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# FRENCH TROOPS **DRIVE FORWARD** TOWARD VAUX

Gain New Ground in Encircling Movement on Verdun Front

GUNS IN GREAT DUEL

Russo-Rumanians Continue to Retire, but Resist Stubbornly

PARIS, Oct. 17. The French drive against Fort Vaux, portheast of Verdun, has made further

The French fines both west and south of the fort were advanced in fighting last night, the War Office announced in its comunique today. One hundred German priseners were takens

While the French infantry was pressing ward in an encircling movement against German position at Fort Vaux, Geras guns were pounding away against Douaumont-Chenois wood line: It was m fire of the heaviest type, but no wa violent was the barrage cannonade of he French guns.

As the French soldiers pressed forward their assaults, the French batteries red out a ceaseless rain of shells in front them. The bombardment wrecked the nan trenches and scattered reserves that tried to reach the front.

It has now developed that Douaumont Fort was set on fire by a German shell and that it was still burning when the French

The situation on the Somme front is un-

## BUSSO-RUMANIAN TROOPS EVACUATING DOBRUDJA IN QUICK RETREAT NORTHWARD

Engineers in the army of Field Marshal n Mackensen in Dobrudja have already in to repair the great Danube bridge at Cernavode, which was blown up by the eating Rumanians. Advices from Sofia ay state that huge supplies of building als had been carried along by von fackensen's army, for it was accepted as a conclusion that the Rumanians suld try to destroy the Cernavoda bridge they were driven from their bridgehead

Rumanian artillery on the western bank of the river is shelling the German bridge ers, but it is being taken under the e of the heavy German guns which are pidly being placed in position around the kirts of Cernavoda.

ces in northern Dobrudja continues. Since the invasion of Dobrudja von Mackin's army has advanced eighty miles into Rumanian territory.

pursuit of the retreating Russian

Fleeing Russo-Rumanian forces she evacating practically all Dobrudja, said an ficial statement from the Bulgarian War fice today. The statement said:

On the whole front, the enemy is re-treating precipitately toward Tulcea, Braila and Harsova, pursued by our force. Wednesday's captures included afteen officers, 771 men and fifteen ma-

chine guns. (Tulces lies seventy miles north of Conus, on the southern arm of the Danube ad a few miles from the Russian frontier. illa lies about seventy miles north of navoda, on the Danube and Harsova, bout twenty-five miles northwest of Cer-aveda, on the Danube.)

King Ferdinand dispatched personal a is to the rulers of Allied nations to save ania from disaster after the fall of stanza, according to Budapest dis-

messages were sent following a my session of the Rumanian Cabinet. an military leaders were said to 1915. ve been harshly criticized by several of inisters, but supported by the king. declared the Rumanian defeat was due the fact that Russia had failed to supply artillery and munitions she had prom-

ferman military men expect an early demonstration by the Allies, probably on the stalian and Macedonian fronts, in reto King Ferdinand's appeal. Bese the Ailled armies lack sufficient muions for great offensives on these fronts, attacks are expected to be short-lived directed largely for the purpose of traging the disheartened Rumanians.

BUSSO-RUMANIANS OFFER STUBBORN RESISTANCE AS THEY RETREAT FROM DOBRUDJA

PETROGRAD, Oct. 27. e advance, the Russp-Russanians in brudja are retiring northward toward liarsova-Casapchioi line (thirty miles

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## THE WEATHER

FORECAST Philadelphia and vicinity-Fair d and Saturday; not much change mperature; moderate southerly becoming westerly.

GTH OF DAY 5:01 p.m. Moon muths 12:22 p.m.





MISS VIRGINIA MACKAY-SMITH CAPTAIN BOY-ED

## U. S. CENSOR IS BLAMED FOR SPOILING ROMANCE OF MISS MACKAY-SMITH

Intercepts Kaiser's Permission to Captain Boy-Ed to Marry Daughter of Late Bishop of Pennsylvania

CAPITAL WAITED E V E N T

The mystery, which for more than a year has enshrouded the manifold reports of the engagement of Captain Boy-Ed, recalled naval attache to the Imperial German Embassy at Washington, to Miss Virgini Mackay-Smith, formerly of Philadelphia, and daughter of the late Bishop Alexander Mackay-Smith, of the Diocese of Pennsyl vania, was solved today.

The marriage, it is declared, was blocked COURT CAN'T ISSUE by the overzealousness of an American naval officer, acting as censor at the Sayville wireless station. A letter from Berlin which escaped the German and British censors and the contents of which were imparted today gives the following explanation, based upon the story of one of Captain Boy-Ed's closest friends:

Immediately after the Captain had obtained Miss Mackay-Smith's affirmative answer to his proposal of marriage he filed. through Ambassador Bernstorff, the customary request for the Kaiser's permission a mere formality, but an iron-clad tradition In the German army and navy. Owing to the difficulties the Germany embassy has been experiencing mace the outbreak of the war with regard to direct, confidential cable connection, and Captain Boy-Ed's request being a strictly personal matter, pains were taken for its careful, confidential transmission through a medium known only to the embassy officials. The Foreign Office was requested however, to convey the Kaiser's decision by wireless. This was early in

EVEN DATE SET Confident that the Imperial Dan Cupid's answer would be prompt and affirmative, Captain Boy-Ed and his bride-to-be began planning. It is said that even the date

was not. Meanwhile there developed the series of "plot" sensations involving the German naval attache and his confrere, Captain von Papen, and culminating in the demand by the American Government for their recall. For Captain Boy-Ed there followed months of agony. He was in the most painfully em- taken. barrassing position with regard to his mat-

rimonial project. Mysterious whisperings made the rounds of Washington society and gossip revelled in the noncommittal replies emanating from the captain and his American bride-

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### HUNDREDS SEE STRANGER DIE Young Man Leaps From Ferryboat Into the Delaware

A well-dressed young man committed sui-cide today by leaping from the ferryboat Wenonah into the Delaware River in full view of hundreds of persons. He swam

The Wenonah was about 100 feet out from her Philadelphia slip when passengers noticed the young man climbing over the iron gate at the stern. He jumped into the water before he could be restrained and water before he bould be restrained and swam away from the boat. The craft was stopped and the Wenenah's engineer sig-naled the ferryboat Bridgeton, which made for the epot where the man was struggling. He sauk before the boat reached him.

## TWO TEUTON, ONE TWO BIG FIRMS **BRITISH WARSHIP** SUNK IN BATTLE

Missing in Channel Fight

TRANSPORT QUEEN LOST NEW YORKERS ALSO HELP

German Flotilla in Attack on Troopcraft Is Driven

Off

LONDON, Oct. 27. The first open sea fight since the Jutland battle was fought in the English Channel last night between German and British 'mosquito flotiflas," when ten German destroyers, bent upon raising havoc among the British cross-channel service and troop transports, were engaged by British destroyers. A spectacular running battle ensued, the result of which, according to preliminary reports issued today by the Admiralty, were as follows:

German losses-Two destroyers sunk

British Iosses-Destroyer Flirt missing Nine men saved; destroyer Nubian disabled and later sunk while being towed in transport Queen, carrying no troops, sunk. Crew saved.

The raid was the first attempted by German naval forces in such strength since the outbreak of the war. It was designed primarily, it is believed, to hinder the moving of British reinforcements to the Somme front,

The channel was swept by a violent storm and the sea was high while the engagement was fought. The destroyer Nubian, Commander Montague Barnard, was disabled and listed heavily when taken into tow by a rescue vessel. So terrific was the gale, however, that the tow was cut and the destroyer subsequently sank. The fate of the Nubian's crew is not yet known.

Commander Richard T. Kellett, of the Flirt, and all except the nine rescued men, are believed to have been drowned.

The Nubian was a unit of the "F" class and the Flirt of the "C" class. The former carried a crew of seventy-one men and the latter of sixty-two. The Nubian was 280 feet long and twenty-six feet in the beam, and displaced 985 tons. She was armed with two four-inch gons and two eightceninch torpedo tubes.

The Fiirt was 215 feet long, twenty feet in the beam and displaced 380 tons. She was armed with one twelve pounder, five six-pounders and two eighteen-inch torpedo

Leper Quarantine Withdrawn

WILKES-HARRE, Pa., Oct. 27.— Dr. Samuel G. Dixon, head of the State Department of Health, has notified the health officials of this city that Joseph Norman, who has been quarantined for the last two years as a leper, is "not a very great menace to public health." The officials impossible the withdraw the yurds.

LIQUOR LICENSES

Association Bars Action

on Pleas

BODY BLOW FOR "WETS"

SALEM, N. J. Oct. 27 .- The liquor inter-

ests were dealt a body blow by Judge Wad-

dington at noon today in the Salem

existed within the borough of Pennsgrove

a camp-meeting association, as contem-

plated by the act of the New Jerney Legis-

lature of 1896, and that he could not act

upon applications for licenses in any form,

His written opinion will be filed later with

County Cierk Harris. There is joy among

the "dry" forces over the decision of the

liquor question in Pennsgrove'is settled.

court, for they feel for good and all the

Few of the persons most vitally interested.

were present when the verdict was given.

Harry H. Green, Alpine Lucas and Joseph

Giordano, the applicants, were in court and

was admitted that an appeal would be

Former Circuit Court Judge Cole pre-

sented the argument for the remonstrants

and dwell mainly upon the camp-meeting

association and held that all the require-

ments of the act of 1896 had been met by

the incorporators and that the certificate

could not be attacked and passed upon by

a Common Piesa Court, but should be

arged that Judge Waddington exercise the

greatest caution in passing upon the appli-

ation, for the character of work performed

by the men employed at the powder plants

Former Judge Hudspeth, of Hudson County, who was scheduled to make the plea

for the applicants, did not appear and At-

orneys Hilliard and Ware argued the case.

They held that no legal definition of a camp-

meeting existed and that the organization

in question was not a bons-fide association, that the act had not been compiled with, nor was the association such as the act contemplated. They also declared it was merely a body of men who voluntarily organized

est the court of its jurisdiction to

that lives were involved.

equires clear heads and steady hands and

upon by the Attorney General. He

AT PENNSGROVE

# GIVE TRADE TO **NEW SHIP LINE**

Another English Destroyer Join Fight to Prevent Throttling by British Interests

How Philadelphia Rallies To South American Line

EFFORTS of British shipping in-terests to crush new Philadelphia and South American Steamship

Line result as follows:
Two large Philadelphia exporters
declare for Philadelphia line. They
are Miller Lock Company and Enterprise Manufacturing Company. Morea-Montemayer & Co., New York commission brokers, "hope to

use new line's facilities."
Export managers of Philadelphia manufacturers meet tonight at Philadelphia Chamber of Commerce to round out tonnage for steamship Evelyn, sailing in two weeks for South America.

Herman Wright, president of new line-"Venture is a success."

Two large exporting firms today came to the front in the Philadelphia Chamber of nerce's fight to prevent British shipping interests from throttling the recently established Philadelphia and South American Steamship Company and announced that they would patronize the new line in addition to obtaining the promise of a New York brokerage agency to make use

A higher regard for the future of the port of Philadelphia than for immediate profits, according to the Foreign Trade Bureau of the Chamber, actuated the two firms, which do a large exporting business. They are: The Miller Lock Company, 4523 Tacony street

The Enterprise Manufacturing Company of Pennsylvania, hardware specialties, Third and Dauphin streets.

Both of these firms, aroused by the Chamber of Commerce's efforts to save the new steamship line from being crushed. today notified the Foreign Trade Bureau that not only are they in favor of the Philadelphia line, but that they have so successfully brought pressure to bear upor Morea-Montemayer & Co., of New York that the last-named firm today also notified the bureau that it would avail itself of the new line's facilities. The Miller and Enterprise firms have booked space on the steamship Evelyn, sailing in two weeks

as a token of their faith in the project. Pressure will be brought to bear upo other Philadipehia manufacturers at a meeting of export managers at the Chamber of Commerce tonight in an effort to round out the tonnage with Philadelphia products.

W. Ramsey, of the Miller Lock Company,

## CHAIN GROCERIES REFUSE TO BOOST **BREAD TO 6 CENTS**

Existence of Camp-Meeting Big Bakeries to Increase Loaf One Cent Next Week

CORNER BAKERS IN LINE

Virtually all the bakers of Philadelphia with the exception of the chain stores. which are said to sell a large proportion of the bread consumed in the city, will County Court when he decided that there raise prices from five to six cents a loaf next week,

The Kolb Baking Company was the first to announce the increase in an advertisement appearing in newspapers this morning, the change in price to take effect Tuesday, October 31, when all loaves retailing at five cents will be advanced to six and loaves retailed now at ten cents will be advanced to twelve.

Managers of the chain stores say the average weight of their standard loaves is fifteen to sixteen ounces, or about three ounces a loaf heavier than the average sold by other bakers of the city. They claim were disappointed at the outcome, but it they are able to sell so much more for five cents and to avoid raising their prices on account of the greater economy of their methods of distribution.

> CHAIN STORES KEEP PRICE B. C. Childs, of the Childs Grocery Com-

pany, said: "We have no intention of changing the price of our five-cent loaf. I believe there is a tomorrow coming, and it has always been my policy to play into the hands of the man who will come back and think well of us in the future."

"We will keep the five-cent loaf as long as possible, and have not given a thought to raising the price," said William M. Crowe, vice-president of the Acme Tea Company. "Of course, it is hard to tell what may develop, but we will give our ustomers the benefit of the five-cent loaf to the last minute that present conditions permit Our bread at present averages three cunces a loaf more than the bread made by the large baking firms which sell through other stores. Their costs of com-petition and distribution are avoided by

At the offices of the Bell Company it was mid: "So long as present market conditions continue nograins will be made in tread prices. Our present five-cent lond averages sixteen outcom." craged sixtent ounces.

# QUICK NEWS

REPORT OF U-BOAT'S ARRIVAL NOT VERIFIED

NEWPORT NEWS, Va., Oct. 27 .- The report on the water-frent that a submarine had passed in the Capes could not be verified by the weather observer at Cape Henry or by naval observers at Fort Monroe, The truth of the report was scouted at Cape Henry.

WASHINGTON, Oct. 27 .- Unofficial reports reached the Navy Department this afternoon that a German submarine had arrived at Norfolk, Va. The department refused to discuss the reports, but private advices from Norfolk said no submarine had been sighted in the harbor and that observers at Cape Henry had sighted none,

### PHILADELPHIA SAVINGS FUND OFFICIAL DIES

H. Daniel Kellner, for forty-five years paying teller of the Philadelphia Savings Fund Society, Seventh and Walnut streets, died at 1:30 p. m. today at his home, 1809 North Eighteenth street, after a brief illness.

### TODAY'S RACING RESULTS

First Laurel race, maiden 2-year-alds, 5 1-2 furlongs-Sea Wave, 112, Keogh, \$4.60, \$3.30, \$2.80, wen; Melting Moments, 112, Butwell, \$11.50, \$5.50, second; Mae Murray, 112, Kleeger, \$5.60, third. Time,, 1.08 1-5.

## DETECTIVES GRACE COAL CARTS



anticipation of further trouble from its striking driver-, the George B. Newton Coal Company today sent out its wagons under heavy armed guard, in some cases two men accompanying the driver.

## FRENCH LINER CHICAGO AFIRE AT SEA

NEW YORK, Oct. 27 .- Advices received here state that the French liner Chicago, with 300 passengers aboard, is on fire at seat and speeding for the Azores.

### STEAMSHIP ROWANMORE SENT TO BOTTOM BALTIMORE, Md., Oct. 27.—The steamship Rowanmore, of the Johnston Line. one of the largest vessels trading between this port and Liverpool, has been sunk.

Meager dispatches received here from London failed to give the location where the vessel was sent to the bottom. The ship registered 10,320 gross tons, was equipped with wireless and carried a crew of more than fifty men. The Rowanmore sailed from here on October 14 with a general cargo.

#### ROOSEVELT EULOGIZES ARMY OF FRANCE PARIS, Oct. 27.-Ex-President Roosevelt of the United States has written a

glowing tribute to the French soldiers. The courage of the French army, he says, excites the admiration of the whole world. The letter, which was printed here to day, says, in part: "The glory of France is greater than it ever was before. The valor and heroic devotion of her army excites the admiration of the whole world."

#### ELECTION BETS ABOUT EVEN MONEY ALL OVER COUNTRY NEW YORK, Oct. 27 .- Election betting, taking the country over, stands today

at about even money, although there is some 10-to-9 betting in favor of Hughes About \$50,000 was placed here yesterday, chiefly at even money, though some was 10 to 9, with Hughes on the long end.

#### DYNAMITERS ATTACK TROLLEY CAR IN NEW YORK NEW YORK, Oct. 27 .- Violence has been renewed in the traction strike. An

attempt was made early today to dynamite a trolley car on the Sixth avenue surface line. The car set off a percussion cap, but a stick of dynamite that was lying on the tracks failed to explode. The police say strike sympathizers put the dynamite in the street. Street cars were attacked at several places.

## TAFT ASSAILS GOMPERS FOR MISLEADING LABOR

ST. LOUIS, Oct. 27.—Former President Taft, speaking at St. Louis, accuse Samuel Compers, president of the American Federation of Labor, of mis labor with reference to the Danbury hatters' case and of shifting to the shoulder of others the responsibilities created as the result of his counsel.

#### FEDERATION DELEGATES MGTOR TO VALLEY FORGE Most of the delegates to the twenty-first annual convention of the State Federa

tion of Pennsylvania Women motored today to Valley Forge. They had services in the chapel there and then were the guests of the D. A. R. The active work closed yesterday afternoon following an Americanization meeting in the Chesinus Street Baptist Church. This was the largest convention the federation has ever held, almost twice as large as any preceding one, Mrs. Renald P. Glesson, the p

## MAN FALLS INTO BOILING PITCH; MAY LOSE HIS SIGHT

Falling into a pot of boiling pitch at the Copp Iron Works, Thirty-eventh and Filbert streets, William Hasiett, forty-one years old, 3606 Mount Vernon atreet, is expected, at the University Hospital, where he was taken, to lose his sight. Hasistrfell off a plank while wething across the boiling pitch and his face and hands went into the pot.

# **NO AMERICANS** IN VILLA PLOT. **BAKER AVERS**

War Secretary Joins Lansing in Disclaiming Political Motive in Charge

ONLY MEXICANS BLAMED

### Baker Statement to Press Alleging Anti-Wilson Plot

THE War Department has received definite information, confirmed from other sources, that enemies of the Administration's policy toward Mexico, in co-operation with Villa or other bandits in Mexico, have arranged a spectacular attack to be made either upon some part of the American forces or upon some American community on the border between now and the date of the election, for the purpose of turning the tide of sentiment against the policy which the Administration has adopted for the protection of the border. It is significant in this connection that both the State and War Departments were advised that the bandit forces operating at the present time in Mexico are being paid in silver coin.

"Full particulars have been transmitted to General Funston and General Pershing. All American forces are, therefore, forewarned and in readiness for such an attack."

WASHINGTON, Oct. 27,-Secretaries Saker and Lansing today carefully purged of all possible political significance the Secretary's startling announcement of last night concerning plotting on this side of the border to bring about conflict between this country and Mexico before November 7. Both declared that the statement had in mind Mexican plotters, not American.

"I cannot imagine any American citizen se unpatriotic, heartless and wanton as to join in such action," said the Secretary of State. "There is not the slightest political sig-

nificance in the issuing of the statement al this time." Baker added. He admitted that some of the most important information or which the statement was based reached the department only half an hour before he issued the statement yesterday afternoon, . Referring to the "enemies of the Ad

stration" phrase in his statement, Bakes "The Mexican opponents of the de facte lovernment of Mexico would be only too glad to complicate the relations between the United States and Mexico. Our information is that they think this an appropriate time to do so. The statement made by the State Department ought to discourage any such adventure on their part in that direction." When pressed for a more specific statement of the identity of conspirators on the

American side of the border, Baker said: ARE FORMER MEXICANS

"Everybody knows that a large number of men who have withdrawn from Mexico to this country are constantly aggressive against the Mexican Government. Any sympathy for the Mexican bandits from the American side of the line comes from these sources."

Referring again to the political phase of the statement, Baker said: "The only possible suggestion of a po litical purpose is to prevent the people of Mexico from creating a disturbance of a

own designs. The charge, made flatly and without explanation by the War Secretary, was followed by a supplementary statement from Secretary of State Lansing that "It was nconceivable that any American would ally himself with Mexicans to attack his own

political character in furtherance of their

countrymen." Sources close to the State Departn timated that the alleged plot was instigated by a Mexican anti-Carranas revolutionary junta, which has branches in New York. El Paso, Galveston and New Orleans. The Department of Justice, it was said, was operating to get evidence against this organization, made up of Mexican refugee politicians, and until that evidence was complete, nothing more could be said.

HAS BOMBSHELL EFFECT The accusation has had the effect of a ombehell on the national political situa tion. The peculiar nature of the original Haker charge bitterly angered Republican leaders here, and they immediately got into touch with their headquarters in New York. It already is certain that the Republican leaders will demand that Secretary Baker prove his case. The charge, made only eleven days before election, is falt by the Republicank to be directed against them. and it was emphatically asserted today that they will immediately force the issue. If Secretary Baker has specific facts he will probably be forced to produce at least some of them or become the object of an on the ground that he made his charge entirely for political effect.

One thing the Baker statement indicate is that Francisco Villa is considered set a factor. Up to the present all officination have taken the position that Villams either dead or eliminated as a factor.

compelled to send its information to G creats Punaton and Pershing indicates to it was gathered from sources indepen-of the army operating sings the border on Mexican soil. The question now ag-