PAN-AMERICANS PLAN

sent Memorial to 21 Coun-

tries to Solidify Western

Hemisphere Union

them. The scientific arigle of the conven-tion has been almost lost sight of in the agitation to realize the European menace to the Americas and be prepared to pre-

Aid Get Increases

over the action of County Judge Shinn in

raising their salaries, Scull to \$1800 and his aid to \$900. Allen B. Endicott, Scull's Republican predecessor, served for \$500 a

Democrats of all clans are gathering here today to discuss get-together plans under orders from Trenton.

Fire in Baptist Building

Crossed electric wires in the cellar of

ear, without an assistant.

when the firemen arrived.

Executive Committee

it is accomplishing.

"CONSCRIPT" ACT FORCES BREAK IN **BRITISH CABINET**

ome Secretary's Resignation Reported in Hands of Premier Asquith

RREY'S MAY BE NEXT

Opponents of Compulsion Unite to Fight Proposed Draft Bill

LONDON, Jan. 1.

The Cabinet's third and fourth meetings of this week, called to discuss the situa-tion arising from the failure of Lord Derby's enliatment campaign, were held yesterday. The failure of certain mem-bers to attend gave rise to speculation as to their probable resignations.

The Daily News and Leader of this morning says that Sir John Simon, Secretary of State for Home Affairs, has actually presented his resignation to Premier Asquith. His withdrawal from the Cabinet has been predicted because of his opposition to the Premier's conscrip-

The Foreign Secretary, Sir Edward Grey, and the War Secretary, Earl Kit-chener, are also mentioned in connec-tion with possible changes in the Cab-inet, but 12 several members withdraw it is now clear the Government will not break over the question

Sir Edward Grey has been on the verge of handling in his rerignation for several days, and it is not impossible that he may yet do so. He has always been opposed to conscription and has grown more strongly so as the war progressed. This statement is made on the information of a friend who has his confidence.

The fear was expressed on Thursday The fear was expressed on Thursday that Walter Runciman, president of the Board of Trade, who had failed to attend recent cabinet meetings, also might resign. There were predictions in certain quarters, too, that Lord Buckmaster, the Lord High Chancellor, and Reginald McKenna, Chancellor of the Exchequer, might withdraw from the Government, but these have not been fulfilled. but these have not been fulfilled.

The reported resignation of Sir John Simon has not come as a surprise, as it was stated Thursday that absence from this morning's cabinet meeting would be taken as indicating an intention to leave

According to the Daily Express, diffi-culties among the members of the Government were so far composed yesterday that the resignations of the Earl of Selborne, president of the Board of Agri-culture, and Earl Curzon, Lord of the Privy Seal, are now unlikely. These men, as well as one or two other cabinet mem-bers, have been demanding out and out

DUELLI D'ARTIGLIERIA IN CORSO SU TUTTO IL FRONTE, DICE CADORNA

Truppe Alleate Sbarcano Anche a Kavala ed Orfani, in Vicinanza del Confine della Bulgaria

SITUAZIONE IMMUTATA Continued from Page One

ROMA I Gennalo Il Ministero della Guerra ha pubblicato juesta mattina il seguente breve rapporto del generale Cadorna;

"Su tutto il fronte di battaglia italoaustriaco sono in corso combattimenti di artiglieria. Il nemico ricorre sempre ll'uso delle bombe di gas astissiante, scendone cadere molte sulle nostre posi-> i in Val Daone e sulle alture alla blimtra del Chiese." Decrede che le truppe di Cadorna con-

ien ino la loro lenta offensiva qua e ate l'Trentino e sui fronte dell'Isonzo, e la lotta sia presso che incessante almente sulle colline ad ovest di rinla, sul tratto che corre da il Saed il Calvario, molto vicino alle

idic appreso che nella battaglia navale icatasi mercoledi' mattina al largo di so mzo, gli austriaci oltre ad avere af-Pranci due cacciatorpediniere e distrutto (as scoaeroplano, ebbero danneggiati pi-te fo gravemente anche la nave esplootura e gli altri tre cacciatorpediniere pessrmavano la squadra leggera che si cata a bombardare Durazzo.

St apprends che truppe alleate sono sbarcate ad Orfani ed a Kavala, sul Mare l'geo. Questi due punti di sbarco sono in territorio greco, ma sono piu' vicini alla ferrovia che porta da Nish a Constantinopoli e passa Sofia, cosicche' si ritiene che gli alleati abbiano voluto assiciuararsi iue punti di partenzo per minacciare di anco le comunicazioni bulgare e tedesche. Nulla si sa pero' circa l'epoca in cui aileati potrebbero iniziare la toro offensiva. Non e' improbabile che essi aspettino il risultato della nuova offensiva russa nella Galizia orientale e nella Eucovina, e forse l'intervento della Rumania nella

guerra europa a flanco degli alleati. Nella Macedonia e nell'Albania, nono-stante che un'agenzia tedesca annuncii un'altra sconfitta delle forze serbe nella zona di Elbassan, la situazione rimane immutata, mentre nel Montenegro l'offen-siva austriaca e' stata fr: strata da una serie di vittorie montenegrine. In un'ultima battarlia svoltasi nel territorio del re Nicola gli austriaci banno perduto 1500 prigionieri.

Il governo austriaco ha ceduto com-pletamente sull'affare dell'affondamento dell'Ancona al governo americano, con-cedendo tutte le domande che il presi-dente Wilson aveva fatto nella prima nota. Il governo austriaco riconosce che i passeggeri di un piroscafo devono essere saivati prima che si proceda all'affonda-mento, accetta di indennizzare gli americani che hanno perduto la vita e sono stati danneggiati nel disastro ed afferma di avere gia' punito il comandante del pottomarino che affondo' l'Ancona. Nondimens il governo austriaco dice nella nota ultima moltissime cose inesatte che sono state samenite anche oggi dalla dot-toressa Grell, che e' una supersitte, del l'Ancona e che si trova attualmente a New

La Tribuna di Roma, commentando la nota sustriaca dice che la automissione dell'Austria e' completa avendo accet-tate intie le domande contenute nella nota

BILLY SUNDAY IN TOWN

Passes Through En Route to Trenton for Revival

ritity. Sunday was in town a few min-er this afternoon, and held an infor-it reception in Broad Street Station, a train reached here at 1.5% and prod a few minutes before going on New York. A special stop was made that it is evangelist and his till revival begins there. His revival begins

W.W. ASTOR, ONCE AMERICAN, NOW **BRITISH LORD**

Elevation to Peerage May Be for His War Fund Gifts

HONORS OTHERS

LONDON, Jan. 1.—Two native-born Americans become Peers of Great Britain through the distribution of New Year's honors by King George. They are Wil-liam Waldorf Astor and Sir Thomas

Shaughnessy.
The New Year's honors are as follows:
Baronies—William Waldorf Astor. Sir
Thomas Shaughnessy. Sir Alexander
Henderson, Lord Charles Beresford Captain Cecil William Norton, David Alfred

Knights of the Garter-Earl Curson and the Duke of Devonshire. Viscount-Lord Mersey. Baronetcies-Admiral Sturdee, Sir Wil-liam Goschen, A. A. Booth (chairman of the Cunard Line), Sir Charles Johnson.

TWO SURPRISES.

There was one notable surprise—the conferring of a peerage on William Waldorf Astor, who years ago became an expatriate. Another surprise, which is certain to be as popular as it is harmonious with the spirit of the day, is the appointment of William, or, as he is better known, "Will" Crooks, the Labor leader, to the Privy Council.

Emperor Nicholas, of Russia, is made a British field marshal, and D. A. Thomas, known in the United States and Canada for his recent work in arranging for supplies of munitions for Great Britain, goes to the House of Lords.

Mr. Astor's title is considered as being the fulfilment of the ambition which brought him to England 16 years ago to become a British subject. There is no one able to recall a former instance of an American becoming a British peer, except it was the case of Lord Fairfax of Cameron. It is gossip that some of TWO SURPRISES.

Cameron. It is gossip that some of King's advisers entertain the belief t Mr. Astor's honor will be especially pleasing to Americans.

OFFENDED KING EDWARD.

Mr. Astor's reputed candidacy for the peerage was a topic which greatly engrossed society after he launched his career as a British subject. Unfortunately for his ambitions, they were beclouded by an incident which is supposed to have incurred for him King Edward's o have incurred for him King Edward's displeasure. A popular British officer is said to have appeared at a reception in Mr. Astor's London mansion, whose name was not on the invitation list. The officer arrived with a party of invited guests with whom he had been dining, which is frequently the case in London society. Mr. Astor, it is said, requested the officer to depart, and King Edward was reputed to have been much irritated, since the officer held a high place in the King's This story was current and widely published at the time.
Crooks is the second Labor party leader

to be made a member of the Privy Council, which, theoretically, consists of the King's special advisers. When King Ed-ward VII gazetted John Burns to the Council there was great speculation as to whether "Honest John" ever would con-sent to exchange his bowler hat and reefer jucket for the trapping appertain-ing to that office, but he appeared on the necessary occasions in all the glory of a gold-laced coat, knee breeches, silk stockings, chapeau and court aword.

NEW DIPLOMATIC CRISIS IN PERSIA SINKING

safety. The nationality of the subma-rine was also a point on which informa-tion here was lacking and vital. A POSSIBLE EXCUSE.

Shock over the Persia's sinking was aggravated by the short lapse of time since the Austrian note to this country was delivered. This was handed to Ambassador Penfield at Vienna on Wednesday and within 24 hours the Persia was attacked. If an Austrian submersible was respon sible, it is expected Austria's exuse will be that new orders for legal conduct of her undersea operations had not yet reached the commander of the a tacking

State Department was anxiously waiting word from London regarding the Persia's passenger list to learn definitely whether other Americans than Consul McNeely were aboard. But the presence of a single American there, with his life placed in jeopardy, was regarded as presenting a case for action by this Government. The Austro-German agree-ment to care for safety of passengers on vessels attacked was also regarded as extending to all passengers, regardless extending to all passengers, regardless of whether any Americans were among

SHIP MAY HAVE BEEN ARMED.

Only a single glimmer of light was ap-parent, officials said. That was that either the big steamship had tried to escape and that therefore her torpedoing would be excusable under international law or that she tried to resist. At the German embassy, while it was said that no information regarding the matter was available, all information at hand there indicated that the P. and O. liners all are armed and, if that is so, their status would be that of an auxiliary cruiser and not of a peaceable liner.

The suggestion was made in official quarters here today that the Persia might have been sunk by a Turkish submarine. A number of the latter have been very active. In addition Germany has trans ferred to the Turkish flag several of her own undersea boats which are now flying the Turkish flag.

Until the nationality of the submarine Until the nationality of the submarine can be established this Government can do nothing. But, because of the uncertainty, and the fear that after all the promises already made may not have been kept, there was a very general feeling of nervousness in official circles that has not been paralleled since the anxious hours that followed the sinking of the Lusitania.

Consul McNeely was appointed to the

Consul McNeely was appointed to the Government service October 18 last. He is a native of Monroe, N. C.

HOT SPRINGS, Va., Jan. 1.—President Wilson was in close touch with developments regarding the sinking of the British liner Persia. He received reports from Secretary of State Lansing as fast as they reached the State Department. The President refused, however, to make any comment. eyer, to make any comment.

Silver Badge Presented to Dripps Robert D. Dripps. who retires as direc-Robert D. Dripps, who retires as direc-tor of public safety at noon tomorrow, was the recipient of a silver badge pre-sented today as a token of remembrance by Superintendent of Police Robinson. Many other police officials and members of the force joined Superintendent Rob-inson in wishing Mr. Dripps success in the New Year.

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PEACE PARTY 'PINCHED' TO PREVENT ATTACK BY NEW YEAR'S REVELERS

Interned' at Banquet in Copenhagen and Later Escorted to Their Hotel by the Police

NO PUBLIC MEETINGS

COPENHAGEN, Jan. 1.-The Ford seace party had some anxious moments ast night. For several hours the delegates were virtually prisoners, guarded by the police to prevent them from becoming objects of attack by New Year's Eve merrymakers in the streets.

The delegates were invited to attend a banquet in the Royal Shooting Club, They promised United States Minister Egan they would not leave while the banquet was in progress. For three hours the entire delegation was "interned," and when the banquet was over they were escorted to their hotels by the police.

Governor Hanna, of North Dakota, who was seriously ill in a hospital here, was better, it was learned today. The Rev. Charles F. Aked, of San Francisco, remained at Stockholm on the verge of a nervous collapse. Many of the delegates are suffering from severe colds. are suffering from severe colds.

Only 23 persons greeted the delegates upon their arrival here yesterday. There was no formal reception. Mme. Schwimmer, who preceded the party to Copenhagen to make arrangements, was awakened at her hotel at night and warned by the police that she would not be per-mitted to arrange for public meetings. Business Manager Plantiff tightened the

reins a little more on delegates' expenditures on the party's arrival here. He ordered the peace pil-rims to carry their own baggage. At Christiania and Stock-holm baggage was carted to the hotels at Henry Ford's expense. After a five days' visit here, the expedi-

tion will sail next Wednesday for Rotter-dam on the steamship A. P. Bernstorff. As the American legation refused pass-ports into beligerent countries, the boat was chartered for the trip. Only a few are expected to make the

voyage, however, as about 40 members are making preparations to sail for the United States from here. In addition to the gift of \$2500 announced Thursday for the Scandinavian peace societies, another gift of \$10,000 was wired from the pacifist's special train for charity.

BRITISH LINER SUNK BY U-BOAT OFF EGYPT

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left London. Rose was said to be on his way from Denver to Gibraltar and it is assumed that he left the ship at Gibral-

discovered by a watchman, who, after turning in an alarm, tried to extinguish the fire. He had virtually extinguished it The liner sank so rapidly that only four boats could be launched. The Persia was approaching Alexandria when the torpedo was launched which sent her to the bottom.

in the service of the Peninsular and Oriental Line, one of the biggest and most important steamship liners plying be-tween the Brtish Isles and the Orient. She was on her way to India by way of the Suez Canal when the submarine delivered its deadly attack.

BELIEVE ATTACK WITHOUT WARNING.

Meagre details were received, but these were enough to convince many persons that the attack was made without warn-ing by either a German or an Austrian submarine. For weeks the Mediterranean off the Egyptian coast has been infested with submarines looking for British transports.

The Admiralty issued a statement statng that the Persia did not carry any war material and had no troops on heard. LARGE PASSENGER LIST.

the London offices of the Peninsular and Orient Company it was stated that no word had been heard from the liner

aince Tuesday.

"The Persia carried many passengers and a large crew," said an officer of the line. "We have no definite figures just now as to the exact number."

Not more than 200 persons could get

away in four of the Persia's boats, offi-cers said, in commenting on the state-ment that only four of her boats man-aged to clear. In all likelihood, they said, the number of survivors was considera-bly less than 200.

"The Persia was well equipped with life-boats," said one officer. "The very fact that only four of her boats managed to clear indicates she sank rapidly, and apparently confirms reports of a large loss

U. S. PROBES GASOLINE PRICE Federal Court Will Order Inquiry in

Chicago

CHICAGO, Jan. 1.-The Federal Grand Jury impaneled for next Tuesday will be directed by United States Judge Landla to investigate an alleged combine by Chl-cago and Indiana garage owners and others to force up the price of gasoline The price now is 24 cents a gallon. Last summer it was 8 cents.

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200 SLAV GUNS RAKE AUSTRIANS ON 3-MILE FRONT

Hand-to-Hand Fighting of Furious Character Rages in Bessarabia

TEUTONS REPULSE DRIVE

Rumania had concentrated three army corps on the Bulgarian frontier. AMSTERDAM, Jan. 1. Hand-to-hand fighting of the most furious character is now occurring along the Bessarabian front, according to

STEP TO URGE NATIONS Czernowitz advices today. Two hundred Russian guns, on a three-INTO ARMED ALLIANCE nile front, have been raking the Austrian positions with a terrific bombardment for several days. From midnight last Mon-Delegates to Congress Will Preday to noon Tuesday the Austrians repulsed 27 separate attacks.

LONDON, Jan. 1. The Austro-Germans, to counter the new Russian offensive, have launched fresh attacks in eastern Galicia, according to admissions from Petrograd. The Germans are seeking, it is believed here, to forestall Rumania's entry into the war, which is expected with the clearing of WAR OVERTOPS ALL ELSE WASHINGTON, Jan. 1 .- Unless there the Austrians from Bukowina, and to regain before the new year the last foot of Teuton soil in the possession of the is an unexpected hitch in the program, the entire Pan-American Scientific Con-

grees will go on record before final ad-journment in favor of a defensive alli-ance among the 21 republics of the nemy. Tarnopol, about 60 miles east of Lem berg, is the chief objective of von Lin-singen. This is an important railway function and the key to Galicia, and so A resolution to this effect is in the hands of one of the South American dele-gates and has been approved by the long as it is held by the Russians there is always the menace of a return of the invasion which last spring swept clear to Sentiment among the delegates to the congress is overwhelmingly in favor of this action, in the hope that it will influence the home Governments of all of

the Carpathians. Petrograd also reports that the Germans have taken the initiative and are attacking in close formation at Sala Szeky and at Novo Alexinice. Like Tavnopol, the latter city is important strate cically as the centre of the principal agon roads of western Galicia

sent a solid front against foreign at-tempts to encroach on American soil. The members of the congress have no If the Germans have really undertaken serious offensive in this district, it is powers to bind their Governments to any action, but as many of the delegates are connected with the diplomatic and other services of their Governments action by believed here that it is with troops withdrawn from the Macedonian field, as re-ported from Rome several days ago. The Teuton lines in this sector have been the congress today could be taken as a correct indication of the official feeling toward the project. It is known that sev-eral of the larger South American Govdrawn too thin to permit of the necessary entration of troops for such an at tack otherwise. ernments have virtually indorsed such a The battle on the southern front is still

stand by the delegates here.

The meeting today was the first of the he subject of much conjecture, according to Petrograd dispatches. There is little official detail concerning it, and nothing entire congress since its inauguration Cablegrams from the Presidents but conflicting rumors from other sources.
"The General Staff," says the Petrograd Retch, "draws attention for a third time to the fact that the battle is still continuing from the Pripet southward of all the Latin-American Governments represented were received, congratulating te congress on the closer relationships and in Galicia, but at the same time it gives no details. The last German offi-cial reports said the Germans had taken SHORE SALARY JUMPS STIR IRE Atlantic County Probation Officer and the initiative in the offensive at Sale Szczyky and that the troops were ad-vancing in close formation. Apart from this, the news has crept in of a Ger-ATLANTIC CITY, Jan. 1.-There was criticism in political circles here today man attempt to break through the Rus-sian line at Novo Alexiniec and also to take Tarnopol.

giving County Probation Officer Henry Scull, a Democratic county leader, and his assistant New Year's presents by "Not waiting for official confirmation "Not waiting for official confirmation of the above, we point out the probability of the German concentration in the Galician Volinsky theatre, both at Tarnopol and at Novo Alexiniee, as being of great strategic importance. The Russians' possession of Tarnopol gives them complete control of the chief railways of eastern Galicis, while Novo Alexiniec is the centre of the principal wagon roads.

"The offensive in September in this region was more intense than at the present. At that time the Germans were driven back with great losses." the American Baptist Publication Society Building, 17th and Chestnut streets, today caused damage of \$200. The blaze was

The Novoe Vreyma says: "The battle in question is being fought according to a broad general plan. The fighting is equalsevere along the whole line. is any concentration it is at Tarnopol and Nove Alexiniec."

BERLIN OFFERS SETTLEMENT ON **U-BOAT ISSUES**

Hastens to Follow Vienna's Lead in Complying With U. S. Demands

WANTS TO SAVE ITS FACE

WASHINGTON, Jan. 1. - Austria's prompt acquiescence in the ... rican demands concerning the Ancona has brought ROME, Jan. 1 .- Unconfirmed reports received here today said that

mands concerning the Ancona has brought Germany to the point of settlement in the Lusitania negotiations.

The full fficial text of the Austrian note, received here last night from Vienna, bears out the unofficial text printed this morning. It shows that Austria has punished the submarine officer, is willing to pay indemnity for American lives and property and concurs in the principithat enemy private vessels shall not be sunk until passengers and crow are safely taken off. Final settlement is left to diplomatic conversations and the United States is expected by Austria to set forth exactly the limits to which submarine warfare may be carried without violating international law.

narme warrare may be carried without violating internat mal law.

As seen as Ambassador Bernstorff learned of Austria's attitude he hurried to the State Department and held a conference with Secretary Lansing.

As a result of this conference there is but one point of lasue left between the United States and Germany. It is: How

but one point of issue left between the United States and Germany. It is: How can Germany frame a disavowal of the Lusitania attack which will natisfy the United States and be well received by the people of Germany?

The official text of the Austrian note shows that the Dual Monarchy not only meets the cardinal points of the American demand, but gives assurances for the future which are considered more satisfactory in their extent than those which were given by Germany.

which were given by Germany.
While the full American official view will not be known until after President Wilson has studied the reply, it may be stated authoritatively that danger of a rupture of diplomatic relations has passed, and that the controversy now enters the same stage as the Lusitania negotiations with Germany, on even a nore favorable basis.

Austria in the Ancona case has sub-scribed to the principle that no ships will be sunk, unless they offer resistance or flee, without the persons aboard being

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IN ROW AT CENTRALIA

Slayer Escapes After the Shoot-

ing-Fourth Murder by Italians Within a Month

CENTRALIA, Pa., Jan. 1.—While playing cards at the home of Dominic Gray here last night, Anthony Gatella shot and killed Casimo Rossomererilo and escaped. They had quarreled over a point in the

The slayer came here from Shamokin

This is the fourth murder by Italians

in this section within a mosth. Two charged with homicide are in the Schuyl-kil County prison. The perpetrator of the murder at Nesquohoning a few days

NEW PASTOR FOR LOGAN

The Rev. M. E. Wright, Secretary to

Doctor Conwell, Called by Baptists

nat five years private secretary to the Rev. Dr. Russell H. Conwell, president of Temple University, has been called to the pastorate of the Logan Baptist Church. He succeeds the Rev. Dr. John Love, who resigned last summer because

The Rev. Melvin E. Wright, during the

ngo is still at large.

less than an hour before the murder oc-curred. The State police have been noti-



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