





for recommending drastic changes in the Taylor plan is expected to be placed be-

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neutral nations, not only among them selves, but also with belligerent countries "Great Britain, on the other hand, de clined to ratify the Declaration of London

ellned to ratify the Declaration of London, and, after the outbreak of the war, began to restrict the legitimate trade of the neutrals in order to hit Germany. "The contraband provisions were ays-tematically extended on August 5, 20, September 3, 1014, the order of the British Admiralty followed, declaring the while North Sea a war zone, in which commer-cial shipping would be exposed to most erious danger from m war. "Protesta from neutrals were of no avail, and from that time on the freedom of neutral commerce with Germany was practically destroyed. Under these cir-cumstances, Germany was compelled to resort, in February, 1915, to reprisals in order to fight her opponents' measures, which were absolutely contrary to international law. She chose for this purpos a new weapon, the use of which had no

door of the Security State Bank on horseback this afternoon, robbed that institution of \$2000 after locking the cashier and paying teller in the vault. The bandit escaped on his horse. The bank is on a prominent business street and hundreds of people were passing the

#### U. S.-GERMAN RELATIONS TENSER, LONDON BELIEVES

LONDON, March 8 .- Almost over night England's view of the German-American situation has undergone a radical change. The belief is growing here that relations between the two countries are growing more tense, and the

feeling of bitterness toward America in Germany is increasing. Whether this Is due to the action of Congress in upholding the President's firm stand is not

head lines on Washington dispatches reporting President Wilson's triumph in

captions. In some quarters, however, the belief persists that Germany will yield,

Pennsylvania Railroad, was today made vice president in charge of accounting by the Board of Directors of the Pennsylvania Railroad at its regular meeting.

engineer of the Bureau of Surveys at a salary of \$2400 by Director Datesman, of the Department of Public Works. The new appointee fills the vacancy caused

pany with Congressman Vare, made a brief call on Mayor Smith today. Recently the Mayor visited Colonel Goethals in New York, and the call today was in the nature of a return visit. Congressman Vare is a member of the Congressional Appropriations Committee, and he has had frequent conferences with Colonel

#### ITALIAN KING ON HURRIED TRIP TO ROME

ROME, March 8 .- For the second time since the outbreak of the war, King Victor Emanuel has returned from the front for a conference with the Ministry. He conferred for several hours with Cabinet officers today, planning to return to army headquarters within a few hours.

#### SWEDEN DEMANDS GERMANY PAY FOR SHIPS

COPENHAGEN, March 8 .- Sweden has protested to Germany against the sowing of a mine field south of Falsterbo, within Swedish territorial waters, according to advices from Stockholm today. She demands compensation for the destruction of the Swedish steamship Knippla and smaller vessels by German

e when the new danger developed Continued on Page Two, Column Two FRESH SNOWSTORM BRINGS MORNING PALL OF DARKNESS

"At 10 o'clock last night the French de wered a counter attack against our poslagns. Hand grenade benches was com-Hand grenade fighting still con

Stein repulsed. "In order to improve new lines, which ad been pushed forward on the right mak of the Meuse, across the southern lipes of Cote De Talou, Cote De Polvre (Report Heights) and Douaumont, enemy entities on the left bank of the Meuse ns on the left bank of the Meuse both sides of Forges Brook, below ourt, were stormed over a width of

Mannourt, were stormed over a set of the files. The energy positions were penetrated a distance of one mile and one-eighth. The villages of Forges and Regneville and files of the set of t ur possession. Counter-attacks by the which against the southern fringes of we woods were repulsed. Sanguinary were inflicted upon the French, a The wave inflicted upon the French, a frat part of the occupants of the cap-ned positions being killed. Fifty-eight fibers, 3277 men, 10 cannon and much ther material was captured. In the Woevre region the French have

ben driven out of the last of the houses which they retained when we captured the village of Freenes. The number of primers there has been increased to 11 effects and more than 700 men. A few machine guns were captured. "Our aeroplane squadrons dropped bombs upon villages west of Verdun, which were occupied by enemy troops." an driven out of the last of the house

PARIS, March 8 The recapture of some trench sections

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## THE WEATHER

THE WEATHER This will be somewhat of a potpourri by in the way of weather. If the wind wind the way of weather. If the wind wind the way of weather. If the wind wind and hall all day—"promised"—just at if folks are "good." Old Man Weather will sive them everything he has. The wather Bureau isn't sure whether the wind will hold or not. Polls pulled up the shades today and how a out on about as cheerful a morn-is as has graced the week so far. The sky was done up in a thick, muddy ind of a gray and the atmosphere, not be suddone in the way of gloom, seemed to be suddone in the way of gloom, seemed to be suddone in the way of gloom. Act I was up a share started about the time affice boy unlocked the door. Act I was up a tabout "aeroplane height" and and at about "aeroplane height" and an attering merrily on the roofs all over the stattering merrily on the streets way hut hall was too good to hast

After that will come the birdes

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FORECAST For Philadelphia and vicinity— this afternoon; clearing and ter tanight; Thursday fair; strong morly winds.

### LOST AND FOUND

Lout, Monday, a pearl and dis-ring, while shopping. Reward if is 2103 Spring Rardon at between Flaiders Building and at., an March U. a appulite sur-diamonds ring. A lib. reward if returned to TOTY reward a ing Lond and Summit Aids on Page 12

So dense was the gloom that settled over the city shortly before 11 a. m. that artificial light was gen-erally resorted to and office buildings twinkled with the lights seen ordinarily only at dusk. This is a view looking southwest from the United Gas Improvement Company's Building.

## NUOVE TRUPPE INVIATE SLAVS LOSE TRENCHES FARMER KILLS CHILD; IN TARNOPOL REGION DALL'ITALIA A VALONA

Il Generale Piacentini Comanda Austrians Capture 1000 Yards. Mistaking Foster Daughter for le Forze Italiane in Albania. Occupy Vacated

## Si Attende l'Attacco

Le forze italiane che difendono la base navale culla costa albancse moridionale. cioe' Valona, sono state recentemente rafforzate da nuovo truppe inviate cola', come afferioa un dispaccio da Roma. Nei today,

afferna un dispaccio da Roma. Nel directi militari italiani si attende che la guarnigione di Valena sia presto attaccata dalle forze austriache, e pereto essa si pre-para alla difesa. Si sa che grandi lavori sono stati compitati per questo. Oggi il Ministero della Guerra ha an-miniciato che il comando delle forze ital-iane operanti nell'Albania e' stato affidato ai tenente generale Settimio Piacentini, a cui e' ora affidata la difesa di Valona. Il generale Piacentini e' uno dei migliori che abbia Titalia. Egit era comandante della divisione territoriale di Napoli quando scopio' la gizerra con l'Austria e fu in-viato alla fronte. Ivi el diatfisse e guad-agno' la promozione al grado di corpa d'armata nell'Albania merifionale. L'ordine del siorno dei socialisti di miducia nell'opera del Ministero Salandra e' stato respinto oggi dalla Camere italiana con 281 vuti contrarii e 25-favorevoli.

(Leggere in sa pagina le ultime e plu' dettagliate notigle sulla guerra, in

italiano.)

## Machinists Vote to Strike

FBANKLIN, Pa., March 5.3 Machin-ata employed by the Chicago Pneumatic fool and the Colburn Machine Tool Proutto fuers' Supply Companies today voted unanimotaly for a strike. They demanded a 59 per cent increase in wages an eight-nour day and better shop conditions. The companies have some war orders to fill.

# THINKS GIRL BURGLAR Thief, Man Fires

vestigation.

day to await the result of the Coroner's

Capture of 1000 yards of trenches from the Russians northwest of Tarnopol was announced in an official statement from the Austrian War Office, telegraphed here "Detachments of Archduke Joseph Fer-

dinand's army, near Karipiloseka, drove the enemy from intrenched positions and lodged themselves in it, said the official statement.

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## MORGENTHAU TO RESIGN

Ambassador Ready to Remain Here if President Needs Him

President Needs Him WASHINGTON, March & .-. The belief provalied in official circles today that Am-bassador Henry Morgenthau would resign his post to serve President Wilson during like coming presidential campaign. Mr. Morgenthau, who came to Washing-ton today, said that if the White House decided he could be of more service to the President by remaining in this coun-try, he would resign his post. The deci-sion, he said, was entirely up to Prezident Wilson. William.

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DANK AND DINGY CLOUD DUMPS SNOWY BURDEN **/ON DARKENED WORLD** 

Swirls of Flaky Stuff Blind Pestered Pedestrians and Lamps

All Over City Pierce

Through Gloom

DAY FOR DARK DEEDS

A dingy pall fell over the city today when a dirty-gray cloud swept down from the north and seemed almost to touch the tops of the buildings as it dumned its load of bilnding snow. Seminight reigned for 15 minutes, be-ginning at 10 o'clock. The large office buildings gleamed out brightly through the twilight, with their myriad lights, and in the snow-troughs of the streets, lighted their lamps. Swirls of snow clouded what cision remained in the swarthy atmosphere

The phenomenon-for such it was called

by the Weather Bureau—was caused by the density and the low altitude of the clouds, which were estimated to be only 1000 or 1500 feet above the earth. This is extremely low for a cloud, it was said. is extremely low for a cloud, it was said. When the sickly yellow, lowering sky began to become dusky, out at the Zoo the seals and walrunes and the lonely polar hear hegan to whimper and cough with joy. Soon they were reveiling in the mowy, similars air, which reminded them of their fatheriand, the sambre re-view of the midnicht sum. night Broken-hearted, as a result of the tragedy, Gray was arrested today on a Coroner's warrant. He has not been jailed and will furnish bait some time to-

gion of the midnight sun. Through the murk pedestrians stumbled, avoiding collisions with other pedestrians and vehicles. Hands went to pocket-

"It's a day for dark deeds." puffed one man, spluttering out a mouthful of snotz. "Transit pledges could be broken un-noticed." ventured another, as he stopped in front of a lighted building to look at

I would be statistic the raised his gun and fixed. The child's scream told him of his his ball the child's scream told him of his the build had entered the child's brain, but his efforts were of no avail, as the statistic data and the child's brain, but his efforts were of no avail, as the statistic data and the child's brain, but his efforts were of no avail, as the statistic data and entered the child's brain, but his efforts were of no avail, as the statistic data and entered the child's brain, but his efforts were of no avail, as the statistic data and entered the child's brain, but his efforts were of no avail, as the statistic data and entered the child's brain, but his efforts were of no avail, as the statistic data and entered the child's brain, but his efforts were of the bad weather on the stroke of 12, which is entered by the high wind of last the third story, be the statistic company and the story, but the story of the ball weather the statistic data the story of the ball weather the statistic constant his anticipation of the the story of the ball weather the statistic data the story

#### P. R. R. LIFTS EMBARGO IN PART

The Pennsylvania Railroad today announced that the freight embargo had been lifted in the entire city, with a few exceptances. The exceptions are: Anthracite coal for the Washington avenue district; coastwise freight for the Clyde Line, and for the Merchant and Miners' Boston Line, and freight for public storehouses for which there is still an accumulation of cars enroute.

## DR. J. WILLIAM WHITE SUFFERS RELAPSE

Dr. J. William White, who was thought to be recovering from the effects of an operation several months ago, has suffered a relapse at his home, 1810 Rittenouse Square. Doctor White was removed from the University Hospital to his ome to greet Colonel Theodore Roosevelt upon the latter's last visit to this city. Since that time the surgeon's condition improved steadily until Saturday when udications of a relapse were seen. It is said his condition is not critical.

## SIX SOUTHERN ROADS LOSE TEXAS RATE CASE

WASHINGTON, March 8 .- The Interstate Commerce Commission decided today that rates on through freight from all points in the United States to Louisiana and Texas violate the long and short haul law and denied the application of six Southern railroads to maintain these rates.

## PORTUGAL SEIZES FOUR GERMAN LINERS

LORENZO MARQUEZ, Portuguese East Africa, March 8 .- Four Hamburg-American liners that have been here since the war began were taken over by the Portuguese Government today. Their officers and crews, numbering 400, were interned. The ships are the Admiral, 6355 tons; the Essen, 5878 tons; the Hof, 4705 tons, and the Kronprinz, 5689 tons.

## FIND EVIDENCE ZEPPELIN WAS DAMAGED

LONDON, March 8 .- The broken piece of a Zeppelin propeller was picked up in the County of Kent today. It is believed that one of the dirigibles that bombarded Kent and other counties Sunday night was struck and damaged by a shell from an anti-aircraft gun. (The German Admiralty reporting on the Sunday Zeppelin raid on England asserted that all the Zeppelins returned safely. though heavily shelled.)

## SNOWBALLED, HE WANTED TO SHOOT THE "KIDS"

A desire to shoot some schoolboys who threw snowhalls at him caused oseph Estosico, 23, of 4926 Merion avenue, to be held in \$800 bail for court today by Magistrate Stevenson, of the 61st and Thompson streets police station Sergeant Abrams tripped him when he was chasing the youngsters around the blook for the third time yesterday and blok the weapon away from him. Estoaleo was standing in front of his home when a snowball struck him. He went inside, came out with a revolver and set out for revenge. Before he was satisfied he met the police sergeant, and that ended the chase.

## MARKET STREET BUILDING DAMAGED BY FIRE

A \$7000 fire destroyed the two upper floors of the five-story building at 311 Market street early today. The fire burned rapidly, lighting up adjoining streets for several squares, but was put out in half an hour. The destroyed floors were occupied by L Kugman, overall manufacturer. Other occupants of the building are S. Weiss & Sons, skirt makers, and Nathan N. Greenberg, ladies' garment manufacturers.

## GERMAN ATTACK ON BELFORT NEAR, SAYS MILAN

LONDON, March 5.- A Milan dispatch to the London Daily Telegraph says: Suspicions that when the Germana find further progress against Verdun hopeless they may attempt a new diversion against Belfort, is confirmed by news from the Swiss Border. There numerous reconnoltering flights of German aeroplanes over the Belfort territory have been observed. These flights invariably precede an attack. French aviation squadrons frequently cut short the Garman incursions, compelling the Germans to retreat. The inhabitants of Belfort witnessed a thrilling aerial flight over the city which ended in the discomfort of the Germans. According to German reports the Germans fear a blg Frencis offennive against Alance."

## Fatal Shot Positions WASHINGTON, Pa., March 8 - Mistak-BERLIN, March 8. ing seven-year-old foster-manghter, Della, for a burglar Arthur Gray, a wealthy farmer residing at Zedlicer, a few miles east of here, shot and killed the child last