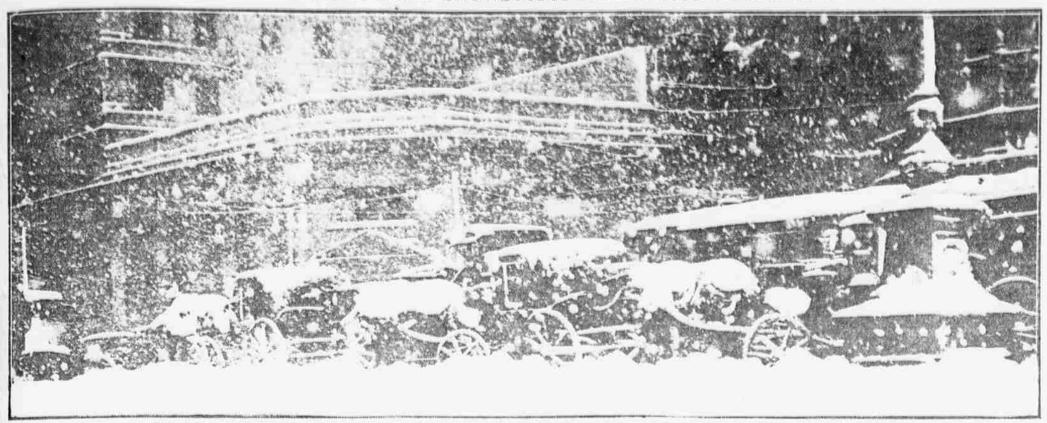
WINTER'S FIRST REAL SNOWSTORM HOLDS CITY IN ITS GRIP



This picture was taken at the height of the storm today by a staff photographer looking up Market street from the west side of City Hall.

# RECALL OF AUSTRIAN CHARGE MAY FOLLOW U.S. DEMAND FOR DISAVOWAL OF ANCONA ATTACK

Note to Vienna Virtually an Ultimatum. German Influence May Force Acquiesence to Terms

Punishment of Submarine's Commander and Immediate Reply Required - Washington Believes Diplomatic Relations Will Be Preserved

Situation in Balkans Will Probably Prevent Teutons From Taking Issue With America-Refusal to Meet Demands Foreshadows Pos-

WASHINGTON, Dec. 13. The interest of the entire United States will take in reply to the Ancona note. On the decision to be reached by the Cab-liet there depends whether this Govern-ment shall still maintain a position of neutrality toward all of the European bellegreen.

With the making public of the Ancona protest, the first brusque document pre-pared by the United States since the outbreak of hostilities, official and diplomatic circles became aware that the mailed list has been substituted for the soft hand in dealing with at least one of the belligor-ents. And the majority of the officials and chief diplomatic corps were admittedby gravely concerned over the outcome.

Another incident that added to the concern of officials here was a report that Baron Zwiedinek, Austrian charge, had asked Secretary Lansing for his passports, following a 40-minute conference between the two officials.

The charge refused to speak of his mission of the State Department on depart-ing and Secretary Lansing disappeared immediately afterward.

It was reliably reported that the conferences had to do with the letter writ-ten several months ago by Baron Zweiden which he advised the Austrian General at New York to obtain heutral passports "at small expense." It was learned that Baron Zweidenek told Secretary Lansing that he wrote the let-ter at the orders of Doctor Dumba, for-mer Austrian Ambassador. State De-partment officials may that this Govern-

It is accepted that if the will of the Austrian people rules the Government, the demand for a repudiation of the Ancena sinking will be rejected promptly. But officials here point out that there is far more behind the question at this homest than a mere diplomatic break between the two countries.

are trying to decide which way to jump A diplomatic break between Austria and the United States, it is believed here. would have a strong influence upon both sations to side with the Allies. It is known that this fact is fully realized at

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### WEATHER

Some day the modern city will adopt this plan: It will build a steel wall around the town and a steel roof over it. So that not a particle of fresh air can get in. Then there will be pipes connected with various houses which will contract (grobably at an exorbitant rate) for implied supplies of new oxygen. Old ladies will say. "Don't you think, my dear, that the room is getting a trifle stuffy?" and grandsons will run down to the cellar to put a quarter into the fresh-air meter. In favor of this plan will be many persons who live in expensive parts of this and other bis cities. It is surprising how many closed bedroom windows are to be seen on an early mornins walk downtown, or windows open an inch or two: often in doctors' houses, too. The old adage has it that an apple a day keeps the doctor away.

Tuesday night; fresh westerly winds.

#### Many Causes for U.S. Attitude to Austria

The drastic note sent to Vienna on the Ancona case by the United States is the culmination of diplomatic negotiations in a long series of incidents involving representatives of the Austrian Govern-

ment in this country.
Starting with the activities of Doctor Dumba, the Austrian Ambassador, in warning his country-men employed in munition plants here that they must quit and threatening them with punishment if they did not, and his actions as revealed in the Archibald affair, which resulted in his recall, the which resulted in his recall, the
Austrian Government has been involved directly or indirectly with
many of the so-called plots against
the United States.

At present Washington is investigating charges made against
Austrian Consul General von Nuber, to the effect that he is involved

in passport frauds. Similar charges have also been made against Baron Zweidenek, charge of the Austrian Embassy

# **ENEMY'S SWEEP** CLEARS SERBIA OF THE ALLIES

"No Free English or French" in Country, Berlin Officially Declares

### FALLING BACK IN GREECE

In a little more than two months the combined Austro-German and Buigarian armies have completely overrun Serbia, capturing or putting the Serbian army to flight and forcing King-Peter to ffee across the Albanian Mountains.

The invasion of Serbia by Austro-German forces began October 7. A few days later the Bulgarians atfew days later the Bulgarians at-tacked Serbia from the east. Belgrade, then Nish, the temporary capital, and architects favor an underground passagement will not excuse Baron Zweidenek's tacked Serbia from the east. Belgrade, other important cities fell rapidly before the hostile advance.

Anglo-French forces were landed at Salonica and left that port October 15 with the object of relieving the Sertween the two countries.

Were that all which impends officials

May, the withdrawal of diplomatic representatives would be certain. But at the present moment the situation in the Baltans is more critical. Greece and Rumania are trying to decide which was to him. bians. They arrived too late, however, retreat of the Serbs from Monastir tenable. The beginning of the general retreat of the Allies was first reported in dispatches on December 2 Today Berlin officially reports that there are no "free English or French Meant to Pay Son's Funeral Exin Serbia."

> BERLIN, Dec. 13. The conquest of Serbia has been completed. The Anglo-French forces have been driven completely from Serbian soil. General Todoroc's Bulgarian army has occupied Doiran and Glevgeli, the Inst-Serbian cities held by the expeditionary forces, it was officially announced this afternoon. Two English divisions were

annihilated in the final fighting-"There are no more free French or English in Macedonian territory," the War Office announced. The last of the Serbian regulars re-

treated from southwestern Serbia into Albania after the fall of Monastir. They were pursued through Strugs and Och-rida by Bulgarian forces. Excepting a few hundred Serbian guer-rilias, no forces hostile to the armies of the central empires now remain on Serb-

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# NEW POSTOFFICE TO COST \$4,000,000 WINS APPROVAL

Three Sites Are Proposed. Two on Market, One on Arch Street

CONGRESSMEN TO HELP

Belinite steps toward obtaining a \$1,000,000 postofflew, adequate to meet the demands of the city's progress, were taken today by Postmaneer Thermton, following a visit of Architect Von Netts, of the Tremenry Department, who was sent here to look over prospective sites. One of three sites in the business section west of Broad street will be recommended, and there is every indication that a bill providing for the necessary appropriation will be passed at the present session of Congress.

The sites under consideration are on

The sites under consideration are onthe south side of Market street, between 16th and 17th streets, or 17th and 18th streets, and third, on the south side of Arch street, below 17th street. News of definite action in the direction

of acquiring an adequate building was entisusinstically received by business men | said. ers, who believe that the proposed build-

Two sites are under consideration on Two sites are under consumation on Market street, Mr. Thoraton said, be-cause there is a probability that Broad Street Station will be moved one square westward. In that event the proposed postoffice building could be creeted on the site west of lith street.

The postmaster is strongly in favor of the Market atrect sites for the reason that the dimensions of the building would be somewhat limited it the Arch atrect site were selected. It would also be imsite were selected. It would also be impossible, he said, to have a large first floor, which is very essential, on the Arch street lot. The proposed Arch street site has two great things in its favor—the rear of the building could be connected with the train shed of the Pennsylvania Railroad. It also would

face the Parkway. The postmaster pointed out that if the site on Market street above 1sth street were selected, an overhead bridge running to the train shed could be built, and way for this connection.

FEWER SUBSTATIONS With the postoffice located on Market above 18th street, Mr. Thornton said that half a dozen substations in the central section of the city could be dispensed

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# THIEF WHO GRABS \$100

penses With Sum Wrested From Her

A 62-year-old woman battled with a 20year-old robber today in the snow, after he had knocked her down and stolen her purse containing \$100 with which she intended to pay the funeral expenses of her son who killed himself a few days: ago. The robber escaped. The struggie was witnessed by more than a dozen women who stood near the windows of their homes and shouted for help.

The woman, who was held up in broad divilight, is Mrs. Anna B. Kirshner, 8404 tillison avenue. The hold-up occurred directly in front of the home of Mrs. Kirshner's daughter, Mrs. Louise Bird. 6153 Wheeler street. Besides \$100, the purse snatched by the robber contained two bank hooks. two bank books.

FORECAST

For Philadelphia and vicinity—
Saow this afternoon and probably tonight: Tuesday partly cloudy; colder

Tuesday might: forch metals and probably tosubstitute of a million Bulgarian and five bins are pointing away at the Angio-French lines on the Greek frontier.

The battle is raging in a mountain show the substitute of her son, Joseph Kirshner, 1866 Concatonated the control of her son, Joseph Kirshner, 1866 Concatonated the steps of her son, Joseph Kirshner, 1866 Concatonated the steps of her daughter's home, when

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# TRAILED FROM BETHLEHEM AFTER FIRE TO THIS CITY, SPY IS CAPTURED AT SEA

Detectives Followed Man Said to Be a German Officer of High Rank to Philadelphia, and British Cruiser, Notified to Chase Liner, Did the Rest

A man described by detectives as a German officer of high rank came to Philadelphia immediately after the tire Definite steps toward obtaining a in the Bethishem Steel Corporation's may

isotherican before and after the destruc-tion there on November 19, and he lef-this city just in time on November 12 to catch the British steamship Vaulan, smiling from New York that day. He described himself to C. H. Backel-mann, a clerk in the Cook office, as a Swiss-German on his first visit there on November 6.

on November 6.
"I have just arrived from Canada," he said. "I would like to take passage on a ship for Buenes Aires.

He was a rather short, stocky man, about 5 feet 8, and the typical German

ers, who believe that the proposed building will bluze the trait for a building and real estate beam of immense proportions.

VARE PROMISES AID.

In order to expedite matters, Postmaster Thornton called on Congressman Vare and other representatives of the Front India city and received the promise from Mr. Vare that he would do all in his power to push the proposed plans to an early culmination.

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He came back to the Cook Agency on November 8, two days later, and talked a bit about the war, taking pains to say he was a neutral. He booked passing

on the Vauban, a British steamship, that was due to sail on November 15 from

#### Chronology of a Spy

November 8-Man, who was later trailed from Bethlehem as incendiary spy, books passage on steamship Vauban at Cook Agency

at Bethlehem and Eddystone munitions plants.
November 11—Incendiary fire at

Roebling plant at Trenton.

November 13—Vauban sails for Montevideo, Uruguay.

November 14—Man believed to

trailed from Bethlehem, identified as man who booked on Vauhan.

November 15—State Department notified by detectives of Philadelphia etc.

chase Vauban. cruiser overtakes Vauban off South American coast and takes off Gor-

December 5—German efficer is ledged in fortress at Trinidad. December 6—Vauhan arrives at Montevideo without German officer,

New York. He asked what was a good place to stop, was given names of hotels and finity said. "Well, I missa I'll stay where I am, at 1798 Arch street."

## FIRST REAL SNOW HERE; BIG FLAKES STICK FAST AFTER RAINY OUTLOOK

Coast, Causing Warnings to Navigators, Drives Into the City

Snowflakes of the great, big old-fashioned size that delight the heart of childhood poured down in their billions upon an astonished city today, just when it and resigned itself to a day of rain and sinch. Those big flakes began to stick fast right away and pile up with all the apparent intentions of a blizard. Philadelphians arose to see a thin coat-

true of anew on roof and sidewalk already being washed away by a hopeless looking rain. The weather man had pre-dicted snow for tonight, but it did not look like a change back to snow even by Then, shortly before 9 o'clock, the

snow began again and got better and bet-ter, or worse and worse, according to the point of view of the observer, until by noon the crowding and whirling dakes nade the weather forecast come true far head of time. The railronds and troller lines reported

trains and cars on time and no mishage, but had every sweeper either in action or being oiled up for emergency. Pedes-trians suffered many accidents on the slippery pavements all over the city and one man was seriously injured when, blinded by the snow, he was struck by a train at 12th and York streets.

a train at 12th and York streets.

Storm warnings were issued by the
Weather Bureau, with these predictions:
"Hoist northeast storm warnings to
a. m. Sandy Hook to Eastport. Storn
off Middle Atlantic Coast, moving northward. Increasing strong easterly winds with snow this afternoon and tonight, shifting to west and northwest by Tues-

The snow had its first start in the city Nearly two inches of snow fell between then and 8 o'clock—one and eight-tenth-inches, to be precise. And that seemed When the snow started in again the

weatherman was puzzied, for he had pre-Continued on Page Two, Column One make proper representations.

in this city. November 10-Incondiary fires

phin clue.

November 16—British Embassy at Washington notified by State Department of detectives' clue.

November 17—British cruiser lying off New York wirelessed to

The Creek strency would not sive, at first, any idea of what the man's bane was or rather, what mame he may them. But an investigation should that on the

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# CUSTOMS INSPECTORS HERE SEIZE WIRELESS ON INTERNED SHIPS

tion of Neutrality Laws Prompts Action by Two Secretaries

### TEMPERATURE FREAKISH GERMAN VESSELS AIDED

of the wireless apparatus on all interned order was bound after agents of the De-, cut off. partment of Justice and old sincel evidence had been guilty of sending wireless mea-saires from these ships, this violating the neutrality laws of the United Sixies Simultaneously with the receipt of the order here similar instructions were tel-escaphed to customs officials at New York, Hall-more, Norfolk and other pures. The order to acide wireless stations on all interned ships here was construed by an internet state here was constitued by the customs officials as constituting a con-sorship. Impactors were at once also patched to all the interned ships and were stationed in the wireless rooms with instructions to refuse to permit any mes-sages to be transmitted until they built been submitted to the Collector of the Port Berry and had been approved by him.

The orders came direct from the Sec-retary of the Navy and the Secretary of the Treasury, acting jointly. It was re-ported that this action had been taken following the recent discovery of a pilot to transmit important information to Ger-many and German whites it see.

to transmit important information to Ger-many and German ships at sea.

The only interned ships at this post-are German merchant vessels. They have been interned since shortly after the outbreak of the war. Among them are the Khaertia and the Pring Occar. Both have powerful wireless equipments, Their officers and crews are quartered on the vessels. Another interned German ship here is

Jap Press Denounces Yuan

TOKIO, the . IS. The Tokio press today a indigment articles denounced Yuan Shika's acceptance of the Chinese throne. They declared he had ovenly flouted Japan's ndvice and urged that Japan

SALONICA, Dec. 13 .- A satisfactory agreement was reached today by the Anglo-French and Greek military authorities. It calls for the free movement of the expeditionary forces between Salonica and the Grock frontier, the zone through which th Allies are re-

ALLIES AND GREECE REACH AGREEMENT

QUICK NEWS

#### GERMANS LOSE POST NEAR RIGA, BERLIN ADMITS

BERLIN, Dec. 12,-Rossian troops overating in the Riga region have capored a German post, it was ifficially admitted this afternoon. "Russian attacks or Vulla, south of Lake Vygonovskdye, falled," the War Office statement said.

#### BRITAIN TO INCREASE ECONOMIC PRESSURE ON ENEMY

LONDON, Dec. 13,-Great Britain intends to inflict all economic pressure assible upon Germany in an effort to bring the war to a victorious end, Lord Robert Coul, Under Secretary for Foreign Affairs, declared in the House of Commone this afternoon.

His statement was in reply to a query about the commercial agreement just negotiated between Great Britain and Denmark giving assurance that articles also is permitted to import from Englad will not be permitted to cross her frontiers hits Germany,

Promier Asquith, speaking on the same subject, said the Danish agreement involves no change of policy. Its object, he said, was to further restrict Ger-

#### AT LEAST 3,000,000 ANSWER DERBY'S CALL

LONDON, there 12. That are least 3,000,000 men have answered Lord Derby a call for volunteers was the report in official circles today, following the close of England's great recruiting campaign.

Definite figures will not be obtainable until Lord Derby's report to Premier Asquith is made public. But it was reported that Lord Derby will tell the Parliamentary Committee on Labor tomorrow that the campaign was a success and that conscription is not likely in the near future,

#### WOMEN OF FRANCE OPPOSE PEACE WITHOUT VICTORY

PARIS, Dec. 13. The National Council of French Women, after deciding not to take part in any international political congress during the duration of the war, has issued the following manifesta: "The German women are making demonstrations for peace. We mothers, wives, daughters and sisters who have not lost, but have given up all that is most precious to us, must make demonstrations for war. We must not let a word of peace be uttered until our dear dead are accused, our country liberated and a great victory achieved. We do not want war for war's sake! we want war for the sake of peace,

# TORPEDOED BRITISH SHIP GOES TO BOTTOM

LONDON, Dec. 13.—The British steamship Pine Grove, 2847 tons, has been torpedoed and sauk by a submarine. Twenty-two members of the crew were saved. The Pine Grove was built in 1896 and halled from Glasgow. It is believed to have been engaged in Government service.

### KAISER OPENS MINDEN-HANOVER CANAL

BERLIN, Lee, 12.—The Minden-Hanover Canal, the last link in the Rhine-Hansver waterway, was opened today with quiet ceremonies, only a few officials being present. The Kaiser passed through the new canal in a motorboat followed by a tug, which drew a large number of freight barges,

TEUTON LOSSES IN SERBIA 317,000, SWISS RECKON CENEVA. Dec. 13.-Swiss experts today estimated the losses of the Central Powers and their allies in the Serbian campaign at 317,000 men killed wounded or stricken with sickness. In this total they include German, Austrum, Bulgarian and Turkish troops,

508 SHIPS SUNK BY U-BOATS BERLIN, Dec. 13. German and Austro-Hungarian submarines have sunk 208 vessels, totaling 917.819 tons, the Overseas News Agency announced today.

### WRECKED CREW MAY HAVE PERISHED IN BLIZZARD

ST. JOHN'S, N. F., Dec. 13.-Fears are expressed that 29 men of the crew of the British steamship St. Kilda, wrecked Saturday on the west coast of the French Island of Miquelon, perished in a blizzard. They landed on the cliffs where there is little, if any, shelter. Vessels sent to rescue them have been forced back to port by the gale. The cabin boy was lost when the steamer struck. Six men in a small boat reached St. Pierre.

### U. S. TESTS GIANT BATTLE PLANE

READVILLE, Mass., Dec. 13.-A large steel battleplane of a new type was given an exhaustive flying test here yesterday by Lleutenant Byron Q. Jones, of the United States army, in the presence of other army officers and members of Storm Off Middle Atlantic Misuse of Apparatus in Viola- the aviation corps of the Rhode Island National Guard. The new aerial fighting reachine is described as twice the size of the ordinary aeroplane, with a torpedo body and two gun turrets. It is built of vanadium steel throughout and is driven by 140-horsepower motors, such as have been sent recently to some of the warring nations in Europe.

### BRITISH LINES ON TIGRIS MENACED BY TURKS

BERLIN, Dec. 13.-Advices from Constantinople declare that three British Customs officials here today received battallions (2000 men) of the army that retreated down the Tigris from the orders from Washington to take charge city of Engdad were surrounded by Turkish troops near Kut-el-Amara and surrendered. It is expected that the British will retreat southward from Kutships in this part. It was said that this el-Amera in the near future, as their posts to the rear are in danger of being

### FRENCH SUBMARINE TORPEDOES TURK TRANSPORT

LONDON, Dec. 13 .- A dispatch to the Exchange Telegraph Company from Athens says advices from Constantinople report that the Turkish transport Reichid Pasha, a vessel of 8000 tons, has been sunk near Sylivira, in the Sea of Marmora, by a French submarine. The correspondent adds that according to the same report Turkey now possesses only seven transports, the remainder having been sunk by Entente submarines.

# I FORTI DI LARDARO BATTUTI DA CADORNA

Operazione di Grande Importanza Compiuta dagli Italiani nella Zona di Bezzecca

Il generale Cadorna ha annunciato che e truppe italiane operanti nella zona ompresa tra la valle Giudicaria, percorsa dal Chiese, e la valle di Concel. the si stacca dal Chiese a nord di Lardaro e sbocca in Val di Ledro a Rezzenta zona formata dalle creste de menti di Cadria, hanno completamente onquistato le creste fortificate austriache dalle quair l'artislieria italiana domina or i alcuni dei cinque forti formanti lo sbarramento della Val Giudicaria a Lardaro.

(Leggere in 6 pagina le ultime e piu' dettagliate notizie aulia guerra, in itali-

### LOST AND FOUND

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WATCH-Lost silver watch, with leather for inition M. H. Jr. Reward If returned to 6208 Wayne avenue.

CAT Last gray Many cut, behind, sed col-far. Return to 4150 Spruce at. Resenta Other Chambed Ade on Papes 27 and 28