

THOMAS B. SMITH TAKES OATH AS MAYOR OF PHILADELPHIA



Mayor Smith is shown with his hand on the book as Judge John M. Patterson reads the oath. Just behind the Mayor is Governor Brumbaugh. To the left, partly concealed by the cluster of lights, is Rudolph Blankenburg, the retiring Mayor. The scene took place in the Common Council chamber.

QUICK NEWS

GERMAN SUBMARINES SUNK OFF BULGAR PORT

AMSTERDAM, Jan. 3.—Two German submarines are reported to have been sunk in the Black Sea, off the Bulgarian port of Varna. No official confirmation has been received.

350 ENEMY CIVILIANS ARRESTED AT SALONICA BY ALLIES

ATHENS, Jan. 3.—Under instructions from General Sarrail, Anglo-French troops at Salonica have arrested 350 Germans, Austrians, Turkish and Bulgarian civilians, despite the protest of the Greek Government against the seizure of Consuls of the Central Empires.

JAPAN NOT TO SEND FLEET TO MEDITERRANEAN

WASHINGTON, Jan. 3.—The Japanese Embassy does not expect Japanese warships to be sent into the Mediterranean to aid the Allies in retaliation for the sinking of Japanese steamers by submarines. "We have heard no rumor of such a move. It is distinctly improbable," an Embassy official declared today, discussing the report.

FRANCE TO RELEASE GERMANS TAKEN FROM U. S. SHIPS

WASHINGTON, Jan. 3.—The French Embassy notified the State Department today that the French Government had given orders for the immediate release of the Germans taken from the vessels of the New York and Porto Rico Steamship Line by the French cruiser Descartes.

ROOSEVELT'S NAME TO GO ON MICHIGAN BALLOT

LANSING, Mich., Jan. 3.—Colonel Roosevelt was placed in the race as a candidate for the Republican presidential nomination today, when petitions bearing enough signatures to insure that his name will go on the Michigan primary ballot were filed with the Secretary of State. The petitions were circulated in Genesee County by former Progressives.

GENERAL HUERTA STILL ALIVE

EL PASO, Tex., Jan. 3.—General Victoriano Huerta was still alive early today, although reported to be in a dangerous condition following Saturday's operation for gallstones and the unsuspected discovery of complications of the liver and bladder.

WASHINGTON, Jan. 3.—Subpoenas for about 100 witnesses are being prepared at San Antonio, Tex., in preparation for the Grand Jury this week to investigate the activities of General Huerta.

FIRE SWEEPS VIRGINIA TOWN

GORDONSVILLE, Va., Jan. 3.—Fire swept through the business section of Gordonsville today, destroying several buildings and causing damage estimated at \$150,000. Calls for help were sent to surrounding towns, and the flames were finally controlled. For several hours the entire town was threatened with destruction.

Mrs. W. T. Belton, wife of a Chesapeake and Ohio dispatcher, was made critically ill from excitement following the loss of all her household effects.

"BILLY" SUNDAY TRAIL HITTER SLAYS HIS MOTHER

SYRACUSE, N. Y., Jan. 3.—Ed G. H. Buchenau, prominent Syracusean, killed his mother with a hammer this morning while suffering from religious mania. He was a "Billy" Sunday trail-hitter.

TRENTON, N. J., Jan. 3.—"Billy" Sunday refused to comment upon the Syracuse tragedy enacted by a crazed "trail-hitter" in that city today.

VON PAPEN ARRIVES AT FALMOUTH

FALMOUTH, England, Jan. 3.—Captain Franz von Papen, recalled military attaché of the German embassy at Washington, D. C., arrived here today on board the Holland-America liner Noordam from New York. Captain von Papen kept to his stateroom for the most part and will continue to Rotterdam on the Noordam.

FRENCH AIR BOMBS RAZE TURK MUNITIONS DEPOT

LONDON, Jan. 3.—Steady fighting continues along the Dardanelles front still held by the Allies. The Turks claim a general success. An Exchange dispatch from Athens reports, however, the bombardment of Tashkoy, a suburb of Constantinople, with great damage, by a French aeroplane. The suburb was set afire and a munitions depot blown up, the dispatch says. An earlier official dispatch from Constantinople reports the repulse of an allied aeroplane by Turkish seaplanes.

KAISER GRATIFIED AT POPE'S GREETING

BERLIN, Jan. 3.—Replying to a New Year's greeting from Cardinal von Hartmann, Archbishop of Cologne, Emperor William thanked the prelate for his message, adding: "I was especially gratified by the greetings sent by you in the name of the Holy Father." The Cardinal recently returned from the consistory at Rome.

WILHELM HAS UNSER FRITZ' MALADY, SWISS SAY

GENEVA, Jan. 3.—Travelers arriving from Germany today reiterated reports that Emperor William of Germany was seriously ill. They said it was common report in Berlin that the specialists caring for the Kaiser had disagreed over the nature of his malady, but had finally agreed that a severe operation was necessary. His ailment, they asserted, is of a cancerous nature and affects the throat and mouth, making it impossible for the Kaiser to take solid food. One report in Berlin, according to the travelers, is that a cancerous growth has attacked the Kaiser's lips, making necessary an operation that will scar him for life.

BRITAIN TO END ALL TRADING WITH ENEMY

LONDON, Jan. 3.—The Foreign Office announces the opening, under its control, of a new bureau to be known as the Foreign Trade Department. This department will put into effect the new powers recently conferred by Parliament with the object of preventing enemy persons or firms established in neutral countries from trading in Great Britain. The head of the bureau is Launing Worthington Evans, M. P. for Colchester, vice chairman of the National Unionist Association.

THE WEATHER

This is a crucial day. It is easy to keep a resolution the first day you make it. Nobody need break down on Sunday. This is the first Monday after that New Year's Eve and there are a whole lot of boys who will be out of the trenches by tonight, back among the slackers for another year. And there are many, many scraps of paper lying in waste baskets, written there without a quiver by fellow citizens who were ready to fight Germany over the Helian incident a year or so ago. Which has nothing to do with today's weather. But we made one resolution that has not been scrapped yet; it's not to talk about the weather until we can print something about it that won't cost our job. Don't think if you receive a letter a year old today that the trouble is with the postoffice.

FORECAST

For Philadelphia and vicinity: Fair tonight and Tuesday; somewhat colder tonight; moderate westerly winds.

Two Men Escape From Jersey Prison

TRENTON, Jan. 3.—Joseph Thomas, serving 16 years, and Fred Wilson, serving a sentence of from 3 to 20 years, escaped from the New Jersey State prison early this morning by scaling the big wall with a rope ladder. The men were over the wall at a point that was within 50 yards of the watch tower, in which was a guard with a repeating rifle.

LOST AND FOUND

LOST—Last night's Evening Ledger. Will please kindly return same to 1212 Spruce street, between the home of 3 and 3 1/2 o'clock. Reward \$1.00. H. A. D. See 3 1/2. BIRACLET—Lost Friday, Dec. 31, 1915, one broken bottle from 100 and 1000 Chestnut St. Will please return to 100 and 1000 Chestnut St. J. K. Caldwell & Co., 100 and 1000 Chestnut St. FOUND—Last January 1, 1915, one 100 and 1000 Chestnut St. Will please return to 100 and 1000 Chestnut St. J. K. Caldwell & Co., 100 and 1000 Chestnut St.

SMITH INAUGURATED, SEES HIGHER TAX RATE IF PEOPLE GET "CAKE AND PENNY," TOO

Costly Improvements, He Says, Made Possible Only by Big Loans, Must Be Paid for and the Situation Should Be Met Bravely

MAYOR SMITH OUTLINES CITY DEVELOPMENT IN HIS ADDRESS

Loans and increased expenses may mean increased tax rate; the people cannot have both the penny and the cake, and if the "penny" means a tax raise, action must be promptly taken. Demands that site on the Parkway should be promptly chosen and a real municipal auditorium built thereon, delay having lost to the city \$450,000 in interest, sinking fund and State tax on loan. Favors Park site for Museum of Art. Court decision and legislation present conditions which compel immediate action in regard to Parkway condemnations in order to complete this improvement at earliest time possible. All new large municipal buildings should be located on Parkway. Northeast Boulevard and South Philadelphia development should be completed with all reasonable expedition. Work should be pushed as rapidly as practicable upon the Broad street subway and the Frankford elevated. Wharves and river terminal facilities should be developed to foster commerce. Need of modern method of sewage disposal and increase in capacity of filtration system. "Above all, there should be a proper and liberal provision for our helpless poor." Urges upon Councils to earn the confidence of the public by candor and open discussion and investigation, in all measures, thereby attacking former cut-and-dried methods.

GIRL DEAD, MAN DYING FROM EFFECTS OF GAS

Overcome in Lodging House in West Philadelphia—Tragedy Believed Accidental

An unidentified young woman and a man were found overcome by gas in a rooming-house at 3213 Lancaster avenue, shortly before 10 o'clock this morning. The woman died in a patrol wagon on the way to the Presbyterian Hospital and the man is dying. The man is John Hughes, 28 years old, who is believed to be employed at the Standard Boiler Bearing Company's plant. The police believe the tragedy was accidental. The couple was discovered by Mrs. Hester McKensie, who conducts the rooming house. Mrs. McKensie smelled gas coming from under the door of their room on the third floor. She attempted to open the door, but finding it locked, she called to John McGarrity, another roomer, who broke into the room. The girl, who was very pretty and 15 years younger than Hughes, was lying on the bed clad only in her night dress. Hughes was lying half in bed and half on the floor. The gas was flowing from an open jet and all the windows were closed and locked. McGarrity rushed to the street and stopped the patrol wagon from the 29th street and Lancaster avenue station, which happened to be passing. Both were taken to the hospital.

TWO DEAD, TOLL OF WYLIE STREET APARTMENT FIRE

Second Victim of Blaze a Woman Whose Husband Tried to Save Her

SOME DARING RESCUES

Former Occupants of Building Eager to Search the Ruins for Their Valuables

One more death was added today to the list of fatalities which marked a fire that last night destroyed the Bellevue Flats, a five-story apartment house at 1334 Wylie street. The second death is that of Mrs. Emma Gray, 27 years old, who lived on the second floor. She succumbed at 3 o'clock this morning at St. Joseph's Hospital. Her husband, William Gray, 29 years old, who was injured while trying to save her, is at the same hospital. He is burned on the face and head. The woman who lost her life while firemen were fighting the blaze was Mrs. Elizabeth Ostrum, 65 years old, of 1543 North 10th street. She was visiting her daughter, Mrs. Lewis Davis, on the fourth floor. Her charred body was found near the window sill. The identification of the body was made positive today by a lone tooth in the upper jaw. Assistant Fire Marshal Gallagher is conducting an investigation today to determine the origin of the fire which occurred shortly after 6 o'clock. According to Gallagher this is the first serious fire in an apartment house in Philadelphia in years. After questioning several occupants of the building...

'DEFECTIVE' BABE'S LIFE HANGS IN THE BALANCE

Parents to Decide Whether Operation Shall Be Performed. May Not Save It

Physicians at Jefferson Hospital are awaiting the word from Angelo Strolli before they operate upon his infant daughter, which has been pronounced "a defective" child. In the meantime Angelo and his wife, Caroline, both natives of Italy, are trying at their little home at 813 Fitzwater street, to make up their minds as to the better course of action. They know that their baby will die in a few days if it is not operated upon. The city's first "defective child" was brought to Jefferson Hospital on Saturday. It was then less than 12 hours old. The family physician, noting the child's condition, referred the case to the Pennsylvania Hospital. The children's ward of this institution is under quarantine because of an epidemic of typhoid and the case was sent to the Jefferson. Dr. Samuel Blaugrund, an interne in charge of the receiving ward, with Dr. Robert Pratt, chief resident, diagnosed the case as one of meningococci, a malformation of the spinal cord. Angelo Strolli carried the baby to the hospital, accompanied by friends. He pleaded with Doctor Blaugrund not to operate upon the baby until he consulted with his wife. He said he feared the news would kill her. He suffered a mental collapse after he was informed that an operation was the only hope for his child. "If there were no Rome," he cried again and again.

AUSTRIA BLAMED FOR SINKING OF PERSIA WITH LOSS OF 250 LIVES; 3 OTHERS TORPEDOED

Death of American Consul on Liner Makes Situation Acute—President Hurries to Washington—Passengers on Glengyle Safe

Three more steamships were today added to the list of submarine victims. Following the sinking of the liner Persia, with a loss of life estimated at 250, including Robert N. McNeely, an American Consul, it was officially announced that the big British steamship Glengyle had been torpedoed in the Mediterranean. It was reported that the Glengyle had a number of Americans aboard, but a dispatch from her captain at Malta said that all of the 100 passengers were safe, but that 10 members of the crew were lost. The Glengyle was a 9000-ton ship and is the largest liner sunk by a submarine, with the exception of the Lusitania and Arabic. The other victims of submarines were the Japanese steamship Reulon Maru and the British steamship St. Oswald, a 3810-ton vessel in the service of the British Government. President Wilson has decided to cut his honeymoon short and will hurry back to Washington as the sinking of the Persia adds a new angle to the already strained relations with Austria. Dispatches from Alexandria place the blame of the attack on the Persia upon an Austrian submarine.

LONDON, Jan. 3.—Responsibility for the destruction of the liner Persia with the loss of nearly 300 lives, including one American, was placed upon Austria today in dispatches from Cairo. These brought the first definite information that the submarine which sank the Persia in the Mediterranean last Thursday was an Austrian vessel.

UN ALTRO MASSACRO NEL MEDITERRANEO

Dopo il Persia, con 250 Vittime, Anche il Glengyle E' Mandato a Picco

I sottomarini teutonici operanti nel Mediterraneo, e devono essere parecchi a giudicare dalla loro attivita', continuano ad affondare piroscafi appartenenti alle nazionali alleate. Giovedi' scorso essi affondarono il piroscafo inglese Persia, uccidendo 250 persone che si trovavano a bordo, ed oggi giunge notizia che un altro piroscafo inglese, il Glengyle, e' stato pure affondato nel Mediterraneo. Nondimeno il centinaio di passeggeri che si trovavano a bordo di questo piroscafo sono stati salvati e sono stati portati a Malta, e soltanto dieci uomini dell'equipaggio annegarono. Il generale Cadorna annuncia che sul fronte italiano si sono avuti deboli attacchi degli austriaci che sono stati facilmente respinti. Un telegramma da Atene al Giornale d'Italia dice che le autorita' militari alleate a Salonico hanno rifiutato di mettere in liberta' i consoli teutonici, bulgari e turco che esse avevano arrestato in questa citta' perche' avevano scoperto che cercavano di spionaggio a danno degli alleati. (Leggere in 122 pagina le ultime e piu dettagliate notizie sulla guerra, in italiano.) War Shoe Factory Burned QUEBEC, Jan. 3.—The factory of the Lock Shoe Manufacturing Company, which has been turning out shoes for the United States army, suffered a loss of \$50,000 when the factory, two hundred employees were thrown out of work.

THAW LOSES ESTATE APPEAL

Supreme Court Refuses to Order Release of Father's Fortune

The Supreme Court today, in an opinion by Justice Stewart, dismissed the exceptions of Harry K. Thaw to the adjudication of the estate of William Thaw, deceased. Thaw sought to have a trustee pay over to him the entire income coming to him from his father's million-dollar estate, contending that notwithstanding he had been confined in an asylum at the time of filing the petition, he was sane and capable of managing his affairs.