

The Weather

Fair tonight and Friday, colder tonight; fresh to strong north and northwest winds diminishing to night.

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EUROPEAN ECONOMIC CRISIS UP TO FRANCE; FARM ANIMALS ARE VICTIMS OF FIEND'S TORCH

BURN COKE, NOW ADVICE TO CITIZENS

Fuel Commission Has Little Coal; Sick, Aged Get First Call

FIND SOME ARE "HOGGING" SUPPLY

Thoroughly aroused by the cold snap of yesterday to the seriousness of the coal famine, consumers besieged the offices of dealers and the State Coal Commission today in larger numbers than ever.

Reports, too, from New York this morning that there was a danger of the collapse of some coal carrying roads, because of defective equipment, served to accentuate the situation, which already is acknowledged to be bad enough.

Although receipts in the past 24 hours of anthracite and soft coal were relatively small, a goodly supply of coke came in this morning, and the office staff of the State Coal Commission, at 903 King street, recommended its use by consumers who were in dire need.

"Burn coke until you can get coal," was the advice given.

In addition to the arrival of the coke the weather happily moderated again today, making it easier to heat homes. As heretofore, Robert D. Kemp and the Coal Commission devoted its chief energies to relieving the immediate wants of families in which there is sickness or infants or aged persons.

Fresh evidence of attempts on the part of some consumers to "hog" supplies has come to the notice of Mr. Kemp and members of the Commission in the past two days. Residents who already have supplies of coal sufficient to last several weeks were found to have placed (Continued on Page Fourteen)

Elkton, Md., is called menage. Could Get Along If It Were Closed, Philadelphia Officer Says

MARRIAGES THERE ARE CRITICIZED

Elkton, Md., was referred to as one of the greatest menages they have to contend with, by Robert S. Brown, chief probation officer of the domestic branch of the Philadelphia Municipal Court yesterday in discussing the contributing causes of the many domestic troubles that the court has to deal with.

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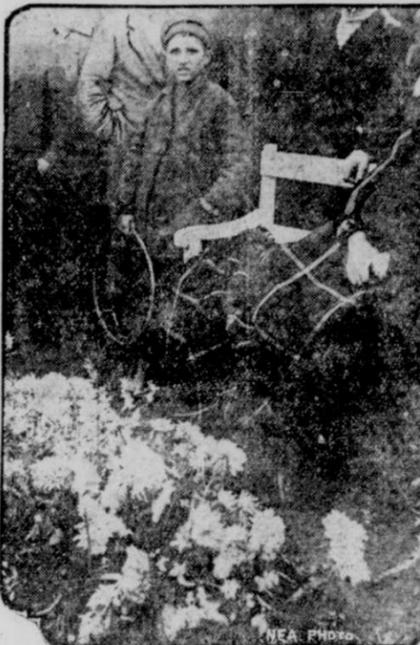
BOY RUN OVER BY HEAVY TRUCK DIES

Albert Becker, 9-year-old son of Mr. and Mrs. I. H. Becker, 1308 King street, died at the Delaware Hospital, about 3:30 o'clock this morning, as a result of being run over by a ten-ton ice cream truck, of the Sharpless-Handler Company, yesterday afternoon, at Eleventh and Syracuse streets.

The truck was driven by William Outten, of 442 S. Union street, who immediately informed the police of the accident. The boy was removed to the hospital in the police ambulance.

The boy, Outten told the police, was running alongside of the truck when his foot slipped and he fell under the rear wheels, which passed over his stomach before the machine could be stopped.

Sister Weeps at Gounaris' Grave



Here is the first picture in this country of the recent executions of Greek ex-ministers by the present military government. This shows the sister of Gounaris, former prime minister, weeping beside her brother's grave. Gounaris was taken by his executioners from the hospital, given strychnine until able to stand and then shot with his four companions. The bodies were dumped in the mud in a public cemetery. Relatives were then notified where the corpses could be found.

THIEVES ROB GREENVILLE P. O.

Extract Valuables From Parcel Post Packages During Night

GOT AWAY IN MOTOR CAR

Thieves entered the Greenville postoffice, on the Philadelphia and Reading Railroad about 11 o'clock last night, and broke open a number of parcel post packages and extracted valuables from them.

Just how valuable the contents of these packages were could not be learned, since the postmaster, John W. Wharton, did not know what was in them.

The wrappers were torn from several packages and the boxes and other containers strewn about the floor of the postoffice. Entrance was gained by breaking a window with a plank taken from the lumber yard of Green and Flinn, a short distance from the postoffice.

The thieves evidently had nerve. The Kennett pike is about ten feet distant from the postoffice, and many motor cars pass along it as late as 11 and 12 o'clock at night. About the time for the robbery an automobile was seen standing at some distance down the pike from the postoffice.

This would indicate that the robbers used a motor to aid in getting away with the loot.

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HANOVER FESTIVAL

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Automobile Without Lights Seen Leaving Foster Farm After Blaze Starts

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The Foster farm is located on the road leading from the Barkedale road to Head of Christina and is near the Maryland line. The fire started shortly before 2 o'clock yesterday morning and as it had gained such headway when discovered it (Continued on Page Fifteen.)

ORPHANS ARE ROTARY GUESTS

Turkey Luncheon and Gift Distribution Make Children Happy at duPont

EDUCATED COW ADDS TO PLEASURE

Rotary Christmas cheer was spread all over the grand ballroom of the Hotel duPont this afternoon when the members of the Wilmington Rotary Club had for their special guests the little boys and girls from the Home for Friendless and Destitute Children, together with the officers and managers of that institution and the matron and her assistants. Nor did the guest list for the annual Rotary turkey dinner and Christmas party end with that, because it was 100 per cent. Rotary attendance day and also ladies' day, and each Rotarian was privileged to take to the luncheon as many guests (Continued on Page Fourteen.)

SARAH BERNHARDT OUT OF DANGER

PARIS, Dec. 21 (United Press).—Sarah Bernhardt, famous actress, today consented to take a rest which she previously claimed "for me means death."

Physicians who announced that she had passed the crisis of her illness, let it be known that after making many objections she has agreed to remain in bed for fifteen days or so.

The doctors ceased issuing bulletins. This was taken to mean that they consider her well on the road to recovery although she remains weak.

Mme. Bernhardt has become reconciled to her inability to appear at the opening of Guiry's new play set for Thursday, it was said.

Little Chance for White Christmas

WASHINGTON, D. C., Dec. 21 (United Press).—There is little hope for a white Christmas in most of the territory east of the Mississippi, the weather bureau stated today.

Unless the weather takes a decided turn within the next 24 hours, Christmas temperatures will be about what they are today, Colonel Bowie, forecaster, stated. Snow may be expected in a few localities, he said.

Local snows were forecast for tonight and tomorrow in parts of New York, Pennsylvania and the New England States.

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BARN BURNERS AGAIN DESTROY MILKS COW

Swedland Property Burns Into Flames as Man Milks Cow

POSSES PURSUE SUSPICIOUS CARS

WEST CHESTER, Dec. 21.—Another barn was burned last night at Swedland, in Montgomery county, and three posses in different sections of Chester county pursued a motor car reported to be driven by a Negro with two white men in the rear seat.

So great is the terror that has spread over this portion of the State by the many barn burnings that Captain Wilson Price arrived here last night with another detail of State police, said to number 125. These new policemen will be scattered over the three counties to re-enforce those now on duty in connection with the barn burnings.

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GIVES WOMAN JAIL TERM FOR LIQUOR SALE

Police in Making Raids Find 14-Year-Old Boy Operating Still

MRS. CARUSO APPEALS FINE, JAIL SENTENCE

On charges of selling liquor, heavy penalties were imposed on a woman and a man by Judge Hastings in Municipal Court this morning. Emilia Caruso, 517 East Fourth street, was fined \$300 and costs and was sentenced to three months' imprisonment, and Frank Olkowski, 407 Maryland avenue, who pleaded guilty to a technical charge of selling liquor, was fined \$100 and costs.

In the case of the Caruso woman, J. Paul Green, attorney, gave notice of an appeal and bail was fixed at \$1,000.

The woman was arrested several days ago after she was alleged to (Continued on Page Fourteen)

WOULD NOT TELL LIQUOR SOURCE

King Fined \$50 When He Refuses to Say Where He Got Hooch

ONLY \$1 FINE FOR GEORGE BIDDLE

Admitting that he knew where he procured his liquor but declining to divulge this information to the court, even after he had been instructed that the law requires a defendant in such a case to make known the source of his liquor supply, John H. King was fined \$50 and costs on a charge of contempt of court and \$10 and costs on a charge of drunkenness by Judge Hastings in Municipal Court this morning.

"When anybody nowadays offers me a drink I'm going to take it," George Biddle, Negro, told the court when he pleaded guilty to a charge of drunkenness. He said that a man offered him a drink and he accepted. A conversation followed and "I took more than I ought to," the Negro (Continued on Page Six.)

DRAG LAKE FOR KIDNAPPED MEN

MER ROUGE, La., Dec. 21 (United Press).—State militia looked today as plans were completed for dragging Lake La Fourche in search of bodies of two men, missing since kidnapped by a masked mob five months ago.

The militiamen arrived here yesterday following orders from Governor John M. Parker. They are guarding against disorders. Divers will carry on the work of dragging and searching for the bodies of Wat Daniels and Thomas Richards.

An investigation of the lake here rumors were heard on all sides that the bodies had been discovered weighted down with wagon wheels.

A revived rumor was also heard that the kidnappings were the result of a long standing feud between political factions in the Mer Rouge section.

DIES AT 96 YEARS AFTER SEVERE FALL

Mrs. Mary Ann Killingsworth died at the home of her daughter, Mrs. B. W. Conner, 1023 Madison street last night. She was in her ninety-sixth year. Mrs. Killingsworth suffered a broken leg and arm by a fall several weeks ago. The shock together with her advanced years hastened her death. She was born near New Garden, Pa., and had lived in Wilmington nearly all her life. She attended St. Paul's M. E. Church.

Mrs. B. W. Conner is the only surviving relative. She is seriously ill. The funeral of Mrs. Killingsworth will be held from the late residence at 2:30 o'clock on Saturday afternoon. The Rev. Carlisle L. Hubbard, pastor of St. Paul's M. E. Church will officiate. Interment will be private. Friends are asked to omit flowers.

Fuller Brushes for demonstration, phone 4457-W. 726 Ford Bldg.—Adv.

3,000 lbs. of fancy turkeys from \$ to 25 lbs. each, on sale at 55c lb. Samuel Reed, Fourth and King Sts.—Adv.

THINK WAGNER ONE OF MINT ROBBERS

KANSAS CITY, Kans., Dec. 21 (United Press).—Joe Wagner, underworld character, was held in jail at St. Joseph, Mo., in connection with the \$200,000 robbery at the United States mint in Denver.

"I believe the arrest of Wagner will pave the way to the solution of the robbery at the Denver mint and the robbery of the Drivers' National Bank last week," Henry Zimmer, chief of police, announced.

Wagner was arrested in St. Joseph, Mo., when he drove up in front of a hotel in a motor car showing signs of hard driving.

Wagner refused to return here without extradition papers.

N. C. WAFFLES Noble Cafeteria, 9th St. Entrance Will Savings Fund Bldg.—Adv.

Last British Troops Leave Ireland



For the first time in 600 years, southern Ireland is free of British troops. Here is shown an English regiment unloading its baggage from a lorry for transportation to England.

HOLLYWOOD IS SOLID FOR HAYS

"Movie Czar" Proves Human Santa Claus Among Stars of Filmland

BRINGS CONFIDENCE AFTER WEEK'S WORK

LOS ANGELES, Dec. 21.—(United Press).—Hollywood believes in Santa Claus.

But the big boys and beautiful girls of filmland think they see behind the white whiskers the benign shrewd features of Will H. Hays.

Hollywood's Christmas stocking was pretty full today as its own particular Santa was whirled Eastward aboard a transcontinental limited in lieu of reindeer? Hays' brief visit to the picture city had resulted in the following Christmas joys:

1. Wally Reid winning his battle against serious illness with Will Hays blessing, so that the star's lapse does not affect the integrity of filmdom.

2. Fatty Arbuckle restored to grace and the camera.

3. Ed Roberts, author of the "Sins of Hollywood," sales of petting parties and strip poker supposedly based on the film colonies' life under indictment for improper use of the mails.

4. Investigation of the narcotic traffic urged upon State and Federal officials.

5. One hundred million dollars worth of equipment was Hays (Continued on Page Fourteen)

U. S. TO ASK FRANCE FOR CONCESSION ON WAR BILL

Solution of Old World's Economic Crisis to Be Put Up to Paris Early

GERMANY ASKS FOR EXPERT COMMISSION

PARIS, Dec. 21. (United Press).—The United States will not be invited to participate in the forthcoming premiers' conference at Paris, January 2, it was announced today.

Inasmuch as the Paris meeting will be but a continuation of the London conversations, America will not be represented, according to the announcement, but in event of a full conference at Brussels or elsewhere, the Allies will invite the United States to attend.

WASHINGTON, Dec. 21.—France soon may be asked by the United States to place all her cards on the table in the critical European situation.

With the success or failure of the American move looking toward a solution of the old world's economic crisis, virtually hanging on the attitude of France, this government was understood to be preparing to ask Premier Poincare for a definite statement as to the utmost concessions he would be willing to make on reparations and kindred questions, in order to relieve the situation.

This government realizes the Poincare government faces a dilemma. (Continued on Page Fifteen.)

NO PENALTY ON GERMAN CHIEFS

Generals Tried at Behest of Allies Dismissed by Teuton Court

SECRET HEARING IN "WAR GUILT" CASES

BERLIN, Dec. 21.—(United Press).—The Supreme Court of Leipzig in a secret session today dismissed 25 "war guilt" cases tried in accordance with the Versailles treaty.

Generals Von Gallwitz, Von Mackensen, von Linsingen, von Below and von Dieckhoff and Professor Goetz were among those whose cases were dropped. Many witnesses were heard but proceedings were strictly private, and Allied representatives were not present.

The court declared the defendants neither "absolutely guilty nor innocent of crime against Germany law."

Seven hundred and seventy-one cases are pending.

The Germans on trial include the former Crown Prince Rupprecht, of Bavaria, accused of deportations from Northern France during the war; General von Manteuffel, held responsible for the Louvain outrage; the Duke of Wurtemberg, who ordered troops massacred at Namur, and other famous officers.

The Allies drew up a long list of those considered guilty and required the Germans themselves to try them.

MRS. M. E. SMITHERS DIES, AGED 88 YEARS

Special to The Evening Journal. DOVER, Dec. 21.—Mrs. Mary Elizabeth Smithers, widow of the late Nathaniel B. Smithers and mother of the late William T. Smithers, Secretary of State, under Governor Pennell, died here at 6 o'clock this morning after a brief illness of pneumonia.

Mrs. Smithers was 88 years old last February. She was active in W. C. T. U. work in Delaware for years and also was one of the charter members of Peoples Christian Church in this town in which church and Sunday school she was active and held the position of lady superintendent of the Sunday school. No arrangements for the funeral have as yet been made. Interment will be at Barratt's Chapel.

Eversharp Pencils, Waterman Pens, Eng. Free, Brofsky, 825 Mt.—Adv.

Conservatory at Longwood Open on Next Sunday

The gardens and greenhouse at Longwood, the estate of Mr. and Mrs. Pierre S. duPont near Kennett Square, will be open to the public on Sunday afternoon.

Henry S. Fry, organizer of Philadelphia, will give a recital appropriate to Yuletide at 3 o'clock.

The conservatories usually are open to the public on the first and third Sundays of each month, but Mr. and Mrs. duPont felt it would be fitting to open the greenhouses next Sunday because it was the day before Christmas.

Mundy Bros. Sell Furniture.—Adv.

4 DAYS TILL CHRISTMAS

FATHER BOUGHT HIS SON A TOY, BUT IT'S NOT ON THE SHELF, HE PLAYS WITH IT HIMSELF.

SUN AND TIDE. Sun rises 7:18 A. M. Sun sets 4:35 P. M. Head of Christina. High water 1:43 A. M. 2:05 P. M. Low water 9:25 A. M. 9:50 P. M.

LOST. Lost—Ladies brown handbag, containing sum of money, going from Fourth and French to Ninth and King streets. Reward if returned. Mrs. M. Killy, Edge Moor, Del. dec21-21.

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