TEUTONS STRIVE TO SPLIT RUSSIAN **ARMY IN RETREAT**

Hindenburg Strikes in Baltic-Linsingen Hits Blow in Galicia

PETROGRAD IS OBJECTIVE

Germans Hope to Trap and Capture Entire Centre of Czar's Forces

LONDON, Aug. 25 The Austro-German armies are now atempting the greatest stroke of the war. concentrating heavy forces against weakent spots in the Russian lines the Caar's enemies are seeking to aplit

the arrival of winter. Great masses of men and metal are being hurled against the retreating Slave in the region of Vilna. General von Hinnburg is directing the drive. He hopes to cut off the Brest Litovsk armies.

his field forces into three armies before

In the southeast the Austro-Germans, under General von Linsingen, evidently reinforced by detachments from Mackensen, are attempting a rush northward through Kovel. Their object is to throw another wedge between the Brest Litovak armies and the Russians under General Ivanoff in Galicia.

The heavier blow is being struck by you Hindenburg. Petrograd dispatches today predicted von Hindenburg will be heavily reinforced if he has not been already. The belief in military quarters here is that you Hindenburg plans to gain a favorable position for a stroke against Petrograd.

General Polityanoff's statement that

General Polivanoff's statement that Russia is raising new armies of 2,000,000 men ready to take the field in the spring aroused the greatest optimism here. Re-ports indicate Russian munition factories have responded to fresh stimulus and are now turning out great supplies.

BREST LITOVSK GARRISON

OF 100,000 MEN ESCAPES Femans Fail to Trap Big Army in Capture of Fortress

PETROGRAD, Aug. 28.— The Brest Littovak garrison of 100,000 men excaped from that fortress before it was abandoned to the Austro-Germans, and has joined the Russian field forces, the War Office anounced today. Before Brest Litovsk was evacuated the Russlans destroyed the fertifications and bridges. All valuable property that was portable was removed. The following statement of the fall of Brest Litovsk was issued by the War

"Berlin statements that the fortress of Brent Litovak fell after an assault by German and Ausro-Hungarian troops are

"It was decided some time previously that to shut up the garrison in this place was inexpedient. Consequently the most favorable material was removed in good time and the forts on the left bank of the Buz resisted only in order to allow the armies operating in this region to relire egatward.

"When the movement was effected, the fortifications and bridges were destroyed and the garrison in the forts rejoined the army in the field."

BRUMBAUGH AND VARES JOIN HANDS IN FIGHT

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against them the influence of the national and State administrations. This tion will support the Vares.

TO ELIMINATE PENROSE

The fight to overthrow the Penrose-McNichol State machine was planned several months ago. Every political move that has been made by the Gov-etnor and his friends since the first of the year has been made with a view to strengthening their battle lines.

Soon after Brumbaugh was inaugurated as Governor of Pennsylvania, Senator Penrose went to see him. The Governor nade it plain to Penrose that he conmade it plain to Fenrose that he con-sidered the Senator the representative of the people of Pennsylvania only in ra-tional affairs at Washington and that he himself was the spokesman for the people of the Commonwealth in State affairs. He served notice on Senator Penrose to keep "hands off" in local matters.

keep "hands off" in local matters.

All of the appointments that have been made by Governor Brumbaugh, in spite of several indications to the contrary, have borne out the fact that he started immediately after this conference to build up a machine that would eventually eliminate Penrose as the Republican leader in the State. The Governor has assured himself of the assistance of powerful political interests in Pittsburgh and Scrapton.

Brancis Shunk Brown, his Attorney General, is a bitter personal enemy of Penrose, and for many years has been the legal adviser of the Vares. Brown, who was Durham's attorney, is credited with having conceived most of the intricate schemes and adroit political moves of the Vares.

of the Vares.

The Governor appointed Cyrus D. Woods to be Secretary of the Commonwealth, and thus got rid of Robert Mc-Afge, who had been Secretary of the Cummonwealth during three Administrations, and who was a powerful Penrose-Oliver leader in western Pennsylvania. Woods comes from Westmoreland County, where Republican conditions were chaotte last year. Nearly all of the appointments to the new Public Service Commission have been made, with the end in view of strengthening the anti-Penrose combination throughout the State.

and in Lancaster county, and gave both Brumbaugh and the Veres edded strength in Philadelphia. Alney is an Independent Republican. His appointment materially helped in rallyms to Brumbaugh the Independents who were inclined to support the Governor because of his attitude toward Penrose and his advocacy of Brocressive, humanitarian legislation. Brecht is not looked upon with favor by Lieutenant Governor Frank B. McClain, who a aligned with Penrose.

tenant Governor Frank B. McClain, who is aligned with Penrose.

John Monaghan has considerable political power, and by appointing him Governor Brumbaugh went on record as favoring the Vares in preference to Penrose and McNichol. The much discussed appointment of Thomas B. Smith was made in the manner in which it was as a notice to Penrose and McNichol that Brumbaugh is with the Vares in the Philadelphia Mayoralty fight.

The Penrose McNichol machine has

The Penrose-McNichol machine has fared just as badly in the smaller appointments that have been made under the Brumbaugh administration as it did in the important appointments, and the Penrose-McNichol followers who are now holding State Jobs are not resting very easily under the Brumbaugh axe which they expect to strike them at any time.

GOVERNOR BRUMBAUGH'S AIM. Governor Brumbaugh feit justified naking political appointments because he considered that the end justified the means. The appointments, however, were not entirely political, as the Governor in most cases carefully considered the qualifications of the appointees before he named them.

The Vares aligned themselves with Brumbaugh in the fight because they saw an opportunity to eliminate their political rivals, Penrose and McNichol. They added to the Brumbaugh machine a powerful orto the Brumbaugh machine a powerful or ganization that extends into nearly every ward in Philadelphia. Every move by the Vares in the last four years has been made with a view to perfecting an organi-zation that would defeat the Penrone-Mc-Nichol machine in the mayoralty this year. The South Philadelphia leaders have obtained nearly every city appointment that has gone to the Republicans under the Blankenburg administration. Partly through these appointments they have been enabled to build up the nucleus of an organization in the independent wards. POWERFUL RECRUITS.

By adroit political moves they have brought into their camp several powerful ward leaders who were formerly aligned with Penrose and MoNichol. John J. Mc-Kinley, Jr., of the 33d Ward, deserted McNichol during the primary campaign of last year. Thomas B. Smith, of the 28th Ward, who had always been considered a staunch Penrose adherent, was the first ward leader to assure the Vares that he would support William S. Vare for Mayor.

The Vares first brought out Peter E. Costello for Congress and thus won his support for William S. Vare in the Northeast. Other ward leaders, through Northeast. Other ward leaders, through whose pledged support the Vares have gained strength for William S. Vare, in-clude Republican City Chairman David H. Lane, ex-Recorder of Deeds David Martin and State Senator E. W. Patton.

These men, with the exception of Lane, supported Earle four years ago and by securing their strength this year the Vares have gained considerably in the Northwest, and Northeast and in West Philadelphia.

With these affiliations, which, the Vares believe gives them two-thirds of the Republican strength in Philadelphia. the Republican strength in rainaughaus. Erumbaugh and the Vares considered that the best opportunity to strike the deciding blow in the fight against the Penrose-McNichol machine was in the

KOLB BOWLED OUT. The next problem was to find the strongest candidate to lead the fight. The name of Louis J. Kolb, warm personal friend of Governor Brumbaugh, was among the first considered. The Brumbaugh-Vare alliance had become so strong, however, that the Governor refused to lift a finger to help Kolb, although he agreed in the event of his nomination to support him. Colonel Kolb's friends dropped his campaign soon after that.

after that. In connection with the mention of Kolb, the fear of the Brumbaugh-Vare alliance that Penrose and McNichol showed at that time is interesting. Expecting the Governor vigorously to support Kolb, Penrose and McNichel sent two of their ileutenants, both attached to the Municipal unexpected defeat of Carter Harrison.

The "investigators" reported that anti-German sentiment had contributed largely year the Senstor will be unable to bring to the result of the Chicago municipal either influence to bear in the fight, beelection, and the word was soon passed around in Philadelphia that Kolb was Democratic and the State Administra-tion well support the Verse ers spread this word.

W. S. VARE PEARS "KNIFE." William S. Vare was decided upon and will be the candidate. All of the Vare followers are united in urging him to make the race. The Vares themselves have only one fear. They feel absolutely sure of success in the primaries, but are not so sure that William S. Vare will not be "knifed at the polls by Penrose and McNichol just as the Vares "knifed" Earle. This doubt, and this doubt alone, has caused the hesitancy about the open announcement of W. S. Vare's candidacy.

The Vares have planned to forestall the The Vares have planned to forestall the campaign arguments of Penrose and McNichol by conducting their campaign on the issue of national politics. They will take the argument of protection and the plea that Philadelphia pave the way to a national Republican victory in 1816 out of the mouths of Penrose and McNichol. They will point to the "hard times" under the Wilson Administration and declare the Democratic tariff has hurt the country, particularly Philadelphia, with its immense business interests.

For the benefit of citizens who will not swallow national political arguments in a municipal election, the Vares will argue that by the election of William 8. Vare, the city would place in the hands of a thoroughly experienced man the handling of all the great contracts that are to be awarded during the next four years.

The Vares intend to get out of the contracting business altogether, so that William S. Vare, as Mayor, would be unfettered in handling the great public improvements that will be made during the next administration. His brother, equally experienced in large business affairs, would be his chief adviser.

would be his chief adviser.

Penrose, of course, has foreseen all of these preparations for the fight against him and the State machine. He has made alliances with Joseph R. Grundy and other malcontented manufacturers, and through them has promoted various so-called protective associations and similar organizations throughout the State.

All of the moves that have been made by the Vares, Penrose and McNichol during the preliminary skirmishing in the Mayoralty campaign have indicated a

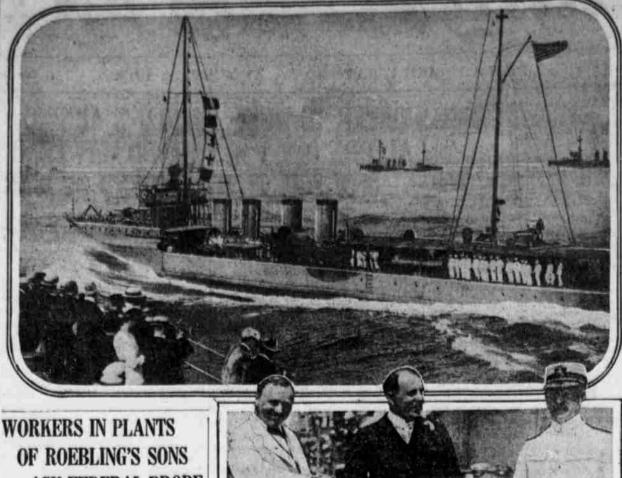
For received the unwavering support of the powerful Mages faction in Allegheny county. William Flinh, who led the fight of the Progressives in 1812 and 1814, has returned to the Republican party and is now sligned with Brumbaugh and the large and Flinh in Allegheny with Woods in Westmoreland county, are building up a powerful part of the Brumbaugh-varie machine in Western Pennsylvinia.

For a short time it looked as though Governor Brumbaugh had the support of the Oliver faction also in Allegheny county. He appointed Hobert J. Cundington, an Oliver man, to the position of State Highway Commissioner, and United States Senator George T. Oliver assets of the interest Highway Commissioner, and United States Senator George T. Oliver assets of the interest Highway Commissioner, and United States Senator George T. Oliver assets of the interest Highway Commissioner, and United States Senator George T. Oliver assets of the interest Highway Commissioner, and United States Senator George T. Oliver assets of the interest Highway Commissioner, and United States Senator George T. Oliver assets of the interest Highway Commissioner, and United States Senator George T. Oliver assets of the interest Highway Commissioner, and State Highway Commissioner, and State Highway Commission.

SERVICE COMMISSION FRIENDIAT.

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GOVERNORS AT CONVENTION REVIEW ATLANTIC FLEET



ASK FEDERAL PROBE

Union Members Declare They Have Been Driven to Point of Exhaustion Filling European War Orders

OTHER ABUSES ALLEGED

Wage System, Company's Stores and Rental System Also Mentioned by Employes

TRENTON, Aug. 28.-An investigation nto what are described as conditions beyond human endurance at the Trenton and Roebling plants of the John A. Roebling's Sons Wire Company, builders of the Brooklyn bridge, was requested today from the Federal Industrial Relations Commission which probed the Bay-

The Federal Board will be requested to visit the Roebling company's plants and determine whether as high as 129 hours per week is fit time for a man to be employed, and to inquire into wage conditions. The Commission also will be asked to direct its attention to the works along the Delaware River at Roebling where 106 men have been notified to vacate the premises of the mammoth wire concern August 31. A strike has been in progress there for the last two weeks.

The hours of labor and the wage system alone will not be investigated, if the central labor body, which represents more than 7000 organized union men, can have the Commission carry its investigations further. Food supplied in the company's store at Roebling, rents paid to the concern by the operatives, all things that portain to the relations between the company of the workers are asked to be pany and the workers, are asked to be investigated in a resolution passed by the mion body.

It was given out today by members of Continued from Page One

rose and McNellons sent two of their ministration that departments, both attached to the Municipal the Central Labor Union that departments in the Roselling mills here are manufacturing supplies for the European warring nations, and that the workers have been driven to the point of exhaus-tion in filling the orders. It also was intimated that the employes were in a state of revolt, and that a strike was likely. This same union body also went on record as opposed to the Roebling company preventing its employes from abtaining copies of a Trenton newspaper. The publishers sent special carriers to the town of Roebling, to see that copies of the paper are delivered, and in a frontpage article denounced the Roebling com-pany for trying to subsidize the pregs. The unionists declared for the liberty of the press in a resolution passed at their meeting here today.

SLEUTH ON HURRY CALL ASTOUNDED AT RESULT

Starts After Gang of Yeggmen, But Finds Something Quite Different

There is a general air of contentment around the City Hall Detective Bureau today. The detectives are especially happy over solving a mystery in West Philadelphia last alight, which for a time had them at their wits ends. Word came to headquarters of a robbery by a gang of yeggmen. Lieutenant of Detectives John Lynch gathered up all the men available and also asked Detective Edward L. Farrell to go along, although he was off duty.

Farrell readily agreed and jumped into an auto with the other sleuths. All wore cautioned to look to their pistols before starting. The men sped out Markos street and turned down 60th, and Farrell was amazed when the car stopped in front of his own door at 823 South 60th. Mrs. Farrell came to the door, and seeing her husband asked him to stop in for awhile.

her husband asked him to stop in for awhite.

"I can't do it," the detective replied, "I'm on a bad case." Finally his fellow workers said a few moments' chat would not matter and Farrell finally went inside followed by the others. The house was dark, but when the light was turned on Farrell was amazed. The dining room table was spread for a sumptuous feast and tastefully decorated with flowers.

And then Mrs. Farrell reminded the detective that it was his Mth birthday. Before the feast there was a musical program in the course of which Leon isnaca, seen of Detective Issaes, sang several good songs. In addition to Detective Lynch the guests included City Hall Detectives William Green, William Isaacs, Thomas McCullough and Jake Gambarrow. Several of Farrell's relatives and friends were also present.

ALLEGED DOPE SELLERS HELD

Two Men in Bail Until Doctor Examines Wares

Two alleged "dops" peddlers were held under \$500 bail for a further hearing at the Central Police Court today by Mag-istrate Beaton, in order to give physicians time to analyze the contents of numerous capsules found in their possession. The men are Benjamin Bernstein, of 659 North bits street, and Joseph Dimeri, of 721 Bouth 2th street.

According to the police, the men were standing at 5th and Vine streets last night selling the capsules for 35 cents each to habitues of the Tenderloin district. A pedestrian, who was approached by the men, informed Policeman Hart, of the lith and Winter streets station, who arrested them.

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Nearly every State in the country was represented at the national convention of Governors at Boston this week. A number of the executives are seen on the deck of the U. S. S. Wyoming, watching the torpedoboat destroyer McDonough go by at more than 20 knots an hour. Below is a notable group. Secretary of the Navy Daniels is shaking hands with Governor Walsh, of Massachusetts, while the third man is Admiral Frank F. Fletcher, commander of the Atlantic fleet, and host to the Governors who inspected the sea fighters off Boston Light.

CASE OF THE WRIST WATCH CALLED; "COURT" TO WIND IT UP BEFORE NIGHT

Jewelers in Conclave Will Decide Whether It Is Effeminate but Fashionable, or Masculine Though Maddening-Suffragists' Opinions Divided

NEW YORK, Aug. 28.-The wrist watch was on trial before a jury of its peers today. Before darkness settles on a troubled world, it will know whather it is more fashionable to flirt the cuff to get the hour or whether the old prosain dragging of several lengths of yellow log chain from the wesco't is fashion's fa-yorite. vorite.

After a resolution condemning the thing had been tabled at the National Retail Jewelers' Association the question was revived again, but its fate will be decided

the wrist watch: MRS JULIAN HEATH, New York, president

definitely today.

No matter what the jewelers decide, here follows the voice of the public on

Housewives' League—The first time I saw a wrist watch on a men I looked to see if his heir was curly.

MES HENRY BUTTERWORTH, New York, prominent suffragist—A strap applied size-where will do some men more good than around their wrists.

SAFETY DIRECTOR BENESCH-There ought to be a Federal law making it a felony to

wouldn't be neural to identify himself

SOUTH STREET PAVING FINDS WIFE BOUND, UNDER WAY AT LAST

H. M. Levy, Business Men's Head, Lays First Block at 6th Street After Long Fight

First steps in the movement to improve South street were taken today when the work of laying a wood pavement was be-gun at 6th and South streets. Harry M. Levy, president of the South Street Busi-ness Men's Association, laid the first

The event was a notable one in South Philadelphia, and many business men of the neighborhood were present. Mr. Levy used, to aid him in laying the block, a hatchet with the inscription "1776" on the handle.

The starting of the work marks the culmination of a fight fasting three years. Five months ago Councils appropriated funds to carry on the work. The contract, which calls for the paving of the street with wood blocks from 2d street to the Schuylkill River, was awarded to James P. McNichol. The sum involved is \$190,000.

Considerable dissension occurred in the ranks of the South street business men themselves before Councils passed the ap-

themselves before Councils passed the appropriation. Many of the members believed that a paying of granite would be more acceptable than wood, but Mr. Levy, by circulating petitions for both styles of paving, proved that a majority favored wood.

The association has started a crusade for the cleaning of the street. Sidewalk awnings will be removed, telephone and telegraph wires will be placed underground, more electric lights will be added and assurances are being received of better transit facilities. It is also proposed to change the name of the street to University avenue. versity avenue.

POLICE SEEK ABSENT WOMAN

Mother Is Said to Have Abandoned Two Small Children

The police are trying to find Mrs. Anna Farrell, of 1720 Kensington avenue. They say she deserted her two smaller children, William, 7 years old, and Dovina, 8 years, on Tuenday last. The woman took an older daughter, Anna May, 11 years old, along with her.

Neighbors of the woman, their snapicions aroused after the children had begged food, called the police. According to Policeman Nees, of the Front and Weatmoreland streets station, he found the children in the single room occupied by the family trying to find something substantial to eat in some sarbage they had picked up on the atreet.

The children were taken to the police station and furnished with a square meal, and this manning they were taken to the House of Detection.

Rible He Stole Converts Thief HOPKINSVILLE, Ky., Aug. R.—One Sunday last May some one entered the home of T. R. Rice and took Mr. Rice's new coat and a Rible. Vesterday a stranger came who told Mrs. Rice he had taken the things, and he handed them hack to her. He said he read the stolen Rible and became converted. He was invited to dinner, and when he left was presented with the Rible. Rible He Stole Converts Thief

wear one. ERRY McNAUGHTON, Cleveland's Beau Brummel milor-They're is k. for "shemales."

MISS LAVINIA ENGLE, leading suffragist, Trenton, N. J.—Men will wear wrist watches without ridicule at the result of a greater democracy when equal suffrage arrives.

A high Government official, who said it

said at Washington:
"I profer a watch on the wrist to a Watch on the Rhine."

GAGGED AND BEATEN

Woman Maltreated by Two Robbers, Who Fail to Get Any Plunder

MOUNT CARMEL, Pa., Aug. 28.—Returning from an automobile trip late last night, Reuben Beaver, of Aristes, near here, found his wife lying under a couch, bound and gagged, and with a gash in the head. The woman said she was attacked by two well-dressed men, who demanded money, and upon her refusal to give them any knocked her down and dragged her down a flight of stairs by dragged her down a flight of stairs by the hair. The entire house was ran-sacked but nothing was taken. Deputy Sheriff Condy Langdon and several State troopers arrested two suspects, but the woman was unable to identify

BLACK HERO RESCUES SUFFOCATED FIREMAN

Continued from Page One are unoccupied. The others are occupied by Mrs. Anna Peirsendorfer, Mrs. Margaret Durbin and Thomas E. Ward. Mrs. Durbin, a widow, was nearly overcome by smoke as she attempted to remove her household goods from her home-

Two hoses burst during the fire. One of them gave way in front of the restaurant of A. Lessick, at 916 Cherry street, flooding the dining room and driving several patrons from the tables.

In the rear of the Badger Building and fronting on 915 Arch street, a building operation was threatened for a time with destruction by the flames. Workmen on the operation assisted the firemen to reach advantageous positions to fight the flames, and built plank bridges from the operation to the burning building.

Traffic was blocked on 5th and 19th atreets for more than half an hour. Engines and trucks answering the second slarm had difficulty in reaching the second owing to the number of vehicles that had become stalled on those theroughfares. In one instance the members of a first truck had to leave their truck on 5th street and clear a way by numbing automobiles out of the street. CROWD HAMPERS WORK.

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Hundrods of persons, attracted to the scene by the clanging fire bella in the centre saction of the city, gathered in the small streets and made the work of the firemen more difficult until they were driven back by the police. Moving picture men added to the excitament by rushing about filming hundreds of feet of the dense snoke pouring from the windows of the burning structure and taking pictures or fremes being assisted from the building and treated on the sidewalk.

This was the third fire in the immediate

This was the third fire in the immediate vicinity within two years. At a Sre in the same building a year age a large number of fireman were injured by the collapse of the floors.

Today's fire damaged the Dadger Build-ing to the extent of \$15,000 and caused amoke damage to nearby houses spli-mated at \$500.

WELSH COAL STRIKERS REFUSE TO RETURN

Miners Ignore Command of Leaders-Sixteen More Collieries Forced to Quit

LONDON, Aug. 28. Disobeying the orders of their leaders, the 20,000 miners on strike in South Wales and Monmouthshire refused to return to work today. Ten thousand more men

Sixteen collieries had shut down up to noon today and the sole hope that they would be reopened in the near future lay in the conference held by Minister of Munitions Lloyd-George and President Runciman, of the Board of Trade, with the executive committee of the Miners'

The Executive Committee arrived this forenoon and was immediately received by Lloyd-George, who summoned Runci-

Word came from Newport today that word came from Newport today that probably every miner in the Monmouth-ahire district will quit work tonight unless today's conferences in London show a disposition on the part of the Government to recognize the miners'

Miners' officials at the conferences re Miners' officials at the conferences re-newed their attempts to convince Presi-dent Walter Runciman, of the Govern-ment Board of Trade, that his arbitra-tion award had fallen far short of the promises made by the Government.

FRENCH AIRMEN RAID **GERMAN LINES AGAIN**

Paris Reports Station at Chatel in Argonne Bombarded. Many Artillery Battles

PARIS, Aug. 28. Fighting on the French front was generally confined to artillery duels, acording to today's communique from the War Office. French aviators are continuing their activity, the railway station at Chatel, in the Argonne, having been bombarded last night.

The text of the communique follows: "There were some artillery combats in the course of the night around Souches and Neuville, as well as in the region of

"On the plateau of Quennevieres and of Neuvron a conflict with bombs oc-"In the Argonne our artillery arrested numerous attempts by the enemy to bom-bard our trenches.

"The night was without incident on the rest of the front. "Our aeroplanes bombarded the station of Chatel in the Argonne during the

GERMAN MINES DESTROY TRENCHES IN CHAMPAGNE

Berlin Also Reports Repulse of Attack in Vosges

BERLIN, Aug. 28.—The text of today's statement from the German army head-quarters follows: 'In Champagne and in the Meuse hills French trench works were destroyed by mine explosions. In the Vosges a weak advance by the French was easily re-pulsed."

GERMAN ARABIC STAND MAY END WAR

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understanding that the sinking was due to the mistaken belief by the German Admiralty that the Cunarder was an armed vessel carrying an enormous sup-ply of ammunition. The question of in-demnity and the amounts remain to be taken up, and it is expected here that Count von Bernstorff will be authorized by his government to settle this directly with Secretary Lansing. The German Ambarsador made a complete report to his government today of his conversations with Secretary Lansing, and has asked for further instructions. Until they are received, he will not ask for any further conferences with the Secre-tary. He is understood to have asked that a complete copy of the instructions under which German submarine commanders now are operating be communi-cated to the State Department through either himself or Ambassador Gerard, Only a general outline has so far been given to Secretary Lansing.

It also is understood that the Ambassador has urged that in communicating these, Germany take occasion to answer in full the last note of President Wil-son dealing with the Lusitania. It is

son dealing with the Dustania, it is confidently expected in official circles here that this will be done. The Administration gives Germany credit for absolute good faith in its lat-est attitude concerning submarine war-fare in general and the Arabic case in

This was learned today on the best authority-official, though unofficially ex-The statement was made, in view of suggestions from various sources, that the Kaiser sought to start a long controver-sy over the Arabic incident instead of giving the United States the "full satis-

faction" mentioned and of acceding to the Administration's demands relative to Americans' safety at sea. So far as German-American trouble was concerned, it was said confidently that all danger was considered virtually over-it was conceded that this did not neces-sarily mean there would not be a good deal of diplomatic correspondence. With a satisfactory outcome virtually assured however, it was said such a delay was not deemed a serious matter.

"SINGING CRIPPLE" COLLAPSES

Tommy Lang's Hip Fractured; Friends Taking Care of Him

Until he is "on his feet again" and able to take care of himself, nothing is going to be too good for "Tommy! Lang, a Southern youth who, several weeks ago, walked to Atlantic City from Atlanta, Ga., walked to Allantic City from Allanta, Ga., and had the good fortune to arouse the interest of a number of philanthropic Philadelphians. Hecently the boy was taken to New York to have his voice tested by a maestro of high standing, who predicted that with training he would become a wonderful singer.

Last night an "Tommy" had just con cluded a selection for members of the Cosmopolitan Club in Atlantic City he suddenly crumpled and slipped to the floor. Women of the cottege colony made him comfortably while an ambulance was ammoned. This morning surgeons said the youth has a fractured hip. A dozen wealthy Philadelphians have volunteered to see "Tommy" through.

R. R. Men Flock to Shore R. K. Men Flock to Shore

ATLANTIC CITY. Aug. 13.—The annual outing of the New York Chy Assaciation of Fassenger and Tickest Agents will be held here today. More than 20 members of the azsociation, coming by special train from New York, will be met on arrival here by representations of the Hotsi Man's Association and excerted to the beach by the Municipal Band Among the Isatures of the program will be a life saving drill by possi guards.

INSURANCE COMPANY TOLD TO MAKE GOOD \$62,000 IMPAIRMENT

State Threatens American A. surance Concern With Receivership in Event of Its Refusal

ALLEGE FALSE REPORTS

FACTS ABOUT ACCOUNTS OF ASSURANCE COMPANY

Mortgage loans valued at 124,000 included in report of July 31, when he \$47,500 of this amount was owned. Impairment of capital found by lavail, gators for the State Insurance Department, 563,339, as of July 31, 1915.
Impairment as of December 31, 1914, 558,582.

Receivers will be asked for the Amerian Assurance Company, 13th and Spring Garden streets, by the State Insurance Department unless the company makes good a capital impairment of more than \$62,000 discovered by Charles Roses Chief Insurance Examiner.

Notice to this effect was served on the company today from Harrieburg. It the same time it was announced that a action would be taken until the same noce company either takes steps to make good the impairment or evidences an intention to refuse to do so. tention to refuse to do so. THIRD BIG DEFICIT. The third big financial deficit in the

years in the accounts of the Assurance Company, was brought to the attention of State Insurance Commissioner Charist Johnson by Mr. Roney. Johnson by Mr. Roney.

A year and a half ago the company was first found to be impaired financially. At that time the company reduced it capital by \$50,000 and withdrew from a number of States in which it was doing business. The investigation then was made jointly by insurance examiners of Pennsylvania, New Jersey and Virginia. According to Mr. Roney's report, the impairment now is \$62,339 72, instead of a surplus of \$36,000 as shown in the July report of the officials and Board of Derectors of the company. The investigation started last Friday, but has been superficial because a more thoroning probe was made December 31, 1914, showing at that time an impairment of \$56,582.13.

ALLEGE FALSE REPORTS

Sworn statements including among the company's assets in December mortgars loans amounting to \$124,600, were false. nater of fact the company owned but \$47,500 of this amount, it is said. The balance is not the property of the com-pany and never was assigned to it the report alleges.

"It is my impression that we can prere ownership of these mortgage loans," and Secretary D. T. Richman today, "Of course, before we issue any official state-

ment, we desire to investigate the question of ownership from a legal view.

tion of ownership from a legal viewpoint."

To this end a meeting of all directors of
the combany available was called at it
o'clock this morning. It was held in the
office of Murdock Kendrick, in the Crossr
Building. According to Richman, President A. J. Simpson is now in Indianapolis
on business pertaining to the morigage
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A CRIMINAL OFFENSE

The filing of fradulent insurance reports with the State Insurance Department is a criminal offense under Penagles laws. The insurance commissioned is empowered to close up the business of a company by receivership proceedings where fraud is shown.

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A tentative agreement had been make with the American Corporation that mell-gages were to be turned over by it to the American Assurance Company in consideration of advances, but the arrangements rell through.

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The American Corporation formerly was known as the American Russicry Com-pany. It is operated by Reinhold R. Koch, former president and founder of the Assurance Company, and associates who also are connected with the Assor-

ance Company. ASSETS SHORT \$77,100.

The full amount given in the aggets and found not to be the property of the chapany is \$77,100. Of thus, \$15,000 mm for a rate given to the present prostant of the Assurance Company, A. J. Simpsen, and taken up in November, 13th The belease is made as a root take lease. balance is made up of mortrage leans

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The final paragraph of the report from Mr. Roney to Commissioner Johnson is as follows:

"After all the above has been said. the facts that are glaringly apparent are that the company, instead of having a surplus of \$24,733.79 on December 31, 1914, surplus of \$24,733.79 on December 31, 1914, as sworn to by the officers in their spinual statement to you, was impaired to the extent of \$35,582.13, and on July 81, 1915, instead of having a surplus of \$36,032.10, as stated to the board of directors, was impaired in the amount of \$62,339.72."

Rhode Island and Connecticut barred the Assurance Company from doing bu-iness in those States a few years ago, following exposures of alleged juggling of assets. The company now is doing business in Pennsylvania, New Jersey.

business in Pennsylvania. New Jorsey. Ohio, Indiana and Illinois.

A. J. Simpson, of Oak Lane, now president of the assurance company, was elected February 5 of this year. He became connected with the company more than a year ago when it took in the American Miners' Accident Association, of which he was president, then located in Indianapolis.

Simpson came to the rescue of the sh surpace company in the 1914 crisis, when it began to seem that the company could not pass muster before the insurance transmers because of the impairment. He took 2217 shares of assurance company stock owned by the inside corporation. went to indianapolis and procured a large amount in Indiana mortgages. These amount in Indiana morrgages. These were then included in the assets of its assurance company. Simpson is understood to have insisted on being elected president of the company before persitting the use of the mortgages.

PRESIDENT REA IMPROVED

Head of P. R. R. Spends Restful Night, Say Physicians

The condition of Samuel Rea, president of the Pennsylvania Railroad, was of the Pennsylvania Raiiroad, was greatly improved today. Physicians at the Polycinic Hospital said that he had spent a restful night and slept well.

Considerable anxiety was felt concepting Mr. Rea on account of a slight inference on Thursday, and his friends and business associates were much relieved to hear of the change for the better this morning.

At the offices of the Pennsylvania Railroad it was said that Mr. Rea was belief this morning than at any time alice his illness began. He had been gaining in strength daily. Mr. Hea had an excellent night and expects to sit up mest of today. If his condition continues to improve as randily as it has in the past week his physicians give assurance this ha will be able to leave the hospital willing the next to days.

Ex-Secretary Long, of Navy, Is III mor Secretary of the Navy, and former Governor of Massachusette, is serious? If a hit home in Hinghum. The nature of his trouble has not been dismosse.