ERMAN ARMY ADERS HOLD

inate Situation at rlin as Liberal Forces Protest

ADLOCK AT PARLE

ral Powers Insist on Retaining Gri pon Occupied Territory

AMSTERDAM, Jan. 15. army commanders dominate lian Government in the solution tern war aims and the liberal are deeply dissatisfied with The Berliner Tageblatt hat the situation is impossible if ins that above the responsible Govint there is other authority.

Russo-German peace negotiations
apparently dendlocked today, acg to dispatches received from
Litovsk, via Berlin.
lowing General Hoffman's categori-

eing General Hoffman's categorisal for the Central Powers to call for the Central Powers to c ce sitting adjourned. The date resumption was not fixed an delegates still insist on Powers retaining their grip ssions on Friday were close ous. Russian Foreign Minis-refused to admit as part of

ace agreement the statement, "Remans declared that complete over all moderates. on by their troops could only Russian demobilization, because, to the changes in the Russian gov

carrying out the previous Cer-nd as to Courland, Esthonia, Li-

r in the proceedings Foreign Min-Trotsky demanded to know why were no representatives of the present and suggested they be in-Czernin and Kuehlmann post-discussion of the invitation until

these manufacturers, who, com-ice the industry in third place ist of world's industries, are to confine their changes to the of body lines, running gear he few cases to alterations in designed not to produce any odel, but to increase the effi-

USSIAN TROOPS QUIT RUMANIAN

PETROGRAD, Jan. 15. ussian troops are leaving the Ru-lian front in such swarms that the roads are literally overwhelmed. by thousand men on Wednesday of

ning froops.

Bolsheviki today brought six sers up the Neva to near Petrograd, mably to have the guns from these is handy in case the Constituent ly proves fractious.

t of all members of the Ru-legation here today caused a n among the diplomatic corps.

ENATE TO DEBATE PEACE ON BASIS OF FREEDOM FOR ALL

WASHINGTON, Jan. 15. Vely peace discussion pends in the distates Senate.

colutions are being drawn by lead-oth on the Democratic and Repub-sides of the Senate, which will

utes. The fusillade was carried out with

extraordinary rapidity. Shells burst over roofs and chimneys were smashed. The German craft was believed either pardment with careful system. The first

Senate Foreign Affaira meet, and at that time be given by it to the It is possible that

Russians Prepare to Annul Loans

LONDON, Jan. 15. A PETROGRAD decree has been drafted declaring null and void all national loans issued by the imperial and bourgeois (Lvoff-Kerensky) governments. All domestic loans held by foreigners are to be annulled without reservation.

The only loans to be declared valid are short-term loans and the series of the national treasury.

GERMANY'S BIG BETRAYED BY WOMAN **BLOW TO FALL** BEFORE APRIL

Junker Supremacy Means Mighty Drive on Land. Sea and in Air

PERSHING KNOWS FACTS

WASHINGTON, Jan. 15.

Advices to diplomatic quarters from neutral nations bordering on Germany agree that a German military dictatorship is certain, although lieved to be a leader in one of Germany's for a time it probably will be con- most spectacular spy plots, Government cealed under a new aggressive agents were hunting here, in Washing-Chancellor and Foreign Minister, ton and elsewhere for his alleged ac-But the next move will swing the

But the next move will swing the militarists into complete power and they are certain to ride roughshod over all moderates.

This action has followed complete publication of President Wilson's war aims throughout Germany. Publication was accompanied with strong editorial comment bitterly atsumed to the move of the strong editorial comment bitterly atsumed to complete strong editorial comment bitterly atsumed to complete strong editorial comment bitterly atsumed to complete supplies the strong editorial comment bitterly atsumed to complete supplies.

Sporemann, arrested at Norfolk, Va., will have a hearing here. The preliminary charge against him is only that of being a dangerous enemy allen, but from evidence at hand it is likely he will be charged with spying, and if convicted will doubtless be shot.

The alleged Teuton agent, who was caught trying to fire an army magazine within the important naval zone at Hampton Roads, had been trailed long by persistent naval intelligence men and the proposed completes. strong editorial comment bitterly atsann declared that the question strong editorial comment bitterly at-uation applied only to regions of which are still a part of the actually negotiating at Brest- that the peace terms were intended tacking the President and insisting to hide the weakness of the Allies.

The confidential advices received here also emphasize the use that the German press is making of reports of shortage process is making of reports of shortage of the confidence and other supplies in Great to blow it up. of foodstuffs and other supplies in Great Britain, France and Italy. Once more

able date on which it can be expected as between the middle of next month and April 1. That it will be stupendous in scope also is certain. As a visiting British general described it in discuss-

"Action on land, on sea, in the air and under the sea."

The German U-boats are being massed to take their art. The rest of the navy will do the same. And in the latter connection officials say the German navy will strike with its entire strength for the first time. LINE IN SWARMS will strike with its entire strength for

German airplanes also are expected to attempt an offensive, and it is now known here that the new German standardized airplane, made from stamped metal along new lines, is ready to take the air. These machines are being manufactured by the hundreds and were designed by the German General Staff to combat America's effort to dominate the air during the coming summer. Germany has also been concentrating every possible man on the front from the North Sea to the Swiss statily, finally tracing him to Newport frontier for weeks, leaving only defen-

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BOMB YARMOUTH

Three Killed and Twenty

Injured as Teutons

Shell Coast City

U.S. ON HUNT FOR AIDS OF SPY SUSPECT

Eastern Cities Combed for Sporemann's Alleged Accomplices

German Taken at Norfolk Believed Master Agent of Kaiser-May Be Shot

BALTIMORE, Md., Jan. 15. The arrest of Marius Asch. 1060 West Fayette street, by Department of Justice agents, today threw light on the activities of Lieutenant Walter Sporemann, of the German navy, arrested in Norfolk as an agent of the Kaiser's spy system. A box of letters and another box of bottles containing chemicals were found in Asch's rooms.

BALTIMORE, Jan. 15. While a naval intelligence officer today was in charge of Walter Sporemann, becomplices.

by persistent naval intelligence men and Department of Justice agents. They followed him in his journeys to Camp Meade and other military points.

Though he wore the uniform of the

WOMAN HIS UNDOING

portant information concerning Walter whom he disliked.

News. There he readily found work at the aviation field and, it is declared, made one unsuccessful attempt to blast Continued on Page Fifteen, Column Niv

HUNS, IN SEA RAID, BRITISH RAIDERS **BOMB LENS LINES**

Destroy Dugouts and Take Prisoners in Successful Night Foray

movement was started by SenHamilton Lewis, of Illinois, and
seen growing rapidly. Senator
introduced a resolution calling
the Senate to indorse the peace
of President Wilson as set forth
itseday. Since that time indisenators have been working upon
metaches explaining their peace
and setting forth views which are
ad original.

Three persons were killed and ten intured when Yarmouth, on the north seatoday, it was officially announced by
Viscount French, commander-in-chief of
the home forces.

Twenty shells were thrown into the

War Office at noon. German dugouts

The Pope, it was asserted, will suspend

various sections of Yarmouth and many gun, fective air raids, bombing a Teuton ne. In the Jerusalem sector

tin Norfolk. It stands upon a nartin Norfolk. It stands upon a narpeninsula, thus affording a good
set from the sea. There are extenset from the sea. There are extenset invaliding to yards there. The

From Girard avenue to Manayunk a jagged mass of ice is piled high in the Schuylkill River, and Chief Carleton E. Davis, head of the Water Bureau, fears that Fairmount Dam may be carried away when the pack loosens and moves down the river. The photograph shows the ice jam around the piers at Girard avenue bridge. **SNOW AND SLEET** SPLATTER CITY IN COAL CANVASS

A husky sou'wester, bringing snow,

weather situation in Philadelphia today.

FOG IS BOON TO RIVERMAN

"There is nothing like fog to break up

FINDS WAY TO STOP

P. R. T.'S EXCLUSIVE CARS

Gallant Volunteer Stands in Track

and Helps Patient Crowd to

Get Downtown

At least one Philadelphian found a way to "put one over" on the Philadel-phia Rapid Transit when several cars refused to stop for a crowd of pas-sengers waiting at Pifty-fourth street and Baltimore avenue in the rain early today

Though causing floods that threatened

MILLIONS OF TONS OF ICE IN SCHUYLKILL THREATEN FAIRMOUNT DAM

Southwester Brings Every West Philadelphians Start Variety of Disagreeable Cooperative Plan to Re-Weather lieve Stringency

SELL IN SMALL LOTS RIVER ICE JAM MELTS

first-despite needs of war industries or Sleet and a heavy rain, complicated the ships carrying supplies to the American forces in France-under orders just is-

CHURCH WOMEN

Britain, France and Italy. Once more the cry that the "submarines are winning" is being raised everywhere, and it is being used to confound the moderates who have advocated peace by negotiation.

WOMAN HIS UNDOING

A beautiful woman is said to have been his undoing, though officials are reficient as to what part she played in his detention.

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Mr. Bricker solicited the aid of two churches Mr. Andrew's M. E. Church, Forty-fifth and Wainut street, and the Mr. Bricker solicited the aid of two churches—4: Andrew's M. E. Church dam, already strained by the pressure of Porty-fifth and Wainut street, and the Patterson Presbyterian Church, Sixty-third and Vine streets—having women of the congregation canvass the neighborhood and report all families without cost.

After the canvass is made families who fail in with the plan—and all are.

"There is not consider the old Fairmount dam, already strained by the pressure of Water, to decide against the plan to dynamic the ice jam in the Schuylkill. The dam is built of wood and could hardly be expected to withstand a blast of dynamic on top of the immense pressure that is now imposed upon it.

who fail in with the plan—and all are glad of the chance—are notified to keep the front gate open and have the \$1.10 ready on the days designated for delivery. When the coal is delivered a livery. When the coal is delivered a member of one of the churches, who accompanies the driver, collects the money.

The present rate of \$1.10 figures about \$12.50 a ton, but it was pointed out that when overhead charges of distribution. out that when overhead charges of dis-tribution are reduced the prices will be lowered. It is planned to have one weekly delivery of twice or three times the present quantity. Coal is obtained from West Philadelphia dealers who, in an effort to prevent suffering, provide the coal at the small profit of fifty cents at the coal at the small profit of fifty cents

The most recent order issued by Administrator Garfield, coupled with the action taken at the coal conferences in the tion taken at the coal conferences in the University-Club, denying the use of pre-pared sizes of coal, including pea, to industrial plants, hotels and apartment broken, he said.

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Pope Will Await Governmental Pronouncements Before Acting

dom for all—this will be the BRITISH RETALIATE FOE BEATEN ON PIAVE SEE NO ENCOURAGEMENT

hopes at the present time.

The Pope, it was asserted, will suspend judgment on the peace situation until

city, but the damage was not extensive were bombed, military works were governmental pronouncements are re-

destroyed and the British returned with prisoners and one rapid-fire gun.

Northeast of Armentieres (on the Franco-Belgian frontier) the Germans employed strong forces in an attempted raid against a British trench section, but were driven off.

In Palestine the British made effective as a result of the property of the Control of the popular of the p

Post Wheeler, of the United States iplomatic service, who is ill in Jefferson lospital, received word of the death of encounters.

The Italians have conducted a suctional operation on the lower Player driving back small enemy posts east of Cape Sile and north of Cortellasso, destroying the defances and capturing material. Rome reports. Cape Sile is on the Playe delta, and was the scane of sharp fighting in the early days of the Austro-German invasion, when repeated attempts were made to cross the stream and bring the Teuton sune within range of Vanice.

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QUICK NEWS

CHILD DIES FROM VITRIOL SPLASHED FROM TRUCK

Vitriol from an overturned truck today caused the death of an eight-year-old girl in the West Philadelphia Homeopathic Hospital. The cyhild, as yet unidentified, was standing on the sidewalk at Forty-sixth street and Fairmount avenue when the autotruck, in charge of George Cremson, 5130 Walnut street, skidded and upket. The fiery fluid splashed over the girl, causing burns that resulted fatally within an hour. Cremson also was seriously burned, -

SEVERAL REPORTED DEAD IN U. P. TRAIN WRECK

KANSAS CITY, Mo., Jan. 15 .- Several persons were reported killed today in a big wreck near Beloit, Kan., on the Union

OHIO-INDIANA TROLLEY FARE INCREASE UPHELD

WASHINGTON, Jan. 15.—The Interstate Commerce Commission today authorized the Cincinnati, Georgetown and Portsmouth, the Fort Wayne and Decatur Electric Traction companies operating in Ohio and Indiana, to incleared the ice and the dam.

Should the river unexpectedly rise. Should the river unexpectedly rise, canal according to Winfield S. Guiles, canal superinter ut. the ice jam at Fairmount dam might back up the water to meh an extent as to cause a flood tide with an extent as to cause a flood tide. Decatur Electric Traction companies operating in Ohio and Indiana, to in-

Decatur Electric Traction companies operating in Ohio and Indiana, to increase their passenger fares 15 per cent.

ITALIAN PRISONERS FORCED TO WORK IN FIRE ZONE

AMSTERDAM, Jan. 15.—The Les Nouvelles states that it learns that italian prisoners are being forced to work in the fire zone in Flanders and that several already have been killed and wounded.

SUPREME COURT SUSTAINS SCHOOL TAX LEVY

The right of the Board of Education to levy school taxes has been upheld by the Supreme Court when Chief Justice White dismissed an appeal entered. Heavy fog, usually the bans of the Italian prisoners are being forced to work in the fire zone in Flanders and riverman, was halled by them today as a solution of the ice problem on the

ce." said a veteran boatman as he watched the thick blanket. "If it stays there all day we won't have any ice by the Supreme Court, when Chief Justice White dismissed an appeal entered from the decision of the Western Pennsylvania District Federal Courts. The

there is it day we won't have any ice troubles tomotrow."

Ice was heavy again in Horseshoe Bend, below Gloncester City, N. J., and two lockoats took up their daily task of cutting channels for inbound and outbound vessels. The Gloucester-Philacethic try is the control of the Mestern Philacethic try is the control of the Mestern Philacethic try is the Children Philadelphia and Pitts-class districts—Philadelphia and Pitts-cutting channels for inbound and outbound vessels. The Gloucester-Philacethic try is this morning.

Dynamite was used to break up the coposite Hog Island to permit New Jerzey workmen of the American International Shipbuilding Corporation to reach the big shippards. The concussions early today frightened some rest-denis on the Jerzey side.

ORDNANCE BUREAU NEEDS 15,000 CIVILIANS

Fifteen thousand civilians are needed in the Ordnance Department of the same tries banks, washing away many foot bridges along the public golf course and Contioned on Page Pifteen. Column Four FINDS WAY TO STOP

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The proper equipment of the beds for the population of place in a board appointed by common pleas to get the boys is the chief interest of Miss papeal was presented because in first-class districts—Philadelphia and Pitts—to tries appeal was presented because in first-class districts—Philadelphia and Pitts—to tries appeal was presented because in first-class districts—Philadelphia and Pitts—to tries appeal was presented because in first-class districts—Philadelphia and Pitts—to tries appeal and provided in a board elected by the people.

POLICE RESERVES QUELL ATLANTA COAL RIOT

ATLANTA. Ga., Jan. 15.—Coal rioting began here today when several hundred persons fought for places of vantage to secure ecoal tickets at the city Hall. Reserves were called out and finally restored order.

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CLYDE SHIPS RESUME NEW YORK SAILINGS

The Clyde Steamship Company will resume its tri-weekly sailings be tween Philadelphia and New York today. The vessels will sail on Tuesdays. Thursdays and Saturdays at 5 o'clock p. m. Since the first of the year the sailings have been irregular. Because of unremunerative freight rates the company had decided to suspend sailings, but at a conference of the Chamber of Commerce, Board of Trade and Maritime Exchange officials, Friday, higher rates were agreed on. The new rates will become effective January 25.

UNKNOWN MAN KILLED BY ELECTRIC TRAIN

An elderly man, believed to have been Wallace Cramer, was struck and Browning's crossing and the South Gloucester City station. Mist and early morning darkness prevented seeing the man, the motorman said. The victim of the accident, who lived in Gloucester, was about sixty-five years old, had gray hair and side whiskers and wore a black overcoat. In his purse was one cent. His brass watch bore the engraying of a locomotive.

NAVAL SIGNAL OFFICE OPENED IN CITY

WOUNDED, IN CITY HOSPITAL

Fifteen Soldiers and Sailors at Methodist Episcopal Institution

THIRTY-FIVE MORE DUE TOMORROW

First Men Arrived Quietly Last Week-Chiefly **U-Boat Victims**

EAGER TO FIGHT AGAIN

Appeal Made for More Funds to Provide Further Beds for Convalescents

American sailors and soldiers wounded in the fight against the Hun have been anded in Philadelphia and are being treated here. They are at the Methodist Episcopal

fifteen of them—and they are expected to be joined by thirty-five more some time tomorrow.

These facts were told the Evening Public Ledder today by Miss Mary Peirce, president of the Woman's Association of the hospital, who is making an earnest appeal for immediate funds to equip as many beds as she can to care for our men wounded abroad.

Young and buoyant, moe one of them more than twenty-five years old, the boys, Miss Peirce said, have been placed on the top floor of the administration building of the hospital. There, with their arms and shoulders in fracture boxes, they have already begun to "kid" the nurses and talk about getting back again to "awat" the boches.

"One youngster has just come from Breat, France." Miss Peirce said, "and his chief concern is that he will not be able to aim straight when he gets back at the Germans. The majority of the others were wounded on torpede boat destroyers in submarine warfare.

"On last Wednesday," she continued, describing the quietness and lack of sensation with which the men were brought here," Government officials came to the hospital and asked if we could take care of fifty men by the following Sunday. We said that we would and could, but the Government officials came to the hospital and asked if we could take care of fifty men by the following Sunday. We said that we would and could, but the Government officials came the next day, Thursday, in a Gerernment ambulance.

"Thirty-five more are expected by the hospital tomorrow and have been prepared for.

"The first contingent was put on the

but in the meantime the fine sunny chi dren's ward on the ground floor, while can accommodate forty beds, has bee fixed up for the men coming tomorcow. A. Supplee, a trustee, has alread fitted up the playroom as a convalence room, because the hospital has obligate inself to care for the men until they are entirely well and ready for service again.

again.
"Not any of the men are Philadelphians." Miss Peirce declared, but atl
are Americans. Some were only slightly
hurt," she said, "and were already up
and about."

"They are sweet boya," she continued "grateful for any little service that I rendered to them and anxious to help the nurses in any way that they can.

WANT TO MAKE OWN BEDS

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THE WEATHER

For Philadelphia and vicinity cloudy and colder tonight, est temperature about 23 Wednesday fair; brisk to step erly winds.

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