

BRIEF BRIGHT BREEZY BITS OF NEWS

CHRISTMAS TREES CHEAPER THIS YEAR.

Chicago, Dec. 13.—Christmas trees on the local market are 50 per cent cheaper than a year ago, dealers say.

Abundance of trees is the reason for the reduced prices. Last year trees could scarcely be obtained because of war conditions.

One of the dead inmates, Baker said, used the powder in his room and instead of replacing it left it in the pantry where the baking powder was usually kept and where the cook found it as he was hastily preparing the Friday evening meal.

INSECTICIDE IN CAKE RESULTS IN DEATH.

Kalamazoo, Mich., Dec. 13.—After examination of William Baker, head cook at the Kalamazoo county infirmary, Coroner R. G. Cook today decided an insecticide was the cause of the deaths of four inmates.

Little hope was held tonight for two of the 37 aged men who are suffering from the poison.

CANT EXPORT BOOZE AFTER JANUARY 16.

Washington, Dec. 13.—Exportation of intoxicating liquors for beverage purposes will not be permitted after January 16, when the prohibition amendment becomes effective, according to the bureau of internal revenue.

PROPOSE ARREST OF FORMER KAISER.

Berlin, Dec. 13.—Arrest of former Emperor William of Germany, if necessary through the intermediary of Holland, was proposed before the parliamentary subcommittee investigating the question of war responsibilities.

EUPHRATES LAND OFFERED AMERICANS.

New York, Dec. 13.—A thousand acres of the rich farming land in the historic Euphrates valley in Turkish Armenia has been offered to "any American farmer who will cultivate it by modern American methods" and teach his neighbors how to do likewise on their adjoining properties.

WANT EMPEROR BACK ON EAGLE.

Berlin, Dec. 13.—The German emperor must return on the wings of the Prussian eagle; we want no emperor from southern Germany, I will say no more.

6,000 PASSENGERS REJECTED ON SHIP.

London, Dec. 13.—The Mauretania sails next Wednesday with 2,000 passengers. Three times that number had to be rejected for lack of room.

HUNGRY MAGPIES ATTACKING CATTLE.

Butte, Mont., Dec. 13.—Swarms of hungry magpies are attacking half frozen famished range cattle in some sections of this part of Montana, according to messages received from farmers by the Butte Miner.

"PAPA" JOFFRE WINS A REAL VICTORY.

Paris, Dec. 13.—New laurels were conferred upon Marshal Joffre following his announcement that after a three-months' search he has at last found a new apartment.

WILL BUILD \$20,000,000 HOTEL IN LONDON.

London, Dec. 13.—J. M. Bowman, New York hotel proprietor, says: "I have not acquired the Devonshire house in Piccadilly, but hope to do so. It is a wonderful site, but if I do not get it there are alternatives.

MECHANICS AND SKILLED LABORERS ARE BARRED.

Montreal, Dec. 13.—All mechanics and skilled laborers will be barred from Canada from now until spring, if an order in council which is expected to be passed within a few days is adopted.

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THE WEATHER: Fair Sunday and probably Monday; rising temperature Sunday. Table with temperature forecasts for various times of day.

FUEL RESTRICTIONS LIFTED

PRESIDENT CRITICISED BY GARFIELD

Principles Underlying Wilson's Plan for Settlement of Coal Strike "Fundamentally Wrong," Fuel Head Asserts.

Washington, Dec. 13.—Principles underlying President Wilson's plan for the settlement of the coal strike, accepted by the miners, are "fundamentally wrong as a matter of government," Dr. Harry A. Garfield, federal fuel administrator until today, told a hastily assembled subcommittee of the senate tonight.

While discussing with some freedom "a cleavage in the cabinet" caused by strike settlement negotiations, Dr. Garfield withheld answers to questions by Senator Frelinghuysen, New Jersey, chairman of the subcommittee on matters he regarded as touching confidential intercourse with his former associates during the strike period.

Senator Frelinghuysen intimated that Attorney General Palmer and other officials connected with the strike settlement would be called later.

"My objection," Mr. Garfield said of the settlement plan, "goes to the point that the commission which I understood will be set up to decide wages and prices is composed of three members, one to be a miner, another to be a coal mine operator and the third to represent the public. Under it the public, which is the chief party at interest, would always be in the minority."

"Has it been your experience with the coal industry that employs men and employs might have a common interest in increasing wages and costs and passing that increase on the public in prices?" Senator Townsend asked.

"They may have that common interest," Mr. Garfield responded, qualifying his answer by saying that he was not charging that this would be the necessary result.

"I believe I represent the real opinion of the president in the matter," he said later, "that is, if I were able to see him and talk it over, because I know his mind."

Wouldn't Produce Telegram. Sketching the history of the strike negotiations, Dr. Garfield explained that he thought members of the cabinet were standing with him in his suggestion of a 14 per cent increase in wages and an advisory commission to review the facts from which he derived the 14 per cent clause.

Germany Send Reply. London, Dec. 13.—The German reply to the two notes of the entente powers was dispatched Friday night to Paris by courier, according to a Berlin wireless message. The German mission will leave for Paris Sunday.

GRIFFITH AND SIX STARS BELIEVED LOST IN ATLANTIC

New York, Dec. 13.—Members of the theatrical profession showed the keenest interest tonight in reports from the south of the missing yacht Grey Duck with David W. Griffith and his party on board. The uncertainty was increased when it was reported that Richard Barthelmus, widely known screen actor, was included in the list.

Included in Mr. Griffith's party, according to announcement from his office here tonight, are Miss Carroll Dempster, leading woman a comparative new comer to the moving picture world; Billy Bitzer, one of the best known camera men of the movies; and Anders Randolph, a familiar figure as a screen actor of "heavy" parts.

A seaplane, which left here at 10 a. m. today, wireless back from Nassau after five hours scouting adjacent islands, that no trace of the Grey Duck had been seen.

William J. Read, mayor of Fort Lauderdale, Fla., a town 28 miles north of Miami, a wealthy real estate operator, and his 16-year-old daughter, Marion, were on board the Grey Duck. Others aboard included Elmer Clifton, 29; Mrs. Elmer Clifton, 27; Jack Lloyd, married; D. W. Bitzer and Mrs. Bitzer; Carol Dempster, 19; Thelma Patten, 14; George Macquarrie, 46, married; Edward Phillip, 48, single; Logan B. Billingsley, 36, and Hattie M. Billingsley.

SENATE DEADLOCK IN DISCUSSION OF PEACE WEAKENS

Washington, Dec. 12.—The first definite move toward breaking the senate deadlock on the German peace treaty came unexpectedly late today on the heels of nearly three hours of heated discussion of responsibility for the treaty situation.

Senator Hitchcock, Nebraska, administration leader, objected to consideration of both resolutions and, under the rules, the entire matter went over until next week.

Mr. Hitchcock's objections were made in spite of an agreement by Senator Underwood, democrat, Alabama, prominent among democratic leaders in the treaty contest, Senator Brandegee, republican, Connecticut leader in the faction seeking the treaty's defeat and others to support the Knox resolution.

Overtures From Both Sides. The treaty came from both republican and democratic sides. During its debates Senator Lodge declared that President Wilson must take the initiative towards reviving action on the treaty, but offered to consider carefully any suggestions with regard to the senate committee reservations Mr. Wilson might make.

To Intern Communists. Budapest, Dec. 13.—The internment of 500 communists has been ordered by the government.

DETECTIVES IN RAID ARE SUSPENDED

Police Head Bows to Justice Of Long Fight of The Bee Against Illegal Invasion of Homes.

Without a warrant, authority or provocation, Sutton and Stoley with Detective Knudson, Chauffeur Warner and a patrolman, entered the Nehleen residence, ransacked the house from top to bottom, destroyed food and clothing.

"Bonehead Work," He Says. "It was coarse and bonehead work," the chief declared. "Sutton and Stoley have been on the force long enough to know better. I will not stand for this rough work. Citizens have rights which I do not propose to have my men violate."

BANDIT KIRK IS NOW WANTED FOR 1916 AUTO THEFT

Beryl C. Kirk, whose sensational release from the state prison on "furlough" ordered by Acting Governor B. C. Bushee, is a fugitive from justice on the charge of an automobile theft, according to records in the Lancaster county court.

Other Officers Not Let Out. Chief Eberstein announced, he suspended the two men following a thorough investigation. He does not explain, however, why Knudson was not suspended also.

Investigating Robbery. The detectives who raided the Nehleen home were sent from central station to investigate a report to the effect that a grocery delivery boy had been held up in the vicinity. They declared they had obtained an untrue report that the grocery boy had a delivery at the Nehleen residence just before he was robbed.

New Angle to Scandal. The case against "Charles B. Kirk" was never dismissed, however, and he is yet listed in the records of Lancaster county court as a fugitive from justice.

Find Negro Guilty of Murder Of Des Moines Detective. Des Moines, Ia., Dec. 13.—(Special)—Attorneys for "Brownie" Browman, the negro who was convicted in the district court here of the murder of Detective "Con" McCarthy, declare they will file a request for a new trial before December 24.

The Passing Show



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BIG SHAKE-UP IN POLICE FORCE COMING, RUMOR

Mr. Ringer's Position as Head of Department Assailed at Meeting of Business Men.

A shake-up in the city police department is scheduled for the first of the new year, which will entirely change the governing heads of the department, according to rumors coming from the city hall and other places.

Ringer in East. It is said that Mr. Ringer is in the east interviewing several men he has in mind for the positions of chief of police and inspector of police.

More Favorable to Chief. Whether Mr. Ringer can save his own position by replacing the chief of police and installing an inspector is doubtful. The business men are said to be more favorable to Chief Eberstein than they are to Mr. Ringer.

Another Miniature British War Has Been Concluded. London, Dec. 13.—Another miniature British war has just been concluded with the return of two columns operating to the northeast of Mosul and to the southeast of Amadia, Asiatic Turkey.

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MAN CONVICTED OF ARSON GETS ONE TO 20 YEARS

Motion for New Trial of Weaver Overruled—Threw Gasoline at Court House Fire.

Henry Louis Weaver, convicted of arson in burning the court house, after a trial before a jury in District Judge Redick's court last week, was sentenced to one to 20 years in the penitentiary by Judge Redick yesterday after his motion for a new trial had been overruled.

Don't Count Losses. Business men agree that the fuel restrictions of the last two weeks have caused a financial loss of thousands of dollars, but they were too much pleased yesterday afternoon to recount their losses, being in a mood rather to make the most of nine Christmas shopping days which remain.

Allied Premiers Meet In London to Talk Over Turk Situation

London, Dec. 13.—The British prime minister, David Lloyd George, and the French premier, M. Clemenceau, Saturday night completed a three days' conference on the main outstanding international questions relating to the peace settlement, principally that concerning Turkey.

Public Library and Branches Will Re-open Monday Morning. "We" believed that with the amount of coal which we are assured is on the way to Omaha we were safe in lifting all restrictions," said H. L. Snyder, chairman of the terminal fuel committee.

LIFE OF CITY GOES BACK TO NORMAL

Calling Off of Coal Ban Comes As Unexpected and Pleasant Surprise to Omahans After Two Weeks' Siege.

Thousands of Workers Return To "Full-Time" Days—Plenty of Fuel Is on the Way Here.

All fuel restrictions, which impeded the industrial, educational and social life of Omaha for two weeks, were ordered lifted at 4 yesterday afternoon by W. M. Jeffers, chairman of the terminal coal committee.

In view of the lifting of limited restrictions, in an order issued by the committee Friday, to have been in force beginning Sunday, the complete release of all restrictions in yesterday's order came as an unexpected and pleasant surprise to all Omahans who are now in the midst of the holiday shopping season.

Fuel Committee's Order. The order issued by the committee reads: "Until further notice all restrictions heretofore mentioned in the various orders issued by this committee are recalled, effective at 4 p. m., Saturday, December 13. The distribution of coal in carload lots, which is under control of the central coal committee at Washington, is not modified by this order. W. M. Jeffers, chairman.

Theaters, movies, dance halls, bowling alleys, pool and billiard rooms, clubs, libraries, schools, colleges, auditoriums, fraternal meeting places and other places of similar use, which have been entirely closed for two weeks on account of the coal shortage, may now resume the normal hours of opening and closing.

The movie men were quick yesterday afternoon to take advantage of the lifted restrictions. Five downtown movie houses were opened at 4, at the exact time the new order went into effect. Screen fans were eager to visit their favorite haunts. In several instances the "fans" applauded the screen heroes and heroines, in their enthusiasm.

Thousands of workers in manufacturing establishments, wholesale houses, commission houses, laundries and other places where the working hours were restricted from 9 a. m. to 4 p. m., may now return to their usual work day. Offices in office buildings, which were restricted to the hours of 9-30 a. m. to 3:30 p. m., will begin Monday to swing back to the usual order of business.

The public library and branches and all business colleges will re-open Monday morning. "We" believed that with the amount of coal which we are assured is on the way to Omaha we were safe in lifting all restrictions," said H. L. Snyder, chairman of the terminal fuel committee.

"We also, as a committee, felt keenly the burden which we had imposed on both the social and industrial life of the city and were eager to withdraw all bans as soon as possible. We are glad that the city can enter into the Christmas spirit without being bothered by

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