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ZOUAVES DRIVE GERMANS BACK WITH BAYONET

Desperate Charge Clears Wood After Incessant Fighting for Three Days. Allies' Lines Advanced.

Channel Fleet Again in Action Against Invaders' Positions on Coast - Kaiser's Generals Killed in Battle.

In the desperate fighting along the nes in western Flanders the infantry of the two armies is making attacks and counter-attacks, supported by heir artillery, which continues its ceaseless bombardment.

A brilliant charge by French ouaves drove the Germans from their renches in a wood, for the possesion of which both sides had been battling desperately for three days. The German position was taken at the point of the bayonet, and heavy losses were inflicted upon the defenders, who held their ground with logged determination.

This afternoon's official communique issued by the French War Office reported slight gains along the Dixmude-Ypres lines. Near the centre the bombardment of Rheims by the German artillery has been resumed with great vigor. Further east, and especially in the Verdun

field, further progress is announced. In the meantime, the British fleet on the coast has resumed the bombardment of the German lines, which was interrupted when heavy fogs settled down along the Channel, making such operations not only difficult, but dangerous. The German positions in the neighborhood of Nieuport are being shelled vigorously, and one troops train rushing reinforvements along the coast is reported to have been destroyed.

Along the centre of the line the Germans, although outnumbered, are maintaining their positions through the superiority of their artillery. On the Meuse the French report further progress, and have taken a number of

prisoners in the vicinity of St. Mihiel. Marines from the United States cruiser Tennessee, attempting to land at Smyrna, were fired upon by the Turkish forts. The party was escortling Captain Benton C. Decker to ashore to pay his respects to customs cofficials, but was forced to return to 14the warship. Ambassador Morgenthau advised the Tennessee to leave Smyrna at once, and she is now at Chios, in the Aegean. Secretary Daniels confirmed the report of the incident.

The situation in Poland is now more favorable for the Germans than at any time since the retreat from Warsaw. The reorganized German centre is now locked in a great battle with the Russian armies, one on each side of the Vistula. Separation of the Russian forces by the recent German offensive has given a decisive advantage to the Germans and them, he has had the assistance of one one of the civil engineer and one architect, a real pens the way to a new movement against Warsaw.

Servia has sent an envoy to Petrograd to seek reinforcements against the Austrian invasion. The Service rmy has been reduced from 300,000 100,000 and fears are entertained hat the Austrian conquest will open he Kaiser's pathway through the Balkans to Constantinople.

HUNTING COUNTERFEITERS

purious Five and Ten Dollar Notes Appearing in Cities.

WASHINGTON, Nov. 18 -- Counterfelt and \$16 notes, which recently have apeared in several cities, are occupying he attention of secret service men. The new counterfeits are a \$5 silver ertificate, Indian head series of 1890; a 10 sold certificate, 1807 series, and a \$5 te of the National Bank of Commerce of St. Louis. All are photographic coun-terfeits, two well executed and one poor.

WIRELESS TICKER NEXT

After That Peter Cooper Hewitt Promises Telephone to Europe. NEW YORK, Nov. 18.-The inventor of the mercury vapor tamp, Peter Cooper Hewitt, today announced that he would shortly start a wireless ticker system in Hewitt said he had a new vacuum ractir for wireless outfits which ultimately ould make it possible to telephone to



For Philadelphia and vicinityir tenight; Thursday increasing plineas and warmer; light variaed winds becoming anotherby. ofor details, see last page.

"BOBS" BODY AT ASCOT

Ring George to Attend Late Marshal's Funeral. ARCOT, Eng., Nov. 18.

The body of Field Marshal Earl Roberts ached his home here this afternoon. It is understood that King George will attend the funeral services at St. Paul's.

EGG DEALERS INDICTED

Government to Stamp Out Traffic in Products Unfit for Food.

WASHINGTON, Nov. 18.-Eleven indictments have been returned in Trenton. N. J., against dealers engaged in illegal traffic in eggs unfit for food in the campaign of the Department of Agriculture to stamp out the practice of selling "rots and spots.

Beginning with Chicago, which the Department says is the centre of this traf-fic, a crusade will be conducted against the dealers in this class of products.

OBSOLETE ELECTRIC PLANTS OPERATED. EXPERT TESTIFIES

Morse Tells Public Service Commission Systems Used by Philadelphia Company Rank as "Curiosities."

HARRISBURG, Nov. 18 .- The complaint f Morris L. Cooke, Director of Public Works, of Philadelphia, and others against the Philadelphia Electric Company, was resumed by the Public Service Commission this morning in the Senate caucus room on Capitel Hill. George H. Morse, expert witness for the complainants, resumed his testimony.

Mr. Morse testified that he found certain plants of the old Southern and the old Diamond "were so obsolete as to be real curiosities."

He described features of these plants t considerable length.

Mr. Morse quoted figures from the United States census report, whereupon Mr. Pennypacker interrupted him with "Do I understand the United States census report calls these plants obso-ete, or is it your opinion?"

"It is a necessary inference," replied the witness, "as the reports show that such dynamos are out of use." Dean Lewis asked the witness if he made any requests for information that 'I made numerous requests which were

He then told of a list of printed questions which he presented.
"I was told," he continued, "that the company did not deem it proper to give

out such information." The with showing that the true net earnings of the Philadelphia company were \$3,114,797. In arriving at this conclusion the wit ness said due allowance had been made for the increased cost of labor as compared with the cost during the year is

which the plants were being erected and developed.
Frederic W. Fleitz, former Deputy Attorney General, in his cross-examinati tried to show that the experience of Mr. Morse had been mainly confined to the operations of small plants—in other words the Philadelphia Electric Company was too big a proposition for him.

UNDER CROSS FIRE. He also brought out in the cross-examination that Mr. Morse has changed employment a number of times. After taking the witness up to his present place of employment with the steel and iron works, the lawyer asked: "Have you ever had anything to do with the installation of large plants?"

"I have not," was the reply. Mr. Morse testified that in his inspection of the Philadelphia plants, so far as he has been permitted to inspect estate expert in the city employ and an economic expert. The witness refused to say who employed him as an expert and from what source his compensation to name his association at the present time.

CROW'S "OPEN DOOR" POLICY

Republican Chairman Wants Straying Moose Back in Fold.

UNIONTOWN, Pa., Nov. 18.—Republican State Chairman W. E. Crow before a dinner given in his honor last night by the Young Men's Republican Club announced the "open-door" policy of the Organization toward Bull Moosers who strayed from the fold and wished to

"It may be felt," he said, "by those "It may be felt." he said. "by those out of the fold that the doors of the Republican party will be shut upon them. The doors are wide open now, and we invite them to come back home. There is room for all and places for all. I am not so sure that there was not just cause for their desertion in 1912. In some respects the Republican party failed and for that reason there was some usand for that reason there was some jus-tice in the course of those who strayed." Former Sheriff P. A. Johns and several others, who were prominent in the fight for Recesvelt in Fayette County two years ago, were guests. Telegrams of regret from Senator Penrose and Governor-elect Brümbaugh were read. Mr. Crow said "there is certain legislation along moral lines which the peo-ple are much interested in. It is the aim of the Republican leaders to give

the people that legistation along conservatively progressive lines." SALE OF GUNS RESTRICTED

Police Directed to Enforce Law For-

bidding Sale to Minors. Printed posters were sent by Director of Public Safety George D. Porter to all the police stations today calling the attention of the Hautenants to an act of Assembly of June 5, 181, which forbids the sale of all firearms, gunpowder, cartridges and toy cannona to children under the age of it years. The penalty for an infraction of the law is a fine of 1800. Director Forter ordered that the posters he agent to every dealer in firearms are he given to every dealer in firearms in the city. The action was taken because of the number of deaths and wounding of chil-

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COMMUTERS INVITE RAILROAD OFFICIALS

War Operations. TO MASS MEETING

Reading's President Asked Neighbors Against Passenger Rate Increase.

Theodore Voorhees, president of the Philadelphia and Reading Railway Company, and two other officials were invited by letter this morning to attend the mass part of Japan to extend its activities residents from all towns along the main line of the Reading will unite in protest against the proposed passenger fare increase, which the Pennsylvania, Reading and Baltimore and Ohio Railroads plan to put into operation December la

Besides Mr. Veorbees, William M. Mc Cormick, assistant general passenger agent, and C. A. Beach, superintendent of the New York division, were invited. All three are residents of the suburbs near Oak Lane.

The letters announced that the officials, they attended the meeting, might expect to be asked to answer a number of questions regarding the cause of the in-crease, its justification and the necessity for some of the particular changes pro-

posed.

The letters were signed by Edwin M. Abbott, president of the Onk Laine improvement Association, who is arranging the mass-meeting. Yesterday 5000 circulars were sent out inviting citizens from Melrosc. Elkins Park, Jenkintown, Wyncote, Fern Rock, Tabor and other nearby towns to be present and lend their support to the protest campaign. LETTER TO THE OFFICIALS.

The letter sent to the railroad officials reads as follows: Dear Sir: On behalf of the citizens of Oak Lane, Melrose, Elkins Park, Jenio

intown, Wyncote, Fern Rock, Tabor and vicinity, I have been instructed to invite you to attend a mass-meeting to be held at the library in Oak Lane, at the corner of 12th street and Oak lane, on Friday evening, November 20, at o'clock. Most of those who will be present will be your neighbors; some of them your friends,

We desire to have a frank talk with regard to the causes for the increase in railroad fares to our several stations, and for the discontinuance of the 50 and 100 trip tickets, round-trip tickets and the limitation of strip tickets to the purchaser.

We desire to call your attention to the fact that the savings of many years have been invested by your neighbors and friends in their ho That the large communities along your railroad have been built up gradually on a basis of the rates charged in the past. At many times these rates have been changed, and the service reduced. We realize that the railroad is entitled to a fair return. and we do not wish to be unfair, but e also wish to it community has certain which should be respected, and which must be respected. We do not know the object of this universal raise in If it has any ulterior purpose, and the present excitement is

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NATION IS ON EVE OF GREATEST ERA, **DECLARES WILSON**

President Paints Glowing Prosperity Picture on Country's Emancipation From Monopoly.

WASHINGTON, Nov. 18 - In a letter teeming with optimism and addressed to Secretary of the Treasury McAdoo, President Wilson predicts the dawning soon of the long-heralded era of prosperity when all classes will forget animosities of the past and join hands to revivify

the nation's dormant commerce. The occasion for Mr. Wilson's important document was a communication from the Secretary of the Treasury announcing that with the opening of 12 Federal reserve banks. Wall street's control of the nation's business had been smashed.

"A new day has dawned for the beloved country whose lasting prosperity and happiness we so earnestly desire," the President states in conclusion.

With the dawn of the new era of prosperity, Mr. Wilson declares, the problems of railroads will be met and dealt with in a spirit of candor and justice. He calls attention to the question of the credit of railroads caused by doubt concerning their earning capacity, and in view of the recent rate hearings before the Interstate Commerce Commission it was construed by many that the President favored some of the demands made by the transportaion corporations.

Hopes of better times are held out by Mr. Wilson to business and labor. He declared the Democratic party had com-pleted its program of business legislation, placing all capable men on a basis of

equal opportunity.
The Interstate Commerce Commiss a considering the request of the Eastern trunk line railroads that they be permitted to put into effect the full 5 per cen rate advance which was refused by the commission in its recent decision. Circommission in its recent to the counstantial reports current in financial circles here for the last few days have been that the commission was divided on the question and that the request of the railroads was likely to be refused.

Neither at the White House nor the Interstate Commerce Commission could any expression of opinion be obtained on the possible effect of the President's state-

nest on the decision of the comm THE PRESIDENT'S LETTER. THE PRESIDENT'S LETTER.

The President's letter follows:

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JAPAN'S ENVOY LEAVES POST IN TURKISH CAPITAL

Believed Mikado Intends Extending

Nov. 18.-The Japanese Amassarlor left Constantinople last night Turkey's proclamations declaring war igning the Powers of the Triple Entente named only England, France and Rusto Hear Protests of His Ha, and there was no technical action on the part of Turkey which made necessory the departure of the representative

of the Mikado from the Turkish capital. His leaving is undoubtedly on instructions from Tokio rather than as the remeeting at Oak Lane Friday night, when against the enemies of the European Powers with which she has allied her-

NATIONAL GRANGE STRIKES AT BUYING OF SENATE SEATS

Resolution Attacking Corruption of Voters Greeted With Enthusiasm at Wilmington Convention.

WILMINGTON, Del., Nov. 18 -- A resoution declaring that in the recent camnaigns and elections money was improperly used to procure the nomination and election of certain United States Senators, and calling upon the Senate to refuse a seat to anyone who had been elected through the use of corruption funds, was received with enthusiasm by the members of the National Grange, in session n this city and was the subject of much

The resolution was offered late last night by H. Harland, of Idaho. It calls upon Congress to pass a law which would compel a man elected to Congress to make complete statement of his expenditures. The resolution was at once referred, but there is little doubt that it will be passed

later in the session Another important resolution on home economics was adopted. The committee was headed by Mrs. A. F. Hart, of Wyoming. Mrs. Hart was voted an appropriation of \$100 to assist in getting this subject before the public. The report cites that there has been a vast change in methods of living, that the women of the country have become proficient in va-rious branches of business, and that there is necessity for getting home economics down to a scientific basis.

William T. Creasy, of Pennsylvania, addressed the grange in part as fol-

"It is always a good idea first to learn now to run our own business successfully before we try to direct some one else's business, and we have yet a great deal to learn before co-operation can be a complete success. Co-operation can never go until the credits system is abolished and the 'pay as you go' system

s adonted. "In Pennsylvania we believe in paying first attention to the selling end, ing first attention to the selling end, for if we cannot successfully organize to sell it is likely to be a mighty poor job trying to organize to buy. Pennsylvania has a co-operative credit plan wherein individuals combine to pledge their individual credit for purchases of various kinds. The collective pledges are ac-cepted by the banks for loans, and on such loans the farmers are able to buy supplies, machinery, etc. "Pennsylvania patrons are greatly con-

erned in the movement to establish a ational marketing commission which shall work in conjunction with a nations bureau of markets. This is to be composed of 15 farmers and 14 business men and if it succeeds cannot fall to go a long way in eliminating much waste effort be tween the producer and the consumer The grange is operating many successful co-operative enterprises in Pennsylvania, doing hundreds of thousands of dollars

of business per year and usually with a money saving to the patrons. "The grange creamerles are doing good work, the latter being chiefly managed by local and county granges. The Penn-sylvania State Grange has recently started to give life insurance to its members on a local reserve plan, and is already doing good business with \$100,000 surplus." Goods roads, immigration, irrigation and peace are subjects which have been left for discussion by the National Grange during the remainder of its asssion here. It is expected that on this subject the grange will take a firm stand in favor of Government control of the farm credit system, lending money to the farmer no only for the purpose of moving crops, but also for the purpose of making farm improvements. T. E. Atkeson, master of the West Virginia State Grange and for-mor dean of the University of West Virginla, is expected to take a prominent part in this discussion.

GIRL, HELD FOR THEFT, SAYS SHE TOOK POISON BY ERROR

Rhoda Frederickson, Accused of Shoplifting, May Not Recover. Rhoda Frederickson, of 1343 Susquehanna avenue, is in the Woman's Homeo athle Hospital suffering from polsos which she says she took in mistake for

headache powder. It is feared that she will not recover. Last December the Detective Bureau was asked to watch the department stores for two shoplifters who were giving trouble. May Beebe was arrested and held under \$500, which she forfeited Through her the detectives learned that Rhoda Frederickson was her companion Last Saturday they found the latter in apartments on Susquehauna avenue. She was held under \$500 ball for a further hearing this morning before Magistrate Panneck. Last night the woman was found in her room half-conscious. She

was hurried to the hospital. Dose of Liniment Causes Death unconsciousness, remaining most of the time in that state until today, when she

PANAMA CANAL AND OTHER POSSESSIONS WEAKLY PROTECTED

General W. W. Wotherspoon Declares U.S. Army Inadequate for Safety. Need 500,000 Men.

WASHINGTON, Nov. 18.-That the Panama Canal and the foreign possessions of the United States are weakly protected against attack by any first-class military power, because of the present inadequate strength of the army, is the opinion expressed by General W. W. Wotherspoon, thief of staff of the army, in his annual report to the Secretary of War, made public today. General Wotherspoon, recognized as one of the master minds in the country's military affairs, suggests pointedly that it would be impossible to retain our possessions against the operations of any military power unless an army of sufficient size be provided.

Necessity for a mobile force of 500,000 thoroughly trained and equipped fighting men in the first line of the military establishment and the need for a secondary force of 300,000, consisting of a thoroughly rained force of organized militia, is urged in the report. In a scheme to provide such a mobile force, General Wotherspoon declares that the policy to be followed should include the primary plan of using the standing army as a school for training men who would pass into the reserve and eventually constitute the real national military strength. To build up this mobile force, General Wotherspoon declares the size of the regular or standing army should be about 205,000 enlisted men. FIELD FORCE NOW LESS THAN

The report states that on November 15 the latest returns showed the actual strength of the army to be 4574 officers and 88,444 enlisted men. The total strength of field forces is less than 52,-000 enlisted men.

Discussing the distribution of the army, as it affects our foreign possessions, General Wotherspoon says: "That the great waterway of the Panama Canal cannot be protected against the operations of a first-class military power by the present or proposed garrison we contemplate placing there without the power and ability to reinforce it rapidly by troops from the United States, is manifest. That an effective defense against an enterprising enemy in the Philippings could be rade with a de-Philippines could be made with a declency of 33 per cent. of the manning ctalls of the coust defenses of Manila and Subig Bay, and with a mobile force of a little over 7000 American troops, supplemented by less than 6000 Philippine scouts, is manifestly impossible.

we can retain our territory Alaska in its isolated position by placing there a garrison of less than 500 men verges on the ridiculous unless we have ample forces at home to occupy that territory in the very earliest stages of im-

JAMES SPEAR, JR., MARRIES ACTRESS: SURPRISES FRIENDS

Miss Helen Moyer, of "The Follies" Company, Becomes Bride of Head of Stove and Heating Firm.

James Spear, Jr., head of the James Spear Stove and Heating Company, of 1823 Market street, and a former member of the Delaware River Club, married Miss Helen Moyer, an actress, in New York, today.

Mr. Spear was divorced from his first vife two years ago. Mr. Spear went to New York yesterday. The wedding was somewhat in the nature

of a surprise to his friends. Relatives of Mr. Spear, at his home at Wallingford, verified this afternoon the

report that he had been married. They were not sure whether the ceremony took place this morning or last night. Miss Moyer at present is playing in "The Mr. Spear is a son of the late James

Spear, who founded the stove and heating company. He is widely known in Philadelphia club circles. He is a member of the University, Racquet, Markham, Rose Tree Hunt, Philadelphia Country and Penn clubs.
At Mr. Spear's home in Wallingford it

was not known how long he had known Miss Moyer, or where they met. They did not know with which company she had been playing. Miss Moyer played in this city with the company several months ago.

CAMPAIGN COST HIM 4 CENTS Candidate Defeated in Third Jersey

District Files Expense Account. TRENTON: Nov. 18. - Harry M. Shupe, defeated candidate for Congress in the 3d District, today filed his campaign exit showed that he had expended four ents in his affort to go to Washington.

HAD FIFTY GRANDCHILDREN George W. Parker, Who Died at 90, Buried Today.

The funeral of George W. Parker, 20 years old, and until a year age actively engaged as) a carpenter, was held this afternoon from his residence at 1324 Jack-

TEN PERISH IN FLAMES

Inmates and Guards at Florida Re form School Lose Lives in Fire, PENSACOLA, Fla., Nov. 18.-Eight in nates and two guards lost their lives in fire which destroyed the Florida State Reform School, at Marianna.

KILLS KAISER'S CRITIC German Resents Englishman's Un-

complimentary Appellation. CHICAGO, Nov. 18 .- John S. Strouble, an aged German, sat on the edge of his bed early today reading a German newspaper's accounts of the fighting in Flan ders. John Heffron, an Englishman, and Peter Linskey, a Swede, roomers in the same house, dropped in and took chairs.

"The Kaiser is a mutt." said Heffron he ought to be in jail." Strouble drew a revolver from under his pillow and fired twice. Heffron fell over dead and Linskey fled with a bullet in his shoulder. Strouble was arrested.

ORN FUND MOUNTS SLOWLY AS APPEAL IS AGAIN SOUNDED

\$75,000 Available to Stock Second Belgian Mercy Ship Six Days Before Sailing-\$110,000 Required.

With a sureness that spells victory, the Belgian relief fund to stock the Orn. Philadelphia's second food ship for Belgium's starving victims, continues to increase. Though a record of \$5000 a day for the next five days must be made, the committee does not doubt the required \$110,000 will be obtained.

This morning's mail brought numerous amall contributions, some from persons who could ill afford to give their mite, and as the day progressed men received larger sums. The Orn sails next Wednesday on the trip that spells life for many needy women and children in Belgium

If this ship is to carry a full cargo, or 300 tons more than the never-to-be-forgotten Thelma, \$35,000 must be contributed within the next five days. The committee announced that something over \$75,000 has been received, not including this norning's contributions.

Large checks are most needed now to bring the fund up to its necessary figure on time. Time is essential, and, while small contributions go a long way in helping and are just as much appreciated as large ones, a few checks drawn for \$25 to \$5000 would bring joy to those who are devoting their days and nights in order to send the Orn away on schedule

MANY SMALL CONTRIBUTIONS. Early this morning the headquarters in the basement of the Lincoln Building began to grow busy and by 3 o'clock the first day of the \$5000-a-day campaign was well under way.

By noon the fund had swelled to nearly \$1000 more and the results of the afternoon, are being looked forward to with much interest. The largest contributions are usually received in the afternoon and evening, when the men and women in stores and factories are leaving their work.

The Executive Committee faid particular stress upon the fact that though It is necessary to secure the \$35,600 more the American Consul at Smyrna. Horton within five days, money contributions will be accepted up to Wednesday morning's sailing time. It will require but a short time to purchase these supplies and short time to purchase these supplies and put them aboard the Orn. Shipments of food from the farming districts and other distant points, however, should be got-ten to the receyling station not later than Monday or Tuesday morning at the

"Danger! I should say there isn't any danger of our not raising the fund." said one worker as she "credited" a contribution that had come through the mail.
"Philadelphians have too big hearts to
let the mere matter of a few thousand dollars keep the Orn from carrying life and joy into the night of war's devasta-tions." The last in a low tone. Wealthy citizens of the State, hig busiess houses and the churches are being

ooked to for most of the \$35,000 needed. Checks should be made payable to the Philadelphia National Bank, receivers for the relief fund. The Ken sington branch of the Evening Language will receive contributions at Kensington and Lehigh avenues. The employes of Concluded on Page Two

WIDOW WHO GRIEVED FOR HUSBAND ENDS HER LIFE

Mrs. Rose Kuhner Leaves Note Bequeathing Property to Friend. Mrs. Rose Kuhner, a widow, whose hus-band died four weeks ugo, committed sui-cide today by inhaling illuminating gas

the kitchen of her home, 1409 North

lope atreet. Mrs. Kuhner grieved over the death of her husband, Hugo Kuhner, who was well known as an athlete in German sowell known as an athlete in German socioties. Her health was failing and she
was nearly blind. Recently Mrs. Mary
Henry lived with her to assist with the
housekeeping. While Mrs. Henry was
away, Mrs. Kuhner turned on all the gas
jets of the stove, the police say, and lay
face down on top of it, inhaling the
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TRENTON, Nov. 18 - Matthew Snyder, 5 years old, of this city, foreman at the grandshildren. 28 great-grandshildren and two great-grandshildren.

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SHOT AT FLAG FAILS TO STIR U.S. OFFICIALS

Turks, in Firing on Tennessee Marines, May Have Been Giving Friendly Warning, Declares Daniels

WASHINGTON, Nev. 18. at a launch from the cruiser Tennesses, flying the Stars and Stripes in Turkish waters, Administration officials today declared emphatically that there was ne immediate cause for alarm. The fact that the shot had been fired is all that at present is known by the Navy De-partment. Secretary of the Navy Daniels has requested complete information from Captain Benton Decker, of the cruiser in the absence of these particulars the

In the absence of these particulars the United States will "mark time."
The Tennessee is now in the barbor of Chios in the Aegean. It was from there that Captain Decker's preliminary report was received by the Navy Department According to this report the cruiser had sent a launch to Smyrna to pay respects to the customs officials and to investigate conditions there and to determine how much truth was in the report that American interests in Smyrna were in danger and that Europeans in the city danger and that Europeans in the city were in grave danger.

The point which caused more anxiety at the State Department than the plisht of the Tennessee, which admittedly can take care of itself, was the declaration by Captain Decker that Consul Horton was anxious for the safety of the Consulate. This was interpreted to indicate that there was much anti-foreign feeling n Smyrna.

Secretary Daniels reported the matter to President, Wilson and then took up consideration of it with Acting Secretary of State Lansing. The latter at once attempted to get into communication with Ambassador Morgenthau at Constantino-ple so that the Ambassador might take whatever steps may later be deemed The report from Captain Decker, according to the information reaching Sec-retary Daniels, said that "his boat" had been fired on. At first this was inter-

preted as meaning the cruiser Tennesses herself. The Tennessee left at once for Chios upon urgent advice of Ambassador Morgenthau, it is said. Secretary Daniels, in discussing the natter, said: "The information we have at the present time is indefinite. That a shot was

fired is all that we know. Whether it was fired with hostile intent or as a warning is yet to be explained by Capwarning is yet to be explained by Cap-tain Decker.

"Smyrna is now a closed port. The pre-sumption is that it is mined. The land forts may have fired a shot either to prevent the launch-or even possibly the Tennessee itself-from entering the harbor or from running on a mine field. I hope that this may be the case. But in any event we cannot take any steps in the matter until we have the official facts

before us."
President Wilson anxiously awaited all nformation on the subject. He directed that all reports received be sent directly to him. Incidentally it was learned that he expressed confidence that the occurrence would not become an international

incident. A report received here by way of Montreal that Ambassador Morgenthau had demanded his passports was char acterized at both the State Department and at the White House as absurd.

Acting Secretary of State Lansing ex-plained that he had been out of touch with Constantinople for two days. This is due to the interruption of certain direct cable communications and also to the fact messages have to pass through the territory of belligerents. And so far as direct communication with Smyrna is concerned the Secretary said that all word from and to Asia Minor took from two to five The State Department is trying to get

into communication with George with Leland B. Morris and James B. Wilkinson, is in charge of American interests there, but no direct word has been re-ceived from him for some days. Reports that the Tennessee and North Carolina might be immediately recalled from European waters in order to avoid another "Maine disaster" were widely circulated after the report was confirmed of the firing of the shot. But Becretary Daniels and other navy officials would not discuss that phase of the matter

We sent those vessels to Turkey with funds for the relief of Americans who were unable to get money in Turkey after the outbreak of the European war." said the Secretary. "Since then we have kept them there to afford whatever asistance and relief they could to Americans in the war sone. Our future action remains to be determined.

MANY PHILADELPHIANS IN TENNESSEE CREW

U. S. Cruiser, at Smyrns, Was Built Here.

Among the 850 men of the crew of the ruiser Tennessee are many sailors and parines from Philadelphia and their relative and friends in this city are con-cerned over their safety in the light of the report of the hostile attitude of the Turks in the waters where the ship is ow stationed

The orulest was last at the League Island Navy Yard in the spring of this year. On May I she was ordered to New York, and on August 8 left Tompkinsvills, Staten Island, bound for European waters. Captain Decker, of the Tennesses, pure of at the Naval War College at Newport as executive officer of the battleship Vir-

old G. Bowan; Heutenants, Junior grade, John H. Hoover, Homer H. Norton, Rich-ard F. Bernard, James L. Oswald and Wilhur J. Carver; ensign, Valentine B. Bieg; passed assistant surgeon, Benies the kitchen door. Sells in trying to drag the woman from the house was overcome by gas and Hepding rescued him and Mrs. Kuhner. Bolls recovered before the arrival of the patrol wagon. At St. Mary's chief boatswain, Edwin Murphy; gunar, than an hour to restore the life of the woman. Mrs. Kuhner left a letter written in German, in which she bequeathed all her Charles E. Sandgran.

The armoved cruins: Tennames was built in Philadelphia. Her keel west laid in 1904, and the completed result was turned over to the United States Government two years later. The warship coat about \$6.000.000.