# TALIANS FOIL ENEMY'S PLANS TO TURN FLANK

# TEUTONS FLUNG BACK IN NORTH. ROME ASSERTS

Repulse of Invaders Reported, but Berlin Claims Capture of Cismon

PIAVE DEFENSE FIRMER

Flooding of Country Near Adriatic Affords Hope of Saving Venice

ROME, Nov. 15. Teutonic attempts to circle the northern lank of Italy's Plave River line are being gorously repulsed. Today's official stateent asserted:

"On the mountainous front from the isiago plateau to the Plave all positions mained ours despite heavy enemy atacks at various points,"

News that Italian troops had stood their ound firmly and repelled all efforts of he Austrians on the north created great bilation here and increased optimism that the Plave line would prove an unbreakable telense to the Germanic invaders.

Dispatches today reported that the civil cuation of Venice had virtually been mpleted. A few families have insisted on remaining

Confidence that Venice would be saved the despoiling hand of the invader was ed on the natural obstacles in the way of an advance close to the sea coast. From around which recent dispatches placed the Austro-German troops, to Venice about sixteen miles on a direct line. But vening are numberless lagoons, bays and rivers, with marsh lands scattered in elween. Recent rains have clogged the terways to their flood stages, and this ons regarded as extremely favorable to the Italian defenders. In addition army engineers have opened

tes to hamper the advance of the

y still further.

Vatican today issued instructions to representatives in Vienna and Museuppeal, if necessary, to the Emperor Calser for orders to German and Austroops in Italy strictly to respect the of civilians. Emphasis was laid on present that women, children members and the street of the control of sity that women, children, mem-the clergy and hospitals and be spared from attack.

BERLIN, Nov. 16 mportant new su es for the Austr German armies in Italy were cigimed by the German war office today.

he German army that occupied Primo-has advanced down the Cismon Valley captured the town of Cismon. a the lower Plave River, the statement

adds. Austro-Hungarian troops are advanc-ing and have captured 1000 additional on is ten miles southwest of Feltre the same distance east of Asiago.)

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## **CABINET FORMED** BY CLEMENCEAU

Only Two Members of Painleve Ministry Retained by New French Premier

PICHON IN FOREIGN OFFICE

PARIS, Nov. 16. Georges Clemenceau this afternoon comed formation of a cabinet to succeed he Painleve Ministry. As announced by enceau the new cabinet will include: Premier and Minister of War, Clemen

Under-Secretaries of War, Jeanneny and

of Foreign Affairs, Pichon, of the Interior, Pams. lister of Finance, Flotz. lister of Public Instruction, Laferre, lister of the Navy, Leygues, lister of Colonies, Simon.

finister of Commerce, Lebrun. finister of Armaments, Loucheur. finister of Public Works, Claveille. inister of Agriculture, Dariac, inister of Labor, Colliard, emenceau presented his cabinet slate

sident Poincare this afternoon Only two ministers of the late Painleve are included in the new line up by Clemenceau. They are Minister of ines Klotz and Minister of Armament ns) Loucheur.

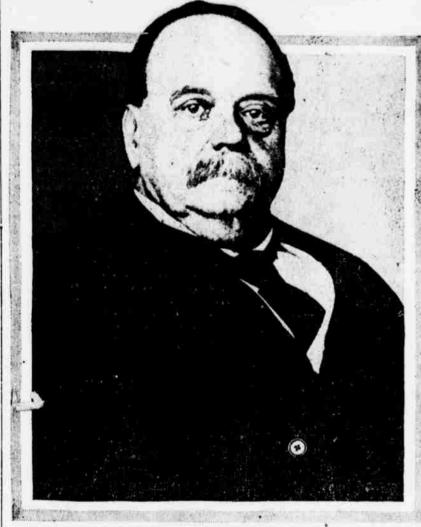
Deckhand Drowned in Delawate The body of Carl Sauson, thirty-five years at a deckhand on the barge Leeport, was covered from the Delaware River, near it. Port Richmond, early today by the sike boat Stokley. Sauson slipped and all into the water while going from the bore to the barge, according to the police. The body has been taken to the morgue.

THE AUTOBIOGRAPHY OF A PENNSYLVANIAN The Life Story of

Governor Pennypacker Ill appear in daily installments

beginning in Tomorrow's

## BRITISH STATESMAN VISITS CITY



Sir George H. Reid, former Premier and High Commissioner of Australia, who represents St. George's, Hanover Square, in the British House of Commons. Sir George arrived in Philadelphia today from Canada. He will speak on "What America Stands for in Human Progress" before the University Extension Society in Witherspoon Hall tonight.

### Y.M.C.A. WAR FUND | PREDICTS WAR'S HAS BIGGEST DAY

Bring City's Total to \$1,194,806.54

All records for daily collections in the \$35,000,000 national drive of the War Work Council of the Y. M. C. A. were smashed by the campaign executive committee and teams in Philadelphia today.

The record-breaking sum of \$257,597.15 was reported at the luncheon at the Ritz-Carlton. This brings the total for the city up to \$1,194,896.54, and that of the Phila-delphia district, which includes Delaware Bucks, Chester and Montgomery Counties to approximately \$1.400,000. The district's

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Announcement was made that the Bel Telephone Company has subscribed \$100, 000 to the general fund, of which \$4500

Deafening cheers greeted the announcements. The team of Jay Cooke again co mittee collected \$53,592.72. The Merion Boy Scouts turned in \$3200. Announcement was made that persons

wishing to give a subscription large enough to build a Red Triungle can do so with the understanding that the structure will bear a plate with the donor's name in tribute to his or her generosity and pa-

It also will be possible for the same

## ister of Australia and New South Wales, and called "one of the foremost statesmen of the British Empire" by ex-Premier As-quith, is one of the few visitors from the Allied countries who has dared to radiate optimism in the face of increasing Teutonic victories. Sir George is in Philadelphia and will Sir George is in Philadelphia and will address the University Extension Society tonight. It was in the drawing room of the home of Henry La Barre Jayne. 1925 Spruce street, that he added his prediction to the heterogeneous list that I have gathered as the result of putting the question: When do you think this war will end? "The whole thing will be over in a twelvementh," the British statesman said judicially, "it can't last any longer than that, Germany is not increasing her man that.

than that."

the Philadelphia district. ried off first honors with a total of \$31,000. That of J. Heron Crosman was a close second with \$23,670. The executive com-

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#### PENN CHARTER DOWNS CENTRAL HIGH BEATEN EPISCOPAL TEAM, 31-7

Sitley, Sangree and Brown Tally Touchdowns for Quakers in Important Game

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STRAWBRIDGE & CLOTHIER FIELD.

Nov. 16. Dick Merritt's strong Penn Charter team defeated Episcopal Academy in an important Interacademic League game here this

ant Interacademic League game here this afternoon by the score of 31 to 7.

At half time Episcopai led by 7 to 5, due to the fine work of Johnny Earp, but the nowerful attack of the Quakers in the last two periods swept aside the Episcopai boys, the Penn Charter lads accounting for twenty-five points in the third and fourth

The game was bitterly contested all the way. In the first period neither side was able to count, but in the second quarter Penn Charter started a superoffensive, Sitter leading the attack. A forward pass, Sittey to Fleming, carried the hall fown to the

# BY WEST PHILA., 19-0

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Germany's Fall

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Austria. The break was very, very near before the great Italian drive. Germany played her cards well when she backed

Austria up in the drive against Italy. Austria was almost ready then to break away from Germany. The time will come again

very soon and that is how the end of the

TALKS ABOUT NORTHCLIFFE

letter of criticism to Lloyd George put

lished this morning, when the former de-clined to head the Air Ministry.

"Northeliffe," Sir George considered

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mail hands over his ample embonr and waited for the next question, which was, of course, about Lord Northcliffe's

The doughty little statesman crossed his

losing steadily

Freedman Plays Brilliant Game in Victory of Orange and Blue on Houston Field

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HOUSTON FIELD, Phila., Nov. 15 About 5000 persons saw West Philadel phia defeat Central this afternoon.

West Philadelphia assumed a commanding lead in the first half, Friedman, West Philadelphia's left halfback, breaking loose or an off-tackle play and scoring the initial taily after two minutes of play. He had an open field with the exception of Hackman, who stood stupified, making no attempt to tackle him. After that Central's team seemed demoralized and West Philadelphia added to their score by crossing the line. once more, Kresge having the ho

In the second period Gilmore broke away and made a long run without opposition for another touchdown.

Central seemed to brace up in the third paried, but it was only momentary, West

# BY TEUTONS IN WEST COMING German Newspapers Fore-

**NEW RETREAT** 

cast Another "Strategic Retreat" by Germans

MAN-POWER FAST WANING

Vain Defense and Counter-Attacks at Passchendaele Exhaust 91 Divisions

LONDON, Nov. 16. Worcester regiments carried out a successful raid last night northeast of Fampoux, Field Marshal Haig reported today. North of Poelcapelle hostile reconnoitering parties endeavoring to approach the British lines were re-

PARIS, Nov. 16. Switching their pressure from the British to the French troops, the Germans on the west Flanders front delivered a strong assault against the French position north of Veldhoek, the War Office stated this afternoon. The attack broke down with heavy loss under the French fire. There were artillery combate throughout the night on the Verdun front.

(Veldhock, in Belgium, is near the famous Houthoulst forest, which has been the scene of heavy fighting for the last two months.)

By WILLIAM PHILIP SIMMS WITH THE BRITISH ARMIES IN FLANDERS, Nov. 16.

German newspapers found on recently captured prisoners show the Kaiser's Government is preparing the public for another "strategic retreat" on the west front. Captured German officers admit the

Subscriptions of \$257,597.15 Sir George Reid, ex-Premier German high command entertains the fear that a retirement for a distance "of several miles" may be necessary by recent British advances.

Data now in possession of the British echt of Bavaria in two months has exhausted ninety-one German divisions (nearly 1,365,000 men) in defending-"The whole thing will be over in a (nearly 1,365,000 men) in defending—twelvementh. It can't last any longer vainly—the Preschendaele Ridge and in fruitless counter-attacks.

In a similar period of about two months the Germans, during the battle of the Somme, used eighty-six divisions (1,290,000 men).

The inspired articles in German newspapers preparing the public mind for retirement on the west front show 1035 the German staff's realization that its man-power is fast waning.

### **FACTION POLITICS** IN BUDGET HEARING

Trainer Stirs Finance Committee by Reviewing Tax Office Scandal

HINTS OF SHIELDED MEN

Factional politics were injected into the hearing before Councils' Finance Committee this afternoon on budgets of various municinal bureaus, when Select Councilman Harry J. Trainer, of the Third ward, leader of the Penrose-McNichol organization, revived the charges of defalcation brought against certain employes of the Water Bureau last summer and hinted that others involved in the matter had been shielded by

political influence.

The smooth sailing of the hearing was ipset by Mr. Trainer's reference to a series of defalcations in the Water Bureau discovered by Carleton E. Davis, chief of the bureau, last summer, and laid by Chief Davis to the door of three of the bureau clerks and one employe of the Tax The four men were discharged, one of then dicted and the three others have yet to hear from the Grand Jury. Mr. Trainer alleged that eight men had been involved in the matter, and that the other four had been allowed to resign because they "had friends at court."

The line of questioning was begun by Mr Trainer by asking Director Datesman, the Department of Public Works, we the defalcations had amounted to ector Datesman replied that they totaled

"Over how long a period did they ex-tend?" asked Trainer. Four or five years," replied Director Datesman. "How many men were involved?" was Trainer's next question. Chief Davis re-

piled to it.

"Three employes of the Water Bureau, and one employe of the Tax Receipt Office," wid he.
"Was the city ever reimbursed?" asked Trainer Chief Davis replied that that was up to

be District Attorney. SAYS SOME WERE "LET OUT" "Eight men were involved, the others were let out," asserted Trainer.
"I discussed the matter with the Mayor and the District Attorney," Chief Davis re-

## QUICK NEWS

#### FOOTBALL SCORES

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#### REPORT TWO AMERICAN SHIPS TORPEDOED

BUENOS AIRES, Nov. 16 .- The American steamships Riflet and Villiner, property of the Spanish-Filipino Tobacco Company have been torpedoed off Argel and Alexandria, according to Barrelona dispatches received today. Lloyd's register does not list either, nor is the Spanish-Filipino Tobacco Company listed as a shipowner.

N. Y. SUGAR SITUATION TEMPORARILY RELIEVED NEW YORK, Nov. 16 .- The Havemeyer refinery of the American Sugar Refinery Company resumed work today after being felle tive weeks. Ten thousand tons of raw sugar from Cuba has artised. Ten-

#### U. S. COMMANDEERS DELAWARE RIVER BOAT

purary relief for New York is in sight.

WILMINGTON, Del., Nov. 16 .- One of the five by palaranee tenners of the Wilson Steamboat Company, plying between Wilson. ton and Philadelphia on the Delaware River, was commandered by the theremment this afternoon. Then teamer, the City of Cherry, is less and by the Government in housing shipbuilders who are to ! compared in the Government shippard at Heg Island. Platadelphia.

#### THREE MEN BADLY BURNED BY EXPLODING GAS

Three men, glassblowers in the employ of the Dill Company, Amber and Venango streets, were seriously but not fatally burned this afternoon when an accumulation of gas in one of the pipes near which they were working became ignited and exploded The men are Moses Martin, 2327 Jefferson street; Edward Carter, 1155 Ringgold street, and James Evans, 1831 North Blair street. All were badly burned on the head, face and hands and their clothing was partly consumed. They were taken to the Episcopal Hospital, where it was said that all will recover.

#### AGED WOMAN KILLED BY TROLLEY CAR

Philomena Bernardo, seventy-six years old, of 311 East Ashmead street, was knocked down by a trolley car today at Chelten avenue and Magnolia street. She was taken to the Germantown Hospital, where she died.

#### T. J. M'GINNIS DANGEROUSLY ILL IN HOSPITAL

Select Councilman Thomas J. McGinnis, real estate assessor and Democratic leader of the Sixth Ward, is dangerously ill in St. Joseph's Hospital, and the members of his family have been summoned to his bedside. Some days ago Mr. Mc-Ginnis, who lives at 149 North Fifth street, suffered from an infection of the leg-MANY LIBERAL GIFTS EXPECTS AUSTRIA BREAK staff show that Crown Prince Rup- The blood poison spread quickly to other parts of his body until his life is despaired He was re-elected for another term to Councils, several parties. Politically he had always been a friend of the late Senator James P. McNichol.

#### FOUR GERMAN PLANES SHOT DOWN IN BELGIUM

LONDON, Nov. 16.-Four German airplanes were shot down, two of them be ng destroyed, in a sky battle above the German military airdrome at Handzaeme. Belgium, on Thursday, the Admiralty announced today. The British were attacked while dropping bombs upon the airdrome, but all the machines returned safely.

#### UNIFORMS FOR NEW STATE RESERVE MILITIA

HARRISBURG, Nov. 16.-The new Pennsylvania reserve militia will be uniformed in forestry green khaki and will be equipped with Remington rifles and carbines. Officers are now in New York arranging for the purchase of arms and other equipment. The overcoats will be ready by Christmas and most of the other clothing is on hand, having been bought months ago.

#### EXPRESS COMPANIES WANT RATE INCREASE

WASHINGTON, Nov. 16 .- The eight principal express companies of the United States desire to add approximately \$10,000,000 to the annual cost to the public of having its express matter carried between domestic points and destinations in Canada and Mexico. Their petition, pending before the Interstate Commerce Commission, asks a 10 per cent increase in all rates now in effect.

#### EARTHQUAKE SHOCKS RECORDED AT GEORGETOWN

WASHINGTON, Nov. 16 .- A series of heavy earthquake shocks lasting from 11:17 last night until 2 o'clock this morning was recorded on the seismograph at Georgetown University. Father Torndorf, in charge, said that the distance was about 5000 miles from this city.

#### RECRUIT SPECIAL UNIT HERE FOR PERSHING

A special unit for General Pershing, commander of the American forces in France, is being recruited in this city at the Army Recruiting Station, 1229 Arch Six men already have been accepted for the service. The unit is to be composed of 100 field engineers and fifty clerks. General Pershing recently cabled for men, saying that there were none available for the work among those in France. Previous to being accepted definitely the applicants must be passed upon by the War

#### SEEK BIRTHDAY GIFT FUND FOR CARDINAL MERCIER

An appeal for funds to make up a large donation for Cardinal Mercier, the patriot-prelate of Belgium, on his birthday anniversary-November 22-has been issued by the Belgian relief committee of the Emergency Aid, of which Mrs. Bayard Henry is chairman. A similar fund was presented to the Cardinal last year for distribution among the Belgian war sufferers.

#### COLLIERIES TO BE KEPT IN FULL OPERATION

SHAMOKIN, Pa., 'Nov. 16 .- The Susquehanna Collieries Company, recently ssuming control of the Pennsylvania Railroad Company's anthracite collieries, announced that hereafter the operations would be placed on full-time schedule Since the new company took possession of the mines it has been handicapped by nability to procure a sufficient number of cars to ship coal, collieries frequently being operated only three days a week. Under a new arrangement just completed. the company is assured by the Pennsylvania Rallroad Company and the United States Government that there will be a supply of cars to meet all demands.

#### CHURCH CLOSED TO PLAY FOR RED CROSS

PITTSBURGH, Pa., Nov. 16.-Production of a playlet, the proceeds of which were to have been given to the Red Cross, was forbidden by the church board of the First German Evangelical Lutheran Church, North Side. The patriotic pastor, the Rev. George F. Hegele, who is also director of the Church Dramatic Club, was notified of the board's action, as follows: "The church board demands that you shall have no entertainment in the church on Wednesday night." perature; moderate winds, mostly north-

#### BRODHEAD IN ALIEN PROPERTY DEPARTMENT

BETHLEHEM, Pa., Nov. 16 .- J. Davis Brodhead, former representative and udge, was appointed chief of the division of banks and trust companies in the new national department of allen property, of which A. Mitchell Palmer is head. It is in effect the formation of the largest trust company is the world by the Government for its own benefit and protection. Judge Brodhead is a director of the Federal Ranks of Philadelphia, successing Vence McCormiek in that position in 1914.

## RUSSIANS FAIL TO AGREE UPON PLAN OF TRUCE

Kerensky Refuses to Admit Bolsheviki to Proposed Coalition Government

MAY YET BE COMPROMISE

Reds' Hold on Petrograd Precarious-General Strike Declared in Finland

AMSTERDAM, Nov. 16. German independent Socialists have asked the president of the Reichstag to convene an extraordinary session of that body for discussion of a peace offer received from Nicholai Lenine, the Russian Bolsheviki leader. Dispatches from Berlin revealing the petition did not specify under what circumstances Lenine had made an offer of peace.

LONDON, Nov. 16. With Petrograd still out of direct comnunication and indirect news furnishing the widest contradiction as to which faction was actually in control, London looked today for a compromise armistice and later possibly formation of a coalition government as likely to result from the Bolsheviki

revolt. One attempt to reach a compromise has evidently failed. A dispatch from Petrograd dated Tuesday says the Socialist leaders offered the Bolsheviki the following basis for an agreement First. The disarming of the Red Guard.

Second. The transfer of the control of the Petrograd garrison to the municipality Third. The cessation of military opera-

Fourth. Guarantee that Kerensky's army would be the only one entering Petrograd and would not fire a shot.

and would not fire a shot.

Fifth. The army to abstain from domiciliary searchex and arrests.

The negotiations for the armistice collapsed because, although the Bolsheviki agreed to the terms, the Socialists insisted that the Bolsheviki be excluded from the proposed flovernment.

Kerensky, the dispatch adds, has issued tree lamitions describe by advanced.

proclamations declaring his adherence to the revolution and guaranteeing the clearing out of the Bolrhevik!, as well as to the transfer of power to democratic organizalions, the Preliminary Parliament and the committee for safeguarding the country and the revolution.

The latest dispatches seemed to indicate

that the Bolsheviki had at least maintained an outlet for news favorable to them In the last twenty-four hours dispatches seemed to incidate that the Trotsky-Lenine combine was in partial control, although reports of a compromise Government led to the deduction here that their control was precarious. It was argued the Bolsheviki would hardly be willing to talk compromise if that down

would hardly be willing to talk compromise if their domination was absolute. The Aftonblad, of Stockholm, prints a dispatch from Petrograd dated Thursday, which says the Bolsheviki and other So-cialists have arrived at an understanding. dominance of Kerensky, Korniloff and Kaledines will crush the liberty gained by the revolution. Kerensky has not rrived in Petrograd.

The fleet, the dispatch adds, is now en-

tirely with the Bolsheviki. Advices from Allehanda, via Haparanda, to Stockholm say that a general strike has securred in Finland because the non-Socialist parties refuse to recognize the proclaation of independence.

A Copenhagen dispatch today quoted an

undated proclamation by Colonel Moura-vieff, commanding the Bolsheviki troops, as mier Kerensky has c'roulated false

reports that troops in Petrograd voluntarily joined with the late government and that the revolutionary committee (Bolsheviki) had ordered soldiers to retreat. "Troops of the free Russian people do "Troops of the free Russian people do not retreat nor surrender. They evacuated Gatchina in order to avoid unnecessary bloodshed and to take up a better position outside Petrograd. This position is now so strong that even if Kerensky is reenforced by ten times his present strength we do not feel unsafe. The best spirit prevails in Petrograd and the city is calmand orderly."

#### and orderly. BLOODSHED NEEDED FOR RUSSIAN LIBERTY

WASHINGTON, Nov. 16. Russia is having her baptism of blood. The harder the fighting and the greater the bloodshed the sooner the situation will be clarified. This is the opinion expressed officially at the Russian Embassy today.

"We regard reports of continued fighting as good rather than bad omens," a high embassy diplomat stated. "The more san-guinary the conflict the more decisive will he the ultimate outcome. Russia is shaking herself free, for once and all, from in-sidious influences which have undernined her political structure and hinder the es-tablishment of a stable Government. It a absolutely necessary that the atmosphere

be clarified. "A compromise or indecisive adjustment now would only be the prolongation of the

now would only be the prolongation of the revolutionary stage through which the young republic is passing."

The State Department today received from Ambassador Francis at Petrograd a cable under date of the twelfth, stating there had been street fighting, that control of the cable offices had shifted several times and that the Bolsheviki Government had not communicated with him in any way. He informed the department that he had sent cables, but the messages between the

He informed the department that he had sent cables, but the messages between the seighth and the twelfth are still missing.

The United States has received no request for recognition from the government established in Russia by the Bolsheviki.

The State Department let it be known this afternoon that no official communication of any sort has been received from the revolutionists. It was assumed that the whole attention of the Bolsheviki was been related to the state of the revolutionists.
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being taken up "with other matters."

#### THE WEATHER

FORECAST For Philadelphia and vicinity: Cloudy and somewhat unsettled tonight; Saturday probably fair; not much change in fem

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