

PENN FOOTBALL PLAYERS OFF FOR PACIFIC COAST



QUICK NEWS

KILLED BY ICE FROM ROOF

HACKENSACK, N. J., Dec. 22.—Frank Kinch, a public service inspector, was killed here today when a large piece of ice fell on his head from a roof.

BOATS UPSET; OCCUPANTS DROWNED IN GULF

NORFOLK, Va., Dec. 22.—Lashed by an eighty-mile gale scores of small ships are scurrying before mountain-high seas toward Lynnhaven Bay's shelter this afternoon. Several boats have been capsized and their occupants pounded to death against their sides or drowned. The Greek steamship Annassolis crashed into a Norwegian steamship in Hampton Roads. Neither was reported badly damaged.

PENN PLAYERS OFF FOR PASADENA

The University of Pennsylvania football team departed this afternoon for Pasadena, Cal., where the University of Oregon will be played in a big inter-sectional football game on New Year's Day. Twenty-two players, three coaches, a physical director, two managers and eight rooters made the trip.

BOSTON RESERVE BANK DECLARES 6 PER CENT DIVIDEND

BOSTON, Dec. 22.—The Federal Reserve Bank of Boston has declared an initial dividend at the rate of six per cent per annum for the period from November 2, 1914, to December 31, 1915. Dividend is payable January 2, 1917, to stock of record December 20, 1916.

NEW YORK, Dec. 22.—Directors of the Federal Reserve Bank of New York have declared an initial dividend of six per cent to cover the accumulated dividend from November 2, 1914, to March 31, 1915, inclusive, payable December 20, 1916.

COMMERCIAL EXCHANGE CLOSES UNTIL TUESDAY

The Commercial Exchange closed this afternoon to allow its members to celebrate the Christmas holiday and will not reopen until Tuesday. The exchanges in New York, Chicago, Duluth, Minneapolis, St. Louis, Kansas City will also close for the same period.

PHILADELPHIAN HEADS \$17,000,000 STEEL CONCERN

RICHMOND, Va., Dec. 22.—The Superior Steel Corporation has been chartered here by the State Corporation Commission, with an authorized capital of \$17,000,000. Matthew Rogers, of 1335 Christian street, Philadelphia, is president; William J. Schafer, Marlton, N. Y., treasurer, and Andrew D. Christian, Richmond, secretary.

U-BOAT RAIDER DESTROYED, SAY FRENCH

PARIS, Dec. 22.—The German submarine U-45, which recently raided shipping off St. Nazaire, has been sunk by destroyers, says a dispatch from Nantes today.

HUNGARIAN KING TO BE CROWNED DECEMBER 30

BUDAPEST, Dec. 22.—The coronation of Charles as King of Hungary will take place on December 30. Parliament has completed plans for the ceremonies. Count Tisza has been elected Palatin. It is the Palatin who places the crown upon the King's head.

BEDFORD SUCCEEDS ARCHBOLD AS STANDARD OIL'S HEAD

NEW YORK, Dec. 22.—Directors of the Standard Oil Company of New Jersey today elected A. C. Bedford as president to succeed the late John D. Archbold. The new head of Standard Oil Company is one of the youngest men in its councils and rose rapidly, though unostentatiously, from the bottom. He is fifty-two years old and has been with the parent body or its subsidiaries since he was eighteen years old. Only during the last ten years has he occupied a conspicuous position in the oil industry. Mr. Bedford is a native of Brooklyn, where he started his career.

JERSEY PARDON BOARD PAROLE 123 PRISONERS

TRENTON, Dec. 22.—The State Board of Pardons today played Santa Claus to 123 inmates of the New Jersey prison when it granted them paroles. Five men serving various terms for murder were among the number released.

RELEASE OF SINN FEINERS OFFICIALLY PLEDGED

LONDON, Dec. 22.—Official announcement that the Sinn Fein prisoners arrested after the Dublin uprising are to be released forthwith is expected to go far toward allaying the unrest in Ireland. This step toward the pacification of Ireland is regarded in Government circles as a wise move on the part of the Lloyd George Cabinet. Henry E. Duke, Chief Secretary for Ireland, stated that steps are now under way to release the prisoners and send them to their homes without delay.

SOCIETY WOMAN TRAPS BURGLAR IN HER HOME

Miss Mary W. Morris, a Philadelphia society woman, trapped a burglar in her home, 1514 Spruce street, early today and recovered goods valued at several hundred dollars. She was awakened by a noise and telephoned the police. Policeman Hall met the burglar coming from the house and arrested him after a struggle.

BRITISH TAKE EGYPTIAN TOWN LONG HELD BY Foe

LONDON, Dec. 22.—After two years' occupation by the enemy, British forces have taken El Arish, according to a War Office announcement today. El Arish is a fortified Egyptian town, on the Palestine border at the mouth of the River Wady-el-Arish, or "River of Egypt," on the Mediterranean Sea.

ALLIES PLACE MORE SHELL STEEL ORDERS

NEW YORK, Dec. 22.—Additional orders for shell steel aggregating nearly 100,000 tons have been placed by representatives of the Allies. This tonnage, like all similar contracts closed within the last five or six weeks, is for delivery over the second half of 1917.

U. S. EXPORTS THIS YEAR TO REACH \$7,800,000,000

WASHINGTON, Dec. 22.—The United States foreign trade for the year will probably reach \$7,800,000,000, it was announced today by the Department of Commerce. The foreign trade for eleven months was \$7,145,000,000.

NO FREIGHT INCREASE ON SULPHURIC ACID

WASHINGTON, Dec. 22.—The proposal of the Louisville & Nashville and other railroads to increase the freight rates on sulphuric acid to New York, Baltimore, Philadelphia, Boston and other eastern manufacturing points, has been today declared unjustified by the Interstate Commerce Commission. The increase would range from seventy cents to \$1.30 per ton. The increase of fifty-five cents per ton to Hopewell, Va., was approved.

JAPAN PLANS NAVY TO RULE PACIFIC BY 1923

TOKIO, Dec. 22.—A great program of naval expansion which, by the end of 1923, will give Japan overwhelming superiority over all other fleets in the Pacific, including that of the United States, was officially announced today. By the end of 1923, it is estimated, Japan will have built three new battleships, two battle cruisers, nine scout cruisers, twenty-five destroyers and eighteen submarines. This will bring the battle fleet up to eight of the most modern battleships and four battle cruisers.

GIFT WON'T BLOCK MEDICAL COLLEGES' MERGER

Reports that the \$150,000 endowment to Jefferson Medical College just announced would prevent the merger of that institution with the University of Pennsylvania medical school were declared this afternoon to be absolutely unfounded by William Foster, president of the board of trustees of Jefferson. The gift was presented by Miss Anna J. Magee, of 1726 Walnut street, as a memorial to her father, the late James B. Magee.

SPROUL TO RUN FOR GOVERNOR; M'CORMICK MAY

Delaware County Senator Nominated in Unique Manner

DEMOCRATS START BOOM



TWO GUBERNATORIAL BOOMS William C. Sproul, Republican leader of Delaware County, at the top, and Vance C. McCormick, chairman of the Democratic National Committee, both of whom have been suggested as candidates for the Governorship of Pennsylvania.

State Senator William C. Sproul, of Delaware County, has formally announced his candidacy for Governor to succeed Martin G. Brumbaugh. This announcement was received in political circles almost simultaneously with the action of President Wilson's Pennsylvania leaders who launched a definite gubernatorial boom for Vance C. McCormick, chairman of the Democratic National Committee.

Mr. Sproul's announcement was made at a meeting of the Republicans of Ridley township, who were the guests of James F. Dougherty, of Limerickville, and was the most unique announcement in the history of the State. The McCormick boom was launched after a meeting of the leaders in the Bellevue-Stratford. It was set rolling by one of the most influential leaders present, a candidate of President Wilson's.

The plan is to have McCormick, who was the fusion Democratic-Progressive nominee for Governor in 1914 against Brumbaugh, again become the Democratic nominee against whoever is selected by the Republicans. A Mitchell Palmer, National Committee man, is said to favor McCormick for Governor. It had long been thought that he would be a candidate himself in the gubernatorial fight.

VAUDEVILLE "SEND-OFF" Senator Sproul was surrounded by a complete vaudeville show when he made his announcement. Conifers, string beads, singers and clog dancers appeared on the platform before he "accepted" the nomination to lead the fight against the Brumbaugh-Magee forces in 1918, and after he had delivered his speech, in which he declared war within the Republican party on behalf of the "stalwarts," the Republicans of Ridley township feasted on "possum, 'toon and rabbit."

"The Delaware County Senator led the fight against the present State administration which is backing John R. K. Hoff for the next Republican gubernatorial nomination, when he accepted the task of nomination."

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THE WEATHER FORECAST For Philadelphia and vicinity—Fair and much colder tonight, with clouds about 20 degrees; Saturday fair and continued cold; strong northwest winds diminishing Saturday.

PARLIAMENT DISMISSED BY KING GEORGE

British Ruler Prorogues Legislature and Vows War to Finish

BACKS PEACE REJECTION

LONDON, Dec. 22.—Proroguing Parliament today, until February 7, King George added the weight of his words to the Allies' stern rejection of a German-made peace.

"The vigorous prosecution of the war must be our single endeavor," he declared, "until we have vindicated the rights so ruthlessly violated by our enemies and established the security of Europe on a sure foundation."

King George thanked the House of Commons for its "undisturbed liberality" in providing funds to cover the burdens of the war.

"In this sacred cause," the King declared, "I am assured of the united support of all my peoples. I pray God may give us His blessing."

"My Government," the King continued, after summarizing the nation's aims in the war, "was reconstructed with the sole object of furthering those aims unaltered and unimpeded."

"I am confident that, however long the struggle may be, my army and my navy, with those of my faithful allies, aided by subjects throughout the empire, will achieve victorious consummation of the aims for which I entered this war."

In the House of Commons the King's address proroguing Parliament was read by Speaker Lowther.

King George was not present in person before the House of Lords, and his prorogation address was read there by the Lord Chancellor.

Chancellor A. Bonar Law announced today that England could not deal with President Wilson's note until the Government had an opportunity to exchange ideas with its Allies.

Editors, in discussing the note just after the contents had been made known, but before it was released for publication, commented:

"This means a crisis between the United States and England. It constitutes the worst affront America could give the Allies. The situation may become more serious than any similar one since the Meuse and Rhine cases."

But editors announced by these same editors in the morning showed evidence of restraint and of the "soft pedal."

Called "ILL-TIMED" The favorite remarks with which the Wilson note has been greeted were that it was "ill-timed," "inopportune," "doubtless well-intentioned, but ill-advised" and "deplorable blunder."

Few question the motives or the spirit which impelled the note, but most of the editorial point out that it was unhelpful, unwise and "unwisely worded"—especially in its references to "small nations."

It was contended, conveyed the impression that the Allies were equally guilty with the Central Powers in this respect.

BONAR LAW'S STATEMENT Entire approbation was voiced through the press and by the public in the emphatic utterances of Bonar Law in Commons last night regarding peace. His statement was construed as an indirect answer to America. He said in part:

"It is all very well to say 'let us get their terms of peace,' but can you get any terms more binding than the treaty by the restriction of the neutrality of Belgium? Can you come to any conclusions on paper, or by resolution, that will give us greater security than we had before this war?"



The varsity men were given a rousing send-off by the students when they left the Reading Terminal this afternoon for California, where they will play the University of Oregon. Coach Folwell is shown at the bottom of the picture.

FREAK ELECTRIC STORM HITS CITY

Summer Thunder and Lightning Mark Winter's Official Opening Today

RAIN FALLS IN TORRENTS

A freak thunderstorm marking the official opening of winter greeted Philadelphia early this morning with a series of lightning flashes, lasting more than an hour and accompanied by a steady downpour of the heaviest rain Philadelphia has had in weeks. The lightning itself wrought havoc in many sections of the city.

As an aftermath to the storm clearing weather brought out Christmas shoppers again later today. Armed with umbrellas, galoshes and raincoats, shoppers braved the cloudy skies this afternoon. The weather prediction is that tonight and tomorrow will be clear and much colder, with the thermometer reaching about 23 degrees.

The storm this morning came literally like a bolt from the sky. Accompanied by a heavy downpour of rain lightning seemed to flash across the skies in almost every direction. The lightning not only was an unusual sight, but it wrought havoc in and near Philadelphia.

POWER PLANTS HIT

In Citywide one house was struck, while bolts struck the power stations of the Public Service Railway in Moorestown, N. J., and on Atlantic avenue, Camden. Fires were caused at both stations by the lightning, but they were extinguished at small loss.

Trolley service, however, was badly crippled for more than an hour in and near Camden as a result of the crippling of the power stations. Many factories were compelled to shut down.

Thousands of commuters in this city and Camden were delayed by the tie-up. Trains were delayed, both incoming and outgoing, and the heavy rain added materially to the general inconvenience.

The house struck was that of Arthur P. Lewis, at 214 Kent road. The bolt hit the roof shortly after 7 o'clock and the interior of the house was badly damaged by fire.

The storm in Philadelphia lasted more than an hour. The rain was the heaviest Philadelphia has had in several weeks, at least, and the lightning did damage in many sections of the city.

POLICE WIRES AFFECTED

The wires of the Electrical Bureau of the police stations in West Philadelphia were struck shortly after 7 o'clock. There were bright flares in all the station houses which drew the policemen to their feet and all the call boxes were thrown out of commission temporarily, bringing an immediate and urgent call for help to the bureau itself.

Phone service throughout the city was affected to some extent. Operators on switchboards felt the shocks and calls for information as to the cause of the disturbance were sent out in all directions.

To make matters worse, the city was thrown in darkness in some sections. The lightning wires were put out of commission in some houses and many Philadelphians were forced to grope their way around to dress in darkness.

The extent of the darkness which preceded the storm was evidenced by the fact that the city's street lights were extinguished until nearly 7:30 o'clock. With

Auto Hurts Fatal to Veteran

READING, Pa., Dec. 22.—Isaac Keisterman, seventy-five years old, civil war veteran and employe of the City Highway Department, died at the Reading Hospital today of concussion of the brain and other injuries, the result of being run down about ten days ago by the automobile of Otto Reisman, a leading Reading business man.

YOU SHOULD KNOW ABOUT BAN JOHNSON

Read the interesting analysis of the dominating figure in baseball on the SPORTING PAGE of TODAY'S Evening Ledger

RUSSIANS CHASE FOES INTO LAKE

Bulgar Force Routed and Many Are Drowned, Petrograd Says

DOBRUDJA FIGHT RAGING

PETROGRAD, Dec. 22.—The greater part of the Bulgarian detachment advancing eastward to Lake Badrag from Etnal in Dobrudja, was forced into Lake Ibolta and many were drowned, today official statement declared.

The Russian force is in progress in Northern Dobrudja, where the offensive was assumed by the forces of the Central Powers, which at first carried several heights, but later there has been fighting, chiefly between advanced detachments.

An advance for the Russians in the region of Campolungo, in the Carpathians, where heights positions were captured, is announced by the War Office in today's official statement. In Galicia, Teutonic attempts to meet in Galicia, Teutonic attempts to meet in Galicia, Teutonic attempts to meet in Galicia.

A big battle has developed in northern Dobrudja in the Rumanian theatre of war, according to messages received today from that front. The German allies, under Field Marshal von Mackensen, are pressing vigorously against the Russian army in an effort to push it into the great swamps which line the delta of the Danube or force its retreat northward into Bessarabia (Rumania).

The Russian troops holding the Dobrudja line have evidently been reinforced, as they

RUIN AND RICHES IN STREET PANIC

Small Traders Crushed in Stock Exchange—Big Ones Make Millions

GERMAN BANKERS GAIN

Sharp Rebound in Stock Prices

THERE was a sharp rebound in the New York stock market today. Buying orders were in the market on a large scale at the opening, and while most of the buying represented short covering, a considerable amount was from "bargain" hunters. When most of the shorts had covered prices reacted from the best, but held above the close of yesterday.

Important price changes included:

Table with 2 columns: Stock Name and Price. Includes Atlantic, Gulf & W.I., Bethlehem Steel, Gulf States Steel, etc.

NEW YORK, Dec. 22.—Stories of ruin for smaller traders, who were caught in the three-million-share "peas panic" market of yesterday, and tales of big "killings" by professional plunders divided attention today.

Hundreds of human tragedies were written into brokers' account books. They were spelled in "account closed." Conservative Wall Street men estimate that

WOMAN KILLED BY GAS

Defective Apparatus of Heater Responsible for Fatal Accident

Mrs. Kate Gaukin, fifty years old, was accidentally overcome by gas early today in her room at 1725 South Second street, and died while being hurried to St. Sinai Hospital in a patrol wagon from the Fourth street and Snyder avenue station.