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PHILADELPHIA, WEDNESDAY, DECEMBER 5, 1017

WAR STAMP BUYERS RIVAL WORLD'S SERIES LINE-UP

Postoffice guards were called upon today to maintain order in the alignment of customers for the "baby bonds," or war-savings certificate stamps, which are on sale at window No. 10, in the main corridor. A long queue of men and women extended for many yards, paralleling Ninth street and, until arranged by the guards, impeding the passage of other persons having business in the Federal Building.



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BRITISH GUNS SMASH FOE'S MASSED LINE

persed by Shells at Villiers Plonich

NEW DRIVE EXPECTED

Germans Preparing to Resume **General Assaults Along Cambrai** Front

BERLIN, Dec. 5. Sections of English trenches south of Marcoing were cleared of the enemy, today's official statement asserted.

Capture of some hill positions on the Seven Communes" (the Asiago plateau) was announced in the official report from the Italian front.

By WILLIAM PHILIP SIMMS WITH THE BRITISH ARMIES IN THE FIELD, Dec. 5.

British guns today smashed great in the direction of Villiers Plouich before the German attacking machine could get under way,

Otherwise there was a full over virfially the whole of the Cambrai sector today so far as infantry actions were concerned. Artillery, however, was increasingly active everywhere, on this front.

The full was accompanied by unmistakable indications reported by British charge of the car shortage investigation OFFER SCHOOLBOYS WORK alrmen that Crown Prince Rupprecht and has worked with the railroads' war would resume his driving factics just as board, dissents from the majority of the on as he can bind up the wounds of commission as to that portion of its is terribly mutilated divisions. recommendation which would permit the

The weather was freezingly cold to-day but fair. Airmen on both sider faircads to form their own operating have been exceedingly active both day pool. His experience has demonstrated, and night during the last few days. The official report sent to London to-day by Field Marshal Haig spoke merely f "mutual artillorying." British officers believed the most crit-

around Cambril had They were equally cer-that Hindenburg would ical moment assed today. tain, however, that Hindenburg would sion the railroads may expect no in-not allow matters to stand where they now are. They looked for resumption of fighting on the same tremendous scale of the last few days, which has strewn German corpes around the Cam-brai burge. It is rumored that Hindenburg has either been on the Cambrai front or is

It is rumored that Hindenburg has either been on the Cambrai front or is there now.
So far Germany's most powerful efforts have failed to flatten out Byng's bump in the direction of the German's first object.
By a vers not even reached.
The completeness of the failure of the funds. The commission also for money so great that the public could can be a possible to flatten out for money so great that the public could can be a possible to flatten out first in the British front that the German schemed to attain, but which they did not achieve.
The completeness of the failure of the first for money as great that the public could can be achieved to find a spare cash to put into railroad securities, no matter how good their the state. The use of the railroads scannot now make further improvements in tracks, yards

did not achieve. The whole Cambral sector was increasing today and the massing of more infantry forces forecast another drive. The German re-enforcements have come from virious parts of the western front. I was in Flanders Sunday during a local British advance in the Passchen-dase region and at that the railroads cannot now make further improvements in tracks, yards in december 15. The German re-boyed at present and it is impossible to obtain new cars, new steel supplies or any new equipment. In short, the commission says that if the railroads **STOLEN FROM RESIDENCE** to be the the men who starved to death on the mountain of gold because their carb.

dathe region and at that thus comment barrage was nine minutes late and of much lighter force than that in any barrage previous fighting. The answer was ap-parent - either the British guns had parent — either the British guns had knocked out the eveny artillery or the German's had been withdrawing their pieces for use on another front. The latter was undoubtedly the correct as only

BY COMMERCE COMMISSION Attacking Machine Dis- Congress Asked Either to Permit Pooling of Lines in One Mammoth System or Provide for Government

Control of Operation

UNIFICATION OF RAILROADS

AS WAR MEASURE ADVISED

Denial of Petition for Increase in Rates Indicated. Time to Stop Vicious Circle-Investors Must Be Protected and Companies Financed if U. S. Takes Over Roads

WASHINGTON, Dec. 5.

The American railroad system must be conscripted. This is the verdict of the Interstate Commerce Commission and that body's answer to the railroads' petition for a general advance of 15 per cent in freight rates.

In a special communication transmitted to Cogress today the commission declares that one of two things must be done to put American roups of Germans marsed for attack railroads on an operating basis that will expedite the winning of the war: First, the pooling of every railroad in the country into one mammoth system, to be operated and under the direction of some

central body to be designated by Congress and the temporary suspension of anti-trust laws now prohibiting such mergers. Second, the taking over of the entire American railroad system

by the President and its operation as a war measure. Speedy action is demanded by the commission. This is no time

for "temporizing," the latter states. Commissioner McChord, who has

NO RATE INCREASES

In view of the letter of the commi-

IN POSTOFFICE HERE All Substitutes Gone, Postmaster

Seeks 1000 Youths for Christmas Rush The Philadelphia Postoffice for th

first time in its history is without a substitute list, and Postmaster John A.

Thornton has sent letters to the principals of the various schools throughout the city offering positions in the mail sion the railroads may expect no in

terms as based on recognition of ter-

mation today.

Postmaster Thornton expects to hire 1000 boys and to start them at work on December 15. STOLEN FROM RESIDENCES

Thieves Have Busy Night-"Hold the mountain of gold because their cash would buy them nothing. the Handkerchief" Game

FREE NATIONS DECLARATION AUSTRIAN AIM, OF WAR NOW SAYS CZERNIN BEFORE HOUSE

Premier Outlines Terms Holds Austria an Enemy of U.S., Dating From This Day

In previous years there has been a LONDON LAUDS WILSON PACIFISTS HUNT COVER

Text of Declaration of War on Austria

THE House resolution, after re-Leiting that Austria-Hungary has allied itself with Germany in making war on the United States, will say: Resolved, by the Senate and the ritorial integrity, economic liberty, complete independence of all countries and guarantees of the nations' free development, according to a

the entire naval and military

forces of the United States and

to carry on war against the Im-perial and Roya' Austro-Hun-

garian Government; and to bring

the conflict to a successful ter-mination, all of the resources of

the country are hereby pledged by the Congress of the United

The Administration's resolution de-

claring a state of war to exist between

the United States and Austria from noon

December 5, 1917, was introduced in the

bring the conflict to a successful termi

nation all the resources of the country

the resolution. It will be approved by

the committee in formal session this af-

lution when it reconvenes tomorrow.

the United States."

day.

WASHINGTON, Dec. 5.

resources of the Government

Zurich dispatch printed by l'Infor-House of Representatives of the United States of America in United States of America in Congress assembled, that a state of war be and is hereby declared to exist and to have existed since noon of the fifth day of Decem-ber, 1917, between the United States of America and the Im-perial and Royal Austro-Hun-garian Government: and that the President be and he is bareby LONDON, Dec. 5. President Wilson's message to Congress gave powerful impetus today to the American plan for a complete, open, frank and joint restatement of Allied war aims. President be and he is hereby authorized and directed to employ The Daily News editorial comment

States.

QUICK NEWS

FOOTBALL SCORES MARINES... 6 6 - NAVAL T. S. 0 0

CENTRAL HIGH INTERCLASS BASKETBALL SCORES JUNIORS..... 2 16-18 SENIORS..... 19 12-31 FRESHMEN... 11 5-16 SOPHOMORES . 9 10-19

PHILADELPHIA'S FIRST JANITRESS APPOINTED

At a meeting of the property committee of the Board of Education held this afternoon Elizabeth Brous was appointed janitress of the Wheat Sheaf Public School in Bustleton. , She is the first woman to hold such a position in Philadelphia.

LIVES MAY BE LOST IN EXPLOSION

PITTSBURGH, Dec. 5 .- Lives are believed to have been lost in an explosion at the plant of the Actna Chemical Company in Heidelburg this afternoon. A call for undertakers was sent to Carnegie, a few miles away.

3.000.000 POUNDS OF SUGAR ARRIVE FROM CUBA AN ATLANTIC PORT, Dec. 5 .- Three million pound



Resign at Midnight December 31

PRICE TWO CENTS

SALARY INCREASE IS CHIEF DEMAND

Twelve Other Grievance Listed and Will Be Presented to City

TO MARCH ON COUNCILS

Reforms Policemen Are Demanding of City

TWO THOUSAND Philadelphi 1 policemen will strike at mid-night of December 31 if these twelve specific demands are not granted, officials of the Pstrolmen's Benevolent and Protective Association say: First. Remove police from poli-

Second. Permit policemen to elect own delegates to pension

fund. Third. Abolish open voting for pension fund delegates. Fourth. Public accounting

pension fund. Fifth. Salary increase-Patrolmen, \$1400 per year; sergeants \$1600.

Sixth. Recognition of the a ciation.

Seventh. Abolition of -"ginks"-police spies. Eighth. Abolition of politica assessments Ninth. Abolition

nouse assessments. Tenth. Reorganization of trial system, with full publicity of charges.

Eleventh. Permission to chose president of pension fund from ranks.

Twelfth. Retention in depart-ment of men actively identified with the association.

Two thousand Philadelphia police more than two-thirds of the force the city-will strike at midnight on cember 31 unless they are granted acrease in salary.

Director Wilson also must agree welve specific demands designed to the police out of politics and free police pension fund from offici licemen said.

First steps to oust Director as president of the fund were tal day. Members of the Patrolmon' evolent Protective Association as ganization men have fred

The fight is being waged in every tion house in the city today, where gates are being elected for the meeting of the Pension Fund As Many delegates are tion structed to oust the Director as a representative



virtually indorsed that plan. Other

Apparently Hindenburg and Rupprecht will continue the battle at Cambrai as

long as troops are available. Every British officer and 'Tommy is confident the boche will be unable to make much headway.

AMERICANS CAPTURED AT CAMBRAL IS REPORT

AMERICAN FIELD HEADQUAR-TERS, France, Dec. 5.—German troops fighting around Cambrai have captured few Americans, according to al word received today from the Brit-

ish front. Headquarters has issued no confirma-tion as yet. If the news is true, it is stated on authority that the number of Americans taken was small. American headquarters has not as yet received a report of the Cambrai fighting

in which American army engineers par ticipated. No aunouncement of cusual, ties is yet available.

Previous dispatches have told of American engineers who were working on lines of communication behind the British front when the Germans ad-vanced. They thraw down their picks and shovels, grabbed up rifles and took ir place in the British ranks

NEW GERMAN PLUNGE

WASHINGTON, Dec. 5 .- A heavy concontration of Austro-German divisions behind the lines of the invaders in Italy is reported in official dispatches from The opinion is expressed that the exceptionally mild weather may induce the German high command to attempt a new offensive in the mountainous region, having for its object the invasion of the plain between Vicenza and Verona. The Italian strategists think the orces operating between the Plave and he Brenta Rivers would be used for

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THE WEATHER

THE FORECAST

THE FORECAST For Philadelphia and vicinity: Gen-enally fair and moderately cold tonight and Thursday; gentle winds, mostly northwest. LENGTH OF DAY Sun these, 707 a. m. 1 Sun sets. 424 p. m. DELAWARE RIVER THE CHANGES CHESTNUT STREET Lew water, 102 s.m. Hugh water, 430 p.m. TEXPERATURE AT EACH HOUR TEXPERATURE AT EACH HOUR TEXPERATURE AT EACH HOUR TEXPERATURE AT EACH HOUR

ONE GREAT SYSTEM NEEDED

Accordingly, centralized control of all railroads, either by a pool of their own or by the Federal Government, is the I Government, is the one great system the expedient. In made could rearrange priority, could readjust routing, could revise their own ordering in such a way that production of essentials could be greatly increased, in the opinion of the commission. The commission's letter to Congress

says that in addition to the pooling and operating under one head, it will be imperative that the railroad be granted substantial credits out of the Federal

Treasury Should the Government take over the

Continued on Page Six, Column Five SIBERIAN REPUBLIC TO RECALL TROOPS

Potpin Named Premier-Some

Russian Forces on Front Disbanded

PETROGRAD, Dec. 5. 'Foreign Minister Trotsky, of the Bolsheviki Government, threatened "gravest complications" today if Allied powers interfere in Russia's internal affairs.

BERLIN (via London), Dec. 5. Official announcement that the ne-ON ITALY EXPECTED gotiations for an armistice "are

spreading to Rumania" was made by the War Office today. COPENHAGEN, Dec. 5. The official Russian Telegraph Bu-

reau today announced "the German-Rússian armistice has begun."

The message evidently refers to the Pripet-Lipa front, where existence of a truce has already been reported.

HAPARANDA, Sweden, Dec. 5 ALPARANDA, Sweden, Dec. 5. M. Potpin has been named Fremiler of the new Siberian Republic, according to word received here today. He is expected to issue immediate orders for the recall of Siberian troops from the front.

COPENHAGEN, Dec. 5.

Nets \$240

newspapers, joining in the general Jewelry valued at about \$810 was chorus of hearty approval of the stolen from a dwelling and an apart-ment house last night and the "hold whole tone of the Wilson address, the handkerchief" game netted two thieves \$240, according to reports to indicated their belief in the necessity for a repledging of the hosts of the Detective Bureau today. Sity for a r Thieves forced a kitchen window at democracy.

the residence of E. A. Landell, 5814 Drexel road, last night, and obtained \$700 worth of jewelry while the family was out. The apartment of Mrs. Lewis sented to British officials President sented to British officials President

Have Heard About

of the passengers who arrived here to-day on a British steamer brought their personal supplies of sugar with them. Virtually all firt-cabin travelers dis-

embarked tugging small packages of the

precious sweetner. One man carried his

Mrs. S. H. Houghton, of Boston, Mass.,

WORKMAN SERIOUSLY HURT

ture of Spine When Hit

by Plank

working on a stairway when a plank fell, striking him in the back and hurl-ing him a distance of ten feet down the

Munition Ship Takes Fire

British isles.

B. Luders. Forty-second street and Chester avenue, was entered by a thier who forced the front door ane obtained sorting of war aims, a compilation \$130 worth of jewelry, Anthony Urban, of 1227 North of those to which every ally could Anthony Urban, of 1227 North Warnock street, reported that he met two strangers at Seventh and Jefferson ward which all could not pledge their streets last night, who submitted a busiforce and, finally, issuance of a joint

placed pledge by the Allies of composite war aims.

but was temporarily put aside for

HOME FROM ENGLAND PUNISHES DEALER FOR First Cabin Passengers Take No

> Hoover Takes First Action of Kind Under the Food-

Control Law

WASHINGTON. Dec. 5.

Convicted of permitting two carloads declared that sugar, coal, potatoes and of potatoes to rot, a local commission today. firm was temporarily put out of business by Herbert Hoover today. It is the the Dual Monarchy. meat are cheap and plentiful in the tirst action of the kind believed to have been taken since the food control law was enacted.

Electrician Suffers Probable Frac-The firm must post conspicuously the fact that its license was revoked, cease dealings in licensed foodstuffs and dispose of such of these as it now has in stock as the local food administrator John Stern, aventy-one years old, of 4847 Westminster avenue, is in a critical condition at St. Joseph's Hospital with a probable fracture of the spine as a re-suit of being struck by a piece of falling lumber at the new Vietor Talking Ma-chine show rooms, Broad street and Columbia avenue. Stern, who is an electrician, was working on a statrway when a plank dictates. Favorable action will be taken on the dealer's application for a renewal of the ligense after January 1. if his duct in the meantime is satisfactory to Hoover.

MORE PAY FOR U. S. MEN

Bill Also Makes Congressional Salaries Subject to Income Tax

WASHINGTON. Dec. 5 .- Salaries of

WASHINGTON, Dec. a.—Samiles of all Government employes, including post-office employes, receiving \$1200 a year or less, would be increased 15 per cent, and those receiving between \$1200 and \$1800, 10 per cent, under a bill intro-duced into the House today by Represen-tative Osborn, California. Osborn's bill also would make salaries of Representatives and Senators subject ig income tax. AN ATLANTIC PORT. Dec. 6.—Fire was discovered today in the forward coal bunkers of the ammunition ship in dock here. The ammunition is stored in the after part of the vessel. Holes were hored in the ship's side so that fire-boats could got water to the fire, which is now believed to have been extin-

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here today from Cuba on an American passenger steamship. The sugar nmediately transferred to a refinery. - Ge (18)

PIPE LINE MEN GET MORE WAGES AND BONUS

LIMA, Ohio, Dec. 5 .- The Buckeye Pipe Line Company announces an inrease in wages of 10 per cent and a bonus of \$10 a month for all employes, and Johns declared these patrolmen candidates for delegates to the Per ffective January 1.

GARFIELD MAY LICENSE ALL COAL RETAILERS

WASHINGTON, Dec. 5.- A proposal to place all retailers of coal under license as the only effective method of checking extortion, is being considered by Fuel Administrator Garfield and his aids.

ILLINOIS MAN HEADS NEW WAR BOARD BUREAU

House of Representatives this afternoon. As in the declaration against Ger-WASHINGTON, Dec. 5.-George N. Peek, vice president of Deere & many, President Wilson is empowered Co., Moline, Ill., was today appointed by the war industries board as head of to employ "the entire naval and military the new bureau of manufacturing resources. His duties will be to meet with manufacturers who have facilities for producing munitions or other Govern up in the Paris Inter-Allied councils, sources of the Government to carry on ment materials and to decide to what extent such plants should be utilized war against the Imperial and Royal for this purpose. Austro-Hungarian Government, and te

STREET-CLEANING CONTRACTORS FINED \$3047

Fines for dereliction of duty in the matter of street cleaning imposed are hereby pledged by the Congress of upon contractors during November totaled \$3947, according to the Bureau Chairman Flood, of the House Comof Street Cleaning. Of this amount Edwin H. Vare paid \$1214.50 for deremittee on Foreign Affairs, introduced liction in the central and southern districts of the city

TAYLOR STUDYING REVISED TRANSIT LEASE

A. Merritt Taylor, former director of the Department of Transit, is making a study of the revised Smith-Mitten transit lease which will be made public on Friday at the meeting of the Joint Committee on Finance and Street Rail-with William A. Gray, attorney for ternoon and by virtually the entire ership of the House probably Fri-The Senate will receive the reso-Of the fifty members who voted no ways. "Radical changes," said Mr. Taylor, "which are taking place daily in on the war declaration against Germany only a handful are expected to oppose our industrial, financial and economic life, and material changes which have been incorporated in the proposed contract, require d.is important proposi-Firemen's Protective Union, with a been incorporated in the firemen for the firemen for the Austrian resolution, a poll revealed today. Meyer London, New York city tion shall be carefully and intelligently analyzed, considered and understood from every point of view. Then, and then only, can the proper policy of the city be safely determined."

LABOR AGITATORS OBSTRUCT WAR CONTRACTS

"But while I must uphold Socialist principles to the last against the war declaration, after it is passed I will be for winning the war," said London. CHICAGO, Dec. 5 .- Union labor agitators forced the closing of the A. G. Wisconsin Representatives Cooper and Cuthbert plant in this city and tied up a large Government contract for war materials. The company has been making pontoons for the Government for use in France and Italy.

PROHIBITION GETS BUMP IN MASSACHUSETTS

BOSTON, Dec. 5 .-- Temperance forces were given a severe setback in elections in nineteen cities throughout the Commonwealth yesterday, a big papers.

increase being shown in the license vote over last year. Four cities swung back into the wet column from no-license, they being Fall River, Fitchburg, Haverhill and Taunton. In Leominster, which has been dry for eighteen out of twenty years, the license forces came within a dozen votes of winning; and a recount probably will be demanded.

AMERICAN AIRMEN WITH ALLIES IN ITALY

WITH THE FRENCH ARMY IN ITALY, Dec. 5 .- Among the troops and units that have arrived in Italy with the British and French armies is a large a

group of aviators who are impatiently waiting to get into action. The British have sent a large contingent of fliers, half of whom are young Canadians and Americans, who have been doing scout work in Flanders and Northern Fra

The Bureau of Pelice and Dire Wilson, of the Department of Pr Safety, dre hampering the activitie the association, according to Harry J Johns, president of the association. fi perintendent of Police Robinson tran ferred seven or eight patrolmen toda Fund meeting and judges of the tion. The effect of the transfers was disorganizing of the election arra

Johns also declared that all patr having "soft" jobs in the Gity Hall have been informed by the bureau that the been informed by the bureau that would be returned to street duty t they should immediately withdraw the association.

The delegates chosen today will sub-trustees and a president for the Pol Pension Fund. Heretofore the director of the Department of Public Safety be been the president and the trustees have goants.

The association wants trustees choose from among the patrolmen and water some one other than the director to be

president. The delegates will elect the trustee and president in about two weeks.

MAY TAKE FIGHT TO COURTS This afternoon, when it appear likely that the candidates of the an clation would be beaten by the capta lieutenants and sergeants, who are rector Wilson's candidates, Johns

the fight probably would go inter association.

Johns tallied this afternoon w Similater, president of the Philadelphi policemen's fight for better pay. It said that some firemen might join police in the demonstration on City I plaza when Councils meet tomor Similater was a leader in the fire tight for better pay, which resulted \$100 a year advance. Division leaders have been at

among cops they placed on the with a view to pulling them into I promises of salary increases so next year.

The Mayor hopes to block any stration at Councils tomorrow political workers can prevent the Mayor and others may th the strike talk was got up

GAFFNEY KEEPS SILMNON Joseph P. Gaffney, chairman clia' Finance Committee, toda to make any direct stateme whether he favored increasing

ries of the policemen. "I have absolutely nothin said Mr. Gaffney. "I haven't matter over and don't desire subject any snap 1 give the matter

Harry F. Jol

Witcomsin respresentatives (cooper and Stafford were noncommital. They said they "would express themselves fully" on the floor when the resolution came be-fore the House. They were expected to expose the declaration. Through and through the House

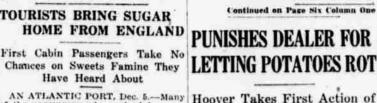
fabric, however, militancy was on the rampage. Shackleford (Mo.), and other eratwhile pacifists, were solidly aligned for the war now to the hilt.

Senate pacifists probably will muster only two votes—La Follette and Gronna —against the war declaration. A poll of Senators indicated that the

rest are in accord with the President's Neither La Follette nor Gronn woud say outright that they intend to

woud say outright that they intend to vote against the resolution. Some members, however, will make a determined fight to embrace in it also Bulgaria and Turkey. Senator Lodge, Massachusetts, is expected to lead this

fight. Administration leaders, however, said that in view of the President's state-Continued on Page Six. Colo



streets last night, who submitted a busi-ness proposition to him and suggested they pool their savings. Urban placed \$240 in a handkerchief along with the money of the strangers and after it was tied, the handkerchief was given to him to hold. When he arrived home he opened the linen and found nothing but some rolled newspapers The matter presumably was taken forces of the United States and the rerolled newspapers. TOURISTS BRING SUGAR