a.m.
High water tomorrow	3:27 a.m.

BURDT ISLAND.

Low water	3:44 p.m.
High water tomorrow	2:15 a.m.
Low water tomorrow	8:01 a.m.

NEWKIRK'S.

Low water	[illegible]
High water	[illegible]
Low water tomorrow	[illegible]
High water tomorrow	[illegible]

"DAREDEVIL" NOW TRIES HIS HAND AT FEAT ON TOP OF SKYSCRAPER

Jack Reynolds, otherwise known as "Daredevil Johnny," a professional acrobat and juggler, aroused by recent performances of Evening Ledger photographers high in the air on the new Widener Building, today offered to show them a thing or two, with the above result. He performed this "stunt" while virtually on a level with City Hall clock, which is 361 feet above the pavement.

IMMIGRATION BILL VETO SUSTAINED BY THE HOUSE

Effort to Pass Measure With Literacy Test Over President's Objections Fails.

WASHINGTON, Feb. 4.—The fight to override President Wilson's veto of the immigration bill failed in the House today.

The vote as recorded gives 261 ayes, 136 noes and two members, Representative Kahn, of California, and Peterson, of Minnesota, voting "present." The affirmative vote has five less than the two-thirds required to pass the bill over the veto.

Discussing the President's theory as to whether the American people favor the literacy test, Representative Adair, the first speaker, said:

"It has been a prominent issue before the people for 14 years. It has been discussed by 50,000 labor organizations scattered throughout the country, representing a membership of 1,500,000, and all of these organizations have adopted resolutions favoring the passage of this bill."

Representative Kahn, of California, spoke against the bill, and Representatives Caleb Powers, of Kentucky; Switzer, of Ohio; Raker, of California, and Johnson, of Washington, urged the House to pass the measure.

LETTER ACCUSES DR. LEE

Pastor Charged With Making False and Malicious Statements.

The Rev. J. Beveridge Lee, pastor of St. Paul's Presbyterian Church, 50th street and Baltimore avenue, today was accused of making false and malicious charges against the session board of trustees and elders of the church. The accusation was made in a letter containing a general denial of Mr. Lee's charges, sent to every member of the congregation by the elders.

The whole case from the time Doctor Lee wrote to the session on April 23, 1914, saying he wanted to resign, is reviewed in the letter. It is set forth that after repeatedly declaring he wanted to resign because of feeling in the church, Doctor Lee changed his mind and the session sent a letter to all members of the congregation asking them to forget the past. This letter, it is said, was prepared by the pastor and signed by the members of the session.

Denial is made in the letter that Doctor Lee ever spoke to the session against the election of Mr. Wiggins, the former treasurer of the church, as a trustee. The letter concludes with the statement that the pastor has been asked to resign "in view of Doctor Lee's obstinate determination to have his own way at any cost."

WHEAT CLOSES AT $1.64 1-8

May Touches $1.65 a Bushel in Course of Trading.

CHICAGO, Feb. 4.—May wheat closed at $1.64⅛ in an irregular market here today. It opened at $1.60 and at one time the price touched $1.65.

July opened at $1.38⅞ and closed at $1.41⅝. The high mark for July was $1.42⅝.

BRYAN IN INDIANAPOLIS

INDIANAPOLIS, Feb. 4.—Secretary of State William J. Bryan and Mrs. Bryan arrived here today and were taken to the home of Governor Ralston for luncheon.

Secretary Bryan's address before the Democratic editors this evening, his speech at the German house tonight and his talk to the members of the Legislature are expected to extend the Wilson Administration.

BASKETBALL RESULTS

Camden High School	15	8	—	23
Cape May High School	6	13	—	19
Camden High School Girls	18	8	—	26
Woodbury High School Girls	14	14	—	28
Haverford Prep, 2d	18	18	—	36
St. Joseph's College, 2d	8	9	—	17
McCall Grammar School	46	26	—	72
Hancock Grammar School	4	4	—	8

BRIDGE WRECKER SENT TO JAIL FOR 30 DAYS IN MAINE

Van Horne Pleads Guilty to Trivial Charge While U. S. Considers Canada's Request for Extradition.

VANCEBORO, Me., Feb. 4. — Werner Van Horne, the German officer who attempted to blow up the international bridge across the St. Croix River Tuesday morning, pleaded guilty this afternoon before Justice of the Peace George H. Smith to the charge of damaging private property in Vanceboro. He was sentenced to serve 30 days in the Washington County jail at Machias.

Deputy Sheriff George W. Ross will transfer Horne from the immigration room in the railroad station here to Machias tomorrow. The damage to private property consisted chiefly of a few smashed windows, the result of the explosion which slightly damaged the bridge.

Van Horne was formally placed under arrest today at the immigration station on a warrant issued by Justice of the Peace Smith.

The charge was "wilful wanton injury and defacement of buildings and certain parts of buildings in the town."

Attorney General Pattengall sent word from Augusta today that Van Horne must be held at any cost. He sent this message to Deputy Sheriff Ross in reply to a telegram asking for instructions:

"I have no question about your right to hold Van Horne pending extradition proceedings on the part of the Canadian Government. If any attempt is made to release him on habeas corpus procedings, please notify me at once."

Van Horne has not had any message from friends or sympathizers since he was captured. A German called on him this morning, a prosperous looking young man who did not tell his name or mission.

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THIEF CAPTURED AFTER CHASE

Frederick Henry, a Negro, 1512 Lombard street, was captured after an exciting chase over fences and through back yards by Policemen Prints and Farrington, of the 6th and Woodland avenue station, this afternoon, as he was leaving the home of Mrs. Elmira Lomax, 4609 Linmore avenue. The police believe Henry was responsible for the large number of burglaries committed in that section recently. When Henry finally was cornered, the police say, he had on his person $50 worth of jewelry, a police revolver, a screwdriver and a number of skeleton keys.

Murphy to Box Mitchell

MILWAUKEE, Feb. 4.—The Cream City Athletic Club today matched Middle Mitchell a local lightweight, with Harlem Tommy Murphy, of New York, for February 19 or 22 at the Auditorium here.

PRODUCE MERCHANT ENDS HIS LIFE BY GAS IN A GARAGE

John H. Simon Kills Himself While Depressed on Account of Recent Financial Reverses.

Dead in a gas-filled garage while his two sons for two days had been conducting a search for him, the body of John H. Simon, 50 years old, a prominent produce merchant, of 119 Dock street, and member of the Manufacturers' Club, was found today. The garage is in the rear of the Simon home, 54th street and Overbrook avenue.

Near the body were four letters written in lead pencil and signed by Simon, in which he wrote his intentions to end his life because of financial reverses. One of the letters was addressed to his aged mother. He begged her to forgive him. The other three letters bore the following words:

"To whom it may concern."

In the letters Simon, who years ago was rated as one of the best-known produce merchants in Pennsylvania, gave a history of his business troubles. He also made mention of his will and gave directions how he wanted his property disposed of.

Coroner's Detective Frank Paul, who is a friend of the Simon family, said today he was asked last Tuesday to aid them in finding Simon. On Tuesday after breakfasting with members of his family he left for his place of business. He appeared to be in good spirits and said he would be home early in the evening.

For two days Paul and Simon's two sons have been searching the city for him. While on the grounds of the Simon property, Paul smelled a strong odor of gas. He traced the smell to the garage. The door was locked.

Several friends of the Simon family assisted Paul in forcing the door. The garage was filled with gas which was escaping from a jet in the rear.

As Paul and his party entered the garage, they saw Simon's body lying face up. A physician said Simon had been dead probably for a day or more.

Mrs. Simon, who was in her home when her husband's body was found, collapsed when she heard the news. Simon had four children, two boys and two girls.

Wallace Simon, Jr., a son of the dead man, said today recent business reverses were responsible for his father's suicide. During the last few weeks, according to the son, his father had been worrying a great deal.

"The last time I saw my father was Tuesday morning," said the son. "He left the house on that day, saying that he was on his way to his place of business. He never came home. Father, for several weeks, has been worrying over business matters. We tried to cheer him up, but he always appeared to be despondent."

JEWELER, AS 'FENCE,' ACCUSED OF TAKING $40,000 IN LOOT

Police Charge Charles White Has Long Been Agent Here for Gang of Daring Thieves.

A jeweler accused by the police of running the "biggest fence in the United States" was held in $5000 bail for a further hearing today by Magistrate Carson at his office, 6th and Tasker streets. The man was implicated by William Foley, 22 years old, Carpenter street near 2d, who is said to have confessed to 18 robberies in that neighborhod within the last few months. Foley also was held in $5000 bail for a further hearing.

The jeweler is Charles White, of 1225 South 2d street. Jewelry said to have been stolen and valued at nearly $8000 was found in his store today by Special Policemen Gold and Selby, of the 7th and Carpenter streets station, and Whalen, Robinson and Stilman, of the 3d and Dickinson streets station.

The special policemen assert White bought and disposed of stolen jewelry worth $40,000. They have had him under surveillance for more than two years. According to the police, White bought the loot of robberies from John Dougherty, Harry Roland, Francis Mulligan, Barney Fraim, Benjamin Stosky, John Keith, Washington Thistlewood, Alexander Watson and Alexander McCarron, all of whom are said to be serving time at the Eastern Penitentiary for various crimes.

Policeman Smith, of the 3d and Dickinson streets station, caught Foley. The man was trying doors, Smith says, in Greenwich street, between 3d and 4th streets. After watching him a while the bluecoat put him under arrest. At the station the police say he confessed to 18 robberies that have mystified them. They also say he confessed to disposing of the booty through White.

ARRESTED IN HIS BED

Man Accused of Many Robberies Trapped by Police.

A man accused by the police of being responsible for many of the recent robberies in Logan and Tacony was held without bail for court today by Magistrate Belcher at the 19th and Buttonwood streets station. Nearly a dozen victims of burglaries identified goods found in his room, at 926 Green street, as property stolen from their homes.

The prisoner is Frederick Hobbs, 30 years old. He was trapped in his room early Sunday morning by Special Policemen Clark, Weckesser and Haines. When the men smashed in the door Hobbs was in bed, a revolver beside him on a chair. He reached for it, but Haines was too quick for him.

A large quantity of silverware and jewelry was found in the room. Later the police got in touch with Herbert Rosenbaum, a pawn dealer of 815 East Hilton street, who testified at the hearing this morning that Hobbs had pawned a large quantity of valuables at his store.

SUFFRAGE WINS IN N. Y.

Senate Follows Assembly's Example in Passing Amendment.

ALBANY, N. Y., Feb. 4.—The Senate passed the woman suffrage constitutional amendment today. It has already passed the Assembly.

The amendment will be submitted to the voters next November.

TRANSIT PLAN IS BLOCKED; MARCH VOTE PREVENTED

Chairman Connelly's Refusal to Call Finance Committee Delays Start of Improvement.

April Election Possible if Leaders Heed Public Call—Councilman Dripps Exposes Organization Trick.

The Finance Committee of City Councils, John P. Connelly Chairman, this afternoon betrayed the hopes of the people of Philadelphia.

FOR THE TRANSIT PLAN

The Finance Committee failed to meet. It failed to report the $30,000,000 rapid transit loan measure, which has been in pickle in its committee room since January 7.

This failure means that Philadelphia's rapid transit program providing for the construction of a comprehensive system of subways and elevated roads has been delayed at least one year, unless by some chance the committee changes its attitude and acts promptly.

This was the last day on which the Finance Committee could report the transit loan measure to Councils in order that an election of the people authorizing the loan could have been held in March. It is still possible, however, for the Finance Committee to report the loan measure so that an election can be held in April.

It is pointed out that with an April election Councils could authorize a start on transit before the summer recess of that body.

INACTION DELIBERATE.

It was openly charged this afternoon by representatives of business and civic organizations that the inaction of the Finance Committee was deliberate, and that the failure of its chairman, Connelly, to call a meeting to act upon the transit loan measure was deliberately done in order that the transit work would be thrown into the next Administration, where, it is the hope of the Republican Organization, to elect an Organization Mayor, and then to wax fat off city contract awards to favored politicians.

John P. Connelly is a member of the Republican Organization. In campaigns he is its mouthpiece. He takes his orders from State Senator James P. McNichol, who divides the rule of the Republican Organization with United States Senator Penrose and the Vares.

PUBLIC DEMAND IGNORED.

The demands of the men who elected them were ignored deliberately. In the face of a report from the City Controller, showing the city's borrowing capacity to be more than $40,000,000, the Finance Committee did not meet.

Galleries thronged with citizens who have declared that Philadelphia must and shall have rapid transit made no outward impression on the Organization men blocking the progress of the city.

Telephone calls and letters from citizens demanding action failed to bring about the desired action by the finance committee in approval of the $30,000,000 loan election.

Members of business men's organizations declared this afternoon that it was now up to Philadelphia to get behind the demand of Director Taylor for action on the transit program with a demonstration so forceful that even the Organization-controlled Finance Committee would be moved to act.

A weak, transparent effort to cover up the deliberate policy of delaying transit was made in Select Council when Councilman Charles Seger, of the 7th Ward, introduced a resolution asking for information that has already been given time and again by Transit Director Taylor.

Two bound volumes, containing the full story of the transit program, have been printed by the Director. They have been available to Councils. In spite of this

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JUGGLES HIGH OVER STREET

"Daredevil Johnny" Performs on Skyscraper.

"Daredevil Johnny" Reynolds, a vaudeville performer, did all sorts of hair-raising balancing "stunts" at noon today on the South Penn Square side of the Widener Building, in course of construction.

Reynolds, who lives at 221 North 54th street, has been an equilibrist for 12 years and during his career has broken arms and legs a number of times while performing. His tricks this afternoon were performed at a height of 350 feet above the sidewalk and every moment workmen who stood about expected to see him lose his balance and drop into the street below.

Reynolds will appear in a hair-raising act next week at the Nixon Theatre.

The acrobat placed a cane-seated chair on planks which extended 2 feet over the side of the skyscraper, sat down and balanced himself on the back legs of the chair. A stiff breeze was blowing at the time.

If Reynolds was worried he didn't show it, because he smiled broadly and the wind blew his blond hair into his face. Then he placed a table on the planks and then placed one chair on the seat of another and after balancing himself, juggled three billiard balls. A "hand stand" on a chair placed on the planks was also a thriller, and he did another juggling act with one foot on the back of one chair and the other on the seat of the other.

"HIT THE BALL FOR CHRIST," SAYS SUNDAY

"I Like People Who Can Punch the Devil," He Yells, Exhorting Church Members.

"Billy" Sunday was more dramatic this afternoon than he has been at an afternoon service for many days. The subject of his sermon was "Ye Are My Witnesses," and the evangelist made many fierce attacks on church members who are false witnesses for God. He also answered his critics in his cutting vernacular.

Among 47 persons who "hit the trail" this afternoon was an aged woman with white hair whose dress and appearance indicated she came from a home of refinement. She was the first to grasp Sunday's hand when he called for converts. Close behind her came a man whose clothing literally was in rags. He stood sobbing before the platform as though ashamed to look the evangelist in the eyes, and it was several seconds until he was courageous enough to lift his hand to receive Sunday's. He did not do so until "Billy" had spoken kindly to him and had stroked his head.

Prayer was offered by the Rev. Dr. Floyd Tomkins, rector of Holy Trinity Episcopal Church, while the secretaries were obtaining the names of the converts.

In opening the prayer at the close of his sermon, Sunday spoke abruptly:

"Well, Jesus, we make a poor stab at it sometimes, but I do the best I can, so you'll help me, won't you, Lord?"

He prayed only briefly, and in calling for converts asked if there weren't members of churches of all denominations who felt they had not been true witnesses for Christ and wanted to reconsecrate their lives by "hitting the trail."

"I like to see people stand up and hit the ball for Jesus Christ," "Billy" said in opening his sermon. "You stand up, but you can't hit the ball. You spar well, but you don't have the punch. I like to see people who can punch the devil."

"The eyes of the ungodly are turned toward the godly," he said. "In the streets, in the factories, in the offices and everywhere, men and women are looking at you as witnesses for God's power. Do you suppose Peter would have had power to win the faith of the people if he had just come among them from some dance, some bridge whist party or some cheap-skate leg show? That's the reason a lot of you people don't have power today. It's an insult to profess to be Christians and then live the way some of you are doing in Philadelphia. It would be an insult to profess to love your husband and live with some one else. Now, wouldn't it?

LESSON OF PAUL.

"God uses many ways to preach His sermons. Because the bite of the snake didn't kill Paul, the people believed in Him. So you see God can use even a snake to preach his Gospel. Scores were swept into salvation because Paul didn't die. The Lord doesn't need to have preachers in swallow-tailed coats and white neckties and gold-rimmed spectacles to preach His Word.

"The Lord is not compelled to use theologians. The Lord is not compelled to use evangelists. He does not have to use Sunday school teachers. He can take snakes, sticks and anything he chooses and use them for the advancement of His cause."

"Billy" pleaded with church members to do as God has told them to do. "We don't need more of God. He needs more of us," was the way the evangelist put it.

"We are not put into the world to wrap things around people and lead them to God by their following our examples, but are put into the world to set men free. Testimony is borne by the man or woman who lives a positive Christian life—not the soft-soapy, easy-going, happy-go-lucky, chalk or vinegar sort of Christian."

In answer to his critics, Sunday called out:

"I am trying to please God and I don't care a rap whether you like it or not. If you're decent you'll like what I say, or if you're wanting to be decent you'll like it. If you don't like it I know right away what class to put you in. The best evidence that you have been hit is when you grumble and growl. That is the best evidence in the world that you have been leaning on the job. Just keep

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SULLIVAN PROBE BEGUN HERE

Testimony Heard on Activities of Minister to Santo Domingo.

The inquiry into the conduct of James M. Sullivan, United States Minister to Santo Domingo, recently instituted by President Wilson, today shifted to this city. Testimony relating to Mr. Sullivan's alleged activities was taken in the offices of Alfred J. Niles, in the Penn Square Building.

Several witnesses, among them Arthur V. Conover, vice president of the American Gas Accumulator Company, testified, before Charles Strong, a New York lawyer, who was appointed by President Wilson to take testimony.

Another hearing is scheduled for tomorrow.

COSSACK REGIMENT WIPED OUT

BERLIN, Feb. 4.—The Austrian batteries in Galicia have inflicted terrible losses on the Russians, it was announced this afternoon. One Cossack regiment was annihilated.

LOST AND FOUND

CAT—Lost Sunday night, January 31, six brown and white Angora cat. Return to 238 E. 11th. $5 reward.

LOST—February 1, handbag containing money, gold eyeglasses and keys, either getting on car board and arch or Fairmount, between 13th and 20th. Finder please return, liberal reward. 2412 Poplar st.

LOST—Sunday afternoon, between Germantown Road St. Station and Garrick Theatre, a mink fur collar. Reward. Address Dr. Julius Hardin, 6623 Lancaster ave., or phone Oxford 5223.

LOST—Fraternal card, 13 photographs from Westland Middle Man, night, Feb. 1, lost on envelope; reward. H. F. Chol, 2142 Walnut st.

LOST—Red Men and Carpenter's watch, Friday from Front to 8th, Vine to Callowhill; reward. M. Hazlit, 2027 N. 6th st.

LOST—Tuesday, gold medal, between 20th and 22d, Spring Garden and Old York road. Reward if returned to 1217 E.

LOST—Lady's gold watch, hunting case, between Germantown and Broad.

Other items for lost and found on page 12.