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## R. H. DAVIS, NOTED WRITER, FALLS DEAD

Author, Playwright, Newspaperman, Stricken at Telephone

PHILADELPHIA HIS HOME

Career Began With Story of "Gallagher"-Famous War Correspondent

Richard Harding Davis, famous author, playwright and newspaperman, died last night at his home in Mount Kisco, N. Y., a few moments after receiving a message over the telephone. His wife, Bessie Mc-Coy, the former actress, was nearby and on falling to receive any response from her husband, after waiting a reasonable time, she went to his study and found him dead near the telephone.

The funeral will be held Friday, maybe in Philadelphia. Mrs. Davis and brother and sister of the author will help make arrangements, and decide whether or not to bury him here where his mother and father are buried. He leaves one child; Hope, a daughter of 15 months. Mr. Davis began his professional career

In this city and his rise to fame was rapid, when, as a reporter, he wrote the famous "Gallagher," a newspaper story which throbbed with heart interest and facts of

newspaper life.

His career was one of romance and adventure which was in keeping with the many stirring tales of which he was pro-lific.

It is believed that the hardships which It is believed that the hardships which he was compelled to face as a war correspondent togother with an attack of ptomaine poisoning hastened his death. He was a man of vigorous constitution and often worked for hours without rest.

Even his closest friends were not aware that he was ill, and news of his death came as a great shock to his friends in this city. He was 52 years old.

A THOROUGH PHILADELPHIAN. Mr. Davis was a Philadelphian through and through, and while the greater part of and through, and while the greater part of his productive years in journalism were spent in New York, he always liked to re-call that he got his start here, and wrote his first series of stories here; a series that has remained among his brightest. "Gallagher." he called the first story in that book, and named the book after it; a story of a copyboy on the Press, where he worked as a reporter.

worked as a reporter.

Newspapermen knew him as "Dick," and ever since he went to work as a reporter, about 20 years ago, hundreds of other reporters have referred to him familiarly \*s "Dick Davis." though many

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## FATHER MEETS DEATH IN FILRCE BATTLE FOR POSSESSION OF GIRL

Pretty 17-Year-Old Daughter Badly Cut, While Protector Injured in Struggle

## FIGHT WILDLY FOR GUN

grappling with the protector of his daughter, whose face he had disfigured with a razor. He was shot twice in a fierce hand-to-hand struggle for the revolver in a bakery shop at 2027 North 18th street. The dead man is Arizonia Trano, 39 years old, of 13th street and Washington

His daughter, pretty 17-year-old Julia Trano, cut deep about the head and face, is at the Woman's Homeopathic Hospital. Her protector, America Rochi, proprietor of the bakery shop, narrowly escaped death, two shots grazing him. Trano's revolver was emptied in the meles, one shot at Julia, one at Rochi's wife, two at and the last two into his own body while he and Rochl fought like wild men

for the gun.
"He insulted me! My father insulted wept pretty Julia, forgetting her es in an attempt to absolve Rochl injuries in an attempt to absolve Rochi from blame.

The neighborhood was aroused by the

fussilade of shots which rang out shortly after 9 o'clock. Trano appeared at the shop demanding his daughter, who had been placed in custody of the Rochis by a Catholic institution six months ago when her father was sent to the House of Correction for an alleged attempt to ssault her. Her mother is dgad. Rochi's wife, Mrs. Mary Rochi, was be

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## THE WEATHER

At this writing we can afford to laugh soston. It's raining there ha, ha—
"a veritable downpour"—the paper
s it. And look at the fine sunny day we have for our opening game! Hold on there—where's that sun gone to? Ah, there he is; he's out again. By the way, that was an awful shock, that thunder-storm that passed near Philadelphia early today. Didn't you hear it? Thought it today. Didn't you hear it? Thought it would rain and spoil the game. For our part, we could never understand, after perusing the accounts of very large earnings by ball clubs, why it wouldn't pay to put up a big canvas tent for use on rainy days. It wouldn't have to be so tre-mendously high, for they could have a new rule that all pop flies that hit the top of the tent would be out, whether the was caught or not.

straight up in the air ought to be out, FORECAST

For Philadelphia and vicinity— Fair tonight; Thursday increasing cloudiness and somewhat warmer; fresh westerly winds becoming light

LOST AND FOUND

BAR PIN-Lost Tuesday evening April 11 hetures Bellevue-Stratford bellevom and Overteek e cristal diamond and sapplife ber tip, idented in bigliams, Reward is returned by J. E. Caldwell & Co., 203 Chest and street. SETON BULL-Lost, 8 p. m. April 11, our 124 at 2 Survice at a. small Boston bull make answerts to appear of Chappy Reward. Return to appear the set

HANDELSE Lest lady's beather handlag, con-lating which ered inc-bettook with \$5 and mins for all department sures. Liberal re-ward by \$128 Chew st. Germantown. Other Last and Found Ado on Page 17



Thirty-two Villistas Slain, Forty Captured, in Clash Near Parral

Francisco Villa, wounded and with a guard of only 150 men, has gone into the mountains, according to an official report from General Luis 3000 BRITISH Gutierrez, Carranza commander in Chihuahua

Carranza troops have been dispatched to wipe out the band and to take Villa.

(Just when these operations occurred and whether or not they antedate reports of Villa's death is not known. It is possible Villa died after starting his flight to the mountains. Also, it is not known just what 'mountains" are meant. Rumors of Villa's death are now generally discredited.)

Unofficial reports say that a detachment of United States cavalry met and routed a band of Villistas at Troya, near Parral, killing 32 and capturing 40. Villa was not in the fight.

RICHARD HARDING DAVIS

PEACE HINTS IN

dress Profoundly Im-

press Berlin

SOME POSSIBLE TERMS

By CARL W. ACKERMAN

The end of the war has been brought

appreciably nearer by significant develop-

Press reports of Premier Asquith salon-lay night reply to Chancellor von Beth-nana-Hollweg's speech reached Berlin to-

day. They created a mild sensation Dis-

drawing near when England will be will-ing to enter peace discussions.

The Hollweg and Asquith statements, together with recent official and unofficial

are taking shape along the lines indicated in the following subdivisions.

England apparently have abandoned the idea of making the enemy pay

for the war.

Beiglum—The Allies demand res-

toration and complete independence of Beigium. Germany agrees to this, provided that Belgium does not dis-criminate against Germany after the

Poland-Germany insists that con

quered Polish territory shall not be returned to the Czar. Russia pledges

autonomy for the Poles. In the face of German claims, England and France are silent on the future of

Baltic provinces and other Russian territory held by the Austro-Germans

territory shall be surrendered to the Czar. The Allies are silent in this

sist that Russia shall never again dominate Balkan affairs. Bulgaria will demand Serbian Macedonia. Pre-

mier Asquith has announced that not only must Serbia be restored, but that she must receive territorial com-pensation for her sufferings.

pensation for her sufferings.

Alsace-Lorraine — Germany has made no recent official statement, but important suffrage concessions have been made to the provinces. In France the clamor for the restoration of Alsace-Lorraine complete apparantly has subsided.

Colonies-Germany counts as cer-

tain the restoration of her lost colonies, or an equivalent cession of

colonial territory, and recognition of the right of expansion in the direction of Bagdad. The Allies have been allent on the subject of Germany's

For the first time since the beginni

of the war, the English Premier, Germans interpret his speech, modified his demand that Prussian militarism must be crushed.

When he substituted for this the statement that German "military caste" must not in the future guide Germany's international

officies. Germans believe that he executed

a complete backdown.
Germans assert that the so-called "military caste" was not in the diplomatic saddle before the war and that the Chan-

the West. But the most recent develop-ments support the statement made re-

may end by autumn, and the recent declaration of the French Minister of

HIS BACK BROKEN IN BOUT

Baltimore Y. M. C. A. Member In

BALTIMORE, Md., April 12.-Walter

O'Neill. 18, a member of the Young Men's Christian Association, was badly injured tast night in a friendly wrestling bout in the symmasium when Max Siegel, powerful but unatilled, got a full-Neison on him and dislocated several vertebrae in his spinal column.

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Balkans-The central empires in-

Poland.

Indemnities - Both Germany and

terances, indicate that peace prost

nents of the last 48 hours,

BERLIN, April 12.

GERMANY SEES

Other reports say that Villa is well within the State of Durango and that the American troops in pursuit have crossed the State line and are now more than 400 miles south of the bor-ASQUITH SPEECH

General Carranza permitted for the first time use of the Mexican Central Railway to transport munitions to the Reports of Premier's Ad-American expedition. General Funston already has forwarded a train of supplies to Chihuahua City over this direct route.

> Washington regards this permission as further evidence of Carranza's support and the move appears to dispose of rumors that the American troops would be recalled.

#### VILLA REACHES MOUNTAINS: CARRANZISTAS ON THE TRAIL

WASHINGTON, April 12—A cable-gram from General Obregon to the Mex-ican Embassy today said Villa, according to his reports, had gone into the moun-tains wounded, with fewer than 150 men. The message from Queretaro said: regarding certain belligerent phrases, well-informed Germans interpreted Asquith's speech as a frank hint that the time is I send the following from General mis Gutierrez, chief of operations in

Chihuahua:
"The bandit Villa has lost almost all forced on him by our troops, and it is confirmed that he was wounded in the

battle of Cleneguita, General Luis Continued on Page Seven, Column Two

## TOMKINS DENOUNCES 'SWINISH' MARRIAGES FOLLOWING DIVORCES

Holy Trinity Rector Refers to Philadelphia Cases as "Bestial" in Addressing Congressmen

TALKS ON EDMONDS BILL

By a Staff Correspondent

WASHINGTON, April 12,—Declaring that personally he does not believe in the granting of divorces in any circumstances, the Rev. Dr. Floyd W. Tom-kins, of Holy Trinity Church, Philadel-phia, today appeared before the House Judiciary Committee and advocated a federal uniform divorce law. Doctor Tomkins spoke in favor of the uniform tivorce resolution introduced in the House sentative George W. Edmonds, of Philadelphia.

"When a man and woman marry," said Doctor Tomkins, "they take each said Doctor Tomkins, they take each other for better or for worse. If, when difficulty comes, the man wants to put away his wife, he is a coward. In ninety-nine cases out of a hundred, divorce is due to a desire to marry some one else. They really don't marry any one else at all, because if a man has a wife living and takes some one else for a wife he is an adulterer. The same is true of the woman who marries another man when her husband is living.

"The rich divorce each other more fre-quently than the poor. Our condition has become almost bestial. A divorced woman become atmost occurred man. I have known a half dozen cases of that kind in Philadelphia. If that len't swinish, I don't know what is Personally, I don't be ieve in divorce at all."

sadds before the war and that the Chan-cellor's recent victory over the von Tirpitz faction. is evidence that the element Asquith professes to fear has not gained control of Germany's foreign policies. Few persons in Berlin believe that the Allies will enter peace discussions until they have attempted another offensive in the West. But the most recent develop-"Are you opposed to divorce even for adultery?" Doctor Tomkins was asked. "Yes," he said. "The divorce evil to day is worse than slavery. It is worse than drunkenness. More than 2,000,000 divorces have been granted in the last 50 rears. Only one nation has a large number of divorces than we have—Japan. Rabbi Abraham Simon, of Washington spoke in favor of the Edmonds measure pointing out that under-existing condi-tions first cousins are prohibited from carrying in some States, and permitted to marry in others.

He favored divorce as a necessary evil,

saying, "It would be inhuman not to grant any divorce."
"We have no divorce law in South Caro-lina and we are not inhuman," said Rep-

esentative Whaley. -Live Stock Dies in Fire at Wiconisco POTTSVII.LE. Pa., April 12 - Two orses, two mules and 22 cows perished n the barn of William Erdman, at Wic which was destroyed by fire late last t. The fire was caused by lightning. The whole lower part of O'Neill's book. The crops and farming implements we is now paralyzed.

#### FIRST SKY SALUTE TO SPRING

Thunder Rattles Windows and Wakes Many Persons-Lightning Not Vivid-Little Rain

The first thunderstorm of the year imbled across the sky from the northest early today.

It was short and sharp. The bolts farred the sky and rattled windows, waking many persons. Some of them thought that the first salute from the sky artillery shortly after midnight was a huge explosion at some distant powder works, but when the echoes rolled across the REPORT OF U. S. BATTLE | vault of the sky they realized that it was spring's first thunder. The lightning was not vivid and little rain fell.

The fact that the clouds had become surcharged with enough electricity to manufacture lightning and thunder is taken as a sure indication that winter has been left behind. The positive and negative lons which cause the spark of lightning to leap from cloud to cloud or from cloud to earth are not strong enough in winter, as a rule, to produce lightning,

# KILLED IN DASH TO REACH KUT

Constantinople Reports Repulse of Aylmer's Great Rush

BATTLE OF SIX HOURS

BERLIN, April 12 More than 3000 British soldiers were killed and thousands of others wounded in an insuccessful attack on the Turkish lines east of Kut-el-Amara, the Turkish

The British defeat is the most disastrous since the beginning of General Aymer's campaign to relieve General Townshend's forces, besteged in Kut-cl-Amara for more than four months.

The fighting occurred near Felahie, 23 miles east of Kut-cl-Amara, in the bend of the Tigris River.

the Tigris River.
"After an hour and a half of heavy ar-tillery preparation," said the Turkish offi-cial statement, "the enemy attacked with all his forces our positions near Felahie The battle lasted six hours. The enem at the beginning penetrated parts of our trenches, but Turkish troops killed all these enemy forces with the bayonet, "The remainder of the British troops were driven off, suffering heavy losses. In the Turkish trenches and before them were counted 3000 of the enemy's dead."

Several days ago the London Way Office announced winning a couple of lines of Turkish trenches at Felabico. From the context of the Turkish bulletin, printed above, the battle described may refer to

#### STOCKHOLDERS APPROVE ELECTRIC BATE DECREASE

Consent of Board to Lower Prices Indorsed at Meeting

Stockholders of the Philadelphia Electric Company, at the annual meeting to-day, voted their approval of the action the board of directors has taken in con-senting to a reduction of the rates of the company, which matter is now before the Public Service Commission. It was also oted to "back" the board in all its dealings during the coming year. The meet-ing was held at 417 Market street, Cam-Details of the proceedings brought p before the Public Service Commission

were not asked for.

A 15-page report of the company for the last year was put in the hands of each stockholder. The only dissatisfac-tion expressed at this report was by Dr. Mary Snyder.

The only stockholder to object to the

resolution, that the future deals and trans-actions of the board of directors be un-qualifiedly approved, was George H. Stevenson.

"The board may do things of which we will never hear," he protested," and of which we might not approve. Why should we approve now of things that are done in the future and which we may no live?

"In the past we have always been fortunate in having the entire confidence of the stockholders," said President McCall. "I will put the matter to a vote. All in

favor will so signify." There was a chorus of approval. "All opposed, say no," continu

McCall. "No," shouted Mr. Stevenson. It was reported that there was an in rease in the last year of 9350 consumers The gross earnings were \$8,777,924.40

The net earnings, minus taxes, etc., were \$2,414,550.84. After the dividend of 7 percent, was paid there was a surplus account of \$840,239.44, making a total sur-

plus account of \$2,311,386.58.

The following board of directors was reelected: Jereminh J. Sullivan, Charles E.
Ingersoll, J. R. McAllister, John T. Windrim, Sidney F. Tyler, Joseph B. McCall,
W. H. Johnson, A. V. R. Coe and Martin
V. Bergen.

Woman Who Cut Her Throat Dies A woman said to have been Mrs. Julis Brandywine street, died today at the ann Hospital. Police were unable to identify the woman positively as Mrs. Hummell. She was also known as Mrs. Julia Cresson. The body was sent to the

## Register Today!

Those not registered for the primary election may do so, in division polling places, between the hours of 7 a. m. and 10 a. m., and between 4 p. m. and 10 p. m. Electors who voted in the last,

the mayoralty election, who have not moved, or who do not desire to change their party enrolment, need appear at the registration booths today.

Voters, otherwise qualified, who moved from one division to another before March 16, may qualify and register for the new divisions to-

Members of one party, who, in changed their the last election, changed their party status by voting for a ma-jority of the candidates of another party, may change their party en-

According to their party enrolment, electors will receive party ballots on primary day, May 16.

Those not enrolled for the primary may vote only for candidates for the judiciary.

## PHILLIES OPEN SEASON WITH **NEW YORKERS**

Weather Man Gives Fans of Quaker City Great Baseball Day

ALEXANDER TO PITCH

Favorable Weather for Opening Game, Says Bliss

Director Bliss, of the Weather Bureau, promises almost ideal base-ball weather for today's game, except that it could be a little warmer. The official thermometer on top of the Federal Building will register 65 degrees, according to his predictions, and the day will be fair. This, with yesterday's warm temperature to add a crispness to the ground, should please all dev-otees of the sport.

By ROBERT W. MAXWELL

The weather man has come through with the proper dope, the sky promises to remain intact without cracking in a moist and vulnerable spot and the stage is set for the first act of the 1916 baseball season at Broad and Huntingdon streets this afternoon.

The rain last night caused considerable worry among the fans, but the playground was not injured. A corps of workmen worked all morning rolling the diamond, and then to prove that everything was O. K. the Phils went through a snappy

practice before they went to lunch Indications point to a record-breaking crowd for an opening game. All of the re-served seats have been sold and the fair weather will bring out the bleacherites in ruge flocks. Early this morning the cash ustomers put in an appearance, and by seon a long line had formed. At 1 c'clock, when the gates were thrown open, there was a rush for the select seats in the sun, and the audience, wearing overcoats and heavy clothing, settled down to enjoy a two hours' wait. The band entertained

with stirring melodies.

The Giants loiled about the hotel this norning resting up for the struggle. The slayers, with the exception of Lobert, are in excellent condition and confident of winning the first game. Lobert's loss, however, will be keenly felt, as he is suffering from a wrenched knee and probably will be out of the game for a week

Benny Kauff is anxiously awaiting the bening gun. It is his first appearance in big-league contest and he is eager to

nake good.

. I am not at all nervous," he said at the Majestic this morning. "I feel a trific timid, however, but that usually is the case with all ball players on the open-ing day. I am going to do my best and

ing day. I am going to do my best and hope to prove that I am as good as they say I am.

"What do I think of Alexander? I never have seen him work, but if he gets them anywhere near the plate I will keep the outfielders busy. Too bad the right-field fence is so high. You know, I hit them on a line, and the only chance to get the ball over is to knock the fence down.

"I will wath, Cayath closely and see if "I will watch Cravath closely and see if I can determine how he happened to make so many home runs last year. He must

be a great batter."
With the National League pennant floating proudly to the breeze and the patriotic orators spilling language all ove the place, the opening ceremonies were

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## BRITISH NOTE SAYS 38 TAKEN ON CHINA WERE PLOTTERS OF REVOLT

Reply to American Protest Asserts Prisoners Were Engineering Uprising in India

SHANGHAI THEIR BASE

WASHINGTON, April 12. Great Britain contends that the removal of 38 Germans, Austrians and Turks from the American steamship China by the British cruiser Laurentic in Chinese aters on February 18 was legal, because those persons were engaged in piotting against the British Government. Both the American protest in this case and the British reply, which was written by Sir Edward Grey, British Secretary of State for Foreign Affairs, were given out for publication by the State Department today.

The British reply states that the Ger-ian residents of Shanghai, China, plotter to ship arms and ammunition to India to aid a revolution against the British there. The plot was discovered and several arrested, the note charges. Others in the plot, the note says, were to go to Manila to carry on the work there. The 38 perons taken off the China were all alleged to be on their way to Manila to plot against the British Government.

MAY REJECT ANSWER.

While no official announcement was made, State Department officials made it plain that they do not believe this Government will accept the British position They believe that another note will be sent to Great Britain at once, demanding posi-tive proof that the 3s persons taken from the China were actually engaged in piot-ting against the British Government. It this proof is not forthcoming it is thought here the release of the 38 persons again will be demanded by this Government.

The British note says in part:
"The present war has shown that the
belligerent activities of the enemies of
this country are by no means confined to
the actual theatres of military and naval operations and that there is no limit to the methods by which Germany in par-ticular seeks to secure a victory for her arms. The hostile efforts of the enemy have shown and continue to show them-selves on neutral soil in many parts of the world in political intrigues, revolu-tionary plots schemes for attacking the sea-borne trade of this country and her allies, endeavors to facilitate the opera-tions of whips senged in this task and allies, endeavors to facilitate the opera-tions of ships engaged in this task, and in criminal enterprises of different kinds directed against the property of neutrals and belligered; allike. War has in effect been extende; far beyond the bounds of the area in which opposing armies maneuver, and an unscrupulous belliger-ent may inflict the deadliest blows on

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## QUICK NEWS

RAIN IN BOSTON; GAME MAY BE CALLED OFF

BOSTON, Mass., April 12,-The weatherman made the first error of the season today when, despite his protests that there would be nothing but sunshine for the opening game, the rain began to fall early this morning and at noon turned into a veritable downpour. It was still raining at 2 o'clock

#### TWO ACCUSED OF SELLING "DOPE" TO GIRLS

HARRISBURG, April 12 .- Charged with supplying opium and morphine to young girls, Donald Bricker and Ray Alexander, each 24 years old, were arrested by the city police in connection with the Federal authorities. Federal agents have been drawing a net around a group of "dope" sellers for several months and other arrests are expected which may include several doctors and druggists.

#### BRUMBAUGH REAPPOINTS BUREAU CHIEFS

HARRISBURG, Pa., April 12. - Governor Brumbaugh this afternoon reappointed James E. Roderick Chief of the State Bureau of Mines and N. R. Buller, Commissioner of State Fisheries,

#### NEW BRITISH STEAMSHIP TORPEDOED

LONDON, April 12 .- The new 3497 ton British stramship benator of Whitby has been sunk by a German submarine. The crew was saved.

#### GERMANS REPULSE SLAV ATTACK

BERLIN, April 12 .- A Russian night attack in the region of Garbanowka was repulsed, the War Office announced this atternoon,

#### SENATE CALLS FOR "UNPREPARED" NAVY REPORT

WASHINGTON, April 12 .- The Senate today adopted a resolution by Senator Lodge, of Massachusetts, directing Secretary of the Navy Daniels to deliver to it reports of the navy general board, dated August 3, 1914, and of Admiral Fiske, dated November 9, 1914, warning of the unprepared condition e-

## URGES BRIDGE, NOT TUNNEL, FROM CITY TO CAMDEN

A resolution favoring expenditure of moneys at present for a bridge and not for a tunnel to connect this city and Camden was adopted today at a meeting of the Delaware River Bridge and Tunnel Commission at the office of the chairman, Samuel P. French, 305 Market street, Camden.

"The sentiment of the people of Camden and Philadelphia favors a bridge because it is the most economical," said Mr. French. Messrs. French, Griscom Morgan, Usinger, Cowperthwaite, Walton, Burroughs, Barlow and Pfeiffed were appointed to committees to take charge of the work. The commi Philadelphia's Councilmanic committee this week or next week.

## KNOX AND WALLING FILE NOMINATION PAPERS

HARRISBURG, Pa., April 12.-Nominating papers were filed today by Philinder C. Knox as a candidate for United States Senator on the Republican ticket. Justice Emory A. Walling filed papers for nomination as candidate for the State Supreme Court.

## SUIT FOR \$925,000 MIDVALE SALE COMMISSION

Suit to obtain a commission of \$925,000 for the sale of the Coatesville Rolling Mills and steel plant of Worth Brothers to the Midvale Steel and Ordnance Company was brought this afternoon by Edward B. Smith & Co., of this city. against William P. Worth and J. Sharpless Worth, before Judge Finletter in Court of Common Pleas No. 4 The sale of the properties was consummated in October, 1915, and the price, it is said, was \$18,500,000.

## FORMER GOVERNOR PENNYPACKER GOES TO HOSPITAL

Former Governor Samuel W. Pennypacker is a patient in the Pennsylvania Hospital suffering from a general breakdown. He is being attended by his physician, Dr. James Tyson, 1506 Spruce street. Doctor Tyson said today the former Governor's condition is not serious.

## FIVE MINISTERS NOW OUT OF GREEK CABINET

ATHENS (via Rome), April 12. In addition to M. Dragoumis four other Cabinet Ministers have resigned. Their successors are not to be members of Parliament, but are to be appointed by the King as a makeshift, with the object of averting a ministerial crisis, which would-make M. Venizeloa' return to power inevitable.

## 150,000 DEATHS FROM STARVATION IN ALBANIA

PARIS, April 12.-William Howard, of New York, secretary of the Albanian Relief Commission, who has just left Paris on his way to the United States from Albania, said that 150,000 had died of starvation in Albania in the last 18 months and that 500,000 more were likely to die before normal conditions were restored. The famine is due to crop failure, he said. Typhus threatens to become an epidemic. . .

## CRISIS IN SWEDISH CABINET AVERTED

STOCKHOLM, April 12.-The threatened Cabinet crisis over the year trade bill has been averted by an agreement which was accepted by all the pg\_rties after a consultation with the Cabinet. The firm attitude of the Liberals and Socialists compelled the Government considerably to modify the bill, which will be read tomorrow. The original bill sought to give the Government arbitrary rights beyond parliamentary control regarding all arrangements for for eign trade and the transit of foreign goods through Sweden.

## GERMAN "WAR BABY" PAYS 30 PER, CENT.

BERLIN, April 12.—The German Arms and Munitions Company, one of the ading "war babies," has declared a dividend of 30 per cynt,, as against 20 per cent. last year. The increase was declared despite the new war profits legislation. The company manufactures small arms and cartridges.

## EIGHT AERO BATTLES FOUGHT OVER BRITISH LINES

LONDON, April 12 .- "Grenade fighting in the cry.ters east of St. Eloi has continued with varying fortune," says the British official statement issued last night. We hold three craters, but not the other two. During eight air flights our machines drove down one of the enemy without syffering any loss, but one of our aeroplanes was brought down by gunfire."

## SWISS SOON WILL GET GERMAN HOWITZERS

BERLIN, April 12.—An instalment of A5 centimetre 6-inch howitzers ordered in Germany will soon arrive in Switzerlayld, according to the Zurich Post, saye, the Overseas Agency. "The newspaper, comments on the fact that German industry not only is able to meet the enormous wants of the German army, but also to supply neutrals."

## BIGGEST SUBMARINE TURNED OVER TO U. S.

BOSTON, April 12.—The largest submarine in the United States mays, the i-1, the first of the series of seven of that type, has been turned over to the commander of the Charleston Navy Yard. The vessel is 170 feet over all, and instead of the usual rounded Fow of previous models, has an ordinary ship's box, which is expected to add materially to her speed. Her equipment includes for torpedo tubes. She will be propelled by oil-burning engines. The six other books of the L-1 type will be ready for delivery busine July 1.