

ADVANCE
NOISE-AISNE LINE
Penetrate Second Trench
Defenses and Blow Up
Works of Germans
AIR FIGHTING INCREASES
Autons Admit Losses on
Somme—Report Gains on
East Front

By a surprise attack delivered between the Oise and Aisne Rivers the French penetrated as far as the second trench line of the German position, the War Office announced today. The French blew up a number of defensive works.

Small retreats on the Somme front were admitted by the German War Office today. During Wednesday evening the artillery dueling in that sector was particularly severe, the official report stating that many guns of big caliber were in action.

Within two days, says the War Office statement, Lieutenant von Hiltforth has shot down respectively his twentieth and twenty-first aeroplanes.

An advance of 100 yards on the Russian lines north of the Zloczov-Tarnopol railway was announced by the War Office. Six Russian officers and 25 men were captured. After remaining in the position five days, during which dugouts and other military works were blown up, the Germans retired to their own lines.

Another "Leak" Trail Leads to W. W. Price
House Probers Find Another Brokerage House Learned of Peace Note Through Correspondent

NEW YORK, Feb. 15.—Another warning to brokers of impending peace moves was today traced to the information sent out by W. W. Price, Washington correspondent, at the "leak" investigation by the House Rules Committee here.

Counsel Whipple then introduced a message from A. M. Clement, of the firm of Clement, Curtis & Co., of Chicago, stating they had furnished Buckman with information on the afternoon of December 20. This warning was issued from the Chicago office.

GREENWOOD, S. C., Feb. 15.—One woman was killed and eight persons were seriously injured when the Fairmount Mill, near Spartanburg, which had offered its peace move information as a badge factory in case of war, collapsed. No cause for the accident has been assigned.

PET DOG SAVES FAMILY
WHEN GAS PIPE BURSTS
Terrier Wakens Father, Who Finds Three Daughters Unconscious From Fumes

Barking of a pet terrier saved three children of H. T. Mathias from death by gas this morning as they slept in their home, 75 South Fifteenth street, in Philadelphia.

FUNERAL OF ARTHUR H. STARR
Officials of Gloucester County and Woodbury, N. J., members of the Woodbury City Council and the Friendship Fire Company today attended the funeral services for Arthur H. Starr, the City Clerk of Woodbury, Mr. Starr was shot in the head when a revolver which he was handling was accidentally discharged. He died Monday in the Hahnemann Hospital. The services were conducted at his home, 78 South Broadway, Woodbury, this afternoon, by Rev. Howard Stuckard, pastor of the First Episcopal Church. The interment was private, took place at Green's cemetery.

COAL SHORTAGE CLOSES FURNACES
PHILADELPHIA, Feb. 15.—Because of a shortage of coal, the furnaces in the city have been closed, bringing the total tonnage of coal to 1,200,000 tons.

KAISER WILHELM SEES EARLY VICTORY
THROUGH NEW SUBMARINE WARFARE

"IN OUR new submarine war, the results, military, political and psychological, are already considerable. Look at the European neutrals. Read the Swedish answer, this document written as if for all eternity. Now the neutrals know right well how they have to estimate our strength, but likewise our will to peace. For the first time, in a certain sense, the declared will of the small neutral States stands against the Anglo world, and Napoleon's continental blockade from a phantom is becoming a reality—one that will hit England harder than anything heretofore."

HOPE FOR PEACE WITH GERMANY
FAST FADING AS INSULTS GROW

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holding American newspaper men as hostages. His message contained much technical details of just what the Germans wanted.

CLASH WITH GERMANY NEARER
Germany's persistence in her ruthless U-boat destruction of neutral as well as belligerent merchantmen is helping to kill any hope for continuance of peace; entrance into the new ruthless U-boat campaign yesterday by an Austrian submarine added to the crushing weight on this hope; in addition, the American ship sunk by the Austrian submarine did not have contraband of war aboard.

AUSTRIA NOW A DISTURBING ELEMENT
While negotiations continue to prevent a break with Austria and other Central Powers, a serious turn was given to the situation by the fact that an Austrian submarine sank the American schooner Lyman M. Law illegally, according to reports.

GERARD WARNS AMERICA OF PLOT
TO STIR GERMAN OPINION IN U. S.
By CARL W. ACKERMAN
United Press Staff Correspondent With Ambassador Gerard.

PARIS, Feb. 15.—Warning against the dual menace of German submarine activity in American waters and against German peace propaganda, which may be in reality a play for time, is being sounded today by Ambassador Gerard in conversation with the press in Berlin.

INDIGNITY TO WOMEN
Weeks ago Ambassador Gerard vigorously complained to the Foreign Office that the Germans were searching the wives of American Consuls at the border.

DELaware LEGISLATURE
FLOODED WITH BILLS
Many Presented on Eve of Last Day for Introduction of New Measures

DOVER, Del., Feb. 15.—The Delaware Legislature was flooded with new bills today, owing to the fact that tomorrow is the last day upon which new measures can be introduced. The two bills which are the tax laws of Delaware, which will be about the most important measures to be presented at this session, as they completely revise the present taxation system of this State, will not be presented until tomorrow.

LAW HAD NO CONTRABAND; KNEW NOTHING OF SUBMARINE DECREE
NEW YORK, Feb. 15.—The American schooner Lyman M. Law, sunk by an Austrian submarine February 12 off Sardinia, carried no contraband. She left port before the submarine decree was promulgated, was not equipped with wireless and knew nothing of the submarine menace, officials of the Maritime Transportation Company declared today.

U-BOAT WAR PLANS OF GERMANS
UPSET BY BRITISH ADMIRALTY
LONDON, Feb. 15.—Naval officers expressed the belief today that Germany's submarine war had not reached the climax of its intensity.

CELESTINE VICHY
NATURAL ALKALINE WATER
SPLITS are now on sale and can be obtained at all first-class Hotels, Bars and Restaurants.

SARTORIAL SECRETS!
MERE MAN, READ THEM

Rainbow Evening Clothes One of Sacred Mysteries of Tailors' Private Exhibits
By M'LISS
"Do not impugn the dignity of the profession," said the fashion expert, crossing one correctly gray-striped trousered knee over the other; "pull no low jokes about it taking nine tailors to make a man and I will tell you some of the inner secrets of our art."

EDGAR HALSTEAD
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WAS CHARACTER ACTOR

Philadelphia Last Here in "Hit the Trail Holiday"—Created Important Roles
Edgar Halstead, one of the most widely known character actors in the country, is dead at the Hotel Olmsted, Cleveland. He was a native of Philadelphia and always considered this city his home.

WOMAN DRAWN UNDER CARS
Suction of Train Drags Her Beneath Wheels and She Is Killed
Suction drew Mrs. Sophia Priestley, of Tevose, beneath the wheels of a Philadelphia and Reading Railway train last night near Somerton station, and she was instantly killed.

EXIT "BARBARY COAST"
San Francisco's Notorious Resort Closed as Result of Vice Crusade
SAN FRANCISCO, Feb. 15.—San Francisco's notorious "Barbary coast" passed into the discard officially today.

RECOVERING RAPIDLY, BUT HIS MIND IS STILL HAZY, DR. KIRBY SAYS
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HAVANA POLICE SEIZED
ON CONSPIRACY CHARGE

Rumors Fill City After Several Officers and Men Are Arrested
DENY MINING OF HARBOR
Government Sets at Naught Claims of Revolutionary Leaders Regarding Santiago

HAVANA, Feb. 15.—There are reports that a new conspiracy against the life of President Menocal was unearthed, but was frustrated by the vigilance of the authorities.

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TIES MASSEUSE TO BED
AND ROBS APARTMENT

"Spaniard" Threatens to Kill Woman as He Comes to "Clean Out" the Place
VICTIM FOUND BY COPS
Arrest Expected Soon as Police Trail Strangler—Described as Small and Swarthy

A daring robbery, in which a swarthy man bound and gagged Marie Giblin, a masseuse, of 11 South Eighteenth street, at the point of a pistol and escaped with \$500 worth of jewelry and \$125 in money, was discovered early today by the police, who found Miss Giblin tied to her bed. An arrest is expected before tonight.

APPOINTED COUNTY FARM DEMONSTRATOR
HAGERSTOWN, Md., Feb. 15.—County Commissioners here notified of appointment of Thomas L. Smith, of Oldtown, Md., as county farm demonstrator by Maryland Agricultural College, at a salary of \$1800 paid by the State and Federal Governments.

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