

A squadron of forty French and British tion. es has bombarded the great Mauser

Judge Davis, in his statement today, ny the other person had any advance information as to the court's decision. The two judges themselves did not agree Continued on Page Eight. Column Four **ELECTION FRAUD CHARGES PROBED BY AGENTS OF U.S.**

es and turne on beer spigots.

squad battered down doors, destroyed bot. and personal investigation. "If the eviden ce is conclusive," said the Lieutenant

Deutschland, will repeat his trip to the United States. Replying to congratulatory admittedly will not be sufficient to prevent messages from Hamburg, his native town, Captain Koenig, according to the Hamburger Nachrichten, said he was engaged in preparing for a second journey across the Atlantic, to be begun soon.

of the city and county departments. Ther

works at Obendorf-on-Neckar, in Ger News of the raid was contained in an

cial communique given out by the French War Office today.

man aeroplanes ascended to give ba le to the raiders, and a big engagement bilowed. Six German machines were shot down.

Four tons of explosives were dropped on he Mauser works.

It is believed that extensive damage was

The official communique says:

"A group of forty French and British ators bombarded the Mauser works at andred and forty kilograms of projectiles thrown and observed to reach their ima. Four German machines were shot wa in the course of the combats which ed as a result of their defense of te works attacked."

BUMANIANS IN FLIGHT ALONG ENTIRE TRANSVLVANIA LINE, BERLIN ASSERTS

BERLIN, Oct. 13. General von Falkenhayn's troops have on a decisive victory in the Transylvanian iter of war and the whole Rumanian my is in retrest.

Dispatches received from the front today ate that both north and south of the farms Valley, on the northern end of the lattle front, the Rumanians are failing back to Rumanian territory, hotly pursued by the Austro-Germans.

On the center, between Vulcan pass and Foguris sector, the Rumanians tried to an the Teutonic advance with counterks, but were beaten back.

In the Orsova sector the Germans are az desperately to force the Rumanians a of Hungarian territory.

Fowerful Rumanian reinforcements have acted the front during the last two days, that frauds of past years were to be re-that is evident that King Ferdinand is peated. upon his reserves. Heavy Runstan ments are also pouring into

British and Serbian attacks in Macedonia

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For Philadelphia and vicinity—Un-tiled tonight, with probably some ht roin; Saturday partly cloudy and abily cooler; fresh southerly winds, g westerly

LENGTH OF DAY 195 s.m. Moon rises. 125 p.m. 195 s.m. Mass souths 115 c.m. Mamilia utit ihit an

Alleged Conspiracies in Pennsylvania and Several **Other States**

POLITICIANS ACCUSED

WASHINGTON, Oct. 13 .- Charges of widespread election fraud conspiracies Cincinnati, Cleveland and Columbus, O. ; Detroit and other Michigan cities; several Indiana cities, including Indianapolis and Terre Haute, and in Pennsylvania, West

Virginia and Colorado, are under investigation today by the Department of Justice. The department hopes to dispose of the cases before the election.

Bribery, illegal registration, colonization and proposed filegal voting at the November election are included in the charges. The department has been informed it is planned to take voters from one State to another to use them in elections.

Charges made to the department, it was admitted, have been on excellent authority. In many cases they were made by voters' leagues and citizens' associations. In some instances, it is understood, direct charges were made that certain political organizations have planned frauds; in other cases

Election frauda cases in Denver, Col.; Pennsylvania and West Virginia, it was said, concern old cases. The Denver in-vestigation has to do with the Colorado Puel and Iron Company investigation of several months ago. The West Virginia investi-gation is a continuation of a general probe into West Virginia which has already fig-

ared in the State courts. The Pennsylvania investigation involves alleged campaign contributions by liquer interests, which attracted widespread at-tention several months ago. These last cases are understood to be about ready for trial.

Driver of Death Truck Held

Walter Street, of 4634 Linmore street, negro who was driving the motortruthe negro who was and killed Catherine G sine years old, and her brother. Wi fr. six years old, of 481 Laird stree wholes is at Forty-seventh street and using agenue, was hald without half is

WRECKED WARSHIP'S CAPTAIN FACES NAVAL COURT-MARTIAL Probers of Disaster Off Dominican Const to Report Soon WASHINGTON, Oct. 18 .- The courtmartial of Captain Edward L. Beach, commanding the cruiser Memphis, and at least two other officers aboard the ill-starred craft that went to pieces off the Dominican coast last August, was predicted at the Navy Department today as the inevitable utcome of the inquiry now nearing com pletion. For more than a month a board of officers, headed by Captain John Hood, of the Naval War College, has been investi gating the disaster. The board went first to Dominican waters and after examining

the wrecked cruiser returned to the Norfolk Navy Yard to complete its deliberations. With the examination at Norfolk of those members of the crew of the Memphis who have been recovering from injuries received when the ship was beaten to pleces.

TWO TO BE TRIED FOR MURDER

Camden Jail-Breakers Will Have Separate Arraignments

George E. Thompson, the Camden County jall-breaker, will be tried October 26 for the murder of Jall Keeper Isaac Hibbs and

the shooting of Keeper Joseph Elits. His attorney will be Joseph Deck Tyler Instead of William C. Matthews and William Lewis, the negro lawyers of Boston. Attorney Tyler was appointed his counsel by Judge Garrison, of the Superior Court, this

Judge Garrison, of the Superior Court, this morning, when Thompson fold the Judge that he did not have the money to engage the Boston lawyers. Thompson said he in-tended to retain the lawyers with borrowed money, but that he could not borrow. Wilson Ashbridge, who escaped the jail with Thompson, will be tried October 24 for the murder of Elizabeth Dunbar, for which crime he was in Jail when he and Thompson escaped. He is charged with shooting the foung woman January is when he met her at Ninth and Market streets, Camden.

Guardsmans' Body Home

The body of Private Joseph A. Burchill, of Troop G. who was thrown from his horse in El Paso and killed last Sunday, arrived in Broad Street Station this morning. Burch-ill's home is at 1139 Brown street. Com-plete arrangements for the funeral have not yet been completed, but it is understood that the services will be held Saturday or Monday.

Monday. Puneral services for the young guards-man will be held at the Church of the As-sumption, Tweifth and Spring Garden street. Interment will be made in the New Cathedral Cemetery.

Shipwrock Survivors Reach Galvest

GALVESTON, Tex. Oct. 12.—The Mor gan liner El Rio arrived here today from New York with Captain Johnson and seve mean of the chooses 7. W. Dunn which was wrecked in a storm while bound from Nar

"I assure you I will back the patrol wagon up to every such place and raid it, and I will have the support of Lirector Wilson

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SUBMARINE SEEN **200 MILES FROM NEW YORK COAST**

Allies Hear Several Flotillas Will Leave German Waters

AFTER MUNITIONS SHIPS

BOSTON, Oct. 13 .- The steamship Bovic reported by wireless today that she had sighted a submarine 200 miles east of New York. Its nationality was not known, nor was the course of the submersible reported.

The Bovic, which sailed from Manchester, England, is due to arrive at New York late today or tomorrow.

NEW YORK, Oct. 13 .- Officials at the Brooklyn Navy Yard said today that no United States submarines are known to be in the vicinity of the spot where the Bovic reported seeing an undersa boat.

WASHINGTON, Oct. 13.-British naval authorities are preparing for a series of German submarine raids on this side of the Atlantic. It was learned in diplomati circles today that information has reached both England and France that several flotillas of submarines will leave German waters abortly, headed for this side to make an organized attempt to halt and sink muni tions and supply ships. These vesnels will operate in twos and threes to meet the prob lem growing out of the fact that hereafter all Angle-French merchantmen will be armed "for defense." In order to meet the problem, it is ex-

ected here that certain freight and munitions will be diverted from ports south of Hone will be diverted from ports sound of Nantucket. A safe refuge will be provided for cargo ships, probably by neiting the Bay of Fundy and St. John's harbor, while a general plan of naval convoy such as now is in force off northern Sociand and the Irish coast will be made effective.

FEELING OF ANXIETY

It is realization of these probable davel opments that has caused the grave feeling of anxisty in Administration circles. There is no doubt that the line between orginal warthers as coundered legal by the United lintes, and subwarths practices which have

EVERY YOUNG BRITISH MUST SERVE COUNTRY

LONDON, Oct. 13 .- uhe Man-Power Distribution Board has decided that every young man in the country must be definitely placed in the national service, the Times stated today.

DELEGATION TO URGE SALE OF DANISH ISLANDS -

SAN JUAN, Porto Rico, Oct. 13 .- A delegation of six from the Danish West Indies Islands left here today for Denmark by way of New York to urge the sale of the islands to the United States.

CARRANZA'S FRIENDS DESERTING HIM, SAYS REPORT

WASHINGTON, Oct. 13 .- Extremely disquieting reports from Mexico reached this city today from half a dozen sources. They indicate that General Carranza finally has alienated virtually all of his former loyal military supporters. His elimination as a factor in Mexican affairs is declared absolutely to be certain before the first of the year.

CLOUDBURST SPREADS HAVOC IN WEST SCOTLAND

LONDON, Oct. 13 .- Rail and wire communication throughout western Scotland is severely crippled today as the result of a cloudburst. Five inches of rain fell within twelve hours. Railroads and bridges were washed away and extensive damage done to crops.

NOTED ALMANAC FORECASTER DEAD

ST. LOUIS, Oct. 13 .- The Rev. Irl H. Hicks, seventy-one, editor and publisher of the almanac bearing his name and widely known for his weather predictions, died here today of pneumonia. Doctor Hicks is said to have forecast many storm disasters of recent years.

FIRE CAUSES \$200,000 LOSS AT MCKEES ROCKS

PITTSBURGH, Oct. 13 .- Fire today destroyed the pattern shop and coach and cab departments of the Pittsburgh and Lake Erie Company, at McKees Rocks, causing damage estimated at \$200,000.

NEW YORK REGISTRATION EXCEEDS PAST FIGURES

NEW YORK, Oct. 13 .- When the registration places closed last night 452,039 voters had qualified. This is an increase of \$3,130 from the four-day totals last year and 70,000 from the first two days' registration in 1912.

\$60,000.000 MUNITIONS ORDER RECEIVED IN CANADA

OTTAWA, Oct. 13.-According to figures made public by the Imperial Munition Board, an order for munitions to the value of \$60,000,000 has just been received and contracts for that amount are to be placed. This makes the total munition orders placed in Canada since the outbreak of the war amount to \$550,000,000. Since the first of the year orders have been received amounting in value to \$185,000,000.

CONTRACTOR EDWIN H. VARE FINED \$699

The contracting firm of Senator Edwin H. Vare was today penalized \$699 by Director Datesman, of the Department of Public Works, for failure to live up to its contract for street cleaning and the removal of ashes and rubbish during the month of September. The total of fines imposed on all contractors was \$1775.50.

BLACKLIST REPLY DUE "WITHIN A FEW DAYS"

WASHINGTON. Oct. 13. - Information has reached the State Department rough official channels that the British reply to the protest of the United States mainst the blacklisting of American citizens and firms may be expected "within a few days."

U. S. SPENDS \$170,000,000 ON CHEWING GUM AND CANDY

WASHINGTON, Oct. 13.—According to the Census Bureau report there is \$10,425,000 invested in the business of manufacturing chawing gum in the United States, the wages amount to \$2,545,000 a year and the products are valued at \$17,455,000. The production of candy has year was valued at \$155,555,000, the persons paged in the business numbered 45,705 and the capital invested was \$56,545,000.

a tax rate increase of ap five cents on the present \$1 rate on realty.

> AN EQUITABLE RATE With only small relief in sight for the next twelve months, the municipal financlers, realizing that the rapidly increasing cost of maintaining and operating the city government will bring additional tax bur dens, if new sources of revenue are not quickly provided for, have turned their at tention almost exclusively to the subject of realty taxation along more equitable lines than exist under the present system of assesament and revision. Mayor Smith has been assured that in an equalization of realty assessments lies his way out of pres ent financial difficulties.

The need for more revenues from o source or another has been brought home most forcibly to the Mayor's mind by the demands of city and county departments for a grand total of \$43,846,975.75 for 1917 as compared with the estimated \$35,000,000 allowed for the present year. During 1816 Councils was forced to borrow approx mately \$5,000,000 to meet deficits in current revenues to cover current expenses It is probable that this sum will be au mented by a \$600,000 temporary loan is November to pay bills until the end of the

year. EVEN HIGHER IN 1918

Facing these facts and figures the Mayer and his financial advisers believe that in 1918 the demands and needs of departments and bureaus will be even higher then for 1917, and in view of this crisis inmunifinances, the project of equalizing and re-vising upward realty assessments is one that has recommended itself most forcibly to the men natructed with the care of clip government

The equalization plan, which is based on sales prices in certain localities and wi does away with the present happy method of assesing vacant lots and allowing their assessments to stand from year. year while realty on all sides is va hanced in value by improvements in the nature of modern business structures and homes, will likely meet with opposition a the hands of interested realty o Hence the proposal to revise existing a ments has been kept in the backgroup may not be publicly advocated until the eral question of increasing the tax rat taken up next month.

BANK'S SUGGESTION In an official publication the Corn hange National Bank strongton and quitable assessment of resity, and ank authorities excitend that by bank authorities contend that method \$7.000,009 annually could to municipal revenues to be apple rent expenses. This figure municip clars consider much too conserv their plane call for holding seen the Board of Revision effective or all discrepancies be ad sales prices, much