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#### RAILROAD REGULATION

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In connection with the pending contra over the relative merits of State and Federal regulation of railways, the commis-sion says that it should be empowered to co-operate with State railroad commission in adjusting rate disputes. However, the commission recommends that it be given exclusive jurisdiction over railway capitali-

front by the enemies of Germany. In Spite of the clear weather and careful observation, the commander did not perceive any women or children. In these circumstances the com-mander of the submarine was convinced

WASHINGTON, Dec. 7.—The Secretary of the Treasury has approved a new regula-tion by the Commissioner of Internal Rev-nue to the effect that income earned after that, in the case of this stranson, he was concerned with a transport ship for troops in the service of the British Government, which had to be decedent's death and appreciation in values during administration are not to be returned as a portion of the gross estate for tax unconsidered as an auxiliary warship, according to international law, and therefore being treated like a warship. der the new revenue law. He accordingly considered himself justified in atlacking the steamship without delay and sank it.

New Regulation on Revenue Law



The commission estimates that the work of physical valuation of railroads so far er physical valuation of railroads so tar-ba track surveys are concerned will be com-pleted by January 1, 1920. There will be some supplementary work there after, how-ever, it is stated. Abuot 50,000 miles a year of railroads are being valued. The commission's report includes a state-ment showing net income of American rail-ways from 1521 to 1515. In 1851 net in-

ways from 1891 to 1916. In 1891 net in-come of the roads amounted to \$121,595,407 and in 1916, \$1,021,030,544. Ninsteen sixteen was the first year the income went over the billion dollar mark.

BENEFIT FOR SANATORIUM

Bridge Party and Dance Tonight at Mercantile Hall

A bridge party, followed by a dance, will be held tonight at Mercantile Hail, Broad Street above Master, for the benefit of the Laglesville Sanatorium for Consumptives. a nonsectarian institution near Norristown. Included in the board of directors of the Saglesville Sanatorium are a number of

Englescille Sanatorium are a number of Englescille Sanatorium are a number of the leading businessmen of Philadelphia. Tonight's benefit is given under the aus-pices of the Ladles' Auxiliary and the com-mittee in charge includes Mrs. Ellis A. Glimbel, Mrs. Benedict Gimbel, Mrs. Samuel J. 14, Mrs. Benedict Gimbel, Mrs. Samuel Ginbol, Mrs. Bensdict Gimbel, Mrs. Samuel D. Lit, Mrs. Ely K. Selig, Mrs. Sidney Aloe, Mrs. Louis Gerstley, Mrs. Andrew Kaas, Mrs. Jerome Loucheim, Mrs. S. K. Lochelm, Mrs. W. B. Rosskam, Mrs. Joseph N. Beellenburg, Mrs. S. C. Kraus, Mrs. Jasae Lsopold, Mrs. Julius C. Levi and Miss Jeanette Goldberg.

## THE WEATHER

**Official** Forecast

WASHINGTON, Dec. 7. For eastern Pennsylvania; Cloudy to-aght and Friday, with probably rain; sarmer tonight in borth and weat portions; warmer Friday; variable winds becoming southeast and increasing by Friday.

The temperatures continued to fail slow-T at most places in the Atlantic States, athough there was no material change at Palladeiphia. A warmer belt extends from the Lake region southwestward across the central valleys to Texas while a reaction to colder is reported from the Northern Plains States. Light rains and snow flutrains states. Light rains and snow hur-rains have occurred over scattered areas along the northern border and the condi-tions are generally cloudy and unsettled throughout the great central valley. Clear falss prevail this morning over the Atlantic Entry.

 Observations at Philadelphia

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Should the American Government give the official data showing that the give the official data showing that the Arabia was at the time of the torpedo ing an ordinary passenger steamship the action of the commander would not have been in accordance with the instructions given him, since these inatructions given him, since these in-structions are now, as before, in agree-ment with the assurance of the Ger-man note of May, 1918. This would be a case of a regrettable mistake from which the German Government would

promptly draw the appropriate conse-Secretary Lansing refused to comment

on the note. Its contents have been forecast, and the hain facts therein were chronicled several days ago when it had become known that the note had arrived.

The State Department has saM privately all along that the Arabia was the main case upon which future German-American relations would probably depend. It was pointed out that Germany em-

phasized the fact that her commander was still under orders to follow international law, as demanded by the United States in its Sussex note.

### DELAWARE "REGIMENT" NOW THING OF THE PAST

Armed Force of State Designated as Two Battalions of Infantry by Governor

by Governor WILMINGTON, Del., Dec. 7.—Delaware's First Regiment of infantry is a thing of the past, for Governor Miller has insued orders through Adjutant General I. Pusey Wickersham, designating the armed forces of the State simply as two battalions of infantry, as now constituted, and doing border duty at Deming. N. M. Since the Spanish-American War the State militia has existed on paper as a full regiment of three battalions of four companies each, but in reality there were but two battalions of four companies each. Efforts have been made from time to time to have the legislature make the necessary provision whereby the State militia could conform to the War Department's require-ments, but these always failed, and the two battalions were carried along as a regi-ment. ment

### NEW IMPETUS GIVEN TO TUBERCULOSIS WORK

War Against the "White Plague" Is Pressed With Vigor by Many Organizations

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