Germans Losing Their Grip in France and Belgium, Military Experts Believe

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TWO GERMAN STEAMERS CAPTURED BY BRITISH By Associated Press

60 SMALL FOLKS TO WILL SOON HAVE 100 **BE CENTRAL GUESTS** DOING RELIEF SEWING Dansant to Be Given at Country Students Plan Big Christmas Cele-**Club to Raise Funds For** bration For Nursery Home War Sufferers Youngsters and Others

SEND FIRST FOREIGN SHIPMENT SANTA TO SEND HIS "SUB"

Red Cross Division Busy Making Autos Will Haul the Wee Celebrators; a Few Little Stories Hospital Supplies For of "the Least of These" Wounded

The full working force desired—100 Most everybody, even the small folks women—to do plain sewing for the war sufferers, will probably be reached Maple Hill—know that busy old Santa

war sufferers, will probably be reached by the home relief division this week. By 3 o'clock to-day nearly forty By 3 o'clock to-day nearly forty met them at least \$3 a week during the conduct of the war. At headquarters of the Home and War Relief Association, 7 South Front street, reports to-day showed a de-cided increase in the number of ap-plications. Activities of the Visiting Nurse Association and the Children's Aid Society, in addition to those of the Association Charities, swelled the number of applications. Mrs. Francis Jordan Hall and Miss Mary Reliy, in charge of the division, were kept busy handing out supplies.

not. Ship Out First Goods Shipment of winter supplies by the foreign division under Mrs. Lyman D. Gilbert and Mrs. Philip T. Meredith was made yesterday. Two boxes, con-taining 121 pairs of sabot linings, 57 heavy woolen shawls, 27 kitted scarts, 11 children's dresses, 4 kniitted muf-flers an 4 pairs of wristlets were sent. They will leave New York to-morrow.



SOME OF THE "LEAST OF THESE" OF THE NURS ERY HOME

Barbers Putting on Extra Men to Handle Christmas Rush From Farm Whisker Trimmers Honing Away at Their Razors and

Sharpening Up Their Shears



Demanded and Assessment **Figures of Properties**



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Germans Fearful of Attacks Are Everywhere on Defensive; Russian and German Reports Vary as to Progress of Campaign in East; Kaiser Bound For Front in West; England Ready With Reinforcements

The battle in France and Belgium made that the armies are now in safer has become violent, both the Ger-nuans and the allies making furious attacks. Although it was said in an cflicial French account of recent fight-ting that the Germans were now on the Computer of the exchequer is quoted as

ing that the Germans were now on the Cefensive everywhere, to-day's French, war office statement speaks of Ger-man attacks at four points. The Ger-nian statement in turn describes sev-eral attacks by the alles. So far as can be learned from these statements, there have been no mark-ed changes in positions, although the French assert that in one instance they captured nearly a mile of entrench-ed German positions. References taken and retaken, to violent bayonet engagements and to heavy losses in-flicted show the desperate nature of the struggle. London, Dec. 22, 2:23 a. m.—It is announced that British warships have captured near the Falkland Islands two German-owned steamers which were acting as store ships to the Ger-man ships. They were the Baden and Santa Isabel, both flying the flag of the Hamburg American Line.

A Buenos Aires dispatch on Decem-ber 9 reported that three German mer-chantmen had been captured and sunk-by British or Japanese off Terra Del Fuego. One of the steamers was said to have been the property of the Ger-man Cosmos Line. GERMANY MAKES AN OFFER AND A THREAT TO SWEDEN

By Associated Press By Associated Press London, Dec. 22, 4.47 A. M.—The correspondent of the Daily Telegraph at Copenhagen says he learns from a high diplomatic source that Germany proposed that Sweden help her in the war, offering as compensation the Bal-tic Islands and a protectorate over Finland. "As Sweden did not deign to reply." the correspondent adds, "Germany in-timated that if Sweden refused the offer Germany, at the peace confer-ence after the war, would let Russia, take Sweden as compensation for Po-land."

Discussion of the desperate nature of the struggle. Concerning the situation in Poland there was little new information. The German war office said that fierce indition in points German troops induced that at some points of the French mill-trip of the opinion of the French milling to lose their grip on France and Belgium. An official summary of the results achieved by the allies in their offensive movement recounts progress at many points, which "seems to have disturbed the enemy." It is asserted that the Germans are now fearful of attacks and are everywhere on the defensive. The latest communications from Berlin, however, tell of spirited offensive movement, with resulting gains and make it appear that the German armies are firmly holding the conquered ground. There is a similar conflict of statements concerning the campaign in the least. The Russian War Office challenge recent accounts of a great German victory in Poland by denying "malevolent reports" of the last few days. While it is admitted at Petrograd that the recent retirement of the Russian forces to new positions was not entirely voluntary, the claim— is

GERMAN IN FRENCH ARMY By Associated Press Amsterdam, via London, Dec. 22, 04 A. M.—A Berlin dispatch publish-[Continued on Page 9]

KILLED BY BURGLAR

San Francisco, Dec. 22 .-- William Montrose Alexander, a retired attorney, said to be a millionaire, and for many years a resident of Dallas, Tex., was shot and killed early to-day by one of two burglars whom he discovered in his home. W. M. Alexander, Jr., endeavoring to aid his father, was shot in the breast. Another bullet severed a finger.

CAMP HILL CONTRACTOR BANKRUPT

C. W. Strayer, of Camp Hill, one of the most widely known contractors in this section of the State, yesterday went into voluntary bankruptcy and filed his papers with W. W. Fletcher, the Federal referee in Carlisle. It is understood that Mr. Strayer's liabilities totaled \$200,000 and that his assets will approximate \$50,000. Friends say that Strayer declares he lost track of his obligations through faulty bookkeeping. He has a contract under way now for the



Show Sentiment Throughout the Country

By Associated Press

heavy woolen shawls, 27 kitted scarfs, 11 children's dresses, 4 knitted muf-fiers an 4 pairs of writlets were sent. They will leave New York to-Although the foreign division is sending supplies mainly to the Bel-glans, yet donations for any specified country will reach their destinations if so marked by the donor. The Red Cross division is prepared to instruct volunteers in knitting of mufflers and scarfs at headquarters; Making of other hospital supplies constantly going on, though other Association was a dime set in the slot of a mailing card enclosed in a letter prot Street. The letter, dated Union Deposit, December 21, is as follows: "Dear Sir: Enclosed fine ten cents soldiers. Trusting it will be used for that purpose, I am, "Yours respectfully "R. F. D. No. I, Union Deposit, Par." By Associated Press Washington, D. C., Dec. 22.—Under aspecial rule which was adopted without a roll call, the public hearing began this afternoon on the Hobson resolution to submit to the States a constantly going on, though other inst received at headquarters, 7 South Pront street. The letter, dated Union of a mailing card enclosed in a letter front street. The letter, dated Union Wath purpose, I am, "Yours respectfully "R. F. D. No. I, Union Denosit, Par."



Than Last Year

"Ingathering" Services Will Be As a result of the Christmas spirit that is in the air, a decided impulse will be given to one of Harrisburg's leading industries to-morrow and Thursday, when thousands of farmers into town to get their semiannual and ante-Christmas haircut and whisker-trimming. Throughout mtry d Press Dec. 22.—Under the was adopted the public hearing to on the Hobson Held by Every One of 53 Co-ORGANIZE PERMANENTLY SOON

tity of ice. General Conditions The storm that was central over Ontario, Monday morning, has passed off the Northern New England const, but the wenther continues somewhat unsettled along the northern border of the Lakes, with strong winds and snow in Northern Michigan. Buf-fulo reported a southwest faile of sixty miles an hour at S a. m. to-day. Precipitation has occur-red generally in the Lake region and upper Ohio Valley and thence eastward to the Atlantic const and control to the Atlantic const and worth. Ereasure con-train has occurred in Atlant New Mexico, Texas. Oktiona and Northwestern Lonislana and anow to West Tennessee. Temperature: S a. m. 24. Sun: Iliases. 7:22 a. m.; sets. 4:44 p. m.

p. m. Moon: First quarter. December 2b, 3:25 n. m. River Stage: 2.8 feet above low-wrater mark; frozen.

Yesterday's Weather Highest temperature, 40, Lowest temperature, 28, Wean (emperature, 34, Normal temperature, 32,

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Republican Club Will Be in Inaugural Line The big local features of the manugural parade will be the Harris-burg Republican Club marching dele-gation, which will be in line in line in the uniforms and accompanied by a band. Harry F. Oves said to day that the three starts remained to-day an open quee, three dat a conference at the White parade and who have not sent post-card notice to the club," said the "who intend to take part in the parade and who have not sent post-card notice to the club must do soit will be made on December 28." **Republican Club Marching dele-**turnout. "Members of the club," said the "who intend to take part in the parade and who have not sent post-card notice to the club must do soit will be made on December 28." **Republican Club** mater 28." **Republican C**

construction of seventeen houses in Camp Hill.

New York, Dec. 22 .- Directors of the Central Leather Company declared to-day a 3 per cent. dividend on the common stock. A 2 per cent. dividend was declared last year.



TO BRING 7.000 NEW

CONVERTS IN CHURCH

Operating Congregations

Local Groups of Trailhitters to Be

Formed in Various Sec-

tions of City

Those of the 7.000 converts who hit

week. "The "trailhitter" cards have not yet all been distributed from the Stough headquarters to the ministers, be-cause of the rush of work of tabula-ting the almost two thousand persons

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MARRIAGE LICENSES

John D. Kendall and Gladys Chapman, elty.



