

BIG PRODUCER GAS PLANT TO BE BUILT IN FAIRMONT

PRESIDENT WILL ASK CONGRESS FOR BROAD POWERS

Will Address That Body Late This Week or Early Next.

DOES NOT WANT WAR NOW

Nor Does He Want to Call Special Session Unless Necessary.

(By Associated Press)
NEW YORK, Feb. 21.—After Mayor Mitchell has been informed by East side housewives today that their children were starving to death by hundreds because of the high cost of food he promised to place before the board of estimates on Friday their plea that one million dollars be appropriated by the city to buy food for distribution at reasonable prices.
Three different committees representing East side women were admitted to the Mayor's office after an attempted demonstration by housewives at the door of the city hall was prevented by police. The Mayor said he did not believe the city government had authority to appropriate one million dollars for the purpose requested but pending the Board of Estimate's decision, he would direct the health and charities department immediately to send inspectors to the East side to investigate conditions.
The women vigorously urged immediate relief. They pointed out that the city has authority to buy food for patients in hospitals and declared it had equal power to appropriate some to be used to buy food for persons ill for want of nourishment.

WEEPING WOMEN DISPERSED BY THE NEW YORK POLICE

Another Effort Made to Get City to Aid in Price Conditions.

AGITATORS ARE AT WORK

Industrial Workers of the World Trying to Take Advantage of Situation.

(By Associated Press)
NEW YORK, Feb. 21.—Policemen guarding the city hall prevented today another demonstration by East side women intent upon personally calling to Mayor Mitchell's attention the increase in the cost of food.
About 200 of women approached the building to find patrolmen blocking progress at every entrance. Reserves went among them informing them that if they dispersed quietly the mayor later would talk with a committee. The women scattered some of them weeping.
Earlier in the day groups of women attempted to gather in an East side public square, but police force them to move on.
They assembled later, however, near the city hall led by Marie Gans and a number of Industrial Workers of the World.
Mayor Mitchell before seeing the committee said he was not certain just what the city administration could do to relieve the food situation but would be glad to have the women present any plan.

DOZEN SHIPS GO DOWN BEFORE THE GERMAN U-BOATS

Some of these Were Sunk in the Mediterranean Several Days Ago.

TOTAL TONNAGE 23,000

Little of Interest Reported From the Various Battle Fronts.

(By Associated Press)
The dispatches from various sources today added a dozen ships to the list of those sunk as result of the recent Tonic submarine operations.
Most of these were sent to the bottom several days ago. The longest list came from German sources and claimed the sinking of six vessels in the Mediterranean in the last few days. Names of three of these not previously mentioned in shipping records were given their tonnage aggregating 8,000. In addition the sinking was claimed of two steamers names not given, of a total of 7,500 tons and of a crowded Italian transport, tonnage not stated.
Paris officially reports the sinking of five vessels in the period from February 16 to February 20. None is positively identifiable but the indicated aggregate of the five is not less than 13,000 tons.
In addition from the Lloyd agency the sinking of a British steamer of 1,828 tons is announced.
The displacement of vessels named in the report thus far will probably aggregate nearly 23,000 tons.
War operations on various fronts were of minor importance, so far as official reports received indicate.

Berlin Children to Be Sent Into Country Districts

(By Associated Press)
AMSTERDAM, Feb. 21.—The Berlin Vorwaerts says that a mass deportation of children of Berlin to the country is planned.
It is believed this step will relieve the food difficulty in the city.

SPECIAL SESSION ON DEBT MATTER

That is the Present Outlook at Seat of State Government.

(By Associated Press)
CHARLESTON, Feb. 21.—A special session of the legislature of West Virginia is probable for the consideration of the Virginia debt question. A resolution was offered in the legislature today providing that in the event the legislature should not be in session at the time of rendition of the judgment of the Supreme Court of the United States in relation to a writ of mandamus against the members of the legislature, whether the judgment be for or against the state of West Virginia, the Governor is requested to convene the legislature in special session as soon as may be for the purpose of doing without delay what should be done in the premises.
The resolution says further in part: "This legislature upon the challenge of its constitutional rights made by the Commonwealth of Virginia and upon the advice of the attorney general a special council duly appointed by the new Virginia debt commission feels that it should suspend further motion and leave the further consideration of the Virginia debt in abeyance until the Supreme Court shall have disposed of the mandamus proceedings and that it should defend against the rule of mandamus."
The House took up most of the time today in consideration of the good roads bill to which numerous amendments have been offered. The Senate by vote of 18 to 10 voted down a motion to reconsider the vote by the Senate bill relating to transportation of gas out of the state was not permitted to be taken up yesterday.
The Senate passed the House bill relating to the inspection of sand mines and to the San Jose scale. The general appropriation bills were introduced in both houses.

WONT WAIT FOR NEW BRIDGE TO EXTEND TROLLEY

Three Mile Line to be Built on East Side This Summer

A three mile extension from the East Side line of the company to Pleasant Valley, was finally authorized at the meeting of the directors of the Monongahela Valley Traction Company yesterday. The extension has been under careful consideration for some time. Surveys will be started at once on the line and it is hoped to have it entirely completed before the end of the year.
While there is nothing at present in Pleasant Valley to warrant the building of the line, the Traction company is confident of the rapid building up of the valley and is building the line to assist in that development.
It was originally planned to hold the building of the Pleasant Valley line until after the building of the new river bridge and the rearrangement of the East Side lines. Because it is believed, however, that the building of the traction line will materially assist the rapid development of the district it was decided to build it at once.
The route of the new line will be determined by the surveys to be made in the next few weeks.

DR. WEIRICH HERE ON INSPECTION TRIP

No New Case of Infantile Paralysis for Eleven Days.

Dr. W. R. Weirich, head of the state bureau of preventable diseases, of Willsburg, is spending a few days in this city looking over the situation in regard to the infantile paralysis. Dr. Weirich is going over conditions with local health authorities and with Dr. Carroll G. Bull, of the Rockefeller Institute of New York city.
No new cases of infantile paralysis were reported today by the city health physician and no cases of illness are under suspicion at this time. Today marks the eleventh day since the development of the last reported case and conditions are encouraging for a stay of the disease at this time.
A child of Rev. Haught, who resides at Burton, was reported yesterday by the father of the child as being suspicious and on request of the father of the child Dr. Bull visited the patient. It is not believed the child is suffering from the disease but that the malady which afflicts the child is typhoid neuritis. Dr. C. H. Ice, the physician in charge of the case, has diagnosed the case as typhoid neuritis.

General Pershing Succeeds Funston

(By Associated Press)
EL PASO, Feb. 21.—Major General John J. Pershing, received a message from Major General Hugh L. Scott, chief of staff, of the United States army announcing the appointment of General Pershing to be commander of the southern department taking the place made vacant by Major General Frederick Funston's death.

American Line Ships Wont Sail

(By Associated Press)
NEW YORK, Feb. 21.—Shippers have hoped to send goods to Europe by the big ships of the American line sailing from this port received definite assurances today that the company had no immediate intention of sending out its vessels.
The greater part of the crews of the St. Louis and the three other American liners, New York, St. Paul and Kronland, have been paid off. Laborers today began removing the perishable shipment in the St. Louis cargo.

ROYAL TOMB IN DANGER

AMSTERDAM, Feb. 21.—A Budapest dispatch says that according to the Pesterloyd the remains of Emperor Francis II have been removed from Arco by order of Emperor Charles because the town was in the line of the Italian fire. The coffin was removed on the night of Feb. 6 and taken on a gun carriage to the imperial chapel in Trent where it remains temporarily.

BELLIGATTI GETS JOHN DOE WARRANT

And Some Alleged Funny Man is Going to Repent Soon.

Tony Delligatti, who operates a fruit stand on Madison street, has a grievance. This morning he came around to the police station and told the chief of police about it. The chief and everybody agreed that drastic remedies are in order.
A certain man who passes Tony's stand every day has been in the habit of making a joke with Tony and then taking a package of chewing gum, or an orange, or a sack of peanuts, and then making another joke with Tony and passing on. He never thinks to pay for his tid bits and Tony has got so he can not see the point of the man's jokes.
So the chief went with Tony to Equiro Musgrove and helped him get a warrant. Tony didn't know the man's name but he was very sure he could recognize him. The best detectives in the county's employ have been put on the case and an arrest is expected momentarily.
Tony when questioned was very sure that the man who had been taking his wares was not a policeman, there by destroying the natural conclusion as to the identity of the culprit.

BRASS ARTFULLY PACKED IN BOOTS

Farmington Junk Dealer Finds Himself in Serious Trouble

As a result of investigations begun some time ago to relieve the Monongahela Valley Traction Co. from a systematic loss from thieving, brass goods to the volume of \$90 were found at the B. & O. depot at Farmington last night by Constables Tucker and Michaels.
Complaint was made to the officers that goods were being stolen from the Traction Company and some time ago two Farmington youths, Jack and Fred Morris, were arrested, charged with the thefts. They later confessed and said they had sold the goods to Israel Snyder, a junk dealer at Farmington.
A search warrant was issued yesterday by Justice W. W. Conway and the constables last night went to the home of Snyder to search for the stolen goods. Nothing of a suspicious nature was found, but one of the constables, turning suddenly to the old man, said:
"You shipped some goods today?"
"Yes," was the reply, "I shipped some to Monongahela, some to Cleveland and other points."
The officers then went to the depot at Farmington and there found some barrels which when opened seemed to contain nothing more incriminating than old rubber boots, but upon further investigation, brass goods, valued at approximately ninety dollars, was found carefully packed away inside the boots.
Snyder will probably be arrested today, charged with receiving stolen goods. There seems to be no question but that he knew the goods were stolen, for, in addition to his having packed them so carefully, it is alleged he built a fire and smoked the brass in order to give it the appearance of age.

City Hall Notes

Ira Smith is still a much troubled man. The complaints of pipes and sewers frozen, mains bursted, etc., keep coming in at such a rate that poor Ira is tied to the telephone doing nothing but pacifying complainants. The city water department workmen are now believing that they have conditions pretty well in hand, but it will be several days before things are returned again to normal.
An art glass man held the attention of the city building Presbyterian phalanx this afternoon, taking the board of affairs room as his studio and spreading the plans for the new windows on the floor. Tall and slender, with a cute little beard, he looked capable of designing anything in the way of illuminated displays.
A surreptitious collection was being taken around the police station this morning for the purpose of buying Tom Ford a looking glass. Tom says he thinks so much of his looks it's a shame he can't see himself often. He shaved this morning about the time he thought the ladies would be coming down town.

WASHINGTON, D. C., Feb. 21.

President Wilson has practically decided to appear before Congress prior to adjournment March 4 to ask for additional authority to protect American seamen and ships against German submarine menace. While officials said today there was a bare chance that he will not carry out this plan there was every indication that he would make his address either late this week or early next.
The President's position, as outlined authoritatively today, is that Congress before adjourning should pass a broad resolution giving him additional authority. He has definitely decided what he will say to Congress but that has not been made public.
Officials generally expect that sooner or later arms will be furnished to American ships.
In spite of the statement of the British government that a very small percentage of vessels going to and from the war zone were being sunk by German submarines officials pointed out today that most American vessels in the trans-Atlantic trade were still held up.
It was emphasized today that when the President appears before Congress he will not do so with the purpose of asking for a declaration of war. While it is realized that the pacifist element in Congress has some strength the President is known to believe that the situation is such that when action is needed there will be little division.
The President has decided not to call an extra session of Congress unless there should be an unusual emergency and it was generally accepted today that he will not call the Senate in special session after March 4.
While general reticence on the Austrian situation was observed today it is understood that the administration believes the negotiations so far have been unsatisfactory. Ultimately a break is expected unless Austria changes her position.

Health Lecture for Local Pythians

DR. L. N. YOST AND COUNTY AGENT SMITH WILL GIVE ILLUSTRATED TALK.

Dr. L. N. Yost and County Agent H. L. Smith will give a lecture illustrated with lantern slides tomorrow night at the hall of the Knights of Pythias lodge in the Fleming building on Adams street in connection with the monthly social session and smoker. These slides treat of sanitation and health with special emphasis on rural sanitation. By special arrangement the lodge secured the only showing of these pictures to be given in Fairmont.
In view of the importance of the questions to be illustrated a large attendance of both the city and country members of the order is anticipated. The meeting will be an open one and begin at 8 o'clock Thursday night. All Knights and their friends are invited.

TRACTION COMPANY MAKES IMPORTANT CHANGE IN PLANS FOR BAXTER MINE PROJECT

Coal Will Be Brought to This City to Be Turned Into Gas and Coke at Million Dollar Plant

LOCAL PLANTS WILL GET THE COKE

They Will Turn It Into Gas to be Used Right in Their Establishments—Sanderson and Porter at Work on the Plans.

A plant to cost well over a million dollars and employing a large number of men, is assured for the city of Fairmont by the decision of the Monongahela Valley Traction company engineers that Baxter will not be the proper place for the location of the by-product gas producing station. The engineering firm of Sanderson and Porter, of New York, has been engaged to make an exhaustive study of local sites with the idea of placing the plant in Fairmont proper.
The Baxter site where the recently purchased mine of the company is located, was declared impracticable because of lack of room for building and because a water supply would have to be pumped from the river at Riverdale. The coal from the Baxter mine, however, will be used in the manufacturing of the gas.
A number of locations are being considered by the Sanderson and Porter experts, and it will be as a result of their investigations, covering possibly two months, that the plant will be located.
One of the plans under consideration by the engineers is for the building of a new by-product coke ovens at the location to be decided upon. The principle by-product being a very rich quality gas which would be used for domestic purposes. The coke would then be shipped to various local plants where it would be turned into gas in individual gas producer stations, or possibly in one big station to supply a number of near by factories, as in the Pleasant Valley development.
The reason for having the producer stations near the factories is that producer gas made from coke can not be piped any great distance. As yet, however, there has been no definite decision as to the type of plant that will be selected.

MANY PATIENTS AT COOK HOSPITAL

Out of own People are Under Treatment There Now.

A number of out of town people are patients or have been patients this week at Cook hospital. A number of local residents are also under treatment there.
Mrs. Claude Tennant, of Huntington, who was staying with her sister, Mrs. C. M. Boyle, on Fairmont avenue, is under treatment at the hospital. Mildred Boden, a young lady of twelve years of age who resides at the Roush rooming house, is a patient. Mike Brobina, an Austrian, of Grant Town, is receiving treatment there also.
Miss Ellen Guseman, of Jane Lew, has returned home after being a patient at the hospital. Miss Gladys Rowe, aged 12 years, of Monongah, is a surgical patient, as is also Mrs. Ida Nicholson, of Worthington.
E. G. Pritchard, fireman for the Bell Telephone company, who was injured while at his work, was dismissed and returned to his home yesterday.
J. W. Welsh, a travelling man of Cumberland, Md., is in the hospital for treatment. Arthur Brown, of Pittsburgh street, who had been ill at the hospital, was able yesterday to return to his home.
Mrs. John Murray, of Watson, was dismissed from the hospital yesterday, as was also Sam Laidie, a local Italian, who had typhoid fever.
Mrs. J. J. Barbe, of near Riverdale, who was recently operated on at the hospital, is getting along nicely.

TRACTION CO. BUYS 300 BIG COAL CARS

Coal From Baxter Mine to be Hauled in Private Equipment.

Three hundred steel coal hoppers, built on railroad specifications by the Pullman company of Chicago, have been purchased by the Monongahela Valley Traction company to be used in transportation of coal from the company's mine at Baxter. The cars are promised for delivery in May and advice have been received which declare that a delivery may be made as early as March.
The addition of three hundred cars to the supply coming to this region, will effect a considerable relief to coal operators in general, as well as working particularly to the advantage of the Traction company. The cars will be distributed on the same basis as are the cars of the railroad.
With the placing in operation of the cars, the facilities for production of the mine will be increased, it then being possible to work full time.
The cars are 100,000 pound capacity and when delivered will provide the Traction company with one of the finest individual mine owned rolling stock in the state.

Americans On Ship Shelled by U-Boat

LONDON, Feb. 21.—The Norwegian collier Dalbeattie, from Glasgow to Gibraltar, was sunk by shell-fire last Saturday. Two Americans were on board her. The crew took to the boats.
The collier was shelled while the crew was taking to the boats, it is declared.
The Americans on the vessel were John Guerra, of Los Angeles, and Frank Wood, of Kenne, N. H. The latter is suffering from bronchitis, aggravated by his exposure of 38 hours in the ship's boat.
The Dalbeattie was a vessel of 1,327 tons built in 1878 at Middleburgh.

Even Canned Music Is Contraband of War

(By Associated Press)
HALIFAX, N. S., Feb. 21.—On the double ground that talking machine records might carry code messages containing valuable information for German military authorities, while the material of which they are made might be used to help relieve Germany's hard rubber scarcity a large quantity of such records found in possession of German officials returning home from the United States on the Frederick VIII, will be confiscated by British authorities, it was learned here today. The Germans contended they had them simply for their love of music but the British ruled that they constituted contraband.

FIRST VOTING COUPON OF GOLDEN FESTIVAL

Each One Counts One Hundred Votes Toward the Thousand Dollars; If Saved in Series of Five They Count Extra.

Today the first voting coupon in the Golden Festival of The West Virginian appears. On Monday afternoon The West Virginian announced to the people of Fairmont and the surrounding territory, that this paper would conduct one of the most novel voting campaigns ever conceived. Instead of the regular voting contest, this Golden Festival will be a dignified affair, a festival worthy of the attention of the multitude.
Although less than three days have elapsed since the first announcement of the Great Golden Festival, a casual glance at the nominations already received will convince even the most skeptical, that this Golden Festival has met with popular approval.
First Vote Coupon
But to return to this first vote coupon, the coupon appearing on another page. These coupons herald something entirely new to the voting public. This coupon paves the way to women suffrage, although the coupon itself is not a respecter of persons. In fact it is just as good, it contains just as much, whether it is voted by the head of the family, the family's mother, or one of the kiddies.
Each Count Big
Each of these coupons count for 100 votes by themselves. But you will notice that the coupons are numbered "Today is number "One," Thursday will be number "Two." This number will be changed every day until number "Ten" is reached. If you save these coupons until you have a series of any consecutive five, that is the numbers running consecutively from say one to five, or from two to six, or any consecutive five, then each series will count you 5000 extra votes. Everyone is entitled to just as many of these series as he can obtain. Have (Continued on Page Six.)