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TEUTONS TAKE DOUAUMONT IN VERDUN DRIVE

Furious Struggle Wins Village Four Miles Northeast of Stronghold

REPULSED AT VAUX

Wave After Wave of Attack Beaten Back at Strategic Position

PARIS, March 3.—German troops have reached the village of Douaumont in a fierce struggle, the War Office admitted this afternoon.

BERLIN, March 3.

German troops have captured the village of Douaumont, four niles northeast of Verdun, and just outside Fort Douaumont, after a furious struggle, taking 1000 prisoners, the War Office reported this afternoon.

Renewing their offensive with heavy blows, the Germans are driving toward Verdun west and southwest of Douaumont, it is announced, German filers have bombarded the city, and German infantry is attempting to cut off the French holding Pepper Heights.

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At the same time it is admitted that the English broke through a German position south of Ypres, in West Flanders.

The battle of Verdun is again raging with the utmost intensity, the Germans delivering terrific blows against the

French positions.

The report says:
"Southeast of Ypres, on the canal, the English broke into the bastion we had taken on February 14, and penetrated a small front into what had previously been our advanced trenches. They were immediately driven out of the trench section, but still occupy some parts of the bastion. South of La Bassee canal mines were exploded. There was lively fighting at close quarters. In Champagne the enemy artillery increased its activity. In enemy artillery increased its activity. In Bolante wood, northeast of La Chalade, in the Argonne region, a French attack

was repulsed.
"On the heights on the east bank of the Meuse River, after artillery preparation, we cleared the village of Douaumont of the enemy, extending our lines west and south of the village, and also extending our lines at Fort Douaumont to a more favorable position. More than 1000 prisoners were taken. onera were taken.

"Our airmen dropped bombs in the vicinity of the fortress of Verdun.
"East of Doual, Lieutenant Immelman, the famous German aviator, shot down an English biplane. One 67 the occupants was killed and the other wounded."

PARIS, March Fighting with redoubled fury, the Germans have launched another drive against the French positions north of Verdun. They have penetrated the advanced line at Douaumont, it is admitted,

but failed to gain at Vaux.

The French War Office, in an official communique today, reported that the German bombardment lasted all night and positions continuously.

Cruel losses were inflicted upon the Germans, the communique asserts. Huge masses of German troops, in close formation, were hurled forward time after time into the hurricane of fire which swept their ranks from the French forts

The advanced French line at Douaumont has been pierced, but fighting of the utmost violence continues in that sector. At Vaux, the location of one of the forts in the Verdun girdle, the Germans drove forward persistently, in a series of smashing attacks. Despite the machine gunfire which withered their ranks and left mounds of dead, the attacking forces swept onward in assault after assault.

The text of the communique follows:
"To the north of Verdun the bombardment and the attacks of the enemy have continued throughout the whole night. The fighting is going on with redoubled vio-lence in the sector of the village of Douau-

"After several attempts, which were repulsed with cruel losses, the Germans succeeded in penetrating our advanced

Continued on Page Four, Column One GERMAN RAIDER STEAMS

THROUGH ENGLISH CHANNEL Ship, Believed Preying on Com-

merce, Chased by Cruisers

BOULOGNE, France, March 3 .- A vessel believed to be a German commerce raider steamed through the English Channel today, going westward at top

She refused to stop on signal and swift reach and British cruisers started in

THE WEATHER

We are assured of two fair days to some by the weather man, which fills us with joy. If only the functions of weather man could be broadened: if only he could predict the political weather sa well as the atmospheric! It would be fine to pick up the paper in the moving to find that "Three days of clear and cool conditions are expected in Congress, the storm of yesterday having passed out to sea." We could sit back then and think of something worth while. They talk of taking the tariff out of politics by putting it into the hands of a commission, why not take the politicians out of politics? As a matter of fact, that is what we are doing all the time. Every election since elections began has been for the purpose of removing coliticians. for the purpose of removing politicians from public life and replacing them with

ir that process were always successful to could predict the political weather after than we can predict the smiles and frowns of the skies.

FORECAST

For Philadelphia and vicinity-Un-settled tonight, with probably snow; Saturday fair; not much change in temperature; strong north and north For details see page 17.

LOST AND FOUND

Oth II - Lost, Prilay morning Feb. 11, be-ween 33d and De Laneus size and Broad St. sation. a diamond broads) old-fashioned silies revers if returned to Ull's De alley at

of Brown Pomerauter mate to neighbor-hand of John and Christian sts: \$10 reward. The g. sist at. Phone Licenst 1412 J. Other Last and Feind Ada on Pope 15



PRESIDENT POINCARE Head of French Republic has returned from his visit to Verdun, where he congratulated the troops on their valiant defense against the German onslaughts.

POINCARE PRAISES VERDUN DEFENDERS; **BACK FROM FRONT**

President Is Warm in Commendation of Courage and Skill of French Warriors

GIVES NATION'S THANKS

PARIS, March 3.—President Poincare returned to Paris today from the fortress of Verdun, against which the Germans have been battering since February 21.

The following official communique was given out today relative to President Poin-care's visit to the Verdun front:

"President Poincare left Paris on Tues-day evening for Revigny, where a Zeppe-lin had been shot down. He congratulated lin had been shot down. He congratulated the French gunners upon their work and conferred, a military medal upon Sergeant Major Gramerling and war crosses upon several gunners. The President also presented the men with watches as a personal gift. M. Poincare then proceeded to Verdun and the fortifications in that region. He was received at Verdun had other concerns have been able to get a few shipments of automobiles through to Philadelphia customers. It was stated to day by managers of Philadelphia customers. It was stated to day by managers of Philadelphia customers. It was stated to day by managers of Philadelphia customers. It was stated to day by managers of Philadelphia customers. It was stated to day by managers of Philadelphia customers. The day by managers of Philadelphia customers are day by managers of Philadelphia customers. The day by managers of Carlo day by managers of Philadelphia customers. The day by managers of Philadelphia customer

"President Poincare told the men he had come especially to offer them his deepest and most heartfelt congratula-tions and to notify them that they had the warmest encouragement of the whole

"The President returned to Paris this morning.

"The return of M. Poincare was followed by an official notice to the effect that the War Minister has ordered Gen-eral Joffre to congratulate the French soldiers for their heroism in behalf of the

(The foregoing is the first official an nouncement that General Joffre, the French commander-in-chief, is personally directing the defense of Verdun.)

STORM HEADED THIS WAY

Probable Snow Tonight Will Precede Blow Tomorrow

Warnings, telling of a violent storm expected here tomorrow, were displayed

today along the Atlantic coast from Jack-sonville to New York.

The storm is now east-northeast, but will shift to northwest late this afternoon and tonight. Unsettled weather to-night, with probable snow, will precede strong northwest winds which are to reach the city tomorrow. It was cold this morning, the result of a combination of a 21-degree temperature and a 20-mile wind. Sprinkles of snow early today were soon succeeded by bright sunshine.

Bishop Hits at Richmond's Friend Bishop Rhinelander has notified David Witmer, of 2133 Arch street, who had been serving as lay reader in Old St. John's Protestant Episcopal Church, 3d and Brown streets, since the suspension of the rector, the Rev. George Chalmers Richmond, that he must not act in that capacity in St. John's or any other church in the Diocese of Pennsylvania. Witmer had not received a license from the Bishop. Witmer warmly supported Mr. Richmond in his controversy with the

Wounded Policeman Out of Hospital Acting Detective Charles B. Baker, of the 65th street and Woodland avenue station, who was shot by George Green, a negro, last Saturday night, when he was about to place Green under arrest, was able to leave the University Hospital today, and leave the University Hospital today, and was removed to his home at 4434 Ludiow street. Green, who was arrested in Darby after the shooting, will have a further hearing before Magistrate Beaton next week, when Baker will appear against

State Pays \$23,000 to Teachers

City Treasurer McCoach today received from the Department of Public Instruction from the Department of Public Instruction a warrant on the State Treasurer for \$25,000. This sum represents \$19,000 appropriated annually by the Common-wealth to the Teachers' Aid and Annuity Association. \$19,000 to the School of De-sign for Women and \$2000 to the Teach-ers' Institute. The money was due from the State July 1, 1915.

Tate Given Oath as Sleuths' Captain Acting Captain of Detectives James Tate today was sworn in as captain of detectives by the Director of Public Safety. The carsinony took place in Director Wilson said that he and Captain Pate were planning to make several charges in the Detective Bureau as seen as Councils pessed the ican hill.

AUTO CONCERNS HERE HARD HIT BY EMBARGO

Face Losses Aggregating Hundreds of Thousands of Dollars

UNABLE TO DELIVER CARS

Freight Congestion Cripples Filling of Orders-Relief Promised

Automobile plants in this city, and Philadelphia branches of large automobile concerns in Detroit are faced with losses totaling hundreds of thousands of dollars, due to the crippling influence of the freight embargo which has been established by the Pennsylvania Raliroad, This statement was made today by managers of the various firms.

The embargo has tied up hundreds of cars of steel and ther raw material en route to plants here, and has held up hun-dreds of automobiles which have been ordered by customers in the Philadelphia district. The situation has become so serious that the Philadelphia Motor Truck Association and the Philadelphia Automo bile Trade Association will hold meetings and search for a remedy.

A ray of hope entered the Philadelphia situation today when N. B. Kelly, secretary of the Philadelphia Chamber of Commerce, received a dispatch from the chairman of the Interstate Commerce Commission anouncing that the commis sion will hold hearings in Washington next Monday and Tuesday on the question of congestion in Eastern railroad termiof congestion in Eastern railroad terminals. A representative will attend the hearings from the Chamber of Commerce, and there also will be a large delegation of manufacturers from Philadelphia who have been hard hit by the embargo. The Pennsylvania Railroad announced today that it would also send representatives to the hearings. the hearings.
Co-operation by more than 100 leading

manufacturing concerns in unloading freight cars has reduced the number of stalled cars to 9972, there having been unloaded yesterday 1705 cars, containing 75,000 tons of freight. W. G. Grieves, president of the Commercial Traffic Managers' Association, which has been leading the campaign to empty the cars, said today.

"We are in the fight now in earnest and in another 48 hours expect to make a big hole in the freight blockade."

UNABLE TO DELIVER CARS Philadelphia branches of large Detroit automobile concerns are unable to deliver cars which were ordered weeks ago by Philadelphia customers. It was stated to-day by managers of Philadelphia branches that the shortage of cars will run into the thousands.

The Studebaker Company, the Packard dun headquarters by Generals Joffre, the French commander-in-chief, and Petain.

Accompanied by the commander-in-chief, made of canvas or boards to protect the Accompanied by the commander-in-chief, the President visited the army corps operating on both banks of the Meuse River, north of Verdun.

In mandeering liatears, the liating covers made of canvas or boards to protect the machines from ice and snow. In order to hold the flatears, the Philadelphia branch of the Packard Company has been shipping the lumber used for covers back to Detroit as freight.

"It appears." said Lee J. Eastman, manager of the Philadelphia branch of the Packard Company, "that most of the boxcars in the country are tied up in the eastern freight jam. We are glad enough to get hold of flat cars, and, in order to keep them in our service, we are billing the board covers back to Detroit as lumber. It is an expensive procedure but we er It is an expensive procedure, but we re glad to pay the bill in order to keep hings moving At this minute we are thort five or six trainloads of automobiles; all these cars have been ordered by cusomers in the Philadelphia district, but ecause of the congestion we cannot get them out of Detroit.

"The situation is serious from the standpoint of the automobile business in Philadelphia. As president of the Phila-delphia Motor Truck Association, I am going to call a meeting of the board of governors this week to investigate the ituation and devise a remedy."

M. F. Hewlett, traffic manager of the
Vim Company, said today that his com-

L'ITALIA NON MUOVERA'

LA GUERRA AL KAISER

Il Giornale d'Italia Dice Che gli

Interventisti Rimarranno

Disillusi per Questo

Un telegramma da Roma dice che il Giornale d'Italia pubblica un articolo di fondo evidentemente ispirato dalla Con-sulta e da Palazzo Braschi, articolo nel quale dice che coloro che aspettano una dichiarazione di guerra da parte dell'Italia contro la Germania ripuarrano distilusi

dichiarazione di guerra da parte dei tana-contro la Germania rimarranno disiliusi. Nel circoli politicoi si crede che questo articolo sia una risposta del governo a quegli elementi nella Camera che domand-ano appunto la dichiarazione di guerra alla Germania, e che su questo punto cer-cano magari di provocare la caduta del

Il giornale sonniniano dice: "Gli inter-

Il giornale sonniniano dice: "Gli inter-ventisti dimenticano le origini ed i motivi della guerra dell'Italia. La Francia ap-prezza pienamente le ragioni che ci hauno impedito e probabilmente ci impediranna in seguito di dichiarare la guerra alla Germinia. Nella situazione attuale le risorse militari ed economiche del paese sono state portate ai foro massimo sforzo dalla guerra con l'Austria e dalla neces-sita' di difendere Vaiona e l'Albania meridionale.

(Leggere in 7a pagina altre e piu' detta-

gitate notizie sulla guerra, in Italiano i

Child Falls Into Tub of Hot Water

John Martino, 2 years old, of 1418 South ancroft street, was bady burned when e fell into a tub of hot water today while

imbing up a chair in the kitchen of his ome. He was removed to St. Agnes' Hos-ital, where physicians say his recovery

WILSON AND BRANDEIS

Are defended by Zapp and Birsky.

MONTAGUE GLASS'

laugh-provoking characters in

TOMORROW'S

EVENING LEDGER

pany was experiencing difficulty in ship-

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SENATE, BY 68 TO 14, UPHOLDS WILSON; ARMED SHIP WARNING BILL DIES WITHOUT DEBATE

How the Senate Voted to Uphold President

The following is the vote in the Schate on a substitute resolution offered by Senator Gore, declaring that if an American is killed by a German submarine in an attack upon an armed merchantman, such ction will be "cause for war with Germany":

YEAS-68 DEMOCRATS-40 Ashurst Bankhead Beckham Bronssard Chilton Clarke (Ark.) Culberson Fletcher Gore Fiftman
Fomerene
Ransdell
Reed
Shafroth
Sheppard
Salelds
Simmons
Smith (Ariz.)
Smith (S. C.)
Smith (lames Johnson (Me.) Johnson (S. D.) REPUBLICANS-19 Brandegee Burleigh Clark (Wyo.) Curtis Nelson Oliver Page Poindexter Smith (Mich.) Sterling Wadsworth Warren Weeks

NAVS-14 REPUBLICANS-12 La Follette McCumber Norris O'Gorman Sherman Works DEMOCRATS-2 Chamberlain

ABSENTEES Penrose Robinson Saulsbury Shively Sutherland Townsend

SLUSH PROBERS HALT TRIAL TO SCAN BOOKS TESTIFIED DESTROYED

U. S. Attorney at Pittsburgh Declares Secret Files of Brewers Are Now in Hands of the Court

DITTSRURGH March 1 .- The Government's charge that a preliminary examin-ation of the seized "confidential" files of the United States Browers' Association shows that they contain some subpoensed records, which it was sworn were destroyed, with a request by United States Attorney E. Lowry Humes for time to examine the contents of the eight pack-ing cases of documents today, caused a sudden and unexpected postponement un-til next Thursday of the contempt pro-ceedings scheduled before Judge W. H. S.

BRIEF DESTROYED. Another cause for postponement, the announcement of which caused consider-able merriment in the courtroom, was the fact that during the night a janithr in the

Thomson, in the United States District

Federal Building destroyed Attorney Humes' brief which he had intended sub-mitting to the Court this morning. The four who faced contempt charges were John P. Gardiner, Philadelphia, president Pennsylvania Brewers' Association;

"Franctireur" Tactics

"Armed merchantmen are the snipers

of the seas," declared Doctor Heckscher,

Reichstag leader, "and the British Ad-

miralty, by instructing merchantmen to fire on submarines began franctireur war-

Doctor Heckscher, whose position in the

Reichstag is similar to that held by Sen-ator Stone as chairman of the Senate For-eign Reiations Committee, discussed the German-American controversy over armed

merchantmen at some length today.
"If an officer and 10 men in a hostile country saw a group of civilians across the street armed with two or three rifles.

he officer couldn't wait until he had warned the civilians before ordering his soldlers to shoot," said Doctor Heckscher.

That is an example of franctireuring and

the same principle applies on the seas to merchantmen who snipe at submarines.

"The submarine is a legal sea weapon, as Secretary Lansing himself has admitted, and the submarine that attempts to warn an armed merchantman puts itself in great danger, since it is easily

self in great danger, since it is easily

"It is said that the United States wants

e settle the submarine question with fermany before taking up her trade rela-

Germany before taking up her trade relations with England, holding that questions affecting human lives should be first. Conceding this viewpoint, does Americana realize how many thousands of women and children in Germany and Poland lack nourishment today because America doesn't insist on the right to send milk and food to the German people? Isn't that a question of lives, foo?

"Germany has waited for months for America to take steps against England's illegal blockade, but nothing has been accomplished. Now Germany, finding the English Admiralty instructions aboard the strangish Woodfald must act herself Germany's official declaration is hus the legitimate counterstep any belligarent would take against an enemy."

fare on the seas."

BERLIN, March 3.

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Gore, Author of the Original Resolution, Casts Vote With the

Oklahoman's Substitute Declaring Sinking of Armed Vessel With Americans on Board Would be "Cause of War," Also Lost

Majority

Several Senators, After Vote Is Taken. Openly Discuss the International Situation-Borah Attacks President's Policy, and Lewis, Democratic Whip, Defends the Executive

WASHINGTON, March 3,-When the House Foreign Affair's Committee went into session at 2:45 this afternoon, Administration adherents claimed to have a majority favoring reporting the McLemere resolution, warning Americans off armed belligerent ships, under a plan to have it tabled, as was the Gore resolution.

This plan, according to House leaders who conferred with Secretary Mc-Adoo and Postmaster General Burleson earlier in the day, will be acceptable to President Wilson.

WASHINGTON, March 3 .- The Senate this afternoon voted non-interference in President Wilson's foreign negotiations. It tabled a resolution by Senator Gore, of Oklahoma, to warn Americans off armed merchantmen, by a vote of 68 to 14.

The vote itself came with virtually no debate, but pent-up floods of oratory burst forth a little later, when the Senate theoretically was discussing a water power bill. Most of it was a reiteration of doubt as to exactly what the Senate had done in its vote. Republican Senstors bitterly commented on the fact that the Senate Senator James, of Kentucky, known as

the President's personal representative on the Senate boor, led the attack on Gore's resolution. Last night the Administra-tion leaders fixed upon the tabling of the resolution as the best way to force a vote without a debate. The Senate rules re-quire immediate vote and no discussion on such a motion. The vote went through as per schedule, but the sterm burst later. severtheless. Borah termed the Senate's action "degradation." Sherman termed it "cowardice, evasion, cringing," in assert-ing the United States was "approaching DEFER CONTEMPT CASES

VOTE COMES ON SUBSTITUTE The actual vote came up on a substi-tute resolution by Gore declaring that if an American is killed by a German subparine in an attack upon an armed mersuch action will be cause for

President Wilson received word of the Senate vote tabling the Gore resolution while the Cabinet was in session. All of the officials expressed satisfaction the result and believed that it is a fore cast of what the House will do when a vote is taken in that branch. No formastatement was issued.

That today's vote was not final action by the Senate was strongly intimated by many Senators. It seemed certain that in case of a threatened break with Germany nators will again fight for Congressiona

Gore threw the Administration's plans into chaos by offering his substitute just before the vote. He said this was done so that Congress might declare whether the United States should go to war if Americans are killed by Germany's new campaign against armed ships. He declared this was the vital question before

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ARMED LINERS CALLED DEATH CLAIMS GIRL WHO "SNIPERS OF THE SEA" SUFFERED FOR CAREER

Former Frankford Teacher Ex-Dr. Heckscher, Reichstag Leadpires in Buffalo-Had Been er, Protests Against British Near Starvation

> Miss Laura Roeschen, who left a comfortable home here for the lure of a career in the arts elsewhere, is dead. Her mother and slater, who had gone to Buffalo, N. Y., when they learned two Buffalo, N. Y., when they learned two month; ago that the young woman had been found dying of starvation and exosure there, brought her body home last

Miss Roeschen, who was 25 years old was formerly a teacher in the Henry W. Lawton School, Benner and Ditman streets. Frankford Her hope was in Lawndale, where, at 6222 Woodlawn avenue, her mother now lives. The girl had always been dissatisfied with school teaching. She longed for a career in either music or literature, and she came to helleve that succeed at either she must seek inpiration away from home

She thought she would be able to work better alone in strange cities, away from her family and old associations. She had read much in the biographies of the famous, and got the impression that they all lived and dreamed their high thoughts in attics, and advanced more rapidly in solitude and a measure of privation.

She disappeared last autumn. Her family got no trace of her for four months. Then a message came from the Buffalo police on December 31, that Miss Roeschen was found in a dying condition. She had too little clothing to protect her from the cold and she had had almost nothing to eat

SLACKER AND SUPERMAN England's great Contrasts, Ex-plained by

ELLEN ADAIR her third special article in TOMORROW'S EVENING LEDGER

OUICK NEWS

FRENCH MINISTRY DENIES SINKING OF CRUISERS

PARIS, March 3 .- The Ministry of Marine today issued an official deniel of the report that German submarines have sunk French cruiters off Havre.

PATROL ENGAGEMENTS ON THE RIVER DVINA

BERLIN, March 3 .- "On the Duenaburg River (Dvina), cast of Friedrichstadt, patrol engagements occurred," the War Office reperfed. "There were similar engagements on the Screth-Schlichara

RED CROSS HERE SENDS SUPPLIES TO WAR VICTIMS

Announcement was made today by the Philadelphia Branch of the Amer-Ican Red Cross, of which Mrs. Charlemagne Tower is president, that 11 cases of hospital supplies for wounded soldiers have been sent to the warring countries during the last three months. Three have been sent to France, three to Germany and one each to England, Russia, Belgium, Serbia and Poland. At the meeting today at Mrs. Tower house, 1313 Locust street, 100 society women worked all morning counting, cutting and wrapping bandages.

BILL TO IMPROVE PUGET SOUND NAVY YARD FAVORED

WASHINGTON, March 3 .- The Senate Naval Affairs Committee today unanimously reported a \$2,065,000 appropriation to equip the Puget Sound Navy Yard for battleship construction.

MAYOR SMITH PLANS TURN AT GOLF AT AIKEN, S. C.

Mayor Smith today completed arrangements for a short vacation from the cares of office. He will leave the city next Wednesday for Alken, S. C., where he will spend a few days in open-air exercise. The golf course at Alken is noted for its excellence, and the Mayor plans spending much of his time golfing.

FRENCH AIR SQUADRON SHELLS SMYRNA FORTS

PARIS, March 3.-A squadron of French aeroplanes from Salonica has bombarded the Turkish forts and army camps around Smyrna, it was announced today by the War Office. The following official communique was given out: "It is stated by the General Staff that a squadron of French aeroplanes at Salonica was taken on board the transports Detsarmauce, Hot and Macronisse and afterward bombarded the cantonments and defensive works of the Turks at Bournoba (Burna Bad) and Borderio, in the vicinity of Smyrna. The aviators

MYSTERIOUS SHIP OFF COAST; MAY BE RAIDER

traversed a distance of 350 miles while in the air."

NEW YORK, March 3 .- News of a mysterious ship, believed to be a Germat raider, encountered off the Virginia Capes, was brought to this port today by Captain Munkovitz, of the Bull Insular liner Grayson, from Porto Rico, Early yesterday Munkovitz, as he was off Hampton Roads, saw two mysterious white lights. They apparently were signaling, and every time be changed his course the lights flushed. The captain saw no vessel, but on the previous voyage of the Grayson, he said, a mysterious vessel crossed his bows and immediately signaled with a flashing light in Morse to another light.

PRESIDENT NAMES AMBASSADOR TO CHILI

WASHINGTON, March 2 .- Joseph H. Shea, of Seymour, Ind., was nominated today for Ambassador to Chili, to succeed Henry P. Fletcher, who goes to Mexico. He is a member of the Supreme Court of Indiana.

TWO ZEPPELINS REPORTED WRECKED

AMSTERDAM, March 3 .- Two German Zeppelins are reported to have been wrecked while engaged on a military enterprise. "One of the Zeppelins, returning from the front, evidently was hit by enemy artillery," said the dispatch. fell at Ezhezce, damaging a house and injuring 18 children. Another fell at Maisnault. The debris was loaded on a train bound for Cologne."

\$1,433,194.80 PAID TO CITY IN FEBRUARY

Tax receipts during February amounted to \$1,433,194.80, according to the report of Receiver of Taxes W. Freeland Kendrick. This included \$549,784.85 paid on account of city taxes, \$281,808.34 school taxes, \$247,743.19 water rents for the current year and \$150,295.97 on delinquent city and \$72,337.90 on

SCANDINAVIAN NATIONS TO UNITE FOR DEFENSE

COPENHAGEN, March 3.-An important conference, which will have a far-reaching effect upon the future policies of the Scandinavian Governments, will be held here on March 9 and 10. Those taking part will be the Prime Ministers and Foreign Ministers of Norway, Sweden and Denmark. The questions of neutrality and interference with Scandinavian trade and shipping by the war will be dealt with exhaustively. It is reported that the three Powers will enter into a agreement by which they will act in concert if threatened in

DESTRUCTION OF BRITISH DESTROYER REVEALED NEW YORK, March 3 .- Word has reached New York that the British de-

stroyer Viking has been blown up. All of the officers and crew are believed to have been lost, and the news of the vessel's loss came in a letter to relatives of Commander Thomas Christopher Williams, who went down with his ship. The Viking, according to the letter that the commander's relatives here received, was blown up by a mine on January 29. No previous intimation that disaster had overtaken this destroyer has come from the war zone, and to the rigid British censorship is attributed the fact that this naval loss has not been made known

NEW MINE FIELD ADRIFT OFF SWEDISH COAST

LONDON, March 3 .- A Stockholm dispatch to the Morning Post says that, according to a message from Karlskrona, Sweden, a whole mine field of several hundred mines is drifting from the north, presumably having been set adrift by the ice and wind. The message adds that explosions are occurring hourly, and that navigation in the neighborhood of the Swedish islands is perilous

TAMMANY TO BOOM GERARD FOR GOVERNOR

SYRACUSE, March 3.-As the result of informal conferences between Tammany Leader Charles F. Murphy and Democratic leaders from up-State, while the unofficial State convention was in progress here, James W. Gerard, whom President Wilson appointed Ambassador to Germany, is looming large on the Democratic horizon as a possible prospective standard bearer in the gubernatorial fight. According to reports received from abroad, Ambassador Gerard's return to the country is expected before long. It has also been reported that he is to make speeches for President Wilson throughout the country in the national

GERMAN TOBACCO TAX SHOWS DRASTIC INCREASES

BERLIN, March 3 .- 'The Government's tobacco bill, published today, is the signed to raise about 160,000,000 marks new revenue. The new schedules show heavy increases in customs and excise taxes. The tariff on unworked leaves becomes 130 marks per metric hundredweight and 65 per cent, ad valorem, ad compared with 85 marks and 40 per cent. ad valorem. The duty on chewing tobacco and snuff is doubled. Worked leaves will pay 289 marks specific duty and 65 per cent. ad valorem: cigarettes, 1500 marks per metric hundredweight. Cigaret will pay the same ad valorem duty as leaves. The tax on cigars has been rated to 700 marks per metric hundredweight,

FRENCH STEAMSHIP SUNK BY SUBMARINE

BORDEAUX, March 3.—The French steamship Laking is reported to March been sunk by a German submarine southwest of the island of Dyeu. Us menders of the crew are missing. The Lakme was a vessel of \$117 tone and harfel