

Thus the war god whose mists at first

Both the House and Senate are talking for and against the President's request.

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B. AND O. PASSENGER TRAIN HAS NARROW ESCAPE

according to the private view of a majority

of the Public Service Commission. This fact became known today in con

the construction of the elevated line from

Thirtieth and Market streets to City Line

unanimous opinion that the act of June 17

1913, confers the power upon the city to

compel through routing without an operat

speed trains could run from Darby over

the Darby "L" to Thirtieth and Market

streets, over the Market street high-speed

line to Front and Arch streets and thence

over the Frankford "L" to the Northeast

and returning over the same route.

ing lease between city and company. The effect of this would be more high

# 200 KILLED IN FRENCH ARMS PLANT EXPLOSION

BERLIN, Feb. 27 .- Two hundred persons were killed and 700 wounded and on were destroyed by the blowing up of a French ammuni-

present German retirement will not be

c-istance with large caliber guns, which

blew up their strongest defensive works. line is being established by the British

The Germans had many thousand soldiers and civilian prisoners working on the defensive works on the line from Arras to

For the present moment all eyes are turned toward Bapaume. The Germans have converted the city into an underground Gibraltar and have lavished on it all the arts of modern fortress building. Many explosions have been heard in the city, and there were various reports today that the garrison had blown up all these wonderful cliars and passages, as well as the city a is, preparatory to leaving when the pressure of the British forces becomes

plane activity. favored the Germans, preventing aerial reconnaissance, is switching his affections from one side to the other. Prisoners taken by the British say the German retreat is an "unpleasant job," because the British guns keep hammering away, making the roads all but impassable either by day or night. This has been one of the great moves of the world war, with deep significance and rich possibilities for the British. Some military critics predict that the fall Some military critics predict that the fail of Bapaume is near, but most of the war experts hold that the German defenses west of Bapaume are too powerful to be overcome in a short series of rushes. The Germans have been compelled to fail back over a front eleven miles wide from easi of Guedecourt to south of Gomme-court. At some points the British pressed out of about three miles encountering only forward about three miles, encountering rearguard detachments.

American Consul Frost, at Queenstown, officially reports the death of the two Americans, Mrs. Mary and Miss Elizabeth Hoy, together with the positive statement that the Laconia was sunk without warning.

Unofficial reports say a New York man and six American negroes of the crew also perished.

There were 294 persons aboard; thirteen are dead and missing. Two torpedoes were fired. A heavy sea was rolling.

Austin Hoy cables President Wilson asking to be the first volunteer for a citizen army to fight Germany. He is a son of Mrs. Mary Hoy.

Washington is gravely concerned over the situation. ' Officials say unofficially that the Laconia sinking is assuredly the "overt act" which must mean conflict with Germany.

#### **CONGRESS IN MUDDLE ON BACKING PRESIDENT**

WASHINGTON, Feb. 27 .- The sinking of the Laconia, according to highest offi-cial interpretation, is "a clear-cut act." No investigation is necessary. The sinking tands on its own merits.

This became known as the Administraton's attitude, following a conference at the White House between Secretary of State Lansing and President Wilson.

Evidence now in hand, presumably con-tained in cable dispatches from American representatives abroad, it was stated, elim-inates any necessity for further investiga-

The Laconia incident-what shall be

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#### **Trolley Car Hits Bakery Wagon**

Bread was tossed into the street and a delivery wagon of the Mayer Bakery, Six-tieth and Naudain streets, was damaged arly today in a collision with a Spruce treet car at Forty-ninth street. The bakery wagon was driving a cross Spruce street when the car struck it. Hundreds of loaves of bread were scattered over the wet pave-ment and Walter Bayha, of 5819 Spruce street, was thrown out. At the University Hospital, where Bayha was taken, it said his injuries were not serious.

# THE WEATHER

#### FORECAST

For Philadelphia and vicinity-Gencrally fair and colder tonight and Wednesday, with lowest temperature about thirty degrees Wednesday morning; fresh winds, mostly northwest.

# LENGTH OF DAY

DELAWARE RIVER TIDE CHANGES CHESTNUT STREET PERATURE AT EACH HOUR

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Lives of 200 Endangered When Pony Trucks of Locomotive Jump the Track TAYLORSTOWN, Pa., Feb. 27. - The

ives of nearly 200 passengers on the Baltimore and Ohio's Pittsburgh express were endangered today when the pony trucks of the engine jumped the track as the train neared a fifty-foot trestle here.

The train was traveling forty-five miles an hour and crossed the long trestle before it could be stopped.

## CUBAN TROOPS CAPTURE STRONGHOLD OF REBELS

Bayamo, Northwest of Santiago, Taken After Fierce Battle With

#### Heavy Losses HAVANA, Feb. 27 .- Government troop

today captured Bayamo fifty miles northwest of Santiago, the rebel stronghold. and drove the revolutionists from the streets on a series of savage engagements. Both aidea were equipped with machine guns and the losses were heavy. Capture of the city was reported to President Men-

ocal this afternoon by Colonel Matlas Metancourt. Colonel Pujol, commanding the troops that are pushing the routed rebeis in the Camaguey district, has overtaken and again defeated them, it is officially an-Metancourt.

# BILL IN STATE SENATE TAXES MANUFACTURERS

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Beidleman, of Dauphin, Introduces a Measure to Provide Additional Revenue •

HARRISBURG, Feb. 27-Under a bill in troduced in the Senate today, manufac-turing plants in Fennsylvania will have to pay a State tax after the first Monday of pay a State tax after the first Monday of next November to belp raise revenue for the State. The bill, introduced by Senator Heidleman, of Dauphin, fixes a one-mill tax on manufacturing concerns capitalized at \$100,000 or less; two mills on those capitalized at more than \$160,000 and less than \$500,000, and five mills on those capitalized at more than \$500,000. The bill also provides for a license tax of one-half mill on capital stock.

on capital stock. Senator Beidleman introduced also an amendment to the school code providing for the increasing of the salaries of county

The Senate passed the deficiency bill carrying an appropriation of approximately \$600.000, covering deficiencies in the various state departments. Adjournment until Mrach 12 was voted on in both House and Senate

Tankers Safely Back From War Zone NEW YORK, Feb. 27.—The American tank steamships Silver Shell and the Narra-gament arrived in New York today from the war zone. The Silver Shell is a sister

war zone. The Silver Shell is a sister ship of the Gold Shell, the first American ship to reach the war zone after the break with Germany. The Silver Shell came from Pordeauz and the Narraganeett from Lon-

The injured were: A. T. Cook, Harrisburg, engineer of freight train; hurt about legs.

Porter of a sleeping coach, injured about CARS WEDGED TOGETHER So powerful was the impact that the two last sleeping coaches of the all-steel train were wedged so tightly together that they

had to be cut apart. Every passenger in the rear Pullman of the express train, the steel Bellwood, was killed outright. The Bellwood split in two against the next steel Pullman, the Brucewhich cut into the Bellwood like a

knife. The living in the Bruceville and the dead in the Bellwood were imprisoned by the telescoping of the latter sleeping car, aking rescue work and identification difficult

There were nine in the Minds party, omposing exactly half the passenger list of Bellwood. All presumably were killed The Benwork of the stantly. They were on their way to Brooklyn, where Mrs. Minda's father, William Caflisch,

Sunday. They boarded the train at one, buying tickets for Utica, where, it ought, they intended joining other memlied Sunday. bers of the family.

BROTHER NOTIFIED Minds's brother, John A. Minds, of this

Alinds's brother, sould A shade of the city, was notified and left immediately for the scene of the wreck, John A. Minds, better known as "Jack" Minds, was the University of Pennsylvania's great all-around athlete of the '90s, captain of the football team and all-American player. He is a lawyer, with offices in the Commercial Trust Building. Minds's father is James H. Minds,

wealthy coal operator of Ramey and the Clearfield County mining region. He is sur-vived also by his mother.

COUPLE ON HONEYMOON Many of the bodies were crushed almost

Many of the bounds were of these bodies, beyond identification. One of these bodies, believed to be that of Mrs. P. R. Fanning, revealed a tragedy following close upon a romance. Mr. and Mrs. Fanning were on their honeymoon. A letter congratulat-Continued on Page Sixteen, Column One

INCENDIARY PLOT BARED BY YOUNG PHILADELPHIAN

Man Delegated to Fire Tenement Housing Twenty Families Informs the Police

NEW YORK, Feb. 27 .- A plot to set fire NEW YORK, Feb. 27.—A plot to set fre to a tenement house on Second avenue containing twenty families was frustrated by the police today. George Marino, pro-prietor of a barber shop on the ground floor of the building, confessed that he planned to fire the building and cover up the deed with evidences of "Black Hand" literature. literature

literature. Frank Quigley, twenty-two years old, of Philadelphia, was to have fired the building. Instead. Quigley notified the police of Ma-rino's plot. Marino said he wanted the \$1500 insurance on his shop. according to the

# Muster Out Eighth Infantry

Muster Out Data Santa Annual Santa S men and pitched headlong through the open door and rendered unconscious when he struck the ground. He suffered nu-

nection with the hearing before the comtion plant near Paris, says a dispatch to the Overseas News Agency today from mission upon the city's application for a certificate of public convenience to permit a Swiss source.

#### BALDWIN'S GET ORDERS FOR 35 FREIGHT ENGINES

Darby, Members of the commission avoided An order for thirty-five freight engines has been received by the Baldwin committing themselves publicly to this Locomotive Works from the Illinois Central Railroad Company. The locomotives view, but it was learned that a careful will be of the "Mikado" type and will be constructed under one of the several study of the various enactments bearing contracts awarded to Baldwin's and other concerns at a total of \$3,000,000. upon the case has resulted in the virtually

## TEXAS CROP FIGURES TO BREAK ONION PRICES

WASHINGTON, Feb. 27 .- Relief from present high prices for onions was in sight today when the Department of Agriculture estimated the Bermuda onion acreage in Texas as 11,853, as compared with 10,057 in 1916, an increase of 17.9 per cent. The Texas crop will be ready for shipment early in March. In the meantime, Washington housewives are paying as high as twelve cents for a single Bermuda onion.

#### NEW YORK PAPERS RAISE PRICE FOR OUT OF TOWN

NEW YORK, Feb. 27 .- The price of the morning papers in the territories out side of New York, where they have been selling for one cent, will be raised to two cents on March 1, according to an agreement entered into by the Times, Sun, Herald, Tribune, World and American. The high cost of print paper is given as the reason.

#### 150,000,000 POUNDS OF MEAT IN CHICAGO

CHICAGO, Feb. 27 .- More than 33,000,000 pounds of hams, bacon and beef were discovered by city and Federal food investigators in an inspection of two cold Philadelphia's high-speed system until the storage warehouses in the stockyards, and estimates placed the total amount of Continued on Page Sixteen, Column Six meat foodstuffs in storage there in excess of 150,000,000 pounds

#### GERARD AND PARTY ARRIVE AT CORUNNA

MADRID, Feb. 27 .- Ambassador Gerard and party have arrived at Corunna, acording to a message received here from the Governor of Corunna. The Ambassador left Madrid Sunday afternoon and will take steamship from Corunna for the United

HARRISBURG, Feb. 27 .- A committee representing the citizens' committee which drafted the proposed firemen's legislation now in the Legislature and the ly after 8 o'clock this morning, Joseph ordinance smothered by Philadelphia City Councils to raise the pay of the fire-Rose, a cowboy, of Butte, Mont., battled men is in Harrisburg looking after the interests of the two-platoon bill. The with the hold-up men until he was thrown measure, which is on second reading in the House today, was introduced by Representative Isadore Stern, Philadelphia It amends the existing law requiring the some time, then, recovering, he started to two-platoon system for Pittsburgh and Scranton, making it applicable to Philadelphia.

### BOSTON WOMEN ASK EMBARGO ON FOOD EXPORTS

BOSTON, Feb. 27 .- A delegation representing the Housewives' League visited Rose was en route from Butte to New Governor McCall's office and asked him to send a special message to the Legislature pockets, he told the local police. On the requesting it to memorialize Congress to place an embargo on the export of food. The women said they would go to Washington Thursday to request President Wil son to urge Congress to take some action on the food situation.

# STANDARD OIL OF CALIFORNIA ISSUES \$25,000,000 STOCK

NEW YORK. Feb. 27 .- Advices from San Francisco say that the Commissioner f Corporations of California has permitted the Standard Oil Company of Calihe told the police, he preferred to fight and fornia to issue shares not to exceed 245,433 and a fraction to its present stockattacked the men. The fight was finally holders in the form of a stock dividend, amounting in the aggregate to nearly and the vestibule door was opened in the \$25,000,000.

### TAFT DECLINES TO DISCUSS PRESIDENT'S MESSAGE

NEW HAVEN, Conn., Feb. 27.-Former President Taft declined to discuss tent Wilson's message, saying he expected to discuss it tor ng in Finindeid, N. J.

#### BRITISH GAIN 2 MILES ON ELEVEN-MILE LINE

LONDON, Feb. 27 .- "The movements re-LONDON, Feb. 27.—"The movements re-ferred to in the communications Saturday and Sunday were maintained during the day on both banks of the Ancre" says the latest official bulletin on the campaign in France. The statement continues:

Our advance extends over a front of about eleven miles, from east of Gueudecourt (southeast of Bapaume) to south of Gommecourt (north of the Ancre, on the extreme flank of the

Ancre,<sup>9</sup> on the extreme flank of the original Somme battle (ront), and has attained a depth of two miles. In addition to the village of Serre, reported yesterday, we now occupy the strong point known as Butte de Warien-court (about two miles south of Ba-paume, the scene of the final desperate struggle of last November, where the British Colonials, after storming the bull were driven back by the Prussian British Colonais, and by the Prussian (Juard) and the villages of Warlen-court-Faucourt, Pys' and Miraumont. We have reached the outskirts of Le Barcque (a mile south of Bapaume). Irles and Puisieux-au-Mont (northeast of Serre.)

A hostile attack on one of our posts south of the Somme was driven off with loss (This is chiefly interesting as the first of-ficial intimation that the British have taken over still more of the French lines and are now holding those south of the Some as well.)

#### TEUTONS REGAIN GROUND LOST EAST OF ARRAS

BERLIN, Feb. 17. At only one point, between Ypres and 1 Somme River, did the British success

Somme River, did the British success penetrating the German lines, says lise. Office today. The British gain was made east of An it was stated, but the English were qui driven out with a counter-attack. In other sectors of the western from artillery was more active than usual night. Fighting activity on the eastern from decreasing, the War Office announced, weather is very cold. In Rungania Macedonia nothing has occurred.

York city, and had nearly \$200 in . his train he was approached by two strangers, who talked to him after the train left Pittsburgh. One of the men invited Rose to smoke a cigar and the three men went

but Saves Money GREENSBURG, Pa., Feb. 27 .- Held up by two men in the smoking compartment of a fast Pennsylvania passenger train near the Radebaugh Tunnel, west of here, short-

Cowboy Battles With Assailant and Is Thrown From Train-Wounded, States.

FIREMEN'S LOBBY ON DUTY IN HARRISBURG

**ON PENNSY FLYER** 

Another alternative possible in the event no lease is ratified, Assistant Transit Di-rector Atkinson explained, would be to conand

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struct the Chestnut street subway, thus connect the Darby and the Frankford lines. ford lines. The Public Service Commission gave evi-dence that it is not disposed to rush the issuance of certificates of public convenience for the construction of the various lines of

WILD WEST HOLD-UP

from the rear platform of the train.

His condition is serious.

wander in the Greensburg pike and was

picked up by automobilists, who brought

him to the Westmoreland Hospital here

to the smoking compariment. Rose was

commanded to turn over his money, but,

carried to the rear platform of the train

scuffle. Rose was struck by one of the

truck the grounders, but