Germany made her great blunder at the outset of the war, a blunder that has been twice repeated-once by Germany and once by the Allies. Winston Spencer Churchill, formerly First Lord of the British Admiralty. shows that if Germany had never built a single dreadnought, the control of the British navy could not have been more effective than it is. Read "The War by Land and Sea" in this week's issue of

BUSINESS MEN TO ASK GAS RATE REDUCTION

Want City to Appoint Commission to Investigate Cost of Making and Distribution

The Public Service Commission will be asked, in all probability, to hear the proposal that Philadelphia's gas rates be reduced. Edward A. Noppel, vice president and chairman of the board of directors of the United Business Men's Association, made this statement when the board adjourned after a meeting yesterday.

The directors recommend that at its first meeting of the fall, to be held Thursday evening in the Bingham Hotel, the association should take up the request of the North Philadelphia Business Men's Association that the city create a commission to study the cost of producing and distributing gas here, with a view to lowering the rate of \$1 per 1000 feet without diminishing the revenue of twenty cents per 1000 feet received by the city. The recommending resolution contained a provino that the city's twenty cents should not be disturbed. The directors recommend that at its first

The directors were reported to be at a loss to know how the United Gas Improvement Company could be compelled to lower its rates, inasmuch as it has a contract with the city running until 1927. Data will be obtained as to the cost of productions and manufacturing as in other cities. will be obtained as to the cost of produc-ing and manufacturing gas in other cities. It was pointed out that no reliable in-formation as to the profits of the United Gas Improvement Company can be obtained, because in its reports the company lumps figures from cities all over the United States.

"The directors felt," said Mr. Noppel, "that the cost of manufacturing gas had decreased in recent years and that the profits had been augmented by a greater utilization of waste products."

Louis J. Suess, chairman of the association's committee on municipal affairs, said that the resolution of the North Philadelphia Association would be presented Thursday night, but that no recommendation would be made, as no facts upon which to base one had been obtained.

The North Philadelphia Association has asked the seveny-two other local hodies in Philadelphia, as well as the United Asso-ciation, to support the resolution.

WOMEN HAVE INNING

Aerial Stunts Feature of Ladies' Day-Farmers Gather Tomorrow

TRENTON, N. J., Sept. 26. — Today is "Ladies" Day" at the Interstate Pair, and thousands of women and girls from all walks of life are attending the exposition. The men also are here, but the women could outvote them if a poil were taken. Tomocrow will be "Parmers" Day," when the rural districts of New York, New Jersey and Pennsylvania will be represented. The thrillers today were the wonderful

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The thrillors today were the wonderful exhibitions given in the air by the aviators, Joseph Richter, of New York, and Lawrence Brown, of Los Angeles. Richter raced around the track for two and a balf miles with an automobile and flow so low that it looked at times as if he would collide with the grandstand.

Brown, who is only twenty-one years old, has been flying for nearly three years. He ascended in his biplane for a distance of

has been flying for fically three years, he ascended in his biplane for a distance of more than five thousand feet and then began a descent in corkecew fashion. When near the earth he started up his engine and sailed upward again. Jean Domenjos, a Swiss flyer with plenty of nerve, arrived today and the three airships will do stunts for the remainder of the week.

The vaudeville attractions are good. Miss Mayo, placed in a steel cage, is loaded into a cannon and fired into a tank of water. One of the attractions is the quick draping of one of the diving girls over a wet bathing suit by an artist from a local department store. The Boy Scouts give excellent drills and rescue a family from a burning building.

The auto show under the grandstand is attracting thousands of persons daily.

FRANCE TO BUY DRESSES HERE Milliners Also Will Send Agent Here

for Materials

Dr. C. W. A. Vedits, commercial attache in Paris of the Department of Commerce and Labor, has not fied the Foreign Trade Bureau of the Fhiladelphia Chamber of Commerce that Louis de Glaferri is coming to Philadelphia in the interests of a group of French dressmakers, milliners and furriers to purchase large quantities of dress materials, notions and trimmings. aterials, notions and trimmings.

The Foreign Trade Bureau has also been informed that Edwin W. Thompson, The Hague; Dr. Albert Hale, Buenos Aires; Julian Arnoid, Pekin, all official attaches of the United States Embassies, will be in Philadelphia the week of October 3 to give advice to exporters.

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Than Ever Before

LANCASTER, Sept. 28.—Lancaster County's big agricultural fair, with the greatest number and variety of exhibits of any fair ever held here, was formally opened today by Governor Braumbaugh. The Governor and his party were received by the management and escorted over the grounds in automobiles, and the Governor declared it the greatest display of farming machinery he had ever seen. he had ever men.

he had ever seen.

The party remained just twenty-five minutes, the Governor making a two-minute address from his automobile. He said he was touring to see the agricultural features of the State and the highways. It was felt at Harrisburg that the improvement of the State highways stood for the greater development of the agricultural interests. He was glad to visit Lancaster County and witness the prosperity of its people, so much loved by him.

BUSINESS PROPERTIES LEASED Guilford Firm Acquires West Philadel-

phia and Market Street Stores

Leases of the properties at 1305 Market street and 3647 Woodland avenue have been taken by the Guilford haberdashery firm, to accommodate an increasing busi-

The Woodland avenue store, adjoining the University of Pennsylvania, was the fifth establishment opened by the firm in Philadelphia. The place at 1305 Market street, which will be opened about Nevember 15, when the present tenant leaves, will be the sixth Guilford store in the city.

SEES 80,000 FOR WILSON HERE

Democratic City Committee's Chairman Receives Reports

Reports of normal registration in every Reports of normal registration in every ward were returned last night by members of the Democratic City Committee at a meeting at the headquarters. Tenth and Walnut streets. The reports were of such a nature that Edgar W. Lank, the chairman, predicted the Wilson vote in Philadelphia would reach \$0,000 at least.

Virtually all the committeemen informed the chairman that numbers of Republicans in their respective wards had pledged themselves to vote for the re-election of the President.



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'DOPE" PROSECUTORS SEE HOPE OF VICTORY

Court Gives Jury Right to Decide on the Possession of Drugs

Hope of Federal investigators of the De artment of Justice, who have charge of drug prosecutions under the Harrison act. has been revived by the ruling of Judge Dickinson, in thei United States Circuit Court, that it is for the jury to deolde whether or not a man violates the law by having drugs in his possession.

Federal agents have tound many cases where they were virtually certain that men with drugs in their possession had them to with drugs in their possession had them to sell, but could not prove an actual sale. By a recent decision in the Federal Court they were forced to drop scores of such prosecutions because the evidence had to be complete in fact and not presumption. By Judge Dickinson's decision the jury will be allowed to judge whether or not a man arrested with drugs in his possession had them for the purpose of selling, and presumptive evidence will count toward a conviction.

The ruling was made yesterday in the case of George H. Kellerman, a saloon-keeper, at Tenth and Spring streets; his bartender, Harry Zimmerman, and Louis Senson, a negro waiter, who were charged with having falled to register with Col-lector Lederer and to pay the special tax imposed on dealers in habit-forming drugs.



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