# KARLSRUHE IS RIPPED BY **BRITISH FIRE BUT ESCAPES**

German Cruiser Gives Battle to the Glasgow off Brazilian Coast, Says Report, and is Badly Damaged-Admiralty Has No News of Reported Fight.

Colliers Captured by Admiral Sturdee's Fleet and Reports Indicate Wrecking of Converted Cruisers Prinz Eitel Friederich and Kronprinz Wilhelm-Berlin Admits Losses Off Falkland Islands.

LONDON, Dec. 12. The German cruiser Karlsruhe has been in battle with the British warship Glasgow off the coast of Brazil and has been damaged, but managed to escape, says a dispatch received here today from Rio

It is stated by the Admiralty that no official report of such a battle has been received, but the news also comes in a message from Buenos Aires, which says that "part of the Kurlsruhe's stern was shot away by the Glasgow's six-inch

Attaches of the Admiralty expressed full confidence today that the Karlsruhe, as well as the converted cruisers Prinz Eitel Friedrich and Kronpring Wilhelm.

would soon "be accounted for." The colliers captured by Sir Fredrick sturdee's fleet off the Fulkland Islands are believed to have supplied these fast Garman vessels with coal, as well as those which were sunk, and it is thought that the Karlaruhe, Prinz Eitel Friederich and Kronprinz Wilhelm will be un-

and and aconprine whitem whi so the able to get supplies any more for an extended period.

The Admiralty today refused to confirm or deny the German reports from Buenos Aires concerning the battle fought off the Falkland Islands.

The statement that the fleet of Vice Admiral Six Productive Stundes included.

Admiral Sir Frederick Sturdee included the home fleet was received without con

ment. There was neither confirmation Concluded on Page Four

THE WEATHER



Well, old Sol couldn't stand it any langer, could he? He just had to come out and ase what was going on. There is a sneaking suspicion about that he refused to stand for that shabby treatmant he received yesterday afternoon No
mand of much comment on those Stygism
black p. m. hours. Weather phenomena.

It is possible that the Comment of the Dardanelles today. It is believed
that the mine was placed there by a Britlish ship. say the least, are rather general in eir application. But that things were t as they should be was obvious, even if the furniture was not, and barked shins were the order of the day as a consequence. Be that as it may, today is another day and the full week of unis another day and the full week of unmentionable weather is gone and already
forgotten. For this is the optimistic time
of year and most folks' thoughts are on
the coming joyous season. There is not
much time at present to mope over the
past performaneas of weather or anything else, for that matter, with paterfamilias' elgars to be bought, not to
mention gifts for his proverbial "sisters
and his cousins and his aunts." Yes, it's
clear at last, but It was about time.

FORECAST

For Philadelphia and vicinity-Fair tonight; Sunday cloudy and unsettled; not much change in temperature; moderate west winds. For details, see page 2.

Observations at Philadelphia



MESTY PERSON WHAT REDT INLAND

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#### OFFICIAL BULLETINS

The enemy has been compelled to evacuate the western bank of the Yser Canal to the north of the house of the ferryman. We are occupying that bank.

In the region of Arras there are artillery conflicts. In the region of Naupeel our batteries have silenced the batteries of the enemy.

In the region of the Aisne our heavy artillery has silenced the German field artillery. One of their batteries of howitzers has been completely destroyed.

To the northeast of Vailly, in the region of Perties, and in that of the forest of Grurie there have been artillery duels and some infantry engagements which have turned to our advantage.

advantage.
On the heights of the Meuse, the enemy's artillery has been less active. On the contrary that of our troops has destroyed at Deux-Nouds (to the west of Vigneulies-Les-Hattenchatel) two of the enemy's batteries, one heavy calibre, the other used for fir-

ing upon aviators.

In the Samme region we have blown up a blockhouse and destroyed

several trenches.

Retween the Meuse and the Moselle there is nothing to report.

In the Vosges there are artillery combats. In the region of Senones we have strengthened the positions

taken the day before. in Russia in the region of Miawa the violent attacks of the Germans have been repulsed. The Russians have retaken the offensive against the columns of the enemy withdrawing in ilsorder.

In the region to the north of Lowicz In the region to the horth of Lowicz the sanguinary attacks of the Germans have likewise been repulsed overywhere with great losses for them. In the region of the south of Cracow the Russian offensive continues satisfied. factory, despite obstinate resistance. In Servia the armies which had reached the Kolubara River have crossed that stream, between Valjevo, which they have captured, and the confluent of the Lig. To the north they have occupied Lezarevatz. The number of prisoners that they have taken in the course of the latest bat-tles has reached the neighborhood of 15,000.

RUSSIAN

In the direction of Miawa the Germans on December 10 kept up a strong offensive throughout the day and night, but we succeeded in repulsing them.

In the region to the north of Lowles the enemy made some fierce attacks on the night of December 9-10 and throughout the whole of the following day. We repulsed these attacks and inflicted enormous losses on the Ger-

we rapelled in all seven attacks, during which son. Our units permitted the enemy to approach very near, and then put them to flight with a murderous fire.

In the region to the south of Cracow, on December 10, we were still continuing our offensive with success, in spite of the stubborn resistance offered by the Germans.

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The battles in the vicinity of Lowicz.

This battles in the vicinity of Lowicz, to the northeast of Lodz, have gained added significance. If the Germans succeed in breaking through here the positions of the Russians behind Mizaga will be untenable.

The report from South Poland does not mention the place where the Austro-German attacks on the Russians have been resumed, but it probably is at a point to the south of Plotrkow.

### TURKISH GUNBOAT SUNK; BATTLE ON IN DARDANELLES

Allies' Fleet Reported in Action at Entrance to Straits - Turks Bombard Batum.

CONSTANTINOPLE, Dec. 12. A Turkish gunboat was sunk when it struck a submarine mine at the entrance

It is possible that the Ottoman vessel was sunk by one of the Allies' warships. which, according to dispatches, have begun an assault on the defending forts in order to force a passage through the Dardanelles into the Black Sea.

It is officially announced that the Turkish fleet, on Thursday, bombarded the Russian port of Batum on the Black Sea coast. One hundred Russians in the forts there were killed and a large number wounded. Batum, is a town of about \$5,000 in-habitants and is strongly fortified. It was caded to Russia by Turkey in 1878.

An attack on the Dardanelles by the British and French fleet is reported here today. The bombardment of the Allies' warships was without success, it is otated.

## KAISER BACK AT FRONT

Majesty's personal physician today informed this correspondent that the royal STRIKERS WANT TO RUN MINES patient was greatly improved and would be able to return to the front within a

Series of the days.

Jutorinalism as to the Kalser's comittion was gained through Surgeon Ganaral von Niedner, his Majesty a personal
physicism at the Bellsvus malace in the
Tier-Garten, where the Kalser is now.
The surgeon general was on his way
to altered the Kalser when he was asked
if he would not tail the nature of the
Kalser's litpuss and his condition. He
replied there was absolutely no ground
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#### WHOSE BOY IS THIS?



"I was with mama, but I don't know where she is now," is the only explanation this 4-year-old youngster, with blue eyes and curly hair, can give of himself. He has been at the rooms of the Children's Aid Society, at 415 South 15th street, since last Tuesday, having been found wandering around the corner of Ninth and Market streets in absorption over the Christmas toys in the windows. All attempts to learn his name or where he lives have been vain. He speaks in a German treble.

### **VOTE ON SUFFRAGE** AND PROHIBITION CERTAIN IN HOUSE

for General Debate be Both Important Issues Before Christmas Recess.

WASHINGTON, Dec. 12.-The House of Representative must vote on national I want to get the address of Santa Claus mission completed its decision on the proprohibition and woman suffrage. These and tell him to send me some toys," an- posed passenger increase planned by the questions will come up December 22 Without a dissenting vote a rule was voted today by the House Rules Committee providing eight hours' general debate on the Hobson resolution for a national prohibition amendment.

By g 4 to 3 vote another rule was voted for six hours' general debate on the Mondell equal suffrage amendment resolution immediately after the Hobson

resolution is disposed of. Republicans with the aid of Representative Poster, of Illinois, forced the woman suffrage rule. Representatives Campbell, of Kansas; Lenroot, of Wisconsin

and Kelly, of Pennsylvania, voted with Foster. Voting against the suffrage rule were Chairmen Henry, of Texas: Cantrill, of Kentucky, and Pou, of North Carolina, Democrats, while their colleague, Goldfogie, of New York, declined to vote. Debate on the Hobson measure will

open to amendment. Chances of an extended Christman re- futile. cass vanished with the Rules Committee's action, for it was decided that a holiday vacation of not more than three days would be allowed the House,

molania.

With the prohibition and suffrage prob lems out of the way, the committee voted 5 to 3 against granting a hearing to Representative Gardner on his proposal to investigate United States military preparedness, Representatives Henry, Cantrill, Goldfogle, Foster and Pou, all Democrats, voted against the Gardner plan, with Campbell, Kelly and Leuroot voting to hear him.

AUTO KILLS MAN IN HOLE Heavy Truck Skids Into Excavation

in Wilmington Street. IN WEEK, SAYS PHYSICIAN

WILMINOTON, Deb., Dec. 22. Torning a corner at 2d and Orange sircets, a heavy automobile truck owned by the W. D. Mullen Company skidded into a hole in the street in which John Murphy, ills West 5d street, was digging.

Murphy was struck in the bead by the wheel and injured so builty he died.

Majesty's personal physician today in.

BELAIR. Ohlo, Dec. 12-One hundred former employee of the Pittsburgh-Bel-mohi Coal Company, new on strice, have petitioned the company to allow them to conduct the mines at Neff. in Belmon

#### WHO'S SAMMY? HE'S WANTED BY POLICE SANTA CLAUSES

COMMUTERS' FARES

Today.

reads concerned.

F. Wright.

Sammie's voice disappeared. The de- full decision would be made public later

tectives who heard the story agreed to this afternoon, after the marshal of the

**DECISION IS FINISHED** 

he left the room this afternoon that the

commission, George A. Wood, had pre-

pared copies to serve upon the three rail-

William N. Trinkle, counsel for the

commission, said this afternoon that

when the commission had formally served

its rulings, the only possible appeal

would be to the Dauphin County courts.

Originally the commission consisted of

now remain. Four of these constitute a

At the conclusion of the two days' for-mal hearing on the rate increase yester-

day the commissioners announced that

they would meet on Monday in Harris-

burg, but at the last minute it was de-cided to convene today in order that the

results of their ruling might be published before next Tuesday, the day when the increases were scheduled to become ef-

COMMUTERS EXPECT VICTORY.

BY COMMISSIONERS

Mysterious Boy Calls Up Detective Bureau for Gifts.

Fifty detectives whose faces were cov ered with black masks stood in the Detective Bureau today looking at undealrable citizens who were being intro-Rules Committee Provides while collectioning the detectives on the seed by Lieutenant Theodore F. Wood. criminal career of a middle-aged man, who recently graduated from prison, the telephone rang. Lieutenant Wood anawered the ring. "I want Lieutenant Wood-this is Sam-

mie ---

"What can I do for you?" "My grandpa was a friend of yours and swered the unknown at the other end of Pennsylvania, Reading and the Baitimore

Lieutenant Wood. tive session at the Bellevue-Stratford. "I want a pussy cat, a fire engine and Former Governor Samuel W. Penny- pointments or any other political ques-

a pleading voice. "Where are you?" asked Wood. Then the wires became crossed.

up again and give his home address. SEEK BOY'S PARENTS

buy presents for Sammie should be call

Lad Found Last Tuesday at Children's Bureau.

Since last Tuesday a boy about years old, with light curry hair and red are unanimous in their opinion on the rate cheeks has been in the Children's Buquestion reau, 415 South 15th street. He was found wandering about 5th and Market open December 22 and continue until con- streets by Mounted Policeman Miller. fluded, even though it takes a night The boy said his mother had bought The Hobson measure will be him candy and then he fost sight of her. Efforts to locate his parents have been

#### ZAPATA LEAVES CAPITAL IN MARCH ON PUEBLA

Plans to Carry Campaign Against Carranga at Vera Cruz.

MEXICO CITY, Dev. 9 (Delayed by Sensor). - General Emiliano Zapata left he capital this afternoon with 20,000 msn o begin a campaign against the city of

"As soon as we take Puebla we will push on southward against the forces of Carranaa to Vera Cruz," said Zappia. General Villa and Special Agent Carothers, of the American State Department, will leave for Guadalajara to-

#### HUERTA DENIES DEAL

Carranza "Four Flusher," Zapata "Highwayman," Villa "Jail Bird." BARCELONA, Spain, Dec. 12 General Victoriano Hueria, former dictator of Mexico, today demounced as false a report circulated in the United States that he had offered his support to General Villa or that he was otherwise interfering in Mexicon afficient

BTRIKERS WANT TO RUN MINES in Mexican affairs.

"I want to say that the person who originated that report is a villainous liar," said discret iture in "I solemniy deciare that I can never have any deal-lormer employees of the Pittaburahelia!

Zanata the between the four funder! the highwayman, or Villa, the

GIRL SHOOTS HER CHUM

Fearing Loss of Affection, She Then Murderous Plot of Tramps Revealed Kills Herself.

COMMUTERS EXPECT VICTORY.

Attorneys for the commuters said today they were confident that the commission would order the railroads to retain the 50-trip and the 190-trip tickets
which they planned to sholish and that
a large reduction in the general increases would be ordered, if they were
not forbidden.

At the conclusion of the formal hearing
yesterday commuters declared that the
railroads had signally failed to justify
the need of the proposed chanses, and
the satitude of Commissioner Pennypacker
was taken to indicate that the railing
of the commission would strongly favor
the arguments of the commuters.

SCOTT NEARING'S STATEMENY SCOTT NEARING'S STATEMENT. Mr. Nearing was among those who ap-peared before the Pennsylvania Public Service Commission at the formal hearing on the rate increase yesterday and thursday to combat the ciaim of the rationals that their diminished carnings warranted a substantial increase in general thresper and commutation rates. The following table included in the

BRIDGEPORY, Com-, Dec. H.-Fear- a gang of tramps to assessinate a numng that the affection of Idraic Sedo, in her of Champeake and this Railroad men care col. had been transferred from has been discovered following the killherself to a young man. Anti Magi. a line of the rathroad employs and the

#### THREE WOMEN BURNED BY EXPLOSION OF PAINT

Brush Ignited by Gas Dipped Into

Can With Serious Results. Gilt paint exploded and set fire to the clothing of Miss Bertha Rlopfer when she dipped a burning paint brush into the can of paint while redecorating the chancan of paint while redecorating the chandelier in the kitchen of her home at 2852
North 7th street early today. Two of
her sisters were also severely burned
in their efforts to extinguish the flames.
They were taken to the Episcopal Hospital, where the physicians say that
Hertha's condition is serious.
Miss Clara Klopfer, an older sister,
had been suffering with appendicitle for
several days. In her efforts to keep awake
while waiting to be called to herve her
sister, Bertha decided to paint the chandelier. Her brush caught fire when it

delier. Her brush caught fire when it came in contact with the gas flame. She became excited and dipped the burning brush into the paint. The explosion Her sisters, Miss Madeline Klopfer and

Mrs. Emily Franz, were attracted by her screams for help. The noise of the explosion aroused Wenzil Franz, her brother-in-law, who was asleep. He and the girls' mother arrived just in time to save the three girls from probable fatal indust.

The excitement was too great for their invalid sinter, and she had to be removed to the heapital today.

Mrs. Franc had her burns dressed at the hospital and returned tr her home. Madeline and Bertha are still in the Episcopal Homital.

#### SOCIAL CIRCLES ASTONISHED BY ELOPEMENT OF COUSINS

Miss Alice Isabel Norris and Henry

Pepper Norris Wed Yesterday. Social circles here were astonished to-day to hear of the elopement of Miss Isabel Norris and Henry Pepper Norris, who went to New York city yesterday and were married in the St. Bartholo-mew's Church at 2:30 o'clock in the af-

The families of the elopers were taken by surprise. Although the couple always have been close companions, little signifi-cance was attached to the friendship be-cause of their blood relationship. Miss Norie is a first cousin of the prominent club man.

lub man.
The bride is the daughter of J. Parker Norris, of 2122 Pine street, and is a sister of J. Parker Norris, Jr., John Ridgway Norris, William Pepper Norris, Dr. Philip Norris and Dr. Henry Norris, who married Miss Ethel Wheeler, daughter of Mrs. Charles Wheeler, of Pembroke, Bryn Mawr, sister of the Countess Papenbeim.

Henry Pepper Norris is a member of the Philadelphia Club, where he has made his residence in this city. He is also prominent among the members of the Philadelphia Country Club and the Merion Crickst Club. He araduated from the University of Pennsylvania in 1965.

#### BEEBER FOR BRUMBAUGH'S CABINET, LATEST REPORT

Political Circles Hear Ex-Judge Will Announcement of Ruling on Be Attorney General.

Ex-Julies Dimner Beeter will be Artice-Proposed Increases in Railmy General under Governor-elect Martin roads' Rates Is Expected G. Brumbaugh, according to a report in political circles today. Judge Beeber was virtually decided upon, according to the rumor, after Judge George B. Orlady, of the Superior Court, withdrew as a pos-The Pennsylvania Public Service Comsibility by asking that he be not con-

Governor-elect Brumbaugh refused to discuss the report. When told about it and Ohio Railroads shortly after I o'clock he referred to a statement made upon his ported taken by the Allies. "What do you want?" again asked this afternoon after a four-hour execu- return to Philadelphia last Tuesday, in which he said he would not discuss apsome candy," came back the answer in packer, who presided at the formal hearings of the rafe question in City Hall as Superintendent of Schools on Janyesterday and Thursday, announced as uary 1.

#### ATTACK BY SUBMARINES ON SCOTLAND REPORTED

Two Vessels Rumored Sunk in Firth of Forth Raid.

LONDON, Dec. 12.-Another submarine been attempted against Dover, is reported It is understood that the commissioners today in a dispatch to the Daily Mail. stubborn Russian resistance. The report says two attacks were attempted by German submarines on the seven members, but as no successor has been appointed in place of Judge Samuel Ewing, who died recently, only six

Two vessels, it is stated, are believed to have been destroyed.

quorum in rendering a decision.

The commissioners sitting today at the preparation of the decision were former attack, the Admiralty declares it has no Governor Samuel W. Pennypacker, acting chairman; Emory R. Johnson, Milton J. Brecht, S. LaRue Tone and Charles

#### **600 GIRLS IN NEAR PANIC**

Boys Turn in False Alarm of Fire at Taubel Mills.

who, the police say, wished to test the automatic fire alarm on the second floor of the William F. Taubel mills, at Adams and Coral streets, caused a near nanic among the 600 girl employes a few minutes before noon today. Serious loss of life was averted only by the timely appearance of Police Sergeant John Murdock and several officers of the Clinton avenue and Dauphin street station, who managed to restore order.

According to George Hickey, engineer of the building, the girls were fast becoming hystorical. The shrill noon whistles added to the excitement. Bix cogine companies responded to the slarm. The boys disappeared.

#### WON'T SELL HAMBURG LINE

Agent Denies German Steamships Are to Be Dispused of.

NEW YORK, Dac. 12 - There is no truth in any report that the Mamburg-American Line will pull its virsels now in American waters to a articlicate of American business men." and J. T. Mayer, who represents Herr Ballin, gen-Concluded on Page Two

Mayer, who represents Herr Ballin, general interests of the line, who in the Caramany. This statement was made in refutation of a parentent report that such a sale was impositions.

A SHILANID, his, Dec. 12—A piot among a gang of training to ascansinate a number of Chimapeake and Ohio Ballicond men in her affect of the sale was impositing that a party of American business than a party of American for a new into of stemmiships which will per believe that point and New York. The same should be a sale was included in the sale was unable to the sale

## **ALLIES HURL** FOE ACROSS YSER CANAL IN FLANDERS

Great Battle Ends in Victory for French and English Forces-Armentieres and La Bassee Also Reported Taken.

Terrific Artillery Duels Now in Progress Along Entire Battle Front—English and Germans in Fierce Handto-hand Fighting.

It was officially announced in Paris hat the Germans have evacuated their positions on the left bank of the Yser Canal, in Flanders, and that the Allies' forces have occupied the abandoned points.

The Allies won this victory after terrific attacks and counter attacks

Fierce attacks were made by the Germans to check the movement of the British and French forces on the Roulers road from Ypres. In this battle the Grenadier Guards with the Cold Stream Guards, famous fighters of the English, came to fierce handto-hand fighting.

It is the opinion of the French War Office that the terrific attacks of the Germans on the Allies' trenches east. of Ypres was an attempt to conceal a

retiring movement in the rear. Incessant artillery duels are is progress along the Aisne, the Meuse, the Somme and in the Vosges.

Armentieres and La Basse were re-

On both Galician and Polish battle fronts the Czar's arms are reported triumphant. At Cracow, where a desperate battle developed between the Russian invaders and an Austro-German offensive for the relief of the beleaguered city, the relieving forces were routed into what is described as hasty and disordered flight." At Warsaw General Mackenzen's army was repulsed within 15 miles of the objective, while the downward drive, attack, similar to that declared to have under General Francois, from East Prussia, was halted in its advance by

Five battles are raging along the Poland front from East Prussia to Cracow. Petrograd reports repulse of von Hindenburg's force at all these battle points.

German official statements indicate As in the case of the reported Dover that the Russians are concentrated east of Lodz, and that the move on Warsaw from that direction has many obstacles to surmount before the obective is reached.

The German cruiser Karlsruhe is reported to have given battle to the British cruiser Glasgow off the coast A false alarm turned in by two boys of Brazil. The Karlaruhe was hadly crippled, but managed to get away The Dresden is as yet unaccounted for, but believed to have been destroyed.

Another German autimarine raid on British territory is reported, the attack being in the Firth of Forth Two vessels are ramoved sunk, Dovey guardsmen affirm that an attack there was made, despite the Admiralty's silence.

Turkish warships bombarded the Concluded un Page Family

LOST AND FOUND