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# FRENCH RIGHT **PUSHES FOES BACK IN BOLD ALSACE DRIVE**

Advance Upon Strongholds of Mulhausen, Metz and Strassburg Gains Ground—Teuton Occupation of St. Mihiel Threatened.

'Allies' Artillery Silences Invaders' Big Guns North of the Aisne and in the Argonne-Armies in Deadlock Along West Flanders Front.

The French right wing is pressing its advance in Upper Alsace, according to the official communique issued in Paris this afternoon, and at the same time the Allies' offensive in the Woevre region is developing greater strength. There are three objectives to this drive of the right wing-Metz, Strassburg and Muelhausen-and the movement also seriously threatens the line of communications of the German force that has held St. Mihiel, south of Verdun, for the last two months.

On the Flanders line, the fighting has developed no gains for either side, but north of the Aisne and in the Argonne the Allies claim the advantage in artillery combats.

Vigorous offensive both north and west of Warsaw has effectually blocked both German drives on the Polish capital, according to official Petrograd advices. In the Mlowa region important German positions near Przasnysz have been taken, and the enemy is in flight toward his own frontiers. At Lowicz Mackenzen's army has been beaten back in its hitherto constant advanc

The Serbs, under the leadership of their aged King, Peter, have turned Concluded on Page Four

THE WEATHER



coming, to stay two or three days. This was the warning today of the Weather Bureau. From the Rocky Mountains east and south, covering the

atomains east and south, covering the sentire eastern part of the country, a desided drop in temperature.

The forecast reads falling temperature and if things turn out according to schedule, for a change, it will require semething of an effort tomorrow morning to leap out of bed to shut the windows to leap out of bed to shut the windows and turn on the heat. Not content to leave all the acrobatic vaudeville atunts to the elements the thermometer staged a little act all its own yesterday. Just about time for early church the mercury was filrting around 26. At 10 p. m. it had taken a flying leap to 53 and then, just for fun, did a back flip to 26, landing there about 8 o'clock this morning. Persons arriving late may keep their seats for the next performance. Don't feel slated, however, over the general mild wasther that has obtained to date. The brown apots, big ones, too, on the goose wishbones are way down flear the bottom.

The worst is yet to come!

FORECAST

For Philadelphia and vicinity-Snow and much colder tonight and Tuesday, with lowest temperature tonight about 18 degrees; strong west winds diminishing. For details, see page 2.

Observations at Philadelphia
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#### OFFICIAL WAR REPORTS

FRENCH

There is nothing important to report between the North Sea and the Oise. In the region of the Aisne, to the northwest of Soupir, the enemy has violently bombarded our trenches. We have replied and thrown them into

There was no infantly attack from either side in this region.

Our artillery has destroyed an important work on the slope of the

Argeine.
In the forest of Grurie we have advanced slightly by mining. There have been no attacks by the enemy.
On the heights of the Meuse there was a folent cannonade, the enemy's batteries seeming to have been forced to withdraw toward the north.

batteries seeming to have been forced to withdraw toward the north. In the Woever region, after having taken a line of trenches on a front of 500 yards in the forest of Montmartre, our troops repulsed two violent counter attacks.

In Alsace, our advance has carried our front as far as the line of the hill 425 yards to the north of Steinbach past the bridge of Aspach to the bridge of Brinighoffen.

AUSTRIAN. In West Galicia the south wing of the Russian army was defeated at Limanovo and compelled to retreat. We are pursuing the enemy. All attacks along the rest of our battle front falled, as did the previous ones.

Our forces, which crossed the Car-pathians after numerous battles, again continue an energetic pursuit. In the afternoon we took Neu Sandec, Our troops again have entered Brybow, Gollice and Zmigrod. The enemy has completely evacuated the Zemplin

Country.

In general our troops hold the passes in Bukowina along the line of the Sucrawa valley.

In South Poland there was no fighting. North of Lowicz our allies made a successful attack against a strongly fortified Bussley mostline. fortified Russian position.

RUSSIAN.

In the Mlaws region we have brought our offensive to a successful conclusion on the whole of the front. On the 12th we captured a German position in the region of Przasnysz and Tsekhanoff and chased the retreating

enemy toward the frontier.

In this district also our cavalry made a successful charge and inflicted very heavy losses upon the enemy.
On the front of Lowicz-flow the Germans, charging stubbornly to the attack, suffered important losses at the hands of our troops, who captured in this region another position to the north of the Bsura River.

In the other regions on the left bank of the Vistula nothing has occurred but unimportant encounters.

To the south of Cracow the situation is unchanged. The battle there con-

Throughout December 11 there was fighting in front of the villages of Pyrousk, Esmer and Doutask (in Caucasia). The enemy was everywhere repulsed and pursued beyond Euphrates with severe losses.

GERMAN.

Light French attacks on our lines between the Mouse and the Vosges were easily repulsed. Following their unsuccessful attack on Apremont, December II, the French again attacked yesterday afternoon over a large front by way of Firey. The attack ended in the loss to the enemy of 600 prisoners and a large number of men killed and injured. Our losses in this engagement nted to about 70 wounded.

rest of the day passed quietly in the western theatre.

In northern Poland we captured a number of the enemy's positions, taking 11,000 prisoners and 43 machine

There is no news from East Prussia. or from southern Poland. or from southern Poland.

The Russian captures south and east of Cracow, officially reported from Petrograd on December II, are untrue. We did not lose a single man or gun in the region.

The official French report of December 12, stating that our batteries and trenches had been captured, is an

#### **BOY AND GIRL DISAPPEAR** AS VISIT HERE NEARS END

Brother and Sister From California Missing With "Sojer Suit,"

An old "sojer suit," 24 cents and their Sunday clothes are the worldly possessions of two children from Los Angeles, Cal., who have disappeared in this city. They ran away from the home of their grandfather, George Rodgers, 755 Orr street. because they liked Philadelphia better than sunny California and feared they would be sent home this week.

The children, Florence B. Menkels, 11 years old, and her brother George, 11 if years old, have been staying in this city for six months, but their visit was nearing its end.

While on their way to Sunday school yesterday the youngsters stopped at the home of an uncle, Karl E. McConney, 1613 Olive street, and borrowed an old approaches of the Panama Canal. uniform, a relic of Civil War days.

Nothing has been seen or heard of the children since they borrowed the suit.

#### MAIN LINE HOME BURNS

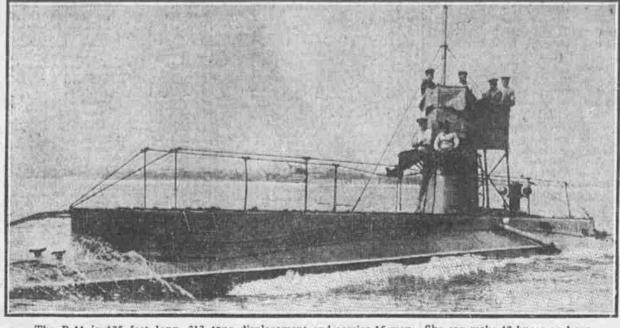
Flames Damage Besidence in Haverford to Extent of \$8000.

Fire early today in the residence of lin the legislative, executive and judicial large. John H. Mories, Haverford, drove members of the family, scantily olad to today by the Appropriations Committee the home of J. George Elem, Jr., a. The estimates were cut consistently all

The fire was discovered on the third floor by several servants. Their cries aroused the family. With Mrs. Morices for the census, the bill carries Ha 76c Mrs. and Mrs. Thomas E. Posley, and their baby.

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BRITISH SUBMARINE THE CENTRE OF ATTENTION TODAY



The B-11 is 135 feet long, 313 tons displacement and carries 15 men. She can make 13 knots an hour submerged. This is the first conspicuous feat accomplished by a British submarine since the war began.

### \$4,000,000 ORDER PLACED HERE FOR **ALLIES' SHRAPNEL**

Eveland Company to Supply Two Nations, Believed to Be England and France, With Steel Cases.

Orders for steel shrapnel cases for the allied armies, which will amount before the completion of the order to nearly \$4,000,000, have been received by the Eve land Engineering and Manufacturing Company, 2124-26 Market street.

Work on the first part of the order, to cost approximately \$800,000, will be started within a few days. According to S. S. Eveland, an official of the company, the order will be repeated after each delivery until the completion of nearly 4,000,000 worth of supplies.

The Eveland Company officials have no fear that the shipment of projectile supplies to European armins will yields the

plies to European armies will violate the neutrality requested in the proclamation of President Wilson according to S. E. Eveland. The company is willing to make shell cases for any of the beligerents, he said.
Already a substantial part of the first

payment is in the hands of the Eveland Company. Twenty-five per cent, of the total amount for the purchase of ordnance is on deposit with a New York banking house. Orders will go to other manufacturers, it is believed, but the work of the Eveland Company will be chiefly the manufacture of steel shrapnel cases. A few weeks ago a large order for wagon wheels for the European armies was completed by the Evaluations. completed by the Eveland concern. The shell cases have been ordered through purchasing agents in New York. supposed to be representing the allied nations. Mr. Eveland said there was nothing in the order to show which of the countries were contracting for the supplies, but it is believed they are France and England.

France and England,
Money was appropriated by the two
mations who have placed the order, Mr.
Eveland said, and the deal for the shell
cases was then discussed with the Eveland officials. After that part of the money was deposited in New York. By the time the first part of the order is delivered the entire payment for it will

have been made.

As soon as the first part of the order is completed word will be sent to begin on the second, it is understood. The work will be continued in this fashion unti-shell cases to the value of nearly \$4,000, 600 have been delivered, according to Mr.

neutrality enjoined upon this country in agreeing to fill this order." Mr. Eveland said today. "I know of no law which prohibits us from manufacturing muni-tions for a foreign belligerent. We would as readily sell to one nation as another. We do not consider that we are siding with the Allies by taking the order for shells for their armies. "The manufacture of munitions for

whelis for their armies.

"The manufacture of munitions for warring nations by firms in the United States is supported by precedents of 190 years' standing. Within the year President Wilson credered that arms and other munitions would be shipped into Mexico if any orders for them were placed. The embargo was lifted. I cannot see any difference between our sanctioning the shipment of suns to kill Mexicana and the sale of weapons to kill European belligerents."

The Ereland company has long been manufacturing ordnance. According to S. S. Eyeland, his firm designed many of the gunmounts for the disappearing rifles for coast defense at Sandy Hook and the approaches of the Pansama Canal.

WILSON ECONOMY CALLS

FOR APPROPRIATION CHITS

In 1802 she was and beneath the protecting guns of the forts, as soon as the torpedo was fired and Commander Holbrook saw that it had atrick its mark, the under-water craft began a retreat at full speed for the open water, but not before the guns in the forts set up a violent canonnade. The official report issued here stated:

"Although pursued with gun fire and by torpedo-boat destroyers, the B-II was able to return to the flent in safety. She had been submerged for nine hours was sinking rapidly by the stern."

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## FOR APPROPRIATION CUTS

Administration Policy Reduces Ex-

timates About One-half. WASHINGTON, Dec. 14-. The Administration's "economy policy" is maintained

estimates submitted. The amount appro-

The Ardmore fire company was summound. The firmes, helieving that the flames would get beyond their control, called the compinion from firm Many and Narberth. The fire burned for shout as hour and the dumage done is estimated at \$5000.

Trade Commission After Holidays Washington Dec. 14—The lateralate Trade Commission will not be appointed for President Wilson motif after the following that he present allowance is no called the resident way. A big light till be waged over this recommendating that he present allowance is not at the part of the present allowance in the sealing that the present allowance is no called the firmed at his part over this recommendating. The sealing last year defeated the given and the White Many was submitted. The amount appropriate limit year was \$17,555,750. Nearly 17,000 aslaries ranging from that of the firm and the companies and char-would for.

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# **BRITISH B-11** SINKS TURKS' WAR CRAFT IN DARDANELLES

Submarine Makes Bold Dash Into Enemies' Stronghold Past Five Rows of Mines and Rams Battleship Messudiyeh, Patrol for Explosives.

0,000-ton Battleship Sent to Bottom in Ottoman Waters-Carried Complement of 600 Men-Shots From Forts Fail to Halt Raider, Under Water Nine Hours.

LONDON, Dec. 14. The British submarine H-11, attached to the international war fleet, which has been bombarding the Turkish forts at the western entrance of the Dardanelles, has forced a passage of that waterway by diving beneath the mine fields with which it is lined and torpedoed the Turkish bat-tleship Messudiyeh.

theship Messudiyeh.

The Messudiyeh, which carried a crew of 600 men, was sinking rapidly by the stern when the submarine withdrew.

News of this bold sea raid, the first submarine attack of importance that the British have made since the war began, was announced by the Admiralty through the Government Press Bureau today. the Government Press Bureau today. The B-ll, under Commander Holbrook, of the Royal Navy, was compelled to feel her way among the strong and treacher ous currents of the narrow Dardanelles and to dive beneath five rows of mines. At the point where the raid was made the Dardanelles is lined with powerful

forts equipped with numerous batteries of The Messudiysh, which was believed to have German officers on board, was de-tailed to guard the mine fleid, and was ly-ing in what the Turks thought was perfect security behind the mines and beneath the

long, 59 feet wide and registered 10,000 tons. Her armament consisted of two 8-inch guns, 15-inch guns, 16-inch guns, 17-inch guns, 17-inch guns, 18-inch gu

### Love and Mystery are the keynotes of a thrilling tale of kidnapping which, under the

JOHN ERLEIGH. SCHOOLMASTER,

is begun in this issue of the Evening Ledger. The gripping in-terest of this remarkable novel cannot escape any one who reads the opening clushers, and the same cerful interest is carried to the

### ITALIAN WARSHIP SAILS TO DEMAND TURKISH APOLOGY

Release of British Consul, Seized in Italian Consulate, Insisted Upon-Force to Back Up Request.

LONDON, Dec. 74. An Italian Warship is reported on its demand for reparation by Turkey for the selzure of G. A. Richardson, British Consul, who had taken refuge in the Italian

As the utmost endeavors are now being ande by Germany to prevent Italy from oining the Allies, pressure is expected to bear upon Turkey to present a satsfactory explanation of the Hodeida in-

ROME, Dec. 14. Italian Minister of Poreign Affairs, has asked the Turkish Government to liberate G. A. Richardson, British Consul at Hodelda, Arabia, who, it is alleged, was forcibly removed by Turks from the Italian Consulate, where he had taken refuge, and was placed aboard a boat bound for an unknown destination. The Foreign Minister also has asked the Ottoman Government to give public satisfaction to Italy for the dolation of the consulate.

Baron Sonnino, in answering an interpellation in the Chamber of Deputies Saturday regarding the Hodelda incident, gave the story of Consul Richardson's ar-rest, and added that Signor Cecchi, Italian Consul at Hodelda, who came to the defense of his colleague, was obliged to remain in his own house, which was watched for several days, until the ar-rival of the Italian coast guardahip Giuliana and the Italian armored cruiser Marco Polo, which had been ordered Hodeida.

It is understood that Germany has advised the Constantinople Government to satisfy Italy's demand, and thus avoid complications.

#### JACK FROST'S MEAN TRICK SENT HOPES AGLIMMERING

Unemployed Cheered Until Snow Turned to Rain.

Men out of work in this city and the surrounding suburbs are grumbling today at the mean trick played on them by Jack Frost yesterday in raising their hopes for a little "Christmas money" and

then failing to make good.

When the light artillery of the north opened yesterday morning with snow that soon was failing in thick flakes and swirisoon was falling in thick flakes and swiring into miniature drifts, thousands of the unemployed got out their shovels and prepared for a busy afternoon cleaning sidewalks. Others got ready to go to work for the contractors cleaning streets under city contracts.

Rallroads and traction companies had

machinists look over the big snow plows and sweepers and laid plans for calling out forces of workmen to keep the lines open. The skies assumed a leaden bue, and after the flakes had been falling an hour the weather would have been called extremely "thick" by a seaman. All the prospects were for a continued and severe snowstorm, probably a bliszard.

#### **BLIZZARD TIES UP RAILROADS** Heavy Fall of Snow in Upper New York State.

NEW YORK, Dec. 16.-Up-State rullway lines are partially crippled as the result of a blizzard that swept the northern part of New York during the night. The snowfall is decreasing, however, and no serious tis-up of truffic is anticipated. Buffalo and Ution report six inches of mow, Rochester and Syracuse more than a foot and Saratoga eight Inches.

OSWEGO, N. T., Dec. 14 - Fifteen aches of snow fell here last night. Railroad lines are open.

### BRITISH STEAMSHIP WRECKED

Hatteras Inlet. NORPOLE, Va., Dec. R.-The British

ATTEM TO SERVE OF STREET,

### TAYLOR VICTORY IN TRANSIT POLL OF COUNCILMEN

COUNCILMANIC POLL ON TAYLOR TRANSIT PLAN Select Council

Total membership ...... 49
For Taylor plan ..... 29 posed ..... Missing Majority for Taylor plan..... Common Council

Summary Both Chambers For Taylor plan....

Majority for Taylor plan ...... 26

#### MACHINE "TURNED OUT"- \$10 NOTES FIRST PUT INTO IT

Owners of "Money Maker" Held After Trying to Promote Scheme.

A machine that will turn out \$10 notes, f they are first put into it, has been confiscated by the Government and taken off the market, Its alleged owners, Julius B. Efferman and Nuchem Sokoloff, new ar-United States Commissioner Long, on the charge of counterfeiting.

Sokoloff and Efferman, according to Chief Griffin, of the United States Secret vay to Hodelda, Arabia, to enforce Italy's Service Office in this city, made four impressions of \$10 notes. A. Brier, a manufacturer, of 5th and Cherry streets, gave the police the clue that led to the arrest of the men and also led them last night to a hotel at 8th and Chestnur streets, where the arrest was made. Brier says Sokoloff and Effermen approached him with what they said was a scheme "for making money" and induced him to look

The machine is 14 inches high and seven wide. Inside, according to the Secret The machine is 14 inches high and seven wide. Inside, according to the Secret Service men, who examined it, there is a vacant space for the good bills. These are so arranged that when a hutton is pressed a dry battery current operates a little carrier. One by one, and slowly, as though just being printed, the good bills are pushed out one side of the machine.

One member of Select Council, George W. Kucker, of the 20th Ward, could not be found. Even assuming that all those in the non-committal class would oppose the Director's plan, he would still have a majority in each chamber.

Of the 45 members of Select Council, George W. Kucker, of the 20th Ward, could not be found. Even assuming that all those in the present of the proposed of the machine.

Sokoloff and Efferman wanted \$5,000 from him to promote the machine, Brier said. When everything was ready one of the two took a plece of yellow backed paper the size of a \$10 bill and carefully thrust it into a slot in the machine. The bursting continued for a few seconds, with buzzing continued for a few seconds, with occasional mysterious clicks, and then a nice new \$10 gold certificate came out.

#### **GOETHALS TELLS GARRISON** WHY WARCRAFT ARE NEEDED

Canal Zone's Governor Says Misuse

of Wireless Requires Ships. WASHINGTON, Dec. 14.-Secretary of message of inquiry sent him concern-ng Ais request for destroyers to prevent folations of neutrality in the canal zone. Secretary Garrison declined to disclose the contents of Colonel Goethals' dispatch, saying that the matter at present was "confidential." The Secretary said, however, that Colonel Goethals believes the misuse of wireless within cana-waters requires the presence of swift-

#### **GERMANS CAPTURE 11.000** PRISONERS IN NORTH POLAND

Forty-three Machine Guns Also Taken in Mlawa Operation,

BERLIN, Dec. 14.
The official communication issued by
the German army headquarters announces that several Russian positions
in North Poland were stormed and IL660
prisoners taken, and that an attack
prisoners taken, and that an attack nade by the French troops over a wide area in France Saturday was regulated by the Germans. The text reads:

"In Northern Poland we captured a number of the enemy's positions, taking 11,000 prisoners and 43 machine guns. There is no news from East Prussia or from southern Poland."

## DENIAL FROM WHITE HOUSE

## Police Think Same Negro Committed

Two Bobberies. The police are searching today for a Negro who analched two pursus from padestrians on Saturday night. The first The Isle of Iowa Ashore Off Cape robbery occurred at the street and Willings alley, when the man robbed Mitse May Trotter, 450 Edgement street. Later stramship isle of lows is wrocked off MgGrath, MS Walnut street, as the way Cape Haiteras Inlet. She went ashure walking on Spruos street near lith. The early today and it is doubtfut if she can description at the tilled is both robberies

Left saved.

Left savers from the Cape Hatters about also released to the relice that on daturday hight he had due to make platting made a special resume of the

Majority in Both Select and Common for the Director's High Speed System of Subways and "L's."

Only Two Come Out Against Plan in Addition to Costello, Whose Antispeed Scheme Is Condemned.

A majority of Councilmen want Taylor igh-speed transit. The comprehensive development plan, therefore, seems assured to Philadelphia,

A majority in each chamber has gone on record to support the Director of City Transit. Politics has nothing to do with the question

The demand from every section of Philadelphia by the people who ride, backed up by the action taken by every business men's organization, determined the attiture of the city legislators. In face of rivals from Austria and Russia, re- the overwhelming request for real rapid spectively, have been held under \$5000 transit, only two Councilmen of the city's bail each for the Federal Grand Jury by 132 had the temerity to announce their opposition to the Director's plan, in addition to Peter E. Costello, whose anti-speed ordinance, introduced a few days

aso, was generally condemned.
They are John J. McKinley, Jr., Select
Councilman, of the Ed Ward, and Frederick Schwarz, Jr., Common Councilman of the 8th Ward.

The attitude of every member of Councils on the Taylor plan was obtained by the Evenino Lincoln. The summary shows that a total of 79 in both chambors favor and will work for the adoption of the Director's proposed high-speed system, while 69 are non-compilitated.

tem, while 49 are non-c TAYLOR SURE OF MAJORITY. One member of Select Council, George

indorse Mr. Taylor's plan, one is opposed and IS are non-committal. In the lower chamber 51 indorse the Director's plan. two are opposed, including Mr. Costello. and 31 are non-committal.

A large number of those in the non-

committal list are opposed to the Costello ordinance, and did not declare themselves because they "had not looked into Mr. Taylor's plana." Many of the "non-committals" went so far as to say that they were inclined to favor the Director's proposed system, but could not go positively on record at this time.

Advocates of the Taylor plan say they cannot understand how any Councilman in the city has the slightest excuse for unfamiliarity with the plans of the proposed high-speed transit evatem. for the olnance, and did not declare themselves War Garrison today received a dispatch from Colonel G. W. Goethals, Governor of the Panama Canal zone, in reply to a message of inquiry sent him concern-plained the plans with maps and charts at public meetings. These were theroughly representative gatherings, and many were attended by Councilmen who

VICTORY. That Mr. Taylor's tour of the city bore fruit is evidenced by the fact that every business and improvement organization in every section approved his plans, pledged their support and decided to participate in the transit parade on January 14, which will be followed by a mass-

meeting at the Academy of Music. The business men say ignorance of the transit plans will not be accepted by them. They desire to know the attitude of the men who represent them to Councils. Many organizations have decided to invite their respective Councils men to special meetings that they may learn their attitude on the question

#### Concluded on Page Fouriers. **PULMOTOR AFTER 26 HOURS** BRINGS CHILD BACK TO LIFE

Eleven-day-old Infant Apparently Dead From Drugs.

DENIAL FROM WHITE HOUSE

Has No Advance Knowledge of Rate
Decision.

WASHINGTON, Dec. 14.—Reports that
President Wilson had been informed of
the probable granting of a 5 per cent,
rate increase to the Eastern railrouds by
the Interstate Commerce Commission today were dealed emphatically at the
White House.

The President has received no word of
what action the commission intends to
take, it was stated.

PURSE SNATCHER ACTIVE

Police Think Same Negro Committed

LOST AND POURD