FOR HIGH COST OF FOOD

PRICE TWO CENTS

CORONER RAPS OFFICE OF DISTRICT ATTORNEY

KNIGHT HINTS ROTAN COVERS UP GUILTY MEN

Clashes With Prosecutor's Representatives at 5th Ward Inquest

THREE WITNESSES REFUSE TO TESTIFY

Maloney, Sullivan and Clark Decline to Take Stand and Answer Questions

MASCIA HELD FOR KILLING

Knight Fails to Hold Commonwealth Witnesses as Accessories in Fifth Ward Crime

Hostilities between the offices of District Horney Rotan and Coroner Knight flared p this afternoon at the inquest into the ath of Acting Detective George A. Eppay, slain by imported New York gunmen s the "Bloody Fifth" Ward primary elec-

Coroner Knight, a Vare-Smith political ader, accused the District Attorney's office, which is prosecuting murder conpiracy charges against Mayor Smith, of mposing eitence upon three Coroner's witsees Samuel G. Maloney, head of the Val O'Earrell Detective Agency bureau and two employes, Michael J. Sullivan and James I. Clark. He made a move as if to hold as accessories before the fact these three men, who, likewise, accused of murder conspiracy because they brought the gunmen here, are three of the Common-wealth's principal witnesses against the

Amistant District Attorney James Gay forden, Jr., pointing his finger at Coroner Enight, declared that he resented the accusation. In reply to a query from the Coroner he asserted that no evidence in his possession showed that the men could be ald as accessories.

utcome was that "Butch" Sguegila (Mascia), the man who killed Eppley, was held by the Coroner on a murder charge for the Grand Jury. His pal. "Lefty" di ma (Costello), was held as an accessory Costello's confession, made public today, owed that there was co-operation between

the thugs and the police in the ward fight.

The sudden flare-up joited what was save for occasional wrangling over minor wites, apparently a cut-and-dried probe into the actual killing. On several occa-sions Coroner Knight gave warning that he would hear nothing but testimony pertito the case in hand, and once he cut short oun a tempt to voice "frame-up"

COUNSEL BLOCK OUTZAING Counsel for the three witnesses promptly

locked the move of Coroner Knight to sestion Maloney, Sullivan and Clark, those testimony at the hearing of the weight in causing the Mayor to be held in 10,000 bail for Court When the name of James I. Clark, the

Minnick, Jr., stepped have advised my client of his right and have instructed him not to take the stand. He has already been held for court

man with eyeglasses," was called, his

a Magistrate." Michael J. Sillivan, the go-between in the

boilteal nurder, was next called as a witbest. His attorney, Harry D. Wescott,
stepped up and said, "I advised my client
not to may anything or testify in this case."

Coroner Knight then started hostilities with the District Attorney's office.
"I don't understand." he said. "Haven't
the power to ask these witnesses ques-

one relating to the murder of Detective

Sullivan has not as yet had a hearing fore a Magistrate," continued Coroner

Counsel for Sullivan informed Corone Knight that Sullivan had been arraigned ling Magistrate, and that Sullivan had aleady been held for court.

Coroner Knight then ruled that Judge fown had no right to sit as a committing rown had no strate, and ordered Sullivan to take Stand. Sullivan was sworn as a witness

mer Knight asked him, "Do you know Mascla and did you have any connection with the bringing over of these gunmen from New York to Philadelphia? Sullivan replied, "I refuse to hiswer or the ground that it may incriminate me." Who has instructed you not to answer

ention" asked Coroner Knight. "My counsel," was the reply.

Next Maloney, their employer, was called stand. Former Congressman Logue

formed Coroner Knight that he had ad-ed Maioney not to testify. "Did you bring any of these people over the figured in the Fifth Ward shoot

ing who figured in the Fifth Ward shooting! asked the Coroner. "I refuse to anmer," was Maloney's reply.
"On what ground do you refuse to ansear," the Coroner then asked.
The reply was: "On the ground that it
may incriminate me."

CORONER SCORES ROTAN'S OFFICE er Maloney had left the witness stand had to Assistant District Attorney Gor-

"Mr. Gordon, you being the representa-Continued on Page Ten, Column Three

The Continuation of the Story "Germany, the Next Republic?"

Carl W. Ackerman

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FOOD ADMINISTRATOR HOOVER puts the high cost of food directly up to the retailer. In a lengthy statement issued at Washington he says While wholesale prices have been reduced, retail figures either 1. While wholesale prices have been reduced, teta 350,000 retailers remain stationary or have been advanced; that 350,000 retailers to read the cost of living.

HOOVER ARRAIGNS RETAILERS

have balked the Government's efforts to stabilize the cost of living.

Lacking power to compel the retailer to do business on the basis of cost and a fair profit, Mr. Hoover declared that he intends to do the following things in an effort to wipe out excessive profits:

2. Inaugurate a system by which the wholesale prices of principal styles shall be published in every consuming center every day, so that the public may know what the retailers are paying for their Gather reports on retail prices from 700 cities, average them and make public at regular intervals.

Let the public decide whether the retailer is playing fair or

whether it is necessary to regulate him by law. 3. The food administration considers that, subject to co-operation from the farmers and the retailers, the corner has now been turned in high

prices and that most of the essential commodities should, one after another, continue to show reduction between now and the end of the year. The food administration has no control of either the grower or his organization nor of the great majority of retailers. The foundations have been laid for regulation of the intermediate trades, and where these regulations have come into force and the trades are co-operating finely considerable results are evident in the wholesale prices.

A Flour is from \$1.50 to \$2 per barrel higher than is warranted by the

4. Flour is from \$1.00 to \$2 per carret night.

4. price being made by the millers. The average retail price on first patent; in 796 cities on October 13 was \$13.77.

5. Beef already shows some tendency toward reduction in wholesale prices, but these have not been so far reflected in the prices quoted by the retailer. The price of beef at the packers' door is 14½ cents per pound, as compared with sixteen cents in the month of July, while the average retail price of round steak in 796 cities is thirty-one cents per pound, against twenty-seven cents per pound in July, thus showing that retail prices have increased while wholesale prices have decreased.

6. Beet sugar prices are being controlled by the manufacturers upon a basis that should reach the retailer from 8 to 8½ cents pere pound, depending upon the locality. The rise in retail prices of sugar during the last three days in the eastern States is solely due to the advancement of these prices by retail dealers in the face of a short supply, and does not bear any relation to the prices at which these sugars have been purchased.

7. We have a potato harvest of 59 per cent in excess of the crop of last year. The price at the loading points varies from \$1.50 to \$2.80 per 100 pounds, depending on the section where grown and the cost of getting them to market. The price, which is somewhat higher than at this period last year, is due to a tendency on the part of the producer to hold the Beet sugar prices are being controlled by the manufacturers upon a

last year, is due to a tendency on the part of the producer to hold the potatoes for higher prices than last year and to the temporary inability of the railroads to furnish equipment sufficient to move from many sections the quantity available at this time.

FRENCH REPULSED, | GROCERS CONSIDER **CUT IN HIGH PRICES** BERLIN REPORTS

Discusses Means for Re-

lief of Consumers

That relief from the prevailing high prices of food products is in sight for Phila-

retail grocers of the city was opened at the store of Mitchell, Fletcher & Co., Eighteenth

and Chestnut streets, at which a report was

heard from a representative of the Phila delphia association, who has been in Wash

ington for several days in conference with Herbert C. Hoover, national food admin istrator, and with representatives of othe retail grocers from all parts of the country

As a result of this meeting, it was stated

by a prominent grocer, there is every probability that substantial reductions in the prices of many commodities in the local

HOOVER CHARGE DENIED

the retail grocers of the country are re

sponsible for unreasonably high prices in many necessaries of life brought forth ex-pressions of protest from leading Philadel

In all instances these expressions wer

desire to criticize Mr. Hoover, that

is doing a great work and deserves the hearty support of the people, but that he has unintentionally done an injustice to the

noble army of purveyors of prunes, pickles

and other edibles, which is much to be de-

That prices of table necessaries hav-

te buck is apparent on all sides. Some

thing is the matter and somebody is to

RETAILERS OFFER EXCUSES

The chief excuses given by the dealer

or the continued and increasing high cost f food are about as follows:

The commandeering of large quantities of supplies by the Government for the army, reducing the supply for the consumption

of the civil population almost to the vanish-

The manager of one large downtown re-

Without exception, local retailers ex-

pressed the opinion that Mr. Hoover's as-sertion that wholesale prices have gone

down while retail prices have steadily gone

up, was misleading. "It isn't a question o wholesale prices at all." declared one prom

nent dealer. "but a question of getting the

stuff at any price. When there is a universal demand for something that you

haven't got, the price of that article is going to be high. Our problem is to get stock at all."

"What Mr. Hoover says about the price

of flour at the mill is quite true," said an-other dealer, "but what good does it do us that flour is cheap at the mill when we

can't get it here in Philadelphia?"
The sugar situation continues to be most

J. W. W. Extradition Hearings Reset

NEW YORK, Oct. 19 .- The hearing on

NEW YORK, Oct. 19.—The hearing on the extradition proceedings in the cases of Elizabeth Gurley Flynn, Carlo Tresca. Ayuro Glovaniti and Viovanni Baldizzi was postposed today until next Monday morning. The defendants were indicted by the Cook County, Itl., Grand Jury following the recent I. W. W. raids throughout the coulifry.

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empered with the statement that there

The statement made yesterday in Washington by Food Administrator Hoover than

market will be made at ence.

phia grocers today

Germans Assert Vauclerc Meeting of Leading Dealers Mill Attacks Failed, but Paris Claims Success

GUNS ROAR IN FLANDERS HOOVER'S CHARGE DENIED

RERLIN. Oct. 19 .- Sanguinary repulse of French attacks north of Vauciero mill (Chemin des Dames) and Intense artillery fire were reported in today's offi-

cial statement. "In Flanders there was intense artiflery fire northeast of Soissons and also formidable use of munitions on the eastern portiop of Chemin des Dames," the statement soid. "The French three times attacked north of Vauciere mill and were sanguin-

arily repulsed "Twe've enemy airplanes were downed. ux of these being of a squadron of bombing danes which attacked Roulers and in Del-

PARIS, Oct. 12. Numerous detailed operations were sucessfully carried out by Franch troops on he Chemin des Dames, the French official report declared today. The prisoners in cluded men from four different divisions In the Champagne sector, the statement said, a French detachment penetrated German trenches and drave back a German unit. On the right bank of the Meuse at tacks were repulsed. Dunkirk was again bombed by German raiders, but without

victims. LONDON, Oct. 19. Enemy artillery fire in the neighbor ped of Menin road and also around Zon neouver menin road and tise around Zon-nebeke was reported today by Field Mar-shal Halg. East of Vermelles, he said, Brit-ish troops repulsed a hoatile raiding party without casualties.

TOP COAT PAYS \$24.30 IN 2-YEAR-OLD SPRINT

Lyke Pilots Outsider to Victory in Third Race-May W. and Babbett Win

LAUREL, Md. Oct. 19.—Babbett, car-rying 115 pounds, showed the way to a dassy field in the opening six furlongs classy field in the opening six six sevent here this aftermoon when Troxier pi-loted his mount to victory, with Poor But-terfly taking second and Tea Party third. The machines paid \$15, \$5.30 and \$3.80 on winner.

In the second event at six furlongs May W. well backed by the gathering, ran in splendid form and led Swift Fox and Lo-bengrin to the wire. The machines paid spiendid form since. The machines paid liberally in the third for 2-year-olds at six furiongs, when Top Coat, handled by Lyke, was first, followed by Valerius and Kryple O'Nell. Top Coat paid \$24.30 for win.

The summary FIRST RACE, maiden two-year-olds, filles, furionss; \$15.00 \$5.50 \$3.50 s furiouss.

Babette 118. Troxier... 215.00 15.50 13.50

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tob... 5.60 Ten Party 115, Lyke Jane Mary Lindses, Time, 1715, Traverse Jane Mary Lindses, Supermaid, Golding, Kokobi, Alderberry and elicitad also ran. SECOND RACE. three-year-olds and up. 6

AFCONN RATE OF TROISE \$5.00 \$8.10 \$2.50 as W. 101 Troise \$5.20 2.00 selft Fox 108, Lake \$8.20 2.00 obengrin, 113, McDermott \$5.20 5.20 obengrin, 113, McDermott \$5.20 5.20 obengrin, 113, McDermott \$6.20 for 113, McDermott \$6.20 for 113, McDermott \$6.20 for 113, McDermott \$1.00 for 113, McDermott \$1.00 for 113, McDermott \$1.20 for 113, McDermott \$1.20 for 12, McDerm Latonia Results

FIRST RACE, purse \$800, maiden three-year de o Wiedman, 168, Gentry 15, 50 94 20 13-20, icot, 108, Minred Control of the Co

DRAFT BRAINS OF U.S., THEME OF EDUCATORS

Utilization of University Men's Technical Powers Discussed at Meeting

DREXEL SILVER JUBILEE

Utilization of the brains and technical raining of college and university professors, graduates and students, in furthering the military activities of a nation at war. along lines never before dreamed of during any previous war, was the theme of t conference of more than 100 presidents of educational institutions, scientists and Federal officials which began this morning at Drexel Institute

Reports presented at this morning's set sion showed that this mobilization of spe-cially trained men marks the dawn of a new era in the training offered by higher estitutions of tearning and in the relation

The conference incidentally signalizes the twenty-fifth anutial convocation of Prexel Institute, whose president, Dr. Hollis God-frey, is a member of the Advancy Com-mission of the Council of National Defense. In opening the conference, Doctor God-frey pointed out that the duty laid upon the advisory commission by the Admin-istration was to watch the lines back of the line of battle," and asserted that as a result of the recommendations offered by the educational authorities for mobilizing the technical abilities of the nation every administrative department of the Govern-ment was now far more interested in educational matters than a year ago.

NEW ERA RESULT OF WAR "As a result of the war," said he, "far greater emphasis is now laid upon the duty of the American college and university than

of the American college and university than ever before. This means a new era, in which the knowledge of the trained man is to be put to better account, as well as his ability to act as a leader of men."

Ductor Godfrey drew a lesson for the United States from the example of the famous universities of England, which, although they had emptied their halls when the call to war came, had let their men go to the trenches instead of utilizing their knowledge in technical lines. "The tremendous change today," he pointed out, "is that our colleges have been called upon to take up work in co-operation with the General Staff of the Army and with the civil staffs of the Government."

civil staffs of the Government."

A survey of the plan of activity recommended by the committee on engineering and education of the advisory commission. and in part already put into effect, was presented by Dr. Samuel P. Capen, executive secretary of the United States Bureau of Education. Reports from eighty-nine of the entrance of their students into the service of the nation. Twenty-three leading engineering schools show a decrease in oliment of 14.3 per cent, said he, while

FLUCK ATTACKS MERRITT TAYLOR

Fourth Transit Hearing Marked by Northwest Business Men's Chief's Charges

ASSAILS BLANKENBURG

The fourth public hearing of the Smith Mitten transit lease before Councile Joint, Finance and Street Railways Committee this afternoon developed into an attack continued to mount in spite of the fact that Uncle Sam has taken charge of the situa-tion is not denied by any of the local ion former Transit Director A. Merrit Taylor, delivered by Charles I. Fluctoresident of the Northwest Business Men' tailers, but the question of placing the blame for this condition is one that brings on more talk. The human tendency to pass Association and the leader of several move ments to obstruct transit development. Mr. Fluck also directed his verbal bolts against ermer Mayor Blankenburg. blame, but the retailers, large and small, are very positive that the fault is not theirs.

After reviewing the various steps in the early history of the city's transit develop-ment program, Mr. Fluck summed the sit-September 11, 1915, with a silver Mayor Blankenburg and Director

Taylor began to dig the hole in which Philadelphia now finds itself-faced with the necessity of either raising carfares in Shortage of supply due to the war.
Inadequacy of transportation facilities,
making impossible an economic distribution
of the food supply of the country. the near future or raising the taxes.

CHARGES AGAINST TAYLOR Mr. Fluck charged the ex-director with having changed his transit program fre-quently for political expediencs. He charged also that back of his "self-acchaimed efforts for the dear public there had been a political ambition, and according to statements appearing in the newspaners of this morning. Mr. Taylor believed tail store biamed the people themselves for the condition which now confronts them. "If they didn't buy so much stuff for fear prices will go higher," he said, "we would have more to sell and the prices yould not be so high." opportunity had about arrived."

his opportunity had about arrived.

In a prepared speech, forty-one pages in length. Mr. Fluck reviewed the history of the entire transit development program from the year 1913 to the present date. His attacks against Mr. Taylor and what characterized as "the obnexious Tay were scattered throughout his en-

Discussing the fare feature of the present Smith-Mitten lease, he advocated that Continued on Page Nineteen, Column Sever

RASPUTIN "Saint or Devil?" the true story of the "Black Monk"

of Russia, by the

Princess Catharine Radziwill begins in Tomorrow's

Evening Ledger

QUICK NEWS

ADDITIONAL RACING RESULTS

Fourth Laufel race, 11-16 miles-Crimper, 119, Butwell, 86.50. 84.20, out, won; Ticket, 117, Shuttinger, \$4.40, out, second; Hauberk, 115. Robinson, out, third. Time, 1.45 3-5.

Second Latonia race, 5 1-2 furlongs-Lady Luxury, 107. Gentry, \$3.60, \$3.10, \$2.60, won; Breezy, 107, Dreyer, \$8.40, \$5.50, second; Pretty Baby, 112, Lahunt, \$7.40, hird. Time, 1.11.

POLICE TO CANVASS LIBERTY LOAN SUBSCRIPTIONS

Policemen throughout the city were instructed to make a houseto-house canvass in the interest of the second Liberty Loan this afternoon. The police are being furnished with pamphlets setting forth the advantages of subscribing to the loan and also with subscription blanks. and the state of t

WOMEN CRUSHED AT LIBERTY LOAN RALLY

NEW YORK, Oct. 19 .- Several women fainted today when crushed in a crowd at a Liberty Loan rally in Wall street opposite J. P. Morgan's office. This led to a wild report that there was a riot.

AMERICAN AVIATORS REPORTED TRAINING IN ITALY

ROME Oct. 19 .- According to the Giornale d'Italia, numerous young American aviators are training in a small town in southern IItaly. The men are housed in special concrete buildings, it is said, and the Italian instructors are well satisfied with their progress.

DETROIT CAFES FALL BACK ON BROWN SUGAR

DETROIT, Mich., Oct. 19 -"War sugar" fills the bowls in Detreit cafes. This is not a new variety, but just plain brown sugar, ment as a last resort, when restaurateurs falled to get any white or Jump sugar.

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WORKERS STICK TO POSTS THROUGH FIRE Many employes of the Willard-Wright Company, manufacturers of allk bandages, 1512 North Marvine street, stuck to their posts today when fire was discovered in the basement of the plant. The damage was estimated at \$50.

DOG FANCIER SUES FOR TERRIER'S BOARD

Alf Belmont, dog functor, show expert and the owner of kennels at Devon, Pa., has brought auit against William F. Rolin, 1806 Chestnut street, to recover an account of \$576, alleged to be due for boarding and caring for Rolin's fox terrier, at \$2 per week, from February 8, 1914. The case is entered in the Municipal Court.

SEVERE STORM TO HIT CITY TONIGHT

The most severe storm of the season is scheduled to hit Philadelphia late to night, according to the Weather Bureau. It is headed from the Great Lakes and traveling castward at express airplane speed. Warnings have been ordered displayed on the Atlantic coast. The storm will start with a light rain, due this evening. Tomorrow it will be here in full blast, with a drop of about twenty degrees in temperature and high wind. It is not scheduled to last more than twenty-four hours.

TRAIN AND TROLLEY INJURE TWO

July Harrington, hitz-five years old, of Baltimore, a brakeman, is in a critical condit as after being struck by an engine in a tunnel near Thirty-fifth street aand American educational institutions show he said, that their curoliment in 1917 is 14.2 Gray's Ferry road. Sam McDowell, twenty-eight, of 1427 South Twenty-eighth street, per cent less than that of 1916, as a result was dragged more than fifty feet when hit by a car while riding a motorcycle on Twenty-second street. His condition also is serious. Both are in the Polyclinic

EXPLOSIONS SCARE SUBURBANITES

A series of shocks that shook houses in Chestnut Hill and Torresdale shortly after ten o'clock today, gave rise to a report of an explosion similar to that which occurred at Gibbstown, N. J., Monday, costing the lives of four men. It was learned to be without foundation, the concussion resulting from blasting near Bristol to facilitate the construction of a shippard in the process of erection there.

BLOCK OF \$1,000,000 FIRST LIBERTY BONDS SOLD

NEW YORK, Oct. 19.-The largest transaction in United States war bonds was made on the New York Stock Exchange today when a block of \$1,000,000 first Liberty Bond 31gs was sold at 99 72-100. This sale, exceptionally large in itself, is by far the largest single turnover of the initial United States war issue.

SECRETARY LANE'S CONDITION IMPROVING

WASHINGTON, Oct. 19. Secretary of the Interior Franklin K. Lane, who is at his Washington home suffering with an attack of grip, was resting easier today He was taken ill while making a trip in the interest of the Liberty Loan.

AUSTRIAN REGIMENT VOLUNTARILY SURRENDERS

WASHINGTON, Oct. 12 .- An Austrian regiment, with officers at its head and carrying their own arms, has surrendered to Rumanians along the Russo-Rumanian front, according to cables received today. The report stated that the regiment was omposed entirely of Mohammedan Serbs from Bosnia. The colonel declared that they were all Jugoslavs and surrendered voluntarily in order to enlist in the Jugoslay regiment now being formed out of the reorganized Serb army.

CALLS ON MEXICO TO TAKE STAND WITH ALLIES

MEXICO CITY, Oct. 19 .- A call for Mexico to join the Allies was sounded in the hamber of Deputies today. Deputy Manuel Garcia in a speech declared that the Allies are fighting for democracy and against supreme autocracy, and in view of what has happened in Mexico during the last half a dozen years. Mexico should take her stancon the side of the Entente Powers.

ARMY TO LOCATE HOSPITALS AT DESERTED POSTS

WASHINGTON, Oct. 19.-The War Department will soon announce full details of the plan to convert posts, now deserted by regular troops who have been dispatched abroad, into hospitals, winter quarters for specialized branches of the service and other military uses. The posts in the South are now being utilized for special purposes, but those in the North soon will be available for use by reason of their soldier occupants either being ordered abroad or sent to the warmer climate of the South.

SNOW INTERFERES IN CANADIAN WHEAT FIELDS

WINNEPEG. Canada, Oct. 19.—Snow and sleet have held up threshing all over the prairie provinces, but four-fifths of the crop, however, is in elevators or en route to the East. Fall plowing is under way very generally.

PARENTS SAVE CHILD'S LIFE FROM FIRE Quick action by his parents saved the life of Louis Mazelli, four years old, of

1654 South Chadwick street, who was burned early today while playing with matches at his home. The child's clothing became ignited and his mother smothered the fiames by wrapping him in a rug. Louis Masselli, the boy's father, then carried him to St. Agnes's Hospital.

RUSSIAN U. S. WAR EMBARGO LIFTED

PETROGRAD, Oct. 19.-The embarge on exports to the United States, which was imposed on account of the war, was lifted today by the Minister of Finance.

BRITISH PLANES BOMB GERMAN AIRDROME

LONDON, Oct. 18.-British naval planes yesterday bombed the Vasnassenaere air nic "with satisfactory results," an Admiralty statement announced today. Pritish machines returned safety.

SLAVS ABANDON NAVY BASE; MAY MOVE CAPITAL

Evacuation of Big Depot at Reval Formally Announced

RUSSIANS ALARMED BY ENEMY'S DRIVE

Plans Made for Transfer of Seat of Government to Moscow

FOE HAS GREAT FLEET

At Least 70 Warships, Including 10 Dreadnoughts, Massed in Gulf of Riga

Evacuation of Reval, Russia's great naval depot just at the entrance to the Gulf of Finland, was formerly announced today. Fetrograd may be abandoned as the capillat of Russia.

"On account of the strategical situation." "On account of the strategical situation," caused by the menace of a German advance from the Gulf of Riga, it was formerly stated today that early transfer of the capital from Petrograd, probably to Moscow, was being prepared for by the Government. A special "evacuating committee" had been named to make all plans. The personnel of this committee included M. Tretyakoff, president of the economic council and a member of the Cabinet: M. council and a member of the Cabinet: M. Palachinsky, president of the committee on National Defense, and Minister of Pub-lic Welfare Kishkin.

Germany has a vast naval force around the Riga Guif. Official reports today gave the total strength of the enemy fighting craft there as ten dreadnoughts, ten cruisers, fifty destroyers and eight or ten sub-

Two enemy trawlers, it was announced today, had been sunk in Moon Sound. "On Wednesday noon the enemy landed on Dago Island near Serre village," the statement concluded.

WASHINGTON, Oct. 13. In the absence of official dispatches the afternoon on the report that the Russian provisional Government has ordered the removal of the capital from Petrograd to Moscow. The move was not mespected, however. Removal of the capital has been looked for ever since the tlerman drive against Petrograd got under way.

COPENHAGEN, Oct. 15. A hig naval battle for the control of the

Baltic is imminent. A large exciton of the Russian Baltic fleet, which took refuge in Kassar Bay after the Russian battleship Slava was sunk in Moon Sound, is preparing to make a dash past the German men-of-war guarding the western entrance, according to a dispatch from Petrograd today dated Thursday

night. n the Russian fleet between eighteen and twenty-two chips, including battleships, cruisers, gunboats, tor-pedopoats and Submarines.

The Germans have a far superior fleet, the big guns on the superdreadnoughts far outringing the cannon on the Russian rien-of-war. There are between fifty and sxty units in the German fleet, not counting

Moon Island is now virtually in German hands. An official statement issued today in Reglin, relative to the naval operations, in the faulf of Riga, says.
"We gained nearly all the mole on the western coast of Moon island and by mid-

the mine sw wners.

day all of it was ours. We took 5000 pris-Part of the action on Wednesday was fought with the warships firing across Moon

Island at each other. The Germans now hold four of the islands dominating the entrance to Riga No details of the German occupation of Moon Island, due east from Ocsel Island.

have come through. Apparently it followed immediately the sea fight. The Berlin War Office, in announcing the capture of 10,000 prisoners and fifty guns on Oesel, stated that only a few hundred of the garrison managed to escape to Moon Island. indications are that the Germans' next step will be a campaign against the Aland Islands, which lie at the entrance to the Gulf of Bothnia, with the ultimate object of bottling up the great Russian Baltic fleet, which now lies inactive at Kronstadt, in the Guif of Finland, 200 miles northeast

Evacuation of Reval. if confirmed, would appear to indicate even greater menace to Russia by the German Baltic Sea Seet than its victories so far reported have indicated. Reval is the first of the naval bases which a hostile feet, intent on penetrating the Gulf of Finland, would endounter. It is only 100 miles from Petrograd. Before the war Reval was classified as a maral station of the second class, but under the 'mar's regime it was strengthened and re-

Riga Gulf. Kornstadt is the sea defense

Transfer of the capital from Petro-grad to Moscow has frequently been con-sidered by the new democratic Government At the time of the last German drive land around Riga it was formally sta that such a step was planned. Appeara more than a month ago of a formidable German fleet in the Baltic and reports of an impending naval offensive against Petroy grad caused a revival of the report. Demo-cratic leaders have since the very start of the new republic regarded Moscow mo suitable for the capital than Petrograd. Just why there should be any immedia fear of danger to Petrograd from the Ge

> Continued on Page Pight, Column Three THE WEATHER

For Philadelphia and vicinity; Rain totight; followed by much colder: Saturday partly cloudy and colder; moderate partable winds, becoming fresh northwest, For castern Pennsylvania: Rata and

much colder tonight; Saturday partly cloudy and colder except rain in northeast portion; fresh northwest winds, LENGTH OF DAY

DELAWARE RIVER TIDE CHANGES CHRETNUT STREET

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aw water 10 37.5 m | Low water
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