

CZAR LENDS ARMY TO SAVE RUMANIA

Russian Re-enforcements May Extricate Troops Trapped at Orsova

GUNS ROAR ON EAST LINE

Bucharest Breaks Silence by Announcing Loss of Craiova

BERLIN, Nov. 23.—Russian re-enforcements have just reached the Rumanian theater of war to help the Rumanian attempt to stem the Austro-German conquest of the kingdom.

Dispatches from the Rumanian front today indicated that the capture of Orsova and its Rumanian garrison would be the next big victory announced in that theater of war.

Creating weather is giving rise to more intense artillery activity on the eastern front. The War Office announcement said that the big guns were in action all the way from the Baltic to the bend of the Carpathians.

Entente troops operating east of Ochrida Lake have been defeated by the Bulgarian forces and put to flight, according to the official statement on Macedonian operations. Strong attacks by the Allied troops east of Paralevo were repulsed.

SOPIA, Nov. 23.—The destruction of a bridge near Corabia by the Rumanians is reported in the following official statement from the War Office today:

Artillery and infantry firing occurred at some points along the Danube. The Rumanians sank barges and destroyed the bridge near Corabia. They set fire to stores of ammunition at that place.

The Rumanian High Command reported that the situation on the Black Sea coast is unchanged.

BUCHAREST, Nov. 23.

"We retired westward from Craiova," today's official Rumanian War Office statement announced.

Retirement from points in the Jiu Valley to old positions was also stated. In the Alt Valley, the statement declared, Rumanian troops were maintaining their positions.

HOPE OF RUMANIAN ARMY'S ESCAPE SEEN BY LONDON IN OFFICIAL BUCHAREST REPORT

LONDON, Nov. 23.—The Rumanian official statement, issued today after two days' silence at Bucharest in the face of sweeping German claims of "bottling up" of the Rumanian army, served to increase the hope here that the forces of the Balkan kingdom in the Jiu Valley, at least, had ducked from under the encircling arm of General von Falkenhayn's troops.

The Rumanian statement did not concede loss to the Germans of Craiova, but it did announce a retirement westward from the Wallachian city. Of more interest here was the statement that the Rumanian forces had withdrawn from the Jiu Valley to "old positions." The Jiu Valley forces were among those at which von Falkenhayn's encircling sweep was most directly aimed.

If they have escaped, as indicated in the Rumanian statement, they may be able to create a sufficiently strong diversion to relieve the viselike pressure of the Teutonic crusher on other Rumanian forces around Orsova. A stiffening of the Rumanian resistance was also seen in the statement's report that the lines in the Alt Valley had been maintained.

The retirement westward from Craiova mentioned in the statement would appear to mean that these forces are swinging to the aid of the Orsova defenders.

ANGLO-FRENCH ASSAULTS NEAR BAPAUME BROKEN, BERLIN'S REPORT STATES

BERLIN, Nov. 23.—New Anglo-French assaults west and south of Bapaume have failed, the German War Office reported today. Fighting took place in storms and upon a battlefield deep with mud. There was considerable artillery activity during the night.

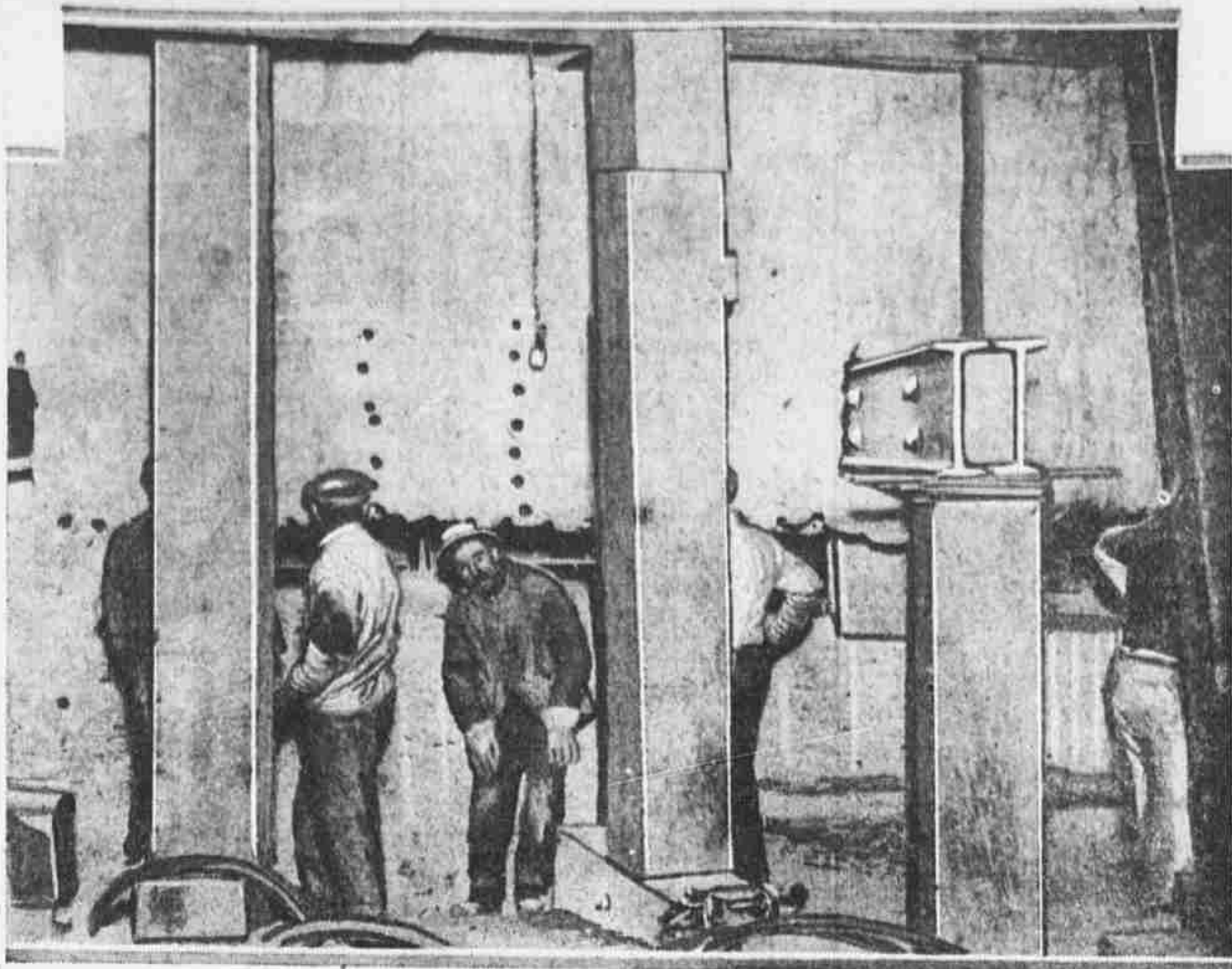
LONDON, Nov. 23.—British positions on the Somme front were shelled all night by the Germans, the War Office reported today. The British lines both north and south of the Ancre River and in the sector of Hebuterne were bombarded.

THE WEATHER

FORECAST For Philadelphia and vicinity—Probably rain tonight and Friday, followed by clearing and colder Friday afternoon and night; strong south to west winds.

Table with columns for Length of Day, Sunrise, Sunset, and other weather-related data.

BORING NEW SUBWAY THROUGH WALL OF PRESENT TUBE



A little thing like a 12-foot thick concrete wall and a two-track subway in constant use is not permitted to interfere with the construction of the new Broad street subway.

WOOD ATTACKED BY HOME LIFE CO.

Pension Mutual Head Figures in Answer to Suit in Delaware

DENIAL OF FRAUD CHARGE

Lyndon D. Wood and his Consolidated Investment Company, of this city, were attacked in the courts of Delaware this afternoon when an answer was filed to a bill in equity, which was made a matter of record last Tuesday, and which charged the officers and directors of the Home Life Insurance Company and the Home Protective Company with fraud.

Mr. Wood is the president of the Pension Mutual Life Insurance Company, of Pittsburgh, which Insurance Commissioner O'Neill, of this State, wants to investigate and for which he has asked the D'Alphin County Court to appoint a receiver. He is also the dominant figure in the Consolidated Investment Company, although he holds no office in it.

The paper filed this afternoon in Wilmington was an answer to Tuesday's complaint by the plaintiffs who are six stockholders in the defendant companies.

The six stockholders are Thomas Kingston, Julia H. Mack, Warren Geiger, John W. Doan, Mary F. Lynch and John C. Maginnis.

"TO WRECK COMPANY" In the answer Maginnis is virtually accused of being a tool engaged by Mr. Wood to wreck the company.

The answer was filed for the defendants this afternoon by Charles F. Curley, a Wilmington attorney, who, with City Solicitor John P. Connelly, of this city, represents them.

There is contained in the bill among many denials and averments the following: "The defendants aver that the present bill represents the third effort of certain

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MORSE SHIPYARD SOUGHT FOR CITY

Commerce Chamber Negotiating for Big "Flivver" Vessel Plant

GOOD LOCATION OFFERED

"Flivver ships" may be built in Philadelphia or elsewhere on the Delaware. It was learned today that the Chamber of Commerce had been negotiating with the United States Steamship Company to build a big plant here since the company's president, C. W. Morse, announced that plant were under way to start the construction of vessels along lines now in use by the Ford Motor Company in making automobiles.

A central plant with several assembly plants is being considered by the company, and the efforts of the Chamber of Commerce have been directed toward obtaining one of the company's larger plants for Philadelphia.

According to President Morse, the United States Steamship Company will first build 100 ships for its own use. All will be of the same model. The Chamber of Commerce Industrial Bureau has been in communication with the company, pointing out Philadelphia's advantages for such a plant—its proximity to the steel mills, its number of shipbuilders and skilled workmen, its position on the Delaware River. It is not unlikely, said F. W. Lawrence, head of the bureau, that these advantages will successfully plead with the company.

William A. Sprull, head of the Transportation Bureau of the Chamber, said that in any event there is little doubt that many of the 100 ships to be operated by the company will touch Philadelphia, and, further, that the company may be induced to establish a line from this port.

Mr. Morse will build ocean-going "flivvers" of 6000 and 10,000 tons. They will

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TRIO WHO FACED SEA DEATH SAVED

Men Tossed on Helpless Launch Brought Here

HAD GIVEN UP HOPE

Three men, who have been tossing for three days and nights on the Atlantic Ocean without food and with only one gallon of water between them, in a 24-foot launch, The Margaret, were brought into Philadelphia this noon by the Merchants and Miners' steamship Dorchester, which plies between Boston and this port.

The three men, Thomas J. Gunson, Sr., of 117 Seventeenth street, College Point, L. I.; his son, the owner of the boat, Thomas J. Gunson, Jr., of the same address, and W. C. Hobbs, of Bay Shore, L. I., the pilot, were only picked up after a battle with waves of more than an hour.

When the Dorchester spotted the little boat with the searchlight at 6:15 o'clock last night, twenty-five miles southwest of Fire Island Lightship and ninety miles east of Barnegat, the men had one match left, a half-pint of water and the one oil light, so weak that it flickered out just as the last man was taken, exhausted, over the side of the Dorchester.

"We had about given up hope," said the elder Gunson. "We had floated and tossed in a sea that sometimes had waves thirty feet high, from Sunday afternoon at 4 o'clock, when the battery was broken, until last night. We had had the flag floating upside down all that time, and we thought we would never reach land again. This boat was bought for pleasure, but the first trip was not much of a pleasure.

"We do not know where she is now. When the Harbortown picked us up, she tried to tow the Margaret but the hawser broke and she is now either tossing on the ocean or has gone to the bottom. I do not know which," said Gunson.

PROFIT SHARING BY CONSOLIDATED GAS

Employees at \$3000 a Year or Less to Get Seven Per Cent Increase

17,000 WILL BENEFIT

NEW YORK, Nov. 23.—The Consolidated Gas Company will inaugurate a profit-sharing plan for its employees which will be equivalent to an increase of seven per cent for those whose salaries are \$3000 a year or less.

The plan, which becomes effective on December 15 and applies to all employees who have been with the company six months on November 30, benefits 17,000. It applies to the main company and to all its affiliated gas and electric companies in the Bronx, Queens, Westchester, Tonkers and Northern Westchester, including the New York Edison Company.

The company's statement follows: "It is increasingly recognized that profit-sharing in some form promises more than anything else to stimulate the interest of employees in the success of the undertakings with which they are identified. This relationship tends especially to promote individual and collective effort and a better spirit of co-operation in the various departments of the complex organizations now required by the larger public utility corporations to render satisfactory service. Feeling on the part of an employee an immediate personal interest by having a direct part in the results tends perhaps more in this than in any other way to secure and maintain that standard of excellence so

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DEMOCRATS CONTROL HOUSE, G. O. P. ADMITS

Republicans Will Be Able to Muster Only 215 Votes, Revised Estimates Show

Evening Ledger Staff Correspondent

WASHINGTON, Nov. 23.—Control of the House of Representatives by the Democrats was conceded today by several Republican Congressmen, following the receipt of advice here that Representatives Coleman and Barchfield, of Pennsylvania, had been defeated in their races for re-election. Indications that Representative Royland, of Pennsylvania, might be beaten also, and that Representative Scully, of New Jersey, a Democrat, who was at first believed defeated now seems to be running ahead in the count, add to the belief that the Democrats may control the next House.

Representative Thomas S. Butler, of Pennsylvania, said:

"The Democrats will control the next House. It is better so. Control of the House carries with it little authority and serves only to divide the responsibility when it is of a different political complexion, than the Administration." Representative J. H. Kelley, of Michigan, another prominent member of the lower house, conceded both branches of Congress to the Democrats. In a district of his State a recount is being held to learn whether Representative Samuel Beakes, Democrat, really has not defeated his Republican opponent by forty votes. Even though Beakes should fall, it is believed the Democrats will have enough votes to re-elect Champ Clark speaker.

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CIGARETTE ATTACKED AT WELFARE MEETING

Trainmen's Representative Tells Conference Smokers Suffer Most When Hurt

DRINKING FROWNED UPON

HARRISBURG, Nov. 23.—"It is the duty of railroad men to keep their minds on their work if they want to escape getting hurt," declared Charles H. Spotts, representing the Brotherhood of Railroad Trainmen, before the Fourth Annual Welfare and Efficiency Conference here today.

"Drinking is frowned upon by our organization," he continued, "and cigarette smoking and a job on the railroad form a very bad combination. When I talk against the cigarette men laugh at me. Some day they will realize I'm giving them the truth. A cigarette smoker injured on the railroad suffers more than an abstainer. In fact, he is worse off than a 'trummy.' I know, for I have seen both abstainers and users of cigarettes injured and I have seen some men die of cigarette 'snakes'."

Spotts declared that the safety-first movement is growing steadily among railroad men and that the care of the employee is the prime consideration among railroads today. There are reasons for this, "The man with a family can't afford to be ill because he can't afford a doctor's bill. The men with big families suffer most in this respect. We ought to have community doctors, each man paying an annual fee," he said.

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QUICK NEWS

POWERS OBJECT TO U. S. LOAN TO CHINA NEW YORK, Nov. 23.—Press dispatches from Peking say that British, French, Russian and Japanese bankers of the quintuple group have forwarded a letter to the Chinese Minister of Finance in which it is asserted that the recent loan by American bankers was in violation of the reorganization loan agreement of April 26, 1913. An explanation is requested, it being charged that the loan was political and not industrial.

TODAY'S RACING RESULTS First Bowie race, 2-year-olds, selling, 6 furlongs—Radiant Flower, 102, Lyke, \$15.40, \$7.60, \$5.20, won; Felucca, 104, Williams, \$17.70, \$7.40, second; Highway, 104, McAtee, \$14.20, third. Time, 1:14 2-5. Second Bowie race, all ages, selling, 6 1-2 furlongs—Kilts, 93, Crump, \$10.70, \$5.50, \$3.40, won; Between Us, 110, Butwell, \$4.30, \$2.70, second; Pontefract, 100, Ward, \$4.00, third. Time, 1:31 1-5.

DRESSED TURKEYS 40 TO 50 CENTS A POUND HATFIELD, Pa., Nov. 23.—At the annual Hatfield turkey sale today, which is the barometer of turkey prices in this section of the State, the prices for 1100 Thanksgiving birds ranged from four to seven cents a pound more than last year live weight. The first choice of hundred lots sold today averaged 30 cents a pound live weight. The highest price was 30.7 cents a pound. The lowest price was 21 cents a pound and this was for a tail-end coice. Dealers attending the sale assert that retail price of dressed birds will range from 40 to 50 cents a pound.

NEW YORK MAYOR THREATENS COAL DEALERS NEW YORK, Nov. 23.—Mayor Mitchell today threatened to establish a municipal coal station for the people of New York unless coal dealers would refrain from charging exorbitant prices for fuel. The aim of the Mayor is to protect the poor of the East Side, where coal is usually bought by the pail. By selling in small quantities East Side dealers sometimes get as much as \$36 for coal in the winter. The plan is the most radical ever proposed for the relief of the city's poor.

FRENCH SEIZE PELOPONNESUS RAILWAY LONDON, Nov. 23.—A dispatch received here from Athens states that the Peloponnesus railway station was taken in charge today by French marines.

BOSTON BANK MEETS LIVING COST WITH WAGE INCREASE BOSTON, Nov. 23.—The National Shawmut Bank has made a ten per cent increase in wages of all employees, dating from November 15, based on the increase in necessary expenses of living.

ONE MAN HOLDS 72,000,000 EGGS; UNITED STATES INVESTIGATES WASHINGTON, Nov. 23.—The Department of Justice announced today that Federal District Attorney Clynne, at Chicago, presumably under orders from the department, had begun an investigation of the egg holdings of James E. Wetz, "egg king," which Wetz admits amount to nearly 72,000,000 eggs. Officials said the investigation was to determine whether a prosecution could be begun under the anti-trust laws.

AMERICANS BARELY ESCAPE VILLISTA BULLETS EL PASO, Tex., Nov. 23.—Fifteen Americans narrowly escaped death when a band of Villistas attacked a train on which they were passengers near Gurman, only fifty miles south of the border, last night. The engineer opened his throttle and shot his train to safety amid a shower of bullets.

PREPARE TO HANDLE 10,000 PACKAGES FOR SOLDIERS BROWNSVILLE, Tex., Nov. 23.—Railroads and express companies have estimated that 10,000 Christmas packages will come into the Brownsville district to be distributed to soldiers in the camps here. Special facilities are being provided to handle the immense business.

LOUISIANA ROAD COST \$12,194,231; CAPITALIZATION \$40,938,031 WASHINGTON, Nov. 23.—A story of boom financing that fell flat was told today in the report of the Interstate Commerce Commission placing a valuation on the New Orleans, Texas and Mexico Railroad, a Louisiana line. Although the line cost \$12,194,231 and now is valued at only \$7,572,886, it is saddled with a capitalization of \$40,938,031, according to the commission's report. This is the third railroad to be reported upon completely by the commission in connection with its physical valuation of all interstate railroads.

NEW YORK STAKEHOLDERS PAYING BETS TODAY NEW YORK, Nov. 23.—Stakeholders on the curb and firms of Wall street brokers who have been holding cash and memoranda representing millions of dollars in the election wagers will begin today to pay the backers of President Wilson. The decision, held fifteen days in abeyance because Mr. Hughes delayed so long his concession of defeat, is now "official" and payment of the wagers will occupy, it is expected, no small part of the activities on the Street.

ALLIES LOSE 102 PLANES IN MONTH, SAYS BERLIN BERLIN, Nov. 23.—As the result of air combats on the western front in October, says the Overseas News Agency, 102 Anglo-French aeroplanes were lost. Of this total fifty-eight, of which thirty-seven were British and twenty-one were French, fell into German hands. Forty-two machines were shot down beyond the hostile lines. Two were forced to land behind the battlefield. The German aeroplane losses for October, the news agency says, were fourteen machines.

VATICAN WILL NOT CONSIDER POLISH "AUTONOMY" ROME, Nov. 23.—Replying to the Central Powers, the Holy See has stated its inability to consider the Austro-German pronouncement as to Poland's autonomy before the conclusion of peace proceedings, it was understood today.

MOTION-PICTURE MEN TO FIGHT SUNDAY CLOSING NEW YORK, Nov. 23.—New York motion-picture men today declared the loss to moving-picture exhibitors will exceed \$7,500,000 in New York city alone if the decision of the Appellate Court prohibiting Sunday film shows stands. The motion-picture men are already planning a fight against the decision before the Court of Appeals.

NEW YORK FOOD PROBE INDICTMENTS EXPECTED NEW YORK, Nov. 23.—Definite steps have been taken here by Federal, State and municipal authorities to ameliorate, if possible, the serious conditions resulting from the steadily mounting cost of foodstuffs. District Attorney Swann said that several indictments under the State antitrust law may be returned soon against middlemen believed to have entered into "gentlemen's agreements."

TEN PER CENT BONUS TO ATLAS POWDER MAKERS WILMINGTON, Del., Nov. 23.—It is announced that the 2500 employees of the Atlas Powder Company, who are included in a profit-sharing plan of the company and have been employed since September, will receive a ten per cent bonus on their wages, payable between now and Christmas.

\$1.20 CITY TAX READILY FIXED BY COUNCILMEN

Will Yield About \$8000 Above Sum Budget Requires

FINANCE COMMITTEE UNANIMOUS ON RATE \$1,218,000 Will Be Total Working Surplus for Unexpected Items

MAYOR HIGHLY PLEASED

How 1917 City Tax Rate Was Fixed at \$1.20

COUNCIL'S Finance Committee unanimously voted for \$1.20 tax rate for 1917, increasing it twenty cents, and will report to Common Council this afternoon.

Penrose-McNichol and Vore-Administration factions united, Select Councilman Seger, Penrose leader, making motion for \$1.20 rate. Absence of Select Councilman Trainer, chief foe of Vore-Administration high-rate policy, and unity of opinion among factions indicate \$1.20 rate will become law.

New rate would leave \$8000 surplus, according to Chairman Gaffney, in addition to \$1,210,000 working surplus over and above \$1,000,000 new street cleaning expenses. "I'm satisfied," says Mayor Smith.

The city tax rate for 1917 was fixed at \$1.20 today by unanimous vote in Council's Finance Committee and as such will be reported favorably to Common Council late this afternoon. Made a law, the tax rate would yield a surplus of \$8000, beside \$1,210,000 which the city can use to meet unexpected expenses.

The expected opposition of the Penrose-McNichol faction to the Vore-Administration plans to increase the tax rate to that figure failed to materialize. Select Councilman Charles Seger, of the Seventh Ward, one of the strongest antagonists in the Penrose faction, yielded the sudden unity of opinion by making the motion to fix the tax rate at \$1.20. His motion was seconded by Select Councilman William P. Finley, of the Thirty-ninth Ward, Vore floor leader.

The tax rate, which will leave a surplus of about \$8000 over the budget expenses, will encounter no serious opposition in Council, it was predicted. This was assured by the absence of Select Councilman Henry J. Trainer, of the Third Ward, who led the fight against the high tax rate, and by the unanimity of opinion displayed by members of the rival factions at the meeting.

NO SALARY BOOSTS The increased revenue to be realized from the new tax rate will not be used to pay increases in salaries, it was made plain by Common Councilman Joseph P. Gaffney, of the Twenty-sixth Ward, chairman of the Finance Committee. Mayor Smith, he said, was unalterably opposed to increases until the receipt of a report of the Civil Service Commission, which is engaged in an effort to standardize salaries.

In addition to the \$8000 surplus shown by Chairman Gaffney's revised figures, there will be a separate surplus of about \$2,210,000 from revenues not counted in his estimate; this, he said, would provide for the increased cost of garbage removal and street cleaning, amounting to less than \$1,000,000, leaving a total working surplus of about \$1,218,000 to meet unexpected expenses.

"I am very much pleased by the result," said Mayor Smith, who occupied a seat close to Chairman Gaffney. "The funds realized by the \$1.20 tax rate will be ample, I think."

The revised figures presented by Mr. Gaffney were:

Table showing financial figures: Revenue from \$1.20 tax rate, Revenue from sinking fund, Total revenue, Total estimated expenses, Surplus.

Supplementary figures furnished by Mr. Gaffney on the separate and distinct items of expenditure and revenue not included in his estimate were, in round numbers, as follows:

Table showing supplementary financial figures: Surplus above, Surplus from City Controller, Increased water revenue, New tax revenue, etc., Working surplus, Increased cost of street cleaning and garbage removal, Final working surplus.

LITTLE BICKERING The \$1.20 tax rate went through with a rush after a little bickering. Chairman Gaffney read his revised figures, which he

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PRESIDENT WILSON INDISPOSED Nation's Chief Executive Kept Indoors by Cold and Weather

WASHINGTON, Nov. 23.—President Wilson is suffering from a slight cold in the head. This fact, combined with the bad weather, compelled him to cancel his customary golf game this morning. The President remained in his study during the day.

It is not thought the President's indisposition will keep him from the Army-Navy game, Saturday.

Fairbanks Wins Marshall INDIANAPOLIS, Ind., Nov. 23.—Charles W. Fairbanks, Republican candidate for Vice President today, said a "hundred" of supporters of the "Big French" candidate, Mr. E. Marshall, to his satisfaction, adopted her.