QUICK NEWS

U. S. NOTE TO AUSTRIA VIRTUALLY AN ULTIMATUM

Ancona case was virtually an ultimatum, it was learned on high

TWO HURT IN BROADWAY SUBWAY ACCIDENT

under City Hall collapsed. They are William Young, 44 years old,

2214 Master street, and Felix North, 34 years old, 724 Peter street.

CHARGES OF REBATES TO STEEL CORPORATION GROUNDLESS.

reported today to the Senate, in response to a resolution by Senator

Lane, of Oregon, that the charges of wholesale rebates paid to the

BRITISH MAKE STAND AGAINST TURKS ON TIGRIS

retreat from Bagdad and are making a stand at Kut-el-Amara, an official

statement from Contantinople indicated today. The Turkish War Office re-

ported several attacks by British troops, but declared all were repulsed, the

roops and drove enemy transports on the shoals of Kimikliman Bay," the

FRENCH DRIVE FOES BACK AT ST. SOUPLET

ing operations on the western front today: "There was not a single important

development during the night. In Champagne a battle with grenades was

kept up throughout yesterday. The enemy has been driven back beyond the

PARIS, Dec. 10.—The War Office issued the following communique regard-

AMSTERDAM, Dec. 19.-The British in Mesopotamia have halted their

"In the Suvia Bay region, at Gallipoli, our artillery scattered attacking

WASHINGTON, Dec. 10 .- The Interstate Commerce Commission

They were taken to the Habnemann Hospital,

United States Steel Corporation were groundless.

WASHINGTON, Dec. 10 -America's note to Austria on the

The first subway accident since work started on the Broad street subway occurred today. The two men were injured when shoring

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PHILADELPHIA, FRIDAY, DECEMBER 10, 1915.

COTTAGET, 1915, BY THE PUBLIC LEDGER COMPART.

authority today.

British suffering heavy losses.

crest to the south of St. Souplet."

statement added.

PRICE ONE CENT

## REIGN OF TERROR IS FEARED AS ARMED REFUGEES FLEE AFTER 'WAR BRIDE' TOWN FIRE

Authorities Unite at Hopewell to Try to Prevent Mischief by the Homeless

Dragnet Out to Divest Them of Their Weapons as Fast as They Can Be Apprehended. Scores in du Pont Plant Stockade

Reports of German Bomb Plots Are Denied by Major Bowles, in Charge of the Militia-No Confirmation of Lynching of Negro

ROPEWELL, Va., Dec. 19.-State millthe police of several cities, and the dvate constabulary of the du Pont lowder plant joined forces today to prerent a reign of terror throughout eastern Virginia. Following the destruction of Hopewell, the miracle city, by fire yesterday, hundreds of grief-mad foreigners. bereft of homes and household goods. wandered aimlessly about the nearby

cuntry ripe for any mischief, Many of the wandering refugees were armed and militia, police and constabulary instituted a dragnet designed to divest them of their weapons as rapidly as in, the powder company's lock-up, in discovered. The loss was slight.

Hundreds Wander Aimlessly, Their Homes and Money Gone

Eastern Virginia is threatened with a reign of terror following the fire which made 10,000 persons homeless and caused \$2,000,000 damage in Hopewell, the boom city where the du Pont powder plant is situated.

Hundreds of foreigners, their money and homes gone, wandered aimlessly about the countryside and State militia and police of seven cities united to keep them

from doing mischief.

Reports that the fire was started by a German spy were denied by du Pont officials, who also said there was no truth in the rumors of the lynching of a negro and other vio-

Relief work began today, aid be-ing given by Richmond and Peters-burg merchants.

Two Fires Startle the Southeast Two fires within a block of each other,

within 10 minutes, startled the southeast section of the city today. The damage by each blaze was slight. The sand storage shed of the Homer Brass Works, Water and Reed streets, caught fire in some manner not known, and caused a loss of about \$200 before the blaze was extinguished. Children playing in the yard of the vegetable oil production company of E. F. Drew, Inc., set fire to they could be aprehended. Scores were the grass, and the flames were spreadarested on various charges, and the city ing to barrels nearby when they were

Made So Not by Temperature, but by 18-hour Wind From Northwest

Br-r-r-r! Whew! Wow!

Today is the coldest day of 1915 so far. That is, it is the coldest day for human beings. For the thermometer it is no colder than was December 5, when the mercury shrunk down to 26 degrees.

That was the minimum temperature at 7 o'clock this morning, too.
But the reason the air is colder today from a human standpoint is that an 18-mile-an-hour northwest wind is squeezing its way through the cracks of houses

Ing its way through the cracks of houses and the weave and seams of clothing. A stiff wind on a cold day is worth several dozen degrees' drop in temperature, sometimes, the weather man said. A little thing like a wind doesn't affect the extremely scientific thermometer, however.

Skating enthusiasts, who looked for enough ice to support them on the lakes of Fairmount and Hunting Parks today, were disappointed. There has not yet been enough cold weather to freeze the necessary inch and one-quarter to hold up the throng that would instantly flood all park lakes were skating announced. There is, however, one-quarter inch of There is, however, one-quarter inch of ice on the Gustine, Concourse and Centen-nial Lakes, in Fairmount Park, and near-ly an inch on Hunting Park Lake. Ponds in the outlying counties are already frozen atrong enough to support small numbers of skaters, but it will take a day or two more of continued cold to provide skating for Philadelphians in the

Held on Charge of Assaulting Man William Cannella, a professional ball player, of Washington, was accused toplayer, of Washington, was accused to-day of striking a man over the head with a Belkian block, and was held under \$1000 ball by Magistrate Baker, in the 4th street and Snyder avenue station. He will be arraigned again on Sunday. His victim, Harry Davidson, of 1990 South 5th street, is in the Mount Sinai Hospital. It is believed his skull is fractured. Can-nella, who is 20 years old, took shelter from the cold in a frame house attached to a building operation at Lee and Jack-son streets, where Davidson is foreman. It is alleged that, Cannella refused to go is alleged that, Cannella refused to go when Davidson ordered him out and struck him with a heavy block lying in the street. Cannella is a plumber by

trade and lives at 236 North 11th street.

# SOCIALISTS LAUR FREEDOM OF SEA GERMANY'S STAND FOR NEUTRALS IS

Parties in Accepting .

Attitude in Capitals of

Socialist members of the Reichstag

rumored to be the bearer of the peace views of the Vatican, as well as hints of the Allies' feelings in the matter,

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# PLEA IN SENATE

Caucus Unites With Other Omit "No Word or Act" to End Blockade, Demands Hoke Smith

PRESS COMMENDS VIEWS ASSAILS BRITISH STAND

Sarcasm and Hostility Greet Georgia Senator, in Stirring Speech, Insists U. S. Take Vigorous Action

> WASHINGTON, Dec. 10 .- "The United States must notify Great Britain that it

> That was the hurden of one of the most sensational speeches ever delivered in Congress, in which Senator Hoke Smith, of Georgia, assailed the British investigation of the commercial blockade of the Allies.

The Senator spoke in support of his resolution to have the Senate Commit-The Berlin press is a unit in stating tee on Foreign Relations probe the sitthat the Chancellor, as the Kaiser's untion and recommended to Congress the "best way of proceeding to end the ilion of Germany concerning a peace legal treatment of American ships and lon of Germany concerning a peace policy.

Sarcasm and hostility are the keynotes of British editorial comment on Doctor Hollweg's speech.

Cardinal Hartmann, of Cologne, Is rumored to be the bearer of the peace views of the Vatican, as well as hints

or going into the ports of the countries

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#### BRITISH DENY WARSHIP VIOLATED U. S. NEUTRALITY

ASHINGTON, Dec. 10.-The Britteh War vessel which chased the Danish steamship Vinland into Newport News several weeks ago did not come nearer than 412 miles from shore, British Ambassador Spring-Rice told the State Department today. The Ambassador left with the Department records of observations taken by the pursuing vessel showing buoys and other markers, which tended to prove the three-mile limit was not entered,

#### U. S. SEEKS LIGHT ON SEARCHING OF SHIPS

WASHINGTON, Dec. 10,-The State Department today ordered the Treasury Department to obtain from the collector of the port at San Juan, Porto Rico, an immediate report on the searching of the American steamers Coamo and Carolina by the French cruiser Descartes. The department also decided to ask reports from the New York and Porto Rico Steamship Company, of New York, which owns the vessels. It was stated on reliable authority that if official reports show that four German firemen were taken from the Coamo and a German steward from the Carolina, as reported in press dispatches, this Government immediately will file a strong protest with France, The release of the men will be demanded, it was said.

#### RUSSIANS CAPTURE PERSIAN PASS; ROUT TURKS

PETROGRAD, Dec. 10,-The War Office announced today that Russian troops operating in Persia had captured Sultan Bulak Pass, thus opening the read to Hamadan. Enemy forces defeated at the pass are being pursued.

#### EXPLOSIVES INVENTOR WAS VICTIM OF PLOT

NEW YORK, Dec. 10 .- Robert S. Waddell, noted inventor and developer of high explosives, was killed six months ago in an explosion which destroyed the works of the United States Safety Powder Company, near Louisville. He was the victim of a munitions plot, according to disclosures made yesterday. The killing came on the eve of a successful "proof" of a new high explosive, for which he had obtained a contract from an English syndicate, representing the Allies.

LONDON, Dec. 10.- The largest labor organization in the history of England, representing about 2,000,000 men, has been formed for the purpose of offensive or defensive action in matters respecting wages and conditions of work. The ormanizations composing the alliance are the Miners' Federation, the National Union of Railwaymen and the National Transport Workers' Union. The constitution adopted provides that a joint action can only be taken after the consent of the three organizations concerned is obtained.

#### COSSACKS CAPTURE GERMAN DIVISION STAFF

PETROGRAD, Dec. 20.-Details have been received of the recent capture of the entire staff of the 82d German Army Division in a daring night raid by a small command of Cossack scouts. Under cover of darkness a company of scouts worked its way past the German trenches toward the German base. The Germans and Austrians fell into the ambush and became panic-stricken when the Russians opened fire, it is declared, the Austrians running and throwing down their rifles. The German cavalry also retreated, many troopers falling under the Russian fire. It is said the captured staff included two generals, one being a division commander; seven staff officers and several Red Cross physicians, One colone! was killed when attempting to escape.

#### KITCHENER WANTS MORE HORSES FOR ARMY

LONDON, Dec. 10 .- Upon the recommendation of Lord Kitchener, who declared that the Government already had expended \$60,000,000 in America for horses, and especially emphasized the fact that one of the main difficulties was Two freight trains, filled with articles that would have found their way into hundreds of households as Christmas gifts, were wrecked at 1:35 s. m. today near Andalusia station, on the New York in getting animals of good quality, a Government committee reports that the shortage of horses is "a menace to the State."

#### BRITISH PARLIAMENT TO CONTINUE THROUGHOUT WAR

LONDON, Dec. 16 .- A bill to continue the present Parliament beyond the five-year period and postpone a general election during the war has been introduced in the House of Commons by Sir John Simon, Secretary of State for Home Affairs. The bill extends the life of the Parliament to January 31, 1917, and treats the year 1916 as if it followed immediately on 1915. Ecduction of the salaries of crown law officers has been arranged, Premier Asquith announced. branch of the Pesnsylvania within 12 days. The last wreck occurred November 29, at Cornweils, only a mile from the scene of today's wreck. It is hoped this will give impetus to the campaign for thrift,

#### NAVI AUSTRIACHE ED ITALIANE IN BATTAGLIA

sulla Costa Albanese dal Duca degli Abruzzi

City from Philadelphia. The break caused the cars to jump the track and Telegrammi da Atene dicono che una pattaglia navale tra squadre italiane ed Continued on Page Eleven, Column Three austriache si e' svolta giovedi' davanti San Giovanni di Medua, sulla costa

albanese tra Dulcigno e Durazzo. Si ignora il risultato di questa battaglia, ne' ad Atene o a Roma si hanno particolari Una squadra austriaca, evidentemente operando dalla base di Cattaro, aveva bombardato nei giorni scorsi Durazzo e vi aveva affendato anche alcune piccole imbarcazioni che sbarcavano munizioni per i serbi. Evidentemente il duca degli Abruzzi, avvertito di queste sortite del nemico dai suoi porti ben protetti, invio nemico dal suoi forti deli protetti, invid-una squadra verso il sud, facendola ap-postare per tagliare la ritirata alle navi austriache. Queste non aeppero della presenza di navi italiane all'alterza di Cattaro e di Durazzo, ed uscirono ancora ieri per bombardare San Giovanni di Medua. Pero' la squadra italiana deve aver tagliato loro la ritirata e deve averle aver tagliato loro la ritirata e deve averle attaccate, obbligandole ad accettar bat-

CORN SHOW AN SEAFORD More Specimens of Display This Year Than Last

SEAFORD, Del., Dec. 10.—The minth annual convention of the Delaware State Corn. Show continued this morning in Firemen's Hall. The exhibits this year far exceed those of last year in the number of specimens and quality of grains displayed.

ber of specimens displayed. Last night's session was opened at 8 o'clock by an address by President 8. C. Mitchell, of Delaware College, New-

DOST AND FOUND

WATCH AND PIN-Lady's gold watch and pin testerday, from fild and Columbia are to shooping district and tack manne engraved on naide case "foscibline berrolla". Reward if ret. to 61:2 Columbia avo. Belt 4857 W. BREASTPIN - Lost, from Germaniums to Matrocollian Opera Biosec, lorge eval seed pearl breustyln. Reward if returned to if, R. diffuscham. 429. Walnut st., or phone Germanium Willey. BAR PIN-Lost between Riverton, N. J., and Och and Welmant siz. Phila patings bar pin, containing 17 diamonds, stamped 2, K. N. S. edit. Reward. S. Kind & Son, 1110

COG-Lost, Fronch brindle bull, female pup, a months old, Liberal reward if returned to R. Morrow, 244 N. Franklin at

COLDEST DAY OF 1915

ON PEACE TERMS

Chancellor's Policy

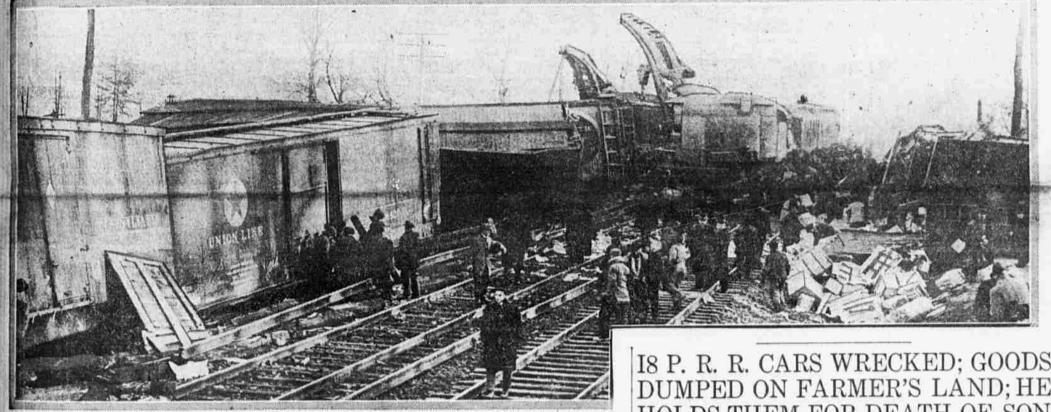
Entente Powers

decided in party caucus today that the reply of Chancellor von Bethmann- will omit no word or not to enforce its Hollweg to peace queries was entirely rights upon the high seas." satisfactory. They voted that there was, therefore, no reason for hostility toward the Government, "whose enemies have been continually stating interference with American commerce. that it favored annexation." This reso- in opening today the campaign to scoure lution passed the caucus by a large majority, a few radicals, including Doctor Liebknecht, dissenting.

spokesman, voiced the universal opinpolicy.

notes of British editorial comment on Doctor Hollweg's speech.

#### SECOND WRECK IN TWO WEEKS ON PENNSYLVANIA RAILROAD NEAR CORN WELLS



Within a mile of the wreck of November 29, a freight train left the rails today at Andalusia, and a few minutes later another freight train piled into the debris, causing a smash-up which blocked traffic to New York for several hours.

the big powder plant stockage, and the Patersburg jail, were full to overflowing this afternoon.

A conference of the various authorities on the scene this afternoon was attended by Major E. W. Bowles, in charge of the militia; Major Richard Sylvester, in harge of the powder guards, and Sheriff

SPY ACTIVITY DENIED.

Numerous reports of German bomb slots, and of various other German activities were taken up at the conference. Major Bowles later flatly denied that was any suspicion that the fire which swept Hopewell was of incendiary

Major Bowles said he had no official report of anyone injured in fights with the looters.

Several companies of the National Guard are maintaining strict watch to prevent looting, but have not had to

The lynching of a negro during the fire last evening is also denied by the authorities of hopewell, but some persons tosist they saw the negro being dragged by a rope about his neck toward a grove near the city. Another negro, they say,

WEATHER

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Not even the icy binsts of winter cool the arder of modern belliserents; they have decided to keep up the war if it takes all winter. It was not always thus. In the graceful days of old war was usually abandoned for the winter by common consent, but nowadays the term "winter quarters" no longer has significance. The winter quarters today are the same old trenches, which are put seamheated. The thought rather imme same old trenches, which are rot steamheated. The thought rather impairs the pleasure of down quilts, if one unfortunately gets thinking about this at a clock in the morning, with nothing but his craven nose showing to greet the flosses morning. It was below freezing boint his morning, too, and it is like as not below freezing point in Flanders, but what can we do to stop this folly? We don't want to be like Ford and take a pleasure trip, or like Roosevelt and talk great guns; for while one does not make peace, the other does not even make peace, the other does not even make war. There seems to be no altru-

Unless, perhaps, knitting socks for sol-

FORECAST

For Philadelphia and vicinity-Pair and continued cold tonight; Saturday increasing cloudiness and warmer, probably followed by snow or rain by night; fresh northwest vinds diminishing.

### ITALIAN FLEET IN BIG BATTLE WITH AUSTRIAN

Squadrons Meet Off Coast of Albania, Says Report From Athens

ATHENS, Dec. 10.—Austrian and Italian naval squadrons are reported in advices received by diplomats here today to have engaged in battle in the Adriatic Sea on Thursday. No information as to the outcome has reached Athens.

According to the diplomatic advices, an Austrian squadron was bombarding the town of San Giovanni di Medua, in northern Albania, when the Italian squadron arrived and gave battle.

Previous to shelling San Giovanni, the Austrian fleet bombarded Durazzo, the principal pert of Albania, causing considerable damage and destroying the Italian wireless station there. This bombard-ment is reported to have taken place last

An Italian cruiser of the smaller type was sunk last Sunday by the Austrian fleet off the Albanian coast. It is believed that the Italian fleet went

in search of the Austrian squadron, with the intention of cutting off their foes from their naval base at Cattaro. Italian troops before Gorisia strength-ened their positions Thursday by captur-ing a strong Austrian defensive work on Cavalry height, west of the Isonzo for-

treas, according to dispatches.

The Italians won their success by a sur-prise attack under cover of a dense fog that concealed their preparations. Taken unawares, many of the Austrians defend-ing the redoubt were bayoneted before their commander surrendered.

Fined for Selling Inferior Milk BLOOMSBUKG, Pa., Dec. 10.—Because their milk and cream were not up to standard, J. W. James and J. K. Ikeler were each fined E5 and costs by J. C. Rutter, Justice of the Peace, upon com-plaint filed by M. J. Walsh, of Wilkes-Barre, a pure food agent.

> DREKA. CHRISTMAS CARDS 1121 Chestaut St .- 4 de

## THREAT, INSPIRED BY PETTY SPITE, HALTED BIG LOAN

"Hint" of Interference Given as Reason for Action of Councils

OUTCOME NOT KNOWN RYAN REFUSES TO TALK

A threat inspired by petty spite was responsible for the abrupt cessatino of action by City Councils on the ordinance that, yhen voted on favorably by the people, would increase the borrowing capacity of the city by \$95,000,000 for public improvements, including the Taylor transit

This fact came to light today in the course of inquiries among virtually every official interested in the loan and the big items of development it is designed to cover. The man who male this threat is known and is said to be a city official. He put it in the guise of a "hint." but was so successful in conveying his real intention that John P. Connelly, chair-man of Councils' Finance Committee, Im-mediately haited action on the measure.

The threat was that if Councils acted on the ordinance, making it possible to hold a special election February 8 for its ratification by the people, the whole plan would be blocked by injunction proceedings. The reason given for this was that certain undetailed "enabling legislation" was necessary before the ordinance could be put through legally.

The nature of this "enabling legisla The nature of this "enabling legisla-tion" is apparently a mystery to every-body, but the man who made the "hint" that was in reality a threat. John P. Connelly, said today he is unable to say what legislation is needed. He declined to give the name of the men who threat-ened the injunction proceedings.

City Solicitor Michael J. Byan refused to discuss the case. He said he would not answer any questions, but it is understood Mr. Byan is preparing an opinion on the ordinance and there is a feeling among the backers of transit and other transit and other transit and other transits.

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## DUMPED ON FARMER'S LAND; HE HOLDS THEM FOR DEATH OF SON

Refuses to Allow Valuable Freight to Be Moved, Saying Railroad Never Settled for Killing of Young Man Last Year

The wreck on the Pennsylvania Rail-, trespassing with arms. The railroad oad near Andalusia today, which caused knows full well that they cannot put one foot on my land and that they are road near Andalusia today, which caused the railroad to dump several thousand dollars' worth of valuable freight on his carelessly threw over my fences. The goods are in my possession, on my prop-erty. I have nothing more to say. It is property, is looked upon as an act of Providence by Samuel Crowther, whose

son was killed while crossing the rail-road near Croyden last August.

The aged farmer stood guard over the property piled on his 30-acre farm and declined to permit its removal by the railroad until it settled a claim for the

railroad until it settled a claim for the life of his son.

"They took away my boy," said the farmer, "and I understood they were to settle for his death. I have never heard a word from them. They thought the matter could be forsotten. I have not forgotten it, nor has Providence. In their anxiety to clear the right of way today, they piled these thousands of dollars' worth of freight on my farm without my permission.

out my permission.

"They treated me today as they had treated me before. They did not think it necessary to ask permission from a mere farmer to encumber his land. They will beg my permission to remove the freight and they will beg in vain, unless they settle for the life of my son." they settle for the life of my son."

Mr. Crowther, whose son Harvey, aged 29 years, lost his life, stood by the side of the field on which the valuable freight was heaped. Finnes, taking machines, dress goods, candy, oils, yarn and almost every variety of merchandise comprise the valuable goods which the railroad unconsciously placed within his

He was not armed. In reply to a mery be said:
"There is no necessity to guard against

SAVES CHILDREN FROM FIRE Mother Leads Her Five Youngsters to Safety-Aunt Gives Alarm

A mother led her five children to safety through a smoke-filled hallway when fire was discovered in a room adjoining the one in which they were playing. She is Mrs. Nellie Dowd, of 3520 Haverford

in Time

to discuss the case. He said he would not answer any questions, but it is understood Mr. Ryan is preparing an opinion on the ordinance and there is a feeling among the backers of transit and other big improvement that this opinion will be an adverse one.

Should this prove to be the case the ordinance probably will be held up until next year, when Mr. Connelly will be smoke and threw the mattress out the window.

23 State Postmasters Named WASHINGTON, Dec. 10.-Postoffice minations for Pennsylvania were sent to the Senate today as follows: T. W.

helpless to claim the freight which they

WRECK NEAR ANDALUSIA.

livision of the Pennsylvania Railroad

were slightly hurt and other members of the crews of both trains had narrow es-capes from serious injury. Traffic on all

four tracks of the road was blocked for eight hours. It was the second freight wreck on that

Eighteen cars were smashed up, two mer

the railroad's turn to talk."

Lanver, Milroy: P. H. Salmon, Maasic: William J. Burks, Mt. Carmel; Robert M. Houver, Penbrook: John B. Henning. Tunkhannock; Horace L. Cobb, Ulysses; Levi A. Moore, East Downington; Patrick B. Egan, Emporium; John F. Schreck, Ephrata; John R. Thornton, Factoryville; Edward J. Doggett, Freeland; Elwood M. Ludvick, Honeybrook; John J. Gorman, Hoytzdale; J. Bentley Candy, Jr. Lang-horne; Charles H. Casey, Marcus Hook; C. C. Sterling, Masontown; John S. C. C. Sterling, Masontown; John S. Sheirick, Millersville; Edward Weidenhamer, Milton; Hiram L. Purdy, Sunbury; M. J. McNulty, Troy; John F. Mam, Wilcox; J. Richard Hancock, Willamstown; Joseph M. Rutherford, Willow Grove.

#### Although through trains from the west were diverted over the Trenton cut-off between Glen Loch and Trenton, the wreck caused the Pennsy authorities to cancel the 7 and 8 o'clock trains be tween New York and Philadelphia. Ar-rangements were made whereby Pennsyl-Una Squadra Nemica Attaccata cania tickets were honored on the Philadelphia and Reading trains. The wreck was caused by a broken flange on the wheel truck of one of the cars on a freight train bound for Jersey City from Philadelphia. The break

(l.eggero in 20 pagina le ultime e piu' dettagliate notisie sulla guerra, in ital-iano.)

VATCH FOB-Lost, a gold varsity "P" watch tob. Hiron A Miler, 1118 Real Estate Trust Euliding, Reward. IN-Cost. Tuesday, in shopping district an all cuff oin, platinum and gold, set with congratia. Reward, 2344 N. 18th. GRES Lost 2 automobile tires license Su GRES reward 4508 Pulaski ave., Germani's

Other Classified Adv on Payer 21 and 22