



GOVERNOR ASKS RESIGNATION OF A. NEVIN POMEROY

Neither Brumbaugh Nor Superintendent of Printing Will Discuss the Matter

OTHER CHANGES RUMORED

Chambersburg Publisher Says He May Have Statement to Make Tomorrow

Governor Martin G. Brumbaugh today asked Superintendent of Public Printing and Binding A. Nevin Pomeroy to resign.

The Governor's action in asking the retirement of the Chambersburg publisher is the first move in the way of a drastic campaign to secure the selection of Representative Edwin R. Cox, of Philadelphia, as the Republican candidate for speaker.

For days there have been rumors that the Governor contemplated either asking some of the officials for their resignations or making removals as object lessons to those lukewarm in support of the Cox candidacy or who have been classed as "disloyal" by the State administration men who are active in promoting Cox's boom.

Neither Will Talk During the morning he sent for Mr. Pomeroy and saw him shortly before 1 o'clock in the executive offices.

Mr. Pomeroy, when asked if the report that he had been asked to resign was true, replied: "I have been asked by the Governor to resign; but I have nothing to say now."

"What are you going to do?" "I am going to consult my friends. I will have nothing to say to-day. I may say something to-morrow. I will by that time have determined upon my course."

"What reason did the Governor give for asking your resignation?" "Now, that is for the Governor to say. See him."

"But he won't talk." "Neither will I—now."

No Fault With Efficiency It is intimated about the Capitol that the Governor found no fault with the efficiency of Pomeroy's department or with the way he had performed his duties, which have been enormously increased through the printing requirements under the acts of last year, but that he put it on the ground of "political disloyalty."

For months it has been rumored that Pomeroy would be asked to resign because administration men have contended that he was not for the Brumbaugh delegates in the Seventeenth Congressional district, but for the men

MUTINY STORIES ARE ROT SAYS CAPTAIN SCHELL

Quartermaster of 8th Brands Stories Degrading Regiment as False

GREW OUT OF LARK

Several Men Who Carried Fun Too Far Confined to Guardhouse

Capt. Ed. H. Schell, quartermaster of the Eighth regiment, returned from the border yesterday on a 30 days' leave of absence, looking five years younger than when he responded to the call to arms, and bringing a letter from Colonel Finney, commander of the Eighth, to the editor of the Telegraph, setting forth conditions at Camp Stewart, El Paso.

Captain Schell said the men and officers of the Eighth regiment were greatly disturbed by the wild stories of "mutiny" sent out by irresponsible correspondents in Texas.

The report of wholesale disturbances in the Eighth is absolutely

Archduke Charles of Austria Is Named Regent of Poland

Warsaw, Dec. 14.—Archduke Charles Stephen, of Austria, has been selected to be regent of Poland, with the prospect of election as King later.

The state council composed of the leading personalities of the general government of Poland, probably will be convened before Christmas. The Bavarian state councillor, Count Lerchenfeld, will act as German commissioner with District Councillor Zychlinski as his representative.

Archduke Charles Stephen is commander of the Austrian navy and fifty-six years old. It has been reported several times in the last two years that he had been selected for the throne of the new kingdom to be established in the Polish territory captured from Russia.

He is a cousin of the Austrian Emperor and a brother of Queen Marie Marie Christine, of Spain, and of Archduke Eugene, commander-in-chief of the Austro-Hungarian armies.

Wilson Approves Jail For Guard "Slacker"; 10,000 Men Affected

Washington, Dec. 14.—President Wilson yesterday approved the action of an army court-martial in sentencing Lewis O. Gardner, of the New Mexico militia, to dishonorable discharge and a year in prison at hard labor for failure to obey the federal call for border duty last June, but remitted the prison sentence because the case has been presented as a test.

War department officials regard the decision as important because of the warning it gives to more than 10,000 enrolled members of the national guard who have not appeared for federal service.

Poor of Mexican Town Dying at Rate of 70 Per Day

El Paso, Dec. 14.—The poor of Guadalupe, one of the large mining cities of Central Mexico, are dying at the rate of about 70 persons a day, according to information made by an American mining man who has arrived here. The affidavit, which was forwarded by government officials to Washington to-day, confirms also that women teachers in the parochial schools had been mistreated by soldiers and that church properties were turned into ball rings and barracks.

The document goes on to say that the poor were wearing native grasses for clothing and eating roots, and that corn sent by the American Red Cross to relieve suffering was seized by officials and sold at \$2.50 gold a bushel.

Seven-and-a-Half Minute Service to 19th and Berryhill

Residents of Berryhill street to Nineteenth are to have seven and a half minute trolley service as soon as a siding can be placed between Fifteenth and Sixteenth streets in Berryhill.

President Frank B. Musser made this announcement to-day. For some time city and traction company officials have been figuring on a way to do this without an additional siding but after numerous surveys it was found the siding will be necessary.

GEORGE HORWITZ DIES

Philadelphia, Dec. 14.—George Quintard Horwitz, a leading lawyer of this city died at his home here to-day after an illness of only three days. He was the son of the late Pinus J. Horwitz, formerly surgeon general of the United States Navy.

Mr. Horwitz was a founder and a director of the alumni association of the University of Pennsylvania. He was 48 years old and was born in Washington.

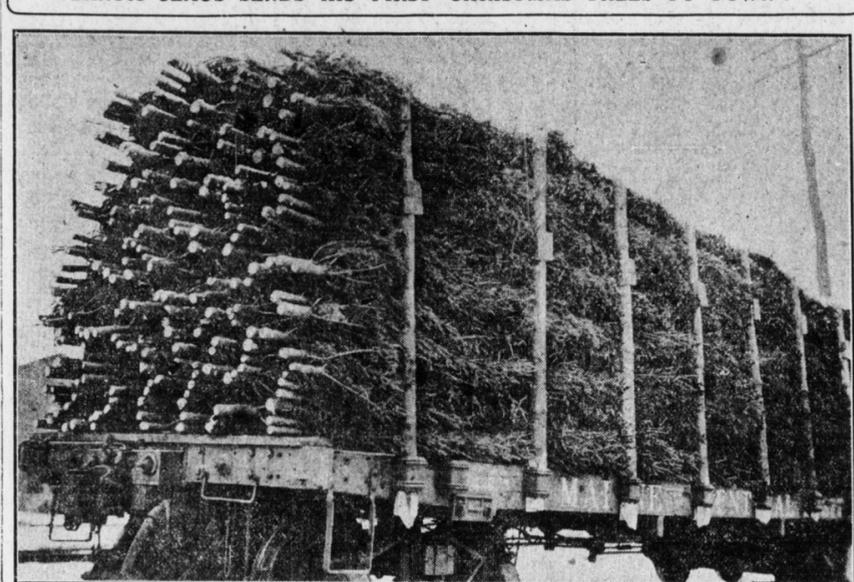
CONGRESS TO RECESS

Washington, D. C., Dec. 14.—Congress will recess over the Christmas holidays from December 22 to January 2, Democratic Leader Kitchin announced to-day. Speaker Clark who favored a shorter recess, will not object to the resolution which Kitchin will offer for such a recess and Senate leaders have agreed to adopt it.

17,000 TONS OF COAL STUNK

Amsterdam, Dec. 14.—Via London. A Berlin dispatch says that German submarines between November 28 and December 8 sank on the French Atlantic coast, among other vessels, steamships carrying coal cargoes amounting to 17,000 tons which were on the way to France, and also an English steamer with 6,000 tons of war material which was proceeding from New York to France.

SANTA CLAUS SENDS HIS FIRST CHRISTMAS TREES TO TOWN!



It you don't believe in Santa Claus, just look at this. The jolly old fellow has just shipped a big consignment of pines and spruces from the forests of the northland to Harrisburg. And here they are! There are 2222 trees on the car to make glad the hearts of good little children in just 2222 homes.

FIGHTING RAGES ON DESPITE ALL PEACE MOVES

Von Mackensen Drives Forward in Rumania; Wallachia Evacuated

CLEARED OF FORCES

Teutons Are Nearing Buzeu; Allies Have Not Yet Established Line

While the warring nations are awaiting definite developments from the presentation of peace proposals by Germany and her allies the operations on the various fighting fronts are proceeding as usual. The immediate future, so far as the peace profers are concerned, is indicated as likely to be taken up by consultations among the entente powers preliminary to the sending of a joint reply.

Interest in military developments still centers upon Rumania, where the armies of Field Marshal Von Mackensen are fighting their way forward despite the difficulties of transport caused by the bad condition of the roads in a Rumanian winter.

Whether the Rumanians have succeeded in establishing themselves along the line of the Buzeu, near the southern Moldavian border, is not yet apparent. Berlin's last specific mention in this connection was made in last night's communication in which the Teutonic forces were reported to be nearing the Buzeu in any event.

It appears that the Rumanian evacuation of southern Wallachia is virtually complete as the German war office announces that the railway south of the Bucharest-Tchernavoda railway, has been cleared of hostile forces.

Beyond the German report of the repulse of a French attack in the Argonne, on the western front, and of Serbian assaults on Bulgarian positions in Macedonia the war news presents little else of interest.

Regular Aeroplane Mail Service Between N. Y. and Chicago; Station in Pa.

Washington, Dec. 14.—Regular aeroplane mail service between New York and Chicago is being considered by the Post Office Department. An announcement was made to-day that the plan is regarded as practicable and might be established with part of the proposed \$100,000 postal appropriation for experimental aerial service.

Department officials estimate the flight of 720 miles could be made in from six to fourteen hours, with an average time of eight hours, and a load of 500 to 1,000 pounds of mail flying will be at night, a plane leaving each city at 8 p. m., alighting at three regular stations in the vicinities of Williamsport, Pa.; Niles, and Napoleon, Ohio, where extra machines, fuel and equipment parts would be maintained.

Road Hog Genuine Porker Brings Gloom to Autoists

Pittsburgh, Pa., Dec. 14.—Their passage blocked by a hog, four autoists early this morning alighted from their car, dragged the porker into a nearby brewery and slaughtered it. They cut the hog up and started on their way home, but en route quarrelled, two claiming the division had not been equal, as the hind quarters were worth more than the fore.

They fought for possession of the choicest parts and during their scuffle, the automobile ran wild, crashed into a fence and was wrecked. A patrolman gathered them in and Magistrate Dillon, at the Allegheny station held them over, pending an investigation. They gave their names as Peter Muth, J. A. Kulsh, Herman Voltz and Paul Schmidt.

Auto Truck Crashes Through Stove Store Window

When a front axle broke this morning on an auto truck belonging to Contractors Cranford & Stephenson of Penbrook, the big truck, loaded with sand, crashed through the plate-glass window at the stove store of Morris Skonik, 121 North Sixth street. No one was injured.

FULL TEXT OF PEACE OFFER IN WILSON'S HANDS

Absolutely No Change in Meaning From Version Already Printed

U. S. MAY MAKE COMMENT

Message Will Go Forward to Belligerents at Once

Washington, Dec. 14.—The note conveying the proposal for peace by the central powers which the United States is to transmit to the entente belligerents arrived during the night and was being prepared for President Wilson early to-day.

The document was said to be substantially the same as published in the official dispatch from Berlin in the report of the Overseas News Agency. Accompanying it was a confidential report from American Charge Grew, understood to be an outline of bow and exploding hollers. Four nations which led up to the German Chancellor's speech in the Reichstag and the sending of the peace proposals.

As soon as President Wilson has seen the note it will be forwarded to Minister Whitlock in Belgium, Ambassadors Sharp, Page, Guthrie and Francis in France, England, Japan, Russia and to the legations at the Serbian and Rumanian government.

May Make Comment The actual transmittal of the peace offer now brings up the important question of whether President Wilson will decide to act merely as an intermediary or whether he will accompany the offer.

Liner Beached After Crash With Tanker in Chesapeake; Four Hurt

Norfolk, Va., Dec. 14.—The British oil tanker Telena was the ship which crashed into the Merchants and Miners liner Powhattan in lower Chesapeake Bay last night.

Badly damaged about the bow the Telena came into the shipyard here early to-day for repairs. So far as could be learned none of her crew were hurt.

Beached on Thimble shoals to keep her from sinking, the Powhattan lay in shallow water to-day with a great hog ripped in her side by the Telena's bow and exploding hollers. Four negroes of her crew had been injured by falling beams from the impact of the collision. All her passengers, however, escaped unhurt.

Kansas Mines to Be Closed Until Funerals of 20 Killed Are Held

Pittsburg, Kans., Dec. 14.—Nearly all the coal mines in the Pittsburg district were idle to-day and owners have announced that operations would not be resumed until funerals were held for the 20 men killed yesterday in an explosion in the Ryan and Reedy coal mine at Stone City. Seven men survived the blast and were rescued.

The majority of the dead, and wounded were foreigners. The accident rendered at least 40 children homeless and in some cases the entire male portions of families were wiped out.

R. R. MAIL CASES UP

Washington, Dec. 14.—Claims of more than eight hundred railroads against the federal government involving between \$27,000,000 and \$35,000,000 for extra compensation on mail transportation were reviewed to-day by the Supreme Court. The hearing was in the so-called railway pay "divisor" cases argued first before the court in April, 1915.

WANAMAKER'S YACHT BURNED

New York, Dec. 14.—Rodman Wanamaker's steam yacht, the Nirvana, was almost totally destroyed by fire early to-day in her winter berth at Bath Beach. Several other craft owned by prominent yachmen were towed away just in time to escape the fire.

4 MILLION POUND WAR CREDIT IS MOVED BY LAW

British Chancellor Discusses Financial Side of War Only

PEACE DEBATE UNLIKELY

Conflict Has Cost England Gigantic Sum of 3,532,000,000 Pounds

London, Dec. 14.—In moving a vote of credit of 400,000,000 pounds in the House of Commons to-day, A. Bonar Law, chancellor of the exchequer, decided to confine his speech entirely to the financial side of the war and in the absence of Premier Lloyd George and former Premier Asquith, owing to illness, it was expected the debate would be merely going through the motions.

However, this will not prevent members of the small group of peace advocates from asking questions in an effort to draw out the government in regard to Germany's peace proposal, although it was regarded as unlikely that they would succeed.

5,710,000 Pounds Daily Andrew Bonar Law, chancellor of the exchequer, announced in the House of Commons this afternoon that the daily average expenditure of Great Britain in the war had risen to 5,710,000 pounds.

Mr. Bonar Law said the actual expenditure had exceeded the estimate owing to the increase in munitions and additional loans to the allies.

Total Prohibition of All Alcoholic Drinks in France Decided On

Paris, Dec. 14.—Total prohibition throughout France of the consumption of such alcoholic beverages as whisky, brandies and liquors has been decided on by the government. This is shown by the text in the Journal Officiel to-day of Premier Briand's declaration yesterday before the Chamber of Deputies on the subject. The premier said:

"The government will ask you to give it the faculty of solving by decrees all questions of interest in regard to the national defense which the laws are too slow to regulate. A particularly grave question which can be regulated only in war time, the solution of which involves the life of the country and its salvation, is the total suppression of the consumption of alcohol."

The premier's remarks were greeted with loud applause from many of the benches. Deputy Mayeras interjected: "Yes, in the entire country," said the premier.

The use of the term alcohol in this connection is understood in France to include such beverages as absinthe, which already has been suppressed; whiskies, brandies and liquors, but not wines or beer.

White Christmas, Predicts Forecaster

The cold wave which settled over Harrisburg and vicinity on Tuesday will last for several days. The mercury to-night will drop to 13 degrees; a snowstorm is expected to reach here late to-morrow; and from present indications there will be no thaw until after Christmas.

Last night the lowest temperature was 19 degrees in Harrisburg. Many of the smaller streams and Wildwood Lake are covered with ice, with the big drop in temperature predicted for to-night and continued cold, it is believed that the ice will be thick enough for skating within the next forty-eight hours.

The river may close if the cold wave continues a bit longer. Forecaster Demain predicted the morning. Slightly warmer weather may reach here early next week, but it is not expected to melt all of the snow after the storm to-morrow, and from present indications prospects are good for a white Christmas.

ROTARIANS AND JOVIANS TO GIVE MUNICIPAL TREE

Frank B. Musser Appointed Chairman of Committee by President Fry

OFF TO REILY CABIN

Light Company to Furnish Power Free; Municipal Band to Play

The Harrisburg Rotary Club, assisted by members of the Jovian League, will carry the municipal Christmas tree idea through alone this year. This morning President Howard C. Fry appointed Frank B. Musser, of the Harrisburg Railways Company, chairman of the municipal Christmas tree committee, and Samuel P. Eby and George Whitney as the other members.

Chairman Musser, for the Harrisburg Railways Company, at once announced that he will provide the tree and accompanied by L. L. Ferree and other officers of the Harrisburg Light & Power Company, the Rotary committee left this afternoon to meet John W. Reilly at his cabin in the mountains above Rockville. Mr. Reilly had volunteered to help the committee select the tree and the trolley company will provide transportation to the city and set it up in Market Square, near Front.

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Forcible Deportation of Lithuanians Reported to Have Started Revolts

London, Dec. 14.—The Wireless Press gives out the following under date of Bern: "Forcible deportation of Lithuanian peasants to work in Germany has provoked several revolts in Lithuania. There was a formidable rising in the province of Suwalki. Peasants armed with hatchets attacked the German military commission sent there to enroll workmen."

"In other districts many peasants are hiding in the forest and marsh. In many parts of Lithuania bands of brigands have destroyed railways, bridges and telegraph lines."

"As a result of this unsatisfactory condition of affairs, this bureau is forced to require all householders to provide themselves with regulation covered metal ash cans, as specified in the contract. Beginning January 1, 1917, the contractor will refuse to collect ashes, and other rubbish, unless same is placed in metal cans of not less than one, nor more than two, bushels capacity."

"Ashes and other rubbish will be removed from the ground floor only in apartment houses, if placed in regulation cans."

THE BRUMBAUGHS GO TO WASHINGTON

Governor and Mrs. Brumbaugh left early this afternoon for Washington where they will attend the conference of the governors and governors-elect and attend the dinner to be given at the White House this evening. They will return to-morrow night. The Washington gathering will be the largest of governors in the history of the country.

Eureka, Cal., Dec. 14.—United States submarine H-3, commanded by Lieutenant Commander H. R. Bogusch, was ashore in a fog, early to-day on a shoal in Humboldt bay. The vessel was rolling heavily this morning at an angle of 45 degrees but watchers ashore heard her whistle three blast "all safe."

Every few minutes, the submarine's air whistle was heard conveying the message that the crew was safe within it was believed that with the hatches battened down, the imprisoned men were using their submarine equipment air tanks as an air supply and that conditions were substantially the same as if the H-3 were submerged. The crew consists of twenty-two men.

PUBLIC HEARINGS ON R. R. LAWS

Washington, Dec. 14.—Public hearings on President Wilson's recommendations for railroad legislation to begin January 2 next, were determined upon to-day by the Senate Interstate Commerce Commission.

New York, Dec. 14.—Panicky condition virtually prevailed in the stock market's final hour to-day, prices showing extreme net losses of 5 to 12 points. There was no appreciable support, except in rails. Total sales at 3 o'clock at which time the ticker had not caught up with the trading, approximated 2,300,000 shares.

Philadelphia, Dec. 14.—Methods to combat the high cost of living were recommended in the report of the Agriculture Committee submitted to-day to the Pennsylvania State Grange in annual convention here. Increased production is not alone sufficient to solve the problem, the report said and it advises farmers to form a sound business organization with sufficient financial backing to market their crops themselves if they cannot evolve a system which will eliminate the middlemen and bring the railroads to terms.

MARRIAGE LICENSES

Manassas Mauro and Marlin Lavin, Steelton. Ira Reuben Koons and Mary Ellen Mader, Penbrook. Willie Harris and Clara Glanders, Steelton. Samuel Dorsey and Georgia Virginia Springs, city.

THE WEATHER

For Harrisburg and vicinity: Fair, continued cold to-night, with lowest temperature about 13 degrees; Friday increasing cloudiness, followed by snow.

For Eastern Pennsylvania: Fair, continued cold to-night; Friday increasing cloudiness, followed by snow in western part; moderate west winds becoming variable.

Temperature: 8 a. m., 18S. Sun: Rises, 7:20 a. m.; sets, 4:10 p. m. Moon: Rises, 10:25 p. m. River Stage: 4.1 feet above low-water mark.

Yesterday's Weather Highest temperature, 25. Lowest temperature, 23. Mean temperature, 28. Normal temperature, 33.



Burn a Candle in the Window on Christmas Eve

In the old legend—a candle burning from the windows on Christmas Eve signifies Good Will and Welcome and Honor to the Christ Child.