

GERMAN EMPEROR MAY NAME PEACE TERMS TODAY; BRILLIANT CONCLAVE TO HEAR MESSAGE

Kaiser Expected to Outline Scheme to End the War and Establish Teuton Hegemony—London Hears of Liberal Proposal

PEACE TERMS OF TEUTON ALLIES, ACCORDING TO LONDON NATION

OFFERING of Metz and part of Lorraine to France, coupled with evacuation, but no indemnity. Evacuation and indemnity for Belgium. An independent Poland. Surrender of the bulk of German colonies in exchange for a deal in Central Africa. Restoration of Serbia, with retention of a line of passage for the railway. Neutralization of the Dardanelles. Trentino for Italy.

From German great headquarters may come today, from the lips of the German Emperor, the words that will bring peace in Europe. Addressing a large group of leading military and political leaders, of the Central Empires, gathered to mark his fifty-eighth birthday, Kaiser Wilhelm is expected to announce the terms on which the Teuton allies would be willing to end the war and enter into an international covenant to make the peace agreed upon a lasting one.

It is also stated from authoritative sources that the Kaiser will accompany his announcement of peace terms with a plan for Teuton hegemony that will make Germany's power felt from Hamburg to Bagdad. President Wilson's peace message from the tribune of the Senate has struck a responsive chord in the hearts of belligerents and neutrals alike. The warm endorsement of the President's plan for a league of peace by the Russian Foreign Office, the eighty-nine Socialist members in the French Chamber of Deputies, Count Tizsa, the Hungarian Premier, and other sources, official and unofficial, have raised the confidence of Washington in the ultimate realization of the President's project. England alone, it is said, may prove the stumbling block in the President's scheme.

One thing appears certain from today's dispatches: the world is talking peace and talking it with constantly increasing interest.

WOMAN AVIATOR SAILS FOR FRANCE TO ENLIST

Ruth Law Says She Looks for a Three-Month Service to "Bomb" the Germans

LONDON, Jan. 27.—Ruth Law, "winner of the air" called for Paris today. At the French airport she will fly to Paris for three months in the French army, come to "bomb" the Germans, as she explained.

The little American woman who recently made transatlantic records in her flight from Chicago to New York said she expected to go to the front and to return to the United States for a transatlantic flight in a machine which she hopes to purchase from the French Government.

WILSON'S FORBEARANCE TOWARD MEXICO LAUDED

Speaker Before Security League Commends Taft's Description of Problem a "Nuisance"

WASHINGTON, Jan. 27.—Herbert Myrick, of Massachusetts, speaking before the National Security League today, lauded President Wilson's forbearance in the Mexican entanglement.

"I have no patience with Mr. Taft's diplomatic declaration that Mexico is an international nuisance," Myrick declared, "a challenge to the United States and to the pan-American union to enforce peace in the western hemisphere. Let us make a good job of it before ratcheting the Emperor's list of evil world troubles."

EIGHT HURT IN STRIKE BATTLE

"Flying Squad" Attacks Workers at Sugar Refinery

NEW YORK, Jan. 27.—A "flying squad" of fifty strikers at the Hammer sugar refinery and about 500 employees who refused to walk out, fought a battle with clubs and stones in the streets of Williamsburg today. After the fight eight men were picked up, some suffering from severe head wounds.

FLAMES SWEEP BLOCK IN HEART OF PITTSBURGH

McCroly Store and Theatre Among Buildings Lost in \$3,000,000 Blaze

FIFTY FIREMEN INJURED

Buildings Condemned Two Years Ago and New Walls Ordered, Says Marshal

PITTSBURGH, Pa., Jan. 27.—Property damage estimated at \$3,000,000 today is represented by nearly a block of blackened ruins in the heart of the Pittsburgh shipping district, the result of one of the city's most disastrous fires, which swept the block early today.

The eastern half of the block, which is bounded by Fifth avenue and Wood, Diamond and Smithfield streets, is a total loss. It was not until after a week of this burning seven hours after the fire started, that the flames were brought entirely under control despite the heroic efforts of the entire city fire department. Dynamite was used as a last resort to prevent the further spread of the flames.

Four firemen, caught under falling walls, were seriously injured, while a score of others, including pedestrians who happened within the fire zone, were less seriously hurt. More than one hundred firemen were out and City Physician Sable established a temporary hospital in a patrol wagon, where he attended the injured.

PRINCIPAL LOSSES

The principal establishments destroyed and best estimates of the individual losses were:

Frank & Feder, department store, \$600,000.

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QUICK NEWS

WILSON SENDS BIRTHDAY GREETINGS TO KAISER

WASHINGTON, Jan. 27.—President Wilson today sent birthday greetings to Kaiser Wilhelm.

FOREIGN TRADE COUNCIL INDORSES WEBB BILL

PITTSBURGH, Pa., Jan. 27.—Resolutions strongly endorsing the Webb bill, which authorizes closer co-operation between American commercial interests and is now pending in the Senate, were adopted by the National Foreign Trade Council in the closing session of its fourth annual convention here today. Passage of the bill was urged.

SPANISH SHIPS MUST TOUCH AT HOME PORTS, DECREE SAYS

PARIS, Jan. 27.—Spanish ships hereafter must touch at Spanish ports in their voyages by an official decree of King Alfonso, said a Madrid dispatch today. Voyages of Spanish ships between foreign ports is expressly forbidden under severe penalties, as are sales of ships without approval by the Minister of Public Works.

CHICAGO OPENS BIGGEST AUTO SHOW

CHICAGO, Jan. 27.—The biggest motor show ever held in Chicago opened in the Coliseum today with 201 exhibits of motorcars, and accessories, and scores of other exhibits. Disappointed because they could not obtain space.

PEACE TALK CAUSES BIG DROP IN WHEAT PRICES

CHICAGO, Jan. 27.—Peace talk and other bearish influences caused a break of five and one-quarter cents in May wheat today. The July delivery dropped three and three-eighths cents and September one and one-quarter.

SUCCESS OF BRITISH LOAN HERE ASSURED

NEW YORK, Jan. 27.—J. P. Morgan & Co. today announced sufficient subscriptions have been received for the underwriting of the new \$500,000,000 war loan to Great Britain. The notes are one and two year paper, bearing five and a half per cent interest, and are issued under the most favorable conditions of any war loan.

EMBARGO ON PENNSYLVANIA LINES WEST

Freight shipments to the East have been placed under an embargo by the Pennsylvania lines west. The embargo, ordered because of the alarming hindrances to traffic, will not apply to foodstuffs or other articles usually excepted, nor will it, so far as is known, affect this city to any great degree. It is expected that ten days will suffice to bring conditions back to normal and to lift the ban.

ALLIES' LOSSES ESTIMATED AT 12,996,000

BERLIN, Jan. 27.—The Society for the Investigation of Social Consequences of the War, which met in Copenhagen last August, has just completed figures showing the losses of England, France and Russia for the first two years of the war. They were given out today by the Overseas News Agency as follows: England, \$25,996,000; France, 3,574,999; and Russia, 8,587,000. The statistics include killed, wounded and missing.

U. S. TORPEDOBOAT FOUND AFIRE OFF LONG ISLAND

WASHINGTON, Jan. 27.—A United States torpedoboot has been found afire and beached on Orient Point, L. I., and towed to Greenport, L. I., by a United States coast guard vessel, according to the coast guard here today. The name of the torpedoboot, which is characterized as "small," was not given.

RAILROADS' NET INCOME FALLS

WASHINGTON, Jan. 27.—The net income of the 187 principal railroads of the United States during November was \$107,718,829, as against \$109,996,484 during November, 1915.

GERMAN RAIDER 600 MILES OFF SANDY HOOK

NEW YORK, Jan. 27.—A German raider, thought to be the St. Theodore, is now about 600 miles east of Sandy Hook, according to reports received in shipping circles here today.

U. S. DESTROYER DAMAGED IN COLLISION

NEW YORK, Jan. 27.—The United States torpedoboot destroyer Sampson, commanded by Lieutenant Commander H. C. Allen, steamed into the Brooklyn Navy Yard today with difficulty after a collision last night with an unknown ship off the Ambrose Channel lights.

1000 WOMEN MUNITIONS WORKERS KILLED IN EXPLOSION

PARIS, Jan. 27.—One thousand women and girls, munition workers, were killed and the Dresden arsenal was destroyed by an explosion, says a letter dated December 30 and taken from a German soldier. The authorities have kept the news a secret, the writer said in the letter sent from Dresden.

WHEAT EXHAUSTED, GREEKS EAT RYE BREAD

LONDON, Jan. 27.—The food situation in Greece occasioned by the Allies' blockade is rapidly becoming acute, says an Athens dispatch to the Chronicle. Bread is now being made entirely of rye, the supplies of wheat being exhausted. Some maize is being received from Thessaly. The blockade has been in effect fifty-four days. A delayed dispatch from Athens states that the American Minister, Garret Droppers, has promised to use his influence with the Allied diplomats for a lifting of the blockade.

B. M. BAKER QUITS SHIPPING BOARD, SAY RUMOR

WASHINGTON, Jan. 27.—It was widely rumored here today that Bernard M. Baker, of Baltimore, named by President Wilson to be a member of the new Federal Shipping Board and whose nomination was confirmed by the Senate a few days ago, has tendered his resignation to President Wilson.

BOSTON HOUSEWIVES STRIKE FOR CHEAPER POTATOES

BOSTON, Jan. 27.—Boston's potato strike is on. Two thousand Boston housewives, rallying to the call for action made by their representatives at an enthusiastic meeting, opened the strike today and vowed to continue it until potatoes have been forced down from the present price of seventy cents a peck to forty cents.

SOCIETY WOMEN TO PUBLISH STRICTLY SOCIETY PAPER

NEW YORK, Jan. 27.—A society magazine, to be called the Chronicle exclusively for society, with its contributions confined to society and its subscription list to society people, with a society woman as its managing editor, will make its first appearance about February 1. It will carry no advertisements and no illustrations. The intention is to make it a bit of a "high-brow" publication. Mrs. Vincent Astor, who has been entertaining of late in the interests of "Americanization," will contribute an article on that subject to the first number.

CAMDEN MAN RAPS SMITH ON BRIDGE VALUE

Philadelphia Will Profit Vastly, Delaware River Commission Head Says

CONTROVERTS THE MAYOR

Samuel T. French Declares Both Terminal Cities Will Gain by Communication

Samuel T. French, president of the Delaware River Bridge and Tunnel Commission, today made stinging reply to the contention of Mayor Smith that a bridge over the Delaware connecting Camden and Philadelphia would entail a heavy drain on the resources of this city.

Mr. French pointed out that thousands of Philadelphians who pay taxes in this city are employed in Camden. He states that wholesale and retail houses in Philadelphia take millions of dollars annually from citizens and merchants of Camden. His statement follows: "It is unfortunate that Mayor Smith personally takes the attitude he does with respect to the Interstate bridge between Philadelphia and Camden, as quoted in this morning's newspapers. He declares that the structure would be of no use to Philadelphia.

"Does Mayor Smith realize that this project was started over one hundred years ago by Philadelphians? Is he aware of the fact that all of the department stores, wholesale and retail dealers in all classes of merchandise of Philadelphia take millions of dollars annually from the citizens and merchants of Camden.

"Does he realize that these business enterprises, which are now on an eight-hour day basis, daily lose from one to three hours' time in crossing the river? Has Mayor Smith, who has formed such a strong personal opinion in the brief space of three days, ever considered the economic side of the question at all?

PHILADELPHIANS IN CAMDEN

"Mayor Smith says the bridge would take money out of Philadelphia for Camden's benefit. What a keen-sighted and broad-minded argument. Perhaps Mayor Smith does not know personally that the largest talking machine plant in the world is in Camden and employs 10,000 men and women, 7500 of whom live in Philadelphia and pay rent and taxes there. Perhaps Mayor Smith does not know that the New York Shipbuilding Company, which is the largest plant on the Delaware River, employs 7000 men, of whom 5000 live in Philadelphia and pay taxes there.

"Perhaps Mayor Smith does not know that the Campbell Soup Company, the R. M. Hollingshead Company, Farr & Bailey Company, the Camden Iron Works, the Keystone Leather Company and numerous other leather companies, and the cotton and woolen mills of Camden employ a great army of workers, the majority of whom are Philadelphians and commute back and forth daily.

"Perhaps Mayor Smith doesn't know that 5000 men and women daily cross the ferries to and from Philadelphia, the majority of whom come to Camden for employment.

"Evidently Mayor Smith is not aware that Camden is pouring more money into the Philadelphia city treasury and Philadelphia business enterprises than Philadelphia is returning to Camden. There are more available factory sites in Camden along the water front than there are in Philadelphia. If Philadelphia is to expand industrially, some of her industries must come to Camden to obtain economical sites for the location of their factories. The Mayor must admit that the logical and best and most economic factory sites are all on the Delaware River. Therefore, the bridge is the most logical solution of the interchanging traffic between the two cities.

"It is certain that the Philadelphia business interests see the economic side of the matter, or they would not be for the bridge. It is likewise certain that the Philadelphia business men are going to demand a bridge before very long.

"I want to say that the interests of Camden and Philadelphia are mutual, and that the bridge proposition would benefit both the city of Philadelphia any more than on the city of Camden, the State of Pennsylvania or the State of New Jersey. It is not a case of Philadelphia spending millions, but of the two cities and two States building the bridge and sharing alike."

MAYOR SMITH'S ARGUMENT

Mayor Smith said: "I do not think the city is justified for the present at least in attempting to spend millions of dollars upon a project which would be of no use to it, but would only serve neighboring territory.

"As I see it at present, the chief function of the bridge would be to pour into Philadelphia from New Jersey thousands of wage-earners who would take money out of the city and out of the State, without adding anything to its income.

"We should be giving up too much, I think, to build the bridge with nothing more than this in view for the city.

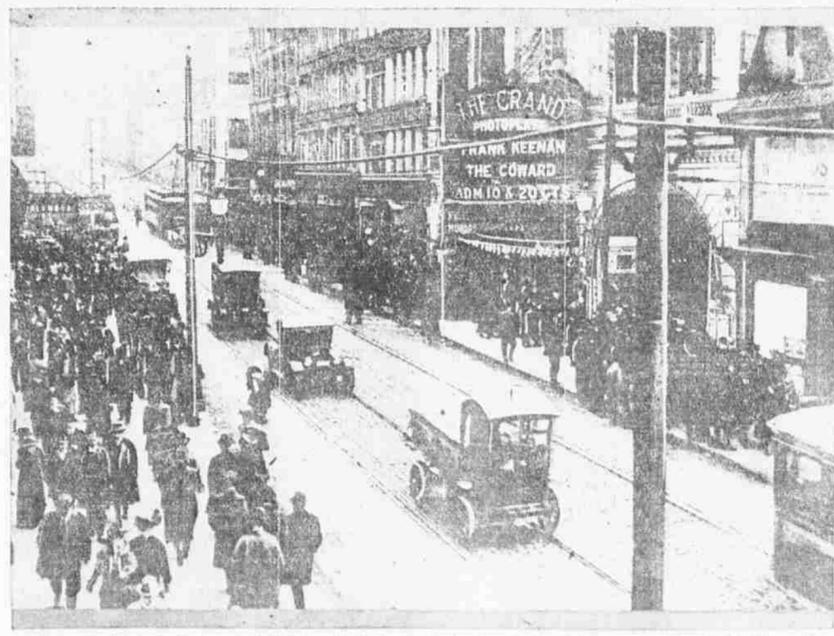
"I say this without prejudice, or course, as I think the city's interests and not those of communities which would tend to decrease rather than increase the support should be considered by Philadelphia and its people.

"The city today is wrestling with a number of new municipal enterprises, all of which call for heavy expenditures. We are preparing new buildings, new highways, new waterworks, new bridges, new grading and paving enterprises and many other matters which require our immediate attention and all the skill we can bring to bear upon them and all the resources."

Philadelphians Named for Aero Show

HARRISBURG, Jan. 27.—Major John C. Joseph, State superintendent of Police; George MacGregor Mitchellson, Robert Glendinning, Frank H. Maguire, Alexander Van Housen, A. J. Drexel Biddle, B. Frank Penner, George C. Thomas, Jr., Joseph A. Seligman, Charles Longstrech, Clark Thompson and Dudley S. Scott, Philadelphia, were among those appointed today by Governor Brumbaugh as Pennsylvania's delegates to the first Pan-American Aeronautic Exposition in New York, February 4-8.

VIEW OF PITTSBURGH BLOCK RAZED BY \$3,000,000 FIRE



The entire block in the heart of Pittsburgh's business district bounded by Fifth avenue, Smithfield, Diamond and Wood streets was swept clean today by a fire which is still burning, but now under control. The photograph is a noonday scene in Fifth avenue looking east from Wood to Smithfield street. The fire started in the basement of McCroly's 5 and 10 cent store, which is the second building above the theatre.

HUNGER STRIKE ENDED BY FORCE

Mrs. Byrne, Birth-Control Advocate, Fed by the Tube System

FIRST IN HISTORY OF U. S.

NEW YORK, Jan. 27.—A woman, fighting for a principle and hunger-striking in protest following imprisonment, was forcibly fed for the first time in the history of this country today.

Mrs. Ethel Byrne, birth-control advocate, was so fed at Blackwell's Island after she had become virtually unconscious as a result of abstaining from either food or water for a period of 105 hours.

Mrs. Byrne, who is the mother of two children, was rolled in a blanket, a rubber tube inserted in her mouth and a pint of milk, two eggs and a stimulant administered.

An official statement from the Department of Corrections during the morning said that Mrs. Byrne's condition was "slightly improved." Mrs. Margaret Sanger, her sister and leader in the birth-control movement, declared, however, that she had received confidential information that the condition of Mrs. Byrne is serious. She said she understood her sister was in a state of coma. Both Mrs. Sanger and Mrs. Byrne are trained nurses. The former expressed the greatest concern, owing to the fact that her sister had drunk no water. After the fifth day in such cases she said patients fall into an uremic coma, from which they sometimes do not revive.

Commissioner of Corrections Lewis announced that four physicians and two nurses are in constant attendance on Mrs. Byrne. The minute it was decided Mrs. Byrne's condition was such that she should be fed James P. Hunt was called and arrangements made for the feeding. In addition to Doctor Hunt, Dr. Irma Howard, attached to Blackwell's; Doctor Howe and Dr. Travis Gribb were consulted in the case.

While no regular schedule has been

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THE WEATHER

FORECAST For Philadelphia and vicinity—Generally cloudy and warmer tonight and Sunday, with probably some light rain or snow; lowest temperature tonight about 35 degrees; moderate easterly winds.

Table with weather data including length of day, sun rise, moon set, and temperature at each hour.

BOY REFUSES TO NAME LAD WHO HIT HIM; DIES

Camden Lad Says Injury Was Due to Accident During Play

The name of the schoolmate who caused the death was locked behind the lips of seven-year-old Irwin Werner, when he died at the Cooper Hospital, Camden, today, of brain clot. He had steadfastly refused to reveal the name of the boy who knocked him down in a game, fatally injuring him. "There's no use telling," he said, "it was only an accident."

CONNAUGHT SOLDIERS WELCOMED BY DUBLIN

City Royalty Receives Irish-Canadian Rangers—Parties Given Officers and Men

DUBLIN, Jan. 27.—The sons and grandsons of Ireland—once removed, but still Irishmen—were mingling with "home folks" today. Not even the regiments that have been raised in Ireland since the war began have received such a cordial and vociferous welcome as did the Duchess of Connaught's own Irish-Canadian rangers on their arrival here.

UNION LEAGUE SETTLES WITH STRIKING WAITERS

Seventy Dollars Allowed "Regular" Men — Manufacturers' Club Workers Take Hope

The Union League today satisfied the requests of its dining-room waiters for higher wages to meet the increased cost of living by granting \$70 a month to the "regular" waiters and \$9 a week to the "rush" men, who work only during the rush hours at noon. The men will also be supplied with uniforms, collars, ties and aprons.

All of the ninety men employed at the Union League accepted these terms. The Union League waiters have for a number of years received a weekly wage with pay every summer and a month's vacation at New Year's as a gift.

NORRISTOWN PHILANTHROPIST DIES

NORRISTOWN, Pa., Jan. 27.—Elizabeth Scott died today of pneumonia. She was the daughter of the late Samuel Scott, the wealthy textile manufacturer. Miss Scott was aged about seventy-eight years. Her liberal contributions were largely instrumental in the establishment of All Saints Episcopal Church here.

Skating Information

- Guilford Lake—Fair. Concourse Lake—Fair. Hunting Park Lake—Fair.