



FRANCE REJECTS GERMAN PEACE; WAR WILL GO ON

Pact Based on Before-the-War Conditions Not Satisfactory, Declares Foreign Minister Pichon in Considering Terms of Central Powers Outlined to Russia; Believe Aim of Huns Is to Protract Negotiations

London, Dec. 28.—"Achievement of the purposes for which the allies are fighting is essential to the future freedom and peace of mankind," said Premier Lloyd George in a letter which he sent to-day to the labor congress.

Paris, Thursday, Dec. 27.—France will not accept a peace based on conditions before the war, Foreign Minister Pichon declared in replying in the Chamber of Deputies to the peace terms of the central powers outlined to Russia.

WAR FLOUR TO BE IN THE CITY WITHIN WEEK

New Product of Whole Wheat Will Save Much Now Used as Feed

CANNED GOODS PLENTY Government Regulates Prices to Protect Consumers in Winter

"Merchants of Harrisburg who have closely observed the operation of the United States Food Conservation organization are to-day satisfied that the public will not be gouged by food hoarders or profiteers, no matter how long the war lasts.

CHARGED WITH THEFT OF NARCOTIC DRUGS, MAN AND WOMAN ARE HELD BY POLICE

Joseph Keister and Sue Eberly, alleged by the police to be users of narcotics, were arrested by police this afternoon for the alleged larceny of morphia tablets and powdered opium, valued at \$100, from a wholesale drug establishment.

THE WEATHER

For Harrisburg and vicinity: Fair and colder to-night, with lowest temperature about 8 degrees; Saturday fair and colder with a cold wave; the temperature will probably fall to zero or below Saturday night.

WHY HE WANTS PEACE



"You agreed to take me up to World Empire." "Agreements are scraps of paper, Highest. You're going straight to Hell."

EMPEY TO GET BIG RECEPTION HERE TONIGHT

Author of "Over the Top" and New Serial to Give Trench Demonstration

Sergeant Arthur Guy Empey, who will give his famous war lecture in Chestnut street auditorium this evening before an audience that promises to be one of the biggest of the winter.

Cabaret Frequenters Must Do Their Bit For Soldiers Through Extra War Tax

Diners at cabarets soon will have the satisfaction of knowing that they are contributing towards the support of the boys in the trenches. Rules governing the collection of war tax on cabaret patrons probably will be issued by the Treasury department next week.

Borrowed 'Exemption Wife' to Dodge Draft, Is Charged

Philadelphia, Dec. 28.—And now the "exemption wife" of a man investigated by the Department of Justice testified yesterday they expected to prove that George Bernardi, of Overbrook, whom they arrested yesterday in a draft case, "borrowed a wife" in order to be exempted from military service.

DEAF, DUMB AND BLIND BOY LEARNS TO WRITE QUICKLY

Little George Watkeys, State's Ward, Surprises Parents by Sending Christmas Card



LITTLE GEORGE WATKEYS From picture made at Mt. Airy

Little George Watkeys, of Wiconisco, deaf, dumb and blind, who has been made a ward of the state and a pupil at Mt. Airy, through the instrumentality of Senator Beidleman, bids fair to become one of the brightest boys in the institution.

Masons Appointed

William S. Snyder, deputy grand master by James B. Krause, grand master of the Grand Lodge of Masons of Pennsylvania, Frederick A. Gochard, deputy secretary of the Commonwealth, and ex-officio district deputy for the twelfth time.

DISTRICT CITY WAR FUND DRIVE

Committee of Businessmen to Work For Country's Fighting Men

In addition to the large general committee named some time ago to raise Harrisburg's quota for the Knights of Columbus war camp fund a number of prominent Harrisburg men have been elected to serve with the original members.

Railways Company Gives Its Answer to Charge Cars Do Not Heed Signals

The Harrisburg Traction Company through its president, Frank B. Musser, made an answer to-day to the Public Service Commission in reply to Lila A. Hamill, who charged that the Third Street cars failed to stop for passengers and that the operators had orders from headquarters to do so.

French Repulse Enemy Attack in the Argonne; Artillery Activity Lively

Paris, Thursday, Dec. 27.—The French War Office issued the following official statement to-night: "In the Argonne we repulsed an enemy surprise attack. "On the right bank of the Meuse the activity of the artillery on both sides has been very active in the region of Courrières wood and Bezonvaux. Northeast of Bezonvaux our batteries caught under their fire an enemy troop concentration which was dispersed with losses.

R. R. POOLING TO BE INITIAL MOVE BY GOVERNMENT

New Order Should Wipe Out Competition and Relieve Congestion

WANT QUICK MOVEMENT Shipments Will Go Directly to Destination, Regardless of Company

Washington, Dec. 28.—At noon to-day the approximately 250,000 miles of American railway systems silently merged into one great continental chain for the winning of the war.

Dr. Harry P. Eisenhart Dies After Short Illness

Dr. Harry P. Eisenhart, 1122 North Second street, a widely known physician, died to-day of acute pneumonia. He was 57 years old.

PRESIDENT'S FRIEND IS DEAD

Baltimore, Dec. 28.—Dr. Charles W. Mitchell, noted specialist in children's diseases and a member of the faculty of the University of Maryland died to-day of pneumonia. He was a classmate of President Wilson at Princeton University.

EX-SENATOR THORNTON DEAD

Alexandria, La., Dec. 28.—John R. Thornton, former United States Senator for Louisiana, died at his home here to-day, aged 71 years.

NOTED AMERICAN PAINTER DEAD

Amsterdam, Dec. 28.—The death of Toby Rosenthal, an American painter, is reported by the Tageblatt of Berlin. Mr. Rosenthal was born in New Haven 69 years ago.

"BABY JIM" SIMONS DEAD

Philadelphia, Dec. 28.—"Baby Jim" Simons, colored, said to be the heaviest man in the world, died here to-day. He weighed 800 pounds.

ARTILLERY FIGHTING CONTINUES

Paris, Dec. 28.—Artillery fighting continued during the night on the Verdun front near Courrières wood, where the Germans made an unsuccessful attack on Wednesday, the war office reports. There also was heavy shelling in Lorraine.

ENDORSE COLLEGE ATHLETICS

New York, Dec. 28.—Encouragement of college athletics on lines to benefit physically all students, instead of merely a few specialists, so as to increase the vigor of young American manhood for war service, was endorsed by both Secretary of War Baker and Secretary of the Navy Daniels in letters received by the National Collegiate Athletic Association in session here to-day.

\$119,000 ADDED TO 1918 BUDGET BY COUNCILMEN

Commissioners to Pass Completed Measure on First Reading Tonight

MANY SALARY INCREASES Police to Get \$100 a Month at Suggestion of Mayor Keister

Provision for extensive salary increases, not quite equaling the amounts asked in a number of instances, items for Fourteenth ward improvements and other increases for labor and materials for all city departments will be provided in the budget ordinance which will be passed on first reading at a special meeting of Council to-night.

IRISH WOULD ENLIST IN UNITED STATES

London, Dec. 28.—A number of young men in middle and western Ireland according to a Dublin dispatch to the Times have applied for passports to enable them to go to the United States to join Irish regiments in the American Army.

DROPS GERMAN LANGUAGE

Reading, Pa., Dec. 28.—The hostility of young members led to an epoch-making step by the Reformed Church congregation at Leesport, this county, made up chiefly of Pennsylvania Germans, when it was announced yesterday that there will be no more German preaching at services. At one time all the services were in German. The Lutheran Church there is expected to follow suit.

QUAKE CONTINUES; THOUSANDS HOMELESS

Washington, Dec. 28.—At 6 o'clock last night the earthquake which destroyed part of Guatemala City was continuing; destruction of property was unabated and thousands were without shelter. Americans and other foreigners were safe.

MARRIAGE LICENCES

Raymond W. Merrell, New York, and Marvella M. Bell, Jersey Shore; William A. Gilbert, Harrisburg, and Mildred A. Schaub, Carlisle; Irvin B. Rubin and Ivy R. Friedman, Harrisburg; John L. Felix and Cora B. Gunter, Harrisburg.

PRESIDENT'S BIRTHDAY

Washington, Dec. 28.—Coincident with the taking over of the railroad President Wilson to-day is celebrating his 61st birthday. No special ceremony is planned at the White House as the war-time rush of work makes impossible an invocation in the President's daily routine.