DRIPPS COULD BEAT SMITH WITH POLICE, **BUT HANDS ARE TIED**

New Safety Director Considers Himself Bound by Mayor's Pledge to Keep Department Neutral

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If there's one little game the politicians of Philadelphia seem to enjoy more than any other, it is playing battledore, and shuttlecook with the police department.

Opinions differ, naturally, as to the mecality of the same. A few high-minded individuals believe that to play politics with the police is equivalent to calling in the devil. Others, realising the tremendons influence the corner "cop" wields, either for good or for bad, in his district, think a good end justifies almost any means and when the civic integrity of the community is at stake the department should be thrown into the fray without the slightest hesitation.

A third class, which hasn't much regard for any political rules, believes in getting what it wants—votes, contracts and any

for any political rules, believes in getting what it wants—votes, contracts and any old kind of graft. It uses the department to the uttermost limit and sits back and hauls in the winnings.

At any rate, everybody is willing to admit that for the last three years and pine months the game hasn't been a highly fashiomable one. Mayor Blanken-furg put the "kibosh" on it in his pre-election pledges and the consensus of opinion has been that former Director Porter carried out obediently the promises of his chief.

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What is Robert Dunning Dripps, the new Director of Public Safety, who has been put into the Independent mayorally candidate's office, going to do about this! is one of the questions people who realize the tremendous importance of the fusue involved are asking. And, in the five decisive weeks which remain before the November election, will the police force of this city be instructed to remain passive, while the Independents, without its aid, endeavor to lick the gang? is another.

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It was to ask these two questions and a few others that I bearded the new Director in his lair this morning. He didn't answer them right off. He only stared; and, since it isn't a penitentiary offense to translate people's thoughts, here is what I read back of the baby-blue stare of the Director's baby-blue eyes:

"If I had my way, and if my hands weren't ited, I'd use the police department of this city to such an extent that the gangsters who threaten to throttle all bones of good government in Philadel-

of good government in Philadelwould be walloped within an inch of his would be walloped within an linch of heir lives. I'd take no chance of letting he city in for four years of gang rule." What the big Director actually said, lowever, when he got through with that baby stare was this:

"We must waive the question of the wisdom of Mayor Blankenburg's pre-election pledges. Rightly or wrongly, he promised the people before they put him in office-and I heard his speeches dozens of times-that for the four years of his administration the police would be out of politics. Director Porter construed it to he his duty to adhere strictly to Blankenburg's pledges, and I feel it incumbent upon me, in the three months of the term I have been appointed to fill, to follow in the same group." to follow in the same groove.

There was something wistful about this declaration of dependence. I am sure virsefor Dripps is exercising real result to maintain the attitude he has puted, and that if he had his way, tion bets would be showing big odds

deplorable condition the Department of Public Safety was in four years ago Something radical had to be done. It wasn't safe for a man to vote according to his convictions. The police in some wards not only let the gangsters beat up independent voters, but they actually assteted in the beating. Furthermore, their salaries were docked for the compaign fund which was to keep the gangsters in office. Graft, oppression and outlawism has been the demonstrated result of police activities in politics.

"I am firmly convinced now, however, that the Police Department of Philadel-phia is the finest in the world. Of course, I shall never rest content until the number is increased and the pay also. Those things will come. I am sure. Another one of my hobbies is that the entire equipment of the Fire Department should consist of motor apparatus. We have 60 pieces now. Before Director Porter took hold there were none."

NEIGHBOR OF PORTER. Director Dripps and Mr. Porter are warm personal friends. Their homes are but four doors apart on Wayne avenue in Germantown, and it has been their habit to come to the city together every ng in the former Director's auto-Their political ideals are identical. In

Their political ideals are identical. In fact, if it weren't for this warm personal friendship which Mr. Dripps bears Mr. Porter one might almost say that the former's real for the latter's mayorality cendidacy had almost an ulterior purpose. For, starting at the lowest rung of the ladder, the new Director has followed precisely in the political footsteps of his predecessor.

Indged, from the time Mr. Porter was a leader in the 22d Ward he has always been Mr. Dripps' predecessor. In this way they have both been ward leaders, City Committeemen, City Councilmen and lastly Directors of the Public Safety Department. Quite a few people think Mr. Porter is in a fair way of being Mayor, which, all things considered, would make things look bright for Mr. Dripps.

Physically the new Director is not unlike his predecessor. Their heavy build is much the same, and the same frank, ingenuous gaze, ruddy complexion and

is much the same, and the same frank, ingenuous gaze, ruddy complexion and bread expanse of brow characterizes them both. Indeed, were their backs turned they might easily be mistaken for large-sized editions of Mozara. Tweedledna and Tweedledne. Hefore leaving the new Director to the tender mercies of the horde that sat in his outer office I saked him just what he thought of the possibility of success for the independent ticket, and quite lihout meaning to be we were back to a police again.

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believe." he said seriously, "that if police department performs its duty of I am sure it is going to—Mr. Porwill be Mayor of Philadelphia. To gern its duty it is not necessary for department to be politically active. it simply be to maintain an imparatitude toward the election and at polis. Fraud must be prevented and man must be permitted to vote action in the own convictions. In this is will win. Of that I haven't the at doubt."

Man May Be Philadelphian on the Sciaware near Chester as a tasht is believed to be Jo-R. Abgarola, of RB Mountain he was drowned at National Bunday a week ago. Several Trience of Angarola, went to hasterday and made a partial ton of the body in the Morgue

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GLI ALPINI BATTONO IL NEMICO AD 11,000 PIEDI DI ALTEZZA

I Ghiacciai del Gruppo dell'Ortler Attraversati di Notte e Strappati dalle Mani degli Austriaci

SAYS PORTER WILL WIN UN'ALTRA SPEDIZIONE

ROMA, 27 Settembre. Ieri sera il Ministero della Guerra pub blicava il seguente rapporto del generale Cadorna:

"Nella sona tra il gruppo dell'Ortier Monte Cevedale, nel Tirolo, le nostre truppe Alpine, che in una colonna avevano lasciato Santa Caterina e Val Purva con un cannone, raggiunsero la semmita' dope tre notti di marcia, all'alba del 20 Set tembre, sbucando dal ghiaccialo a circa due miglia a sud di Koenigspitze.

"Di la', dope aver circondato distacca-menti nemici a Kreilspitze (11,021 piedi di altenza), Schrootterhorn (11,014 pledi) e Monte Pasquale (11,567 pledi), la colonna violentemente attacco" il Suidenspitze (16,527 pledi), che era fortemente tenuto dal nemico, lo conquisto e distrusse il distaccamento nemico.

"Una ugualmente fortunata operazione fu compiuta dalle forze Alpine italiane a Bas di Cevedale (10,455 piedi), dove i Bas di Cevedale (10,455 ptedi), dove i nostri Alpini attaccarono una colonna nemica che si affrettava a marciare da

"Nella zona del Tonale vi fu il 23 Set tembre una violenta lotta per il posaceso delle alture di Torrione, situate lungo la catena tra Punta Albiola e Redival, alla testa della valle di Scino (valle del Noce). Le alture di Torrione fuorno dipetutamente prese e perdute, e finalmente, dopo un violento fuoco di artiglieria da ambe le parti ne' noi ne gli austriaci riuscimmo a situarci sulle alture contestate.

"Sul resto del fronte, oltre a due pic coll attacchi del nemico nel settore di Tolmino, che furono subito respinti, non vi s' stato alcun avvenimento di importanza.

L'On. Barzilai giustifico' quindi l'en-trata in guerra dell'Italia perche' la sua neutralita' sarebbe stata per lei pericolo-sissima e l'avrebbe portata fatalmente ad essere la vassalla e la vittima delle po-

LA MORTE DEL CAP, ORLANDO. morto recentemente sul campo di battaglia, combattendo contro gli austri-aci, il capitano prof. Luciano Orlando, il quale aveva in Philadelphia molti conterranei ed amici. Il capitano Orland era professors di matematica nell'Uni-versita' di Roma, e quando era scoppiata la guerra con l'Austria egli era corso ad arruolarsi ed a riprendere il suo grado di capitano del Genio. Era nato a Caronia, Sicilia, ed ultimamente era stato chia-mato dal Ministero della Guerra a dirigere la scudola di aeronautica militare ed era

presidente della Societa' Nazionale di In-coraggiamento delle Industrie. Il Ministero ha ora comunicato alla vedova, signora Luigia Alba Orlando, ed alla madre, signora Elisa Orlando Pagani, che il loro caro estinto aveva meritato per la sua erolca condotta la medaglia d argento al valore ed era stato proposto

IN TRINCEA AD 84 ANNI. Un telegramma da Milano dice che terente Francesco Longo, di 84 anni, il piu vecchip vecchio soldato sul fronte austriaco, e ritornato alle trincec, essendo appena uscito dall'ospedale mili-tare di Cremona dove era stato ricover-ato parecchie settimane fa per ferite riportate in un combattimento. Ad 8i, anni combatte nelle trincee, e dopo combatte nelle trincee, e dopo essere stato ferito ritorna al suo posto sulla linea del fuoco'. E davvero un episodio di erolamo che merita di essere portato a conoscenza di tutto il mondo.

IL SANT'ANNA A NAPPOLI Telegrafano da Napoli che e' giunte ola' il piroscafo Sant'Anna, della Fabre Line, a bordo del quale era acoppiato l'incendio in alto mare. Il capitano del piroscafo ha portato le prove che l'incenseggeri austriaci che al trovavano a bordo che avevano ottenuto l'imbarco dando false generalita'. Di questi cinque crimi-nali austriaci tre sono stati arrestati e consegnati alle autorita' italiane, e due al sono gettati in mare e sono scomparsi.

ALLUVIONI IN ITALIA. molte regioni d'Italia si sono avuti violentissimi temporali che hanno caus ato inondazioni e frane. La violenza del vento e' stata tale che una quantita/ enorme di alberi e' stata schiantata e molto bestiame e' andato perduto nelle inondazioni. Fortunatamente finora non al ha notizia di vittime umane, ma il servizio telegrafico e telefonico e inter-rotto in molti punti. Qui a Roma anche il Vaticano e stato mondato in alcune parti basse, ma i danni non sono grandi.

TROLLEY CARS CRUSH AUTO

Young Woman and Her Companion Suffer Injuries

A young woman is in the University Hospital and her brother-in-law is nurs-ing numerous painful injuries today fol-lowing an accident which occurred shortly after 8 o'clock this morning at 84th street and Eastwick avenue, when an automobile in which they were riding caught between two trolley cars and

automobile in which they were riding caught between two trolley cars and crushed.

The woman is Miss Hannah Keightley, 28 years old, of 88th street and Holstein avenue, who sustained a broken rib and severe lacerations, and her companion was Frederick Higson, 68 years old, of 90th street and Erwig avenue.

Miss Keightley, who is a telephone operator, was late in starting for work this morning, and her brother-in-law offered to run her down town in his machine. He was driving east on Eastwick avenue and, desiring to turn into 84th street, passed in front of one trolley, failing to notice the approach of another coming in the opposite direction. Both occupants of the machine were thrown clear of the trolley tracks when the impact occurred and the automobile was almost entirely demolished.



WHERE ALLIES TURNED TIDE



The arrows indicate the simultaneous drives of the Allies in northern France and in Flanders, the aim of which apparently is to break the German grip on the railroads and highways stretching southwesterly from Lille, which city has been used as a great depot for German military supplies. South of the La Bassee Canal the British won five miles of trenches, which gives them control of the highway from Lens to La Bassee and threatens the railroad from Lens to Lille. The Germans are reported to be about to evacuate Armentieres. At Hulluch, 11 miles from Lille, the Germans were driven back to their second line of trenches. On the Ypres sector the remnant of the Belgian army captured a German outpost. The entire battle line from Ypres south has been under heavy bombardment for days.

ALLIES' VICTORIOUS OFFENSIVE FAR REACHING IN POTENTIALITIES

Too Early to Estimate Value of Gains, Expert Says, but Germans Have Overestimated Staying Powers in West-Effect on East and Bulgaria

By J. W. T. MASON

The most important victory the Allies have won along the western front since the battle of the Marne is still in process of development. The Allies cannot know as yet themselves how far they may be able to push back the Germans.

The determining factor will be the cas palties, and neither the British nor the French have announced their losses in the present engagements. But whether or not the Teutons prevent the Allies from further advancing, the victories already gained must have a legitimately encouraging effect in Great Britain and France. The German line has been proved to be not impregnable, and althought it doesn't follow the Germans can be forced back into their own coun try, it ought to prevent the Teutons from wandering far afield in other hostile di-

This, in all probability, will be the most important effect of the British and

CHILDREN CUT OFF BY FIRE Rescued After Flames Had Penned Them in Room

Four children left alone in the home of James Toner, 1134 Durfor street, narrowly escaped injury today when matches with which they were playing set fire to some old clothes in the bathroom and they were hemmed in a rear room by the moke and flames.

Bessie, Edward and Katharine Toner, ages 7. 5 and 4, respectively, were left alone in the house while their mother went out to nurse a sick friend. Thomas Reed, age 8, 1120 Durfor street, came in to visit them and the four were playing with matches in the bathroom when the

with matches in the bathroom when the clothing was set afire.

The children ran screaming into another room and the flames rapidly spread to the hallway, cutting off their retreat. Michael Rodensky, a butcher, and Policeman Horan, of the 4th and Snyder avenue station, were attracted by their cries and entered the house and carried them to safety. The fire was extinguished, with slight loss, by a chemical engine.

able that the Germans have overestimat-ed their power of resistance in the west. They have been compelled to give ground because of the large withdrawals of men from France and Belgium for the Rus-sian campaign. The capture of Warsaw and the other eastern successes have been worth the German losses of this week-end in the west; but a few more such losses will cut the German western lines of communications, and no victories in Russia would pay for such an outcom

as that. It is probable, therefore, that the Teu-tons will be compelled to send back to the west many of the regiments now in Russia. Petrograd, in afct, may have been saved by the sudden military ac-tivity in France and Beigium.

Furthermore, the Anglo-French vic-tories must have a cautionary effect on Bulgaria. Indeed, it is possible Bulgaria now will wholly reconsider her attitude. If the Allies break through the German lines in the west Bulgaria would find she must shift for herself in the Bal-kans; and should that happen Bulgarla's entrance into the war with the Teutons would prove to have been her death

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TO RETRACE OLD ROUTE FLYER TO DEFY DEATH

More Than 30,000 Soldiers Will Take Part in 49th Annual Encampment

Special trains carrying delegations from every one of the 38 posts in this city left Broad Street Station at \$:45 o'clock this morning for Washington, where the 69th annual encampment of the Grand Army of the Republic begins today. The big feature of the encampment will be the parade of veterans on Wednesday morning, when hundreds of Philadelphians and thousands of Pennsylvanians will be in line.

Pennsylvania has a candidate this year for the office of commander-in-chief of the veterans. He is William J. Patterson, of Pittsburgh. Great efforts are being made to bring about Mr. Patterson's elec-

It is possible that Philadelphia will be chosen as the city where the 50th en-campment of the veterans will be held. NEGROES RAISE FILM FUND

\$500 Collected at Mass-Meeting to Fight Photoplay

A war fund of \$500, with which to wage a legal fight against the photoplay, "The Birth of a Nation." now playing at the Forrest Theatre, has been raised by negroes in this city. Two near riots recently outside the theatre have been checked by the police. More than 1000 negroes attended a mass-meeting of protest yesterday in the Olympia Theatre, Broad and Bainbridge streets.

Former State Senator John A. Sheatz

Broad and Bainbridge streets.

Former State Senator John A. Sheatz presided at the meeting. Several negroministers were among the speakers. Checks were received for the fund from John Weaver, Clinton Rogers Woodruff, J. E. Spingairn and John A. Milholland. resolution was passed condemning omas Dixon, author of "The Clansman," from which part of the photoplay was written.

John W. Bookwalter Dies in Italy XENIA, O., Sept. 27.-Word reached here today that John W. Bookwalter, the multimillionaire Obio manufacturer, who had spent many years traveling about the world, had died in Italy.

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CHILDREN AT TRENTON THRONG FAIR GROUNDS WITH HAPPY MOTHERS

Exhibits Larger and More Varied Than in Former Years-Little Girls See Fancy Work

TRENTON, N. J., Sept. II.—This is children's day at the Trenton Fair, and a happier lot of youngsters cannot be found anywhere than those who have the freedom of the exposition grounds. It is a glorious occasion for the 25,000 children and the happy mothers who accom-

The educational exhibits, which receive so much attention from the fair manage-ment, are of great interest. Ambitious ment, are of great interest. Ambitious art students have crowded around the displays of paintings; the manual training prize goods are causing surprise, and the little girls are getting new ideas by examining the fancy work. examining the fancy work. Every de-partment, from prize chickens to fancy show horses, and from huge pumpkins to beautiful flowers, has something new Complete arrangements have been made

by the State Department of Conservation and Development for the forestry display, and the exhibit by the State Department of Health is most instructive. Prize products from the State Experiment Station are attractively arranged, and the plentiful New Jersey crops fill large buildings. The free open-air program this afternoon promised to be filled with sur-

prises.

Art Smith, the famous aviator who was a sensation at the Panama-Pacific Exposition, will give two flights each day in his biplane. He has won the reputation of the sensation of the sen in his biplane. He has won the repu-tation of being the most fearless of the birdmen, and his act has become known as "aerial insanity.

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By his contract, he is required to make 10 loops in the air in succession, and he will also loop within 300 feet of the race track. His vertical dives will be from 5000 to 3000 feet straight down, and he will show tail slides, wing slides and fly roude down. upside down.

LANCASTER COUNTY FAIR OPENS GATES TOMORROW

Nearly 200 Horses Entered for Rasing Pursea

LANCASTER, Pa., Sept. 17.-The Lancaster County Agricultural Pair opens temorrow and already most of the exhibits are in place. Everything points to it being the greatest fair in every respect Lancaster over had, cope cially as to agricultural machinery, live

stock and poultry. Four thousand dollars will be hung up as racing purses and neary 200 horses are entered. Many of the best horses from the Allentown Fair are am



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