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# RELIEF COLUMN SIX MILES FROM TROOPS AT KUT

Tigris Campaign Follows Gallipoli as Source of British Anxiety

BIG BATTLE PENDING

Latin Hegemony of Adriatic Menaced by Teutons' Coastal Campaign

LONDON, Jan. 11 .- One of the columns of the British relief expedition in Mesopotamia, sent from Imam Alligar to save General Townshend's army k Kut-el-Amara, has arrived within nix miles of Kut-el-Amara, it was offi-I. Austen Chamberlain. Secretary of State for India.

Mr. Chamberlain's statement fol-

"British cavalry has located the enemy six miles east of Kut-el- WILLING TO MARRY HIM Amara.

(The foregoing announcement indicated that the Turks have fallen back about 16 miles on the southern bank of the Tigris before the advance of the British forces under General Campbell.

LONDON, Jan. 11. Not since the Boers surrounded a Brit-ish force at Ladysmith has a British army faced a smillar peril. For that rea-son news of the progress of the relief espedition is being awaited with the greatest anxiety, if not alarm. The latest dispatches indicated that the relief forces, under General Aylmer and General Campbell, were at grips with the Turks in the bend of the Tigris, east of Kutel-Amara.

Kut-el-Amara.

Though details are almost completely lacking, it is believed here that the Turks encircled the British right at Kut-el-Amara, throwing a strong force between the garrison and the river Tigris. Con-stantinople reported such an enveloping movement in progress a week ago. If this is true the relief expedition must fight its way eastward through this force to save the garrison from capture. With Kut-el-Amara as its centre a great

battle is in progress between British and Turkish troops in Mesopotamia not far from the site of the original Garden of Eden.

The latest official dispatches from Sir Percy Lake, the new commander of the British troops in the Persian Gulf sphere of operations, stated that the relief forces marching to succor British troops be-

aloged there were advancing.

About \$0,000 Turks are opposing the advance of the relief column up the Tigris Valley, and further difficulties have been placed in the way of the English by torrential midwinter rains which have flooded the Tigris River.

d the Tigris River.

Great hordes of Mohammedan tribesmen have joined the Turks, some of them
roming from Persia, but the English are
well supplied with artillery and machine
juna, instruments of war which the Turks have in meagre numbers.

General Townshend, commanding the attack forces in Kut-el-Amara, reported y wireless to General Aylmer that the rurks were carrying on a violent bom-audment of the town and that help was

fighting between Imam Aligharbi, from which place the relief column set set, and El Owa has been extremely folent, and severe losses have been in-The greatest difficulty is being experienced in caring for the wounded as the hospital boats are filled to over-

After leaving Imam Higharbi the relief dumn was split, part of the forces under meral Campbell going to the south side

lia Office officials today viewed the altuation hopefully. Kut-el-Amara un-doubtedly is provisioned sufficiently to withstand a long siege, they said, having used as a base for the campaign against Bagdad.

### THE WEATHER

Here we are, ladies and gentlemen, another one of these wretched days, and set the least spark of joy in life at all, it all. With splendid pneumonia weather be order of the day, grip, temporarily touted by intermittent cold spells, back at ha job, not to mention the gental in the job, not to mention the genial research of tonsilities, influenza, ordinary see throat and kindred maladies, life in the trenches is not to be despised. Did was choose his activities from the inspination of the weather six-shooters would be in every pocket, and the most popular diversion of an afternoon a little lesp off the Walnut street bridge. Lest doom overcome you altouether, how-ver, we recommend a little trip to the littomabile show. The casual optimism sutombile show. The casual optimism
of our friend, the dealer, as he discourses on the merits of the \$1000 car he
is trying to sell to the man with \$4.25
is his pocket and no credit is in the
ward of Doctor Watson, "Marvelous."
For a cheer-up, try ii.

FORECAST

For Philadelphia and vicinity-Partly cloudy and somewhat colder to-sight; Wednesday unsettled with probably rain by night; maderate sorthwest winds becoming easterly bie.

The State's tour took the jurors over the course said to have been followed by the negroes in their flight. On the side of the lake opposite the Nayatt-Washington road Rice had a motorcycle waiting in the spot where he said the negroes left it while they shot the doctor and the girl. Rice pointed out Country Club path, leading through the woods to the club where Doctor Mohr is said to have entertained a number of society women at various times. For details see page 6.

LOS" AND FOUND

Low, lady's gold watch, initials is a bank, with aliver feb and guard at attracting atternoon, between Academ or 12th leading Terminal, on Broad or 12th Liberal reward if returns (\*\* Marcy, Beschwoo) School, Jenkin 1stelland, Ogolf, 667.

artel Brackler's Lost platform wrist said bracelet Saturday afternoon between and 2 o'check between 40th and Walmut process 3t. Theater: liberal reward. April 2 Calebeal a Co. 1002 Chestuat at th striver warch lost in central part in T. initials in acript J. W. D. acri H Sci. Ledger Central Thursday

a street pushing a market today after the shooting.

Mrs. Mohr at the last mement today exercised her feminine prepagative and changed her mand about going with the jury. Instead she remained in Providence conferring with her attorney. John J. conferring with her attorney. Spellman and Brown, the negro de-fendants, understood they were to be taken to the asyne in automobiles and an-nounced their intention of going along. When sourt adjourned to the wooded highways in ordinary day concher they, too, changed their minds and remained in fail. After impecting the scene the jurous returned to Providence. PUR NECKPIECE lost Thursday of the from Williamston to Norwood Mrs. H. thun, Norwe d. Pa. Piece-lost, on Sunday, small black in beckpiece address of A. L. Hanna, f. as fashin Mrs. If ret. 1954 Locust at

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## TO THE CITIZENS OF AMERICA THROUGH THE EVENING LEDGER

The present wave of prosperity which has gripped the United States from east to west and from north to south is unparalled in the history of

We are hearing of it from every side. Since we visited your great country we see the evidence of it on every hand. Roaring furnaces, belching out engless ingots of steel. Railroads-taxed far beyond capacity. Myriads of ships, leaving your ports laden to the water's edge with the products of field, furnace and loom.

Your granaries bursting with unheard of quantities of grain. Cotton bales piled mountain high. Your banks choked with a plethora of gold which is being increased by millions of dollars by almost every steamship that touches your shores.

Your laborers all employed at good wages.

The republics of South America waiting their turn at your avenues of commerce, till you can supply their hundred necessities.

And peace within your borders—at peace with all the nations of the

What more can a nation desire? We congratulate you.

· ERNESTO QUESADA, Chairman Argentine D elegation.

# 'I LOVE HIM NOW,' CRIES | SCION OF RICH GIRL AFTER LOVELORN DOCTOR TRIES SUICIDE

fully announced in Commons today by Pretty Miss Rose Beck Re- Morris L. Pepperman, Jr., and sponds to Suitor's Affections After Latter Is Taken to Hospital



ROSE BECK

A journey to "the threshold of the Great Beyond," as he penned in an impassioned farewell note to the girl he loved, won a bride for Dr. John Kirby, 27 years old, a young Virginian, who tried to commit suicide early today in his room at 733 Green street, after the double blow of

rejection and a "poison pen" letter.
The love which was denied him has flamed up in the heart of pretty 18-year-old Rose Beck, of 1218 North Howard street, because of his love "in life and in death," Her heartstrings were touched by the tragedy of his love which sent hin near to death, and now she says she' marry him when he recovers.

The young man was found in his ro this morning by Charles Sterner, with whom he boarded, unconscious from illuminating gas. The cracks and crevice of deor and windows were carefully plug-ged. He was hurried to the Ronsevelt

JURORS VISIT SCENE

OF MOHR MURDER, BUT

Auto in Which Doctor and Com-

panion Were Killed Placed

Where Found and Trag-

edy Re-enacted

The four-passenger touring car in which the pair were seated when shot from am-bush was there in almost the exact posi-

tion it occupied on the night of August 21. A fence post on the opposite side of the Nayatt-Washington road was marked with white paint by the State and pointed out as about the position of the slayers.

The fence is set on an artificial ridge about is inches high. It is the State's claim that the negroes, Spellman and Brown, lay in wait behind the ridge for cheurge Healis, Doctor Mohr's negro chauffer, to stop the ear by prearrangement, pretending to look for engine troubie.

After inspecting the rest of the road the jurors came to a point where a woman witness for the State, whose name a still a secret, is said to have seen two

times.

housekeeper.

WIFE REMAINS BEHIND

# FAMILY SOUGHT AS "RAFFLES"

Chum Accused of Burglaries

#### A WEST PHILADELPHIAN

Young Morris Pepperman, of 2015 Larchwood avenue, West Philadelphia, and his friend, Kenneth Burgess, were such good dancers and so good-looking that nobody dreamed of connecting either of them with the series of burglaries In and about Mahwah, N. J., which is just across the State line from Suffern, N. Y

Pepperman is the nephew of W. Leon Pepperman, millionaire, who is vice president of the Interborough Rapid Transit Company, of New York, and no one in Mahwah doubted the story he bold about his also beings the nephew of Theodore Shonts, president of the company. So they were social favorites until the burg lary in Councilman Dator's house on De-

Today there are warrants out for the arrest of both young men, who are now believed to be on the way to South America. Pepperman-Morris L., Jr.—is the son of Morris L. Pepperman.

son of Morris L. Pepperman.

Pepperman is the original simon-pure type of "Raffles" for whom the police and newspapers have been looking ever since Hornung wrote his immortal book. He did not really "need the money," there being millions in the family and his father being well to do. If he stole the lewels and silverware of Mahw.h's fashlonable household, in which he had been entertaged, and converted them into money, as he is accused of doing, it was for the fun of doing it rather than to eke out the humble 300 a month he got in the company's offices, where he was "learning the business."

DELIGHT OF TOWN. He left his home in West Philadelphia wo years ago to enter the offices of the American Brake Shoe and Foundry Com-

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### PRESIDENT AND BRIDE INVITED TO ATTEND BANQUET HERE

Pennsylvania State Society to Fix Date at Guests' Convenience

WASHINGTON, Jan. 11.-The President and Mrs. Wilson today were invited to attend the first annual banquet of the Pennsylvania State Society of pres ex-officials of the State. The invitation was extended by Senator Penrose and Representatives Butler and Steele. Edward T. Stotesbury extended the invitation to Mrs. Will

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# DIRECTOR WILSON SHIFTS ALL POLICE CAPTAINS IN CITY

Complete Revolution in Places Occupied by Division Chiefs Ordered by Department Head

NEGROES REFUSE TO GO HINTS AT MORE CHANGES

PROVIDENCE, R. L. Jan. 11. All the police captains were shifted to-Wading ankle deep in mud, the jurors in the trial of Mrz. Elizabeth Mohr were shown today over the scenes in the slay-ing of Dr. Charles F. Mohr and the shootday by Director of Public Safety William "Will there be any more shifts?" he ing of Miss Emily C. Burger, his pretty

was asked, and he made this significant "Only captains today."

The Director said the shifting implied no reflections on the captains themselves. "They're just shifted; that's all," he

The most important post of all falls to Captain William B. Mills, who is moved from downtown to the Central division, a post held by Harry C. Davis before the latter was elevated to the place of assist-

Captain David McCoach, brother of

Captain David McCoach, brother of City Treusurer William McCoach and a strong Vare man, is moved downtown, a Vare stronghold. In the City Hall they say the Vares' position is strengthened by the manner of the shifts.

These are the changes:
Captain William B. Mills, from the 1st division, which takes in all of downtown, to the traffic division, which includes the harbor police, the training school, the motorcycle squad, the drill master, the mounted police, the reserves, the Central ounted police, the reserves, the Central Station and the central district. It makes him virtually assistant superintendent of police, although officially there is no

Captain David McCoach, from the 5th district (West Philadelphia) to the lat

division.

Captain George S. Tempest, from the 2d division (north of Vine street and south of Poplar atreet between the Delawars and Schuyikili Rivers) to the 5th division. Captain Nicholas J. Kenny, from the 3d division (north of Poplar street to Lehigh avenue) to 2d division.

Captain William McFadden, from the 4th division (north of Lehigh avenue, task ing in Manayunk Roxborough, Germantown, Chestnut Hill, Fox Chase, Frankford and Tucony) to the 3d division.

Succeeding Captain McFadden as an acting captain in the 4th division for Andrew F. Jolly, who has been feutenant of the Tacony police station.



LILLIAN O. PYFER Woman who shot John Ulrich, former Philadelphian, in his office in Joliet, Ill., yesterday, and then killed herself.

# ULRICH SAYS HE WILL RETURN TO FAMILY IF HE SURVIVES WOUNDS

Philadelphian, Who Was Shot in Joliet by Former Choir Singer, Wants to Join His Children

MR. PYFER LOST FORTUNE

"If I live I am going back to my wife and four kids."

John Ulrich, who left his family four years ago to clope with Mrs. Lillian Ogden Pyfer and lived with her in Joliet, III. made this statement today as he lay between life and death in a hospital in that city. Mrs. Pyfer, who shot Ulrich yesterday and then committed suicide, was known as "Mrs. Robart," and as the wife of Ulrich, who was known in Joliet as "John Robert"

His wife, Mrs. May Ulrich, who lives at 5116 Furston street, West Philadelphia, was told of her husband's statement to-"Will you take your husband back if

he gets well;" she was asked.

She started to answer and then hesitated. "I don't know," she said finally.

Friends of Mra. Ulrich said, however, that they had no doubt she would forgive per husband, in spite of his four years' absence. If she did this, they said, it would be for the sake of the children. Ulrich's wound is serious, but not necessarily fatal. He has a bullet at the base of the brain

HAS BEEN SUCCESSFUL.

Ulrich, who had never been much of success at business in this city, acquired wealth in Joliet. "Mr. and Mrs. Robart" were considered an ideally happy coup when they first took up residence in t Illinois town, but this did not last long. Ulrich soon showed that he wanted to return to his home in Piladelphia and has been sending his wife an allowance every

week for the last two years. He often wrote to his wife, never admitting in so many words that he was living with Mrs. Pyfer until last Friday, when he wrote that the woman was con to Philadelphia and warning his wife she might expect a visit from her. "If she comes don't have anything to do with her," he wrote

MRS. PYFER JEALOUS. Mrs. Pyfer had become insanely jealous of the man whom she had taken away

from his wife. She knew he intended to to keep him.

The method she finally decided on was
to keep him hers in death back to his wife. She did not know how to attempt to keep him hers in death and this is the explanation of the shoot-ing in Joliet yeaterday.

ing in Joliet yesterday.
Ulrich's identity was never revealed until he thought he was dying and said his real name was not "Robart." and told about his wife and his plan to join her. Today there came to light some of the results of the elopement. Mrs. Pyfer's husband was a prosperous man before his wife left him. He was said to be worth \$250,000. Now he is poor. He

spent thousands in the search for his wife; lost his taste for living, and ceased to care about things when she wrecked his idea about her character. He mide had investments and lost his fortune. He is said to be living near 9th and Race PYFER A POLITICIAN.

Samuel M. Pyfer and his pretty wife lived in 1911 at 2515 Beulah street. He had a saloon at 5th and Wolf streets. He made money so rapidly that his fortune was probably greatly exaggerated. The neighborhood estimate of "a quarter of a million dollars" is based upon the story that Pyfor was "in politics." He was said to be a Vare adherent. At any rate he made a great

adherent: At any rate he made a great deal more than a saloon at 5th and Wolf should ordinarily warrant.

Ulrich, who had been employed at League Island, became sexton of the Methodist church at 5th and Porter atreets. There Mrs. Pyter was prominent as a charitable worker and choir singer. Ulrich then lived at 242 South Percy street.

HAD FAITH IN HER.

number of persons knew that Utrich Mrs. Pyfer were admirers of each other, and there was a good deal of gos-sip, but Pyfer did not seem to see any-thing wrong and had so much faith in his beautiful wife that anything he may his beautiful wife that anything he may have seen he would have interpreted as innocent. Ulrich disappeared on Christmas Eve, 19il. Ten days later Mrs. Pyfer was gone, too, and Pyfer's troubles began. He began a search which, even took him to Europe. He visited every part of this country, but he never happened to visit Joliet, where Ulrich was in the manufacturing business and was doing well. He was known in Joliet as "Joon Robart"; that is, he used his first two names, dropping the third.

Two years after Mrs. Policy as

ping the third.

Two years after Mrs. Pyfor's disappearance, her husband, despairing of finding her, sued for divorce. He filed his

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# DIRECTORS OUST ALFRED I. DU PONT FROM HIS POST

Plaintiff in Big Powder Suit Removed From Vice Presidency

ACT OF RETALIATION

Company Makes Public Announcement to Contradict Statements

By a Staß Correspondent
WILMINGTON, Del., Jan. II.—Alfred I.
du Pont, who joined forces with Philip
F. du Pont in a suit to roce the du Pont
Securitles Company to turn over stock
valued at more than \$80,000,000 to the F. I.
du Pent de Nemours Companya, has been
ousted by the directors of the inter-company as vice president and a member of
the Finance Committee.
This action came to light today when
C. B. Landis, head of the publicity department, gave our a short statement contradicting statements made in the mouning newspapers that Alfred I du Pont was
"vice president" of the powder company.

ing newspapers that Alfred I du Pont was "vice president" of the powder company. The directors of the company met yesterday and, it is understood, after a stormy meeting voted that Mr. du Pont be removed from the vice presidency. Whether he will remain on the board of directors has not been divulged, but the enormous stock holdings of Mr. du Pont, it is believed, will prevent his removal from that body. that body.

that body.

The action of the directors came like a thunderbolt to the thousands of employes of the company and to the social world which revolves around the du Pont family in this city. Whether Mr. du Pont fled his intervention suit prior to the directors' action or immediately afterwards could not be ascertained. At any rate, Mr. du Pont openly threw down the gauntlet to Pierre du Pont, president of the powder company, and a stockholder in the du Pont Securities Company, by siding with the members of the family who seek to force the return of the \$50,00,000 in stock which they allege in the suit filed in the United States District Court.

The first information regarding the

The first information regarding the The first information regarding the change came today in the statement given out by Mr. Landia, as follows:
"The statements made in the morning newspapers in connection with the auit against the du Pont Securities Company that Alfred I, du Pont was at the present time a vice president of the company and a member of the Finance Committee are incorrect. Mr. du Pont was a vice president and member of the Finance Commitdent and member of the Finance Co tee, accredited to these offices at the an

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# CITY OFFICER PRAISES CHARITY SOCIETY WORK

Dr. Wilmer Krusen, Health and Charity Director, Speaks at Exhibit

Praise for the v ork done by the Society for Organizing Charity was expressed to-day by Dr. Wilmer Krusen, Director of the Department of Public Health and Charitles, at the society's educational exhibit at the Widener Building. More than 15,000 persons already have visited the exhibit.

"One of the most important fields of medicine is that which deals with prophylaxis or the prevention of disease. Doctor Krusen said. "All medical men-have been profoundly impressed that pre-vention is much better than cure, no matter how brilliant the curative method discovered may prove to be. So it is in the treatment of the disease of poverty, a condition often produced by physical incapacity, social improvidence and moral

Miss Ella F. Harris, of the social serv-ce department of the Philadelphia Hospital, urged municipal funds for outdoo relief work among the poor. Director and Dr. Charles H. Frazier spoke on "The Family and State Charities.

# **GRAVE SITUAZIONE** NEL MONTENEGRO

L'Avanzata Austriaca Verso il Lovcen e Durazzo Pericolosa Anche Per l'Italia

Telegramini da Roma dicono che la situazione nel Montenegro e' grave e che le truppe di re Nicola non potranno resistere molto a lungo alla pressione delle forze austriache di invasione che mirano a scendere a Durazzo ed a con-quistare il Monte Lovcen che domina Cat-

Il generale Carlo Corsi, critico militare Il generale Cario Cora, critico militare della Tribuna, dice francamente che la situazione nel Montenegro e' gravida di pericoli per l'Italia e che occorre prov-vedere dando artiglierie adeguate per qualità' e per quantità' ai montenegrini perche' possano impedire che gli austriaci si arrampichino sulle balze del Lovcen e di altri punti strategici del Montenegro.

Il generale Cadorna annuncia che violenti duelli di artiglieria infurieno su tutto il fronte de Rovereto a Monfalcono, duelli di grossi cannoni. Gli austriaci hanno tentato di attaccare le posizioni italiane nella zona di Coi di Lana, aui Monte Sief, ma sono stati respinti. Al-trove la situazione e' immutata. (Leggero in sa pagina le ultime e piu ottagliato notizie sulla guerra, in dettagliate notizie

GIRLS PLAN Y. W. C. A. OPENING Abington Association to Move Into

New Wyncote Building

Giris of the Abington Y. W. C. A. met this afternoon at the home of the treasurer. Miss Blanche Chaubeau. Wyncote road. Wyncote to plant for the opening of the new joint building, which the association is to occupy, with the Y. M. C. A., on the York road, at Abington. It is expected the opening will be about February I, but nothing definite has been announced from the Central Y. W. C. A. announced from the Central Y. W. C. A. This is a part of the extension work of the Central association.

Alumnae from the Abington Friends' School are giving their services to make

the new association a success. The offi-cers of the organization are: President, Miss Anna S. Kemp: vice president, Miss Mariou Sharpless, secretary, Miss Frances Robbins, and treasurer, Miss Blanche

# AGED MAN, CRAZED BY ILLNESS. LEAPS TO DEATH IN GERMANTOWN

Janab Bankhart, 75 years old, for 15 years an inmate at the lions of the Little Sisters of the Poor, Church lane, east of Musgrave street Germantown, leaped from the second-story window of that in-Millanco early today. He was killed instantly. His body was discovered lying on the grass by one of the sisters.

#### THIRTEEN DIE WHEN U-BOAT BUTS BRITISH SHIP

LONDON, Jan. 11 .- The British steamship Clau MacFarlane, 4200 tons, has been sunk by a submarine. Thirteen persons per-. . . when the ship was torpedoed. Twenty-four others have been

### MAYOR SMITH MISUNDERSTOOD ON TRANSIT

Mayor Smith this afternoon let it be known that he was misunderstood in regard to his statement yesterday concerning transit before the various civic organizations at City Hall. The Mayor was reported as coming out flatly for the comprehensive rapid transit plans as prepared by A. Merritt Taylor, former Director of City Transit. Questioned this afternoon concerning his remarks at yesterday's meeting, Mr. Smith said, "I spoke of the Taylor plan with particular reference to the Broad street subway and the Frankford elevated. I have not discussed for publication other features of the plan."

#### APPEAL OF SCHMIDT FROM DEATH DENIED

WASHINGTON, Jan. 11 .- Justice Charles E. Hughes, of the Supreme Court, today denied a writ of error to Hans Schmidt, former priest, convicted of the murder of Anna Aumulier in New York city. Schmidt is under sentence of death. Schmidt is to be executed Friday if no court interferes in his behalf.

#### \$25,000 FIRE SWEEPS NEW LONDON SUBMARINE BASE

NEW LONDON, Jan. 11.-A \$25,000 fire of unknown origin threatened to destroy the coaling station of the United States submarine base here early today. Only the favorable direction of the wind made it possible to check the blaze. Lieutenant Commander Pinney said today he did not believe the fire was of incendiary origin. An investigation is being made, however, he said, and a report will be sent to Washington at once.

#### WILL PROBE INCREASE IN PRICE OF COAL

Governor Brumbaugh today announced the following appointments for the commission to investigate the cause or causes of the rise of the price of anthratite coal. Thomas Martindale, Philadelphia; Judge Robert S. Gawthrop, West Chester, and John Langdon, Huntingdon,

### FIRE MENACES SUBMARINE BASE

NEW LONDON, Conn., Jan. 11.-Fire which started in a coalbin at the coaling station at the United States Navy submarine base on the Thames River. got beyond control of the men at the station last night. A pumping engine from the local department succeeded in extinguishing the blaze early today. The damage was about \$7000. The cause of the fire was spontaneous combustion. Several submarines tied up at the docks were cast off to prevent damage by

FRENCH LINER IN PORT, DESPITE U-BOAT WARNINGS NEW YORK, Jan. 11.-The French liner Lafayette, about which warnings vere issued before she sailed from Bordeaux, similar to those issued about the Lusitania just before she departed on her fatal voyage, arrived today,

Two hundred and thirty-eight passengers, who calmly disregarded threats of destruction by a German submarine, were on board.

The liner did not even sight a submarine all the way across. B. J. Morrison, of Philadelphia, who has been studying the industrial needs of Europe, said that France will need 20,000,000 tons of coal annually from the

## ESCAPED CONVICT LEADS ROBBER BAND IN JOLIET

JOLIET, Ill., Jan. 11.-An escaped convict from the State penitentiary here led a band of robbers through Joliet early today, terrorizing the town. Three of the gang, including the convict, were captured after a hand-to-hand battle with police.

### MARYLAND STEEL RAISES WAGES

BALTIMORE, Jan. 11.-The Maryland Steel Company, on February 1, will increase the pay of its employes about 10 per cent. Approximately 4000 men

#### GERMANY ADMITS LOSS OF CRUISER BREMEN BERLIN, Jan. 11,-Destruction of the German protected cruiser Bremen in

the Baltic Sea was admitted today in an item issued by the Overseas News Agency, which said: "Copenhagen newspapers report that life belts from a German man of war have been found on the Swedish coast. We hear from competent authority that

the beits must be from the sunk Bremen, since an accident to any other ship belonging to the German Navy is out of the question." The Bremen was a cruiser of 3200 tons displacement, 341 feet long and 43 feet wide. It was built in 1902 and carried a crew of 297 men.

### BERLIN LOSES 232,547 IN MALE POPULATION

BERLIN, Jan. 11.- The latest census report shows that Berlin's male popniation has decreased by 232,547 since July, 1914, due chiefly to the calling of the men to the army. In females, however, the population is strongly increasing, The total population of Herlin today is 1,887,869, as against the highwater mark of 2,095,030 in 1912 and 1,995,806 at the outbreak of the war.

# AMERICAN FLAG SAVES BRITISH SHIP

BOSTON, Jan. 11.—The British steamship City of Lincoln went through the Mediterranean Sea flying the American flag as a protection against submarines, members of the crew said, when the vessel arrived with a valuable cargo from Oriental ports. According to their statements, the ship's name also was altered to read "Lincoln." Officers of the vessel refused to discuss the matter, City of Lincoln carried 4000 tons of rubber and 2400 tons of tin, which, with large consignments of oil an i other freight, made up a cargo valued at \$5,000,000,

# ATROCITY CHARGES TRUE, SAY BELGIAN BISHOPS

PARIS, Jan. 11.—"The Bishops of Belgium have sent a collective letter to Austrian and German Hishops replying to denials by the preintes of the two empires that the allegations respecting German atrocities in Beigium are authentic." says the Rome correspondent of the Petit Parisien. "The Belgian Blahops who signed the letter affirm that they themselves conducted an investigation, village by village, which demonstrated that the report of the official Belgian committee underestimated the facts, if anything.

"To cut short the controversy, they proposed the formation of a court contposed of an equal number of Belgian Bishops, Austrian and German Bishops and neutral prelates."

## FORD PARTY STUDENTS ON WAY HOME

THE HAGUE, Jan. 11 .- Fifty students, members of the Ford peace expedion, have left for Rotterdam, whence they will sail today on the steam-Noordam for New York. About 10 American members of the expedition remain in The Hague. Most of them will sail for the United States January 15. The members of the Permanent Peace Board will remain here with the members of the board from the other neutral nations.

### KAISER'S CONDITION NOT SERIOUS, ROME HEARS

ROME, Jan. 11.—The latest reports here regarding the illness of the flerr Emperor minimize the seriousness of his condition. Reports received from G many through Switzerland said that the Kaiser was affected by a mail; growth in the throat which required a small operation. Although the open was slight, it is said the greatest cure was indispensable owing to the dell nature of the organs affected. A high church official who undertook to ver this report was assured that the ductors believed that if complication arise the Ruiser would be able to resume work this month or work in Fo