RUMANIANS LOSE 18,000 IN RETREAT

Germans Trap and Capture Sections of Fleeing Army

PRINCIPAL FORCES MANAGE TO ESCAPE

Teutons Rush Troops to Monastir Front for New Offensive

FRENCH REGAIN HILL 304

Allies Begin Rigid Blockade of Greece Today-Situation Serious

All the way across Rumania, from the Transylvanian Alps to the Danube, the fight of the Rumanian army continues. The pursuit by the German allies keeps up, the German War Office announced

Ten thousand more Russian and Rumanian prisoners were captured yesterday by the Ninth German army. In a supplementary statement, the German War Office had announced the capture of 8000 prisoners and twentysix guns on December 6. South of Predeal and Altschanz Passes, Russo-Rumanian armies were trapped. Only partial attacks by the Russians along the Carpathian front are reported. All were repulsed with heavy losses for the attacking forces, Berlin asserts. The earlier statement reported also the defeat of a Rumanian army on the Alt River on December 6, the day Bucharest fell.

The retreat of the Rumanian army, according to Allied reports, contiques in an orderly manner. The Rumanians are approaching a new line of defense, below old Moldavia, between the upper Danube and the Transylunian Alps. They are expected to make a strong stand on this new front, which, because of its shortness, nateral protection offered by the Transylvanian Alps to the Rumanian right fank and its proximity to Russian lines of supplies will offer an opportunity for effective resistance and, perhaps, permanent intrenchment.

Operations of secondary importance have been begun by the Teutons in the Dobrudja, evidently with the purpose of clearing northern Dobrudja of Russo-Rumanian troops and thus completing the conquest of southern Rumania and the entire line of the Danube to its

Latest war dispatches indicate the intention of the Central Empires to make their mastery of the Balkans complete. As a result, the military situation today has forced the political upheaval in Allied countries to the background and thrust forward what may be regarded as the beginning of another great struggle-this time on the Macedonian front. Heavy German re-enforcements are being rushed from Rumania to the Monastir line for what London considers as a great offensive against the combined French, Serbian, British and Italian forces of General

That the Allies are conscious of this fact and are preparing to meet it is evidenced in the rigid blockade of old Kenneth E glay, 231 East Clapter Greece put in force today. The Allies street. are evidently determined to eliminate, if possible, the menace contained in a Greek force under King Constantine in Sarrall's rear, by compelling a genvine demobilization of the Greek army and the surrender of the administrative safety of citizens and little children. They machinery of Greece to the Allied command. Constantine, for the present at the thick of traffic as if they had a special east, continues defiant, evidently in the hope that a quick German blow,

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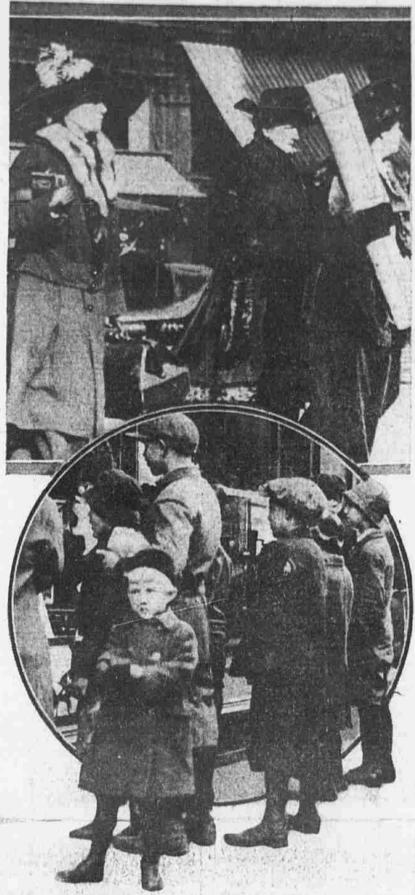
Gives Property to Creditors CHAMBERSBURG, Pa., Dec. 8.—Enos Myers, cashier of the closed Lemaster iank todays with his wife Cora, made a deal of dasignment to George A. Greet-sail, of Lemaster, for the benefit of ordinars. He turned over two forms worth 18,500 and more, his home in Lemaster and mountain land in Franklin and Fulton Counties, an aggregate of about \$55,000.

THE WEATHER

FORECAST

For Philadelphia and vicinity—Unsettled tanger and state and to issue notice right now that I am through extending lemiency to those men and through extending lemiency to those men through extending lemiency to men the form through extending lemiency to those men through exte

SIGNS OF CHRISTMAS GROW APACE



"Carry your own bundles" is a slogan being urged by the big stores pre-Christmas rush is shoppers following the advice. Below is a scene that needs no words to describe it.

MAIL CAR DRIVERS | FRENCH WARSHIP

declared he was through dealing leniently the Minister of Marine today.

LOST; 730 DROWN

Tons, Given Up as Sunk

by Admiralty

The French battleship Suffren is officially

classified as jost in a statement issued by

Apparently all hands were lost. The

The Suffren was an eighteen-knot battle-

The Suffren was authorized in July,

Caledonia is believed sunk, Lloyd's an-

built in 1904 and is 500 feet in length.

MRS. MARY W. HARKNESS

Widow of Standard Oil Magnate Was

Heir to \$12,000,000 in Her

Husband's Will

DIES AFTER OPERATION

carried the following armament:

firers, four torpedo tubes.

1899, and cost \$6,000,000.

PARIS, Dec. 8.

CALLED RECKLESS

Have No Mercy, Says

Magistrate

HELD FOR INJURING BOY

Magistrate Watson today branded driv-

ers of some United States mail trucks as

"governmental divine-right speeders," and

with them. He held in \$400 ball William

W. McNeil, 5528 Jane street, driver of a

United States mail truck, who yesterday

McNell was pleading that he was driv-

ing slowly when Magistrate Watson broke

"United States mail drivers never go

slowly. They fly along our public thorough-

fares without the slightest regard for the

hum around corners and take chances in

permit from Washington to gamble with

ARROGANCE OF UNIFORM

the words 'United States Mall' emblazoned

on the sides of the truck, they think they

"As a matter of fact these men have no

more right to ignore the speed laws than

anybody else. Investigation has established

that the Postoffice Department given them

children and others who use the streets. "I have already had twenty cases in

no authority to play with the lives of little

which persons have been injured by these

are 'governmental divine-right speeders.'

"Because they wear a uniform and have

the lives of the citizens of the Republic.

in in a voice of biting sarcasm:

LIBERALS BACK LLOYD GEORGE IN GREAT TASK

Party Out of Power Joins Laborites in Pledging Support

TO AID NEW PREMIER IN VIGOROUS POLICY

Irish Nationalists Not Yet Decided in Attitude—May Bargain for Home Rule

PERSONNEL NOT SETTLED

Announcement of Assignments in Ministry Likely to Be Withheld Till Tuesday

David Lloyd George will have not only the support of the Unionists in his formation of the new British Ministry, but also of the Laborites and the Liberals, including their chief, former Premier Asquith. Only the Irish Nationalist vote is not yet assured. The Liberal members at a general meeting have decided to support the new Gov-

ernment in its prosecution of the war. British merchant ships are being armed with guns of high caliber to protect the great trade of the empire. Adequate measures to curb the U-boat ravages form one demand of the agitation which resulted in the downfall of the Asquith Cabinet.

The Cabinet turmoil in England is finding an echo in Paris. A large portion of the press has united in declaring in favor of a new deal, so far as France is individually concerned. The reconstruction of Government in France will not take the form of a ministerial shift, but of a reorganization of the General Staff and a concentration of military control under a limited direction. Premier Briand has been accorded a vote of confidence.

LONDON. Dec. 8. All doubt that Lloyd George to whom the King has intrusted the Premierahin. new Government in Parliament was swept away today, when the Liberal party members, in conference, formally resolved to support the new regime in the prosecution-of the war.

of the war.

The action means Lloyd George will not only be backed up by the Unionists and the Laborites—totaling 324 votes out of the 570 in Commons—but also by the Liberal block of votes, 260 more. The Irish Na

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WIFE-LOVE WINS ERRANT AVIATOR

Habits and Seeks His Home Again

Love for his wife and home has led Harvey Wilbur Kays, the aviator who disappeared five weeks ago, to send a message back to his wife, after he had apparently abandoned her for another woman.

vessel left Gibraltar for L'Orient, a fortified The first word that has been heard from seaport at the mouth of the River Scorff, in the missing airman came last night, when ran down and seriously injured four-year- Brittany, on November 24 and has not been Kays called his wife over the long-distance telephone from Newark, N. J., and protested his love for her, saying that reports that he was unfaithful were not true.

ship of 12,750 tons, and carried 730 men. The telephone bell in the Kays home, at according to best available information 5444 Baltimore avenue, rang insistently She had a waterline length of 410 feet, and last night, shortly after Mrs. Kays and Baron Haldeman von Figyelmissy, Kays's 12-inch guns, ten 6.4-inch guns, eight 4former partner in aviation exhibitions, had inch guns, twenty-two 2-pounder rapideaten supper. Von Figyelmissy answered the call and summoned Mrs. Kays.

"Is that you, Florence?" came Kays's roice, the first time she had heard it since his disappearance.

LONDON Dec. 8 - The Anchor liner-"Yes," responded Mrs. Kays, recognizing he voice, but saying nothing, mentally renounced today. The Caledonia is a steel fleeting on what she had heard—that he had left her to support herself and their four children for another woman and for the love of the drugs that had made him steamship of 9225 tons, with British registry and Glasgow her home port. 'She was

an addict. "This is Harvey," came the voice. "I am at Newark. "Yes. I recognize your voice," replied Mrs. Kays. "It sounds like old times." Her voice was matter-of-fact. "How are the children?" pursued the hushand, as if he had left on a common-

place trip, instead of being a man sought by the police for desertion and alleged theft of an airplane, the property of the baron-aviator. He asked after each one specifically—Ollesta, seven years old; Veral, five years old; Zeida, two years old, and Kerna two months old.

and Kerna, two months old.

"They are all very well," replied Mra. Kays. She waited.

Then came the husband's story.

"I had to leave you, Florence," he said.
"With you knowing what you did about me, I couldn't live with you. It was like living in a vault."

What he referred to was the drug habit, which, it is said, he learned while in the company of e-Jesse Glorgano. a manicurist, of near Eleventh and Walnut streets, who disappeaged at the same time Kays did. disappeared at the same time Kays did.
"I wanted to make good." he continued.
"I felt like I had gone to hell. It was up to me to get away and show what was in me. I should have let you know sooner."

EXTRA

ANOTHER AMERICAN STEAMSHIP REPORTED SUNK BY U-BOAT

NEW YORK, Dec. 8 .- A report was current in shipping circles this afternoon that the United States steamship Virginia, 3552 tons, had been sunk in the Mediterranean by a submarine. The Virginia sailed from this port for Spezia on November 24, arriving there on December 4. Later she steamed for Genoa. At the offices of Gaston, Williams & Wigmore, owners of the Virginia, doubt was cast upon the report.

TO INCREASE FARM PROFIT AND REDUCE LIVING COST

NEW YORK, Dec. 8. Eugene Greenhut, as president of a company which has sed facilities of the Long Island Railway to ship farm products to the home of consumers, today made public a letter to President Wilson, in which the plan is offered to the United States Government. Greenhut, in the letter, declares an increase in farm revenue of \$1,000,000,000 is assured if the plan is put into full operation, and assures a decrease in cost to consumers of an equal amount. The letter also claims that the average family income can be increased to \$1200, as compared with \$600. according to the 1910 census. The offer is contingent upon the President's decision to appoint before December 25 a committee of seven "unbiased" persons to make an investigation. To put the system into effect this committee must accept it before January 8, 1917.

125 AIRCRAFT LOST ON WAR FRONTS IN NOVEMBER

BERLIN (via Sayville wireless), Dec. 8.—Ninety-four Allied aeroplanes and thirty-one German machines were lost on all fronts during November, the War

WOMAN SAVED FROM FLAMES BY MILKMAN

Mrs. Elizabeth Quinlow, sixty years old, who lives alone at 4534 Merion aveue, was saved from possible death by fire by a milkman today. She was awakened by a sensation of warmth at her feet and discovered the bed clothing on fire. She screamed and an early-morning milkman, who disappeared before his name could be learned, rushed into the house, took Mrs. Quinlow from the bed and returned to the street to send a fire alarm. Mrs. Quinlow's slight burns were dressed at the West Philadelphia Homepathic Hospital.

POINCARE HONORS AMERICAN WOMAN FOR WAR AID WORK

PARIS, Dec. 8 .- On the eve of her departure for her home in the United States Mrs. Nina Larrey Duryea, who has been active in French war relief work, received a gold medal today, presented to her by President Poincare. Mrs. Duryea sails for America tomorrow.

GUARDS AT BODY OF JOHN D. ARCHBOLD

TARRYTOWN, N. Y., Dec. 8.-Two armed guards kept vigil today at the vault Sleepy Hollow Cemetery where lies the body of John D. Archbold, late Standard would not have complete support for his Oil magnate. A continual guard will be kept over the remains until they are placed

MADISON SQUARE GARDEN SOLD AT AUCTION

NEW YORK, Dec. 8.-Madison Square Garden, famous as the scene of many important public meetings and athletic exhibitions, was sold under the auctioneer's hammer today for \$2,000,000. The structure was bought in by the New York Life ompany, whose representative, Edward W. Devlin, was the only bidder.

CHILD SCALDED BY COFFEE DIES IN HOSPITAL

A cup of hot coffee which accidently spilled on Wayne Cosgrove, a fifteen month-old child, 7513 Germantown avenue, caused his death in the Chestnut Hill Hospital today. It was while the family was at breakfast that the accident occurred.

ASQUITH DECLINES OFFER OF EARLDOM

LONDON, Dec. 8.-King George has offered an earldom and the Order of the Garter to former Premier Asquith, according to the Chronicle. It is understood that "Divine-Right Speeders" to Battleship Suffren, 12,750 Harvey W. Kays Abjures Mr. Asquith declined to accept them.

MAKE U. S. SUPPLIES IN PRISONS, PROBERS SAY

WASHINGTON, Dec. 8.—Recommendation to Congress that the Federal prisons at Atlanta and Leavenworth be utilized for the manufacture of supplies for the MISSING SINCE NOV. 24 WANTS TO MAKE GOOD Government was made today by the special commission appointed for this purpose at the last session. The commission recommended that a textile mill and a mailsack factory be built at Atlanta.

DU PONT SUBSIDIARY GIVES BONUS TO 2000 MEN

WILMINGTON, Del., Dec. 8. — A bonus on annual salaries, representing a monthly payroll increase of about \$32,000, was announced today by the Arlington Company, a subsidiary of the du Pont de Nemours Company. About 2000 employes

\$1,905,234 HARKNESS INHERITANCE TAX

NEW YORK, Dec. 8 .- New York State will receive the record sum of \$1,505,234 s the inheritance tax on the New York estate of the late Standard Oil magnate, Charles W. Harkness, according to papers on file in the Surrogate's Court here today. The valuation of the Harkness estate is put at \$49,319,601. The Harkness oil stockholdings were second only to those of the late John D. Archbold

COMMISSION TO DISCUSS COAL TRANSPORTATION

Coal transportation by inland waterways will be the principal topic discuss oday at the hearing to be conducted by the State Coal Commissioners in the City Hall. Congressman J. Hampton Moore, president of the Deeper Waterways Asso

ciation, will furnish statistics bearing on coal transportation by canal,

COMPENSATION BOARD ADJUSTS 49,300 CASES Reports at a meeting of the Workmen's Compensation Board at its headquar ters in the North American Building this afternoon showed that 49,390 accident

cases were settled since the board's establishment last January without dispute between employer and employe. There were 1587 cases contested. From January 1 to December 1 \$2,640,850 was paid out for disabilities and deaths. Amounts awarded during November totaled \$377.847.

URGES MORE BARRACKS FOR LEAGUE ISLAND

The establishment of a large marine corps post on the east coast and more wildings at the Philadelphia Navy Yard for additional defense companies were recommended today in the annual report of the marine corps at Washington. The commandant, Major General George Barnett, declared that the establishment of the proposed post as a training station for expeditionary forces was the paramount need of the corps. He recommended a site on the Chesapeake Bay and also the construction of a portion of the buildings for quartering the west coast expeditionary force on the site to be purchased near San Diego, Cal.

GIVES \$100,000 TO PRESBYTERIAN PASTORS' FUND

An anonymous gift of \$100,000 has been received by the Ministerial Relief and Sustentation Fund of the Presbyterian Church, according to Dr. William Hiram Foulkes, general secretary, who has returned from New York. "Our generous friend," said Doctor Foulkes, "has authorised me to quote him as saying, 'I cannot help saying that it seems to me that this is a splendid time for the rich people of the Presbyterian Church to make special contributions to this cause."

PROSECUTIONS. O'NEIL'S PLANS IN RISK PROBE

Criminal Action Promised in Pension Mutual Life Exposure

HEARING ON DECEMBER 18

Insurance Commissioner in Pittsburgh Today, Gathering Further Evidence

Lyndon D. Wood and the Pension Mutual life Insurance Company, of which he is president, again take the center of the stage in the Statewide insurance scandal. Temporarily the local issue of the police insurance scandal eclipsed interest in the approaching court hearing of the Pennion

A dispatch from Harrisburg today quotes Insurance Commissioner O'Neil as being absolutely certain of making out a successful case for the State when it prosecutes the receivership issue against Mr. Wood's

company on December 18. Mr. O'Neil went to Pittsburgh today to gather more evidence against the company, which has its home offices there. Before he left Harrisburg he had a long conference with Attorney General Brown, Deputy Attorney General Sargent and others, who will a represent the State at the hearing a week from Monday.

O'NEIL CONFIDENT

It was after this conference that he said t was absolutely certain a receiver would be appointed for the Pension company. He continued:

We will have evidence enough and itnesses enough present at the Pen-We will have evidence enough and witnesses enough present at the Pension Mutual hearing to make perfectly clear to the courts that Lyndon D. Wood and others associated in the management of the company are unfit for the trust imposed in them by the men and women who hold policies in the company. The Attorney General now has most of the records of the office in the case and is proceeding along lines that in all likelihood will result in criminal proceedings after the State has taken over the affairs of the company and is able to get to the bottom of all its manifold intricacies and transactions.

Mr. O'Nell said there was no truth, see

Mr. O'Neil said there was no truth, so far as he knows, in a report that has reached his office that fraternal and mutual insurance managers in the State are preparing to oppose the plan for uniform and adequate insurance protection legislation which he will recommend to the next Legislature. Up to the present, not one intimation of such a move has reached him from any insurance source, although in every session of the Legislature for the last twenty years secret society and mutual insurance company heads have been opposed to being placed under the same stringent regulations as apply to the old-lin panies.

The Commissioner said he expected to be asked for a conference on the subject of his reform program during the early part of the legislative session, and that he would be pleased to discuss proposed legislation with any of the insurance people who may be interested. Mr. O'Neil said he would insist upon the enactment of laws and amendments which will give the people of the State adequate protection and make a life insurance policy in Pennsylvania as sound as a Government bond.

COP SEEKS SUIT An echo of the Police Beneficiary Association investigation planned by Councilman I. W. Thompson was heard today. when Policeman John Simpson, of the Sinond and Christian streets station and living at 2024 Christian street, called on Mr. Wood in the Consolidated Investment Company offices. Finance Building.

The policeman wanted to know whether Wood was going to bring his promised suits. "You bring them or I will," he said. "for I want this thing investigated in court f nowhere else."

Mr. Wood told Policeman Simpson that two suits surely would be brought, one against the association to recover \$56,600 and one to cancel the existing contract. Policeman Simpson told reporters he felt sure everything was not right, and said he had brought it to the attention of the vice Grand Jury last July, but nothing came of it. He has been on the police forestwenty-three years and has the reputation of being the most-transferred policeman in Philadelphia.

DEATH THREAT NOTE IN CAMDEN FACTORY

Phitadelphia.

Watchman Finds Missive, and, Fearing Attack, Phones Cops, Who Can't Discover Sender

Whether or not witches, ghosts, gnomes, holyoblins or jabberwocks frolic at night within the American Pretzel Company's plant in Pear street below Haddon avenue, in Camden, is a question that is giving the Camden police much concern today.

George Stiliwell, 1868 Pear street, employed as night watchman in the place, growing hungry last midnight with a dissire that pretasts could not satisfy, want home for lunction. Before he went he closed all the doors and windows of the pretast works and locked them. When he returned, after an hour away, he found a piece of white paper on his deek, on which was written; "You are goomed to die at 1:30 a. m."

Mystified and frightened, Silliwell called the police. He had but thirty minutes to live, according to the note. Detertives Methock and Cunningham answered his sail and had in the pressel factory, close to Still-weil, while he awaited the hour of death.

The detactives were still waiting at 2 o'clock this morning when their shift ended and Sorgeant Snow and Detective Purch relieved them. The Sergeant and Durdy waited until 7 o'clock this morning when they accompanied Silliwell home. They are still wondering where the toysterious are of dauth years from.

"Beyond the Great Oblivion" by George Allan England, a Sequel to the "Vacant World," Begins in Tomorrow's Evening Ledger