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GERMAN CHARGES ALONG RIVER YSER AGAIN REPULSED

Belgian Troops Throw Back Kaiser's Forces Near Ypres-Invaders Advance From Lille in Futile Effort to Pierce Allies' Lines Blocking Road to Dunkirk.

Capture of Several Outer Forts at Verdun Is Announced by Berlin-Paris States French Advance Along the Meuse Has Not Been Checked.

French troops continue to push forward on the Meuse, in the peninsula of Camp des Romaines.

The Belgian army has repulsed German assaults along the Yser River and its lines are intact.

Germans are advancing from Lille in the direction of Armentiers, Fournes and La Bassee.

German warships on Sunday sank the British submarine E-3 and the entire crew was lost, according to a Berlin official announcement.

A German torpedoboat destroyer has been sunk by the Japanese in Kiao-Chau Bay.

Reports of the recapture of Ostend by a land force, aided by the British fleet, are unconfirmed. The British Press Bureau says it is without informa-

Capture of some of the outer forts guarding Verdun is reported officially from Berlin. The statement adds that preparations are being made for assaults on the main fortifications.

Several other forts on the Verdun-Toul line are reported in danger.

The French War Office, however, announces gains along the Meuse and an advance near St. Mihiel.

Desperate fighting has continued along the Poland-East Prussia frontier where the Germans have concentrated on a line from Biala to Thorn and offered desperate resistance to the Russian advance, which appears to have been halted by the enemy entrenched in previously prepared defensive positions in the lakes and woods of the region. German aggression has been confined to a demonstration at Mlawa, across the frontier from Graudenz, a heavily fortified East Prussian position.

The German forward movement against Warsaw apparently has been blocked, though the great army invading Poland has not ceased its endeavors to cross the Vistula. The Petrograd War Office claims that the Austro-Germans have lost very heavily all along the battlefront with a consequent retreat from the Warsaw-Ivangorod front. The principal German activity has been at Ivangorod, where the Russians have succeeded in destroying the enemy's bridging material.

In Galicia the Germans have moved almost to the Polish border, though the main force opposing the Russians is composed of the rejuvenated Austrian armies. Petrograd reports vanguard actions against these south and east of Przemysl and repulse of a determined effort to cross the San.

Przemysl still holds out, according to Berlin and Vienna, and the Czar has lost 40,000 men in the storming and investing of the fortress.

Berlin denies Russian advantages in the East Prussian frontier and

stamps as false reports of the recapture of Lyck. Servians completely quelled the Austrian bombardment of positions along

the Save and Danube and prevented a further attack on Semlin, which is

Japanese forces occupied stations in the Marshall, East and West Caroline and Ladrone groups to protect commerce of the Allies, and for "strategic" purposes, according to a Tokio announcement. The British cruiser Triumph was disabled in the bombardment of Tsing-Tao.

Italy and Austria are at serious odds, London reports, because the latter suspects Italians of burning thedreadnought at Montfalcone. War between the two nations is expected.

OUTER FORTS AT VERDUN FALL, BERLIN ANNOUNCES

BERLIN, Oct. 20. Some of the outlying forts about Verdun have been captured by the Germans and they are preparing for an attack on the main fortifications of the French fortress, according to an official statement issued early today. It states that the German eperations against the Russians and against the Allies in Belgium and France continue to be successful.

The statement follows: After several weeks of desperate resistance our troops have captured some of the forts surrounding Verdun. This opens the way for an attack on the main fortifications and prepara-

tions for this are now being made. in the East the Austrian and the German forces are meeting with continued auccess against the Russians. The enemy has been unable to drive our troops back from the Vistuia River, and south of Przemysi the Austrians are flanking the Russians'

he situation in the West shows little change. The remnant of the

Belgian army is opposing our Antwerp army near the coast. The French and British troops, apparently worn out by their efforts to check our advance, are leaving the burden of the conflict to the Belgians, who are showing great bravery.

The enemy in this theatre of war seems to have exhausted his reinforce-ments and to have weakened his line by extending it in the effort to keep our troops from the coast.

It is frankly admitted by German ofhas interfered with the German of-fereive campaign. The fall of that fortress will release a great force that has been trying to effect its fall for many weeks.

many weeks.

Though the fighting on the western end of the battle front in France has been most spectacular because of its proximity to Paris and the English coast, the grimness of the struggle that has been going on about Verdun has been equaled nowhere. The French have struggled to thrust the Germans back and every where. The French have struggled to thrust the Germans back and every inch they have gained has resulted in severe loss, but the continuous pounding at the French lines is now said to have had its

BELGIANS REPULSE FOE ALONG THE RIVER YSER

PARIS, Oct. 30. The German forces in Beigium are making sharp attacks, but the Belgian army has succeeded in maintaining its line along the River Yser, according to an official statement issued here this afternoon. The Ailies in Belgium are fixhling with the Germans in the region about Ypres, while the Germans are making sharp attacks against the Ailies' left wing from Lille.

The official statement follows: The official statement follows: In Belgium, despite violent attacks,

the Belgian army maintains its posttion on the line of the Yser. Other engagements are taking place in the region of the Ypres.

On our left wing, the Germans contique their strong advances from Lilie in the direction of Armentheres Four-

nes and La Bassee.
On the Meuse the enemy has attempted in vain to repulse that part of our troops which debouched on the

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SILENCED

COUNTRY VILLAGE FOR WEAK MINDED WOMEN IS URGED

Board of Charities Hears Dr. Head of System, Testifying Andrew Carnegie Writes of Mary M. Wolfe Describe Plan, for Which State Has Appropriated \$40,000.

A Pennsylvania village for feeble-minded women was advocated today by Dr. Mary M. Wolfe, who asked the Board of Public Charities for a fund for that purpose. The amount deemed necessary

The board opened the first of its threeday sessions in the Bulletin Building to bear requests from institutions throughout the State for appropriations by the next Legislature.

The question of such a village was

brought up at the last Legislature and \$40,000 was appropriated to buy a tract of land for such an institution. A board of land for such an institution. A board of managers was appointed by Governor Tener, Doctor Wolfe being one of them. Meanwhile she has been asked to act as superintendent of the institution and work for the appropriation for buildings.

A tract of land was purchased near Laurelton, about 18 miles from Lewistown, in Union County. Its location is declared by experts to be ideal for the purpose. Money with which to erect modern buildings is now desired.

Speaking of the proposition Doctor

Wolfe said: "It is well known that feeble-mindedness is hereditary. We want to make a place in Pennsylvania where we car segregate these women between 18 and 15 years of age. When we find a means of reducing child birth among them we will have the key for stamping out idlocy.

We will require a large sum of money to build and equip an institution where weak-minded women may be segregated without being locked up like the dangerus Insane.

"The cost of erecting the buildings yould be greatly lessened because of the large amount of sandstone on the tract purchased. There is enough material to erect the buildings now planned. Another economic feature is that of the water supply. Water will be furnished by two takes in the mountains, high enough to give a good pressure without a pumping

Thirty-three institutions sent representatives to the hearing.

FAILS TO GET DAMAGES IN SUIT AGAINST ZOO

No Violation of Duty in Case of Child Bitten.

Under instructions from Judge Henry, jury in Court of Common Pleas No. 5 day, rendered a verdict in favor of the Zoological Society of Philadelphia in the suit for damages brought on behalf of Evelyn Marie Jones, 5 years old, who, while visiting the Zoo on June 1, 1912 had her left hand and arm bitten by the

quus onager, or wild ass.

At the time of the accident the child ras accompanied by her grandfather, the L. Sechter, who testified that as they were walking along the iron bar en-closure, where the beasts are comined, one of the animals stuck its head part way out and caught the little girl's hand

and wrist grandfathes said the animals snorted and appeared in a victous temper. Sechter struck at the animal's nose with his fist, beating it back between the bars, Little Evelyn's hand was badly lacerated and her arm strained, which injuries equired medical treatment for some

John P. Connelly, resisted the claim for damages on behalf of the society, by contending that the accident was not due to any negligence on behalf of the defendant; nor had it been shown by the defendant; nor had it been shown by the testimony that the animal was victous. Judge Henry ruled that the plaintier failed to establish a claim by showing violation of duty on the part of the

B. & O. EARNINGS **INCREASE RAPIDLY** AS EXPENSES DROP

at Rate Advance Hearing, Says Gross Income for 1914 Was \$100,000,000.

WASHINGTON, Oct. 20.-Daniel Wilgive the Interstate Commerce Commission his opinion that the present revenues of the railroads are not adequate to permit them to keep up their present equipment and allow for necessary im-

"If we give you the 5 per cent. advance," said Commissioner McChord, "will it permit you to do all that?"

'No, sir," replied Mr. Willard, "but it would help considerably." Commissioner McChord said that the

ommission had received petitions and letters from all parts of the country, asking that the roads be given the advance.

"If we give you the advance," said McChord, "will that result in good to the country as well as good to the roads?" "I am not arguing here for the country," oplied Mr. Willard. Mr. Willard introduced testimony to

show that the net operating income of his company was lower than in any year since 1902, excepting the panic was lower by over \$3,000,000 than for In 1902 the Baltimore and Ohio realized

total operating revenue of \$32.584,670. Its net operating income was \$21,573,341. the 12 years, 1902 to 1914, this sys 1914, this system added approximately \$140,000,000 to its property investment, and in 1914 its gross earnings were slightly over \$10,000,000, or about \$35,000,000 mere than in 1902.

DECREASE IN OPERATING COST. Nevertheless, in spite of this increase in property investment of over 37 per cent, and the increase in gross business of 55 per cent, the system's net operating income in 1914 was almost exactly Trust. In another letter Carnegle wrote: \$1,000,000 less than in 1902, before the added investment of \$146,600,000. On its total capital obligations the Bal-timore and Ohio earned 4.12 per cent, in

1911, while on its property investment it curned but 1.54 per cent. Hoth ratios were the lowest of any year in the past 15. Charles A. Conant, of New York,

author of many works on finance, followed Mr. Willard. He dealt mainly with the effect of the European war on railroads of America, and said that war, if it lasts one year, yould cost ap-proximately \$15,000,000,000. This expenditure, he said, would raise rates of in-Concluded on Page Two.



THE WEATHER

For Philadelphia and vioinity-Fair tonight and Wednesday; slightly varmer Wednesday; gentle, variable inds, becoming southerly. For details, see last page.

CZAR OF STEEL WOULD CORNER NAIL OUTPUT

What He Desired as Supreme Power of Indus-

Andrew Carnegie's story of what he lard, president of the Baltimore and would do if he were czar of the steel Ohio Railroad, resumed the stand in the industry as narrated by the laird of 5 per cent, rate advance case today to Skibo 14 years ago in a letter to his partners provided the most interestink feature today of the continuance of the Government's suit to dissolve the "steel trust" in the United States Circuit Court.

"Briefly, if I were czar," wrote Carnegie, "I would make no dividends upon common stock; save all surplus and spend it for a hoop and cotton tie mill. for wire and nail mills, for the tubs mills, for lines of boats upon the laks bring back scrap." The sensational charge also was made

today by Special Assistant to the Attor-ney General John M. Dickinson, that the capitalization of the Steel Corporation is ot less than \$000,000,000 in excess value of properties taken up in the formation of the so-called trust Several other letters written a dozen or

ore years ago by Carnegle to his partners in the Carnegie Steel Company ntained in the Government's brief filed The Czar letter was written July % egie makes it plain that he did not favor pools and combinations with the other large steel companies. Another section the Czar letter reads;

"Concerning my wire upon the situa-tion, let me say that all is coming out just as expected. There is nothing sur-prising; a struggle is inevitable, and it is a question of the survival of the fittest. For many years we have seen that the nanufacturer must sell finished articles. One who attempts to stop half way will SUIT BASED ON LETTERS.

It is mainly upon the contents of this letter that the tlovernment is basing its Berg. demand for the dissolution of the Steel

"I do not favor disturbing the structual steel pool as long as we get present ercentages nor the rail pool if we could btain present percentages, but I do the latter case it is impossible Still another letter contains the follow-

We need to manufacture hoops, cotton We need to manufacture hoops, cotton ties, steel wire, nails, tubes, perhaps other things later as we go on. Whenever we do so we have the big trusts at our merey. Temporary arrangements and understandings may be arrived at then, but we should place little dependence upon them. Our safety lies in being independent and country our managements in our endent and running our business in our

The hearing against the "Steel Trust" is being heard by Judges Woolley, Buftington, Hunt and McPherson.

Seldom in the history of the Federal
Building has a more distinguished assemblage of legal celebrities appeared
there than that which included the men
there than that which included the men
there than that which included the men representing the various companies and defendants who are charged with violat-

defendants who are charged with violating the anti-fruit laws.

For the United Steel Corporation are John G. Johnson, of this city: George A. Reed, of Pittshurgh; Richard A. Lindabur, of New York, and Francis Lyndeabur, of New York, and Francis Lyndeabur, of New York, and Francis Lyndeabur, of New York, and Francis Lynde Stets n. Former Ambassador Joseph D. Choa , who is also representing the steel magnities, is expected to be here before

Attorneys representing the Steel Toust. John D. Rockefeller, his son, Andrew Carnegie, E. H. Gary, George W. Per-

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VILLA IMPRISONS PEACE MEN All Delegates But One Taken Into Custody at Aguascalientes.

LAREDO, Tex., Oct. 29 .- According to a private telegram received here today General Francisco Villa, at the head of 15,000 soldiers, entered Aguascalientes and made prisoners of the delegates attending the national peace convention.

General Antonio Villareal, mentioned as a leading candidate for the Presidency, was the only delegate escaping arrest, the telegram said.

BRITISH SUBMARINE SUNK BY GERMANS IN THE NORTH SEA

E-3 Destroyed by Warship Sunday, According to Official Berlin Report—All of Crew Lost.

BERLIN, Oct. 20. Official announcement was made today tober 18 by German warships in the relieve the gloom felt throughout Ger. asked.

bottom on October 17, was sunk by the it." German torpedoboat S-90 and not by a mine, as first reported.

RECEIVER NAMED FOR BERG & BERG WHEN CREDIT FAILS

Simon Abrahams Is Appointed by Court to Take Over Stores on Market and North Front Streets.

A fear of business depression and inability to obtain credit and loans to the extent desired caused another receiverfor our manufactured articles, and to ship for a local firm in Common Pleas ourt No. 2 today, when Judge Barratt appointed Simon Abrahams receiver for Berg & Berg, a corporation which conducts business at 930-28 Market street and 2312 North Front street.

> The receiver's bond was fixed at \$100.-600, and under the appointment the defendant's business will be continued as a going concern. The action of the court followed the filing of a petition by two stockholders in the concern and an anawer by the firm that it agreed to the establishment of the receivership.

> Greenspan, holder of \$1500 worth of in the corporation, and Abraham Stein-field, who holds \$2000 worth of shares. The president of the corporation is Ben-Berg, and the secretary, Philip

> It was stated that the corporation has ample assets to discharge all liabilities. but that the necessary ready cash to meet pressing claims and forestall suits is not available, owing to the refusal of banks and others to extend credit and make loans in the amount desired by Berg and

> It was also stated that the appointment of a receiver for Berg Brothers has in-directly affected the credit of Beg and Borg although there is no connection be tween the two stores.

> Herg & Berg was incorporated in 1912 there & Herg was incorporated in 1812 and has outstanding capital stock of \$20,000 its assets include dry goods and merchandise worth \$150,000. No further slatement of assets or any amount of liabilities was given to the court. The attorneys declared, however, that the corporation assets are more than according poration assets are more than ample to pay all obligations.

> stitutions, it was deemed prudent to have receiver take charge of the busin and thus forestall any suits or indements for amounts due creditors and to con-

n the business world and financial

Reverly today, when a barge loaded with rock sank in midstream. Three others today on the barge were rescued.

LIQUOR BARRED FOREVER IN THE CZAR'S EMPIRE

LONDON, Oct. 28 - A Petrograd dis atch to the Reuter Agency says heastan temperance society says that decided to prohibit forever in Russia the diovernment sais of al

"I'LL STICK"—VARE; PENROSE DENIES, BUT WON'T BRING SUIT

Senator Accused of Debauching Mayor Reyburn by North American Issues a Statement in Reply.

Downtown Leader Talks of Loyalty to "Republicanism," But Politicians See Glitter of Knife for Candidate's Back.

No action to refute the startling charges of debauching a Philadelphia Mayor, prought against them by the North American, was taken today by United States Senator Boles Penrose, State Senators James P. McNichol and Edwin H. Vare or his brother, Congressman William S. Vare.

E. H. VARE SAYS HE'LL "STICK." "I am a Republican and I will stick." This statement was made today by State Senator Edwin H. Vare at his office in the Lincoln Building when he was asked if he contemplated any action against the North American or reprisal by the German Admiralty that the new against United States Senator Penrose for the charges made in the newspaper and the treachery of Penrose.

"Are you going to take any action North Sea. This announcement helped against the North American?" he was

said it," he replied.

"It was Penrose, then?" 'So they say.'

"Well, will you take action against Penrose? "Of course I wouldn't; but I don't want

to discuss it." "Do you believe he said the things the

North American said he did?"
"I won't discuss that."
"Will your people in South Philadelphia,
believing he said it, throw him over?"
"I won't discuss that."

"You are going to stick, then?" Vare ns asked. "Yes, I am a Republican." Some people are saying this is the time

the leader in this city yourself."
"I am a Republican. I won't discuss
it," said Vare. "If you don't begin a libe! acti copie will think the charges are true." "Well, let them. I won't discuss it."
In political circles the declaration of Vare that he is a Republican and will stick is regarded as merely a political move to prevent charges of "irregular-

the organization politician's most SENATOR PENROSE'S STATEMENT. Senator Penrose this afternoon issued his promised statement. He failed to say whether he would begin criminal

prosecutions. Senator Penrose's state-My attention has been called to an My attention has been called to an article recently appearing in a yellow journal. Just at this time I am busily engaged every day keeping appointments throughout Pennsylvania, and I hardly have the opportunity or leisure to read the newspapers, much less the yellow journals. I did not see the article re-

ferred to until this morning when it was submitted to me. "I am willing to discuss public matters with any one of responsibility and character. I am not willing to get into a controversy with one whose name is a household work for muck-raking and faisehood. He will have to bolster up his failing circulation and endeavor to remethod than recognition from me. He doubtless feels keenly the loss in circulation which he is sustaining by reason of another newspaper trying to get into the muck-raking business which he here-

ofore has pre-empted.
"Mr. E. A. Van Valkenburg claims to have been in possession of information which he failed to announce for several years, and his tack of good faith is best evidenced by his giving it to the public now within a few days of election day. As a matter of fact I had several conversations with Mr. Van Valkenburg and had of course with many thousands others during the Mayoralty campaign of three years ago. Mr. Van Valkenburg expressed admiration for Mr. George H Earle and indicated a willingness to support him probably directly, and, certainly

indirectly.

Mr. Van Valkenburg evidently has gathered together all the ridiculous stories and scanduls to which he has ever lent a willing ear and concentrated them His statement is a malicious, deliberate tissue of lies, involving a dead man and meant to boister his failing newspeople from the real issues of the cam-paign. If he wants to go into the past history of Pennsylvania politics, why been t he begin at an earlier date, taking, for instance, the time when he was indicted by the Grand Jury in Schuylkill

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PANAMA CANAL OPEN

Workmen Make Record in Removing Huge Destruction.

COLON, Panama, Oct. 26.-Forty-eight hours before schedule time the canal workmen achieved another record today by clearing away the debris occasioned by last week's slide and making the Panama waterway again navigable for ships.

MAN CONFESSES ROBBERIES

were drowned in the Muskingum River at Sentenced Ten Months for Burglariz-

ing Two Homes. Judge Little in Quarter Sessions Court today sentenced John Dorsey. 2d and Pune streets, to 10 months in the County Prison after he pleaded guilty to burglarizing the homes of Mrs. George Walker, 2831 North 12th street, and Mrs. Louise Huth, 16th West Indiana avenue. in the Walker house the prisoner stole several articles of lewelry valued at \$250.

A gold watch, a stick pin and \$2 in money were taken from the Huth home. Harry Burns, \$22 Garrett street, was convicted by a bury of entering the store of the Finkel, \$27 South litis street, and stealing clothing valued at \$50 Burns was given one year in the County Prison.