HINDENBURG OFF TO MEET SLAVS' DRIVE IN BALKANS

Victor in Poland Fight to Join Mackensen in Egyptian and Serbian Campaigns

RUSSIANS START THRUST

Great Battle Rages in Bessarabia — Effect on Rumanians

LONDON, Dec. 29.

It is reported from Bucharest that Field Marshal von Hindenburg may go to the Near East to co-operate with Field Marshal von Mackensen in the Balkan and Egyptian campaigns.

All indications now point to the fact that the German allies on the Greek frontier are going to allow the Allies to assume the offensive, and instead of the next big battle in the Balkans being fought on Greek soil it may take place on Serbian soil.

A number of dispatches were received from Bucharest by way of Paris on conditions in the Balkans. One of these states that ill feeling is springing up between the Germans and their Bulgarian allies over the arrogance of the German officers.

The French newspaper Echo De Paris prints the following Bucharest telegram:

"The Austro-Hungarian offensive in Montenegro has been checked completely. The Austrians were faced by a stronger army than they expected to find, as many Servians, who made their way into Albania, marched northward and joined the Montenegrins. Southwest of Ipek the invaders were defeated in a severe battle."

CZAR BEGINS OFFENSIVE TO CUT BALKAN PATH

LONDON, Dec. 29.

The Russians apparently have begun their offensive in the south with the object of relieving the situation in the Balkans. The Austrian War Office announces heavy Russian attacks between the Dniester and the Pruth, that is, east of Bukowina, and probably also in Galicia, while a dispatch from a German source says:

"A terrible battle has been going on since Friday in Bessarabia." The Russians, according to Vienna, advanced in serried lines 15 or 16 deep, which the artillery broke up with heavy losses.

Petrograd invariably reports desperate fighting on the front south of the Pripet (that is in Volhynia and Bessarabia) and in Galicia.

CHARITIES AND CHURCHES BENEFIT IN SEVERAL WILLS

Several Large Estates Disposed of Today—Relatives Main Beneficiaries

Hebrew charities benefit by the will of Bernard Harburger, 228 North Broad street, admitted to probate today. The estate is valued at $50,000. The Federation of Jewish Charities gets $1000, the Jewish Hospital Association $500, the Mount Sinai Hospital $500 and the Philadelphia Jewish Sanitarium for Consumptives at Eagleville $500. The remainder of the estate goes to relatives.

An estate valued at $30,000 is disposed of by the will of Julia Strecker, 290 Green lane, Manayunk. The testatrix names her sister Amelia as executrix, and leaves the entire estate to her.

A bequest of $50 to the Seminary of St. Charles Borromeo is contained in the will of Mary A. McNamee, 201 North 42d street, which disposes of an estate valued at $15,300 in private bequests.

The will of Samuel A. McDougal, a pioneer merchant of South Philadelphia, who died a short time ago at his home at 2009 Spring Garden street, disposes of an estate valued at $18,000. The estate is left to the widow of the testator and their four children.

Other wills probated today were those of Elizabeth Dallas, 1126 Tasker street, who left effects valued at $6750 to four grandchildren: Catharine Brolly, 4106 North 5th street, $2500; Catharine Mattis, 6742 Ridge avenue, $1000; Mary Jepson, 2922 North Howard street, $4200; Peter Merklejohn, 790 North Taney street, $4000; Thomas Potts, 2031 Orleans street, $2300, and Emily H. Bureau, who died at Grand View-on-the-Hudson, $2000.

The personalty of the estate of Hannah Snyder has been appraised at $22,742.53.

MISSING IDA KARP IS "HAPPY, MARRIED AND SAFE"

Letter From New York to Girl Friend Here Says So

The mystery which surrounded the disappearance of 18-year-old Ida Karp, of 1941 North 32d street, has been cleared away, according to Henry Karp, the girl's father, by the receipt of a letter from Ida in New York city, where she says she is "married, happy and safe."

The letter was sent to Nan Cassel, a girl friend of Ida's, who lives near the Karp home. The Cassel girl, according to Mr. Karp, showed him the letter last night. He had no doubt, he said, that the letter was from his daughter. The fact that she has not written directly to her parents, the father said, was not strange, in view of the ideas of the present city girls.

While the letter did not name the husband, he is believed to be Carl Ogden, 21 years, a neighbor. He has been missing since Sunday night, when Ida disappeared.

The telephone call to Mrs. Karp from a mysterious stranger offering to return her daughter for $1000 was characterized by Mr. Karp today as a bungling attempt of some unscrupulous person to get money by playing on their sympathies.

TODAY'S MARRIAGE LICENSES

James Geary, 1722 Reed st., and Anna Gibbs, 1327 S. 18th st.
Joseph Hutton, 739 De Kalb st., and Lillie M. McAllister, 3959 Folsom st.
Thomas Turkoff, 459 N. 6th st., and Ethel Faitin, 521 Cypress st.
Rubin Podwitsky, 1014 Fairmount ave., and Gussie Magin, 228 Monroe st.
Oscar Levin, 2014 Frankford ave., and Sarah R. Fischler, 515 S. 9th st.
John H. McKenna, 1845 N. 11th st., and Mary M. Bohn, 1045 N. 11th st.
John M. Linker, 1745 Venango st., and Ella Meister, 3704 N. 16th st.
Samuel Tauber, 1941 N. 13th st., and Marie Paulak, 1723 Flora st.
Robert Haggerty, League Island, and Rose E. Dentsey, 1304 Rockland st.
Bernard J. Du Cusse, 1321 S. Myrtlewood st., and Isabelle V. Carey, 1317 S. Myrtlewood st.
Herbert A. Pancoast, 3623 Aspen st., and Gladys V. Burr, 3721 Wallace st.
Alexis M. Sullivan, Baltimore, Md., and Edith G. Oliver, Baltimore, Md.
Norbert Armstrong, 614 Highland st., and Katherine H. Lord, 5557 Pearl st.
Samuel B. Stewart, jr., 2650 McKean st., and Elizabeth C. Selfridge, 7102 Bainbridge st.
Benjamin R. Ford, 1725 N. 19th st., and Elizabeth C. Illingworth, 1219 Ogden st.
John T. Shannon, Los Angeles, Cal., and Ida F. Fuzey, 5104 Springfield ave.
Elmer F. Myers, 1827 Porter st., and Florence M. Raab, 1901 E. Passyunk ave.
William Stout, 572 W. Dauphin st., and Estella B. Rosenberger, 504 Diamond st.
Edward J. Andrews, 2519 Natrona st., and Laura H. Mathis, 3522 Silver st.
Alfred J. Moore, Conshohocken, Pa., and Alice B. Ward, 1414 S. 59th st.
Pellegrino Musto, 1625 S. Mole st., and Florence M. Salvatore, 1919 S. Mole st.
Moses E. Johnson, 4666 Lismore st., and Caroline Johnson, Germantown.
Charles Silver, 922 N. Franklin st., and Clara Gilbert, 1158 Cantrell st.
Stephen N. Cairns, 13 N. 36th st., and Anna E. Dallas, 4230 Penn st.
Thomas Gordon, 1526 S. 20th st., and Catherine A. Newton, 1712 Fairmount ave.
David Ringelrink, Lansdale, Pa., and Lillie A. Foreman, Ardmore, Pa.
Samuel H. Slaughter, W. Jones lane, Phila., and Margaret Earnest, W. Jones lane, Phila.
Harry Wagner, Harrisburg, Pa., and Mamie Lewis, 2739 Kensington ave.

THOMAS MOTT OSBORNE

WARDEN OSBORNE PLEADS NOT GUILTY TO DOUBLE CHARGE

Gives $2000 Bond When Arraigned on Indictments Accusing Him of Negligence and Immorality

FINISH FIGHT PROMISED

WHITE PLAINS, N. Y., Dec. 29.—Warden Thomas Mott Osborne, of Sing Sing, today pleaded not guilty and was released on $2000 bond when arraigned on two indictments charging negligence and immorality. The arraignment was held before County Judge Platt and was over in a few minutes. Osborne left immediately for New York.

George Gordon Battle, H. W. Merchant and Edgar Ryder, Osborne's attorneys, were in court opposed by District Attorney Weeks, who conducted the investigation. Robert S. Brewster, of Mt. Kisco, N. Y., furnished bail for Osborne.

District Attorney Weeks made a brief statement asserting the Grand Jury had a further investigation to make.

A fight to the finish in the interest of the principles of democracy which Osborne carried into Sing Sing was promised today by friends of the warden. He will have the support of various organizations which have indorsed Osborne's prison system, and in addition reform elements in the State have indicated their intention of standing by the warden in the fight for his official life.

Friends of Osborne today declared that one of the best indications that the warden is not guilty of immorality was the demonstration of the Sing Sing convicts in his support last night. Announcing in the dining hall that he had been indicted, Osborne was roundly cheered by the prisoners. A motion proposing a resolution in support of Osborne was suggested, but abandoned at the warden's request.

Osborne today reiterated his assertion that if he should go to trial on the charges against him it would not be his trial "so much as the trial of the State against a conspiracy."

PROMISE OF COLD WAVE DISPELLED

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raged most of the night played havoc in the suburban and rural sections around Philadelphia.

Electric wires in many places are down or out of service and all through the suburban districts are hanging so low under a weight of ice that they are being closely watched. The ice adhered to third rails and overhead wires on the commuting lines and badly delayed cars till scrapers were put to work removing it. Trains on the Reading and Main Line were in many cases late, due to the storm.

During the night the rain filled Cobb's Creek to overflowing and threatened serious damage. Danger is anticipated along the Delaware and Schuylkill if the rain lasts much longer.

Telephone communication was completely cut off in all the section between Fort Washington and Allentown. There was only one telegraph wire open between Harrisburg and this city. Trains made no effort, for hours, to keep up with schedules on the Lehigh Valley Transit line to Norristown. The high wind which raged during the night, reaching a velocity of 70 miles an hour, played havoc with wires in the rural districts.

Conditions are similar in many other sections. A fierce gale ushered in by a sleet and rainstorm, struck New York city this morning. Weather predictions are that it will continue all day. The Weather Bureau gave out the following warning:

"Northeast storm warning displayed at 9:30 a. m., along New England coast."

Two well-defined storms, one of which is being followed by a cold wave, were making their way over the West and South today, doing considerable damage and seriously interfering with all manner of wire and rail communication.

The more severe of the two storms is that which originated on the Gulf coast near New Orleans. This disturbance has advanced in a northeasterly direction, increasing in intensity. Its progress has been marked by torrential rains, snow and sleet and high winds. Considerable damage was reported from many points.

The Chattahoochee River, near Atlanta, rose 24 feet overnight and continued to rise today. A gale of 40 miles an hour ripped through north Georgia and southern Tennessee, doing much damage. In the vicinity of Chattanooga the storm was accompanied by thunder and lightning.

Further north the precipitation took the form of sleet. Indianapolis reported much delay to all electric car service and demoralization to wires. The sleet is reported as particularly severe in the vicinity of Memphis, Tenn., that city being cut off from the outside world.

The second storm was coming toward the Great Lakes from the far northwest. It is in the form of snow and a cold wave is closely following it.

Thousands of dollars of damage is reported from the fruit belt of central Pennsylvania as a result of today's rain and sleet storm. A brisk wind is ruining many trees that are weighted to the ground with ice. Telephone lines to the east and south of this city are down and railroad and trolley traffic is being operated with difficulty. Untold damage will follow in the farm districts if the high wind forecasted by the weather bureau arrives.

FEAR BOLL WORM BY POST

Authorities Close Mails to Samples of Cotton

Instructions have been issued to importers of fine cotton lint that the incoming mails have been closed to samples of cotton, on the order of the United States Department of Agriculture, which fears that the boll worm, a menace to cotton growing, may find its way into this country in samples.

The prohibition extends to all foreign countries shipping cotton lint samples, with the exception of three states in Mexico. Samples at present in the mails will be held by the authorities until they are examined and fumigated by inspectors of the Department of Agriculture.

BRITAIN TO PASS DRAFT ACT; LABOR LEADERS OPPOSE

Ireland Expected to Join Opponents of Bill Decided on by Cabinet

TWO MINISTERS RESIGN

Lines Drawn for Greatest Parliamentary Battle in Decades

LONDON, Dec. 29.

The greatest parliamentary battle in many decades was foreshadowed today by the authoritative announcement that the Government intends to introduce next week a bill providing for conscription.

The lines were being drawn today. An informal conference of Labor members of Commons now in London was called. Other Laborites are en route here from provincial districts. Trades union heads, who early in the war denounced conscription, were exchanging messages. Before Parliament meets to hear from Premier Asquith the Labor party may make known its decision on compulsory service.

As a result of the Cabinet's decision in favor of conscription it is declared that Reginald McKenna, Chancellor of the Exchequer, and Walter H. Runciman, president of the Board of Trade, have resigned and that other resignations may follow.

Arthur Henderson, the Labor Minister, is mentioned as one of the members most likely to resign if any do quit or have already resigned, as reported.

Some hope was expressed by conscription leaders that the Laborites will not solidly oppose the modified form of conscription understood to be planned by the Government, though reiterating their opposition to the principles of compulsory service. The solid opposition of the Irish party, if Ireland is included in the conscription, is expected. In many quarters it was reported today that the Government will exclude Ireland to escape the antagonism of John Redmond and other Irish leaders. At the same time such a course is bound to draw vitriolic attacks from other members.

The best estimates today were that less than 300,000 unmarried men eligible for service, and without dependents, would be added to the service, the great majority having volunteered under the Derby plan. Recruiting officials expressed little hope that these men will come forward voluntarily before the Government acts.

COL. HOLZ'S DAUGHTER TO WED SALVATION ARMY MAN

Couple Will Go to Java to Engage in Mission Work

Salvation Army workers are greatly interested in the coming marriage of Lieutenant Kathleen R. Holz to Captain Edward R. Gifford, which will take place at Bowdoin Square Tabernacle, Boston, on January 4. Lieutenant Holz is the youngest of four daughters of Colonel and Mrs. Richard E. Holz, of 127 South 50th street. She is also a talented musician, having been graduated from the Pennsylvania Conservatory of Music.

The ceremony will be performed by Colonel Holz and Colonel Gifford, who has charge of the Salvation Army work in New England. The couple first met two years ago at a Christmas party. Later both entered the Salvation Army training school in New York. After a honeymoon in the South, they will go to the island of Java, where they will take up missionary work.

Dies of Christmas Day Injuries

Injuries sustained when he was struck by an automobile at Broad street and Columbia avenue on Christmas Day resulted in the death of Carl Schmidt, 635 North 11th street, at St. Joseph's Hospital today. Louis Gilliard, 737 North 43d street, driver of the car which struck Schmidt, was rearrested today and taken to City Hall police court for a hearing.

HOW BRITISH CABINET LINED UP ON CONSCRIPTION QUESTION

LONDON, Dec. 29.

Herewith is presented the line-up of the British Cabinet on the question of conscription:

FOR CONSCRIPTION.

DAVID LLOYD-GEORGE, Minister of Munitions.
LORD LANSDOWNE, Minister without portfolio.
LORD CURZON, Lord Privy Seal.
LORD SELBORNE, President of the Board of Agriculture.
SIR F. E. SMITH, Attorney General.
J. AUSTEN CHAMBERLAIN, Secretary for India.
WALTER HUME LONG, President of the Local Government Board.

AGAINST CONSCRIPTION.

ARTHUR J. BALFOUR, First Lord of the Admiralty.
SIR EDWARD GREY, Secretary of State for Foreign Affairs.
LORD CREWE, Lord President of the Council.
SIR STANLEY O. BUCKMASTER, Lord High Chancellor.
REGINALD McKENNA, Chancellor of the Exchequer.
SIR JOHN SIMON, Home Secretary.
WALTER RUNCIMAN, President of the Board of Trade.
AUGUSTINE BIRRELL, Chief Secretary for Ireland.
THOMAS McKINNON WOOD, Secretary for Scotland.
LEWIS HARCOURT, First Commissioner of Works.
ARTHUR HENDERSON, President of the Board of Education.

POSITION NOT STATED.

LORD KITCHENER, Secretary of State for War.
ANDREW BONAR-LAW, Secretary for the Colonies.
H. H. ASQUITH, Premier and First Lord of the Treasury.

VIENNA REPORTED FIRM ON ANCONA; BREAK IS LIKELY

Reply to American Rejoinder May Be on Way Now

NOTE POLITE DENIAL

WASHINGTON, Dec. 29.

Preparations are being made by the State Department for the expected diplomatic break with Austria. A reply, conciliatory in tone, but refusing the demanded disavowal of the sinking of the Italian liner Ancona, has been completed by the Austrian Foreign Office. It is understood here that it contends that Austria does not accept the interpretation of the rules of international law made by the United States. On the contrary, Austria holds that she was well within her rights, as she understands them, in sinking the Ancona when the latter vessel tried to escape after being ordered to halt. This reply either is on the way from Vienna or will be handed to Ambassador Penfield today. Officials say that it will prove most unsatisfactory to this Government, and they believe that the threatened diplomatic break must come unless German influence can force a reconsideration by Austria at the last moment.

So far as a diplomatic break with Austria is concerned, officials here point out that it can hardly complicate the situation to any serious extent. Austria will suffer more than will the United States because of the enormous Austrian interests in this country.

MAN KILLED BY AUTO IN RAIN

Pedestrian Dragged to Death Beneath Wheels of Car

Frank McGinty, 45 years old, of 111 North 16th street, was struck by an automobile this morning while crossing at 15th and Market streets and was dragged under the wheels to his death. He was hurried to the Hahnemann Hospital, where he was pronounced dead. The driver of the machine, William C. Lowrie, 21 years old, of 60th street and Elmwood avenue, was arraigned this morning before Magistrate Tracy in the 15th and Vine streets police station.

Witnesses say that McGinty stepped out into the street from behind another machine and failed to see the approach of Lowrie's car when he held his umbrella down to keep off the rain. Lowrie threw on his brakes, according to bystanders, but was unable to stop his heavy car on account of the ice and slush.

GERMANS ARM SENUSSI MYSTICS FOR SUEZ DRIVE

500,000 to 800,000 Ready for Invasion of Egypt, Paris Says

ARABS PRESS ATTACK

LONDON, Dec. 29.

Close after the news that 40,000 Indian troops have been shifted by Britain from France to "another field of operations" come renewed reports that Germany is making active preparations for an invasion of Egypt.

Field Marshal von Mackensen is directing preparations for the drive against the Suez Canal, says a Havas dispatch from Rome, quoting Bucharest advices. Dispatches to the Messagerro from the Rumanian capital add that trains loaded with munitions have been sent to Turkey for use in the Egyptian campaign. One of these trains, it is said, consisted of 25 flatcars, loaded with the parts of two 16-inch mortars and shells for their use.

Reports that Germany is preparing to move against the Suez Canal and Egypt with a mixed force of Turks, Germans and Austrians are current in Paris. Some of the reports go into various details, it being said, for instance, that the army is likely to consist of from 500,000 to 800,000 men, and that a four-track railway is being built across the half desert region toward Suez.

The increased activity of Austrian submarines in the Mediterranean is interpreted in part as an effort to keep British aid from Africa. So great has this menace become that Japanese vessels which have used the Mediterranean-Suez route will now be sent around the Cape of Good Hope. This, too, argues that an invasion of Egypt is considered possible in Japan.

Meanwhile the Arabs on the Western Egyptian front continue their attacks. The battle at Materuh, in which Senussi tribesmen are engaged, is still in progress. A Reuter dispatch from Cairo says that on Christmas Day 3000 tribesmen were driven back, leaving 200 dead on the field, and that effective support was given the British force by gunfire from the ships.

Former Bluejacket Dies in Camden

Andrew McCracken, 23 years old, a former sailor on the battleship Oregon, died in the Cooper Hospital, Camden, today from the effects of a half pint of wood alcohol which he drank. McCracken was found unconscious in his room at 922 Elm avenue. Mrs. Marie Hancock, of Benson avenue, Baltimore, the boy's mother has been notified.

MONTGOMERY COUNTY FUNDS CAUSE CLASH

Bill Filed to Restrain Transfer of $160,000 to the Sinking Deposit

NORRISTOWN, Pa., Dec. 29.—A bill in equity was filed this morning asking the court to restrain the Sinking Fund Commission of Montgomery County from transferring $160,000 from the regular fund to the sinking fund in the county treasury.

The Sinking Fund Commission is composed of County Commissioners Frederick Saylor, Pottstown; James Krewson, Cheltenham; Hiram Bready, Moreland; County Controller John N. Jacobs, Lansdale, and County Treasurer Keeley, Schwenksville.

The injunction is asked by Dr. George N. Highly and David Ross, of Conshohocken, who aver that the action of the Sinking Fund Commission in transferring the $160,000 will empty the county treasury. Krewson is president of the Board of County Commissioners. He and Saylor will retire January 1 in favor of Roy Hatfield, Norristown, and George Sullivan, Lower Merion.

County Controller Jacobs is father of the proposition to put the money into the sinking fund to secure the county's bonded indebtedness, which is $320,000.

PEA COAL PRICE TO BE BOOSTED

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that the miners will strike for higher wages this spring.

Because of the acceptance of the workmen's compensation act on the first of the year it was said that some of the independent operators would add five cents a ton to the price of coal at the mine.

G. B. Markle & Co., large independent operators in the Lehigh Valley region, are the first to take this step, the increase having already been announced, effective January 1.

The workmen's compensation law was mentioned today as one of the reasons for the contemplated advance in the price of coal, and it was thought that other companies would take the same step when the law became effective.

BOYS ADRIFT IN LAKE ERIE

Swept Out by Gale While Skating. Rescue Tug Offers Life Chance

TOLEDO, O., Dec. 29.—In danger of being swept to death by huge seas, Russell Lucas, 17, and Waddell Hall, 24, are adrift on an ice floe in Lake Erie. A tug has gone to the rescue. The boys were skating near the shore at Toledo beach when the ice broke away and driven by a 40-mile wind, were carried out into the lake. They were soon lost to view.

MAN IN TRANCE STICKS TO HIS DUTY AND DIES

Pretzel Wagon Driver Works Six Hours After Sustaining Fatal Injury

A pretzel wagon driver, thought by the police to have been in a trance at the time, went through all his routine duties for nearly six hours this morning, though suffering from a fractured skull as the result of an accident. The man was later found dead at Frankford and Erie avenues by the crew of a trolley car. He is thought to have fallen under the wheels of his own wagon after he had delivered pretzels in the neighborhood.

The driver's name was William Schmidt, 25 years old, 3261 Reese street. Early this morning he called up the Oakdale Pretzel Company, at 10th street and Susquehanna avenue, where he is employed, and told Joseph Paulin, the superintendent, that he had been struck by a delivery truck belonging to the Freihofer bakery.

"Were you hurt?" asked Paulin.

"Not much," answered Schmidt. "I was thrown out of the wagon on my head. I feel all right now, though." The man talked in a peculiar way and rambled in some of his statements, but Paulin thought he had exaggerated the accident, and, since Schmidt said he could go on working, he was allowed to do so.

The accident happened at Bridge and Ditman streets.

Six hours later Schmidt was found unconscious in the street by the crew of a trolley car. He was rushed to the Frankford Hospital on the car, but died on the way. It was found that several of his ribs were broken and that his left lung was punctured, causing his death. His skull was found to be fractured. It is thought that this happened when he was thrown from his wagon early in the day and that later, while on his route and in a trance from his first accident, Schmidt finally fell and the wagon passed over his chest. The wagon was recovered nearby by Patrolman Scott, of the Frankford police station, who found nearly a hundred schoolboys having a feast on the pretzels.

BANK MERGER EXPECTED SOON

Union National and Manufacturers' National to Consolidate

The proposed consolidation of the Union National and the Manufacturers' National Bank will probably be effected at an early date, according to an announcement just made. The offer was made by the Union National to the stockholders of the Manufacturers' National for the purchase of the latter's business.

The Manufacturers' National Bank, of which Edward Wolfe is president, is one of Philadelphia's oldest banks. The Union National Bank has a capital of $500,000, a surplus fund of $400,000 and undivided profits of $21,954.23, with deposits of more than $6,900,000.

PACKAGE LIKE A BOMB ON WOMAN'S DOORSTEP

Explosives Expert Will Examine Contrivance Found at 763 South 10th Street

A contrivance believed to be a bomb, with two half-burned fuses extinguished by the rain, was found today on the front doorstep of the house at 763 South 10th street, the home of Mrs. Mary Rossi. It is in the possession of the police, who will make an examination.

The contrivance, the contents of which have not been ascertained, was wrapped in a newspaper and is shaped like a loaf of bread. That it was such was the belief of Mrs. Rossi when she opened the door to take in the milk. But when she saw the half-burned fuses she screamed for help. Policemen Isola and Clark, of the 2d and Christian streets station, who were passing, dipped the package in a bucket of water.

The police attached some importance to the theory that the Rossi home was selected by mistake. The home of Common Councilman Harry J. Trainer, of the 3d Ward, is across the street, at 758 South 10th street. Mrs. Rossi said she cannot account for the "bomb."

"We have no enemies that I know of," she said.

CARLTON E. DAVIS NAMED WATER BUREAU CHIEF

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power toward having a business administration.

Mayor-elect Smith is at the Hotel Strand putting the finishing touches upon his message and working out other personal details in connection with his inauguration next Monday, may announce the successor of Chief Webster, of the Bureau of Surveys, today.

Shortly after rising this morning the Mayor-to-be said he expected to talk by phone with the gentleman whom he has in mind for Survey Bureau Chief this afternoon, and said then he probably would announce his name.

Mr. Smith said his message is practically complete. It will be optimistic in tone and constructive in its purport. Asked if it would preach the doctrine of "get-together," the Mayor responded:

"I can hardly say that, for that would be a message to the people of the State, or the nation, as much as to the people of Philadelphia, and my message is to be a business proposition dealing with the present and the future of Philadelphia."

Contrary to the general expectation, he is not going to deal generously with a "greater Philadelphia," although he believes that will be the outcome if Philadelphia people measure up to their opportunities.

The Mayor-elect probably will ally himself unconditionally with the forces moving to have military training added to the curriculum of the Philadelphia schools.

U. S. WILL CALL HALT ON ENGLISH SEIZURE OF MAIL

Vigorous Protest to Great Britain Now Being Prepared

CONVENTION VIOLATED

Consul General's Report Shows Disregard of International Agreement on Rights

WASHINGTON, Dec. 29.—On the basis of reports received today from Consul General Skinner at London, the State Department is preparing a protest against British interference with American mail to and from Holland. The protest will be transmitted to the British Foreign Office as quickly as it can be drafted. Officials said today that the protest will be sharply worded and Great Britain will be asked to explain her actions immediately.

Consul General Skinner's reports confirmed press dispatches that American mail had been seized on ships bound for Holland and from some bound from Holland for the United States. Officials of the State Department declare this is a flagrant violation of the eleventh convention adopted by the second Hague conference. The American protest will be based on the provisions of this convention, which follows:

"The postal correspondence of neutrals or belligerents, whatever its official or private character may be, found on the high seas on board a neutral or enemy ship, is inviolable. If the ship is detained the correspondence is forwarded by the captain with the least possible delay."

Consul General Skinner was instructed to continue his investigation and to report in detail on all seizure of American mail by Great Britain. It was stated that the protest will go forward, however, on the information already at hand.

HIGHER COURT UPHOLDS $200,000 FINE AGAINST NEW JERSEY CENTRAL

Conviction of Railroad for Granting Rebates to Lehigh Coal and Navigation Company Affirmed

ALLOWANCES ADMITTED

The conviction of the Central Railroad of New Jersey, in the Federal Court at Trenton, and the penalty of $200,000 imposed upon it for granting rebates to the Lehigh Coal and Navigation Company in violation of the Elkins Act, was today sustained by Judge McPherson in an opinion filed in the United States Circuit Court of Appeals.

The Railroad Company was indicted on 300 counts, was convicted on 185, and Judge Relstab, before whom the case was tried in the lower court, imposed a fine of $200,000 on 25 of the counts, and suspended sentence on the remaining 160.

The rebates alleged to have been granted were on coal of the Lehigh Navigation Company shipped from its mines in Carbon County, Pa., to points in various other States.

The railroad company admitted making allowances to the Navigation Company, but contended that these payments were compensation for the use of an instrumentality of transportation furnished under a lease by the Navigation Company.

The railroad appealed from the conviction and fine. The point that the allowances were rentals for property of the navigation company was also raised in the Court of Appeals. Another ground for the appeal was that Judge Relstab, in construing the original lease between the two companies, had virtually instructed the jury to render a verdict of guilty.

In his opinion filed today Judge McPherson declares that the only controversy in the case is "over the construction that should be put on the original lease between the companies and on the subsequent dealings between the parties and this was in substance merely a dispute about words.

JORDAN FAMILY DIFFERENCE MAY BE FIXED OUT OF COURT

Lawyers Plan Settlement of Forgery and Other Charges

The differences between the members of the Jordan family probably will be settled out of court. Magistrate Wrigley, before whom Isaac Canfield Jordan and Augustus N. Jordan were to have been arraigned today on charges of "falsification and forgery" of the accounts of the firm of William N. & F. Jordan, chemical dealers, of 218 North Delaware avenue, said that the hearing had been indefinitely postponed.

This action, according to the Magistrate, was taken at the instance of the attorneys for both sides, who wrote him letters indicating that an agreement was being considered and that they would like the hearing postponed.

The charges against the two Jordans were made by Wilfred Jordan, curator at Independence Hall; Dr. John W. Jordan, librarian of the Historical Society of Pennsylvania, and Dr. Ewing Jordan. Cabaret frolics with chorus girls on the roof of an Atlantic City hotel and in other places was one of the things that the accusers promised to "air" should the case go to court in an effort to show that the firm's money was squandered.

Electric Motor Sparks Cause Blaze

Sparks from an electric motor in the basement of Louis Richter's sweater manufacturing plant at 617 South 4th street at noon today set fire to waste rags and scattered the dozen employes to the street. Firemen quickly checked the blaze. The loss was trifling.

BERLIN ADMITS LOSS OF TRENCH LINE IN VOSGES

French Penetrate German Defenses, War Office Says

ARMS DEPOT EXPLODED

Belgians Direct Successful Fire, Germans Halt Trains at Soissons

BERLIN, Dec. 29.—Official admission that the French penetrated the German trenches at Hartmannsweilerkopf in the Vosges was made today by the German War Office. The report follows:

"The French advance at Hirzstein broke down under our fire.

"Two night attacks were made by the French at Hartmannsweilerkopf. The first was repulsed, but in the second the enemy succeeded in penetrating our trenches. Fighting continues there for the possession of a trench section. The French lost five officers and 300 men in prisoners."

LONDON, Dec. 29.—Terrific fighting over the whole front in the Vosges, centring at Hartmannsweilerkopf, is recorded in the latest official communications from the west front. French forces captured trenches between the summits of Rochfelsen and Hirzstein, near Hartmannsweilerkopf, taking a hundred Germans prisoners, and checked a German sortie from trenches on the Rochfelsen height with a curtain of fire. Berlin admits the carrying out of a French offensive at Hirzstein, three miles southwest of Hartmannsweilerkopf, but gives no details regarding the outcome of the attack.

Allied monitors again shelled Westende, on the Belgian coast, yesterday. Berlin asserts that three residents were killed in the bombardment, two of whom were women. German artillery fire is reported to have arrested train movements at the Soissons station.

French shells caused a great fire in the woods west of Prunay, where the German works are situated. Belgium battery fire destroyed several enemy works near Dixmude.

SOCIALISM GROWING, SAYS U. OF P. PROFESSOR

Dr. Smith in Washington Address Links It With Scientific Management

A rapid growth of socialism, due to the introduction of scientific management, was predicted today by J. Russell Smith, professor of industry in the Wharton School of the University of Pennsylvania, in an address before the joint meeting of the American Political Science Association and the American Statistical Association in session at Washington.

"Publicly operated enterprises, or socialism, are now chiefly opposed on grounds of inefficiency," he said. "With the lessening of this inefficiency we may expect a great increase of socialism, or publicly operated enterprises. Public (municipal and State) enterprises are entering a new era of efficiency, for scientific management, essentially the standard way of measuring and testing efficiency of private and public enterprises, enables us to find the responsible parties. The old style city government is complex and responsibility is hard to fix, whereas the commission government and city business manager provide a method of fixing responsibility, of measuring success or failure."

TOO LATE FOR CLASSIFICATION

DEATHS

HAY.—At his residence, 1808 Spring Garden street, on December 29, 1915, JAMES HAY, in his 81st year. Notice of funeral later.

KEYSER.—On December 27, 1915, GEORGE W., husband of the late Josephine H. Keyser. Relatives and friends are invited to attend the funeral services Thursday evening, at 8 o'clock, at the residence of his son-in-law, 1549 North Robinson street. Interment at Nutley, N. J., Friday. Please omit flowers.

McNELLEY.—Suddenly, on December 29, 1915, MATILDA, widow of James McNelley, aged 72 years, late of 420 Broadway, Camden, N. J. Relatives and friends are invited to attend the funeral services, on Saturday afternoon, January 1, at 2:30 o'clock, at the residence of her son-in-law, Frank H. Bennett, 618 Benson street, Camden, N. J. Interment private, Harleigh Cemetery. Friends may call Friday evening, after 7 o'clock.

SCHUSSELE.—On December 28, 1915, Mrs. CECELIA SCHUSSELE. Relatives and friends are invited to attend the funeral services, on Friday morning, at 11 o'clock, at her late residence, 202 West Logan square. Interment private.

SILL.—On Twelfth Month 29th, 1915, NAOMI PASSMORE, widow of Alfred Sill, in her 77th year. Funeral services on Sixth-day, 31st, at 11 a. m., at her late residence, 65 West La Crosse ave., Lansdowne. Interment private. Trains leave Broad St. Station, 9:50 and 10:40 a. m.

TURNER.—On December 28, 1915, JAMES, husband of Maria Turner, aged 54 years. Relatives and friends, also the societies of which he was a member, are invited to attend the funeral, on Friday morning, at 10 o'clock, at his late residence, 703 East Chelten ave., Germantown. Services in St. Michael's Church, High st., at 11 o'clock. Interment private. Remains may be viewed Thursday evening from 8 to 10.

WATSON.—In Camden, N. J., on December 28, 1915, MARGARET JANE WATSON. Relatives and friends are invited to attend funeral services, on Friday afternoon, December 31, at 2 o'clock, at the chapel in the Baptist Cemetery, Haddonfield, N. J. Friends may call on Thursday evening, from 7 to 9 o'clock, at 309 Market st., Camden, N. J.

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COOK, colored, for school; sleep home. Apply 1720 Rittenhouse st.

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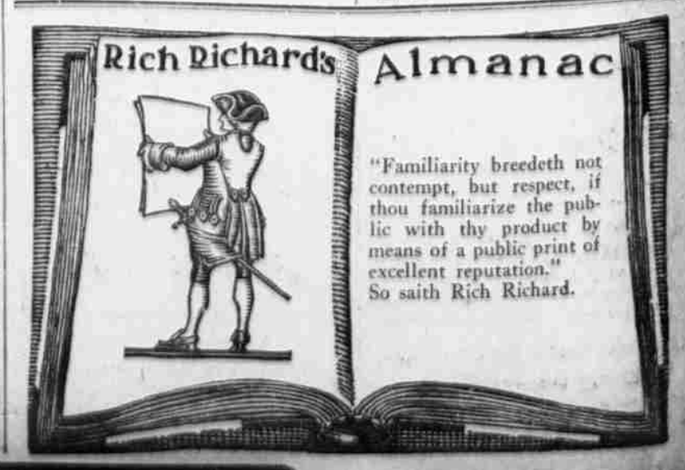
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