

### PREDICTS ANARCHY IN THE PHILIPPINES

#### Recent Disturbances, Though Dangerous, Are Said to Be Insignificant

Washington, Dec. 31.—Private dispatches from Manila saying the recent disturbances in the Philippine Islands, though dangerous, were insignificant in accomplishing, were laid to-day before the Senate committee considering the Philippines independence bill by Dean C. Worcester, former secretary of the interior of the islands. The dispatch came yesterday from his personal friend, P. G. McDonnell, a Manila editor, and for their accuracy Mr. Worcester vouched to the committee. The dispatch read:

"General commanding Corregidor denies the rumor regarding disarming of scouts. Mob in botanical garden scattered by the police before the time set for uprising. Arrested twenty bolo men. Movement wide. Quite well organized. Ricarte connected with them.

"Drastic measures required to prevent it from spreading. It is generally believed the disturbance is being influenced by widespread idea of government weakness. Sedition not suppressed because a wrong interpretation of promises of administration in circulation by politicians among ignorant masses. Foreigners apprehensive. Great many have applied for firearms permit. Impossible to do anything to corroborate many facts. Witnesses are forbidden to give information. Government will not allow us to see documents seized by army. Uprising insignificant in accomplishment, but dangerous on account of potential agitation of lowest classes.

#### Leaders at Large

"Similar to 1896. Have arrested men in Manila. Many leaders have not been apprehended. Communications secured indicating Americans were to be attacked. Property to be confiscated or destroyed. There is no evidence that property owning natives are involved. Absolutely no Americans connected with uprising.

(Signed) "P. G. McDonnell."

A phrase "have issued arms to civil employees" contained in the original dispatch was eliminated by Mr. McDonnell in a later message and Mr. Worcester told the committee he believed the statement cancelled was untrue.

Mr. Worcester gave it as his opinion that the disturbances were what might be expected before independence was granted. He declared the Philippines politicians who "love to fish in troubled waters" were in favor of immediate independence, meaning an independence for them to hold office with the United States navy lying in the harbors to prevent international complications.

### Liquor Traffic Is a National Issue, Says Prohibition Speaker

Topeka, Kan., Dec. 31.—"If the liquor traffic in a State and not a national issue why does the government impose a heavy tax on it and grant a license to people to engage in the business?"

This was the question John P. St. John, the first prohibition governor of Kansas, put to the National convention of the Interstate Prohibition Association here to-day.

"If it is a purely State issue why does a government official carry the keys to the distillery," continued the former governor, "the contention that the liquor question is purely a State issue has no foundation in history, justice or common sense."

The prohibition amendment will be adopted by Congress not later than 1917, and three-fourths of the States will have ratified it not later than 1920. In five years thereafter the liquor politicians and the liquor press will be ready to swear that they were always prohibition.

### Must Pull Together Says Pennsy Manager in New Year Greeting

New Year greetings from S. C. Lutz, general manager of the Pennsylvania Railroad, to the employes all over the system were posted to-day. In concluding his greetings General Manager Lutz says:

"We regret that our own ranks are depleted, but we are not earning enough to fill them. It is a time to stand together or to pull together for peace, for happiness and for prosperity. May the New Year bring good cheer, good will and clearing skies for us all."

### CLOTHING STOLEN

Someone entered the yard of Joseph F. Shephard, 127 Park street, last evening and stole a suit of underwear and several pairs of socks. The police were notified.

### Shephard Denies Supporting Blanco For Head of Mexico



SENATOR MORRIS SHEPHARD.

Senator Morris Shephard of Texas has denied the report from Mexico City that he was interested in the scheme to make Lucio Blanco President of Mexico, and that he was supporting Frank Rabb, a U. S. Customs Collector, who had constituted himself Blanco's campaign manager. Senator Shephard admits that he sent Blanco a congratulatory message.

### GENERAL BLANCO SJAILED IN CAPITAL

#### Vera Cruz Dispatch to Carranza Agency Tells of His Arrest

Washington, D. C., Dec. 31.—General Lucio Blanco, who remained in military command of Mexico City for some time after the withdrawal of Carranza forces and pending the arrival of the Villa and Zapata forces, has been imprisoned by Villa, according to a dispatch to-day to the Carranza agency here from Vera Cruz. The message, dated yesterday, says:

"Advices from Mexico City received by the War Department from secret service men here have already been has been made prisoner by Villa and that Blanco's staff officers have been scattered among Villa regiments against their will. The staff of Vera Cruz to-day became denuded of rebel Villaistas and Zapatistas when General Souviran, operating under command of Villa with 600 soldiers, surrendered his force and himself to General Obregon, in Jalisco, and offered his sword to the first chief."

### ALL PLUMBERS HERE MUST WEAR BADGES

#### Retailers Must Procure Licenses to Do Business During 1915

More than 175 plumbers of the city have registered again for the new year and several of them have already been given new badges, which they must wear beginning to-morrow. The badges cost 25 cents and the money will be returned at any time that the plumber does not care to continue his work.

The food inspectors report that a large number of retail merchants have already applied for their 1915 licenses and that others have been notified that these must be procured at once. The licenses are good only from January 1, 1915, to January 1, 1916, and are not transferable.

All of the retail meat, milk, fish, oysters, bakery and restaurant licenses have been reduced in cost from \$5 to \$4. A \$2 reduction has been made in the license for ice cream manufacturers, and wholesale milk and meat licenses have been reduced from \$25 to \$20. More than 700 licenses were issued last year to dealers who sold produce in this city.

The officers of the health bureau are busy making up the 1915 health report.

### INQUIRE INTO VALUE OF "HARDSCRABBLE"

#### City Council to Investigate Cost Incident to Front St. Opening

Within the next few weeks City Council, it is understood, will begin inquiry as to the more equitable value of the properties that will have to be taken over by the city in the formal opening of Front street between Calder and Herr streets to the low water line and the consequent elimination of "Hardscrabble."

Of the forty-two properties affected prices have been obtained on thirty-three, and twenty-three owners have given City Solicitor D. S. Seitz their figures. These aggregated \$154,500. Council laid the matter over and asked City Clerk Miller to prepare a statement showing the comparison of the sums asked with the city assessments. The latter totaled something more than \$54,000.

Council's next duty will be to determine by hearing testimony of property owners and realty experts or by taking such other steps as the city officials may see fit, upon a more equitable figure. Then City Solicitor Seitz will be asked to request the court to appoint viewers to assess the benefits and damages that may accrue from the condemnation of the property. Necessary bonds will be filed. Much of the damages that will be allowed for the property owners whose ground will be taken will be set off, it is believed, by the benefits that may be assessed against the properties on the east side of the street. What difference remains, however, will be paid, it is believed, by the city.

The board of viewers will not be asked for several months, certainly not at January quarter sessions, and perhaps not until March.

### HOUSE-TO-HOUSE FIGHTING IN PROGRESS IN ALSACE

Paris, Dec. 21, 2.55 P. M.—The French official announcement given out in Paris this afternoon relates a continuation of artillery exchanges with the enemy and further advances, measured by yards, of French soldiers at various points on the line of battle. Counter-attacks of the enemy were driven back and in Alsace a certain village is held half by German and half by French troops. The fighting here has been from house to house and it continues to-day.

### WANTS WAR AGAINST WAR

London, Dec. 31, 1.30 P. M.—Carl Liebnicht, the Socialist member of the German reichstag who attracted considerable attention to himself early in December by being the only member of the reichstag who voted against a new war credit, has sent a New Year's message to British Socialists in which he urges upon the workers of the world to unite in a war against the war.

### WILL NOT MARCH ON SARAYEVO

Paris, Dec. 31, 4.45 A. M.—"The Servians will not march on Sarajevo," said Dr. M. R. Vesnitch, the Serbian minister to France, according to a statement by him published here. They will penetrate either to Smyrna, the easternmost country of Slavonia, Hungary, by war of Semlin, or Banat, a region of Southern Hungary, by war of Panosova.

### STABBED HER HUSBAND

Mrs. Viola Smith, charged with stabbing her husband, Herman Smith, was given a hearing before C. E. Murray, alderman of the Third ward, this afternoon. The stabbing occurred on November 10 at Capital and Verbeke

### SHE WASN'T POISONED AT ALL, SAY POLICE

#### Overdose of Nerve Medicine Made Her Ill, Investigating Doctors Learn

Believing she had been poisoned, Mrs. W. Adin Rupp, wife of a music teacher, 1515 State street, has had both Colonel Joseph B. Hutchison, chief of police, and M. S. Stroup, district attorney, investigating for two days.

It was found she had taken an overdose of nerve medicine.

Mrs. Rupp has been confined to bed for three days, and her case caused considerable excitement in the immediate neighborhood. Both Colonel Hutchison and District Attorney Stroup made personal inquiries, and after consulting three local physicians who were called in on the case, decided there was no foundation for the poison theory.

According to Colonel Hutchison and District Attorney Stroup, domestic troubles figure in the case.

### CATHERINE FRICK TO ATTEND VAUDEVILLE

#### Deaf, Dumb and Blind, She Will Still Be Able to Enjoy New Year Show

Catherine Frick, Harrisburg's celebrated deaf, dumb and blind girl, will attend the Orpheum's midnight carnival to-night and welcome in the New Year along with hundreds of others who find pleasure in watching the new year in and a good vaudeville show at the same time.

Miss Frick will not alone attend the vaudeville show, but will go behind the scenes and visit with Kitty Gordon and the other players on the week's bill.

Miss Catherine cannot see, hear nor talk, but by the wonderful seventh sense of intuition that has made her a second Helen Keller, she will be able to understand the show and enjoy it as much as anybody in the audience. Miss Frick is home for her holiday vacation from the Mt. Airy Institute for Deaf, Dumb and Blind.

### POST OFFICES WILL CLOSE

From 10 o'clock to-morrow morning until midnight to-morrow night the Harrisburg Post Office and substations will be closed. Carriers will make one delivery to-morrow morning and regular collections after 5.40 in the evening.

### PAGE AND GREY IN CONFERENCE ON NOTE

#### British Foreign Secretary Presents Ambassador With Views of His Colleagues

London, Dec. 31, 3.51 P. M.—Walter Hines Page, the American ambassador, had an extended conversation this afternoon with Sir Edward Grey, the British secretary for foreign affairs, on the subject of President Wilson's note of protest against the detention of American shipping by British warships.

As the note had been discussed by the members of the British cabinet yesterday, the foreign secretary was able to present to the ambassador the combined views of himself and his colleagues.

### CONSTABLE JOHNSON ILL

James H. Johnson, 27 Calder street, a constable in the Sixth ward, fell over at the Pennsylvania station this morning, suffering from an attack of vertigo. He was treated at the Harrisburg hospital.

### Prison Taught Policeman Lesson of Silence

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### CANDIDATES FOR SPEAKER GET BUSY

#### Various Headquarters Will Be in Full Swing by Tomorrow Evening

Headquarters will be opened in the same hotel in this city to-morrow for three of the candidates for the Republican caucus nomination for speaker, some of the rooms being almost beside each other. The headquarters to be opened to-morrow are those of R. J. Baldwin, Delaware; Henry I. Wilson, Jefferson, and R. P. Haggood, McKean. The following day headquarters will be opened for Charles A. Ambler, Montgomery, and on Saturday night George W. Williams, Tioga, also mentioned for speaker, will be here.

Few members are here for the opening of the Legislature on Tuesday but they will begin to arrive to-morrow. The caucus meetings will be held Monday evening when it is understood that the wishes of Governor-elect Brumbaugh in regard to legislation keeping party platform pledges and against fixing a date for adjournment will be communicated to the Republican members.

Last night at Harrisburg when the question of the probability of the Republican Senate and House caucuses adopting a resolution Monday night to fix the date for final adjournment of the Legislature was mentioned to the next governor, he said:

"That would be extremely unwise. An early adjournment of the Legislature is desirable, but the assembly should not adjourn until it has fulfilled its pledges to the people. I am opposed to the caucus going on record for any fixed time for adjournment, though I am unopposed to a long session. Later we can determine when it would be wise for deciding upon a day when the lawmaking body can be dissolved. It is the solemn should not adjourn until it was full-dose of nerve medicine."

### London Paper Says U. S. Should Be Met Half Way

London, Dec. 31, 3.15 P. M.—The American note to Great Britain concerning the search of American vessels by British warships is further discussed by the London newspapers to-day.

The Standard in an editorial warns the country that the American protest is a serious one and should not be treated lightly; that the sentiment in the United States in favor of the allies is less pronounced than it was three months ago and that it is yielding to feeling in favor of Germany as the underdog in a fight against great odds. Therefore, the newspaper says, if any solution is possible the United States should be met half way.

A suggestion appears in the Morning Post that a remedy for the grievance of undue delay in searching vessels would be to pass a short act in parliament giving the neutral trader the right to come to a British court of justice and by a process involving a minimum of delay, claim damages arising from the detention of his vessel or cargo.

### Close Market Street to Traffic During Parade

Colonel Joseph B. Hutchison to-day gave notice that Market street would be closed to-morrow to all traffic from 1 o'clock in the afternoon until after the Mummies' parade has passed.

In order to keep the big crowd in a good humor while waiting for the parade, E. H. Royer, with one of Robert L. Morton's Chalmers cars, will give a demonstration of an automatic auto bumper, which will pick up pedestrians, and prevent accidents. Running at the rate of fifteen miles an hour, the automobile, driven by Mr. Royer, will run into Arthur Dunlop. It will pick him up without harming a hair on his head, it is said. The exhibition is said to be a thriller, and a movie man will take pictures of the life-saving exhibitions.

### POLISH CAPITAL MUST SOON BE EVACUATED, IS BELIEF

Berlin, via The Hague and London, Dec. 31, 3.11 a. m.—Major Morath, the military expert, discussing in the Tageblatt the Eastern war situation, says:

"All military authorities are agreed that the Polish capital must soon be evacuated. Its value as a fortress, as is well known, is slight, but the strongly fortified positions in front of the forts, it must be expected, will be well defended. Nevertheless it would require strong forces to hold them."

### ARTILLERY DISPERSES TROOPS

Petrograd, Dec. 30.—(Delayed in Transmission.)—The following communication from the general staff of the army of the Caucasus was given out here to-night. "The battle at Sarikamish (in Transcaucasia, thirty miles southwest of Kars) against large Turkish forces continues. Our artillery fire dispersed a strong column of Turks who endeavored to have themselves by night after having lost half of their contingent."

### NO JAP TROOPS IN EUROPE

Tokio, Dec. 31, 3.43 p. m.—In its denial of reports that Japanese troops had been landed at Vladivostok or any other place, en route to Europe, the foreign office included this statement: "Japan has not been appointed by Great Britain or any other country to send an army to Europe."

### FIGURES EXAGGERATED

Vienna, via Amsterdam to London, Dec. 31, 3.49 a. m.—It is officially announced that a dispatch from the front declares the Russian estimates of the number of captured Austrian officers to be greatly exaggerated, while admitting that the number of officers and men taken by the Russians cannot be exactly stated.

### THIRTY-ONE CARGOES SEIZED

Washington, D. C., Dec. 31.—Thirty-one ships, bearing 19,350 tons of American copper, worth \$5,500,000, destined to neutral nations, have been detained and their cargoes seized as contraband since the European war began, Senator Walsh of Montana, told the Senate to-day.

### WINDOW CUT HIS ARTERIES

Guy Gause, 137 Hanna street, let a window fall on his hand this morning in the lodge rooms above the Jerauld shoe store and severely cut his right and left arteries. The arteries were cut and stitches were inserted at the Harrisburg hospital where he was taken.

### LATE MATINEE PERFORMANCE

In order that patrons may see the Mummies' parade to-morrow afternoon, the matinee performance at the Orpheum will not start until 3 o'clock.



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### WARN GARBAGE PEOPLE TO GET BUSY OR BE FINED

The Bureau of Health and Sanitation passed a resolution last night warning the Pennsylvania Reduction Company to be more prompt in removing garbage and ashes or penalties will be inflicted of \$5 for each offense reported. A large number of people in the city have been complaining to the Health Department

### WILL TEST NEW SHELL

Washington, Dec. 31.—Preparations are being made for a test in the near future of the much discussed Isham shell by a naval board, headed by Rear Admiral Fiske. A new kind of fuse for the shell has just been constructed and submitted to a preliminary test and as soon as it has demonstrated its reliability the actual firing experiments will take place somewhere in

### DEATH RATE DECREASED

Pittsburgh, Dec. 31.—Pittsburgh's mortality during the last twelve months has been the lowest in the history of the city with the exception of one year according to estimates made public to-day by Dr. J. F. Edwards, director of public health. The death rate per thousand this year is