# THOW HULDS Menace of Civil War, MRS. STOTESBURY ATTACCHI TEUTONICI Hangs Over Russia

y Aerial Fleet Main-Complete Supremacy Along Piave

**STERY OF AIR** 

**Guns Bellow Over Greater** art of Front From Adriatic to Trentino

#### ROME, Dec. 12.

ish and French aviators now with the Italians and the Aus-rman positions along the Plave and on the Asiago plateau are bombardment 

under a continuous bombardment i the sky. ...though the Germans Austro-Hungarians assembled a fly floet of aircraft on the Italian fly floet of aircraft on the Italian fly floet of aircraft on the Italian it, they have been compelied to yield air to the Italians, who now hold livte supremacy. Bombarding fleets out from the Italian military air-mes frequently contain more than machines.

lian sailors are helping to work the lery, and a great artillery duel con-to rage over the greater part of front from the Adriatic to Trentino. L quantities of gas and tear shells used.

WASHINGTON, Dec. 12. MASHINGTON, Dec. 12. Italian aviators report that General orrad is massing large forces near orrad as according to official dispatches to-by from Rome. Frequent clouds of physialing gases are being released minst the Italian positions as a prelude to new infantry attacks. Before Monte Grapha the Austro-Germans are fever-ship constructing defensive works. Austrian prisoners say the Austrian command is emphasizing to the troops like necessity of descending into the Italian plains if they wish to receive proper supplies, as the zone between the iterate and Playe presents areas did

oper supplies, as the zone between the enta and Playe presents great diffi-files in securing supplies. The dispatches say that a telegram celved at Rome from Berne says that ring the recent operations between a Brenta and Playe four Anstro-timan divisions were placed hors de mbat. It is also stated the plans of thes on the Playe line as prented in the Playe line as prepared of the German command has already freed a delay of eleven days in its elepenet. Confirmation of this has the been secured from Austrian sources, which reveal that the energy counted in reaching Bassano on November 28, More re-enforcements are arriving from the Russian front in the rear of the

#### Vast German Army **Masses for Big Drive**

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me effort to obtain information as th of front positions, developed all

A perceptible lessening of Teutonic eraure on some sections of the Ballan ont was reported today. It served to affrm belief here in Landon that con-derable forces of Austro - Hungarian Continued from Page One binfirm belief and been switched from that the stree to the west. Great forces of Em-peror Carl's troops are reported already there. having been transferred from the based on the bas already started working that he has already

The artillery duel along both French al British fronts today was attaining maximum of violence. Repulse of a cat attack north of La Vacquerie yes. Cat attack north of La Vacquerie yes. The also detailed successful raids, in suffrage amendment." Mrs. Miller said today, "as one would naturally expect, today, "as one would naturall maximum of violence. Repulse of a

The also detailed successful raids, in the the British cantured prisoners and machine gun in the neighborhood of normat and northwest of St. Quentin. Beilin's official statements frankly mitt a strong plan of re-enforcement

Czernin's visit as one that may have remendous consequences as regards the shole course of the war. The corre-spondent aims to show from Count merain's arrival at the German capital, is recent speech to the Hungarlan dele-tion and from the news that the recent speech to the Hungarian dele-tation and from ther news, that ustrian divisions freed from the Rus-han front are to be used on the western tent.

inued from Page One and munitions. The size of the Bol-

sheviki army was not specified. No details were received as to the result of the fighting. Dispatches from Petrograd dated Monday night and not received until

MLLERY DUEL RAGES today reported uncasiness at the capital. The military revolutionary committee was exhorting all soldiers to join in a demonstration against

the cadet and other moderate parties, as well as against Korniloff and Kaledines.

It was reported from Petrograd today that the terms of the German armistice proposal were that the Russians evacu-ate Petrograd "until peace came." It was not stated whether the Germans would occupy the capital under such a scheme. scheme. Other points on which the Germans In-

sisted were disarmament of the Baltic fleet and the cession of Ukraine to Aus-tria, including north shores of the Black Sen. nounced.

One dispatch from Swedish sources today declared General Korniloff's forces had been defeated in their first clash with the Bolsheviki near Bielgorod, ac-cording to officials of the Russian Rail-way Union Vision for the Russian Railway Union. Kaledines was stated to be rushing re-enforcements to Korniloff. The battle, according to this informaion, started last Friday evening and was

tion, started hast Friday evening and was in progress all day Saturday. The revolt in Russia against Bol-shoviki rule is growing rapidly in strength and is spreading. Some sug-gestions of panic in the Leminite Gov-erament are seen in orders hastily is-sued to strip the trenches on parts of the eastern front to get more mon to the Cosacks. Doctor Tart's statement was made as chairman of the campaign committee This committee is directing the campaign that will begin December 17 to enrol

the eastern front to get more non to fight the Cossacks.
General Kaledin is said to be dishuman in the Don banding infastry regiments in the Cossacka, and sending them home. Not if is in part as follows:
The from Petrograd, at Shlobin, near Mohlev, a "battation of death," composed of women troops, met and defeated the Holshevkik forces. The Bolsher is the causality of the added the causality of the added the causality of the added troops even from the Causality in the Causality is the rallway and the Russian for the rallway and the Russian for the rallway for the Russian filter of the added the support General Hervath, the Russian military commander. Chinese troops have arrived at Hathin to hose American women who are especially interested in the taxy in opportunity to work for the sallors and solution. ness troops have arrived at Harbin to protect Chinese interests.

In Petrograd the anti-Bolsheviki feelwasted effort and with 100 per cent of-"Furthermore, may I bring to you attention the unquestioned fact that pub

In Petrograd the anti-Bolsheviki feel-ing among the people has found expres-sion in a letter addressed to the Council of National Commissioners, which con-tains a threat to dynamite the Smoluy Institute, headquarters of the Bolsheviki in Petrograd, at noon next Thursday if soldlers' and Workmans Denuties do not deprive the Commissioners of their authority. The letter is stand by the 'members of the fighting organi-sation.' ite interest would seem to center, in our soldlers and their needs and require-ments somewhat to the exclusion of the American maxy T<sup>\*</sup> Assurance of the aid of the fraternal beneficial associations of southeestern Pennsylvania in the membership drive was given to E. T. Stotesbury, chairman

zation\_ of the Southeastern Penneylvania Chap-ter, and Doctor Hart this affertuoun when the Red Cross leaders addressed a meeting at Grand Fraternity Hall, 1626 Women, Snubbed,

# **Assail Penrose**

or ask his fellow Congressmen to be Red Cross pledges. Frederick Gaston president of the Grand Fraternity, pre-

sided.

Abraham Weinstein, twenty-four years off, \$00 North Thirteenth street, a drugint, attempted subide today by swal-lowing poison. He was removed to St. Joseph's Hospital, where it is said he would recover. According to the po-lice, Weinstein attempted taking his life secause he was in love and also becau he was tired of living

frage vote a'20. a strong plan of re-enforcement west-front positions. one result of this hurried assem-occuments that were read in the Senate

As one result of this hurried assen-ng of re-enforcements, an Amsterdam petch says, two munition trains col-ted last Thursday. Both trains were we up and several hundred soldiers re killed or wounded. The Rotterdam correspondent of the infor Telegraph sends a report that unt Chernin, the Austro-Hungarian reign Minister, arrived in Berlin on reday. case of the passage of the amendment, the women would

PIENAMENTE FALLITI **HELPS "JACKIES" Declares Navy Auxiliary** 

Campaign

SENDS LETTER TO HART

A letter protesting that the American

Doctor Hart this afternoon. "Naturally

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28 Arch street. Representatives of 1,500,000 members of these organization.

pledged their co-operation in living up Red Cross pledges. Frederick Gaston,

Druggist Swallows Poison

Is Ignored in Red Cross degli Austro-Tedeschi

Dallo notizie giunte dal quartier gene-

A letter protesting that the American may has been ignored in the big Christ-mas Red Cross membership campaign was sent today by Mrs. F. T. Stotesbury, national chairman of the Red Cross news conducted to the Red Cross li tentativo fu preceduto da un intenso in their manufacture

was sent today by Mrs. F. T. Stotesbury, national chairman of the Red Cross navy suxiliaries, to Dr. Charles D. Hart, campaign manager for southeastern It tentative fu preceduto da un intense bombardamento e quando le fanterio feutoricho mossero call assalle, gli tallarn prontamente le accolsero con un mutrite fueco di fuelleria e di mitraglintrici cie costrinse il nomico a ritirarel, non senza aver lasciato parechi morti sul terreno. L'Artiglieria e' stata attiva su quasi tutta la fronte ed infensi duelli si veriti tutta la fronte ed infensi duelli si veriti tutta la fronte ed infensi duelli si veriti tiata da fronte di infensi duelli si veriti tutta la fronte ed infensi duelli si veriti tiata da fronte factore control, finanza da factore control, tutta la fronte ed infensi duelli si veriti tiata da fronte di factore da factore di factore da factore di factore da f Pennsylvania. Pleturing how the neglected blue-jackets keep their lone and dangerous watch over the enemy at sea, Mrz. Stotesbury asked that the "misunder-tanding" is also that the "misunderwork

standing" in regard to the navy auxiliaries he corrected publicly. The wor L'Artiglieria e' stata attiva su quasi tutta la fronte ed infensi duelli si verili-carono sulle lines tra il Brinta e la Piace. Il fuoco delle batterie italiane of the navy auxiliaries, created follow ing a suggestion by Secretary of the carono sulle lines tra if Brenta e la Naxy Franceis, will be extended to Plays. If fuoro delle batterie italiane branches other than the navy after the fu incessantic, specialmente verse la zona jackies have been cared for, she and castale, a le artiglistic memicile reference

"I wigh positively and emphatically to state that the may auxiliary of the Red Cross is absolutely in exactly the same division as any other auxiliary," said

in Roma: L'artiglieria fu attiva lungo tutta la frante ed intensi duelli si verifica-rono tra il Brenta e la Piave. Le bat-recchie ore, furono rimarcabilmente attive nella zona costale. Nella regione di Capo Sile un po-dereso tentativo del memico, fatto nel pomerizgio, per ripendere le nostre po-ticoni di Agenzia e Zuliani, dopo una viole ta proparazione di artiglieria, fu sanguinosamente e completamente repinto. Il nemico fu costretto a ri-titarsi lasciando sul terreno parechti morti e preudenno alcuni prigionieri. its endeavors tend toward the navy group first; but it is in no way different from any other auxiliary and should receive equal consideration and support." 500,000 new members for the southeast-ern Pennsylvania chapter of the Red Cross by Christmas Eve.

### FIVE RESCUED FROM FIRE

Neighbors and Firemen Save Children Trapped Upstairs at

### Allentown

ALLENTOWN, Pa., Dec. 1d. - The five Therefore, I hasten to state for your information, and for the information of the public generally through you, that the may auxBurries of the American Red Cross were created by the Red Cross. War council that the subgradient of the Secretary of the Navy, in order to fur-nish to those American women who are especially interested in the taxy in op-portunity to work for the sailors and marines with the co-operation of the that the baby of four months mixing. The startway was at the child was recend burning, but and firenen with 'adders,

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they ran from the building and escaped unharmed. A moment later the shells in the shipping room began to explode.

estalis, e la artiglierie nemiche rienessio er parecchie ort. Ecce il testo del comunicato ufficiale, abblicato ici dal Ministero della Guerra a Roma: L'artiglieria fo attiva hungo tutta burst with a force which scattered frag ments of the steel cases all over th company's five-acre grounds. Bot buildings were blown to pieces.

A small watchhouse at the entrance

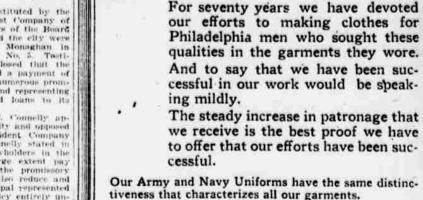
the plant was also destroyed. For the next hour shells went off in voritable barrage free as fast as the dames reached them, while for at least wo hours any person who approached scene did so at the risk of his life

Thirty thousand empty shells were ald to be in the plant, in addition to be 15,000 partially leaded ones. An Italian driver rescued a cargo of ided shells, pulling a carload out of

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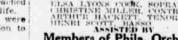
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Equity proceedings instituted by the rovident Life and Trast Company of his city egainst members of the Board of Revision of Taxes and the city were heard today by Judge Monaghan in Court of Common Pleas No. 5. Testi-mony heard today disclosed that the mpany sought to avoid a payment of thestax assessed on the nur every notes held by it, and representing dvances of money and loans to its

City Solicitor John P. Connelly ap ared in behalf of the city and oppos claim of the Provident Company exemption. Mr. Connelly stated in argument that pollcyholders in the onioany to a very large extent pay sterest called for by the promissory otes in question, and also reduce and nally pay off the principal represented y there, leaving the policy entirely un-flected by the loan transaction.

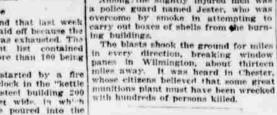
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