COMMISSION MEN HERE FOR BIG BUSY MEETING

National League of Merchants Will Hold 25th Annual Session This Week

Facts About National Commission League

Time—January 9 to 12. Place — Headquarters. Bellevue-Attendance - Commission

chants of the United States and their All cities giving way to Chicago

for 1918 meeting, the twenty-fifth anniversary of the founding of the organization in that city. Standardization of weights and

measures, legislative and transportation problems will be discussed. Philadelphia branch of the National League of Commission Merchants of the United States

More than 1000 persons from forty-five cities are arriving today to attend the twenty-fifth annual session of the National League of Commission Merchants of the United States. They are to receive the key to Philadelphia while they are here. The convention headquarters are in the Bellevia reception and will last through until Friday

The key to the city is not a myth in this case. It is a four-first key covered with gold leaf and bearing the seal of the National League and a big bow of blue and gold. Philadelphia city colors. The key is to be formally handed to the officials of the organization by two of Philadelphia's "biggest" policemen, according to the amounteement of E. S. Woodward, chairman of the entertainment committee.

The opening meeting tonight is a "get-together" event for the delegates, their wives and daughters and the Philadelphia hosts. The feature will be the rendition of "The Persian Garden," with forty girls doing refood dances.

Formal opening of the convention takes

Formal opening of the convention takes Formal opening of the convention takes place tomorrow morning at 9:36 o'clock, with President A. D. Hitz, Indianapolis, presiding. The Rev. G. Bickley Burns, district superintendent of the west district of the Methodist Episcopal Church, Philadelphia, will make the invocation. W. Freeland Kendrick will give the address of welcome, representing Mayor Smith. Carl W. Kimball, New York, will make the response. Reports will be given at the opening session by H. D. Ankenbaugh. Cincinnat, chairman by H. D. Ankenbaugh, Cincinnati, chairm of credentials committee; Secretary R. S. French, New York; Treasurer D. O. Wiley, Detroit; General Manager H. S. French, New York, and the annual address will be

NELSON MYSTERY DEEPENS

Tunkhannock's Convicted Slayer Now Believed to Be New York Man

TUNKHANNOCK, Pa., Jan. 9. — John Nelson, Tunkhannock's man of mystery convicted of the murder of L. M. Sickler at Mill City, Pa., and who refused to divulge any facts concerning his life, is believed to be a New York man of another name. Since his conviction fourteen mouths ago Nelson has refused to divulge any facts that might lead to his identity. lead to his identity.

lead to his identity.

Word has been received from Syracuse from a woman well known there, that Nelson is some other than a New York man whom she knows. This woman believes the skin of the man she suspects as Wilson gradually grew darker until he resembled a neuro. He has relatives now living in New York city.



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LAWMAKERS BEGIN WORK AT TRENTON

Republicans Have Joint Majority of 36 in Two Houses

NEW SENATORS SWORN IN

State Chairman Bugbee Is Slated for Comptrollership to Succeed Edward I. Edwards

TRENTON, Jan. 9.—The 141st ression of the New Jersey Legislature conversed at the State House today. The Legislature, in both of its branches, is Republican this year, the same go in 1916, while the Governor is also of that party. With their joint majority of thirty-six in the two Houses, the Republicans not only had their own way in the organizing and the filling of all of the committees, but will also have charge if the naming of a successor to Edward. TRENTON, Jan 5 - The 141st ression of of the naming of a successor to Divard t. Edwards, of Jussey City, in the person of Newton A. K. Bugues, of this city, in the position of State Comparedier. Mr. Bugues a the State chairman of the Republican

arts:
The Senate organized with fourtiers Reublicans and dx Democrats. The forner
ould have had officen members if it were
at for the death of Senator William W
mailes, of Somerset. The last election
are the Republicans a gain of two memers in the Senato. Senator George W E
hunt, of Glouester, was retirence as
resident of the Senate white Francis its President of the Senate, white Francis II. Davis, of the same county, was given the post of secretary. Among the other officers of the upper house are: Assistant secretary, G. II. Westiruff, of Elizabeth as the successor of John W. Cillt, of Union County; sergeant at arms, J. Albert Harris, of Wildwood, as the successor of Lewis E. Anderson, of Treaton, Journal oferk, William S. Stoles, of Salem County; supervisor of Ellis, Robert M. Johnstone, of Atlantic City, the sectrolary of the imagingial committee. The Rev. Edward G. Bead, of Painfield, was continued as chaplain. VARIED ENTERTAINMENT

GAIN AMONG HOUSE MEMBERS The House for the present session has orty-four Republicans and sixteen Demo-rats, which is a main for the former parts f eight over that of 1916. The House s called to order by Upton S. Jeffery Camden, clerk of last year Assembly ho was later in the affernoon elected clerk of the present House. Assembly and Ed-ard Schoen, of Essex, who was the choice ward Schoen of Essex, who was the choice of the Republican cancer for the place, was elected Speaker, and was elected from both sides of the House. In assuming the gavet Speaker Schoen spoke briefly, pledging himself to give his whole effort to the work of the House and declaring for fair treatment for all the members. He asked for the hearty co-operation of the members of the histograms and declaring for fair treatment for all the members. He asked for the hearty co-operation of the members of both notifical parties, so the session might both political parties, so the session

GOVERNOR'S MESSAGES READ The remaining details of the Assembly ganization were then quickly completed committee was sent to notify Governor. elder that the House was ready to trans The Governor's message

was rapidly proceeding. Francis B. Ducis, of Gloucester, last year's secretary, culled the Upper House to order, and Semator George W. F. Gaunt, of Gloucester, was chosen president, which carries with it the office of Acting Governor in case of the Executive's disability or absence from the State.

FIELDER'S MESSAGE ASKS CUT IN APPROPRIATIONS

TRENTON, Jan. 9 .- Governor Fielder to transmitted the first budget message the Legislature making recommendations the State budget under the law passed t winter. He says in the message that two months allowed under the law in

months be allowed; but in order to do this, points out, the State's fiscal year must close a month earlier, or instead of closing October 31, as at present, it should close September 36.

The message shows the amounts appropriated to or expended by each board institution or department for the year 1915-16, the amounts appropriated to them for 1916-17, the appropriations they request for the year 1917-18 and the amounts recommended by the Governor. It is shown that the foral appropriation for 1915-16 was \$8,973,255-25; for 1917-18, the amounts requested are \$11,402,567,56, and the total sum recommended by the Governor is \$8,273,755,25; for 1917-18, the amounts requested are \$11,402,567,56, and the total sum recommended by the Governor is \$8,2873,255.25; for 1917-18, the amounts requests to the amount of \$5,288,214,21.

The sum of \$100,382,21 is recommended as the appropriation for the incoming Legislature, divided as follows. Members' saliaries, \$40,853,22; employed compensation, \$45,50; legislative manuals, \$2000; minutes, incidentals and contingent expenses, \$13,600; supplies, \$1000. Other recommendations, metals, for maintaining, heating and institute Paterson regimental armony, \$4500, for buttalion armories at News

merciations, include, for maintaining, heating and lighting Paterson regimental armory, \$4500, for buttalion armories at Newsark, East Grange, Canden, Elizabeth, Red Hank, and Ornone, total \$22,000; for armories at Plainteed, Somerville, Hankenssek, Bridgeton, Asharr Park, New Brunswick, Englewood, Atlantic Chy and Mount Holly, \$1500 each; for salary of carefakers for the field hospital and ambulance company at Elizabeth and Red Rank, \$1440; for furnishing and employme the armory of Company K. Scend Intantry, at Plainfield, \$2000. The total National Guard appropriation reconfigurated is \$125,237, which includes pay, maintenance and other ex-

The hardget and in intended to replace the

JERSEY ELECTORAL VOTE FIRST TO BE RECORDED

Harry B. Saiter Arrives at Washington at I o'Clock in the

Morning

WASHINGTON, Jan. 5 - Harry B. Sal-e of Trenton S. J. was the dist messen-e to varry to Washington the electoral de of his State. He arrived here has

assent by the Electoral College to Washing-in New Jersey, Rhode Island, Virginia and Maryland. Salter had the fenor twelve ears ago of being the first arrival with the anyana of the Electoral College of his

Wilson and Marshall will be formally lected in February when the House of topresentatives meets to verify the canvass.

LAST PLEA FOR SOWDEN

Purents Threaten to Take Principal's Case to Court

A committee of purents of pupils at-ording the Fitter School in Germantown III appear this afternoon before the Board Education to make their last plea for a restoration of William II. Sowden to the principalship of that school. Mr. Sowiet to the principalship of that school. Mr. Sowiet was transferred to another school after terring at the Filler for eighteen years, and a now on leave of absence at his own equest, having become ill through worry over the transfer.

over the transfer.

The (sermantown residents have appealed repeatedly to the Hourd of Education to reappeal Mr. Sowdon, but have this far been rejected in every case. They now threaten to take the case into the courts of the school authorities full this afternoon to take averaging action, in their case. o take favorable action in their case

Cuba Withdraws North Carolina Claim to the Legislature making recommendations for the State budget under the law passed last winter. He says in the message that the two months allowed under the law in the Supreme Court against North Carolina the two months allowed under the law in the Supreme Court against North Carolina (all of the Supreme Court against North Car

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L'ACCORDO E' COMPLETO Il Cappellano del Papa Implicato ne Completto per Far Saltare la Leonardo da Vinci

TOMA, 9 Gennale, Non e' stata fatta alcuna comulnoszio Non e stala fatta alcuna comulineazione ufficiale no a Roma ne melle altre capitali dell'Intesa virca ja conferenza che sa e appena chiuna in questa citta, ma da converzazioni avute con peraone che hanno preso parte alla conferenza si e appreso che gli alicati sono in pieno accordo su tutte le questioni. Il presidente del Consiglio Brund, pariando con il corrispondiente del Consiglio Brund. dente romano del Temps, ha detto poci

dente romano del Temps, ha detto poco prima di partire alla volta di Partigi:
"La nostra vinita a Roma e' stata ricca di citimi risultati ed e' stata anche temessiv. Molto divergenze di detraglio erano sorre tra gli alleati del intens da quando si era tenuia a l'arigi l'ultima conferenza, e si scano fatti varit tentativi per nortare la discordia fra gli alleati, senza tener conto di avvenimenti che sono gia: a conosconza del pubblico.
"Era necessario dissipare le nubi e su-

del pubblico.

"Era necessario dissipare le mibi e superare le difficolici e trovace una soluzione
di cemuna scourde per gli avvenimenti presenti e futuri. Ura thito queste e stato
fatto con uno spirito di michie e di solidaziciali e di bioma fede verancine notevole,
e percio noi abblamo eliminate tutte le
difficolta che potevano frapporsi tra noi ed
ostacolare i qualti sforzi.

Talescramo di Lombra dicore che in miel

ostacolare i matri aforzi."

Telegrammi da Londra dicono che in quel rircoli politici si ritiene che Lleyd Georga e Briani lianno avuto dal governo italiano forti assicurazioni che esso continuera' la guerra vigorosamente fino a che le potenze centrali pon sinno pronte a fare concessioni che saranno di sodisfazione di tutti gil allegti collettivamente ed intividualmente. Si vedra' pin' tardi se queste assicurazioni date dal governo italiano comprendano an-che una parte pin' importante che le forze italiane avranno negi; avvenimenti di Ori-

Qui tutti i giornali capriniono grande sodie fazione per i risultati della conferenza di cui al na soltanto ad ogni modo il traculato generale. l'accordo raggiunto su tutto Tutti fanno rilevare che la conferenza ha

Romano, amentisce la notigia apparsa su ntiri giornali che il papa sta per rispondere alla nota del presidente Wilson negli stessi termini in cui ha risposto la Spagna. Si fa notare che tra Siati Uniti s Vatteano non esistono relazioni diplomatiche ed il papa non ebbe percio comunicazione della nota del presidente. Per questa ragione di Vaticano non poteva rispondere in alcuna

maniera.

In seguito all'inchiesta sull'affondamento delle corazzate italiane Benedetto Brin e Leonardo da Vinci sono stato arrestate una quarantina di persone il generale Cadorna e' stato a Boma giovedi appunto per partecipare ad un consiglio di ministri che doveva decidere circa la sorte degli arrestati, Pere' ne e' risultata una grave quistione politica giacche' un funzionario del Vaticano e' implicato nello scandalo.

L'in tale Ambrogetti, che e' tra gli arrestati per il complotto, ha affermato nella

sua deposizione davanti al giudice latrut-tore che ggli è l'agente finanziario di mon-signor Geriach, cappellano privato del papa ed austriaco. Questo monsignore fu un tempo ufficiale di cavalleria in Austria e dempo unclase di cavassi in Acatali del papa quando questi era ancora cardinate. Ora si sa che prima della dicharazione di guerra dell'Italia, il monagnore era interessato in un giernale austrofilo. La Vittoria, di cui un giornale austrollo. La Vittoria, di cui era amministratore l'Ambrogetti. Le autorità italiane hanno potuto ettenere informazioni che banno potuto per far saltare le navi da guerra italiane. Le informazioni sono venute da un tale Archita Valente, che e' tra gli arrestati. Al tempo dell'espicatione si vide che alcumi macchinisti si irrovanno a bordo della corazzate che saltarono in aria e si salvarono in am-bedus i casi. Questi macchinisti furono pedinati e furono visti entrare nella casa di Valente. Pi qui all'arresti

Fierce Battle Rages Along Dvina Front

Continued from Pare One
tains into the Moldavia plain in space
of unfavorable weather and the most
difficult territory, our troops posted
back the enemy step by step every
day. Yesterflay, on both sides of the
Carina and Sushitza Valleys, strongly
constructed positions, defended with
backed wire were taken by us in handto-nand lighting and maintained in
spile of desperate counter-attacks.

Ann. grown of Fight Marshal, you

Arm group of Field Marshal von Michemen Tabling advantage of the victory of the German and Austro Hungarian troops we have advanced further northward and, after defeating headle rearguards, reached the sector of the Pulna. The enemy holds the apposite bank teatiers bank to newly formed positions on both sides of Fundari the Russians have been driven into a line running through driven into a line running through Crangeni and Nanesti.

Gairensia was taken by storm and in hand-to-hand fighting and maintained despite night attacks.

The booty reported vesterday has now reached a total of 90 officers and \$400 men, three cannon and ten machine guns.

There is nothing to report on the Ataca There is nothing to report on the Mace-onian front, the War Office stated.

PETROGRAD Jan 2 Withdrawa) of Russian forces without in-erferences from the German forces to new insometate fabilito

LONDON, Jan. 9. Russia's thrust on the Riga front as sumed the importance of a continued of-fensive today. It has already gained con-siderable ground against the German col-umna and was apparently proceeding today with extraordinarly violent fighting. It is along the reaches of the An River, apparently, that the most bitter fighting

proceeding. Russian forces have made

distinct advance in this sector. Artiller,

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firing has increased violently all along this British military experts, commenting upon the capture of the Rumanian fortress of Folkshaft by Von Mackensen's German allies, take the gloomy view that it is now impossible to prevent the Teutons from overrunning Moldavia, thus giving them complete possession of the kingdom of Rumania.

ALLIES DEMAND GREECE YIELD IN 48 HOURS

LONDON, Jan. 8.—The Greek eltuation approached another crisis today. The Times today declared the Allies conference in Rome formulated and dispatched another note to Greece—this time equivalent to an ultimatum, demanding compliance with all previous requests as to disarmament and seutrality within forty-eight bours.

Dispatches from Albens indicated that King Constantine is once again playing for time, having returned another answer to the original Allied demand, which was said to be an "evasive" reply. In it the King was reported to have listed the difficulties in the way of immediate compliance with the Entente's demands.

Other dispatches from Greece today indicated serious food shortage due to conditions.

Other dispatches from Greece today indicated serious food shortage due to continuance of the Allies' strict blockage of
Greece. King Constantine personally set
the example to his people by applying
for and receiving a bread card. A number
of small riots, due to food shortage as well
as demonstrations against the Entente by
Greec reservists, were reported from
Figure in the port of Alhens.

Armed women are being put into the field by the Greek Government to act az guards, says a press dispatch from Athens today. These women are supplanting the Greek, regulars that have been withdrawn from Thesenly at the demand of the Allies. They are being used to watch railroads and bridges.

Following a brisk bombardment, the Germans tried to raid French trenches in

BERLIN, Jan. 5. Clearer weather has resulted in liveling artillery firing on both sides at many points on the western front, the German Way



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By J. Ogden Armour

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tion at the lowest profit, and the giving of the utmost in service. For, if profits were excessive, concerns able to operate at lower cost would quickly capture trade. And if service were in-adequate, those with better service would win.

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national importance until there was a national need for their services.

longer able to compete with the West in raising

livestock. Then it was that the public, realizing

perishable products sold on small margin cannot

he passed long distances through many hands,

began to demand more and more of us - began

to make us strain every effort to keep pace with

sible through volume and scientific utilization

of by-products, our perfection of preparation

and marketing, the pay we receive for it all aver-

ages less than three cents on the dollar in our total year's business. One outstanding fact must,

therefore, be obvious to every thinking man.

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and even though sometimes misunderstood, I

may say with pride that they have always been

true to the best interests of the American people,

I have never deemed myself a writer of ad-

But, despite our service, our economies pos-

Armour and Company did not become of

This need did not arise until the East was no

But also remember this!

seems an opportune time to lay before the serious-minded public certain points it is to their self-interest to know.

their needs.

Armour and Company to consumers.

which this business is based.

This competition forces two things-opera-