...VE FREIGHT ...T NIGHT TIME

...ess Bodies Confer on ...s to Break Unparalleled Congestion

...VERY AT ALL HOURS

...freight handling is likely to be ...d as the means of breaking the ...freight congestion the country has ...nced in its history. This will ...ly be the outcome of a meeting ... commercial emergency committee ...portation of the Board of Trade, ...r of Commerce, Bourse and ...rcial Exchange held this after... at the Chamber of Commerce ...

...plan, sugegsted by Miers Busch, ...getic active member of the Board ...de, is to have railroads and other ...re of freight open their stations ...manufacturers, merchants and others ...t they can send for their freight ... time when the streets, yards and ...s are not crowded with other ... It is estimated that keeping the ...s open from three to ten nights ... month would entirely relieve all ...tion.

...board of Trade report originating ... Mr. Busch, which proposes night ...day operation of freight stations ... the co-operation of firms with the ...ds was considered at the meet...

...pointing out that the business men ... the country apparently have not re...ed the seriousness of the situation, ...s report reads:

"Our country is at war, and war is ...continuous service. It knows neither ...ght nor day, heat nor cold, hours of ...bor nor periods of rest. If our men ...at the front are subjected to these con...ditions, those at home must support ...them by equal effort.

"For a time we should arrange to keep ...our freight stations open continually. ...A few freight handlers and checkers ...can supervise delivery at night, and the ...business houses must furnish one or two ...drivers with their teams or trucks and ...their own goods. Every manufac...turer and wholesale dealer would gladly ...arrange for a night shift to receive and ...ship freight. It means he can secure ...material to keep hands at work, or goods ...to complete orders, with half the present ...delay. Probably a week or ten days of ...such work, once in four or five weeks, ...would be sufficient; but, if not, we could ...continue until the factor of control is ...removed from the terminals.

"We must have supplies—material and ...stuff—and we cannot obtain them under ...present methods and hours at the freight ...stations. We are at present in the center ...of the greatest business and manufac...turing activity of the country. Let us ...set the example. Help ourselves. Help ...the railroads. Help our country."

"I feel that the solution of the freight ...delivery and collection problem in this ...city is one of the most serious matters ...that confronts the business community," ...was the comment of William R. Tucker, ...secretary of the Board of Trade. "The ...problem of each transportation company ...is different from that of others, but the ...same principle could be applied to all."

URGES USE OF GAS FOR HEATING BE CHECKED

President of U. G. I. Reports Big Increase—Plant Not Equipped for Purpose

The discontinuance of the use of il...luminating gas for heating is urged by ...Samuel T. Bodine, president of the ...United Gas Improvement Company, in a ...letter to Mayor Smith.

The use of gas, Mr. Bodine said, has in...creased twenty-five per cent since De...cember 1, as compared with the cor...responding period last year. On one day ...this month, during the coal famine, the ...increase in consumption was thirty-six ...per cent.

"The Philadelphia gas works," he said, ...has manufacturing and distribution ...capacity sufficient to supply a population ...with gas for lighting, cooking and water...heating. We are not equipped, nor is ...any other artificial gas company equip...ped or expected to be, to supply fuel for ...heating the homes and business estab...lishments of a city of the size of Phila...delphia. Gas-heating stoves are de...signed and installed for auxiliary and ...temporary heating only—not to take the ...place of house heating plants."

$1100 FOR ODD FELLOWS IF THEY FOUND ROOM

Woman's Will Provides Place in Philadelphia Institution Must Be Established in Ten Years

NORRISTOWN, Pa., Dec. 21.—By the ...will of Sallie R. Neall, formerly of Phil...adelphia who died in Pottstown, the in...come on $1100 is given to establish a ...room to the memory of James F. and ...Sallie R. Neall in the Home for Aged ...Orphans of Odd Fellows, at Seventeenth ...and Tioga streets, Philadelphia. It is ...provided that the home must be estab...lished within ten years after her death. ...The pictures of herself and her hus...band are to be hung in this room and on ...the wall is to be fastened a glass case ...containing the gavel used by me in ...effecting the establishment of such a ...home while I was connected with the ...auxiliary of the board of man...agers of the Odd Fellows' Home."

WILL SPEAK IN THEATRE

...nagers Aid ... in Patriotic Crusade

An organization composed of the four ...eights men's speaking bureau, of the ...committee of public safety, and the the...atrical managers of the city was com...pleted today at a meeting held in the ...City Building. Plans are being worked ...out to have one of the four minute men ...before the audience of several theatres ...each day.

...Harry T. Jordan was elected chairman ...of the joint committee. Harry D. West...man, representing the four minute men, ...was chosen as secretary. The other ...members of the committee are Thomas ...J. Q. Nixon-Nirdlinger, vaudeville ...; W. N. Leslie, burlesque houses; ...A. Einstein, moving-picture exhibit...ors; Fred W. Leopold, W. Dayton Wege...man, Sydney Young and Henry Spald...ing.

...AFT FREES HIM IN COURT

...RSVILLE, Pa., Dec. 21.—Given ...ing for selling liquor without a ...and held for court in $500 bail. ...Judge Meyer had just finished writing ...commitment for Thomas Carter, ...the accused said:

"Honor, please look at this ..."

...had notified Carter to appear in ...court today before the draft board. ...The man dismissed the case. ...It said that some friends were ...giving him a farewell entertainment ...when they had some liquor. A ...man who was expelled from the party ...was responsible for the charge ...

...Votes Against Draft

...ER, B. C., Dec. 21.—First ...subscription plebiscite in ...a majority of 120,000 ...against conscription out of about ...votes cast, accord...ing to ...

BRITAIN INDORSES WAR AIMS OF U. S.

Lloyd George's Speech Shows Struggle Is for Triumph of Democracy

ALL CARDS ON TABLE

Wilson's Announced Principles of Nationalities' Integrity Accepted by Ally

By LOWELL MELLETT

LONDON, Dec. 21.

Great Britain is in full accord with President Wilson's outline of war aims that the fight in the world's democracies to victory is not toward realization of selfish desires.

Britain seeks no territorial extension except that which an international peace conference agrees is necessary to future security.

It is authoritatively stated that Lloyd George's pledges are those developed by virtually unanimous views of all Government circles.

Of all the ringing utterances of the Premier in his war aims speech of yesterday—including the demand of restoration and compensation for invaded territories—those which, in effect, pledged adherence to President Wilson's announced principle that nationalities should be permitted to work out their own destinies were regarded here today as most striking.

With England's cards on the table, the outline of Great Britain's position from various high sources, following the Prime Minister's revolutionary announcement of England's colonial policy, may be stated.

While the German colonies are regarded as nonreturnable, because the peace conference must consider the future security of the British union of South Africa, yet Britain actually is not desirous of further territory there. She demands only the elimination of the standing menace of German military outposts.

Britain is also not in sympathy with the imperialistic demands attributed to minorities in other Allied countries. She agrees that certain territorial readjustments are necessary—but only for the purpose of guaranteeing future security.

Regarding Alsace-Lorraine, England holds if the Germanized portion of Lorraine desires to remain German that section should be allowed to be German territory. But the British hold that the greater part of Lorraine, as well as all of Alsace, unmistakably belongs to France.

In the Balkans, adjustment of territorial boundaries is held by Great Britain to be a problem for decision of the international peace body, but with adherence to President Wilson's principle of lines of nations to be drawn on the basis of nationality of the peoples thereof. It is felt that the Balkan countries could never come to an agreement among themselves.

An actual Italia Irredenta is supported by Britain, including Trieste and the Trentino. But England cannot support Italian claims to Dalmatia and other territory of this character.

Poland, in the British view, is to be permitted to work out its own destinies, but the same right must be accorded Courland and Lithuania.

As to President Wilson's views regarding a commercial war on Germany after the armed war, there is general belief in British official circles that this question will take care of itself, but certainly, it was pointed out, twenty-one nations of the world, now opposed to Germany, will not be willing immediately to resume business relations with their enemy.

Regarding Belgium, full reparation after relinquishment is the policy insisted upon. The British Government, it was held, indorses fully the recent declarations on this point by the British Labor party—the extreme liberals of British politics. The Labor party's full war aims attitude as to restorations of land and investigations of cruelties on land and sea is indorsed by British officialdom.

There is general approval of the plan for a protectorate of Christian Powers over the Holy Land.

JEWISH LEADER DIES

Decease in Russia Regarded With Suspicion Here

NEW YORK, Dec. 21.—David Ber Borochow, who founded the Jewish Social Democratic Labor Party Poale-Zion (workers for Zion) of Russia, and one of the leaders of the International Zionist movement, is dead, according to a cable message from Petrograd. He was thirty-six years old.

Borochow's death was regarded as "sudden and premature" by coworkers in this city. He was recognized by Jews as the leading theorist of the Jewish International Labor movement and also as a philologist and historian.

All Shamokin Nurses in War Work

SHAMOKIN, Pa., Dec. 21. — Misses Jean Morrissey, Cora Kelly, Helen Britt, Mabel Yohe and Laura McHugh, former members of the staff of the Shamokin State Hospital and engaged in private nursing here, enlisted for Red Cross service. They have been ordered to report to Camp Travis, Fort Sam Houston, Tex. As a result of their departure Shamokin is without trained nurses.

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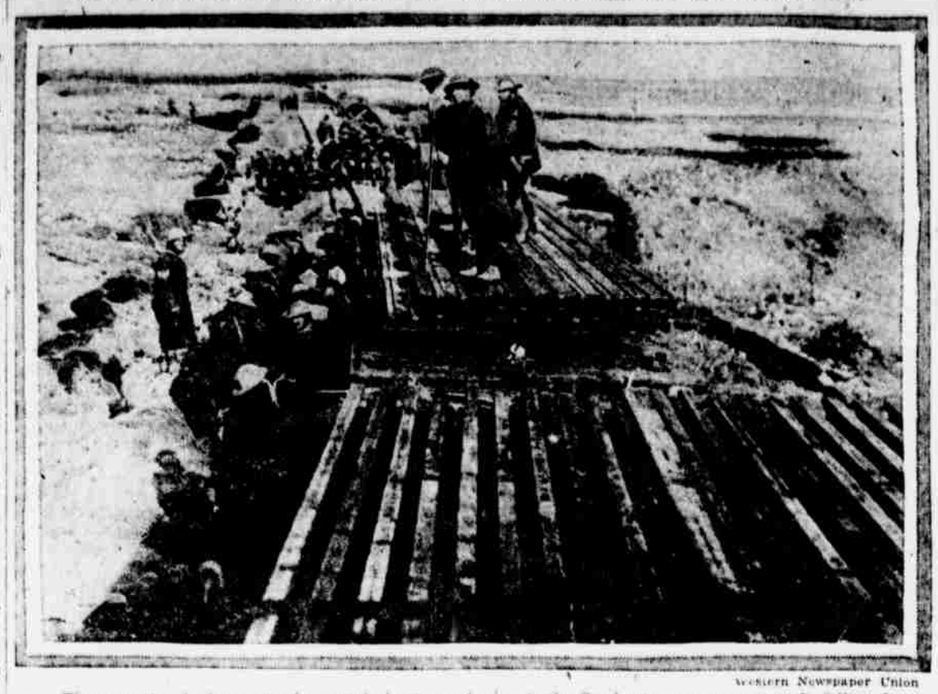

Western Newspaper Union

The sensational advance made recently by General Byng in the Cambrai sector was promptly followed by Allied engineers, who laid down a railway line over the ground just captured from the Germans. A number of Americans were among the engineers cut off by Boche gunfire in the salient formed by the advance.

"SUB" ROBS SAMMEES OF CHRISTMAS DINNER

Holiday Supply Ship Turns Back After Dodging Attack of U-Boat

AMERICAN FIELD HEADQUARTERS, Dec. 21.

An unsuccessful attempt by a German submarine to attack a supply ship laden with Christmas food was responsible for the American forces finding themselves today on the verge of Christmas without turkey, cranberries and the usual feast day supplies.

The vessel, it was stated, had been turned back to America following the submarine's unsuccessful attack.

Up until today the quartermaster's department had not received Christmas rations—and had small hope of getting them in time for distribution over the wide area occupied by the American forces. Great quantities of mince pies, oranges and cranberries are among the special "trimmings" that are known to be en route, but which haven't yet appeared.

A small amount of turkey, left over from Thanksgiving, is available for distribution—but it won't be a drop in the bucket compared to what is needed. There are somewhat larger supplies of mincemeat and cranberries available.

The Sammees today began suspecting the worst, following daily and anxious inquiries of their mess sergeants.

The situation, however might be worse—and anyway, the Christmas "chow" will be served when it arrives.

Lafayette Lentz Dies

MAUCH CHUNK, Pa., Dec. 21.—Lafayette Lentz is dead here at the age of eighty-nine. He was one of the original contractors in the building of the Lehigh Valley Railroad. He also built stretches of the North Pennsylvania, Easton and Amboy and Morris and Essex Railroads and the Vosburg tunnel. He became a coal operator near Mahanoy City in 1869 and was the senior member of Lentz & Co., operating a colliery at Park Place. He was an enthusiastic hunter and fisherman. He leaves two sons, William O. Lentz, of Philadelphia, manager of his father's vast coal interests, and Horace De Y. Lentz, of the Carbon County bar.

Philadelphia May Be "Free Port"

WASHINGTON, Dec. 21.—The Federal Tariff Commission will visit Philadelphia to conduct hearings on the establishment of "free zones" about that port. It is stated at the offices of the commission that it is not the intention to confine the free-zone plan to the port of New York, as the commission is just beginning a study of this matter and will visit other ports later.

Fierce Winter Battles in West Are Forecast

WASHINGTON, Dec. 21.—Military critics are asserting their belief that the release of the armies of the Central Empires from the eastern fronts will be likely to result in heavier winter campaigning than has been experienced at any previous time during the war.

According to Russian embassy officials there were on the Russian fronts prior to the advent of the Bolsheviki a total of 147 enemy divisions, divided as follows: German, 96; Austrian, 44; Turkish and Bulgarian, 7. The best fighting elements from these forces have already been moved westward, it was believed here today, the Austro-Germans maintaining on the Russian front only sufficient forces to maintain the lines against the Russian troops which have not acknowledged the authority of the Bolsheviki and to enforce police measures in the occupied territories.

It is thought the bulk of the released troops have been transported to the Franco-Flanders, rather than to the Italian front.

LE TRUPPE ITALIANE RESPINGONO I TEUTONI

Gli Austro-Tedeschi Sconfitti tra il Brenta ed il Piave

ROMA, 21 dicembre.

Con alcune posizioni su Col della Berretta e Monte Asolone in loro possesso, come risultato dei recenti e violenti combattimenti di questi ultimi giorni sulla fronte nordica, gli austro-tedeschi hanno tentato, ieri, un ulteriore colpo a nord-est, nella regione di Col dell'Orso, e cioe' attaccando le posizioni sulla fronte Tasson-Col dell'Orso, tra il Brenta ed il Piave.

Per quanto gli attacchi fossero condotti con forze preponderanti e con estrema violenza, si infransero contro la valorosa resistenza della truppe italiane ed i teutoni furono respinti completamente con perdite rilevantissime. Cosi' annunzia un comunicato ufficiale ieri pubblicato dal Ministero della Guerra in Roma.

Dal comunicato redatto in base alle notizie pervenute dal comando supremo italiano, e pubblicato mercoldi', so rileva quanto appresso:

Ieri in una sanguinosa azione che occupo' l'intera giornata, il nemico, alternando violenti bombardamenti con impetuosi attacchi di fanteria, tentoo' di avanzare dalle linee da Col Caprile a Monte Pertica. Solo alla sua sinistra, dove lascio' un centinaio di prigionieri nelle nostre mani, il nemico riuscl' a mantenere i vantaggi conseguiti nella zona di Monte Asolone. Sulla destra tutti i tentativi del nemico furono frustrati e cio' si deve alla mirabile resistenza opposta dalla valorosa Brigata "Pessaro" ad ovest di Osteria del Lepre.

I tentativi dell'avversario per attravesare il Piave Vecchio, tra Gradenico e Cavalluccherina, provocarono vivaci combattimenti locali nei quali le batterie della Regia Marina furono di large contributo. Alcuni prigionieri caddero nelle nostre mani.

La situazione sulla fronte di battaglia al nord, dice il corrispondente del l'Associated Press, ha assunto un piu' serio aspetto con la cattura di Monte Asolne, che rappresenta il punto piu' elevato sulle alture che dominano le pianure. Monte Asolone e' alto piu' di 4.000 piedi e le rimanenti alture variano dai 2.000 ai 3.000 piedi di altezza. Queste si estendono per circa sette miglia e fino a quattro miglia da Bassano.

Rapporti dimostrano che i teutoni impiegano diciasette divisioni nella battaglia in corso il Piave ed il Brenta. Dette divisioni otto sarebbero austriache e la rimanenti di truppe tedesche. Se le divisioni sono al completo rapresenterebbero una forza di 238.000 uomini.

Alcuni soldati nemici che hanno disertato e si sono dati prigionieri ai soldati italiani, hanno dichiarato che la ragione della persistenza con la quale il comando austro-tedesco lancia i suoi uomini all'attacco delle posizioni tra il Brenta ed il Piave, e' quella che alle truppe teutoniche e' stata fatta formale promessa di far passar loro le feste natalizie nei paesi della pianura veneta.

Un comunicato pubblicato ieri a Berlino dice che i ripetuti contrattacchi degli italiani contro le posizioni di Monte Tomba ed il Piave, in ambo le parti di Montello, si verificano violenti duelli di artiglieria. Il comunicato aggiunge che dall'11 dicembre, tra il Brenta ed il Piave, furono presi prigionieri 270 ufficiali italiani e 8120 uomini di truppa.

DAI CAMPI MILITARI

Da Camp Meade (Admiral, Md.) giunge notizia che, secondo disposizioni emanate dal Dipartimento della Guerra, alle reclute che trovansi presso quel campo saranno accordate delle brevi licenze per far loro passare le feste di natale presso le rispettive famiglie. La disposizione del dipartimento della guerra e' stata accolta con somma gioia dai bravi soldati i quali, molto probabilmente, cominceranno ad usufruire del permesso da sabato mattina.

La campagna educatrice che la sezione della Y. M. C. A. vuol condurre nella Little Penn non potra' ottenere risultati positivi, fino a che non cesseranno i continui prelevamenti di uomini dalla Divisione della Liberata', per essere destinati in altre unita'.

La questione di condurre una campagna educatrice fra le truppe di quel campo e' di somma importanza, dato che alcuni reggimenti hanno un numero abbastanza rilevante di soldati che non comprendono l'inglese o che sono analfabeti.

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Women's Felt Juliets, in blue, green, wine, gray, brown, red and other shades. Of strictly first grade felt, trimmed with real fur; broad soles and low heels. 1.00

Women's Ribbon-trimmed Felt Moccasins in kimono colors; soft padded soles, in lavender, pink, wine, old rose, light blue, dark blue and red. 1.00
Actual $1.50 and $2.00 values.

Felt Slippers in a variety of colors for boys, girls and little children; leather or comfort soles, plain, fur-trimmed or with Teddy Bear pictures on vamp. 50c

Women's Dan'l Green Felt Juliets in a wide variety of colors; flexible leather belting soles; ribbon trimmed. 1.75

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Women's Felt Moccasins in all the dainty colors; with white collar and soft padded sole. 50c
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