EVENING LEDGER-PHILADELPHIA, SATURDAY, DECEMBER 11, 1915.

BIG OFFENSIVE ON WEST FRONT, GERMANS' PLAN

Teutons Reinforce Lines in France and Belgium for Supreme Effort

RAILWAYS BUILT NEW

LONDON, Dec. 11. The Rotterdam correspondent of the Daily Mail says:

Taily Mail says: "Datchmen and Germans here talk field of an inevitable battle in the Weat. The majority hare that the initiative will come from the Germans because the lemar the struggle is delayed the strugge will be the Allies. They agree and Germany cannot afford to fritter say lives and shells in continuous trench wear.

egapert opinion here is that while the gapert opinion here is that while the les will postpone an attack until ing the Germana will strike im-dately when a hard frost makes the and passable for infantry and artiprifix.

ery. "On this argument they predict that the battle will e fuoght early in the new year. What information drifts serous the frontiers supports this view. Reinforcements of men and guns have Reinforcements of men and guns have been pouring into France and Belgium for several weeks, quietly at first, but harks numbers in the past fortnight. New railways have been laid to the Ger-moved from the battle area. "Among the new guns are quickfirers, claimed to be of heavier calibre and of swift action as the dreaded French "s"

Fighting continued last night in the Fighting continued list inking in Champartie region despite a heavy rain, the War Office announced today. The efficial communique states that the French artillery and trench engines yes-ierday heavily damaged German works the front.

GREECE YIELDS TO ALLIES' DEMANDS

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peditionary forces back to Salonica and to the sea. mler Asquith, Lord Kitchener, Sir Edward Grey and Premier Briand, of France, have agreed that all doubt as to Prace, have agreed that all doubt as to the future voltey of King Constantine of Greece must be cleared up without any further delay. At the same time, it has been made plain that the Allies have no intention of abandoning the Balkan cam-paign. England and France and Russia have solemnly pledged themselves to re-dore the independence of Serbia. Teutonic forces in command of General me Galwitz have reached the Greek

rentomic forces in command of General ren Gallwitz have reached the Greek border in their sweep of Serbin. The Al-les it is admitted in Paris, have retired to new positions in Macedonia. Berlin delares the Entente troops have already reased the Greek line in their retire-ment on Salonica and face a crisis with Greece unless they submit to discrima-Greece unless they submit to disarmament and internment. A dispatch to Reuter's Telegram Com-

pany from Salonica says: "R is reliably reported here that Ger-man forces under General von Galiwitz gerupied Gievgeli, on the railway line a short distances north of the Greek fron-terin Serbia, Friday morning. The force

des two divisions. According to information received from Berlin military quarters, the Anglo-French expedition in the Balkans has combined its retreat and had now entirely examined Serbian territory.

CONVENTION OUTLOOK

GROWS BRIGHTER

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men of this city, such as Mr. Stotesbury, Mr. Wanamaker and Mr. Stotesbury, Wanamaker and Mr. Curtis, should accompany the Philadelphia committee to Washington next week and demand that Philadelphis

Former President Spends Hour in Washington, Waiting for Train

ROOSEVELT AT CAPITAL

WASHINGTON, Dec. 11.-Former Preat-dent Theodore Roosevelt came back to Washington today, but did not stay long. He was forced to wait here an hour while changing trains and during that time he strolled about the grounds around the Capital. The Colonel stated he was on time he strolled about the grounds around the Capitol. The Colonel stated he was on his way to Tuskazee, Alabama, but he refused to say what his mission there is and he also emphatically refused to be interviewed.

GLI AUSTRIACI SANNO CHE LA RESISTENZA E' **INUTILE SULL'ISONZO**

L'Arciduca Eugenio Teme Che Dopo Gorizia Sara' Impossibile Arrestare l'Avanzata Italiana Verso zata Italiana

DUELLI D'ARTIGLIERIA

ROMA, 11 Dicembre. Dispacel giunti qui da Innebruck e non passall per la censura anatriaca dicono che le forze austriache vanno gradata-mente abbandonando le posizioni da loro occupato attorno a Gorizia in seguito al persistente fuoco delle artiglieria italiane, fuoco che ba continuato giorno e notte senza interruzione per due mesi.

I dispacel dicono che le perdite aus-triache sono state gravissime. Le forze che ora resistono agli italiani sono tutte ungheresi e le loro riserve vanno costante-mente e rapidamente diminuendo, costoche' non basteranno per riempire i vuoti.

A Laibach si tenne recentemente un A Laibach si tenne recentemente un consigilo di guerra a cui parteciparono di generale Boroevic, il generale Danki e l'arciduca Eugenio. Nel consiglio fu discussa la convenienza o meno di abbandonare Gorizia; ma si sa che l'arciduca sostenne che si doveva resistere a tutti i costi e sino alla fine, sebhene fosse convinto egli pure dell'inutilità della resistenza. L'arciduca però espresse il timore che l'avanzata degli italiani non sarebbe stata più arrestata se essi avessero occupato il punto strategico di Gorizia e dell'Isonzo.

Jorizia e dell'Isonzo. Ieri sera il Ministero della Guerra pubblicava il seguente comunicato ufficiale basato sul rapporto del generale Cadorna: "Nella notte dell'8 corrente il nemico face varii tentativi di attaccare e forzare le nostre posizioni della zona di Oslavia, sulla alture a nord-ovest di Gorizia, ma questi tentativi furono immediatamente respinti.

"Continua l'attivita' dell'artiglieria da ambe le parti. La nostra artiglieria dis-perse parecchi gruppi di operal dei genio ed alcune colonne di rifornimento nelle valli di San Pellegrino e dell'Avisio. Telegrammi da Atene dicono che il gov-

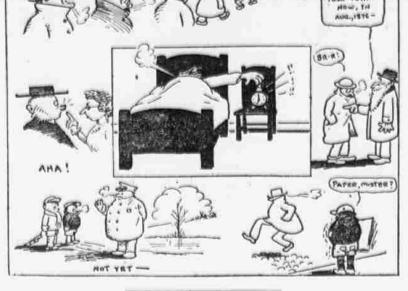
erno greco ha riflutato di fare ulteriori concessioni agli alleati, secondo quanto affermava un autorevole personaggio ellenico, a che poche ore dopo che gli illenti avevano cominclato ad evacuare la Serbia e a rientrare in territorio greco, dirigendosi verso la loro base di Salonicco, le trattative tra 1 loro diplomatici e la Grecia furono interrotte. Anche qui si ritiene che le relazioni tra

Grecia ed alleati sono assai vicine alla fase critica, e ad Atene stessa si e' pes-simista circa i risultati delle trattative. Si sa che almeno una parte delle forze anglo-francesi si e' ritirata in territorio greco, e da Salonicco si apprende che le truppe del generale tedesco von Galliwitz, hanno occupato Ghevgheli che era base delle operazioni degli alteati in Serbia. Un telegramma da Atene diceva anche che il maresciallo von Mackensen era ciunto a Costantinopoli con due brigate

A Roma si crede che una delle battaglie decisive della guerra sia per es-sere impegnata tra gli alleati e le forze teutoniche e bulgare che cercheranno di ricacciare i primi verso la loro base di

Salonicco. A Roma si ritiene che la Grecia sara' costretta ad entrare nel conflitto molto presto, forse tra un paio di settimane, o con i tedeschi o con gli alleati, ma e anche possibile che re Costantino voglia combattere contro le due coalizioni per far rispettare la neutralita' della Grecia. Nei circoli militari romani non si crede che le forze alleate, inferiori di numero, possano resistera alla pressione dei teu-tonici e bulgari, ma si crede che la guerra sara' portata in territorio greco e che gli elleati potranno rimanere a Salonicco saranno appoggiati dalla loro fiflotta.

COLDEST DAY OF THE WINTER SENDS MERCURY TO EIGHT BELOW FREEZING



Early Risers Dismayed by Frigid Conditions - Ice Forms on Lakes and Streams, but Not Yet Safe for Skating

of the senson at 7 o'clock this morning-24 degrees, or 8 below freezing. That is two degrees colder than the previous rec-

ord for the winter. This fact made it doubly difficult for This fact made it doubly difficult for early morning risers to rise and com-muters to commute. The alarm clock's insistent demand had a peculiarly bane-ful sound, a mocking clang that was maddening to more than one Philadel-phian who poked his nose out from under the shelter of blankets. And more than, one of these noses became suffused with a steady blush a steady blush.

More persons were late to work this morning than any other morning this winter, it is estimated. Enough trolley the-ups were reported to the "boss" to make a member of Ananias' exclusive organization green with hevy.

Almost but not quite enough cold air settled down over the city's lakes and streams to make skating. Enterprising small boys who visited the takes in Fairmount Park found thin skims of ice. Hunting Park Lake was quite frozen over with nearly an inch of ice, and the Schuylkill River and Wissahlekon Creek were partly frozen. But there will be no skating in the parks until there is two

This is the coldest day of the winter. The mercury touched its lowest mark of the senson at 7 o'clock this morning-A degrees, or s below freezing. That is wo degrees colder than the previous rec-rd for the winter.

gan to dwindle when the temperature rose. By noon it had climbed to freezing, and the Weather Man said that it was not ut of the bounds of reason to think that it would rise a little more. "But not much," he said, in a frigid

"KING OF FORGERS" HELD

George L. Randerson Must Face Trial in Boston

ROSTON, Dec. II.-George L. Randsr-son, who has no less than 19 other names and describes himself as the "king of forgers." was being held today for the Grand Jury under \$5000 ball, following his arrest by Captain Armstrong, of police headbursters eadquarters.

The exact amount of his peculations can only be guessed at, but the police place it at many thousands of dollars. Under various names Randerson has been con-victed 10 times in different cities, and is now wanted in a score of places.



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FARMER PERMITS R. R. \$48,366,712.45 MADE FROM DU PONT STOCK **TO REMOVE FREIGHT**

Andalusia Man Relents on Promise That Son's Death Will Be Investigated

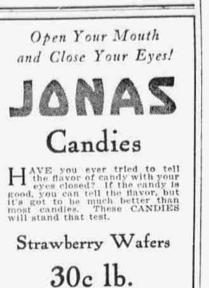
Samuel Crowther, the aged farmer of Andalusia, permitted employes of the Pennsylvania Railroad to remove several Court here those interested in fortunes thousand dollars' worth of freight from his property today when he was given to understand that the death of his son last August on the railroad tracks at Haunted lane would be promptly investigated.

The Crowther farm adjoins the rallroad property at the point where 18 cars were wrecked yesterday on the New York division of the Pennsylvania Railroad. Wrecking crews carried valuable merchandise on to the farm for temporary storage without asking permission to do so. Crowther considered the wreck an act of Providence and said he would not allow the freight to be removed until the company recompensed him for the death

company recompensed him for the death of his son. "I say a lawyer," he said today, "and I was told that I was within my rights in holding the freight, provided it is not perishable. It certainly is not perishable, for most of it is stuff like planos, Vic-trolas, dress goods, candy, hats, electrical instines and other things that will keep all energy." Il right."

all right." When asked why he had changed his mind about holding the freight, he ex-plained that three agents of the railroad called on him today and said that if he applied to the claim agent of the com-pany, the death of his son would be investigated promptly. It also was said that these claims were taken up in the that these claims were taken up in the order filed, and that this possibly might ccount for the fact that he has not been

ecompensed as yet. Representatives of the railroad said rowther could not hold the freight, as i was not the property of the company, and because the goods constituted interstate commerce transported by a common car-



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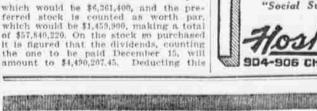
Coleman du Pont by Syndicate Give Rich Harvest WILMINGTON, Del, Dec. 11 .- Since the duPont sult was filed in the Federal

Shares Purchased From T.

made from duPont powder stock have been flouring how much Plerre S. du Pont and the syndicate now known as the du-Pont Securities Company have made out of the stock which they purchased from General T. Coleman duPont. They figure that to date the earnings have been \$48,366,712,45,

The syndicate purchased 63,614 shares of common stock, according to the bill of complaint filed in the case, at \$200 a share, making a total of \$12,722,500, and 14,599 shares of preferred stock, at \$85 a share, a total of \$1,240,915. The total amount expended was \$13,963,715. Since that time the new company was

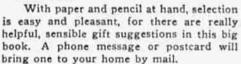
formed, and for each share of stock held In the old company the holder was given two shares of the new and allowed to retain the old. This made 127,228 shares of new stock, which, at its present price of \$390 a share, would be worth \$50,-018,920. The old stock is worth par, which would be \$6,361,400, and the pre-ferred stock is counted as worth par, which would be \$1,459,900, making a total



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from the amount paid for the stock, it has cost the syndicate to date 19,473,-507,55. This gives the syndicate a profit ; of \$48,365,712.45. WHAT THE





his should be chosen for the con-I understand that Mr. Stotesbury intends going. He was, as usual, ens of the first to pave the way for the convention and was the first to subscribe toward the guarantee fund. Others who have taken an active part

in the campaign to win the convention for Philadelphia also assert that the time has now arrived when enthusiasm and to operation are needed. It is pointed out that Chicago, which is also making desperate efforts to obtain the conven-tion, completed its financial and business annoign for that purpose two weeks ago. Senator Penrose said at Washington to-day that Philadelphia has a chance for the convention, but would not say that he believes success assured for this city. "I am, of course, for Philadelphia," he maid, "and I shall do all I can to get the convention." onvention."

He then spoke of the Republican Na-tional Committee and said that the spirit of harmony pre-alla and every one is amions to bring about as quickly as pos-sible a restoration of the protective tariff, patriotle firmness in dealing with foreign states and foreign manual for the protective tariff. sflairs and foreign respect for American

PITTSBURGH WILL HELP.

Encouragement is found by the conven-tion enthusiants here in authentic re-ports that Pittsburgh will bring pressure to bear to have the convention held in Philadelphia. It had been expected that that city would favor Chicago. The Philadelphia committee will go to Washington on Tuesday of next week.

Washington on Tucaday of next week. Coogressma J. Hampton Moore will act as chairman of the committee, and will a chairman of the committee, and will be the spokesman of the delegation. Gov-smar Brumbaugh will represent the State and Fred Willard will represent the Re-publican clubs of the State.

Robbers Blow Open Postoffice Safe STRATFORD. Conn., Dec. 11.-Five resemen early today blew open the safe is the postoffice and escaped after a run-ning fight with policemen. No loot was secured, but stamps and other valu-ables in the other safe were destroyed by the explosion. by the exploat



DELAWAREANS IN ORE DEAL

Buy Land Near Boston for Reducing Plant

BOSTON, Dec. 11.-It became known here today that a large Delaware cor-poration has completed a deal for the purchase of 29 acres of land in Welling-ton, to the north of this city, for the erection of an ore-reducing plant. The corporation is to be known as the Com-monwealth Acid Phosphate Company, and it will employ more than 500 skilled nechanics.

A mammoth concrete structure costing more than \$250,000 will be built on the land, which has a large frontage on the Malden River and the Boston and Maine Railroad tracks,

Illinois Storm Cripples Wire Lines CHICAGO, Dec. 11.-The first sleet storm of the winter crippled wire service in Illinois today. Springfield was iso-Inted.

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COERCED by FALLACIES into subjecting itself to a Prohibition law, the State of West Virginia has been WETS suffering financial and other embarrassments ever since the ban was placed upon the licensed sale of alcoholic drink last year. Meantime, there has been little or no check upon those who wish to obtain all the liquors they want.



All But One Of The

States That Went

"DRY" Repealed

The "DRY" Law.

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First Fourteen

AND no better evidence of the dissatisfaction of West Virginia's people over their Prohibition law can be cited than an account of two competitive parades in Wheeling, as reported by the Register of that city. This journal, in its issue of October 24, stated:

> "PROHIBITIONISTS and Anti-Prohibitionists engaged in a peaceful contest last evening to demonstrate the direction in which Ohio County leans on the wet and dry issue. Practically all Wheeling crowded the streets to watch opposing factions show sentiment by strength of numbers. The wets won. Twelve to one was the proportion. The parade of the wets was one of the greatest street displays ever seen in Wheeling. Among sentiments expressed on banners carried were these:

"'Unmask Prohibition and you'll find a lie.""

"'Workingmen are leaving Wheeling; they never did before.' "

"'Prohibition means the blind tiger and blind pig.""

THUS was it unmistakably shown that West Virginia has already learned, by sorry experience, the FALLACY of Prohibition; just as other States have learned, that while a Prohibition law cuts off Government revenue and drives industries and workingmen out of employment, it does not stop indulgence in alcoholic drinks. Of the first fourteen States that tested Prohibition, all but one repealed the law, and the States that have since gone under the Prohibition banner will turn about as they awaken.

Philadelphia Lager Beer Brewers' Association (The Next Article Will Appear Wednesday, December 15th)