

WAGE DEMANDS IMPERIL LARGE BERLIN PLANTS

Big Department Store Shut Down as Result of Refusing War Allowance; Newspapers Suspend.

London, Dec. 15.—(British Wireless Service)—The strike in Berlin has reached serious proportions, according to a dispatch received here from Amsterdam. Only two newspapers are being published and these as small leaflets. It is estimated that 350,000 workmen are out.

Berlin, Dec. 15.—The Zeitung Am Mittag and the afternoon editions of the Tageblatt and Vossische Zeitung did not publish yesterday because of a strike arising from wage demands by the men in the composing rooms.

Skilled workers receive good wages. The fact that the members of the soldiers' and workmen's councils are drawing pay on the same scale has stimulated employees in many branches to accept that figure as the standard of pay.

The Wertheimer department store shut down today as a result of the firm's refusal to meet the demand of the women employees for an extra war allowance ranging from 100 to 500 marks each. The amount involved would total 1,500,000 marks. The firm offered a compromise of 700,000 marks, which was refused.

Situation Becoming Acute.

That the labor situation in many of the big industrial plants in Berlin is rapidly becoming acute is evidenced by the peremptory demands made by the workmen and clerical forces in the Siemens and Halske electrical works and the allied Siemens-Schuckert plant at Spandau. The wage schedules with which the management is confronted call for increases amounting to 124,000,000 marks annually.

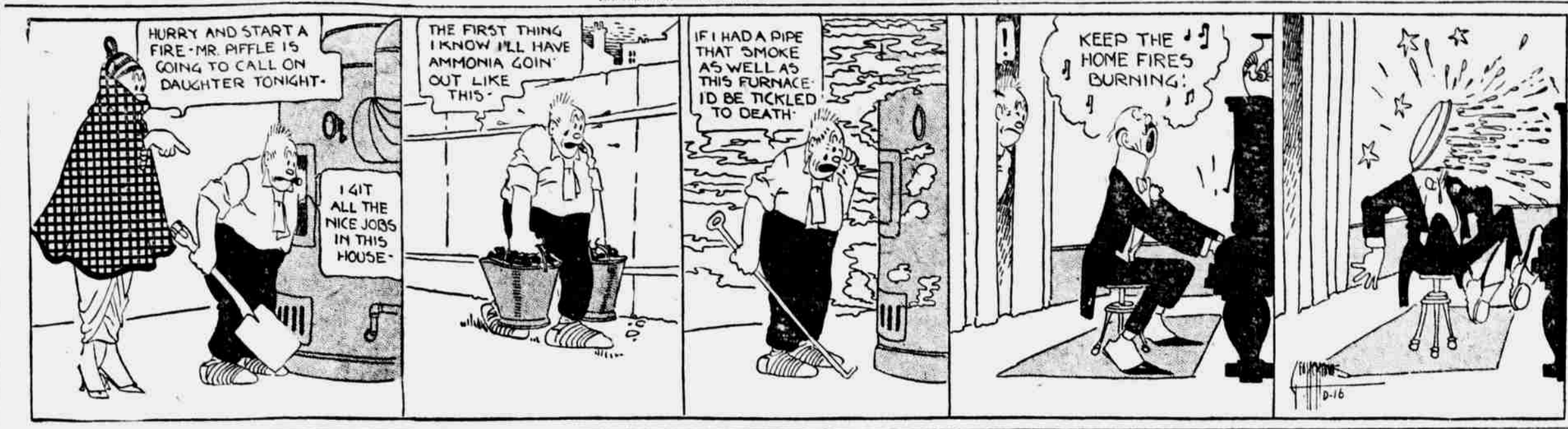
McAdoo Predicts Success of Fifth Liberty Loan

New York, Dec. 15.—William G. McAdoo, in address here today on the eve of his retirement as secretary of the treasury, predicted the success of the fifth Liberty loan and declared that it was for a majority of the people to decide whether the nation's railroads should be privately or government owned.

Rice to Succeed Courtney as Columbia Rowing Coach

New York, Dec. 15.—"Jim" Rice, rowing coach of Columbia university, is reported to have reached an agreement with Cornell university to accept a similar position there.

BRINGING UP FATHER



RADICALS ASK PREMIER EBERT'S RESIGNATION

Spartan Leaders Defied by Head of Bavarian Government at Their Meeting in Munich.

Munich, Dec. 15.—Spartan leaders appeared in Munich openly and officially for the first time last evening when the bloody events in Berlin and the guilt of the government were discussed at a big mass meeting. The crowd adopted a resolution calling for the immediate creation of a tribunal of workmen and soldiers, the resignation of Premier Ebert, Philipp Scheidemann, Matthias Erzberger, Dr. Solf and "other opponents" and the arrest of Scheidemann, Ebert and others connected with "blood bath of Berlin."

Haas and Barth Resign.

Geneva, Dec. 15.—Hugo Haas and Herr Barth, two of the three independent socialist members of the commission of six which constitutes the German government, have resigned, according to reports received here. The reports add that George Ledebur, a leading socialist, also has severed his connections with the government.

Solf's Resignation Held Up.

Berlin, Dec. 15.—The resignation of Dr. Solf, the foreign minister, which has not yet been accepted, places the majority of socialist members of the German government between two dilemmas.

Haul Down Red Flag.

Copenhagen, Dec. 15.—Soldiers of the Prussian guard have removed the red flag from the town hall at Potsdam, where the German imperial palace is located, according to a Berlin dispatch today.

To Form Volunteer Guard.

Amsterdam, Dec. 15.—The council of people's commissioners of Germany, according to a Berlin telegram, has authorized formation of a volunteer national guard to maintain public order and safety.

When this message was received it brought joy to the hearts of two American officers who were prisoners on the Deutschland U-153, having been picked up after the American cargo ship Ticonderoga was sunk. They were Lieut. F. L. Muller of Oakland Cal., and Lieut. J. H. Fulcher of Frisco, N. C., and were in the submarine when she made the last voyage into Kiel. They used the boat as a transport to come to England when it was taken to Harwich for surrender.

Self-Determination Club Prepares for Mass Meeting Soon

The executive committee of the Irish Self-Determination club met at the Henshaw hotel Sunday afternoon to make arrangements for the proposed mass meeting to be held at some time in the near future.

How best to fill the needs of returning soldiers was discussed at an important conference of Lincoln and Omaha Y. M. C. A. men with an international secretary, A. H. Lichty, Friday evening. Mr. Lichty passed the day inspecting camp associations work in Fort Omaha, Fort Crook and Florence field.

German Order Relaxing

U-Boat War Given Oct. 11

London, Dec. 15.—The first relaxation of Germany's submarine warfare came on October 11, when submarines operating off the coast of the United States were ordered to leave that area.

Citizens of Copenhagen Send Greeting to Wilson

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U. S. Soldiers May Be Given Advantage of French Schools

Washington, Dec. 15.—Co-operation of the War department with the French government in the plan to permit members of the American expeditionary forces to avail themselves of the educational facilities of France pending their return home was indicated today by Secretary Baker in a letter to Edouard De Billy, delegate general to the French high commission.

National Institute Awards Gold Medal to Thayer

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Y. M. C. A. HELPS CARE FOR YANKS BACK FROM WAR

International Secretary Lichty Here in Conference With Omaha and Lincoln Leaders.

A definite program for the coming months' work will be given out within a week. Further discussion of the association's part in the soldier problem will be held at a meeting of local directors Tuesday noon.

Returning soldiers are already filling the dormitories of the Y. M. C. A. building. C. J. Shaw, secretary, is co-operating with the Chamber of Commerce bureau in the placement of these men in employment.

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DREAMLAND ADVENTURE

By DADDY.

CHAPTER I. The Bird in Disguise.

"PRINCESS PEGGY, come here quick!" screeched a Bird outside Peggy's window. Peggy looked and looked, but couldn't see the speaker. Puzzled, she opened the door and searched the lawn.

"Can't you see me?" chuckled the voice, almost from under her feet. Peggy peered closely, but there were only piles of autumn leaves before her. One of the piles stirred, then out it walked an odd-appearing bird. He was dressed from head to toe in a suit made of the leaves themselves, and it was no wonder that Peggy wasn't able to see him.



"Princess Peggy, come here quick!" "Exactly," Peggy was amazed at the strange bird's uncanny knowledge of all these supposedly secret happenings. "Are you a bird Sherlock Holmes? How do you know all that?"

Brief City News

Have Root Print It—Beacon Press.

Two Laborers Found Dead in Bed.

Fireplace goods at Sunderland's.

Muskegon, Mich., Dec. 15.—Milo H. Piper, a wealthy insurance man, was brought back to Muskegon today to face a charge of having killed Friede Weichman, whom he is said to have married two years ago although he already had a wife and child. The killing is alleged to have occurred on an automobile honeymoon tour.

Bernard Vore, Logan Boy, Killed While Out Hunting

Logan, Ia., Dec. 15.—(Special Telegram.)—Bernard Vore, 15 years old, was instantly killed by the accidental discharge of his gun while hunting south of Logan this afternoon.

Fox Held Under High Bond.

Bert Fox, 1814 Cuming street, was arrested Saturday night for having in his possession a pint of whisky.

Today's Calendar of Sports.

Racing: Winter meeting at Jefferson Park, New Orleans. Winter meeting of Cuba-American Jockey Club, at Havana.

MICHIGAN MAN CHARGED WITH KILLING BRIDE

Milo Piper, Alleged to Have Murdered Frieda Weichman While on Honeymoon; Had Wife Living.

Piper, who was arrested at Hamilton, Ont., Saturday, under cross-examination today, strongly declared his innocence and accused a mysterious "John Sheldon" of having used his name to marry Miss Weichman despite his protest.

California Woman is First to Reach Rhine With Army

Coblentz, Germany, Dec. 15.—(By Associated Press.)—Miss Marion of Hollywood, Cal., claims the distinction of being the first American woman to reach the Rhine with the army of occupation.

Masons to Have Charge of Winkleman Funeral

The funeral of R. P. Winkleman, late treasurer of the Omaha Retail Grocers' association, who died of influenza last Saturday at his home, 2057 Deer Park boulevard, will be held from the residence at 2 o'clock Tuesday afternoon. The Masons will have charge and burial will be in Evergreen cemetery.

Flynn to Box Miske

Tulsa, Okl., Dec. 15.—Billy Miske of St. Paul, will box Jim Flynn of Pueblo, here Monday night. The bout is scheduled for 15 rounds to a decision.

THREE DAYS' SERVICES AT ST. CECILIA

Archbishop Harty and Clergy Lay Plans for Christmas Exercises and Greetings.

At St. Cecilia's Catholic cathedral the Christmas observance starting next Sunday, will extend over three days and to the services all members of the parish are invited. In speaking of the Christmas services this year, in an announcement by Archbishop Harty and the clergy, there is the following:

"You are invited to special prayer and reflection. To make this easier for you, a triduum, or a three days' preparation, will begin at St. Cecilia's Sunday evening, December 22 at 8 o'clock under the direction of Rev. L. P. McKeown. Monday and Tuesday the masses will be at 6 and 8. On these two days the evening service at 8 o'clock, will consist of antiphons, the rosary, a sermon, and benediction.

"On the afternoon and evening of Christmas six priests will hear confessions. Christmas morning at 4 o'clock there will be a pontifical high mass followed by mass at each of the following hours, 6, 7, 8, 9, 10 and 11. The archbishop will preside at the 11 o'clock mass, when Rev. Father McKeown will preach the sermon.

Women Workers Ask for Representation Upon Labor Bureaus

New York, Dec. 15.—Demands for increased representation of women in state and federal labor bureaus were adopted by the National Woman's Trade Union league at a meeting here.

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