

EDISON TO REBUILD WEST ORANGE PLANT

Buildings Destroyed by Fire to Be Reconstructed Immediately

APPROXIMATE LOSS \$7,000,000

Charred Bones Indicate at Least One Person Perished in Great Blaze

By Associated Press. West Orange, N. J., Dec. 10.—When the fire which swept the ten-acre manufacturing plant of the Thomas A. Edison companies here was extinguished to-day a hurried inventory of the damage revealed that eleven of the eighteen buildings had been destroyed and that the loss would approximate \$7,000,000. Seven thousand men are employed at the plant and half of these, it is estimated, will be out of work temporarily. The entire force of employees was put to work to-day at removing the debris. Under the active supervision of Thomas A. Edison, the debris which had to be removed while the embers were cooling. Immediate steps to rebuild have been taken.

Will Rebuild When Ruins Cool. While the fire was at its height Thomas A. Edison announced that steps of rebuilding would be started as soon as the debris cooled sufficiently for workmen to clear it away. In line with this announcement word was sent out early to-day to all employees of the

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SALVATION ARMY TO GET STOUGH OFFERING

Evangelist Plans to Take Collection For Belgians If Campaign Is Continued

ANNOUNCES PLANS TONIGHT

Declares Revival Ought to Go On; Trailblitting Growing Heavier Each Night

Dr. Henry W. Stough, the evangelist, will make a decision tonight in regard to his staying in this city another week. A special program has been made out for the seventh week should the campaign be extended. It is very likely that he will remain until December 20. Special collection for the Salvation Army, which was to have been taken last night but was deferred on account of bad weather and the slim crowd, will be taken to-night at the tabernacle. The regular collections for campaign expenses have been discontinued since the budget of \$19,000 has been met and the only money to be asked for at the regular services will be occasional charity donations. Dr. Stough is desirous of helping the needy Belgian sufferers as well as the local charities if the campaign is extended over next week. In announcing the Salvation Army collection for this evening Dr. Stough praised the work of Captain "Pat" Nelson and members of the Army in their enthusiasm for the campaign and

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WHITE WYANDOTTE CLUB'S EXHIBITS FEATURE OF POULTRY SHOW



Of all the chickens that are after prizes at the annual Poultry Show now on in the Chestnut street auditorium, nine receive more attention than the exhibits of the National White Wyandotte Club. Representatives of this club from ten States are attending the show, some of whom are shown in the picture. They are from left to right: Back row—George E. Brown, Camp Hill, Pa.; James Smith, Carlisle, Pa.; F. E. Hoerner, Penbrook, Pa.; F. B. Williams, Nantuxet, Ky.; H. E. Thompson, Wernersville, Pa.; Mrs. Charles Henninger, Sunbury, Pa.; Mrs. A. J. Fell, West Point, Pa.; Mrs. Harry Weber, Harrisburg, Pa.; Miss Mary McFadden, Harrisburg, Pa.; A. J. Geise, Felmar, N. Y.; Z. Fletcher, Franklin, Ohio. Front row—Charles Henninger, Sunbury, Pa.; Dr. A. L. Shearer, Harrisburg, Pa.; J. W. Andrews, Dighton, Mass.; A. J. Fell, West Point, Pa.; C. S. Smith, West Fairview, Pa.; S. C. Babbie, New Cumberland, Pa.; William K. Witmer, Harrisburg, Pa.

GARDNER APPEALS FOR LARGER ARMY

Makes Speech Urging Investigation of Preparedness of U. S. For War

Washington, D. C., Dec. 10.—Representative Gardner addressed the House to-day on his resolution for investigation of the preparedness of the nation for war. He prefaced his remarks by announcing that he had introduced a bill to enact into law Secretary Garrison's recommendation in his annual report published to-day to re-equip the United States army to its full war strength. A large portion of his speech Mr. Gardner devoted to an analysis of President Wilson's references to national defense in his annual address to Congress Tuesday. He declared the President had set up "a bogey man of straw" and that "if war were to break out to-day it would be found our coast defenses have not sufficient ammunition for an hour's fighting." "We must depend in every time of

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REFUSES \$500 FOR HIS PRIZE ROOSTER

A. J. Fell, of West Point, Pa., Wins Majority of Cash Trophies and Four Cups

Refusing an offer of \$500 for a prize White Wyandotte cock and winning the majority of cash prizes and four cups at the poultry show is the record of A. J. Fell, of West Point, Pa. Mr. Fell, fancier who has won prizes in big shows all over the United States, this morning was awarded the Telegraph cup for having the best bird at the Chestnut street auditorium. After the award a bid of \$500 was made for the bird. It was refused. In the Fell exhibit are many other Wyandottes and they vary in value from \$25 to \$200. Mr. Fell had forty-four birds on exhibition and pulled down in cash prizes a total of \$144. Included among Mr. Fell's exhibits is the famous White Wyandotte cock, "Teddy," winner of three first prizes last year. Mr. Fell had the bird at the big show held at Madison Square Garden. Other cups won by Mr. Fell were offered by the secretary, S. C. Smith, for the best line of male birds on exhibition; C. Ross Bous, for the largest number of prize Wyandottes; and

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2,000 MEN LOST ON 3 GERMAN CRUISERS

Naval Engagement Off Falkland Islands Results in Big British Victory

London, Dec. 10, 12.57 p. m.—The British naval victory in the South Atlantic is being discussed in England to-day almost to the exclusion of all other phases of the war news. The last word regarding the naval engagement was that the British squadron, after sinking the German cruisers Scharnhorst, Gneisenau and Leipzig, with the loss of nearly 2,000 men, was pursuing the fleeing Dresden and Nurnberg, the other two vessels present when the action opened. The British public is awaiting anxiously for news of the outcome of this chase.

RECEPTION PLANNED FOR HERRICK IN CLEVELAND

Cleveland, Dec. 10.—Myron T. Herrick, former ambassador to France, accompanied by Mrs. Herrick, arrived here early to-day and was escorted to his home where he will rest up for a public reception to be given in his honor at Central Armory this afternoon. "It feels good to get back," said Mr. Herrick, as he stepped off the train on which he had been accompanied from New York by a delegation of prominent Clevelanders. He is expected to leave Cleveland for Paris in 1915 and said he would have "to earn some money" as his duties in Paris had cost him \$400,000.

PREPAREDNESS FOR WAR WILL NOT PREVENT ARMED CONFLICT, DECLARES BRYAN

Richmond, Va., Dec. 10.—Preparedness for war as means of preventing armed conflict was denounced here last night by Secretary of State Bryan addressing the annual convention of the federal council of the Churches of Christian America. "If preparedness prevented war there would be no war in Europe for they were prepared," said Secretary Bryan. They had been preparing for a long time. The fact is exposed. Preparedness may help you if you get into a war, but it will not keep you out. "More than that, preparedness almost with absolute certainty will lead you to war because you cannot prepare for war unless you either are afraid of somebody, or hate somebody. The people will not bear the burden of taxation if you cannot make them bend their backs to the load unless you can make them believe it is necessary.

FIVE RAILROADERS INJURED

Buffalo, N. Y., Dec. 10.—Five railroad men were injured, none seriously, when a passenger train west bound on the Lake Shore and Michigan Southern Railroad was sideswiped by an eastbound freight train at a crossover at Longview to-day. Both locomotives were hurled into the ditch and two sleeping cars were derailed. No passengers were injured.

EVERS' CONDITION SERIOUS

New York, Dec. 10.—The illness of Johnny Evers, captain and second baseman of the world's champion Boston Braves, took a serious turn to-day. The physicians who have been attending him at a local hotel reported he had developed pneumonia in one lung, and was in a serious condition.

GREAT SEA BATTLE DIVERTS ATTENTION FROM LAND FIGHTING

British Squadron Sinks Three German Warships and Is Now in Pursuit of Two Others; Emperor's Illness Is Causing Alarm; German Armies Stirred to Renewed Activity in West. No Let-up in Fighting in East, Says Russian Statement

The German line that stretches across France for more than 200 miles is said by the French war office to be giving way before the attack of the allies. The official statement from Berlin to-day gives few details of the fighting in France, although asserting that the allies in one instance were repulsed with heavy losses. The French announcement says that the allies have prosecuted the offensive successfully at points scattered much of the way across the country. Specific mention is made of the capture of trenches, of victories in artillery duels and of advances of 200 to 600 yards. These onslaughts have led to spirited counter attacks by the Germans, who yesterday are said to have made no less than six of these attempts in the Argonne.

The German statement is confined, so far as the fighting in the west is concerned, to a reference to the conflict in the Argonne, where it is stated an attack of the French was repulsed. Advance Being Continued. The German military authorities say that in the east the advance along the Vistula river is being continued and that a small Polish town has been captured. As to the campaign in the southern Poland where, according to unofficial advices from Berlin, the Russian wings have been thrown back, the war office statement merely says that attacks of the enemy were repulsed.

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CRUISERS HURRYING TO PORT

Montevideo, Uruguay, Dec. 10.—Wireless reports received here indicate that the German cruisers Dresden and Nurnberg, survivors in the engagement with an English fleet, December 8, in which the Scharnhorst, the Gneisenau and the Leipzig were sunk, closely pursued by British warships are fleeing in the direction of Port Santa Cruz, on the Argentine coast, north of the Atlantic entrance to the Straits of Magellan and west of the Falkland Islands. It is reported here also that the German auxiliary cruiser Prinz Eitel is cruising in the South Atlantic and that she has on board 1,500 German soldiers.

STEAMER OUT OF DANGER

San Luis Obispo, Cal., Dec. 10.—After a night of anxiety while her anchors dragged and a gale carried her close to the rocks of Point Arguello, the steamer Centralia rides at anchor to-day five miles off the California coast. The Centralia, although disabled by the bursting of a boiler tube, is in no danger.

CRUISER NURNBERG SUNK

London, Dec. 10, 7.08 P. M.—The official bureau announced this afternoon that the German cruiser Nurnberg, one of the warships which escaped from the English in the engagement of December 8, has been sunk.

BATAVIA, N. Y., DEC. 10.—THREE HUNDRED PERSONS WHO ATTENDED A CHICKEN SUPPER AT A CHURCH HERE LAST NIGHT ARE UNDER PHYSICIANS' CARE TO-DAY. ALTHOUGH MANY ARE IN A SERIOUS CONDITION, IT IS BELIEVED ALL WILL RECOVER. THEIR ILLNESS WAS DIAGNOSED AS PTOMAINE POISONING.

INDEPENDENCE, MO., DEC. 10.—JOSEPH SMITH, PRESIDENT OF THE REORGANIZED CHURCH OF LATTER DAY SAINTS, DIED AT HIS HOME HERE TO-DAY.

Philadelphia, Dec. 10.—Stock closed steady: General Asphalt, 33; General Asphalt, pfd., 67½; Lake Superior Corporation, 12; Lehigh Navigation, 75¼; Lehigh Valley, 65; Pennsylvania Railroad, 52¾; Pha. Electric Electric, 23¾; Pha. Rapid Transit, 11¾; Reading, 70; Storage Battery, 48¾; Union Traction, 38¾, ex. div.; U. G. I., 82¾.

MARRIAGE LICENSES

Carl Smeigh, city, and Madilyn Ruth Reiffennyder, Oakville. Lynn M. Intelect, Wilkesboro, and Annie Parfuen, Williamstown. William W. G. Herr and Anna P. Bonawitz, city. Samuel Neidig, city, and Ada Shepherd, Kansas City, Mo.

PLANS EXTENSION OF CLUSTER LIGHTING

Bowman Would Place Standards in Walnut and Locust Streets

Extension of the city's ornamental cluster lighting system on the upper side of Walnut and Locust streets from Front to Third, is one of the principal improvements planned for the city for 1915 by Commissioner Harry F. Bowman, superintendent of public safety. Commissioner Bowman made this known this afternoon prior to going to Council with his department estimates. His total appropriation will not be more than \$3,400 above last year's requests. The extension of the ornamental lighting system has been planned ever since the clusters and standards were installed in Market, Third, on the lower side of Walnut street and in Market Square. Mr. Bowman's plan is to provide for at least sixteen additional clusters, sufficient for both sides of Walnut and Locust streets. Fifteen new arc lights will also be asked for. Among other things Mr. Bowman wants an assistant for the city plumbing inspector at a salary of \$900 per year. There will be a decrease of more than a thousand dollars in the appropriation for the city electrician's department.

Work on Freight Depot Excavations Starts Soon

With favorable weather work on the excavations for the new Pennsylvania Railroad freight station in South Harrisburg is expected to start next Monday morning. Workmen were busy to-day laying ties through the portion of the subway completed in South Second street. Rails will be put down to-morrow.

UNFILLED TONNAGE DECREASED

New York, Dec. 10.—The unfilled tonnage of the United States Steel Corporation on November 29 totaled 2,324,582 tons, a decrease of 136,505 tons from October.

THE WEATHER

For Harrisburg and vicinity: Unsettled weather to-night and Friday, probably light rain or snow; not much change in temperature. For Eastern portion: Unsettled to-night and Friday, probably rain or snow; moderate, variable winds.

River. No material changes will occur in river stages to-night or Friday. A stage of about 3.4 feet is indicated for Harrisburg Friday morning.

General Conditions. The shallow depressions that were central off the South Carolina coast, Wednesday morning, is moving slowly northward and is now central off Cape Hatteras. The high pressure area in the West is central this morning over North Dakota. The Pacific coast disturbance is moving slowly inland.

The weather continues cloudy and unsettled over nearly all the country and light rains have fallen since last report generally in southern districts and light snows in the central and northern districts east of the Mississippi river. Light snow has fallen over a considerable portion of the Plains States and moderately heavy rains are reported from North Carolina.

Temperature: 8 a. m., 32. Sun. Rise: 7:10 a. m.; sets, 4:30 p. m. Moon Rise: 12:01 a. m. River Stage: 2.6 feet above low-water mark. Yesterday's Weather. Highest temperature, 32. Lowest temperature, 34. Mean temperature, 35. Normal temperature, 34.

FIGURE CITY PURSE STRINGS FOR 1915

Commissioners Meet to Compile Budget of Expenses For New Year

City Council this afternoon met in executive session and began the preparation of the 1915 budget ordinance. Upon the figuring of the City Commissioners will depend the mill rate for the coming year. While none of the departmental heads would talk of the possible millage, it was the general opinion in municipal circles that the present rate of nine and a half mills would remain. That there will be no increase is considered certain; whether or not it will be possible to lop off half a mill is uncertain. It is the general opinion, however, that the municipal purse for the next twelve months will be in better shape if no reduction is made. All the departmental heads submitted their estimates this afternoon and for a couple of hours the councilmen went over the figures. The data will all be compiled in an ordinance to be submitted for the first time at Tuesday's regular meeting of Council. By that time, it is hoped, that the exact status of the city's financial situation will be clear. It is expected that the question of 1915 maintenance may be settled.

WANTS AN AUTO TRUCK

The auto truck will save much team and man hire after the city's own pair plant goes into operation in April. New posts are being substituted on the Mulberry street bridge as fast as the cold weather cracks the concrete of the present ones. Since the repairing work was first begun on the viaduct 89 posts were replaced. There are 437 posts all told, 148 of which are now in need of repair.

BRITISH SQUADRON SAID TO BE AIDED IN SEARCH BY AEROPLANE

New Orleans, Dec. 10.—The British squadron sent in pursuit of German commerce destroyers operating off South America was aided in its search for the vessels by an air scout in the opinion of officials of the Colon, a vessel flying between New York and Panama and owned by the United States government as told in mail advices reaching here from Colon. According to the advices, the Colon when 300 miles southeast of the Florida coast on its last voyage out, sighted an aeroplane which because of its distance from shore was thought to be attached to any land station. The aeroplane approached the Colon closely, then veered off and vanished in the gathering night.

RAIL FALLING ON MAN KILLS HIM INSTANTLY WHILE 25 LOOK ON

Crushed by a sliding trolley rail in the Second street subway, John Walters, Penbrook, flagman on the repair crew of the Harrisburg Railways Company, was almost instantly killed at 2.30 o'clock this afternoon. Walters was climbing down the slopes of the subway to warn fellow workmen of the possible danger from the skidding rails. These were belatedly unloaded into the subway by the simple method of sliding them upon "skids" from the freight car.

UNCONFIRMED REPORTS SAY DIXMUDE IS AGAIN OCCUPIED BY ALLIES

London, Dec. 10, 4.59 A. M.—Unconfirmed reports which have reached Amsterdam, according to the correspondent of the Morning Post, state that Dixmude has been occupied by the allies.

SAYS WAR IS AN ATTEMPT TO CRUSH LABOR MOVEMENT

Amsterdam, via London, 10, 7.51 A. M.—Dr. Karl Liebknecht, the Socialist member of the Reichstag who was the only one to vote against the war credit at the recent session of the Reichstag, explains his action in an article just published in Berlin. He says: "This war was not desired by any of the peoples affected nor was it kindled to promote the welfare of the Germans or any other people. It was created by the common action of the German and Austrian war parties in the obscurity of semi-absolutism and secret diplomacy in order to anticipate their adversaries."

CZECH REGIMENTS REPORTED TO HAVE REVOLVED ON FIELD

Geneva, via Paris, Dec. 10, 4.40 A. M.—The correspondent of the Journal de Geneve at Prague states that confirmation has been received there that Czech regiments No. 28 from Prague, No. 108 from Brno, No. 11 from Paskauka and the Eighth Landwehr of Prague which were serving against Serbia revolted on the battlefield.

WILL PURCHASE WHEAT CROP

Sydney, via London, Dec. 10, 10.55 A. M.—The legislative council has ratified the bill empowering the government to purchase the whole of the growing wheat crop of New South Wales at five shillings a bushel.