CZAR SWEPT BACK BY FOE TO OUTPOSTS OF WARSAW

Hindenburg's Victorious Legions Press Advantage by Vigorous Offensive Toward Objective-Petrograd Admits Defenders' Retirement Within Ten Miles of Polish Capital.

Berlin Confirms Report of Great Setback to Foe in Heavy Battle South of Vistula—Austrian Sweep of Galicia Drives Russians Nearer Their Own Fron-

The third mighty drive of the Germans on Warsaw has carried them within a few miles of their objective. The Russian semi-official Army Messenger admits that the Czar's forces have been forced to withdraw to a line running from Kazunpolski to Skiernieuice. The first town is across the Vistula from Novo Georgievsk, one of Russia's strongest fortresses, situated at the confluence of the Bug and Vistula and only 10 miles from the Polish capital. The other town is about 27 miles from Warsaw. Field Marshal von Hindenburg is pushing forward after his great victory in the tremendous battle south of the Vistula and the beaten Russian army is regrouping for defense virtually at the gates of the Polish capital,

The Austrians continue to sweep the foe through Galicia toward their own borders.

Petrograd virtually admits defeat along the Vistula in the statement of Concluded on Page Four

THE WEATHER



Yes, it's still quite cold today, but it will be warmer tomorrow. However, what is the use of talking about such a matter-of-fact thing as weather, with Christmas only a week away. Christmas is Christmas, rain, hall, snow, or whatnot, and alongside of that great, big, cheerful, happy fact, these busy, busy, days, little else really matters. Most people's chief worry at present is to get the bulky packages under lock and key in the third-floor closet without being accosted by these little two-legged interrogation marks on the way up from the front door. Do you hang up your stocking?

FORECAST For Philadelphia and vicinity-Fair and continued cold tonight; Saturday increasing cloudiness and steadily rising temperature; gentle variable winds becoming southerly. For details, see page 2.

Observations at Philadelphia

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OFFICIAL WAR REPORTS

The day of December 17 was marked, as we announced yesterday, by progress on our part in Belgium, where all counter attacks by the enemy were repulsed.

In the region of Arras a vigorous offensive made us masters of several trenches before Auchy, La Bassee, Loos, St. Laurent and Blangy. At the last point we have captured on a front of more than one kilometre (about half a mile), almost all the trenches of the first line of the enemy. In the region of Tracy-le-Val. on the Alsne and in the Champagne district our beavy artillery has easily gained the advantage.

the advantage.

In the Argonne the Germans have succeeded in blowing up one of our trenches to the north of Four-de-Paris and have tried to debouch with three battallons.

That attack of the enemy's infantry and another attack made against St.

and another attack made against St. Hubert have been repulsed. To the east of the Meuse and in the Vosges there is nothing to report.

We have made marked progress be-

We have made marked progress between the North Sea and the River Lys. We have reached the Lombaerthyle road, capturing some of the enemy's trenches. East of Steenstraat we advanced 250 yards, taking 100 prisoners and three quick-firing guns. In the neighborhood of Bixschoote we advanced 500 yards, cap-turing 80 prisoners and three quick-firers. On the Ypres-Menin road we advanced 100 yards.

The enemy's counter attacks have been repulsed and our booty has inbeen repulsed and our booty has in-cluded a number of ammunition cases. GERMAN.

The battle near Nicuport is favorable to us, but is not yet ended. French attacks between La Bassee and Arras, also on both sides of the Somme River, falled, with heavy

losses to the enemy; On the Somme glone the French lost 2200 prisoners and at least 1990 killed. Our losses will not amount to Our attacks in the Argonne resulted

in the capture by us of 750 prisoners and war material. On the Prussian frontiers the situ-ation is unchanged. In Poland we are

continuing our pursuit of the weaken-

AUSTRIAN.

The latest news permits of no fur-ther doubt that the resistance of the Russian main force has been shat-tered. After the defeat of the south-ern wing in the battle of Limanovo, which lasted several days, our allies also gained a victory near Lodz. The Russians are now completely reuted on the River Baura.

Threatened by our advance across

Threatened by our advance across the Carpathians from the south, the enemy began a general retreat, which they are trying to cover by stubborn fighting in the regions before the Car-

Our troops are attacking on the line of Grodno-Zakliczyu.

Along the other parts of the front the pursuit has begun.

BRITISH. In Cameroon (German possession in Africa) an advance has been made along the railway northward from Bonaberi as far as the important native town of Bare, just beyond the terminus of the railroad. The town surrendered. Five locomotives, a quantity of rolling stock, two aeroplanes and 60 European prisoners were planes and 60 European prisoners were

RUSSIAN.

In the direction of Miawa our cav-alry and vanguard troops are ener-getically chasing the beaten Germans. crossed the frontier. During the chase we have captured prisoners, guns and war material.

DRESDEN REPORTED SUNK

British Cruiser Overhauls Fleeing German, Is Report.

VALPARAISO, Chill. Dec. 18 .- The German cruiser Dresden is reported in a wireless dispatch received here last night to have been sunk off Cambridge Island in the Pacific by the British cruiser Bris-

tol. The dispatch says that when the Dresden was overtaken by the British ship an engagement lasting 40 minutes took place and that the Bristol was badly damaged, but succeeded in sending the Dresden to the bottom.

BHENOS AIRES, Dec. 18.-British steamships in Pacific ports today canceled all sailings because of the danger of meeting the German cruiser Dresden.

Despite rumors that the Dresden had been sunk, it is evident that English authorities are far from being satisfied that the German warship has been accounted

40,000 RUSSIANS TRAPPED IN POLAND, BERLIN SAYS

Evacuation of Warsaw Ordered, Same Report States.

BERLIN, Dec. 18. Forty thousand Russians are reported to have been cut off from their main army and surrounded by Germans between Jezow and Skierniewice, northeast of Lods, Poland. These forces are said to have been trapped by a daring flanking movement conducted by the German cavalry, who prevented their retreat until infantry could be brought up.

Warsaw is said to be panic-stricken. A rumor has reached the German commanders in Poland that the Polish capital is to be evacuated and that the guns of the forts there have already been taken away to prevent their falling into the hands of the Germans.

EMDEN SURVIVORS' CAREER AS BUCCANEERS ENDED

Forty Who Escaped From Cocos Islands Finally Bounded Up.

TOKIO, Dre. 18. Forty saliers from the German ryles. Emden, who succeed when their ship was desiroyed and put to say in a small schemes, have seen supersed by a Brillah warship, if was announced today.

A party from the Emsen ispided on the force Islands, and after the destruption of the trained by the Australian ortical party, wasted on a high-secting career,

NORSE VESSEL **FALLS PREY TO** RAIDERS' MINE

Fifth Steamship Sunk Off East Coast of England Since German Squadron Bombarded Towns.

SCARBOROUGH, Eng., Dec. 18.-Another steamship was blown up and sunk off the coast early today by a mine believed to have been dropped by the German warships that bombarded the coast Wednesday.

This vessel, the fifth to be sunk since Wednesday morning's raid, was the Norwegian steamship Vasren. Advices received by Lloyds from Grimsby today state that 12 members of the crew of the Vaaren and the English pilot who was on board were drowned. Four of the crew were rescued and were brought to Grimsby today.

Mine sweepers are today combing the waters along the coast between New-castle and Flamborough Head. Newspapers express the opinion that the United States should protest to Ger-many against a repetition of such at-

tacks as were made against the three unfortified towns.

Refugees who fled from Scarborough, Whitby and Hartlepool when the Germans opened fire are now returning to their homes. Many came back and found their houses reduced to a mass of ruins. Hereafter a constant watch will be kept on the coast for hostile warships. At present there are no indications that

the Admiralty intends to change its plans for the disposition of the British dread-noughts and battle cruisers. The coast patrol will be left to destroyers and light cruisers as before. One of the German vessels engaged in the raid two days ago is declared to have been the Von Moltke, a sister ship of the Goeben, now a part of the Turkish

TWO BRITISH DESTROYERS SUNK BY GERMANS, IS REPORT

BERLIN (by wireless to London), Dec. 18, Two British destroyers were sunk during the running fight in the North Sea between the English patrol ships and German cruisers, following the bombardment of Hartlepool, Scarborough and Whitby by the Germans, an official statement issued here today asserts.

In addition to the two destroyers which the Germans say were sunk, the state-Concluded on Page Four

BROKER FILES PETITION AS VOLUNTARY BANKRUPT

Moreau Lieber's Liabilities \$96,-064.90; Assets \$23,406.36.

Moreau Lieber, member of the Phila elphia Stock Exchange, having offices in the new Stock Exchange Building, filed a voluntary petition in bankruptcy in the United States District Court today. Lieber's petition shows that his liabilities amount to \$96,064.90, while his assets total but \$23,406,36. Edward F. Hoffman was

nted referee. The principal creditors named in the setition are Julia G. Arnold, of Jenkinown, whose claim is for \$65,234, and F. A. Lieber, also of Jenkintown, to whom the bankrupt owes \$19,678. Lieber's assets consist of \$18,267 worth of book accounts. a seat in the stock exchange, gold watch and chain and a second-hand automo-

Furth, Singer & Bortin represent the

AUTOTRUCK KILLS WOMAN

She Is Run Down While on Way to

Mail Christmas Package. Mail Christmas Package.

Mrs. Georgiana Burton, 64 years old, was crossing Germantown avenue near Dounton street today when she was struck by an autotruck belonging to the Commercial Truck Company. Her skull was fractured and she died while being taken to the Samaritan Hospital.

Mrs. Burton, the wife of John Burton, a retired Germantown business man, was on the way to dispatch a Christmas package to her sister, Mrs. Anna Collle, of Morris Plains, N. J., when the accident happened. She failed to notice the approach of the truck.

approach of the truck.

Roland Harzell, driver of the truck, was arrested. He was arraigned this afternoon at the Central Station. Mrs. Burton is survived by three sons and two daughters. One of her sons, William Burton, of this city.

400,000 LOSSES IN POLAND

Russia's Casualties Alone 125,000 Killed and Wounded.

REBLIN, Dec. 18.
Casualties suffered by the German, Austrian and Russian armies in Poland number more than 400,000, according to a semi-official dispatch. It states that in the Poland battles alone the Russians have lost 125,000 in killed and wounded, has the anomalies and presented. besides enormous numbers of prisoners.

"Further heavy losses are being inflicted upon the Russians as they retreat." the dispatch adds. "Our troops are rapidly pursuing the enemy, who has been completely routed."

Just Back From War

Second-hand news and "official" reports from governmental sup-press bureaus are plentiful. The "real stuff" from the man who saw it is scarce. Major Patterson, of the United-States Army, went with the American Red Cross into the very midst of the war. He has re-turned to Washington, a mine of first-hand information.

Major J. C. Hemphill

has rounded up this information and embodies it in a remarkable article to be printed tomorrow on the editorial page of the

Evening Ledger

If you are interested in the war

DR. RICHMOND'S CHARGE AGAINST LAYMAN FAILS

Magistrate Scores Minister in Discharging William T. Hamilton,

William T. Hamilton, 502 Richmond street, deposed lay reader of Old St. John's Protestant Episcopal Church, 3d and Brown streets, was discharged by Magistrate Renshaw at Central Station today when he was arraigned on a charge of larceny, preferred by the Rev. Dr. George Chalmers Richmond, rector of the church.

Hamilton was charged with removing from its place in the church builetin board a statement containing the names of persons who were in arrears in their church dues, among them being two of the defendant's sisters. He was arrested

the defendant's sisters. He was arrested yesterday on a warrant sworn out at the instance of Doctor Richmond following a moeting of the vestry of the church held on Wednesday night to consider charges to which Doctor Richmond must answer before the Ecclesiastical Court of the Episcopal Church early in January.

The hearing was not without its interesting sidelights, which had for climax a verbal altercation in the corridors outside the hearing room between Doctor Richmond and Joseph J. Comegys, of Moylan, Pa., who walked up to the clergyman and shouted, "If I were Hamilton I would knock your head off."

Doctor Richmond's supporters, who were

Doctor Richmond's supporters, who were present in large numbers, crowded about and called for the police, who placed Comegys under arrest. After a brief hearing on a disorderly conduct charg he signed his own ball to keep the peace

POLICE CHAUFFEUR TAKES BANDIT AFTER HOT CHASE

Heads Him Off in Kansas City's Main Business Section.

KANSAS CITY, Mo., Dec. 18.-Albert Keys, a police chauffeur, who happened to be passing in a department motor car, caught one of the daylight bandits after a chase of several blocks through the main business section of the city today. The prisoner, who gave the name of Charles Morton, 2118 Olive street, St. Louis, ran down an alley after alding in the holdup in a diamond pawnshop at 8131/2 Main street.

Keys saw the man running and heard the shots exchanged between pursuers and pursued. He ran the motor car around two entire blocks and cut off the fleeing burglar at the mouth of the alley. The latter had dropped his overcoat, in which a \$100 diamond ring, belonging to the pawnshop, was found. Jack Owen, a private detective who also happened to be in the neighborhood at the time, caught one of the other two

POLICE SAID TO HAVE NAMES OF THE ASSASSINS OF BAFF

Moore Implicates Several in Murder Plot, It is Reported.

NEW YORK, Dec. 18 Questioned fo hours by the police and assistant district atterneys, James Moore, a suspect taken in a general round-up in connection with the murder of Barnett Baff, foe of the "poultry trust," is reported to have made a statement which the police says gives the names of everyone concerned in the policy that resulted in the policy of the policy that resulted in the policy that the poli plot that resulted in the murder of the

pooltry dealer.

Besides Moore three brothers—Joe, Jake and Harry Cohen—have been taken into custody. Whether or not they are directly implicated in the killing the police refuse to say. Police Commissioner Woods said that an "important amount enterty". said that an "important announcement" would be made later today.

FOURTH RELIEF SHIP LOADING

Industry Arrives and Is Being Stocked Simultaneously With Ferrona

The fourth vessel to load supplies at this port for the relief of the starving Belgians, the British steamship Industry, strived here today, while the loading of the third craft, the British steamship Ferrona, was being rushed. The cargo of this city's first relief ship, the Thelma, is being distributed to the hungry mouths to stricker Blanders, and in stricker Blanders. in stricken Flanders, and in a day or so the steamship Orn will reach Rotterdam with another cargo to aid the distressed, shipped through the generosity of citi-zens of the municipality and Common-

The Ferrona and the Industry are being loaded by the American Belgian Relief Commission, a branch of which is at 1524 Chestnut street. The former, it is ex-Chestnut street. The former, it is expected, will leave here early next week, and it is planned to get the other off before Christmas Eve. The Industry is called the Pennsylvania ship, as its cargo has been secured from residents of the

\$800 LAMP SMASHED

Damage Wrought by Collision of Automobiles.

Automobiles.

A lamp valued at 1800 was amashed when an automobile delivery car of the J. E. Caldwell Company, 9th and Chestmit streets, was overturned tate this afternoon after it had coilided with a light automobile driven by J. W. Gerringer, 8238 Germantown avenue, at McCallum and Westview street.

No one was injured, but the police were called out to stand guard over the jewelry delivery car until it could be repaired.

Charles Gross, of 1139 Silver street, and Edward Simpson, of illi North Camac street, who were on the delivery car, es-caped by jumping hefore the car over-turned.

DRIVER WIN AGAINST ROAD A verdict of \$5500 ... mages was awarded to Henry Sage against the West Jersey and Seashore Railway by a jury in the Circuit Court of Carnden County, before Judge Lio. A. this afternoon.

Sage's team was struck by a train of the railway at the Liberty street consing. Sentenber 3a. 1813. He suced for \$10,000. The jury deliberated three hours before amouncing its verdict.

Aged Woman Sent to Hospital Jane Brown, 96 years old, of 6th and De Jane Brown, 96 years old, of 8th and De Lancey streets, was sent to the Philadelphia Hospital today after her arrest, charged with begging Policemen of the 2t and De Lancey streets station told Magistrate Pennock in the Central Station that the woman had no means of support and that her arrest was made only to relieve her combilete. only to relieve her condition

U. S. Accuses Man of Perjury Max Marchall 55 Tasker street, was ar-

EASTERN RAILROADS GET INCREASE OF 5 PER CENT.

Commission's Freight Rate Decision in Brief

Five per cent, advance in freight rates by Eastern railroads granted.

Exceptions made in case of rates on bituminous coal and coke, anthracite coal, iron ore and lake-and-rail and rail-lake-and-rail shipments.

Findings of original report modified "in the light of the changed Decision explained on ground that the war is a "calamity without

precedent," and that "if we are to set rates to afford reasonable remunera-tion we must give consideration to the increased hire of capital as well as to other increases in costs. Increases on cement, starch, brick, tile, clay and plaster, formerly denied, now granted under certain limitations.

CONSTABLES BATTER WAY INTO GARAGE TO EFFECT LEVY

Long Struggle Ends Successfully - Guard Watches Forcing of Barricade Raised by Proprietor.

With the assistance of writs of replevin and writs of possession, two constables and a hammer, Louis J. Kolb late this afternoon took over the garage of the S. and F. Automobile Company for an npaid rent bill.

The attack was the second of the day. The door was battered open once before

out the constables were afraid to enter the place.

It is up now to Mr. Kelb to choose a car which belongs to the proprietor of the place to levy upon. He has not yet found the car.

George F. Sattler, proprietor of the uttornoble courses.

automobile company, when the door was first battered down, replaced the barricade against them after the deputies had forced entrance. They were armed with a writ of replevin, calling for an automobile that had been left in Sattler's care. He stood by and smiled while they tried to figure out a way of removing tried to figure out a way of removing the machine.

Sattler pointed out to the deputies that the automobile was on the second floor, that the elevator was not running, as the fires had been drawn from the boiler supplying the power for it, and suggested that the only way they could get the car out of the building would be to take it apart and carry it out piece by piece.

CROWD WATCHES SIEGE. A crowd of more than 500 men saw the deputy sheriffs, Rottenberg and Silversteld, force their way into the building. Before the arrival of these men Constable William J. Eisenhower had besieged the place for five or six hours, waiting for a chance to levy on the automobiles to meet a rent bill of \$1208 turned over to him by Louis J. Kolb, head of the Kolb Baking Company.

TRIES TO ARREST COLLEAGUE. Another constable, Lieber, from Magistrate MacFarland's office, enlivened the scene by trying to arrest his fellow constable on a warrant charging assault and battery in trying to force his way into the building. Eisenhower restated arrest. The two constables were struggling about the sidewalk when Lieutenant Stringer arrived with a dozen policemen from the 10th and Buttonwood streets station and put an end to the fight.

put an end to the fight.

When Mr. Kolb learned today that Eisenhower had been waiting for more than five heurs with two deputies to get into the building, he and his attorney went to City Hall with Charles Schwarz, a motion picture man of 1225 Vine street, who had entrusted a car to Sattler to sell. Schwarz obtained a writ of repleving calling for the car, and Rottenberg and Silverstein went to serve the writ.

OWNERS FLOCK TO SCENE. Owners of automobiles who had sent their cars to Sattler's place to be sold learned of the disturbance, and, fearing that their machines would be selzed, tried to get into the building to protect them. Sattler, however, refused to open the

building for any one. A large number of young men who said they had paid Sattler money for instructions in running automobiles also gathered and tried to get into the building. Postal inspector Purness is work-ing on complaints made by some of these men against Sattler, they declared.

PARTNERS ADD TO TROUBLE While the excitement was at its height two men who said they had large claims against Sattler appeared and also clamored for admittance to the building, but were refused. One of them, C. H. Freyer, said he had a lien on the automobiles in the place for \$1386, representing an interest he formerly held in the business, which he sold to Sattler. The other, Edward Mackmen, of 1136 Girard avenue, said he paid Sattler \$1300 for a share in the business, but never got his papers and could not get his money back.

NO INJURY TO BOY'S HEAD Court Ordered Examination Because

of Waywardness. of Waywardness.

An X-ray examination of the head of 14-year-old J. Willard Borton falled to reveal any sign of injury that might have caused the boy to be wayward, according to a report of physicians to charge of the psychopathic ward of the Philadelphia Hospital, made today to Judge Gorman in the Juvenila Court. Clarke L. Borton, a Germantown contractor and builder, thought the boy had been injured by a Maryland farmer with whom he was living when he was f years old.

Borton asked Judge Gorman to have an examination made of the boy's head. Willard was committed some time ago for robbing stores in Germantown. He said ather boys told him to steal Judge Gorman recommitted him to the Glen

Gorman recommitted him to the Glen Mills Reformatory. Embassy at Bertin. More recently he way One Fireman Enough for Fire an attache of the United States Embassy

One fireman of truck No. II. 58th street an attache of the United and Helbinous avenue, quenched a bluxe at Caracas, Vensauela. It has residence of J. V. Durriap, 425 South the street, this morning, after excited neighbors had interphoned for any venture of the United States of the authorption in this city on a charge of bullence and all available its apparatus platinuous, sefera Edward P. Hoffman, The firmuso, Thomas Donahie, ran into platinuous, sefera Edward P. Hoffman, ran into platinuous, set the banksupley and contact of the Dimiss boune with a hand extinguished of Louis and Harry Varatum, in the second food totals in a room bushes of Louis and Harry Varatum, in the second food totals in a room bushes of Louis and Harry Varatum.

PROSPERITY HERE PROMISED AS GIFT OF RATE DECISION

Leaders of Industry and Railroad Officials United in Predicting Change Will Bring Boom Times.

The decision of the Interstate Commerc Commission granting Eastern railroads the long-contested 5 per cent, freight increase was received with satisfaction in Philadelphia by railroad officials, bankers, brokers, financiers and all who represent big business interests.

An era of unprecedented prosperity for Philadelphia and for Pennsylvania was forecast as the direct result of the decision. The policy of retrenchment which the railroads have been maintaining for some months, it is confidently prophesied, will be supplemented by an unequaled period of expansion and development in all lines of business. The decision was particularly gratify-

ing to the large industrial interests here to whom it will mean increased orders and a revival of business after months of deression and stagnation. Haldwin's Locomotive Works, Brills' Car Works, the Midvale Steel Works and the Pencoyd Iron Works expect to benefit almost imediately.

The decision caused a sudden flurry in the Stock Exchanges, both here and in New York. Railroad stocks took a sudden jump and reached higher point than den jump and reached higher point than they have since the Exchanges reopened several wacks ago.

News of the rate increase created an appreciable effect upon Reading and Pennsylvania stocks. At the Stock Exchange it was reported Reading had gone up from 47 to 48, but afterward went down to 47%. Pennsylvania went up from 1074, in New York to 108% and later fell to 108%, still showing an appreciable in

107% in New York to 108% and the in-69% to 68%, but later rose to 69. At the close of the market last night Baltimore and Ohio was at 69%. The increase, it was declared, was due to the fact that the increase granted by the Interstate Commerce Commission does not effect carriers of bituminous coal. Western rail-

roads were weak. When the announcement appeared on When the announcement appeared on the ticker shorts rushed to cover, and there followed a rapid upward movement which carried prices up sharply to about a parity with last night's closing quots-

Southern Pacific rose 11/2 from its low Southern Pacific rone Its from its low point, and other railroad shares followed a similar course. The list then quieted down, losing much of the midday bulke. The wording of the decision was such that brokers were not quite certain just how much the railroads had been benefited, but the consensus of opinion was that they had received urefit which all they had received urefit which of the railroads have stability to their securities sufthat they had received urefit which all they had received used to their securities suffered to the railroad shares followed a similar course. The railroads have stated that such additional revenues would strengthen their conditional received used to their securities and give stability to their securities suffered to the railroad shares followed a similar course. The railroads have stated that such additional revenues would strengthen their conditions. that they had received pretty much all they had sought.

OFFICIALS GRATIFIED.

Officials of the Pennsylvania, the Philadelphia and Reading and the Baltimore and Ohio Railroads, the three roads entering this city, declared they needed time to digest the decision of the Commission public statement. All, however, expressed gratification at the increase.

The exception made by the Commission, excluding coal, coke and from from the increase, it was intimated at the railroad offices, would seriously offset much of the scaln made by the general ruling. This, it is eald, will be particularly true of the Philadelphia and Read-larly true of the Philadelphia and Reading Company, which hads many millions of tons of coal annually.

To the consumer, however, the excep-

tions, particularly that affecting coal, comes as a bleusing. Had the increase been granted on coal it is generally believed that a decided increase in the price

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MRS. CROKER BAGS WILDCAT Bride of ex-Tammany Chief in Dan-

ger From Animal.

PALM HEACH, Fta. Dec. 18.—Mrs. Richard Croker, youthful Bride of the ga-Tammany boss and direct descendant of a great Cherokee chief, shot and killed a wildcat which was just in the act of attacking her while on a funting trip near the Croker home here. The animal was perched on the limb of a tree and was brought down a second-before it would have sprung on the young

woman. WILLING SPENCER FOR PANAMA President Wilson today named William Spencer, of this city, to be secretary of the Americali Legation at Panama. Min. Spencer is the sen of Mr. and Mrs. John Theorpeon of 100 Spruce attest. He was formerly secretary of the United States

House Passes Supply Bill WASHINGTON, Don. 16 - After stime Interstate- Commerce Commission Permits Advances, Declaring Findings of Original Report Are Modified in Light of Changed Situation - War's Effect on Rate of Interest Factor in Decision. Means \$50,000,000 Revenue Gain.

Exceptions Are Made in the Cases of Rates on Bituminous Coal and Coke. Anthracite Coal, Iron Ore and Rail and Lake Shipments.

WASHINGTON, Dec. 18.-The fouryears' fight of the Eastern railroads for general advance of 5 per cent. In freight rates was won today, when the Interstate Commerce Commission allowed

the increase, with a few exceptions, The commission made it plain that its action was taken to relieve the commercial crisis brought on by the war Commissioner Clements filed a dissenting opinion, declaring the action of the commission "out of harmony with the spirit

and purpose of the law." Although it was first reported that Commissioner Harlan wrote the commislater that he also-disagreed with the de-

ciston to give a flat 5 per cent, increase The exceptions from the increase include rates on bituminous coal and coke, anthracite coal, iron ore and rail-lakeand-rail, lake-and-rail and rail-and-lake

A flat 5 per cent. increase is allowed on cint rates between "official classification territory"-the East-on one hand, and Southeastern territory, the Southwest and points on or east of the Missouri River, on the other; on interstate rates to and from New England, from and to points in trunk line or central freight tion-mid-West-territory; on rates to and from New York, and throughout "official classification." or Eastern, territory.

REVENUES GAIN 450,000,000. The increase will affect practically every railroad in the United States by ficient to enable them to weather the

financial gale of the war. The commission criticised the railroads for misrepresenting conditions in their previous applications for increases. The representations of the carriers in the before it would be possible to make a 1919 cases that, without the increases their credit must vanish, "proved strangely at variance with their subsequent experience in the borrewing of hundreds of millions," the commission anid.

it did not doubt, however, that the financial problems of the carriers had been made much more acute by ressen of the war, and that if rates were to be set to afford reasonable remuneration to these carriers consideration must be of coal to the ultimate consumer would given to the increased hire of cap have followed immediately.

Attorneys for the commuters, who have well as to other increased costs. given to the increased hire of capital as Commissioners Harlan and Claments

dissented. Mr. Clements took the view of Louis D. Brandels, counsel for the Commission, that the advance rate was simply "a war tax for the exclusive benefit of the ratio

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