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EGYPT INVADED BY TURKS; SLAVS BEGIN BULGAR DRIVE: HINDENBURG FAILS AT RIGA

Ottomans Cross Border at El Arish. Battle on East of Suez-Commons Votes Million More Men in Stormy All-Night Session

The war is striking into fresh territory, according to dispatches from various scenes of the front.

Turks, 400,000 of them, have started the threatened invasion of Egypt. They are backed by 100,000 Germans from Mackensen's victorious cohorts of the Serbian campaign.

Russia has countered with another invasion. Her fleet has captured Varna, the principal Bulgar port on the Black Sea, and under cover of the attack the Czar's troops have made a landing for sweep of Bulgarian soil to form a junction with the Allies' beset armies in the Balkans,

Victory for Russia is also indicated in dispatches, which state that Mindenburg's campaign has failed completely on the Dvinsk-Riga front and that the Teutons in the north are retreating.

Asquith's call for a new army of 1,000,000 men for early field service on the various fronts has been heeded by Commons, which, however, was a gene of an all-night session and sharp debate before the vote authorized Lord Eithener's request transmitted by the Premier. The heat of the debate in arraignment of the Cabinet's Dardanelles policy, it is said, but preludes a new Parliamentary battle.

BIG-HEARTED JIM'S

WIDOW HELPED SOME

'But We Can't Do It All," They

Say, "Though We Have

Paid Back Rent-House

Cold as Ice"

BABY DOWN WITH GRIP

A party of women journeyed today to

the house at 1223 South Napa street to call

on the widow of Big Hearted Jim Fitz-

simmons, as they used to call the waiter

in a saloon on 9th street, across from

the Postoffice, until he was shot dead

there just a year ago while trying to

protect a little Italian bootblack from the

attack of a man who carried a revolver.

Enough trouble for one woman's lifetime

was piled into Napa street that New

Year's Eve when they brought Jim's body

home and the body arrived at the time

nome—and the Body arrived at the time the ton of coal he had managed to get with \$7 scraped together from the rem-nants of his \$12 a week did.

But trouble, in a material sense, only began with Jim's death for the family in Napa street. There were four chil-dren (and :'ill are, by good fortune) and to support them Mrs. Fitzsimmons

to support them Mrs. Fitzsimmons promptly had to put aside her grief and try to duplicate murdered Jim's \$12 a week. She couldn't. He had given her \$10 and more of that \$12 each week and that was little enough. She could only make \$5 a week. In consequence the little family faced eviction from a house that it nearly as cold as the contribute.

that is nearly as cold as the outside air.

They will not be evicted, because the party of women who had read a story about the Fitzsimmons family in the

EVENING LEDGER paid the rent and then told the Evening Ledger that it had

"Because it's twice as bad in that house as you said it was," said the wom-en. "That house is as cold as ice. The haby has the grip now. Didn't you know

NO DOCTOR FOR BABY.

No, the report of the conditions in the Fitzsimmons' home had been received and written before the baby was attacked by the grip epidemic. This haby, it appears, is 18 menths old; name of James; named after his father. He became illustry extendey afternoon and a dector.

late yesterday afternoon, and a doctor being out of the question, he was dosed with home remedies and actually is im-

One of the women in the party is an

experienced social worker, used to the dif-ficult business of separating the false from the true in what are known as "cases." She made inquiries in the neigh-

borhood and found that Mrs. Fitzsim-

Autoist Held for Striking Woman

Dr. Henry A. Strecker, an assistant nedical inspector for the city, today was

held in \$500 bail for further nearing by Magistrate Beaton in the Central police station. The police said his auto ran down Mrs. Eleanor Wright, 5304 Chew street, Germantown. The accident ocheld in \$300 ball for further hearing by

Aid for Suffering Family

Worst, of 3057 Weikel street, Kensington, who are suffering great distress through

cured at Juniper and Market streets.

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proving.

not told the truth.
"How hadn't it told the truth?"

BY VISITING WOMEN

TERCO-GERMAN LEGIONS START INVASION OF EGYPT

LONDON, Dec. 22. The Turco-German drive against Egypt has begun, according to advices to the Erchange Telegraph Company from Con-

santinople today.

Three hundred thousand Turks and 100, Three hundred thousand Turks and 100,the Germans and Arab irregulars are taking part in the campaign.

Fighting is reported to be taking place,
already on Esyptian soil between advance
guards of the Turks and British forces
est of the Suez Canal.

Trivels have attacked British guards

eist of the Suez Canal.

Patrols have attacked British guards in the region of Al Arish.

Part of the German army, under Field Marshal von Mackensen, which crushed the Serbians is said to have been transported to Turkey to take part in the Egyptian campaign. Evotian campaign.

News of the Turco-German operations against Egypt has revived reports that the bulk of the British forces withdrawn from the Anzac and Suvia fronts on the Gallipoli peninsula were sent to Port said to help protect the Suez Canal. The invading army evidently intends to follow the caravan route which strikes

the canal near Ismailia.

Strong fortifications nave been built by
the British forces to bar this pathway.

Most of the defenders are British colo-

According to reliable information, the German officers have been at work for ferman officers have been at work for worths preparing for the Egyptian cam-

quantities of war supplies have the shipped almost daily over the Syrias Railway, and many batteries of havy guns have been transported to have guns have been transported to have a surface of the state of the surface o taken all necessary measures to see that

the troops lack nothing.

Special transport carts have been built be carry ammunition and water over the deert. The expedition will be well equipped with aeroplanes.

COMMONS PASSES BILL FOR MILLION MORE MEN

LONDON, Dec. 22. After a night of the most heated war debate in months, the House of Commons at 5:30 a. m., today agreed to pass the Government bill calling 1,000,000 more Britishers to the colors.

Adoption of the measure puts in the field the greatest British army in history, its number estimated at about 4,000,000. With these millions the Government hopes to strike for decisive victories in every theatre of war and end the conflict within another year. The sharpest shafts yet huried in the

House of Commons in arraignment of the Dardanelles campaign preceded adjourn-ment at dawn today. Before midnight the bombardment of the Ministry became so terrific that one member inquired if the Zeppelins had come to town again.

The shock of the first attacks rapidly passed away. After midnight many members fell asleep. Fiery periods of parlamentary orators were punctuated by load snores. The slumber scenes of American Congressional filibusters were outdens.

The sharpest attacks on the Government were directed by Sir Edward Car-son, who recently quit the Cabinet be-cause he disagreed with other members regarding Baikan affairs. Sir Edward schood the charge of John Redmond, Irish leader, that a scandal lurked behind the Dardanelles failure. He demanded to

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WEATHER

The weather, conceded to be a commen-place subject, probably has more influ-sion on human happiness at this time of the year than any other. It is not say the rich who hope for a "white Christmas," for those who must depend darstmas," for those who must depend on the bounty of others know that volunteer Kris Kringles are more plentiful when snow is on the ground than otherwise. We have a theory of our own about this. "White Christmases" existency in the suburbs. In the city the team turns to slush, and Mr. and Mrs. Chrismas Shopper must wade through Ceristmas Shopper must wade through the when they reach the point of the last comfort they think of others. And play Santa Claus.

FORECAST

For Philadelphia and vicinity-Partly cloudy weather and rising tem-Perature tonight and Thursday; moderate south winds.

LOST AND FOUND

D AND PLATINUM BAR PIN less to absorbing district of Philadelphia if returned to S MacDonald Smith, wwood road, Ardmore.

a suit and other stitre, lost. Heward, Miss HING, with letter "M" cut in the

bears studded circle oin. Reward beared to Hearman's Institute. Kellb Bldg

Ford's Chameleonic

What Henry Ford said yester-

Program for Peace

expect to remain in Europe until this great war is brought to an end. I will give my life to that mission if necessary."

What rumor says today:
Henry Ford plans to end the
peace trip to Europe in a perfunctory manner and as inconspicu-

ously as possible.

He is said to be disappointed at the lack of warmth in Norway for his plans to "get the boys out of the trenches."

FORD MAY DROP PEACE MISSION; TOO MUCH 'FROST'

Cool Reception in Norway and Lack of Interest in Sweden

PLANS PERFUNCTORY END

CHRISTIANIA, Dec. 22.—That Henry Ford now realizes the hopelessness of obtaining concrete results from his peace mission was the general opinion of men close to him today.

Ford, it was rumored, plans to end the peace trip in a perfunctory manner and as inconspicuously as possible. He is deeply disappointed at the lack of warmth in the reception accorded the peace delegates in Norway and by the frank declaration of hostility on the part Danish authorities.

These reports resulted from the fact that both Ford and Mme. Schwimmer, who suggested the peace cruise, have been in retirement for several days. Ford is recovering rapidly from influenza, it was stated today, and will be able to join the peace delegates when they leave for Stockholm tomorrow.

Norwegian students tendered a banquet Norwegian students tendered a sanduer to members of the Ford party last night, but it was reported that the bill for the entertainment was sent to Ford's head-quarters. Louis P. Lochner, Ford's secretary, notified the students that the Detroit manufacturer would contribute \$10,000 toward new university buildings.

Miss Katherine Leckie, publicity agent for Ford, issued a statement addressed to the Norwegian press today declaring that the opinion of the American press with regard to the Ford enterprise had suddenly turned favorable.

FORD PEACE PARTY'S ENTERTAINER DEAD

Lloyd M. Bingham, Husband of Actress, Succumbs in Norway to Pneumonia

CHRISTIANIA, Dec. 22.—Lloyd M. Bingham, husband of Amella Bingham, widely-known actress, and a member of the Ford peace party, died here today of pneumonia.

Bingham, one of the first to accept Ford's invitation, accompanied the ex-pedition as an official entertainer. He made many friends among the peace delegates, but his Bohemenanism offended some of the more puritannical of the voyagers. They succeeded in having called off the concert Bingham had arranged to be held in mid-Atlantic, and urged that he be left behind at Christiania.

Bingham became ill in the midst of this
disapprobation. He contracted pleuropneumonia aboard ship and was removed to a hospital the day after the Oscar II reached Christiania. Arrangements are being made to ship his body to New York. The death of the party's chief enter-tainer threw a shadow over the Ford arrangements today and it is possible that meetings scheduled for this afternoon wil

"MERRY XMAS" FOR NEWSIES

Boys Who Sell Evening Ledger Tomorrow Will Receive Every Penny Paid Them by Their Patrons

If those bright-eyed, wide-awake little business men, who daily present you with those pleasant "thank yous," when you toss them your pennies for your EVEN-ING LEDGERS, are unusually jovial and happy tomorrow and "bark" a little louder than is their custom, you mustn't be

Santa Claus is going to pay them an advance visit and, when the copies of the EVENING LEDGER are whirled from the presses, he will hurry in every direction and give hustling newsboys all the copies they want to sell free of charge.

The EVENING LEDGER acknowledges re-cept of \$2 for the family of Mrs. Charles Not a cent will be received from the boys for the copies of the Evenino Ledger that the 5000 deserving salesmen seil. The more they sell the happier they will be, and the brighter will be their Christmas and the Christmas of many iliness and poverty. The rent of the house was paid until last Tuesday by Benjamin Crooks, grandfather of the woman, who died last week. little brothers and sisters and sick or poor papas and mammas.

HUNGARY WILL PLEDGE RUSSIA "OPEN DARDANELLES," SAYS APPONYI

Would Be Granted as Condition of Peace, but Slav Influence in Balkans Must Be Destroyed. No End in Sight

By CARL W. ACKERMAN

BERLIN, Dec. 22. Hungary is willing to pledge Russia that the Dardanelles will always remain open for Russian commerce as a condi-

Count Albert Apponyi, leader of the opposition in the Hungarian Parliament, nade this statement in an interview at Budapest. It is important not only be-cause of the dominant position the count occupies in Austro-Hungarian affairs, but because he is an international peace

"We can understand why Rui lia wanta such assurances," said Count Appenyl, 'but we cannot see why these guaran-tees cannot be given without at the same time making the political power of Rus-

sin paramount when that power would be a permanent menace to our safety. be a permanent menace to our safety.

"Hungary wants peace, but peace making impossible a return to the conditions that brought about this war. That implies destruction of Russian influence in the Balkans, thich is used only aggressively for expansion and conquest."

Count Appenyi believes Russia is the great stumbling block in the way of an early ending of the war. He sees no prospects for an early peace.

"In his address to the Reichniss the

"In his address to the Reichstag, the German Chancellor opened the way to an expression of the same good will on behalf of the Entente Powers," he observed. "Had they responded, a common on might have been

U. S. DEMANDS MUST BE MET, REITERATES SECOND NOTE TO VIENNA; REFUSES TO PARLEY

Austria Informed First Message Was Based on Official Report—Further Evidence Obtained by Washington Will Not Be Divulged

RENEWED DEMANDS OF U.S. IN SECOND NOTE ON ANCONA

Holds Austrian Admiralty absolutely responsible for sinking of Ancona and deaths of Americans. Bases case altogether on Austria's own story of the torpedoing of the

Ancona.

Refuses to discuss testimony of other witnesses as to details of

Declares culpability of submarine commander is clearly established. Declares cuipability of submarine commander is clearly established.

Declines to debate the international law or to discuss principles of humanity "wilfully violated."

Finally renews demands already made for disavowal of act, punishment of submarine commander and indemnity for deaths of Americans.

Reiteration of the demands made in the first note on the sinking of the Ancona and a denial that Austria is entitled to details of the evidence obtained by the United States are the salient features of the second com-

by Order of State Depart-

ment and Receiver Is

Named

PITTSBURGH, Pa., Dec. 21-The Pitts-

burgh Bank for Savings was ordered

closed today by order of the State Bank-

November II, the institution had deposits

of \$10,716,515, with surplus and profits of

The bank was the depository of

thousands of wage earners and school

Within a few minutes after the notice

of the closing of the bank was posted a big crowd collected about the building, many of whom had intended drawing out

many of whom had intended drawing out some of their savings with which to make holiday purchases. There was much excitement but no disorder. The closing of the bank it due to depreciation of the Kuhn securities which were unloaded upon the bank two years ago at the time of the Kuhn failure, according to Receiver G. H. Getty.

Two years ago the bank weathered a several days' "run" following the failure of the Kuhn enterprise. Later it was

Financiers in London

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London financiers feel that peace

is nearer, but they believe the restoration of good will among the nations is further from earth than ever, says Francis W. Hirst, editor of the Economist, London.

On a modest computation, assuming the war to end by March 31, next, Germany will face a war charge for debt in annual interest of \$500,000,000, against a French deficit of \$450,000,000 and a British debt of \$350,000,000. In the

case of England this deficit is cov-

The American security mobiliza-tion scheme is unpopular on the London Exchange, says Mr. Hirst, in an article on the financial situ-ation sent by special cable to the EVENING LEDGER and published ex-clusively in this issue.

ered by new taxation.

Feel Peace Is Nearer

\$455,226. The capital 's \$600,000.

ing Department.

munication, made public today, by Secretary Lansing. Austria is informed that the protest is mainly based on the official report issued at Vienna and that the Government of the United States does not feel called upon to debate the Issue for which it holds Austria responsible,

The text of the note follows: "The Secretary of State to Ambassador Penfield.

"Department of State, Washington, Dec. 19, 1915. "You are instructed to address a note to the Austro-Hungarian Minister

of Foreign Affairs, textually as follows: "The Government of the United States has received the note of your excellency relative to the sinking of the Ancona, which was delivered by Vienna on December 15, 1915, and transmitted to Washington, and has given the note immediate and careful consideration,

"On November 15, 1915, Baron Zwiedenek, the Charge d'Affaires of the Imperial and Royal Government at Washington, transmitted to the Department of State a report of the Austro-Hungarian Admiralty with regard to the sinking of the steamship Ancona, in which it was admitted that the vessel was tarpedoed after her engines had been stopped and when passengers were still on board. This admission alone is, in the view of the Government of the United States, sufficient to fix upon the commander of the submarine which fired the torpedo the responsibility for having wilfully violated the recognized law of nations and entirely disregarded these humane principles which every belligerent should observe in the conduct of war at sea.

"In view of these admitted circumstances the Government of the United States feels justified in holding that the details of the sinking of the Ancona, the weght and character of the additional testimony corroborating the Admiralty's report, and the number of Americans killed or injured are in no way essential matters of discussion. The culpability of the commander is in any case estab-Nahed, and the undisputed fact is that citizens of the United States were killed,

injured or put in leppardy by his lawless act. The rules of international law and the principles of humanity which were thus wilfully violated by the commander of the submarine have been so long and so universally recognized and are so manifest from the standpoint of right and justice that the Government of the United States does not feel called upon to debate them and does not understand that the Imperial and Royal Government questions or disputes them.

"'The Government of the United States therefore finds no other course open to it but to hold the Imperial and Royal Government responsible for the act of its naval commander and to renew the definite but respectful demands made in its communication of the 6th of December, 1915. It sincerely hopes that the foregoing statement of its position will enable the Imperial and Royal Governexisting between the United States and Austria-Hungary which prompted the transshipment to Scutari, where they will be distributed. Government of the United States to make them.

KELLER HAD CHANCE PITTSBURGH BANK FOR TO MOVE A BODY IN SAVINGS SHUTS DOORS: TRUNK TO HIS CELLAR

Detectives Find New Evidence Institution Suspends Business Which They Declare Strengthens Their Case

LIME FOUND IN CELLAR MANAGEMENT ABSOLVED

Edward Keller, accused of the murder of Daniel J. McNichol, has been removed from his cell in City Hall to Moyamen-sing prison. Detectives said today that the case against him had been strengthened by evidence that showed that Keller had had a chance to move a trunk from McNichol's leather goods factory, 12th and Hamilton streets, to another section of the city before it was taken to Frank-

ford.

It was in a trunk that the body identified as McNichol's was taken to the cellar of Keller's laundry at 4002 Frankford avenue, where, inclosed in a packing case, it was dug up last Wednesday, 20 months after the disappearance of McNichol

The trunk contained lime which had not altogether decomposed the body. A quantity of lime, similar to that which overed the body in the trunk, was found by detectives today in the truns, was found by detectives today in the cellar of 1818. Wensley street, a house formerly occupied by Keller. A large piece of cement, about five by two feet, showed signs of having been removed from the floor of the cellar. It will be moved and the ground beneath it searched. The lime was found accidentally. De-

tectives were examining the cellar and brushed against the wall in one corner. Continued on Page Five, Column Thre

CELEBRATES HIS DIVORCE

W. L. Moise Gives "Freedom Party." No Flowers

A few hours after Judge Ferguson aigued a decree granting a divorce to Witliam L. Moise he staged a big "freedom party" in Atlantic City to which were invited approximately 50 of his friends. Mr. Moise, formerly a merchant in this city and now chief of the Atlantic City Bureau of Credit, sent out the following invitations:

The pleasure of your company
is requested
by
William L. Motes
at his
Freedom Party
slay Evening December twenty-first
at \$30 clock
No. 6. Dewey Apartments
Allantic City
No. Sawers

The guests of Mr. folse were enter-tained at a theatre party, then dined and wined at suppor. The decree of Judge Perguson concluded a legal light of two

GENERAL MUNRO APPOINTED HAIG'S SUCCESSOR

mander-in-chief, it was announced this afternoon,

cated report in financial circles today.

LONDON, Dec. 22.-General Munro, British commander at the Dardanelles, has been appointed commander of the British First Army in France, succeeding Sir Douglas Haig, who became com-

QUICK NEWS

MIDVALE STEEL COMPANY GETS \$50,000,000 CONTRACT The Midvale Steel Company has virtually closed a \$50,000,000 steel contract with France, according to a seemingly well-authenti-

KAISER SICK; POSTPONES TRIP TO FRONT

BERLIN, Dec. 22.-Emperor William is ill. It was announced today that he was forced to stop his visit to the western front on account of inflammation of the cellular system. The Kaiser's physicians have ordered him to remain indoors.

PROFESSOR TAFT ON WAY TO THIS CITY

CHICAGO, Dec. 22.-"I'm feeling much better today," remarked former President William H. Taft as he took a train for Philadelphia, on his way to Allentown, Pa., where he will make a speech at the opening of a hospital, Mr. Taft was still very hoarse and showed the effects of his illness of the last week.

MERCHANTS IN FOOD CONSPIRACY FINED

WASHINGTON, Dec. 22 .- Judge Covington, in the District of Columbia Supreme Court, today handed down a decision fining 30 Washington commission merchants \$25 each on a charge of having conspired to control food prices in violation of the Sherman anti-trust law. The charges were instituted by the Department of Justice a year ago.

BERNHARDT IN GOOD HEALTH AND COMING HERE

PARIS, Dec. 22.—Sarah Bernhardt is enjoying good health. She is about to leave for an English tour and intends to fulfil her American contract.

The Paris correspondent of the London Daily Telegraph reported last night that Mme. Bernhardt was dying. Cabled inquiry brought the foregoing dispatch from the International News Service correspondent at Paris,

AUSTRO-ITALIAN LOSSES, 750,000

ZURICH, Dec. 22.-The total losses in the Austro-Italian theatre of war are placed at 750,000 men in killed, wounded and captured by Swiss military experts. The Italian losses are reckoned at 350,000 men, of whom 50,000 are prisoners and 60,000 are dead. Wounded Austrians declare that the outside world knows nothing of the terrific violence of fighting on the Austro-Italian

JAPANESE SHIP TORPEDOED IN MEDITERRANEAN PARIS, Dec. 22 .- A dispatch from Malta announces that the Japanese

steamship Sado Maru, 6227 tons, was torpedoed and sunk Tuesday by a German submarine in the Mediterranean. The fate of the passengers and crew was not known at the time the dispatch was received.

DUTCH DEMAND RETURN OF SEIZED MAIL LONDON, Dec. 22 .- A dispatch from The Hague says: "The Foreign Ministry

nounces that the Netherlands Government has sent a protest to the British Government against the seizure of Dutch mail bags on the steamers Noordam, Frisia and Rotterdam, and demanded an immediate return of the mall. The ope was expressed in the protest that the incidents would not be repeated.

ALLIES FORM JOINT RELIEF COMMISSION

NEW YORK, Dec. 22.—The Entente Allies have formed a joint relief commission, with headquarters in Rome, to co-operate with the American relief clearing house in Paris for the relief of the suffering in Serbia, Montenegro and Albania, and of refugees in northern Greece, ment to perceive the justice of those demands and to comply with them in the Paris today. Arrangements are being made to charter an American vessel to same spirit of frankness and with the same concern for the good relations now carry supplies from Marseilles or an Italian port to Antivari, Montenegro, for

BRITISH E-BOAT SINKS SHIPS IN MARMORA RAID

LONDON, Dec. 22.-An Athens dispatch to Reuter's Telegram Company says that a British submarine has sunk the German steamship Leros and other

The Leres was owned by the Deutsche Levante Line, of Hamburg. It was 2679 tons and 271 feet long and was built in 1905. When last reported it was DEPOSITS \$10,000,000 at Constantinople.

GERMANY HAS LOST 1,247,249, BRITISH SAY

LONDON, Dec. 22. - Harold J. Tennant, Parliamentary Undersecretary of War, announced in the House of Commons today that the total number of casualties published in the official lists for Prussia, Saxony, Bayaria and Wurtemberg, up to November 30, were 2,524,460. He classified as follows those who have been put out of action permanently: Killed or died of wounds, 484,228; severely wounded, 354,198; died of disease, 27,674; missing, 381,149; total, 1,247,249. Naval casualties, Mr. Tennant said, were not included in his figures.

GERMANS TO CLOSE DUTCH BORDER WITH BARBED WIRE

AMSTERDAM, Dec. 22. - The newspaper Maasbode says it learns from Oldenzaal, Holland, that owing to the increasing number of war prisoners escap-According to the last statement of the ing over the German-Dutch frontier the German Government intends to close the whole frontier with barbed wire. bank, made at the close of business

> Barbed wire has been used at certain places on the frontier for nearly a year, and to make it a greater protection against illict crossing the wire has been charged with electricity.

20 FIREMEN OVERCOME IN NEW YORK BLAZE

NEW YORK, Dec. 22.-Twenty firemen were overcome by smoke in a fire which wrecked the six-story building at 221-225 West 17th street early today, Eight of the fire-fighters were sent to hospitals; the others received treatment on the ground. The fire, once subdued, broke out afresh and caught the firemen unawares, resulting in the score being overcome. Many thrilling rescues were made by the police and firemen, Mrs. Louise Lewis, overcome on the third floor, being carried to safety by a patroiman. The loss was \$75,000.

RED CROSS BACKS PLAN TO MAIL MILK FOR BABIES

WASHINGTON, Dec. 22.-Efforts already being made to obtain, through diplomatic action, the resumption of unhindered parcel post service between the United States and Germany, with the immediate object of employing such means to send condensed milk to Germany and Austria for the babies, have been seconded by the American Red Cross. The State Department has been asked to take prompt action in order that relief may be given millions of babics in the central empires.

GOETHALS SILENT ON CANAL REOPENING

WASHINGTON, Dec. 22-Major General George W. Goethals has notified the War Department that he is still unable to make any prediction as to when the slides in Gaillard Cut, in the Panama Canal, will be sufficiently removed to allow the traffic of the world to pass through the canal. Several small vessels have been allowed to pass through, but these drew 1512 feet of water and less. The depth of the water in the locks and in the channel of the canal is to be 40 feet when the slides are removed.

LONDON WARNED OF NEW AIR RAID

LONDON, Dec. 22.-The possibility of further Zeppelin activity is agitating London as the result of the receipt of a telegram from Ameland, Holland, that yesterday an airship passed over North Ameland Sound in a westerly direction Scotland Yard last night issued a note of warning to worshipers that if they desired to hold watch-night services they must take care to observe the orders egarding the shading of lights in churches, as "the possibility of attacks by atile gircraft at this time of the year cannot be disregarded."