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PHILADELPHIA, TUESDAY, JANUARY 4, 1916.

PRICE ONE CENT

SOUP KITCHEN A HAVEN FOR THE POOR

WILSON GIVES PLEDGE TO ACT **IN PERSIA CASE**

President, in Formal Announcement, Admits Crisis With Austria Is Grave-

WAITS ON INFORMATION

Holds Conference With Senator Stone and Secretary Lansing. Congress Won't Interfere

WASHINGTON, Jan. 4.

"The President and the Secretary of State are taking every means pos-sible to obtain the full facts in this grave matter and will act just as soon as the information is obtained."

This significant statement was is-sued at the White House today shortly after President Wilson reached Wash-ington from Hot Springs. The statement was made through Private Secretary Joseph P. Tumulty.

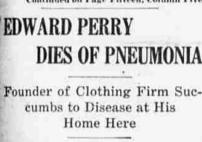
President Wilson, in announcing that action would be taken in the subma-rine controversies as affecting this Government as soon as full informa-tion is obtained, revealed that rela-tions with Austria are at an extremely

critical stage. It is learned that President Wilson plans to centralize the responsibility for submarine warfare and to make a demand that will closely approach an ultimatum, that the Central Powers make good all of their promises. Officials say they believe that Aus-trian submarine commanders, angered

because they believe the Foreign Of-fice should have upheld them in the Ancona case are "running amuck." Ancona case are "running amuck. Secretary Lansing has informed Ambassador Bernstorff informally that the State Department is consid-ering modifying its position with regard to the carrying of guns by mer-

It was announced that no Cabinet meeting would be held today. The President has made up his mind, officials in his confidence say, that the existing conditions are intolerable. He has decided, it is explained, that the United States can no longer take chances on the whim of a submarine commander plunging it into the European war. Be-

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Babes in arms and aged women past the century mark were fed at the quarters of the Moyamensing Soup Society, 926 South 8th street, where the annual distribution of hot soup and bread was begun this morning.

BRITISH CABINET MEETS TO FRAME NEW DRAFT BILL

Derby Plan of Voluntary Enlistment to Be Superseded by Drastic Act

50 PER CENT. VOLUNTEER

Premier Asquith Hopes to Put New Scheme Up to Parliament Tomorrow

LONDON, Jan. y Singe men between the ages of 23 anu 26, inclusive, who enlisted in the Derby recruiting campaign, were today called to the colors. They are to report for service on February 8



Haven for Poor in Cold of Winter, Reopens to Aid All Comers Among Poor

PROMOTERS ARE HAPPY "Ho tanta fame! Pane! Pane! Pane!" The benumbed fists of Mrs. Teresa Seata, 102 years old, of \$23 Carpenter street, a ragpicker, pounded on the green-

street, a rappicker, pounded on the green-painted door of the Moyamensing Soup Society quarters, at 25 South 8th street, today as she kept calling in a feeble tone the above words. Near her feet was a little emptp can and old-fashloned straw hasket. Across the street stood girls, boys and a few mothers. The strange words were heard by two young American women

asked in a chorus. Tony Capabianco, 14 years old, of Sth

American women. "What does she mean?" both women

WATCHED BY POLICE

Students Now

William Penn High School

Band of pupil thieves at work, designated by detectives as Miss Raffles No. 1, Miss Raffles No. 2 and Miss Raffles No. 3.

Value of stolen articles may amount to hundreds of dollars.

Girl thieves may have stolen be-cause of poverty and desire to dress as well as other pupils of well-to-do parents. Police try to pick three guilty

A "Raffles" band of High School girls, believed to be three in number, is exe-cuting a systematic and baffling series of pobberies at the William Penn High School for Girls, at 15th and Mt. Vernon

Indignation among parents of the stu-dent victims was expressed today, while

from 20 to 25 thefts have occurred in the last three weeks, it was a friited

the last three weeks, it was a fullted today by W. D. Lewis, principal of the school. Furs. fountain pens, money,

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on February ⁸. The call was issued following adjourn-ment of a Cabinet meeting, at which the Ministers agreed on the form of con-sumption for a control of the state of th



Only Two of the Six Now at Navy Yard Ready for Active Service

LACK OFFICERS AND MEN

Admiral in Command of Six Fighting Craft When Regulations Provide for Four

Six battleships in the reserve fleet at the Philadelphia Navy Yard lack 108 offi-cers and 3200 men to make a full complement of their crews, two others on the active list have only 40 per cent. of their complement and at least six of the ships would require a much longer time than the regulation limit to prepare for active service, according to statements made by COPTRIMET, 1915, BY THE PUBLIC LEDGER COMPANY.

KAISER DAILY GROWS WORSE, **DUTCH INSIST**

Suffering From Blood Poisoning, According to Berlin Reports

CROWN PRINCE REGENT

Proposed Imperial Trip to Constantinople Now Abandoned

AMSTERDAM, Jan. 4.-Emperor Willlam is suffering from blood poisoning and his condition is daily becoming worse, according to reports that have reached here from Germany.

Despite repeated denials, these state that the Kaiser has been operated upon twice without any improvement being noted.

Crown Prince Frederick William will be

Crown Prince Frederick William will be ter orarily entrusted with the Imperial p er unless his father's condition anges in the near future, it is added. The Kaiser had planned to leave for Constantinople on January 15, it is said, but this plan was abandoned by orders of his physicians, who permit only Imperial Chanceller was Britmann-Hullwar to Suncellor von Bethmann-Hollweg to isit the Emperor.

Visit the Emperor. According to stories from Swiss trav-ellors recently returned from Germany, it was reported in Berlin that the spe-cialists caring for the Kaiser had dis-agreed over the nature of his malady, but had finally agreed that a severe oper-ation v : necessary. His aliment, they asserted, is of a cancerous nature and affects the throat and mouth, making it impossible for the Kaiser to take solid food. One report is that a cancerous growth has attacked the Kaiser's lips, making hecessary an operation that will naking necessary an operation that will car him for life.

Several days ago a Paris newspaper published the story that a short while be-fore the war, French makers of anatom-cal appliances were asked if they could construct an artificial palate for a "very waited nersonace". xalted personage.

'The Kalser's father, Emperor Frederick, ('Unser Fritz') died at Charlottenburg in 1887, after an operation for cancer of the throat.

MISS LUCY BERGER WED TO ARMY OFFICER

Philadelphia Girl Marries Lieut. Leland Hobbs, Sweetheart of Childhood

Philadelphia society and army circles were interested today to learn of the marwere interested today to learn of the mar-riage yesterday of Miss Lucy D. Berger, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. William Berger, of 237 North 52d street, to Lieutenant Le-land S. Hobbs, U. S. A., West Point gral-unte and son of Mr. and Mrs. W. K. Hobbs, of 1130 South Wilton street, in Tueson, Ariz.

QUICK NEWS

GREEKS INCENSED AT SARRAIL

BERLIN, Jan. 4 .- The Greek people are reported to be greatly excited over the refusal of General Sarrail to release Consuls of the Catral Empires seized at Salonica. Arrest of the Norwegian Consul General Scefelder is expected to give rise to fresh protests.

ALLIES THREATEN TO BLOCKADE GREEK ISLAND

BERLIN, Jan. 4 .- The Allies have threatened to blockade the inland of Mytilene unless Greece releases two allied agents who ; rebbed Greek mails bound for Athens and were arrested, according. to Athens disputches today

PHILADELPHIA POSTOFFICE REVENUE BREAKS RECORD

Postmaster John A. Thornton announced today that the revenues from the Philadelphia postoffice for the year ending December 31, 1915, are the largest ever recorded for any calendar year in the history of the city. The amount collected was \$\$,704,131,14, which is a decided increase over the amount of last year. The volume of Christmas mall handled in Philadelphia last month likewise was the largest ever known in this city. The prosperity wave which is sweeping the country, postal officials say, is responsible for the record-breaking receipts.

O'LEARY SUES REYBURN ESTATE FOR \$300 LOAN

Suit has been begun in the Municipal Court against the estate of ex-Mayor John E. Reyburn by former Assistant Director of Public Safety Timothy O'Leary, who seeks to recover \$300 with interest from December 3, 1913. In his statement of claim O'Leary sets forth that the defendant requested a loan of \$300, promising to repay in a few days. This, he says, the deceased Mayor failed to do.

GOULDS BEGIN SUIT TO COLLECT \$1,741,000 ON NOTES

NEW YORK, Jan. 4.-George J. Gould began sult today in the Supreme Court against the Texas and Pacific Railroad Company to recover \$1,741,000 on promissory notes. These notes are held by the plaintiff and by Edwin Gould, Helen Gould Shepard and Howard Gould as executors of the estate of their father, the late Jay Gould.

EXILED SERB KING EXPECTS EARLY TRIUMPH

SALONICA, Jan. 4 .- "The day will come when we shall see right triumph over tyranny, and perhaps that day's dawning is not far off."

King Peter, the aged ruler of Serbia, who is now a monarch without a country, made that decharation today. He has been confined to his room with rheumatism since his arrival here.

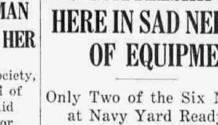
"My trip here has no political significance," continued King Peter. "I came here for the sole purpose of seeing and comforting my soldiers and telling them that they have not been forgotten by their old King, who has not yet lost hope of seeing the Serbian forces triumphant again."

DR. NEWHALL, WOUNDED IN FRANCE, RECOVERING

Dr. George W. Newhall, a well-known physician of this city, who was ounded in France while serving with the American Ambulance Corps, is recovering at the home of Sir Thomas Douglas, in Buckingham place, Londs according to a dispatch received by Mrs. Newhall today. Doctor Newhall was wounded in the knee and hip. He is a graduate of Jefferson Medical College and lived at the Normandie before going to Europe. Mrs. Newhall is at present living in Bayonne, N. J.

PRUSSIAN CASUALTIES NOW TOTAL 2,316,366

ROTTERDAM, Jan. 4 .- The latest 10 Prussian casualty lists contain 29,283 names. The total in killed, wounded and missing now is 2,316,366.





Edward Perry, founder of the clothing firm of Perry & Co., 16th and Chestnut streets, died at 1:50 o'clock this afternoon, at his home, 2016 North 22d street, Thursday afternoon, while in his office at tonla. Mr. Perry was stricken last

the store. Mr. Perry's cordition, which at first, according to his physicians, did not ap-pear to be very serious, became grave last Sunday. He was a widower. His wife died a year ago. Hiz Mr. Perry lived until next February he would have cele-brated by Table 10 and brated his 79th birthday. He is survived by three sons, and two d.ughters. The sens are John T. Perry, Edward R. Perry and Joseph M. Perry; the daugh-ters are Mrs. D. J. Campbell and Mrs. J. T. Bogan, They all reside in this city.

Mr. Perry was prominent in Musonle

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THE WEATHER

FORECAST

For Philadelphia and vicinity ab and slightly warmer tonight; Vednesday increasing cloudiness and emer; light variable winds becoming southerly and fresh.

LOST AND FOUND

Last, lady's diamond sing. Will findes by return same? Lost faitinday evening, eas the bours of 8 and B o'clock. In the Mernoed of Market st., litts to little, or Arch st., litts to isit., there to I Mar-Reward, M. A. D., 2425 S. 15th st.

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WURSE Last, January I. Market at, near 13th, seathering a purse, containing money, pass and R. B. Burre, containing money, pass at the second search of the sease and papers are suturned; no questions, G 743, Lod Cent. Santonage containing money and other articles. "The pulse containing money and other articles." "The Pinley TSS, City Hall MOOCH, Loss

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scription for a new bill and following publication of figures showing the Derby campaign to have been a failure.

Groups six to nine under the Derby scheme were called to the colors. With the groups already called, the British will be reinforced by several hundred thousands,

Premier Asquith confirmed the reports that Sir John Simon, Secretary of State for Home Affairs, has resigned from the appears whenever the weather is cold and also whenever the breadwinners of families who live in the pocketed section Cabinet.

Though it was reported that other Min-isters would resign because the conscripse their jobs. tion policy has been adopted, every mem Mrs. Seata wasn't there today to get except Simon attended today's youp and bread just for herself. The sour Cabinet session.

Sir John Simon is a Liberal in politics and had served in a previous Cabinet as Attorney General. He was given the Mrs. Angelina Capania, 97 years old, who shares the little one-room apartment in he rear at the Carpenter street address. Mrs. Seata is known in South Philadel-Portfolio of Home Secretary when the coalition Cabinet was formed several months ago.

Only 53 per cent. of the unmarried youths and men of military age of Great Britain volunteered for service in the British armies in the six weeks' recruiting THREE GIRL 'RAFFLES' campaign inaugurated by Lord Derby to obtain new forces for the war. IN HIGH SCHOOL ARE

The official statement confirmed pre-vious reports that the Lord Derby campaign plan had proved a failure. It was made public by the Government to show why it was necessary to adopt some form of conscription. It called attention to the

Hello, Helen, What Have You fact that 651,160 men can be added to the Missed Today ?" Usual Greet-Continued on Page Five, Column Two ing Among William Penn

LOTTA DISPERATA PEL POSSESSO DEL LOVCEN MANY ARTICLES STOLEN

La Forte Posizione Montenegrina Bombardata dalle Navi Austriache da Cattaro

Austriaci e montenegrini sono impez-nati in una disperata lotta per il pos-sesso del Lovcen, la montagna da cui domina le Bocche di Cattaro e che el sempre nelle main di re Nicola. Al l'attacco sul Lovcen prendono parte n.n soltanto le forze austriache di terra, ma sonte le parti da guarra che ai trovano anche le navi da guerra che si trovano nel porto militare di Cattaro. Il Lovcen ha una importanza strategica veramente

Il generale Cadorna ha annunciato che Il generale Cadorna ha annunciato che gli austriaci hanno attaccato le posizioni italiane sul Monte San Michele, ma che sono stati respini ed hanno subito gravi perdite. Sul Monte San Michele gli italiani occupano tre delle cinque som-mita', e le loro posizioni, che sono state comolidate da alcune settimane, sono contestare

stato annunciato a Tokio che il governo giapponese mandera' tre in-rociatori nel Mediterraneo per cooperare con le flotte alleate alla caccia ai sotto-narini teutosici. Infa: lo i comandanti

marini teutonici. intatto i comandanti alleati hanno ricevuto ordini severiasimi per la distrumone di questi sottomarini, e si dice che si procedera' all'occupazione di parecchie isole neutrali dell'Egeo per togliere le basi di rifornimento alle siluranti trutoniche. Il correre in fa paggina le ultime e piu'

school purses and pocketbooks, gloves, sweat-ers, coats, hats and other articles are disappearing with a regularity that is as mysterious as it is annoying. The value of the stolen objects may run into diuranti teutoniche. (Lergere in 5a pagina le ultime e plu' lettagliate notizie sulla guerra, in dettagliate italiano.)

officers at the yard.

The ships of the reserve fleet are the "I am so hungry-Bread, Bread, Bread." Alabama, the North Dakota, the Mis-souri, the Ohio, the Wisconsin and the Illi-The Moyamensing Soup Society, which yas organized more than 50 years ago, this morning began its annual winter dis-tribution of hot soup and bread to those who are hungry and haven't any money. nois. The regulations of the Navy Department require that they have a total com-plement of 128 officers ranging from admir-als to warrant officers, and 4200 men. Only 30 officers and less than 1000 men now man It was not necessary to issue invita-Any of the old-time store owners the ships. Only two ships at the yard are in first-class condition. They are the Michigan and the South Carolina. The who are located in the nelphorhoad where the Moyamensing Soup Society is situated will tell you that a crowd always

Connecticut and the Minnesota lack 60 per cent, of their complement, although on the active list. Criticism is also freely made, privately, of the action of the Government in piling

BARROOM AND BOOZE

OR OYSTERS ONLY?

Woman Suffrage and Local Op-

tion Having Their Say on Sub-

ject of Another Saloon in 52d

and Market Streets District

"ELECTION" IN PROGRESS

Woman suffrage and local option are realities in Philadelphia today, and by the order of Judges; in that section of the city for which 52d and Market streets

ter bar.

the work of several men on one officer as the result of this shortage. As an ex-ample of this, it is pointed out that upon the death of Commander Knapp, Capiain C. B. Price, who took his place, did the work of three men until a successor was Continued on Page Seven, Column Two

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Miss Berger and Lieutenant Hobbs have been friends since childhood, when they walked to school each morning. Hobb went to the Boys' High School at Broa-and Green streets, while the girl went to the William Penn High School, at 15th and Mount Vernon streets.

When the two were graduated they planned to marry. The boys family, how-ever, moved to Jersey City, and for some time the pair were separated. Hobbs, who was exceedingly bright and a good ath-lete, was appointed to West Point. He was graduated last June. The two then renewed their plans for marriage, and the engagement was announced on July 19. On September 1 Lieutenant Hobbs was assigned to the 13th Infantry, at Nogales, Ariz. He left for his command on September 12, after making arrangements fo Miss Herger to follow him. Miss Herger left for Nogales on November 30. The officers and men at the post gave the pair a rousing welcome, and preparation for the marriage was the thought of every one for the time. Word of the marriage

one for the time. Word of the matriage reached here today. The pair left immediately for Los An-geles, where they spend a two weeks' honeymoon, after which they will return to the post at Nogales. Although Lleu-tenant Hobbs has been at his post only since the middle of September, he has beauty scen active service.

THE VITAL QUESTION bready seen active service.

Villa's men attacked the 12th Infantry. Hobbs was in command, and a pitched battle took place. The Americans left 10 dead Mexicans on the field. One Ameri-can was killed and three were injured. Hobbs was unhurt.

MANY IN PERIL WHEN THIEVES STEAL METER

Two Men, Arrested When Policeman Detects Odor of Gas on Clothing, Are Held

the city for which as and shared streets is the bustling business centre, women, as well as men, are using what is the equivalent of a vote on the question whether the oyster bar at the corner of 52d and Ranstead streets, near Market, shall become a saloon or remain an oys-ter bar. The odor of gas coming from the clother of two men who passed Policeman Smith, of the 3d street and Fairmount avenue station, led to their arrest early today and the accusation that they are the per-It was predicted today by business men that the saloon would be defeated; that there would be 1500 votes against it and only 500 votes for it. sona who detached a meter in a house at 726 North Front street, causing nine persons, two of them children, to be over-S. J. Cunningham is proprietor of the oyster place. He leases it from John F. Graham, of the Hotel Jamison, 1460-11 Filhert street. Mr. Graham wanted to transfer his Filhert street license to his Next Philadelphia property as to mill persons, two of them children, to be over-come. The victims were at the point of death when rescued. Ten minutes longer in the gas-filled house would have ended their lives, physicians said. The prisoners. Dennis (Scrapper) Mc-Ginnis and Joseph (Boozer) McCann, both without homes, were denied bail by Mag-istrate Beaton at the 10th and Buttonwood streets police station. They were held to

istrate bolics station. They were hold to streets police station. They were hold to await the outcome of the illness of the victims. In the arrest of McGinnis and McCann, the police say they believe they have the men responsible for a number of have the men responsible for a number of have the men responsible for a number of gas meter robberies. In most cases the occupants of the houses robbed were over-came by gas. One of the most recent of this type of robbery was at 701 North Wront street, two weeks ago. A chance headache which bothered Mrs. Elizabeth/Greenstein, proprietor of the house in/which the robbery accurred to-day and the beroism of William Hender.

house in which the robbery document to day, and the horoism of William Hender-son, a hegro, one of the lodgers, were the means of saving the lives of the oc-cupants. A few hours before daylight Mrs. Greenstein, unable to sleep because of a bendache, discovered the gas leak.

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BRITISH SEIZE KAMERUN POST; DRIVE GERMANS BACK

LONDON, Jan. 4 .- A British official report from Kamerun, German Equatorial Africa, says that Yaunde, a governmental station, was occupied January 1. The statement reads: "On January 1 a British force under Colonel Gorges occupied Yaunde (Jaunde), in Kamerun. The enemy retreated to the south and southeast. Our troops are in contact with the enemy's rear guard. The German Government officials fled from Yaunde."

KING CONSTANTINE BETTER; GERMAN DOCTORS LEAVE

PARIS, Jan. 4 .- A Havas dispatch from Athens says that the German physicians of King Constantine-Professor Kraus, of Berlin, and Professor Eiselberg, of Vienna-are leaving today on board a torpedoboat. The physicians announced that the King's condition was most satisfactory.

GREEK PARLIAMENT CALLED TO MEET JANUARY 17

PARIS, Jan. 4 .- A dispatch to the Havas Agency from Athens says: "It is" announced that the Chamber of Deputies has been convoked for January 17, a week earlier than previously had been intended. King Constantine "imself will open the session. The Greek Government through the Prefect of Salonica has sent an address of welcome to King Peter of Serbla. The newspapers emphasize the influence that the solourn of the Serbian King is likely to have on the relations of Greece with the Entente Powers. All the newspapers say the situation between the Entente Allies and Greece is obviously improving."

TURKS REPULSE CRUISER ATTACK AT GALLIPOLI

LONDON, Jan. 4-Artillery and bomb fighting is proceeding vigorously on the Gallipoli Peninsula, where the Turks are trying to overwhelm the remainng forces of the Allies at Sedul-Bahr. The Turks report the repulse of a ruiser and a monitor which took part in the engagement. "Near Sedul-Bahr artillery and bomb fighting is proceeding actively," says a Turkish official statement. "A cruiser and a monitor which participated in the engagement were obliged to retreat. An enemy monitor unsuccessfully shelled our batteries for an hour. A Turkish hydroplane dropped bombs on the enemy's camp near Sedul-Bahr. Our batteries on the Dardanelles successfully shelled the enemy's works at Sedul-Bahr, destroying a number of storehouses."

\$2,000,000,006 LENT BY BRITAIN TO ALLIES

LONDON, Jan. 4 .- It is estimated that in the last year Great Britain has advanced £400,000,000 (\$2,000,000,000) to the Allies, says the parliamentary correspondent of the Chronicle. Sir John Simon will issue a statement today explaining his reasons for retiring from the Cabinet. No other resignations of Ministers are expected.

RUSSIA TO CONTINUE VODKA BAN AFTER WAR

PETROGRAD, Jan. 4-Russia's renunciation of vodka is to be maintained after the war. Replying to the exhortations of several members of the Budget Committee of the Duma, Finance Minister Bark declared the Government intends promoting sobriety after the restoration of peace, and that a return to the former state of things would be impossible. He added that a bill to restrain drinking had been favorably considered by the Council of Ministers and that the absolute prohibition of vodka would be in accordance with the wishes of the highest authority.

FRENCH AIRCRAFT, AS AMBULANCES, CARRY WOUNDED

PARIS, Jan. 4.-Aeroplanes were used for ambulance work for the first time on record during the retreat from Serbia by the French military missions, says Henri Barbey, a war correspondent of the Journal. The Balkan mission was at Prisrend. There were a number of sick persons. It was impossible to carry them on stretchers, but it was determined not to abandon them. The French still had six aeroplanes. They had been exposed to rain and snow for two months, but were in working order. Colonel Fournier placed on these aeroplanes the men whose condition was most grave and sent them by air to Scutari.

KING OF SAXONY MAY ABDICATE

PARIS, Jan. 4 .-. "A report is current that King Frederick August of Saxony is considering the idea of abdicating in favor of his eldest son. Prince-Geo mays the Journal, in a dispatch from Basel, "owing to the ground discorof the population."

have to make way for the Parkway, When the question of the transfer came before Judges Staake and Patterson in the License Court the other day, there Continued on Page Seven, Column One

West Philadelphia property, as he

will

THIRD OPERATION ON HUERTA the police and the school authorities are endeavoring to solve the mystery and to pick the guilty ones from among 2003 stu-

Physicians Still Hope for Recovery of Ex-President

EL PASO, Tex., Jan. 4.—Another oper-ation was performed this morning on General Victoriano Huerts at his home on West Boulevard, in an effort to save his life. This was the third operation in as many days.

General Huerta's condition is serious, but the doctors hold out a slight chance for his recovery.