EVENING LEDGER-PHILADELPHIA, FRIDAY, OCTOBER 5., 1917

DRAKE, BIG BRITISH SEA FIGHTER, SUNK

Torpedoed Off North Coast of Ireland-Nineteen Men Killed

SHIP WELL KNOWN IN U. S.

Sister Craft of Good Hope, Which Was Lost in Fight With Germans

LONDON, Oct. 5 .- The Admiralty ansounces that the British cruiser Drake has been torpedoed and sunk.

The Drake was torpedoed Tuesday morning off the north coast of Ireland. She reached a harbor, but then sank in shallow

water. One officer and eighteen men were killed by the explosior. The remainder of the ship's company was saved.

The Drake was an armored cruiser of 14,100 tons, and while an old yessel as warships go—she was built at Pembroke in 1962 — the Drake was still an effective fighting unit. She carried two 9.2-Inch guns, sixteen 6-Inch and twelve 12-pounders. Her complement was 500 officers and men. She had a speed of twenty-four knots. A sizer ship of the Drake, the Good Hope, was sunk in the battle with the German fiet off Coronel, Chill, in 1914, with a loss of 857 men. The Drake was well known in

of \$87 men. The Drake was well known in eastern American waters, having several times visited the United States and Cana-dian ports. She was the flagship of the dian ports. fifth cruiser squadron, which attended the Hudson-Fulton celebration in New York in

AMERICAN SCHOONER DESTROYED OFF SCILLY

LONDON, Oct. 5.-A German submarine attacked the American schooner Annie F. Conton by gunfire Wednesday morning off Scilly Islands. The crew of eight men has been landed safely.

NEW YORK, Oct 5.—The Annie F. Con-lon, reported sunk off the Scilliy Islands, Whis an American schooner of 591 tons pross register, built in 1882 at Portsmouth. N. H. She left here August 27 with cargo for Havre, under command of Captain J. R. Griffin, carrying a crew of seven men, here of whom didmed American effizen-

addresses as shown by the ship's articles

ping by submarines and mines last week were five vessels of more than 1600 tons each and five of less than that size. Four of the smaller ships were lost in the preceding week. Five vessels were attacked unsuecessfully, one of them in the previous week, Six fishing vessels were surk, two of them in the proceeding week.

rate would be required." The Smith administration, through Jo-eph P. Garrney, chairman of Councils' Fl-

nance Committee, today ennounced at the third public learing of the Smith-Mitten transit lease that it has no intention of throwing this lease into the discard on ac-

"First American Prisoner Not Worth 300 Marks" THE HAGUE, Oct. 5 .- The Dues zeldorfer General Anzeiger announces the capture of the first American prisoner, an aviator who landed behind the German lines. The paper says this puts an end to the stories that the Kaiser would give 300 marks reward and three weeks holiday for the first American captured and adds: "This prize is in respect fantastic, as no American is worth 300 marks, and

secondly, the whole story is an in-vention. * * * The best part of the story is that the first American was captured long ago, when an American aviator landed behind the German lines."

Doctor Lewis, who told Mr. White that he was under a misapprehension. He indicated that the amendments to the lease had been prepared, but said that they would not be offered until the discussion of the lease at the public hearings had come to an end.

There was a noticeable falling of in atthere was a noticeable tailing of an ar-tendance at the hearing today as compared with the two previous meetings. The hear-ing began twenty minutes late because Chairman Gaffney had to send the sergeant-at-arms of Common Council out in the cor-ridors and various antercoms to find enough members of the two committees to make a nembers of the two committees to make a norum.

James Collins Jones, counsel for the Chamber of Commerce, was called as the first speaker. In calling him, Gaffney said that Director Twining had been scheduled to make the first address, but that he had agreed to give place to Mr. Jones.

William Hancock, one of the city's three representatives on the Board of Directors of the Rapid Transit Company, whom Mr. whom Mr. Gaffney had invited to speak today, sent a The Board of Trade likewise failed to

send any representative to speak in response to Gaffney's invitation. William R. Tucker. ecretary of the Board, sent a letter stating that, although action on the terms of the lease itself had been deferred, the Board stood by the report of its committee on municipal affairs, which recommended that the entire lease question be laid over until construction prices had dropped to normal.



British troops have occupied the crest of the Passchendaele-Gheluvelt inter and the set of the set of the most terrific battles of the war on the west front. The ridge, upon which Haig is now firmly estab-lished, dominates the Belgian plain over which Haig's men must fight their way toward the Menin-Roulers railway, which extends to the great German bases at Ostend and Zeebrugge.

stand that now. These profits so often re-ferred to are very clusive.' White, "an immediate increase in fare, in your opinion?"

Mr. SIX PER CENT DIVIDEND

The Twining lease does give the company a certain protection for a cumulative 6 per cent dividend, but if I were counsel for the company and 6 per cent was to be the divi-dend fixed 1 would want to see it a little better protected. If the company can get

LEWIS PROMISES TO REWRITE.

istaking (ur intent, n.s.

eri W Kincade, secretary, and Walter Fid-ler, treasurer. An opportunity will be given to the resi-dents of West Philadelphia to present their demands for the construction of the cross-town line of Fifty-sixth street Thursday a week. Charles Segar, chairman of Coun-clis' Committee on Street Ballways, has called a meeting of the committee for that date, to consider the ciaims of the West Philadelphians. Business and civic organi-zations throughout the entire West Phila-delphia section have been invited to send delphia section have been invited to send

Director Twining, of the Department of City Transit, today appointed two assistant engineers to \$1500 places on his field staff. The new names on the city payroll are those of Cletus T. Hayes, 5023 Smedley street, and William O. Murane Ir. 1231 South and William O. Murneh, Jr., 1231 South Wilton street.

UNO SCONTRO NAVALE NEL BASSO ADRIATICO

Un Incrociatore Italiano Sostiene Brillantemente lo Scontro e

Fuga il Nemico

ROMA, 5 Ottobre. Da un comunicato ufficiale si apprende che uno scontro mvale e avvenuto ieri faltro nel basso Adriatico, sulla costa rientale, tra l'Incroclatore italiano "Aquila." mitenuto da alcune siluranti, ed um quadra di incrociatori austriaci seguiti da ilcuri airoptani.

Dai particolari dello sconto si rileva uanto appresso:

Il comandante navale italiano essendo stato informato che alcune navi austriache incrociavano lungo la costa orientale del mare Adriatico, ordino' ad una squadriglia di incrociatori di attaccarle. La squadriglia era preceduta dall'incrociatore 'Aquila" che filando in direzione di Cattaro riusci' ad avvistare due incrociatori aus-triaci, tipo Tatra, e subito il attacco aprendo in violento fuoco che abbatte' i fumatoli gravemente danneggio' i fianchi delle navi

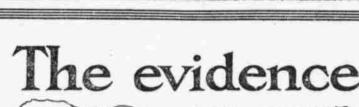
Quando gia' appariva che le navi nemiche stessero per soccombere a bordo del l'"Aquila" scoppio un incendio e gli italiani furono costretti a sospendere il confbatti-mento per domare le fiamme. Allora gli incroclatori austriaci si diedero alle fuga riparando nel porto di Durazzo,

Contemporameamente numerosi idroplani nemici si levarono e cominc'arono a gettare bombe sull''Aquila'' causando qualche danno ed uccidendo alcuni della ciurma. Ma gli italiani che avevano gia' domato l'incendio attaccarono vigorosamente le macchine nemiche e le costrinzero a riti-

Non appena gli idroplani scomparvero, avanzarono tre incrociatori austriaci e cioe l'Aida, il Navara e lo Asparn.

ingaggio' combattimento con le tre navi nemiche, mentre a mezzo del telegrafo senza fill chiedeva assistenza ad alcune siluranti italiane che incrociavano in direzione di Durazzo.

mezzi propri.



ert W. Kincade, secretary, and Walter Fid-CONGRESS SPENT Total Ten Times as Large as any Previous

WASHINGTON, Oct. 5. Presenting a balance sheet of Congress, Chairman Fitzgerald, of the House Appro-oriations Committee, today made a state-

sent that this session has spont \$21,390, 10,940, ten times as much as any previou The official balance, coinciding closely

Session

The official balance, coinciding clone with previous estimates, follows in full: War and Navy Departments. **17**,522,726,4 Infidencies, war and navy. **1**,694,840,6 Selficiencies, war and navy. **1**,694,840,6 A discretion of President **1**,000,000,0 Food control **1**,000,000,0 Food control **1**,121,846,8 Selfiers and sattors' insurance. **1**,742,259,0 **1**,742,846,8 Solfiers and sattors' insurance. **1**,742,259,0 47,522,726,441 1,654,840,650 1,640,517,500

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There were also from contracts ... Navy contracts ... Supplug Hoard ... Treasury Huilding 819,000,000

MURDER MYSTERY CLEARED

Man Confesess, Police Say, to Blowing Up House

Up House HUNTINGDON, Fa., Oct. 5.—By the ar-rest of Alfonzo Buene and his alleged con-fersion the mystery surrounding the kill-ing of Frank Condello and Mrs. John Ramsey by the blowing up of their house bear Mount Union two weeks ago by a bomb was seemingly cleared up. Buene, according to the police, confessed that he and Antonio Saia made and placed that he and Antonio Saia made and placed that he and Antonio Saia made and placed the tragedy. Saia was arrested soon after the crime and is now in jail.

Will Have Jobs Back

Drafted men in the employ of the city f Minneapolis will be given back their jobs immediately upon their return from France, after the war, it was decided by the Civil Service Commission. An amend-ment will be adopted by the commission making possible the reinstatement of a former employe without waiting for two years, as at present. There are many





