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# GERMANY RUSHES VETERANS FROM EAST FOR GREAT DASH ON CALAIS AND IN ALSACE

Desperate Offensive Planned by Kaiser to Pierce Allies' Lines in Drive on Channel Port and Attempt to Clear French and British From Invaded Territory.

All present indications tend to confirm the belief that the scene of important operations, which may prove the crucial period in the war, will soon be transferred from the east to the west. The Germans have virtually turned over the conduct of the campaigns in lower Galicia and South Poland to the Austrians and are transferring great masses of their troops to the western front, preparatory to two great drives, one on Calais and the other on the French positions in Alsace. This is evident from the directions in which the movement is proceeding. The Germans are moving troops along northern and southern Germany.

LONDON, July 7. There are reports from Holland and Bwitzerland of the movements of large bodies of German troops to the west-one specifically mentions 10 army The closing of railway communications in Bavaria along the route which these troops would take is reported from Switzerland. This report, on other occasions, invariably has presaged a great shift of forces on the part of Germany.

Another indication, to which military men here accord great significance, is the manner in which, for the last 10 days, there has been increased German activity there has been increased German activity at many points along the western front, with the display of a disposition to take the offensive such as has not been shown for several months. These tentative attacks are believed by those who have studied German tactics to be preliminary taps of the hammer, testing the line for a smashing blow.

SAME STRATEGY AS YEAR AGO. One of the most interesting features of this expected shift of the German campaign to military critics here is the fact that it, superficially at least, will betoken a return to the strategy of the Teutonic Powers just one year ago at the outset of the war.

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At that time the task of holding Russia was assigned to Austria, with the sid of German armies in East Frussia and northern Poland, while Germany threw her whole weight on France.

The battle line in the east, it is pointed out, to a remarkable degree is similar to that when the war began in earnest at the end of August Iast year, and the difference that exists is largely in favor of Germany and Austria.

The present line in Galicia and southers Folund is almost identical with that attained by the Austrians in their opening facusion of Russian territory, which culminated about September I, and was followed by the liattle of Rawa Ruska and the fall of Lemberg.

The Germans are planning a mighty stroke in Alsace, according to reliable re-ports that reached the War Office today. The withdrawal of rolling stock from the

The withdrawal of rolling stock from the German railways leading into Switzerland is preliminary to a new German offensive. The Teutons will attempt to aweep the French back out of Alsace upon their own frontier.

Small bodies of German reinforcements already have arrived in the valley of the Fecht and the arrival of great masses of troops from Galicia is reported.

The German war program, according to reports brought here today, now calls reports brought here today, now calls

reports brought here today, now calls for these steps:

First-Completion of the driva to sweep the Russians entirely out of Galicia.

Second-Isolation of the Russian army in eastern and southeastern Galicia from the Russian forces in Poland and a probable new offensive against Warsaw.

Third-An offensive to free German soil completely of the enemy by driving the French out of Alsace and a great drive to reach Calais.

Fourth-Peace overtures.

Advices from several sources agree that Germany is tiring of the war and has determined to bring it to an end, if possible, within a few months, while she is in the most advantageous position since the battle of the Marne.

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French military men, however, declared today that the Germans have made their greatest miscalculation in their plans for a sudden, rushing victory in Alsace. The mistakes of the first French invasion of the "lost province," when the French, at the beginning of the war, entered Alsace and were quickly driven out, will not be

repeated.
Since the last French offensive captured Metzeral and drove the Germans out of important positions before Kolmar, the French have "dug themselves in" behind fortified works even stronger than those north of Arras. Consequently, the word that Alesce is to be the new battle ground for the German armies from Galicia has

#### GERMANS PIERCE FOE'S LINES NEAR MEUSE, FRENCH ADMIT

An important gain by the German troops in a new offensive in the forest of Apremiont near the Meuse River is admitted in today's official communique from the War Office. It states that the Kalser's forces succeeded in penetrating the French lines on a front of 700 yards. The official report indicates that fight-

our positions on the crest south of the Sonvaux ravine was checked by our heavy fire. The Germans attacked at the same time to the west of the crest, where they were likewise repulsed. "To the southeast of St. Mihiel the en-

emy, after a bombardment of great vio-lence, took the offensive in the night on a front extending from the hillock which dominates the right bank of the Meuse 

# ALLIES STRIKE FIRST BLOW

Tpres has begun, but this time the first blew has been struck by the Allies. They have opened a fierce offensive campaign against the Germans on the east bank of the Year Canal.

Taking several of the German trenches

IN THIRD BATTLE OF YPRES HAVRE, July 7.—The third battle of Kalser's troops to regain the lost ground. Thrown back in their counter-attacks, the

Germans have resorted to their heavy ar-tillery and are bombarding the positions which they had held until Monday. The French artillery is replying ener-getically to the German guns. A dispatch from Amsterdam says that the artillery in their first assault, the British troops have successfully withstood efforts by the

### BERLIN REPORTS THE REPULSE OF ENEMY AT MANY POINTS

BERLIN, July T. The official General Staff report on the

operations in the west says today: "In the western theatre of war British troops yesterday entered a German trench north of Ypres, but were again ejected in the evening. West of Souther two night attacks by the snemy were repulsed.

"While we were shelling troops of the enemy gathered at Arras the town caught

Between the Meuse and Moselle there was lively fighting yesterday. Southwest of Los Eparges the enemy continued his afforts to win back positions recently soft At first the attacking French got the German line of defense. boll. At first the attacking French got not part of the German line of defense, of the enemy's training camps."

IN ARRAS BOMBARDMENT

# GERMANS DESTROY CATHEDRAL MERCANTILE MARINE DENIES

BESTAIN, July 7.—The Array Cathedral was set after and practically destroyed during the German bombardment of the dry last aight, the War Office reported the The Germans found it necessary to shell the city, it was explained, because large bodies of French troops contestrated there during the fighting. NEW YORK, July 7.-When informed that a financial news agency was put-ting out a rumor that the liner Adriatic had been sunk, an official of the Inter-national Mercantile Marine made the following statement this afternoon:
"We have received absolutely no word
from the Adriatic or concerning her. We
expect in hear nothing until tomorrow
night or Friday morning."

### THE WEATHER

### FORECAST

# RUMOR ADRIATIC WAS SUNK

atten with a front of 159 yards. About 200 French soldiers were taken prisoners.

"Near Croix Des Carmes, in Priestwald (Le Pretre Forest), the enemy made a counter-attack, which was repulsed.

"At Sudel, in the Vosges, an enemy's trench was stormed and rendered useless for defensive purposes.

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## FRENCH SOLDIER SHOT THROUGH HEART IN TRENCH



The photograph was taken at the instant that a German bullet struck the middle man, killing him as he stands. His comrades are not yet aware that he has been hit.

## PENROSE ADVISES CITY TO WORK FOR 1916 CONVENTION

Join Hands if Republican Gathering Is to Come Here.

National Committee Will Not Consider Application Until Hall Has Been Obtained and Sufficient Funds for Expenses Have Been Raised.

The civic bodies of Philadelphia immediately must begin a concerted effort to obtain the next Republican National Convention for Philadelphia if that great gathering is to come to this city in 1916, declared Senator Boles Penrose today; Before an application from this city would be considered by the Republican National Committee, he said, a suitable hall would have to be obtained in which to hold the meetings and a fund raised that would be sufficient to defray the expenses of the convention. The Senator pledged his support to obtain the con-vention for Philadelphia, and added that he would co-operate with any organiza-tion that would take charge of the movement to bring it here.

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On top of Senator Penrose's declaration.
State Senator Edwin H. Vare announced
that he would contribute the first \$1000
to a fund to meet the expenses of the onvention. State Senator James P. Mc-

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## \$60,000,000 ORDER AWARDED TO DUPONT COMPANY BY RUSSIA

Bonus Which May Reach \$20,000,000 Will Be Given for Speed in Filling Ammunition Contract - To Work Night and Day.

WILMINGTON, Del., July 7.-To meet the needs of its army for ammunition and meet it quickly, the Ruesian Govern-

but a counter-attack won back all the trenches with the exception of a piece having a front of 100 yards. "The enemy abandoned one of his ma-chine guns. Two more charges by the chine guns. Two more charges by the enemy here, as well as an attack on the Calonne trench, falled completely.

"Half way between Allly and Aprement the Germans took by storm an enemy position with a front of 150 yards. About 200 Prench soldiers were taken prisoners.

and meet it quickly, the Russian Government has awarded a contract for \$90,000,000 worth of powder to the Du Pont Powder Company, offering a bonus for early completion of the order.

The amount of this bonus is to vary, according to the time lopped off the time of delivery. It is possiblt for the company to secure a premium of as much as \$3 1.3 per cent., or \$20,000,000.

In order to complete the contract as rapidly as possible, a large number of men are being taken on at the Carney Point plant, and the new buildings there will be rushed. Some of the work may go to the other plants of the company in the effort to get the powder to the Russians as quickly as the work can be Russians as quickly as the work can be

done.

The capacity of the Carney Point plant at present is about \$60,000 pounds of powder a day, but the entire plant cannot be put to work on the Russian contract because contracts for other nations will have to be filled. Powder is selling for \$1 a pound, so that this contract will mean making \$0,000,000 pounds. The reason given for the hurry is that the Russian Government is having trouble in keeping its army supplied with ammunition. The retreat of the army before the Germans and Austrians is explained by this circumstance.

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Officers of the Russiarn army have been in Wilmington recently and the subject is said to have been gone over thoroughly before the contract was signed. The officers of the company have made if a policy net to talk about foreign powder conicy net to talk about foreign powder can-tracts, but every effort is made to push the work of getting out the powder, and it is likely that the plants at Carney Point and other places will be worked night and day, in order that the full bonus may be secured by the company.

## HOLT IDENTIFIED AS WIFE SLAYER AFTER SUICIDE

Says Civic Bodies Must | Morgan's Assailant | Harry Thaw's Actress Perhaps Feared Discovery He Was Muenter, Harvard Poisoner.

> Insanity Theory Gains Ground. Alienist to Examine Brain. Autopsy Proves Prisoner Killed Himself by Jump in Jail Cell.

MINEOLA, N. Y., July 7.—The body of Frank Hoit, who shot J. P. Morgan and last night killed himself, was today identified positively as that of Erich Muenter, the missing Harvard professor, who in 1906 murdered his wife. Two Cambridge witnesses, S. T. Smith, State police officer of Massachusetts, and T. W. Hellier, who lived in the same house with Muenter for nine months, declared the suicide and Muenter were one and the same.

Smith took the Bertillon measurements of the body. They tallied exactly with those of Muenter. He was further identi-fied by means of a gold tooth filling. which was one of Muenter's distinguished marks. District Attorney Smith has come to the conclusion that the dead man was the fugitive he poisoned his wife.

"It was determined at an autopsy today
that Morgan's assailant ended his life by
a 15-foot plunge in his cell that broke his

skull on the cement floor.

After performing the autopsy, Dr. Guy
F. Cleghorn said.

"The autopsy showed a fracture at the base of the skuil. There is no doubt that Holt jumped to his death. There were no powder burns on the face or mouth." Doctor Cleghorn's statement set at rest rumors that Holt might have killed him-self with a weapon smuggled into his cell or by chewing a percussion cap that he had secreted in his clothing. Significance is attached by the police to the fact that Holt's death followed im-

nediately upon revelations which estab-ished almost beyond doubt that Holt was Muenter.

was Muenter.

Among those who viewed Holt's body was J. P. Whitman, a Bostonnewspaper writer, who knew Muenter well. Whitman said, "I am sertain that Holt and Muenter were the same man."

A letter, which it is presumed be had

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ORA DA TUTTI I LATI

Vani Tentativi Austriaci di Arrestare la Marcia delle Forze Italiane sull'Isonzo.

Mentre gli italiani avanzano sul fronte del basso Isonso, a sud della fortezza di Gorizia, ed i Bersaglieri attaccano lentemente le posizioni austriache nella regione di Piava allo scopo di aprirsi un varco verso Gorisia dal nord, gli austriaci hanno iniziato nuovi attacchi contro le linee italiane nella speranza di arrestare il movimento di avanzata che minaccia di prendere Gerisia in una terriblio morsa di accialo e stringeria in una solida accisio e stringeria in una solida tanaglia dal nord, dall'ovest e dai aud. Gli austriaci, sempre uzuali alla loro antica fama, usano metodi di guerra indegni di una nazione che si dice civile. e dopo aver finto di arrenderai attuccano gli italiani. Sono questi i mezzi di chi si vede gia' giunto alla disperazione e stretto alla gola dall'ondata che lo afio-

Nell'attacco contro la fortezza di Go-Nell'attacco contro la fortazas di Gorizia l'artizlieria italiana ha danneggiato gravemente la formidable testa di poote sulle destra dei flumo Isonao, che guarda Gorizia contre gli attaccat dall'ovest.
Le truppe italiane hanno conquistato alla presenza dei re, che e' sempre fra i soldati d'Italia, le importanti alture di Chosis, facendovi prigionieri ben 190 austriaci. Secondo telegrammi provenienti da Lugano, sti italiani continuano ad essere vittorical nella battaglia che si va svolgendo sull'altropiano dei Carso, dove

avoluendo sull'altropiano del Carso, dove le truppe italiane occupano le posizioni del namico che nu s' cacolese con fre-Joe Murray, of La Salle Club, thinks (Laguere in the implication of plut that he is the real (real) thing since he detaclists notize suits guerra, in Italians,

## ARREST EVELYN FOR CONTEMPT, ORDERS JUSTICE

Wife May Flee to Canada to Escape Witness Stand.

Officer Goes to Malone, N. Y., to Bring Back Woman for Whom Harry Killed Stanford White-Most Important Witness, Says State.

NEW YORK, July 7. - Evelyn Nesbit Thaw was declared in contempt of court today and will be brought back under arrest to testify for the State in Harry K. Thaw's sanity trial unless she crosses into Canada. Justice Hendrick declared Thaw's actress wife in contempt, and said he would sign an attachment for her as soon as Deputy Attorney Frank K. Cook presented it to him. Cook said he would have the attachment ready at 2 o'clock. Mrs. Thaw, even without the attach-

Sheriff will go at once to Malone, N. Y., for her.

Mrs. Thaw can be arrested anywhere in the United States, but would be immune in Canada. However, those who know her best said she would return, as she has 30 weeks of vaudeville booking in and around New York for next autumn and the attachment against her will run or five years. Dr. Bernard Livingston, the physician

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### COMMUTERS FIND WAY TO "GET SQUARE" ON WILLOW GROVE TRAINS

By Use of Excursion Tickets Riders Are Able to Save From 2 to 20 Cents on Round Trip Despite Increase in Rates.

Persons using the Philadelphia and Reading Railway trains from stations near Willow Grove at last have discovered a way to get square with the railroad for Every passenger may save from 2 to 20 cents on a return 1/1p, according to the destination. The best of the whole thing from the standpont of the traveler is that he is accing entirely within his legal rights in "beating" the railroad and the company has no way to retailate.

The anomalous situation was brought about by the special excursion rates to Willow Grove, which the Reading put into effect when the park opened. In the case of other stations lying between Philadelphia and the park or those be yond the park, the rates remained the same, and, instead of having to pay according to the number of miles, pas-sengers soon learned that in some cases a longer ride to Willow Grove was cheap er than a shorter ride to intermediate stations. The answer, of course, was buy a return ticket to Willow Grove and

get off the train at the desired station this side of the park.

The return fare to Willow Grove, a dis-The return three to whom orders, a distance of about 15 miles, is 60 cents; the single fare 25 cents. The return fure to Glemaide, the first station this side of Willow Grove and only 11.9 miles from the terminal, is 60 cents; the single fare 30 cents. The principle on first thought seems to be: The longer the ride the less the fare.

For Jenkintown the return fare is 54 Centinued on Page Two, Column Four.

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## GERMANS DENY OPENING NEUTRAL MAILS

BERLIN, July 7 .- The Government today denied a report that German authorities opened and censored mail aboard the Swedish steamships Bioern and Thorsten. The Thorsten's mail bags were untouched, it was officially stated. From the Bioern's mail pouches were removed some nippers to be used in cuttinb barbed wire and addressed to the British Government.

### THOUSANDS GREET LIBERTY BELL IN ILLINOIS

ROCK ISLAND, Ill., July 7.—Rain and lowering skies greeted the Liberty Bell when it reached this city on its way to the San Francisco fair at noon today. The bell was on exhibition one hour in the three cities of Moline, Rock Island and Davenport. Several thousand school children and grown-ups viewed the famous relic. En route here the bell was given a big reception

### J. PIERPONT MORGAN'S CONDITION IMPROVES

GLEN COVE, N. Y., July 7,-Continued improvement is shown in the condition of J. Pierpont Morgan, who was shot twice by Frank Holt last Saturday.

### ALLIES' MINISTERS CONFER ON MUNITIONS

LONDON, July 7.-France's newly appointed Minister of Munitions arrived here today and conferred with David Lloyd-George, the British Minister of Munitions.

### SIX MEN PLEAD GUILTY OF ELECTION FRAUDS

INDIANAPOLIS, July 7.-Six men, jointly indicted with National Committeeman Thomas Taggart, Mayor Joseph E. Bell and more than 100 other Indiana politicians, pleaded guilty today to the charge of conspiracy to corrupt the 1914 Marion County registration, primary and election.

### VON KLUCK RETURNS TO FRONT

PARIS, July 7.—General Alexander Van Eluck, who was wounded some onths ago while inspecting the advanced trenches of the Germans, has reovered and returned to the front near Soissons. The renewal of the German bombardment of churches in northern France is attributed by French news. papers to Von Kluck's influence. The German explacation to that the spires of the churches have been used by the Allies as artillery observation posts.

### CHARTER FOR MISERICORDIA HOSPITAL

A charter was granted today to the Misericordia Hospital in the city of Shiladelphia by Court of Common Pleas No. 5. The hospital will be allusted north of Cadar avenue, between \$30 and 58th streets. The Sisters of Meter recently waged a very successful campaign to raise funds for this cause, more than \$200,000 being collected.