

KAISER'S HEAVY GUNS SMASHED BY FRENCH FIRE

Three Batteries Put Out of Action in Battle Near La Bassee—German Trenches Captured.

Berlin Admits Allies Have Made "Insignificant Advances," But Reports Capture of Important Position in Argonne.

Furious fighting south of Ypres, in which both artillery and infantry have been engaged, is reported in this afternoon's official communiqué of the French War Office. Near La Bassee three German batteries of heavy artillery were put out of action by the French guns, and in the same district the Allies took several German trenches by hand-to-hand fighting.

At St. Eloi, nearer Ypres, a vigorous German attack to regain lost trenches was repulsed. At other points along the line the artillery fire continues, particularly on the lines north of Rheims. In the Argonne a German infantry attack has been repulsed and a counter drive has resulted in the capture of a German trench.

Berlin admits "insignificant" advances by the Allies on the western front, but declares that the Württembergers have captured a strong position in the Argonne.

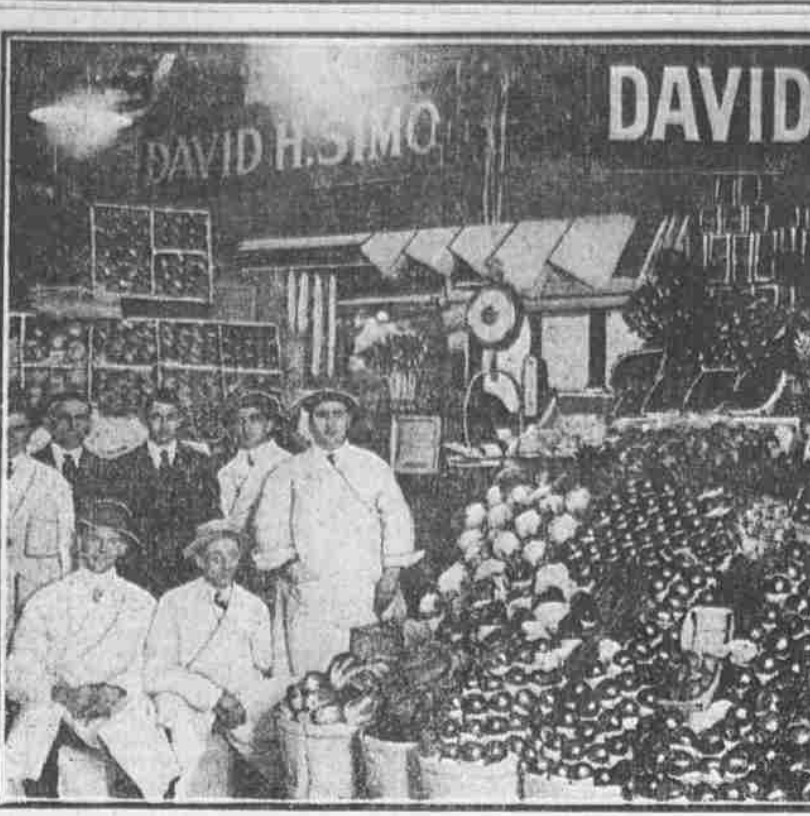
The advance of the French right wing toward Metz by way of Arnville, which place was reported under bombardment a week ago, is now proceeding under the personal command of General Joffre, the French Commander-in-Chief, according to Paris dispatches. It is believed to be Joffre's intention to drive a wedge into the German lines at this point, thus relieving the pressure against Verdun and at the same time threatening the line of communication of the Crown Prince's army.

Inch-by-inch fighting characterizes operations in Poland, where the Germans, cut off at Lodz and Lwow, have succeeded in breaking through the Czar's steel ring which enveloped them earlier in the week. Admission is made in Berlin of reports that the Kaiser's forces had been trapped, but extrication is now claimed. Unofficial advices from Petrograd state that the Russians have recaptured Plock, on the Vistula, 60 miles northwest of Warsaw, from which they were driven in Hindenburg's second advance. If confirmed, this report means that the Czar again is pressing toward the German frontier. Berlin advices contradict the enemy's statement of vast successes in Poland.

The drive on Cracow continues, with constant Russian success against the Austrians. Sallying out from beleaguered Przemyśl, the garrison delivered a telling blow on the Russian besiegers, and this is according to Vienna, which also reports continued resistance to the Russian advance in the Carpathians and the capture of 19,000 prisoners and many guns in recent operations.

Petrograd, however, asserts that the Russians occupy all the passes of the mountain range and that bands of Cossacks are making incursions into the plains of Hungary. Turkish brigands have invaded Serbia in the first decided move of the Serbian war. Serb soldiers, who were riding a railroad, were annihilated. Russian warships have routed the Greek fleet in the Aegean Sea. Russian troops also have led the Saghauigh Mountains.

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TERMINAL MARKET HAS GOOD THINGS ON VIEW
The second annual food exposition opened today in the market at the Reading Terminal and shining stalls are replete with colorful displays of meats, vegetables, flowers and everything pleasing to the holiday palate.



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VALPARAISO MOB ATTACKS GERMAN CONSUL'S OFFICE

Troops Called Out to Quell Riot in Chilean City—Sev- eral Persons Wounded in Fighting.

SANTIAGO, Chile, Dec. 2.—Anti-German riots are reported in Valparaiso today. Crowds of natives, the streets and stoned the German Consulate and other buildings. Troops were called out and several persons were wounded before order was restored. The demonstration followed the raising of tariffs on the tramway lines in Valparaiso, which are owned by German interests. This action, added to the charges of the violation of Chile's neutrality by German warships, recently raised the people to highest pitch. Cars were stoned and partly wrecked. All German buildings in the city, including the bank and consulate, were attacked. When the troops arrived several shots were fired into the air, but the crowds refused to disperse and continued to fire into the crowd and several were wounded. The alleged violation of Chile's neutrality has caused intense feeling throughout the country. An invitation is now being made of reports that the Germans have established a naval base on the Juan Fernandez Islands. Ships have also been seized by the Germans within Chilean waters. It is asserted. The Government found it impossible to prevent violation of the neutrality laws by German steamships. Several took cargoes of supplies and provisions on board in Chilean harbors and then returned, evidently intending to trans-ship to the war vessels in the Pacific.

MONSIGNOR C. E. KAVANAGH RESIGNS AS CHANCELLOR

Prelate Suddenly Surrenders Office
Assumed in 1911.
The Right Rev. Monsignor Charles F. Kavanagh, recently appointed Chancellor of the Archdiocese of Philadelphia by Archbishop Wood, has resigned. Announcement of his retirement was made today. The ex-Chancellor was well known in this city as secretary of the Archdiocese and upon the death of the latter was selected to take the post of Chancellor, assuming the new position in 1911. This Monsignor has been in this city and educated in the St. Francis Xavier's School, located at 24th and Green streets, later graduating from the Seminary of St. Charles, Baltimore, in 1890. After being ordained in 1897, Father Kavanagh was located in Minersville, but was soon called to the Church of the Holy Family, Manayunk, retaining this post until called to the Church of St. Francis Xavier. He obtained the rank of prelate in 1912, this bringing him the title of "Monsignor." Monsignor Kavanagh is out of the city on a vacation trip, and it was announced at the archbishop's residence this afternoon that he would doubtless be appointed to a charge in the Archdiocese of Philadelphia. The Rev. W. J. Walsh, secretary to Archbishop Prendergast, is now acting chancellor. The probabilities are that he will be selected for the high office. He is one of the most popular priests in the city.

SAVES BOY FROM LIVE WIRE

Youthful Hero Frees Friend From
Powerful Electric Current.
MANASQUAN, N. J., Dec. 2.—After Andrew Jackson, a friend, had playfully seized hold of a wire through which a powerful electric current was passing, Walter Durand, 17 years old, son of Frank Durand, a prominent lawyer, with offices in Asbury Park, unthinkingly of his own danger, caught the boy and pulled him from the wire which he was powerless to release. A number of boys, knowing that the wire was charged, had been playing with it during the night. Jackson, not believing that it was heavily charged, seized it with his hands. Instantly his body became rigid and he swung backward. Durand caught him by the shoulders and pulled him from the wire. Both boys were slightly shocked, but neither felt any bad effects from the experience. The wire was attached to a chain by which the light in the center of the business section is lowered and raised.

ONLY 12 DAYS LEFT

Remains of today, there are only 12 shopping days until Christmas. Do your shopping early.

COOKE'S ELECTRIC CHARGES NOT MADE CLEAR AT HEARING

Public Service Commission Unimpressed by Accusa- tions Against Philadelphia Electric Rates.

HARRISBURG, Pa., Dec. 2.—Explanation of rates charged for power and light as shown on charts, took up the morning at the continued hearing today of Director Cooke's charges against the Philadelphia Electric Company before the Pennsylvania Public Service Commission. Director Cooke was not present and his attorneys, William Draper Lewis and Harold Evans, recalled Judson C. Dickerman, chief of the Bureau of Gas of Philadelphia, to explain the rate charges. The expert took up his testimony where he left off two weeks ago and went into details in explaining the rates for power and light. The answers given to Attorney Evans' questions did not make clear the charges of Director Cooke that the rates are unfair or unreasonable, or that the service of this company was inadequate.

The expert, while showing from the various schedules that rates decreased as the consumption of electricity increased, brought out the inequalities of the charges. He showed how under different classifications consumers who used the same amount of power paid different rates. It was brought out that a theatre using the same amount of electricity as a small factory paid a higher rate, but that the factory's consumption was not uniform to a certain point the theatre would get the advantage under another schedule of a lower rate.

The Philadelphia Electric Company rates on record, however, will form a basis for comparison when later the complainants produce figures of rates from other cities. For the electric company there were present today Joseph B. McCall, president; Walter H. Johnson and Captain W. C. L. Estlin, vice presidents; A. H. Manning, engineer of lights; A. V. R. Coe, secretary. The counsel for the company included Frederick C. Fleitz, former deputy attorney general; R. M. Anderson, Frank Baker and Morris Beckins.

The purpose of the testimony of the expert showed the rates depended upon the amount of electricity used, the schedules of rates falling as the amount used by the consumer increased. After two hours of this kind of testimony, during which Commissioners Brecht, Tene and Johnson, who are hearing the case, quietly listened, Commissioner Johnson broke in with:

"This is not very clear and I have not yet discovered what it is all about."

DOON FACES MAGISTRATE

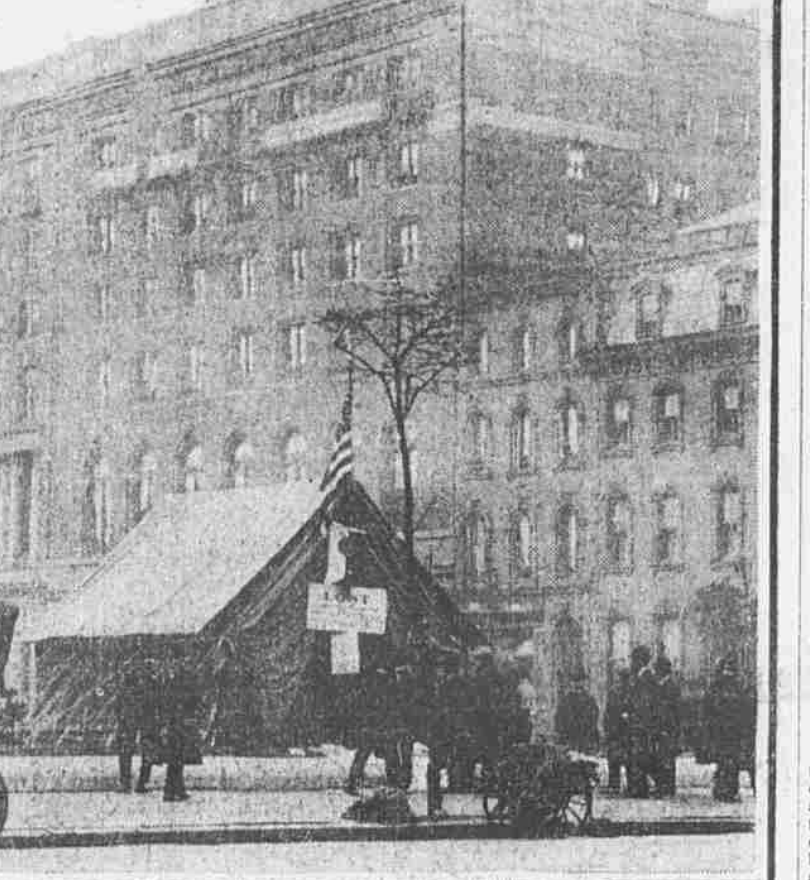
Former Phillies' Manager Freed With
Labor Leader on Speed Charge.
Charles Doon, former manager of the Phillies, and Frank Peeney, head of the Elevator Constructors in the American Federation of Labor, were brought before Magistrate MacFarland this morning, each charged with exceeding the automobile speed limits in the city. They were arrested by Traffic Officer Hutton at 4th and Walnut streets and both were released this morning after they had convinced the magistrate that Hutton had erred in his calculations. Doon, who is now on vaudeville circuit, was arrested on November 27. Hutton declared that he was running along Walnut street at 30 miles an hour. Peeney was arrested several days earlier during the convention of Labor here while driving with a number of delegates.

MUMMER CHOOSES "13"

Head of Kueker's String Band Says
Number Will Do.
Thirteen—the number—was turned down today at City Hall by the president of the "13 Should Worry Club." He is Jesse H. Munster, of 522 Locust street, and he was the 13th man to apply for a permit for the Mummers' parade, to be held on New Year's eve. Paul Schneider, of 320 North 3d street, captain of Kueker's String Band, came along a few minutes after Munster had balked at 13 and decided the number might bring good luck to his attraction. "It's all in the way you look at it," said Schneider. "I'm just as superstitious as anybody, but I guess what it works backwards. Thirteen will do me."

Four of Family Die in Fire

WILMINGTON, N. C., Dec. 2.—Miss Hannah McNeill, 31 years old, her two brothers and a sister, children of Mr. and Mrs. A. P. McNeill, of Delaware, a suburb of Wilmington, were burned to death today when a fire destroyed their home.



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BOY SCOUT FUND REACHES \$25,000 MARK IN 36 HOURS

More Than One Half of \$50,000 Fund Already Collected—Push Cam- paign With New Vigor.

PROGRESS OF \$50,000
CAMPAIGN FOR BOY SCOUTS
Amount reported first day, \$12,657.25.
Amount reported today, \$13,210.75.
Total collection to date, \$25,868.00.
Total amount needed to complete fund, \$24,131.99.
Total length of campaign three days.
Total time consumed in work upon which reports have been made, one and one-half days.
Time remaining to complete fund, one and one-half days.
Length of working day for Scout teams, 15 hours.
Averages total of collections needed per hour during remaining 27 working hours in which fund must be obtained, \$93.77.
Average total collections needed per minute to complete fund within time designated, about \$1.59.

GIMBEL TEAM LEADS

Billie Gimbel retains the present given to the captain of the team with its highest collection for each day. The total collection of his team was \$200. The second highest was Marshall C. Morris, with a total of \$180. Tomorrow the teams will make a whirlwind tour of the city in automobiles, and it is expected that the \$50,000 will be completed before midnight. Thousands of letters were sent out today to prominent women throughout the city. It was announced that many of the large contributions have come from women. Five

ROTAN SAYS HE WILL RID CITY OF "REDDY JAKE"

Six Detectives Are Hunting for the "Bad Man of the Tenderloin" at District At- torney's Request.

"Reddy Jake" Melnichoff, notorious bad man of the Tenderloin, is being sought by six detectives detailed to round him up by Lieutenant of Detectives Wood at the instance of District Attorney Rotan. The District Attorney said today that he will ask the court to give Melnichoff the full limit of the law on several suspended sentences. Melnichoff left Philadelphia nearly a year ago after serving several months of the 18 months' sentence meted out of him for stabbing Charles Ederle, a saloonkeeper. The man gained his liberty by promising District Attorney Rotan never to return to this city. A short time ago Melnichoff broke his promise and returned to his old haunts. Later he went before Judge Barratt with his attorney, State Senator Samuel Salus. The latter applied for permission for Melnichoff to stay in the city. Judge Barratt held that the banishment was illegal and dismissed the man.

Sunday morning last Melnichoff is said to have indulged in another outburst. This time his victim was a man named Jack Hanton, who is said to have declared his intention not to prosecute. "We're sick and tired of Melnichoff," said District Attorney Rotan today, "and I'm going to use every possible effort to halt his career once and for all. I have asked the detective bureau to bring him in and prosecution will be started against him at once on any case."

The District Attorney asserted that his reason for not going after Melnichoff on the other cases after he broke his promise by returning to this city was because the man was "behaving himself." Melnichoff will probably be required to serve the remaining nine months of the sentence by returning to this city or he will be prosecuted on other cases.

SHOOTING VICTIM DYING

Morris G. Condon, president of H. B. Underwood & Co. manufacturers, who was shot in his room at the Adelphi Hotel a week ago, is said to be dying at the Jefferson Hospital. Physicians admit that his condition is more critical than at any time since he was admitted to the institution.

MAYOR LABELS FOOD EXPOSITION AS BLOW AT HIGH LIVING COST

Dealers' "Strive-to-Pleasure" Plan Is Marked at Open- ing of Second Annual Show in Terminal Market.

An attempt to reduce the cost of living is the underlying keynote to the second annual Food Exposition which opened this afternoon in the Reading Terminal Market, in the opinion of Mayor Blankenburg, who delivered the opening address.

This opinion was shared by John Wamaker, William T. Tilden, president of the Union League, and Theodore Voorhees, president of the Philadelphia and Reading Railway, all of whom endorsed the efforts of the market men in their purpose. They addressed the several hundred persons who gathered on Avenue B, opposite Aisle 10, at 2 o'clock this afternoon, to witness the official opening of the exposition. It is this striking feature which attracts most attention among those who have come to "look and learn." The dealers are seeking to please and each realizes that the road to this goal is traveled most easily by cleanliness, the selling of the best products at non-prohibitive figures and the providing of quick delivery for goods.

MR. MARGERUM'S ATTITUDE.
Prominent among those who have led the "strive-to-please" movement is William B. Margerum, a dealer in meats, whose name has long personified the reliable among housewives of this city. "Our whole idea," said Mr. Margerum, "is to bring the customers into a closer relationship with the dealers in this market. There are many persons who trade here by telephoning orders; they have no idea as to the conditions or as to how we are working to give them satisfaction, and we want to have these people come and see for themselves just what we are doing."

"One of the most promising movements which has been started is the free delivery of goods by automobiles from the Terminal Market. There are five of these delivery wagons already and we are now delivering at the doors of suburban homes along the Main Line of the Pennsylvania Railroad as far out as Villanova, and along the Media branch as far as Media, while along the Philadelphia, Baltimore and Washington branch delivery is made as far as Hildes Park. In the city we are delivering in West Philadelphia and as soon as possible will extend the service to other sections of the city. The best part of it all is that customers appreciate it. One woman called up today and left orders that we deliver to her in the future except by the automobile service. It makes an extra expense to us worth while when we know that our patrons realize that we are striving to please them."

UNCLE DUDLEY ALWAYS READY.
Another dealer whose attitude represents the "strive-to-please" phase of the Reading Terminal Market is Watson Dudley, "Uncle Dudley," as he is called by every one who frequents the market, did not have to make any preparations for the exposition—his produce is always on direct parade. There are neat banks of vegetables. The leaves of each cauliflower are trimmed, each bunch of celery is compactly tied together and attractive baskets of tomatoes, each carefully cleaned, are displayed to the best advantage. In short, "Uncle Dudley's" permanent exhibit is so appealing.

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"The Open Game"

In all its intricate phases, will be discussed in tomorrow's issue of the Evening Ledger by one of the gridiron's deepest students, William S. Langford who had official charge of the Army-Navy game and who has been acting in that capacity in all the leading collegiate contests for the past decade. This

Famous Football Referee

has, by virtue of his position on the field, been able to analyze the plays and methods of the country's best coaches. He is, therefore, well qualified to tell the readers of the Evening Ledger just wherein lie the advantages and defects of football as it is played in America today.

COUNCILMEN LEND DEAF EAR TO CALL OF BETTER HOUSING

Seger and Connelly Con- temptuously Refuse to In- dorse Movement for Im- provements in Homes of Poor.

The widespread appeal of the poor for sanitary homes, it was pointed out today by the who heard the remarks of Common Councilman John P. Connelly, chairman of the Committee of Finance, yesterday at a meeting of that body, will be absolutely in vain.

Common Councilman Connelly is known as the mouthpiece of the Republican Organization. Keen observers of housing conditions and those interested in the movement to eliminate the "Siberian cells," "living graves," "tenement caves," "cellar rooms," "living tombs," "garret sleeping rooms" and "back chambers" are of the opinion that many of the Councilmen will be guided by what Connelly said.

In a carefully worded statement before the Joint Committee on Finance of Councils yesterday Mr. Connelly said in part: "Before taking up the work of considering the annual budget, it is only fair to state that a resolution has been adopted by the Finance Committee, and the chairman has been instructed to make an announcement of the city budget, making the annual appropriations for 1915 there will be no salary increases anywhere, no new places created, nor an adjustment of any of the places, except where it is felt to be absolutely in vain."

CONNELLY NON-COMMITAL.
"Are you in favor of voting for the appropriations for the new division of housing and sanitation?" Mr. Connelly was asked later.

"I have nothing to say," he replied. "Are you in favor of the present housing conditions?"

"I refuse to answer," said the Councilman.

"What is your attitude toward the new act passed by the Legislature?"

"I have nothing to say," was Mr. Connelly's answer.

Mr. Connelly, before leaving the City Hall, said that nothing will be done until Director Harter, of the Department of Health and Charities, makes his appropriations known to Councils upon his return from Jacksonville, Fla. Director Harter is expected to return soon.

Among the members of Council's Subcommittee on Finance is Dr. Thomas Morton, who is a dual officeholder. Besides being a coroner's physician he is a Common Councilman. He will have a voice and vote on the appropriation with which to conduct a department that is to maintain a strict watch on the owners of "tenement dens."

Since the movement for the betterment of housing conditions in the congested quarters of the city began, not only the physicians have pointed out the effects of the tenement-house evil.

Recently Dr. Ross V. Patterson, sub-dean of the Jefferson Medical College, said that the mother, as well as the unborn child, was greatly effected through filthy conditions.

Doctor Morton's attention was also called to the unsanitary conditions which exist in Philadelphia's tenements. Doctor Morton expressed the opinion that the present act was somewhat too drastic and that the city should be more lenient toward the owners of the tenements.

He thought that the present act should be modified.

SEGER STILL EXAMPAT.
Select Councilman Charles Seger, of the 7th Ward, in which hundreds of "cellar rooms" are located, and who already has expressed himself as being against any change of the present law, was asked whether he had changed his views yesterday.

"I have nothing to say," he said as he entered the chamber of Councils.

"Have you changed your views?"

"I won't say a word to you, because

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SCHWAB AT CAPITAL TO EXPLAIN WAR CONTRACTS

Confers With Bryan About Furnish- ing Steel for British Warships.

WASHINGTON, Dec. 2.—Charles M. Schwab, president of the Bethlehem Steel Company, appeared at the State Department today to explain to Secretary Bryan and Counselor Lansing the extent and character of the contracts he is said to have closed with the British Government for furnishing steel products for use in the construction of warships. The contracts are said to run into millions of dollars.

The State Department feared that the fulfillment of the contracts by the firm would be a direct violation of neutrality. The furnishing of ships or parts of ships, under the international law, could be considered as an act of war. Austria as an unfriendly act for the purpose of determining just what the Pennsylvania mills proposed turning out that steel.

The steel magnate was accompanied by a small bodyguard of lawyers. The conference was held behind closed doors.