## PHILADELPHIA, MONDAY, DECEMBER 17, 1917 .

SECRET PLAN'

Terms to Be Conveyed to

Allies Through Neu-

tral Governments

BELGIUM IS MENTIONED

"Political Disinterestedness"

His Policy Toward Stricken

Remarks declared the greffers well asset Germany's Sufficial deinterspect to as to be given but would not men from Monre Lorentine. Whether the would cover the German catories a future discremental and independent for

The Boscheville, it was reported have

AMSTERIEAM, I've 1/2 y will shortly transmit too the Allies through course

FOR PEACE

### PRICE TWO CENTS

WAR MATERIA

PLANT CLOSED

COAL LACKIN

Electric Storage Bat-

tery Company Com-

pelled to Stop

# GERMANS RAID CLEMENCEAU WAGES ITALIANS WIN TWO CONVOYS; SINK 14 SHIPS

British Destroyer and Merchantmen Sent to Bottom

ONE WARSHIP MAKES ESCAPE

Seven Neutral Vessels Among Victims of Enemy's Foray

50 SURVIVORS CAPTIVE

Ninety-eight Others Rescued by English Craft-Geddes Reports Disaster

LONDON, Dec. 17. Four German destroyers carried out a successful raid in British sinking eight merchantmen, one British destroyer and five armed gating committee. trawlers and damaging one destroyer and one other trawler.

McNamara's announcement, is in the Reed, north of England and its nost famous "N

### FIRE ENGINE SKIDS ON SNOW; HOSEMAN HURT

Apparatus Hits Pole in Avoiding Wagon Going to Trifling Blaze

While responding to a fire alarm this morning the engine of Company No. 25. Midvale avenue and Ridge avenue, skidded on the snow in trying to prevent a collision with a bakery wagon and dashed into a telephone pole, throwing Deminic Murchy, 21 years old, 1242. ing Deminic Murphy, 71 years old, 1243 North Hope street, a hoseman, from the rear-of the engine and giving him a bad shaking up. The engine was turned completely around by the force of the impact and was disabled by damage to the radiator and the gas-dime tank.

Murphy refused to go to the hospital, declaring that his injuries were trifting. The fire, which was at the residence of Roy A. Robinson, 5445 Ridge avenue, was extinguished before the chemical engine could reach the series. orth Hope street, a hor

FIRE IN APARTMENT HOUSE Score of Women and Children Flee When Flames Threaten

engine could reach the scene.

A score of children and their mother A score of children and their mothers were forced to fice to the street from their apartments at 711 Green street shortly after moon today when fire, which started in an adjoining home, burned out the rear of the first floor of the apart-

ment house.

An overheated stove in the kitchen of the home of George Koehler, 620 North Beulah street, set fire to the room and compunicated to the rear of the apartment in the Green street house occupied ment in the Green street house occupied by Louis Satinsky. Firemen soon put out the blaze, which caused \$100 dam-

## THE WEATHER

The Experiences of a wounded Canadian Officer Who Fell Into THE HANDS OF THE ENEMY

'Tiger", to Be Chief Witness Against Accused Ex-

PARIS, Fer. 17.—Premier Clemenceau is scheduled to be the star witness to-day before the committee of cleven which is to report on the proposed expul-sion of former Fremier Joseph Calilaux from the Chamber of Deputies because

of alleged pro-Germanism.

The "Tiger," as the Premier is known, to waging a determined fight against atliaux, but the ex-Premier has a powerful following and his friends are busy derying that Cailleux has had any connection with "Bolotem."

The report of the committee probably will be made late this week.

# SEES \$9,000,000

Spreckels Shows Cost of lerying in isolated sectors. Hoover Price-Fixing Program

PEOPLE PAY THE BILL'

WASHINGTON, Dec. 17. The American people must pay Hawallan gugar planters and refiners \$2.distance, Italian troops, heavily rerepresentatives shortly after 11 cyclock waters early Wednesday morning, planned, Claus A. Spreckets declared to-

The announcement of these losses pieves who constantly whispered to him, reports the defeat of Bolshevik regis to make this a siry nation. was made in the House of Commons Hoover was an interested speciator. He ments at Odessa by the Ukrainian | Hitterees over organized labors of

morth of Engiand and its nost famous city is Newcastle.

The German raiding squadren of four destroyers apparently encountered the two convogs mentioned by Geddes and McNamara at different points, sweeping up the coast in search of their prey.

"Naturally, reputed by Spreckels declared that if George M. Rolph, California refiner and member of the Hoover committee, had not "hoarded" 70,000 tons of raw sugar there would have been no shortage in the Eastern States.

"I told Rolph he was the real sugar "Naturally," replied Spreckels.

DRIVE FOR RED

# POSTS AFTER

Capture of several hundred pris- HOUSE IN DEBATE oners by Austrians south of Col-SUGAR HOLD-UP oners by Austrians south of Col-Office today. Between the Brenta and Plave Rivers there was violent artil-

> South of Monte l'ontanasecca English attacks broke down," the statement said.

This is the first official word that British troops have been in action on the Italian front.

distance. Italian troops, and administration fixes prices a samed. Claus A. Spreekels declared to lay before the Reed sugar-coal investigating committee.

Iterbert Hoover set within a few feet of Spreekels as the reiner testified.

Surrounded by food administration completes we considered to him. Hoover was him interested speciator. He smoked a fat claim troops, the table from Hoover was him for the meantime, the four weeks' truce arranged by the Bolance. Italian troops, and considered a fat claim troops, and and the meantime, the four which it is a far claim to positions on the Piave delta by a sudden dash is also announced. A dispatch received in Petrograd in the four the defeat of Bolshevik regiments at Odessa by the Ukrainian army. In the meantime, the four weeks' truce arranged by the Bolance in the Germans became the four discussion of the four discussion of the Germans became the four discussion of late today by Sir Eric Geddes, First
Lord of the Admiralty, and Doctor
McNamara, Financial Secretary to
the Admiralty.

Sir Eric said five neutral merchant
shipse had been sunk and one British.
McNamara said two neutral merchant
inen had been sunk off the filver Tyne.
The British destroyer sunk was the
Partridge. A second British destroyer sunk was the
Partridg

voy described by Sir Eric, was the Pel-low. The latter, according to Geddes, had a hole blown in her huil, but ca-caped. On board her there were four Eritish killed and two wounded.

#### "QUIT RUSSIA," FRANCIS TRUSSIA," FRANCIS ADVISES AMERICANS KAISER HAS

Civil Warfare and Menace of Approaching Famine Make Conditions Intolerable

FALLING BACK
TOKIO, Dec. 17.—Conditions in Trussical are becoming intelerable and American Ambussador Francis is advicing American to leave, according to American refugees arriving here today.

Teutons Driven Out of Colcaprile Defenses and on Lower Piave

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dittons intolerable

TOKIO, Dec. 17.—Conditions in Trussical are becoming the total control and the trussic and Americans to leave, according to American are to becoming families. Unrest and internecine strife have torn the nation.

All Americans who possibly can leave are arranging to do so, One hundred and skety-seven Americans are now awniting passage out of Petrograd by the Trans-Siberian Ratiway via Japan and China.

# **ON PROHIBITION**

Drys Confident of Outcome of Vote Scheduled for 5 o'Clock

WEBB RAPS GOMPERS

WASHINGTON, Dec. 17.

News from the west front is lackletter to Webb in defense of been and

British killed and two wounded.

Geddes reported that there were fifty survivors of the Partridge and the trawiers, of which ten were wounded, who had been pleked up by the four German destroyers and taken to Kiel.

Eighty-eight Scandinavian clitzens, of whom two were wonen, and the number of a cent a pound higher to the refiner than survivors were rescaced by destroyers. Others reached Norway in open boats.

MeNamara's statement told of the linking of one trawier, the damaging of a zecond and the slighing of one trawier, the damaging of a zecond and the slighing of one trawier, the damaging of a zecond and the slighing of one trawier, the damaging of a zecond and the slighing of one trawier, the damaging of a zecond and the slighing of two neutral merchantmen before dawn off the liver firms, eight were believed to be civilian casualities. With the total of navid dead reported by Sir Eric Geddes the interior and the slight were believed to be civilian casualities. With the total of navid dead reported by Sir Eric Geddes the interior and the slight would appear to be twelve.

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vance and retire to our line of defences in the rear.

"Toward inidday, however, we were heavily reinforced and re-established our position, forcing the enemy to withdraw to another position."

"It is a hold-faced lie," he shouted to say labor in this country is opposed to prohibition. Youngstown, Aleen and Communication, factor of the recent shouted dry at the recent election. The position, forcing the energy to windraw to another position."

Italian troops suddenly assumed the offensive against Austrians in the Playe delta sector and on armed motorboats and skiffs destroyed a small enemy bridge, swept over some enemy positions and took many prisoners, today's official report asserted. Friday evening, the

war Office said, the Italian forces in this section affectively bombed enemy troops and their lines of communication.

In the Coldeia Berretta region an Italian counter attack on an observation post was repulsed.

The Austro-German forces are continuing their efforts to break through the limited by restricting the training their efforts to break through the training the region of the opposition, sounded the keytote of the wetzerous rights and war harmony would be injured by raising the national profile time, said Gard.

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## TANKS TO LEAD **AMERICAN LINE**

Pershing to Have Equipment Equal to That

By HENRI BAZIN

drive for 10,000,000 new memberships through the United States began in an effort to give the moral support of the nation to its fighters on land and sea.

GREAT ENROLLMENT CAMPAIGN

Latninski was among two or three tanks will be ready, too. Plans have been perfected, and are well advanced, which make it certain the army will have a formidable tank fleet equal to that which led the British line at Campaign.

and Ingersoll street. On their wild dash to Master street the horses' measing in the wagon "tree" upon the horses' heels and Ingersoll street. On their wild dash to Master street the horses' smashed into a motortruck and ran upon the side-into a

# EXPLOSION ON SHIP

INJURES 2 WORKMEN

den Yards Rescued by Human Chain

## QUICK NEWS

WILSON MAKES NOMINATIONS FOR ARMY PROMOTIONS

WASHINGTON, Dec. 17 .- President Wilson this afternoon sent to the Senate the following nominations of brigadier generals to be major generals in the National Army-George H. Cameron, Andres W. Brewster, Charles C. Ballon, George W. Read, Charles R. Muir, Charles T. Menoner. The following colonels were nominated to be brigadier generals in the National Army-Malvern Hill Barnum, cavalry; William H. Hay, cavalry; Jesse McI. Carter, cavalry.

#### FIRE DESTROYS GLASS FACTORY; LOSS \$60,000

PITTSBURGH, Dec. 17 .- Fire destroyed the factory of the ing a loss estimated at \$60,000. Hot glass that fell on the floor

#### 'GOETHALS OFFERED QUARTERMASTER GENERALSHIP

WASHINGTON. Dec. 17 .- General George W. Goethals. builder of the Panama Canal, has been offered the post of quartermaster general of the army, which will be vacated by General Sharpe when he takes his place on the new war council. Whether Goethals has accepted is not known, but it is understood that he has been recalled afready to active service

### ONE MEATLESS DAY A WEEK AFTER JANUARY 1

Meatless Fridays will be abandoned after the first of January, Food Administrator Howard Heinz announced today at the Public Safety Committee meeting in the Bellevue-Stratford. "The conservation movement has been so successful," hesaid "that it will be necessary to observe one meatless day after the first of the year."

Continued on Page Nine, Coloma Lour

Glenshaw Glass Company, at Wittemer, near here, today, caus-

The superintendent of the plant said that work would be resumed to-THE REAL HARBINGERS OF CHRISTMAS HERE AT LAST!

down this afternoon,

dustries and tens of thousands of im-Manufacture of munitions and car supplies will have to stop here

speeding coal to Philadelphia. Lack of coal compelled the se of Henry Disston & Sons, Inc. een compelled temperarily to close es and flock to hotels and spa

extra production on the record made the miners on Pecember 8, a day religious observance on which usually remain idle. On this day following output was made at the

Philadeinhia and Reading Coal Co. Lehigh Valley Coal Co. Susquehanna Coilieries Lehigh and Wilkenbarre Lehigh Coal and Navigation These totaled \$1,500 tons

WASHINGTON, Dec. 17 - The House naval probe will open Wednerday with Secretary Daniels and Admiral Mediowaw as the first witnesses, the investigation committee decided testay.

Tons were produced.

Mr. Potter said he was reasonable investigation committee decided testay.

WASTE AT CAMPS DENIED
After Thursday there will be no, iency in cases of violations of the or

Public statements having beer to the effect that anthracite

WASHINGTON, Dec. 17. Pack Administrator Carfield this afternoon sent an urgent appeal be the coal operators and initiers to continue operations during the Christmas holdays. Suspension of mining, even for a single day, he pointed out, would be disastrous to the country, which is now facing a serious coal famuse. If the mines are tille it means the loss of two million tons of coal a day, and it is for this reason that the fuel administrator asks that the usual layoff of several days for the holdays be omitted.

KANAWHA AND NEW RIVER COAL MINES REOPEN
WASHINGTON, Dec. 17.—Coal mines in the Kanawha and New River fields of West Virginia have resumed operations, it was announced today by the fuel administration. The mines had been forced to close by the breaking of a dam on the Kanawha River by army-engingers, which made it impossible to the army cautoments in cessly supply and being waged to the cessly supply and being recessly supply and being recessly supply and being recessly supply and being supply and being supply and being recessly supply and being recessly supply and being supply and being supply and being recessly supply and being recessly

"Referring to reported waste Continued on Page Five C

THE SECOND INSTALLM LONG LIVE THE

Mary Roberts Ri

The Newest Novel

Will Be Found on

# Fire believed to have been caused by an overheated stove resulted in slight damage to the residence of Robert Poler. 544 North Alder street, early this morning. A local alarm was sounded and the flames were soon extinguished.

**CROSS STARTS** Preliminary Work Already Guarantees Success of Movement in Philadelphia

THE WEATHER

FORECAST

For Philadelphia and vicinity: Part. It cloudy tonight, with lowest temperature about 25 degrees; Tuesday unsettled and somewhat warmer, with probably snow; gentle costerly winds.

LENGTH OF DAY

Sus rises. Till a.m. | Sus sets. 4.36 p.m. DELAWARE RIVER TIDE CHANGES CHESTNUT STREET

High water, 18.36a.m. | Low whiter, 14.05p.ms | CHESTNUT STREET

High water, 18.36a.m. | Low whiter, 11.31p.m. | TEMPERATURE AT KACH HOUR | ST | 20 | 21 | 24 | 26 | 27 | 27 | 28 | 29 | 29 | 28 |

THE SECOND INSTALLMENT

CAPTURED

Free Experiences of a wounded Janadian Officer Who Fell Into

GREAT ACTIVITY SHOWN

GREAT ACTIVITY SHOWN Red Cross campaign neadquarters in the Lincoln Building seethed with ac-tivity as the campaign, headed by E. T.

## MAN HIT BY TROLLEY; RIOT CALL FOLLOWS

Police From Four Stations Rushed to Scene of Accident on Woodland Avenue

Thirty policemen from four West Philadeiphia police stations responded to a PLEDGES BY 200,000 riot call at Forty-ninth street and HE WANTS CHAUFFEURS Woodland avenue at \$:10 o'clock this The great Christmas campaign for morning when John Latninski, thirty-500,000 new members for the Southeast- six years old, 1323 South Thirty-sixth Rial Correspondent Evening Public Ledge with the American Army in France ern Pennsylvania Chapter of the Amer- street, was seriously injured by being ican Red Cross opened today in Phila. struck by a Chester Short Line troiley car on Woodland avenue between

Thus automatically a nation-wide Forty-ninth and Fiftieth streets. Enrollment booths, in charge of Red down. Some one sent in a riot call. Policemen from the Sixty-fifth and throughout the city like mushrooms. Boy Scouts erected two booths at the Wilson Line wharves, at the foot of Chestnut street, to line up the U.

pers near Ridge avenue and Master quires them street at noon today.

at Cambrai

WITH THE AM RICAN ARMY IN THE FELD, Dec. 17. When United States troops go ever Victims of Accident in Cam-

down. Some one sent in a riot call Policemen from the Sixty-fifth and Woodland avenue station. Fifty-fifth and and Pine streets station. Thirty-second street and Woodland avenue station arrived.

During the excitement that followed sends to be course of instruction includes infantry drill for discipline, engine as mue station arrived.

During the excitement that followed sergeant Coreran arrested Prank Siclem, thirty-eight years old, 4226 Merion avenue, for breach of peace.

RUNAWAY SCATTERS CROWD

Detective Injured in Checking Flight of Brewery Team

Two runaway horses, with a heavy wagon tongue between them, were halted by Detective H. M. Taggart, of the Nine teenth and Oxford street police station arrived and scattered crowds of Christmas shoppers near Ridge avenue and Master street at noon today.

A special uniform has been provided.

Woodland avenue station. Fifty-fifth interior is the bid avenue date that the average of the course of instruction includes infantry drill for discipline, engine as more than the carried. The lighted the bid dragged him 100 feet and scattered crowds of Christmas shoppers near Ridge avenue and Master street at noon today.

Woman Fatally Stricken on Car

## Santa Claus has been visible on downtown street corners for some days, but the surest sign of the Yuletide season made its appearance today when a small section of the great north woods moved down to the City Hall plaza. Buyers of Frees were on hand early to compare prices and examine HOUSE NAVAL PROBE TO OPEN WEDNESDAY

JAPAN DENIES OCCUPATION OF VLADIVOSTOK

WASHINGTON, Dec. 17.—Under date of December 34, the Japanese Gov. mitted anywhere. ernment transmitted to the State Department toda; an official destal that

Japanese troops had occupied Vladivostock.

GREAT ENROLLMENT CAMPAIGN

"Give your friend a dollar membership as a Christmas gift." was the message in the middle of the block he raced after the car. As the car was fashed out tiday to the 100,000 campaign committee chairman.

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NO HOLIDAYS FOR MINERS, GARFIELD URGES WASHINGTON, Dec. 15. Page Administrator Carfield this afternoon sent

of a dam on the Kanawha River by army engineers, which made it impossible Officials of the company refused to for the mines to obtain water for power. HUNDREDS REPORTED STARVING IN TEHERAN

> WASHINGTON, Dec. 17.-Hundreds of men, women and children at ready have started to death and other hundreds are utterly without food

#### at Teleran, Persia, according to a dispatch reaching the State Department today from Ralph H. Bader, American vice consul there. He asks that steps be taken to send relief at once.

TO CONVERT NONESSENTIAL INDUSTRIES TO NEEDS WASHINGTON, Dec. 11.-George N. Peck, industrial representative WASHINGTON, Dec. today was authorized by the council of na

## POTTER AND LEWIS TO VISIT GARFIELD Governor Also to Be Urged to Appeal for Immediate Remedial Action DISSTON PLANT CLOSES

City's Coal Famine

adelphia coal famine.

closed for lack of fuel.

ause of famine.

Becomes More Acute

GOVERNOR BRUMBAUGH

may be asked to appeal to Federal authorities to solve Phil-

Four thousand employes o

Henry Dieston & Sons, Inc., not

working today because plant is

Hotels flooded by Philadelphians

for rooms. Residents in West

Philadelphia, suburbs and other

sections closing their homes be-

Lack of coal compelled the plant of

the Electric Storage Battery Com pan. Nineteenth street and Alle-

gheny avenue, which is manufacture

ing quanties of war material, to close