

HOPE FOR PEACE; PREPARE FOR WAR

BABY BLIZZARD HITS FAIRMONT VERY SUDDENLY

Temperature Fell Way Below the Zero Mark Last Night.

THE WIND PLAYS TRICKS

One Year Ago Thermometer Registered 41 Degrees Above.

A strong gale, driving a fine dry snow, hit Fairmont at five-thirty last evening and for half an hour the city experienced a genuine blizzard.

A man in front of the Deveny property on Main street was lifted bodily and thrown against the metal bill boards that face the street; a light auto delivery truck turning off Monroe street onto Main, was blown sideways into the curb in front of Mart's drug store.

The thermometer took a sudden drop from about ten above to just about the zero mark, and while the blizzard died away in about half an hour, a high wind blew all night and filled the snow into drifts in every corner and unprotected space.

Repair men from the Traction company staff were forced to work in the blizzard most of the night, fixing up gas wires that were blown down this morning everything was O. K. and working as usual.

Storm Was Severe In Mountain Region

ELKINS, Feb. 5.—The mountainous regions of central West Virginia were hit last night by the most severe blizzard in the history of this section. With temperature of 10 below and a wind velocity of 30 miles an hour, a considerable property damage resulted.

An unknown foreigner who sought shelter in blacksmith shop at Sivad, near here was found this morning frozen to death. The storm broke suddenly at 6 last night following which the mercury dropped 30 degrees in six hours.

City Hall Notes

Today is February pay day at the city hall and all sorts of foreigners are visiting the city hall and each and every one of them are more than interested in the prospects of war in Europe. Strange to say, most of them feel that "Now Germany will get whipped if America goes to war. United States can whip them easy." This is a spirit which many Americans themselves fail to show.

SUPREME COURT GRANTS PETITION OF PARENT STATE

West Virginia Given Until March 6 to Oppose Mandamus.

HIGH COURT RECESSES

No Action Taken On the Adamson Law This Term.

(By Associated Press) WASHINGTON, D. C., Feb. 5.—The state of Virginia was today given permission by the Supreme Court to institute mandamus proceedings against the State of West Virginia to enforce an early payment of the \$14,000,000 decreed to be West Virginia's share of Virginia's 1861 debt.

PERSHING'S TROOPS OUT OF MEXICO

Punitive Column Crossed International Border This Morning.

(By Associated Press) COLUMBUS, Feb. 5.—Major General Pershing rode out of Mexico today at 10 o'clock at the head of more than 10,000 of the American punitive expedition.

Even Henry Ford's Dander is Rising

(By Associated Press) WASHINGTON, D. C., Feb. 5.—Henry Ford, manufacturer and pacifist, announced here today that in event of war he would place his factories at the disposal of the government and operate them without profit.

Bomb at Home of Collector Malone. (By Associated Press) WASHINGTON, D. C., Feb. 5.—Custom Collector Malone at New York reported to Treasury department today that he had found a bomb under the steps of his home.

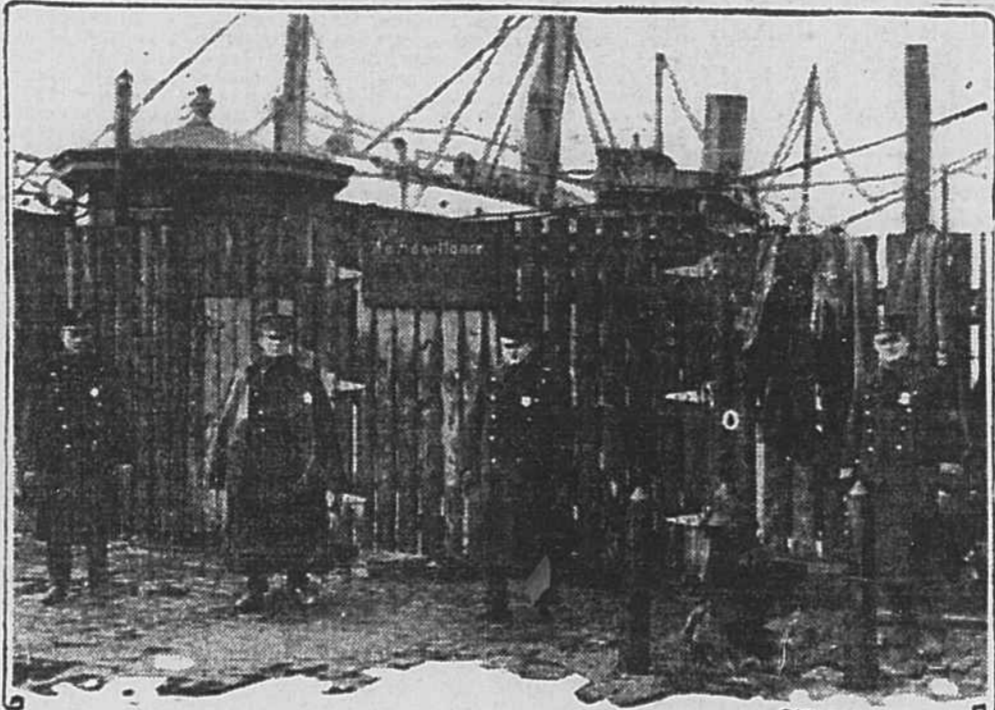
FIRE IN LITTLE WASHINGTON WASHINGTON, Pa., Feb. 5.—This city was at the mercy of fires today as a result of the pipes being frozen in the pump station. One small fire broke out this morning but was put out with chemicals before much damage was done.

NEWEST ENVOY MAY GO RIGHT BACK!



Count Tarnowski is the new Austrian ambassador to the United States.

GUARDING GERMAN LINERS AGAINST SCUTTling!



The probability that the German liners interned at Hoboken, N. J., may be scuttled or their machinery disabled so they cannot be seized by the United States, has caused authorities to place an extra guard of policemen at the docks where the liners have been laid up since the beginning of the war.

FAIRMONT WOMEN MAKING READY TO DO DUTY PROMPTLY

Red Cross Secures Workroom in the Municipal Building.

In response to a call issued by the National Red Cross organization for preparedness received by the local Red Cross unit in this city yesterday, a meeting of the executive committee of the organization was held this morning at the home of the president, Miss Virginia Fleming.

Beginning with Wednesday of this week from two o'clock until five o'clock, each day will be devoted to new work, and members of the organization will meet and roll bandages, make garments and do any work that is outlined by the National organization to be done by the local unit.

An active membership campaign will at once be instituted in order to secure more members and thus greatly facilitate the work of the society. Chairman of the various departments were named this morning as follows: "Workroom committee, Mrs. C. A. Spe, chairman; Miss Blake Watson, assistant chairman; Finance committee, Mrs. Roger Kingsland, chairman; Co-operation committee, Mrs. W. T. Hartman; Hospital committee, Mrs. A. G. Martin; Membership committee, Mrs. M. E. Ashcraft; Press committee, Mrs. E. C. Jones.

The Board of Management of the Fairmont Woman's club has unanimously decided to co-operate with the Red Cross organization in the movement for preparedness in any event that may confront the United States in the present crisis between the United States and Germany and to that end desire to call the attention of all the club members interested or in sympathy with the movement to this action and to ask that all the members in sympathy with the movement will co-operate in every way possible with the Red Cross society and to take heed to any call of any nature issued by the Red Cross for help in the work which the organization may be called upon to do.

Other organizations will be asked to affiliate with the Red Cross organization in this work and a ready response is expected from individuals as well as organizations.

LITTLE NEWS IN BERLIN BERLIN, Feb. 5.—Up to a late hour this evening the United States embassy had received no official instructions in regard to the breach of diplomatic relations between the United States and Germany.

HOG PRICES HIGH PITTSBURGH, Feb. 5.—Hogs reached the highest price here since 1899 when they sold for \$19.95 a hundred pounds at Herr Island stock yards today this price showed a advance of 50 cents per hundred over the close of Saturday.

Latest War Bulletins

BERLIN, Feb. 5.—According to information obtained in official quarters there is no prospect of any modification of orders to submarines.

MANILLA, Feb. 5.—Custom officers aided by navy experts have discovered that every one of the 17 German ships anchored here have been extensively damaged. The vessels have been seized and the crews removed.

WASHINGTON, Feb. 5.—Arrangements are being made for all German consuls and consular officials in the United States to accompany Count von Bernstorff and the German embassy staff out of the country. The whole party of more than 300 in all probably will go via Cuba and Spain.

BERLIN, Feb. 5.—United States Ambassador Gerard has decided to go to the United States from a Spanish port. The plan to have American interests taken over by the Brazilian minister has been abandoned and it is not known who will represent America in Berlin after Gerard's departure.

NEW YORK, Feb. 5.—The American line steamship Philadelphia arrived at Liverpool at eleven p. m. Sunday, according to cablegrams received here this morning. The steamship Finland also of the American line arrived at Liverpool at 8 this morning.

NEW YORK, Feb. 5.—The American line received a cablegram today saying that the steamship New York carrying passengers left Liverpool at five p. m. Saturday. She is the first American passenger ship to sail since Germany promulgated her new submarine warfare policy. The New York carried 231 passengers including many Americans. She is expected to arrive here next Monday.

WASHINGTON, Feb. 5.—President Wilson at conference today with Secretary Baker of the War Department and Secretary Daniels of the Navy discussed expediting legislation to empower the government to take possession of ship yards, munition plants and other facilities for hurrying the work of preparedness if it became necessary.

WASHINGTON, Feb. 5.—Carrying a provision to empower the President to take over railroads in time of war the administration railroad labor bill was reintroduced in the House today without the compulsory arbitration feature.

GALVESTON, Feb. 5.—Captain Anderson of the Norwegian steamship Agereon which arrived here this morning from Gibraltar reports having picked up on January 5 the captain and crew of 40 men of the Japanese steamer Chinto Maru, 22 miles from the nearest land. The Chinto Maru had been sunk by submarine shell fire on January 4, according to members of the crew.

CHARLESTON, Feb. 5.—A resolution was adopted by the West Virginia Legislature today endorsing the course of the President of the United States in severing diplomatic relations with the Imperial German Government. There was not a dissenting vote in the House and but one, that of Senator Duty in the Senate.

HAGUE EXPECTS RUSH THE HAGUE, Feb. 5.—The United States legation here was very busy today preparing to cope with the expected rush of Americans from the territories of the Central powers. It is estimated that there are probably 100 Americans scattered through Germany and Austria-Hungary.

COLD IN HUNTINGTON. HUNTINGTON, Feb. 5.—Southern West Virginia was today in the grasp of the most severe blizzard of years. The temperature this morning was ten below zero the coldest in more than ten years. While the snow fall was only four inches the high wind drove the snow into huge drifts. All railroad trains are far behind schedule.

NEWLY ARRIVED AUSTRIAN AMBASSADOR MAY BE SENT HOME BEFORE DAY IS OVER

German Crews on Interned Merchant Vessels Have Been Placed Under Nominal Arrest in New York Harbor

CONGRESS TOLD TO CLEAR THE DECKS

Situation at Washington One of Tense Waiting But Throughout the Country Every Government Agency is Busily at Work

(By Associated Press) WASHINGTON, D. C., Feb. 5.—Still fervently hoping for peace but taking every possible step to prepare the country for war, if it must come, President Wilson today appealed to Congress to quickly dispose of all routine business, appropriation bills and pending legislation and clear its deck for action to meet any eventuality.

All officials realize that the situation had resolved itself into one of tense waiting and careful preparation. They realize that the hoped against overt act may come soon or be long delayed. Meanwhile they are putting every agency of the government in motion to meet it.

Apparently the next question of great moment to be decided, relates to Austrian participation in Germany's campaign of ruthlessness. President Wilson is ready to sever relations also with the dual monarchy as soon as it officially subscribes to the German declaration.

While officials refuse to admit that Austria's formal announcement of her adhesion to Germany's declaration of unrestricted submarine warfare has been received officially, there is reason for believing it is now before the government, and that appropriate action is being considered.

GERMAN CREWS PRISONERS. NEW YORK, Feb. 5.—Nearly 2,000 officers and men, remnants of the crews of the 25 German merchant ships which were laid up here at the beginning of the war, are prisoners today on board their vessels.

ANOTHER INFANTILE CASE IN THE CITY

George Hayden Frye Came in Contact With Jolliffe Boy.

The first case of infantile paralysis to develop in the city which is attributed to direct contagion was reported by the Board of Health yesterday as that of two-year-old George Hayden Frye, of Walnut avenue. The sufferer is paralyzed in both legs, one of them being partially so.

Vaughn Jolliffe, Jr., to whom the disease resulted fatally, was a cousin of the Frye boy and both had played together prior to the Jolliffe child's sickness.

The quarantine covering Walnut avenue will be doubled inasmuch as the disease seems to spring up in that section. Children will not be allowed to visit the picture shows or any other promiscuous gathering particularly at this time, as the disease now has taken on the contagious aspect.

Matters Before the Intermediate Court

The motion to quash the indictment against J. C. Ruley, charged with chiropractic practice in the city without a state license, is still under consideration by Judge George Vincent. of the intermediate court, a decision on the matter not being expected for a day or two.

The attention of the court today was taken up with a hearing of the case of John Muir vs. Elmer J. Walker, involving a legal tangle based on a load of hay. A motion to dismiss appeal was sustained in the case of Moore against Billingsale, and a judgment for \$742 was awarded Bill Payne in a suit against N. C. Steele and others.

MOVIE CENSORSHIP GETS INTO POLITICS

Democrats See Opportunity to Create Jobs for the Deserving.

(Special Dispatch to West Virginian) WHEELING, Feb. 5.—Robert T. Beans, Charleston representative of the Wheeling Telegraph has sent this paper the following which will be of considerable interest to Fairmont people:

"An apparently innocent little bill, proposing to permit the state to censor moving pictures, promises to develop the biggest fight of the legislature—one that will even eclipse the prohibition battle. In the prohibition issue there was no question of politics—in the moving picture censorship it is all a question of politics.

"The matter of morals and reform prompted the introduction of this proposed legislation for censorship of moving pictures, but the moralists and reformers have been swept aside and now the two dominant political factions are lined up for the fray.

"The proposed censorship bill, introduced by Delegate Fleming, and a later one introduced by Delegate Raymond, will neither emerge from the house committee on judiciary. Instead there will be reported for passage a bill drafted by the Democratic members of the committee. It is declared, designed with the object of providing some additional Democratic patronage to satisfy the hungry horde clamoring at the pie-counter. The bill it is declared, will provide for the appointment of a board of censors by the next governor, with salaries of a far from despicable figure.

"The idea of the Fleming bill was to treat the censorship of movies from an educational standpoint, and give the appointment of the board into the hands of the state board of regents. This board would have been self-sustaining from fees collected. However, the Fleming bill was doomed when the Democratic politicians saw the possibilities, and determined to draft their own bill and force it through the legislature.