

The Weather
Rain this afternoon, cloudy and
colder tonight; Friday fair, strong
northwest backing to northwest
winds, gales on the coast.

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BRITISH FLEET MOVES ON CONSTANTINOPLE; BRITISH-TURKS AGAIN ON VERGE OF BREAK

INFLUENZA SUFFERERS REPORTED

One City Doctor Reports
8 Cases to Health Board
Today

OFFICIALS NOW
URGE ISOLATION

That influenza has already gained considerable headway in this city, as stated by Dr. R. S. McBriney, secretary of the Board of Health yesterday, was attested by numerous physicians today.

The demands for "grip" remedies has become so great during the past few days that one Market street store has a stock of the various medicines already wrapped and labelled, piled on a counter.

At one drug store yesterday afternoon of influenza cases presenting themselves at the prescription counter, thirteen were in quest of medicine for the influenza.

The fog of the past two days has been conducive to the contracting of influenza and heavy colds, and some apprehension is felt by the health authorities, as many so-called cases of influenza or "grip" quickly develop into cases of pneumonia.

Dr. McBriney, following the publication in the Evening Journal of the fact that physicians were not reporting cases of influenza, yesterday afternoon, received a report from one physician who had been

APPRENTICES FOR BUILDING TRADE SCARCE

Contractors See Dirth of
Mechanics Unless Youth
Are Taught

U. S. EXPERT TO
URGE TRAINING

Reluctance on the part of youths to do menial labor is causing such concern to employers in the building trades, according to reports made to the real estate and building trades sections of the Chamber of Commerce at their meeting yesterday afternoon.

It was said that the desire of the boy, fresh from school, to secure "white collar jobs" had caused a scarcity of apprentices and was bound to be reflected in the near future, by a lack of skilled mechanics.

Following the reports, it was decided to have William T. Budd, secretary of the Chamber of Commerce, communicate with the Hon. Edward T. Franks, of Washington, D. C., Vocational Education Department, and have him make an address here in the near future on vocational education.

At the meeting yesterday the following managers were elected for the ensuing year: F. L. Gilpin, Jr., Harry F. Mellon, Francis A. Price, J. D. Thompson, Jr., A. D. Warner, Jr., Thomas B. Young, and Guy R.

Probe Hooded Band's Outrage at Mer Rouge



Attorney General A. V. Cocco, of Louisiana, and his retinue now engaged in a State probe of an outrage at Mer Rouge, La., by masked and hooded men which resulted in the death of two and the brutal beating of many. Left to right: Cocco, Assistant Attorney General S. V. Wainwright, Dr. Charles Duval, Colonel Guere militia commander, and Dr. J. A. Langford.

WAR SPECTRE LOOMS WHILE TURKS REFUSE BRITISH DEMAND FOR MOSUL LAND

MOSUL OIL LAND, LONG WAR SCENE

Turks Now Hold Territory
With Army of 50,000
Men

BRITISH CLAIM TO
FIELDS DISPUTED

Edward J. Bing, United Press Staff Correspondent, recently returned from the Near East where there is renewed danger of war between Britain and Turkey over the rich Mosul oil basin. He has been over the ground on which such a war would be fought and is familiar with the strategic positions and military commanders. In the following article he reveals that the Turks are ready and waiting to seize the Mosul oil basin if negotiations collapse.

Lausanne Conference Due for Final Collapse, Ismet Pasha Having Declared Constantinople Will Not Restore Oil Fields to England—Angora Assembly Rebukes Delegates for Conciliatory Policy

GREEKS TO ATTACK IN EASTERN THRACE IF WAR IS RESUMED

The spectre of war in the Near East haunted the Lausanne conference today.

With British and Turkish delegates at sword points over the question of whether the rich Mosul region shall be surrendered by Britain, the war scare which the conference was called to avert, sprang up again.

It was reported from London that a British fleet which recently left Constantinople will start from Lata this afternoon under command of Admiral Brock on a dash back to be ready to strike in event of war. An Athens dispatch said the Greeks were preparing to rush 100,000 troops to meet the Turks in Eastern Thrace if war comes.

Meanwhile, the Turkish delegates led by Ismet Pasha, defied the British ultimatum that they must recede from their demand for Mosul or the conference will be broken up. The Turks said they would be hanged by their people at home if they weakened on their demand for Mosul. Britain won the Mosul basin in the world war and Foreign Minister Curzon declares the empire will never give it up.

MAITLA, Dec. 28 (United Press).—A British fleet left here today and steamed full speed for Constantinople.

The fleet included Admiral Brock's flagship, a light cruiser squadron and a flotilla of destroyers.

Other warships will follow today just as rapidly as they can be prepared.

The orders to the fleet surprised the commanders who had planned to remain here at least three weeks. Shore leaves were cancelled and smoke began pouring from the funnels of the men of war as the wireless brought word to start for Constantinople at once.

There was a rush to fill up with stores and get steam up on a few minutes notice.

Lead by the historic dreadnaught Iron Duke as flagship, the fighting vessels steamed away to the East. Two other dreadnaughts followed.

LONDON, Dec. 28.—(United Press).—Britain rushed a fleet to Constantinople today to "influence the Turks toward peace."

The Admiralty announced that Admiral Brock's squadron was steaming from Malta, the British naval base in the Mediterranean. (Continued on Page Twelve)

Germany Tells U. S. She Cannot Pay Reparations

WASHINGTON, Dec. 28.—That Germany's capacity for paying the reparations imposed upon her is at present non-existent is the conclusion of an official document of the foreign office that has been received in diplomatic quarters here.

The question, "How much can Germany pay?" the biggest world problem today and the rock on which several allied conferences have split since the treaty of Versailles, this document, which is an exhaustive statement of Germany's situation in 1922 takes on particular significance at this time.

The conclusion of the document is as follows:

"Germany's capacity for paying her foreign debt, especially in cash, is, for the moment, non-existent. Her internal capacity of taxation is over-estimated by far, such capacity decreasing in proportion as the purchasing power of incomes approaches the minimum necessary for existence."

"Germany will not be in a position to pay her foreign debt:

1. Until the world markets ready to absorb her exports broaden; the world markets themselves are enervated, and the curtailment of Germany's share of these markets by anti-dumping duties and one-sided 'most favored nation' privileges is brought to an end.
2. Even then, only on condition that Germany is supplied with sufficient raw materials, especially fuel.
3. On condition that the inner purchasing power is re-established by means of a breathing spell during which the depreciation of her currency comes to a halt."

Picturing Europe, the report of the Berlin foreign office says:

"An aggravation of Germany's present situation endures upon the danger of a political and financial catastrophe which would in the end involve the whole of Europe. Discussions at Geneva have clearly shown that even the present economic and financial situation of Germany entails the gravest danger for the rest of the world. An aggravation must of necessity increase this danger and in all countries shake the very foundations of the work of reconstruction of the economic as well as of the social life which it is so difficult to start."

"The decrease of its exports and the huge financial liabilities arising from the treaty of Versailles have shattered its currency. Germany cannot recover from the depreciation of her currency owing to the fact that the only remedy—increasing her exports—is frustrated by anti-dumping measures and embargoes."

"While the number of men under arms in Europe have increased from 3,500,000 to 4,500,000 men today, Germany, once the strongest military power of the world, has completely disarmed. And yet Germany is being continuously supervised and controlled by a large number of commissions every member of which draws an income considerably higher than that of a minister of 'the German federal republic'."

REFUSE BAIL OR DR. M'KONIN

Louisiana Governor Says
Man Will Be Definitely
Charged With Murder

MARYLAND DENIES
HABEAS CORPUS

BALTIMORE, Md., Dec. 28.—(United Press).—Release on bail today was denied Dr. B. M. McKonin, former mayor of Mer Rouge, La., arrested and held here on the charge of Governor John M. Parker, of Louisiana, that he had part in the murder of two men by a masked mob at Mer Rouge last August.

Chief Judge Grier and Judges Hand and Stein, sitting to hear habeas corpus proceedings started by former United States District Attorney Robert R. Corman and Dr. Hugh H. Young, remanded Dr. McKonin to the custody of police until the Louisiana authorities might have an opportunity to present extradition papers in the case.

A telegram from Governor Parker to State's Attorney Robert F. Leach, Jr., received this morning, asked that such action be taken.

Judge Grier in announcing the decision said that this action was taken "without prejudice to any action which counsel for Dr. McKonin might take in the future."

"The charge is of such a serious nature," (Continued on Page Twelve)

HARDING DOESN'T WANT PARLEY

Says Borah Conference Plan
Would Create Wrong
Impression

OTHER NATIONS
HAVEN'T APPEALED

WASHINGTON, Dec. 28 (United Press).—President Harding today announced his opposition to the passage by the Senate of the Borah resolution requesting the executive to call an international economic and armament limitation conference.

The President declared that the passage of the Borah resolution was undesirable "because of the false impressions which may be conveyed to Europe and even more undesirable because of the wrong impression it conveys to our own people."

His position was revealed in a letter to Senator Lodge, administration leader in the Senate, which Lodge had read to the Senate when it met today.

It could be futile to call such a conference as proposed by Borah until the executive had learned whether such a move would be welcomed by other nations, Mr. Harding said.

A Congress desirous to be helpful in the present situation, said, it should modify the laws which prevent American representation on (Continued on Page Twelve)

TO MAKE MERRY IN KING STREET

Mummers to March After
Lights Are Turned on
Monday Night

MAYOR TO BE
ONE SPEAKER

Plans for the New Year's celebration by the King Street Merchants Association, on New Year's night, to observe the formal turning on of the new lights on King street, went forward with leaps and bounds as a result of the enthusiastic meeting of the executive committee at 812 King street last night. Jacob Faber presided.

Reports submitted indicate that although the affair is being arranged in a very short period considerable interest has already been stirred up and the indications are that the success of the affair will exceed the expectations of those responsible for it.

There will be plenty of music, according to Joseph Berman, of the music committee, who reported that there would be at least three bands with the possibility of a fourth one. These bands will be stationed in stands along King street, so that there will be music along the entire street all evening.

Mayor Harvey will be the speaker of the evening. A. L. Johnson, president of the Street and Sewer Department, will also be asked to make some remarks. The Mayor's address will be the opening feature of the evening. He will turn off the old lights at the completion of his (Continued on Page Twelve)

RIVER TRAFFIC NOW ON MOVE

Rain Drives Off Fog That
Held Many Boats for
Two Days

25 VESSELS IN
BAY LIFT ANCHOR

The heavy fog which hung over this city for twenty-four hours, and which crippled navigation on the Delaware river for that length of time, was dispersed last night with a heavy rain accompanied by a wind which at times reached gale proportions. The Delaware river, however, was not entirely clear of fog until about 4 o'clock this morning. Shipping which had been at a standstill on the river from Philadelphia to the Delaware Breakwater, began moving early today. All boats and ferries of the Wilson Line Company are running on schedule today. Service between this city, Chester, and Philadelphia was resumed and also the ferry service between this city and Penn's Grove. Owing to the dense fog yesterday, the company only operated one boat in each direction between this city and Philadelphia, and they were not run until yesterday afternoon. One ferry was also operated between Wilmington and Penn's Grove yesterday afternoon, with an extra trip at 3:30 o'clock from this side to bring the employees of the duPont plants at Camden's Point, back to this city at 5 o'clock.

Most trains on the three railroads were run practically on schedule (Continued on Page Twelve)

WANTED WIFE TO KILL HIM

Mrs. Plum Says Husband
Handed Her Knife Following
Quarrel

COURT ORDERS
CASE INVESTIGATED

After hearing the testimony in the case, Deputy Judge Lynn in Municipal Court this morning referred the case of Louis Plum, charged with the "terrible fight," as Mrs. Plum handed the quarrel, Plum handed his wife a knife and told her to kill him with it if she wanted to.

Plum denied actually striking his wife, but said he held his arm out to keep her away from him. The defendant said that his wife called him a "dirty bum."

J. Frank Ball was counsel for the defendant.

Mrs. Plum said that her husband kicked her Thanksgiving Day, but this was denied by the defendant.

EDUCATORS MEET NEW LAWMAKERS

Proposed \$3,000,000 School
Project Explained at
Dover Dinner

DR. H. V. HOLLOWAY
IS TOASTMASTER

Special to The Evening Journal.

DOVER, Dec. 28.—About twenty members of the incoming Legislature are present as guests of the State Board of Education at a dinner and conference being held at the Capitol Hotel this afternoon. In addition to the legislators, all the members and officials of the State Board of Education and a number of others interested in education were present at the dinner.

One of the principal purposes of the conference is a desire on the part of Dr. H. V. Holloway, State Superintendent of Public Instruction, and the members of the State Board to explain the proposed \$3,000,000 school building program that the board is advocating and which project the Legislature will be asked to make the plans for financing.

Dr. Thomas R. Brown, of Wyoming (Continued on Page Twelve)

DEATH DELAYS GAMBLING CASE

Because of a death in the defendant's family, the case of Albert "Happy" Farlow, charged with being concerned in interest in receiving bets on horse races, was continued until next Wednesday by Deputy Judge Lynn in Municipal Court this morning. John F. Malloy appeared as attorney for Farlow.

Farlow is alleged to have been implicated in the alleged gambling house that was formerly conducted in the basement of a cigar store in Seventh street between Shipley and Orange streets. The place was raided about nine months ago. He was apprehended sometime ago in Pennsylvania, but fought requisition. After the requisition had been granted by Governor Sproul of Pennsylvania, Farlow surrendered himself to the local police last week.

SARAH BERNHARDT'S CONDITION

PARIS, Dec. 28 (United Press).—Condition of Sarah Bernhardt, ill for ten days following a fainting spell, was announced at 10 a. m. today as "stationary." The famous tragedienne made a remarkable recovery Christmas day and was able to arise after being critically ill, but overtaxed her strength and is again confined to bed.

PREPARE WORKHOUSE REPORT.

Trustees of the New Castle County Workhouse at a meeting yesterday afternoon prepared the various annual reports of the institution which will be presented to the New Castle County Levy Court at its meeting next Tuesday.

The question of filling the vacancy caused by the death of Warden M. S. Plummer, was discussed informally but no action was taken towards naming a new warden.

Eversharp Pencils, Waterman Pens, Eng. Free. Brofsky's, 825 Mkt. —Adv.

KAYSER, WITH CREW OF 44, IS LOST

HAMBURG, Dec. 28.—(United Press).—The 5000 ton steamer Heinrich Kayser, New York to Bremen, has been given up for lost. She carried a crew of 44 and was last sighted December 6, off Newfoundland, where she reported a broken rudder.

After wireless appeals from the Heinrich Kayser ceased, vessels were unable to locate her.

MISS LODGE, DOVER PRINCIPAL, DIES

Special to The Evening Journal.

DOVER, Del., Dec. 28.—Miss Maud Lodge, principal of Dover high school and head of the English department, died at the home of her parents near Rising Sun, at an early hour this morning. Miss Lodge had been ill for the past three weeks with a cold which developed into pneumonia. She had been a teacher in Dover schools for several years, dropping out a year ago to take a course at the University of Delaware where she was awarded a degree last year. She re-entered Dover schools last September as principal of the high school.

For Clover Dairy Safe Milk phone, 1540-1541.—Adv.

FIVE DAYS' GRACE ON OLD AUTO TAG

"All automobile owners may now operate with 1923 license tags," said Superintendent of Police Black, this morning. "They are, however, allowed five days grace in the New Year. Beginning on the morning of January 6 the driver of any motor vehicle not equipped with the 1923 license tag will be arrested."

The tags have been on sale long enough for everyone to secure them, and at the time specified by law arrests will be made."

TODAY'S TEMPERATURE

At The Evening Journal Office.
8.00 A. M. 40 12.01 P. M. 40
10.00 A. M. 39 1.00 P. M. 40

SUN AND TIDE.

Sun rises 7.23 A. M.
Sun sets 4.43 P. M.

Head of Christina.
High water 6.50 A. M. 7.00 P. M.
Low water 2.35 A. M. 3.00 P. M.

LOST

LOST—Irish-Terrier pup, 9 months; red coat; white breast. Call 988, or 272, after 5:30 P. M. Dec. 28.—It. (Continued on Page Thirteen)

Munday Bros. Sell Furniture—Adv.

EUROPEANS GET MEXICAN OIL LANDS

MEXICO CITY, Dec. 28 (United Press).—An international scramble for Mexico's vast oil reserves reached a climax today when British, French, Belgian and Italian capitalists secured one of the largest petroleum contract concessions ever issued by the Mexican government.

Col. J. L. O'Connor, president of the American Foreign Oil Corporation, representing entirely foreign capital, signed the contract whereby his company will have the exclusive rights of boring and working all Federal zones covering all rivers and lagoons.

The Mexican government will receive 40 per cent of the production against which no duties or taxes will be assessed.

O'Connor just before leaving here for Paris, via New York, declared that operation which will include a system of refineries, pipe lines and tanker service will start within six weeks.

THIEVES ABANDON TWO CARS

An automobile owned by William Russell, 1324 West Sixth street, was stolen from Delaware avenue and Broome street, last night shortly after 8 o'clock. Today he reported his loss to the police station, and the car was shortly afterward recovered near the Baltimore and Ohio passenger depot, with a broken brake band.

An automobile owned by Louis Cox, Jr., 1315 North Clayton street, was stolen from the front of his residence about one hour later, and was found abandoned on Broome street. Both thefts are attributed to joy riders.

3 AUTO ACCIDENTS NEAR ODESSA

Three automobile accidents occurred in and near Odessa during the heavy fog Tuesday night. One car, the driver being unable to see the turn in the road, ran over the embankment into the marsh near the bridge at Old Drawer's Church; another collided with a pole at a turn at the northern entrance to the town, while the third occurred at Boyd's corner, when one car attempted to pass another going in the same direction, struck it and turned it over. No one was seriously injured in any of the accidents.

Gales, Snow for the East

Dangerous gales accompanied by rain or snow were forecast for the North Atlantic coast for tonight and tomorrow by the weather bureau today.

The storm now over Virginia is moving north-northeastward. Rain or snow and lower temperatures tonight were forecast for the lower lake region, upper Ohio Valley and the States north of Maryland. Heavy snow will fall this afternoon, tonight and probably tomorrow in the New England States, New York, Pennsylvania and New Jersey, the bureau stated.

N. C. WAFFLES
Nobis Cafeteria, 9th St. Entrance
Wil. Savings Fund Bldg.—Adv.