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FIRST REAL CHANCE FOR SNOWBALL BATTLE THIS SEASON

PRICE ONE CENT

ALLIES TAKE TOWN; PUSH WEDGE INTO FOE'S LINES

OFFICIAL WAR REPORTS

FRENCH. Throughout the day of yesterday the enemy showed himself more active than on the preceding day along the Yser and in the vicinity of Ypres...

Passchendaele Reported Captured by British Troops—New Move Threatens German Flank.

Invaders' Drive Along Coast Aided by Furious Storm at Sea—Artillery Battle Rages on Aisne.

GERMAN. The French statement claiming an advance by them in the Argonne forest is not correct. There have been no French attacks in that region for a long time...



The snow that fell in lively fashion for a few hours today did not linger long on account of the wet pavements, but enough of it gathered in corners and... to stage a mimic battle between the Germans and the Allies.

PRESIDENT IN MESSAGE REASSURES BUSINESS

Departs From Text of Prepared Address to Congress to Declare Restrictive Law-Making is Virtually at an End.

Merchant Marine "Stunted." He Says, Urging Shipping Legislation—Denounces Criticism of National Defense.

WASHINGTON, Dec. 8.—President Wilson delivered his message in person to Congress today, addressing the Senate and House of Representatives assembled in joint session in the chamber of the House...

EDDIE COLLINS SOLD BY MACK TO WHITE SOX Famous Athletic Second Baseman Will Play for "Charlie" Comiskey, Who Takes Over Iron-clad Contract.

ALLEGED ROBBERS CAUGHT Police Believe They Have Two Members of Thieving Band. Two men, believed to be members of a gang of thieves who have committed 21 robberies in Kensington since September 1...

U. S. S. KANSAS A FLYER Like Cruiser Karlsruhe, She Has Been Reported in Many Places. Uncle Sam's giant sea fighter, the battleship Kansas, has earned the sobriquet of "flying Dutchman of the Navy..."

YEGGMAN TO TAKE SECRET OF DESERT TREASURE TO CELL Postoffice Robber, Facing Terms Aggregating 95 Years, Will Not Divulge Whereabouts of Temple.

Capture of the town of Passchendaele, between Roulers and Ypres, by British troops is reported from Amsterdam. The pushing of a wedge into the German lines at this point would probably compel the abandonment of a new German drive that has been developing along the coast...

GERMANS MASS FORCES FOR NEW WARSAW DRIVE Details of Lodz Victory Withheld by War Office.

CZAR'S RIGHT WING AIMS FLANK MOVE TO CUT FOE'S LINE Capture of Plock and Advance on Wloclawek Designed to Break Kaiser's Communication With Base at Thorn.

GERMANS MASS FORCES FOR NEW WARSAW DRIVE Details of Lodz Victory Withheld by War Office. BERLIN, Dec. 8.—The German government has announced that the Russian army withdrew for "strategic reasons," as defense would have required an abnormal battle front...

DEATH AND DAMAGE TOLL NEARING END AS GALE SUBSIDES Two More Lives Taken Yesterday by Storm on Coast—Main Line Sections in Darkness.

DEATH AND DAMAGE TOLL NEARING END AS GALE SUBSIDES Snow that swept into Philadelphia early this morning on the tail end of the three-day storm which has been lashing the whole Atlantic coast gave way to rain at dawn after falling several hours...

HARTE WILL ASK SUM TO ORGANIZE HOUSING DIVISION Director of Health to Go Before Council's Subcommittee on Finance Seeking Appropriation.

MAXIMUM PENALTY, 5 YEARS. Freyer was sentenced by Judge Groman in Allegheny yesterday to 6 years in jail on 35 indictments for robbery, to which he pleaded guilty...

THE WEATHER CLOUDY Clear skies and sparkling winter days are just ahead, according to the weather man's prediction, coincident with the ending of the high wind and rainstorm of the last three days...

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OIL STEAMSHIP BURNS; 34 MEMBERS OF CREW LOST Only Two Men Rescued; Others Burn and Drown.

FIREMEN CALLED IN STORM TO ROUT TRAMP AT 4 A. M. Vagabond Had Little Blaze to Warm His Hands.

YOUNG WIFE TAKES POISON AFTER DANCING MERRILY Mrs. Clara Mayo, 18, Attempts Suicide in Her Mother's Home.

HERRICK HOME TOMORROW Late Ambassador to France Will Be Welcomed by Cleveland Friends.

SECRET FROM OLD MAN. The old man realized, however, that he had not long to live, according to Freyer's tale, and he gave Freyer the secret code...

FORECAST For Philadelphia and vicinity—Cloudy generally. No change in temperature. Wednesday fair.

POLICE CALLED TO QUELL 5000 SEEKING 300 JOBS Shipyard Stopped by Mechanics Anxious to Get Employment.

FLEE OVER ROOFS FROM FIRE Family's Thrilling Escape When Roused From Slumber.

McADEE AWARD MEDAL OF HONOR WASHINGTON, Dec. 8.—Secretary McAdoo awarded today the silver medal of honor to Lieutenant Colonel R. C. McGee...

FIRST CAR SINCE SUNDAY REACHES WEST CHESTER Communication by Telegraph Also Opened to Philadelphia.

POST FOR WOTHERSPOON Late Chief of Staff to Be Supervisor of Public Works of N. Y.

Almanac of the Day. The Tides. BOYS RICHMOND.

Observations at Philadelphia. For details, see page 2.

CHEERS GREAT PRESIDENT. A chorus of cheers announced the appearance of the President in the chamber of the House at 12:30 o'clock. Some of the Republicans and Progressives joined in the applause, but many stood with folded arms...

LOST AND FOUND. ALL "LOST AND FOUND" NOTICES MUST BE POSTED IN THIS COLUMN AND MUST BE RECEIVED BY THE EDITOR AT THE PHILADELPHIA EVENING LEDGER NOT LATER THAN 10 O'CLOCK P. M. OF THE PREVIOUS DAY...